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**DR Congo: Diving for bombs (DR Congo)**

(11.05.2008)

In a first for MAG, a team in DR Congo has just completed the clearance of the harbour in Mbandaka, Equateur Province. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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**The cost of your Super? (New Zealand)**

(10.05.2008)

Whether you're buying a cup of coffee or choosing shares, it's difficult to escape issues such as climate change, fair trade and ethics. It's about shopping, and investing, responsibly. New Zealanders control how their personal savings are invested, but there is concern public funds have been invested in morally questionable enterprises overseas. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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**Angola: Demining to Reach 60 Percent of Country Until August 2008 (Angola)**

(09.05.2008)

Lubango. At least 60 percent of areas with landmines planted in Angolan territory will be cleared until August this year. This has been announced by the head of the National Institute of Demining (Inad), Leonardo Severiono Sapalo. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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**US-Militär fliegt verstärkt Nachschub über Flughafen Hahn (USA/Deutschland)**

(09.05.2008)

Ist der Hunsrück Airport Drehscheibe für Bomben, Minen, Munition mit angereichertem Uran und "geheime" Spezialkräfte? [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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(08.05.2008)

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**Cluster Bombs Kill Kids (US)**

(08.05.2008)

More than 100 governments, including virtually all major NATO allies, will gather in Dublin, Ireland to negotiate a global treaty banning cluster bombs on May 19. One important country will be missing however: the United States, which is actively working to undermine the proposed treaty overseas and which has used cluster bombs in the last ten years in civilian-populated areas of the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Iraq. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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**Senegal: Lack of Peace Accord Hampers Demining in Casamance (Senegal/UN)**

(08.05.2008)

After years of delays linked to instability in strife-torn Casamance, the government finally launched a landmine clearance programme in the region in February 2008, but lack of adherence to the 2004 peace accord is hampering progress. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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**Ein Verbot von Streubomben ist möglich. In 10 Tagen beginnt die Streubombenkonferenz in Dublin (Deutschland)**

(08.05.2008)

München (ots) - Beim Spielen während eines Picknicks mit seiner Familie geschah der schreckliche Unfall, bei dem der zehnjährige Soraj beide Beine verlor. Es war ein Blindgänger aus Streumunition, der den afghanischen Jungen so grausam verletzte und seinen Cousin tötete. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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**LANDMINE BAN TREATY. Thailand likely to get extension of deadline (UN/Thailand)**

(07.05.2008)

SA KAE0 : Thailand is likely to be given extra time to complete the destruction of all landmines on its territory as required by the Ottawa treaty. The chairman of the 8th meeting of States Parties to the Mine Ban Treaty, HRH Prince Mired Raad Zeid Al-Hussein of Jordan, said yesterday an extension of time was possible because Thailand still had to clear landmines laid in at least 27 provinces. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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**Africa: Women, Children Worst Hit By Cluster Bombs - NGO (Nigeria)**

(07.05.2008)

The International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) said in Abuja that research on areas affected by cluster bombs in Africa showed that women and children were mostly affected. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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**Streumunition ächten (Deutschland)**

(07.05.2008)

Dublin/Berlin (kobinet) Vom 19. bis zum 30. Mai findet in Dublin eine Streumunitionskonferenz statt. Markus Kurth, behindertenpolitischer Sprecher der Grünen Bundestagsfraktion fordert die Bundesregierung auf, "sich mit allem Nachdruck für ein vollständiges und völkerrechtlich verbindliches Verbot von Streumunition einzusetzen". Sie müsse ihr schamloses Taktieren beenden. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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**Ethics tops the agenda at BAE annual meeting (UK)**

(07.05.2008)

Ethics is a difficult subject for any arms company to discuss, but controversial UK defence manufacturer BAE Systems yesterday made it the central subject of its annual meeting. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Schweizer Armee besteht auf Streubomben (Schweiz)**

(07.05.2008)

Blindgänger von Streubomben haben die gleiche Wirkung wie Antipersonenminen. Dennoch will die Schweiz nicht darauf verzichten. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Kampfmittelfreiheit und Nachweiskosten (Deutschland)**

(07.05.2008)

Kaum zu glauben, aber auch sechs Jahrzehnte nach Ende des 2. Weltkrieges werden immer noch Blindgänger und Granaten im Erdreich gefunden. Im Baugenehmigungsverfahren muss deshalb weiterhin nachgewiesen werden, dass das zu bebauende Gelände kampfmittelfrei ist. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Fourth former KRouge arrested in killing of British mine clearer (Cambodia)**

(06.05.2008)

PHNOM PENH (AFP) - A fourth former Khmer Rouge soldier has been arrested and charged for his role in the 1996 kidnapping and killing of British mine clearer Christopher Howes, a court official said Wednesday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Fresh Somali clashes leave 33 dead (Somalia)**

(06.05.2008)

At least twenty-six Ethiopian soldiers have been killed in fresh clashes with armed insurgents in Hiiran district of central Somalia. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Nis cluster bomb victims remembered (Serbia)**

(06.05.2008)

NIS -- A commemoration was held in the southern city of Nis today for the 15 civilians who died in a NATO air strike nine years ago. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Abrüstung, Rüstungskontrolle und Nichtverbreitung im Jahr 2007 (Deutschland)**

(06.05.2008)

Das Bundeskabinett hat heute den vom Auswärtigen Amt vorgelegten Jahresabrüstungsbericht 2007 verabschiedet. Der Bericht enthält eine umfassende Darstellung der aktuellen Entwicklung und der Politik der Bundesregierung in den Bereichen Abrüstung, Rüstungskontrolle sowie der Nichtverbreitung von Massenvernichtungswaffen. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Grants for Conventional Weapons Destruction and to Assist Injured Conflict Survivors (US)**

(06.05.2008)

May 07, 2008 (STATE DEPARTMENT RELEASE/ContentWorks via COMTEX) -- -- Press Releases: Grants for Conventional Weapons Destruction and to Assist Injured Conflict Survivors Tue, 6 May 2008 16:07:16 -0500 [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Hoffnung auf eine Öffnung in Birma. Amnesty international setzt auf eine Veränderung innerhalb des Landes (Burma\_Myanmar)**

(06.05.2008)

Die Generalsekretärin der deutschen Sektion von amnesty international, Barbara Lochbihler, hofft angesichts der Naturkatastrophe in Birma auf offenere Strukturen unter der Militärdiktatur. Seit 1964 seien alle Parteien verboten, würden Minderheiten unterdrückt und ausländische Investitionen untersagt. Moderation: Hanns Ostermann [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Sri Lanka's Tamil rebels claim nine soldiers killed (Sri Lanka)**

(06.05.2008)

COLOMBO (AFP) - Sri Lanka's Tamil Tiger rebels Wednesday claimed they had killed nine soldiers and repulsed an army advance in areas controlled by the guerrillas to the north of the island. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Tajik Expert Hopes Afghan Experience to Help Reduce Mine Victims (Tajikistan/Afghanistan)**

(06.05.2008)

Dushanbe, 7 May: "I hope that learning neighbouring Afghanistan's rich experience on border mine clearing will help reduce the number of mine victims in Tajikistan," the head of the Mine Action Centre of Tajikistan, Jonmahmad Rajabov, has said. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Mehr Rechte für Behinderte. Neue UNO-Konvention verspricht qualitativen Wandel auf dem Weg zur Chancengleichheit**

(05.05.2008)

In wenigen Tagen, am 12. Mai 2008, tritt die Konvention über die Rechte von Menschen mit Behinderung in Kraft ' ein im UNO-Hauptquartier selten gewordener Anlass zum Feiern. 128 Staaten haben die Konvention unterschrieben, 25 haben sie schon ratifiziert. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **The ancient city of Karkamis awaits to be covered from mines (Turkey)**

(05.05.2008)

Access to the ancient city of Karkamis in the southeastern province of Gaziantep is prohibited because it lies within a military zone that was covered with landmines in 1952 for security reasons. All eyes are turned toward finding a solution to the problem [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Accidental blasts kill 9 (Afghanistan)**

(05.05.2008)

KABUL -- Three accidental explosions in the Afghan capital have left nine people dead and more than 20 wounded, including some drug squad police. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **The politics of cluster bombs (Laos)**

(05.05.2008)

XIENG KHUANG, Laos - Nang Wan lies in a hospital bed in this remote area's provincial hospital, her body covered in small black wounds. The 35-year-old woman was digging a shallow drainage ditch around her house on April 16 when her world exploded. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Zaire: Over 1,600 Explosive Devices Destroyed (Angola)**

(05.05.2008)

Soyo, 05/06 ' The brigades of the Intersectorial Commission of De-mining and Humanitarian Aid (CNIDAH) destroyed from January 2007 to the first quarter of this year about 1,694 landmines and other explosive devices in north-western Zaire province. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Senate Mulls CCW Edits; Cluster Munitions Debated (US)**

(05.05.2008)

As negotiators met in Geneva in April to discuss a proposed new protocol to the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) that would address the humanitarian impact of cluster munitions, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee finally began to consider several other additions to the convention that had long languished on Capitol Hill. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES LANDMARK UN TREATY ON RIGHTS ENTERS INTO FORCE (UN)**

(05.05.2008)

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities entered into force on May 3 2008, one month after the required twentieth country ratified the landmark treaty which guarantees the rights of some 650 million people worldwide. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Südlich von Darfur: 225 Ärzte für neun Millionen Menschen (Sudan)**

(04.05.2008)

Nach 21 Jahren Krieg gegen den Norden liegt in der autonomen Region Südsudan vieles im Argen: Für neun Mio. Menschen in einem Gebiet, das größer ist als Kenia und Uganda zusammen, und medial im Schatten der Krisenregion Darfur steht, gibt es nur 225 Ärzte und 1.200 Krankenschwestern. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Five police officers killed in Chechnya blast (Russia)**

(04.05.2008)

FIVE policemen were killed when a homemade mine loaded with metal shrapnel exploded in the restive Russian province of Chechnya. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **MPs support joint effort to improve Falklands' airbridge (UK)**

(04.05.2008)

Members of Parliament on the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee have recognised the importance of the airbridge between the UK and the Falklands. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Police recovers 10 kg claymore mine in Kandy (Sri Lanka)**

(04.05.2008)

Sri Lanka Police and Sri Lanka Army in a joint operation recovered a claymore mine weighing 10 kg from a house in Digana, a village located in Teldeniya police division in Kandy district, Sunday evening, media sources said. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Kinder bei Explosion von alter Munition in Afghanistan getötet (Afghanistan)**

(04.05.2008)

Kabul (Reuters) - Bei der Explosion von Munition aus dem langjährigen Bürgerkrieg in Afghanistan sind am Montag drei Kinder getötet worden. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Tamil Tigers attack army outpost in Sri Lanka's embattled Jaffna (Sri Lanka)**

(04.05.2008)

May 05, Jaffna: Tamil Tigers have launched a large scale attack at an Army outpost along the Muhamalai Forward Defence Line (FDL), Sri Lanka's Defense sources said today. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Pine Bluff Arsenal destroys first VX-filled landmine (US)**

(04.05.2008)

WHITE HALL, Ark. (AP) - The Pine Bluff Arsenal has begun destroying VX nerve-agent landmines as it continues disposing of the post's stockpile of chemical weapons. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Uganda: Landmines Reduce in Northern Uganda (Uganda)**

(03.05.2008)

AVSI, an Italian non-governmental organisation which works mainly with victims of landmines in northern Uganda, has declared that landmines are no longer a threat in the region. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Rebel landmines kill five Colombian soldiers (Colombia)**

(03.05.2008)

BOGOTA, May 3 (Xinhua) -- Five Colombian soldiers were killed and 10 others wounded when they hit landmines laid by rebels near the border with Venezuela, the army said on Saturday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Four US marines killed in Iraq blast (US/Iraq)**

(03.05.2008)

BAGHDAD (AFP) - Insurgents killed four US marines in a landmine strike in Anbar province west of Baghdad, in one of the deadliest attacks against US troops in the Sunni former rebel bastion in months, the military said on Sunday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Police recover land mine in Sulu (6:22 p.m.) (The Philippines)**

(03.05.2008)

ZAMBOANGA CITY -- Police authorities in Sulu, south of this city, have recovered a landmine along the highway in one of the province's 19 towns. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Kontroverse um Explosion bei Buddha-Statuen von Bamijan (Afghanistan)**

(03.05.2008)

Kabul (AP) Nach einer kontrollierten Explosion von Fundmunition in der afghanischen Region Bamijan ist ein Streit über mögliche Beschädigungen der dortigen Buddha-Statuen ausgebrochen. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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#### **Two Georgian servicemen killed in Iraq ' representative of Georgian Defence Ministry (Georgia/Iraq)**

(02.05.2008)

TBILISI, May 3 (Itar-Tass) - Two Georgian servicemen died in Iraq, a representative of the Georgian Defence Ministry told journalists on Saturday.

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### **Ukrainer verkaufte im Kiosk Handgranaten und Minen (Ukraine)**

(02.05.2008)

Mit Handgranaten und Landminen aus Armeebeständen hat ein Ukrainer in seinen Kiosken gehandelt. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Heavy fighting and claymore blasts kill 19 Tigers and 4 soldiers in northern Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)**

(02.05.2008)

May 03, Colombo: Sporadic fighting along the front lines in the restive North killed 19 Tamil Tigers and 2 soldiers while a roadside claymore blast killed another soldier in Welioya yesterday, the military said today. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **"Amerikanisierter Krieg" (Afghanistan)**

(02.05.2008)

Mehr Soldaten nach Afghanistan Die USA wollen im kommenden Jahre 7000 zusätzlichen Soldaten nach Afghanistan entsenden. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Landmark UN treaty on rights of persons with disabilities enters into force (UN)**

(02.05.2008)

3 May 2008 ' The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities entered into force today, one month after the required twentieth country ratified the landmark treaty which guarantees the rights of some 650 million people worldwide. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Princes' tribute to fallen trooper**

(02.05.2008)

Princes William and Harry have led tributes to a soldier killed when his patrol vehicle hit a mine in Afghanistan. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **ICBL urges all countries to join the UN disability rights convention**

(01.05.2008)

Landmine survivors and all people with disabilities can now count on a powerful tool to ensure their rights are respected and their needs met, the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) said today, hailing the entry into force of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Disability Rights Convention). [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Ban Cluster Bombs (Appeal by Paul McCartney)**

(01.05.2008)

Cluster bomblets, like anti-personnel mines, are unacceptable when they kill and injure innocent civilians including children. I call upon individuals, organisations and politicians to do all they can to remove and reduce the impact of these weapons for future generations" Paul McCartney [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Eight Afghan civilians killed by double mine blasts (Afghanistan)**

(30.04.2008)

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (Reuters) - Eight Afghan civilians, three of them children, were killed in two landmine explosions near the border with Pakistan, a senior provincial police official said on Thursday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Taliban-Kämpfer sprengen sich in Kabul in die Luft (Afghanistan)**

(30.04.2008)

Kabul (Reuters) - Wenige Tage nach einem Anschlag auf Präsident Hamid Karsai im Zentrum Kabuls haben sich Taliban-Kämpfer in der afghanischen Hauptstadt schwere Kämpfe mit Sicherheitskräften geliefert. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **6 LTTE killed, 9 wounded in Wannai and Northern fronts (Sri Lanka)**

(29.04.2008)

LTTE terrorists continued to take beating as intermittent clashes ensued between troops and LTTE ahead of Northern and Wannai defences, on Monday (April 28). Troops claimed to have killed 6 terrorists, injuring 9, while 18 others were believed either killed or seriously injured, according to military reports. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Quakes caused by mine clearance**

(29.04.2008)

Explosions recorded by earthquake recording equipment were caused by military mine clearance training, the Royal Navy has confirmed. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **At least 10 LTTE killed in Wannai clashes (Sri Lanka)**

(29.04.2008)

Troops continued advances in the Wannai battle theater as troops claimed at least 10 LTTE killed and an enemy bunker line destroyed during confrontation erupted between troops and LTTE on Tuesday (April 29). [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Maoists blow up tourism building (India)**

(29.04.2008)

GIRIDIH: Maoists blasted the newly-constructed 12-room Jharkhand Bhawan at Madhuban, a pilgrimage centre for Jains on Parasnath Hills of Giridih district, on Monday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Maoist gunned down one civilian, CRPF jawan injured in land mine blast in Malkangiri (India)**

(29.04.2008)

Malkanagiri ( Orissa) : One civilian gunned down and a CRPF jawan injured in a land mine explosion at Badijhata village under Kalimela police station, about 60 km from Malkangiri district headquarters' town under South-Western police range. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **China donates 600,000 USD for de-mining operation in eastern Cambodia (China/Cambodia)**

(28.04.2008)

China has donated 600,000 U.S. dollars for Cambodia to clean the mines and unexploded ordnances (UXO) along National Road No. 7 from Kratie province to Stung Treng province in the country's eastern part bordering Laos, said government official here on Tuesday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **We can help Western Sahara gain independence (Australia/Western Sahara)**

(28.04.2008)

NOW that Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's first big overseas trip has concluded, and we have a chance to assess the new direction in Australian foreign policy, we can begin to flesh out his "middle power" agenda. A solid speech or a tough talking doorstop in the exalted atmospheres of international geopolitics do not a policy make. Kevin Rudd needs a hook to hang his "middle power" hat on. There is no better hook than Western Sahara. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Israelischer Verteidigungsminister gegen Waffenstillstand mit Hamas (Israel/Palästina)**

(28.04.2008)

TEL AVIV, 29. April (RIA Novosti). Der israelische Verteidigungsminister Ehud Barak äußerte sich gegen eine Waffenruhe im Gaza-Streifen, die von palästinensischen Kämpfern durch Vermittlung von Ägypten angeboten wird. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **British forces will continue to use cluster bombs, MoD says (UK)**

(28.04.2008)

Cluster bombs are to remain part of the armoury available to British forces despite renewed calls for a ban, government officials made clear yesterday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Several explosions heard in southern Iranian city**

(28.04.2008)

Several explosions were heard in the provincial city of Khorramshahr on Tuesday. According to the city's governor, the explosions were caused by some mines remaining from the 1980-88 Iraqi imposed war which were recently removed by a mine sweeping squad. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Turkish army releases video of air operation in N.Iraq (Turkey)**

(28.04.2008)

The Turkish General Staff released on Tuesday the video footage of the air operation carried out on April 25-26 against the PKK in northern Iraq. Two PKK separatists were killed in clashes on Tuesday in southeastern Turkey. (UPDATED) [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **International Diplomatic Conference on Cluster Munitions for Croke Park, Dublin (Ireland)**

(27.04.2008)

Source: Irish Red Cross - Ireland The Irish Government will host and chair the Conference, which is part of what has become known as the Oslo Process. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Afghanistan clashes, bombing leave 23 Taliban militants dead**

(27.04.2008)

KABUL, Afghanistan - Afghan and foreign troops fought with militants and called in airstrikes in a series of clashes in Afghanistan that left 23 militants dead and 20 others wounded, officials said. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Sudan: 'I Have a Mine in My Living-Room, What Should I Do?' (Sudan)**

(27.04.2008)

Dengershufu in Malakal, capital of the Sudanese state of Upper Nile, looks like any low-income suburb of a post-conflict Southern town, with roadside stalls selling dry fish from the nearby River Nile and children playing around in the dust. The difference on 24 April was the demining team. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **More Tigers Lose Their Lives in Wannai (Sri Lanka)**

(27.04.2008)

WANNI: AT LEAST fourteen Tiger terrorists were feared killed and a large number of their cadres were reported injured during confrontations erupted in several places in VAVUNIYA and MANNAR Sunday (27). [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Panzermine aus Bach "gefischt" - verrostetes Fundstück entpuppte sich als Tellermine (Deutschland)**

(27.04.2008)

Korbach (ots) - Bei einem Spaziergang mit vier Freunden und Bekannten sowie seinem Hund entdeckte ein 20-jähriger aus dem Bad Arolser Stadtteil Wetterburg am Sonntag gegen 16.30 Uhr im Bachlauf der Aar einen metallischen, stark angerosteten Gegenstand. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **KRIEGSSCHROTT IN LAOS. Gartenzäune aus Fliegerbomben (Laos)**

(27.04.2008)

Auf kein Land der Erde fielen mehr Bomben als auf Laos zur Zeit des Indochina-Krieges. Unzählige Blindgänger aus amerikanischen Splitterbomben, verborgene Minen und Sprengsätze behindern noch immer den zaghaft einsetzenden Wirtschaftsboom. Doch einige Menschen leben vom tödlichen Kriegsschrott. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **26 Tamil Tigers among 30 killed in Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka)**

(27.04.2008)

At least 26 Tamil Tigers and four soldiers were killed in intense clashes in embattled northern Sri Lanka as fighter jets targeted a building close to a Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) runaway in the rebel stronghold, official said today. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **Shell-Shocked Anew In Kashmir (India)**

(27.04.2008)

DEATH STALKS the innocent even on the farms and orchards of Kashmir. On April 13, 15-yearold Ashiq Hussain Bhat was digging a pit when a live ammunition shell buried on his family's land exploded, severely injuring his left hand, eye and thigh: later, doctors at the prestigious Sher-e- Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences in Srinagar amputated the boy's leg and hand. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **US uses cluster bombs in Sadr City (US/Iraq)**

(26.04.2008)

An Iraqi member of parliament has revealed that the US forces have used forbidden weapons against Iraqi civilians in Baghdad's Sadr City. DPA quoted Leqa Yasin, a Sadrist lawmaker in the Iraqi parliament, as saying that technical and medical examination on the bodies of the victims and wounded of the recent clashes show that US occupation forces have used cluster bombs against civilians in Sadr City. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### **16 LTTE killed. 10 iniured in clashes at Wannai (Sri Lanka)**

LTTE killed, 10 injured in clashes at Mannar (FT Lanka)  
(26.04.2008)

At least 16 LTTE were killed, 10 injured as fighting between troops and LTTE ensued at separate locations in the Mannar and Vavuniya fronts yesterday (April 26), according to military reports received. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Plans to clear Falkland landmines (UK)

(26.04.2008)

Multi-million pound plans to finally rid the Falkland Islands of thousands of deadly landmines left behind by Argentinian forces 26 years ago are being considered in Whitehall. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Wartime cluster bombs still reap deadly harvest in Laos (Laos)

(26.04.2008)

NAM NEUN, Laos (AFP) - A man shapes a ball of C4 plastic explosive like a child with playdough, carefully inserts it into a hole at the side of the road, attaches an electric detonator, and walks away. It's all in the name of saving lives. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Demining body cleared 287,255 square meters during March (Lebanon)

(25.04.2008)

BEIRUT: The Mines Advisory Group (MAG) issued their report for the month of March on Friday, detailing efforts made in clearing Israeli munitions that litter the South. During the month of March, MAG successfully cleared 287,255 square meters of land "through hand, electronic, and visual techniques." The group also removed and destroyed 231 cluster bombs and other unexploded munitions, including 219 sub-munitions and 12 items of unexploded ordnance. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Turkish warplanes raid PKK targets in Iraq (Iraq, Turkey)

(25.04.2008)

ISTANBUL (Reuters) - Turkey said its warplanes struck Kurdish separatist targets inside northern Iraq on Friday and Saturday in what military sources called the biggest Turkish air operation in northern Iraq this year. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### A deadly harvest of cluster bombs in Laos (Laos)

(25.04.2008)

Lessons in death: children are shown different kinds of unexploded ordnance in northern Laos [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### "Miss Landmine" in Angola gewählt worden (Angola)

(25.04.2008)

Luanda - Es gibt Schönheitswettbewerbe, da stockt einem der Atem. In Angola ist jetzt die «Miss Landmine» gewählt worden. 18 Frauen, die alle bei der Explosion von Treminen verkrüppelt wurden, nahmen an dem Wettbewerb teil, der das Bewusstsein der Öffentlichkeit für das Leid der Explosionsopfer schärfen sollte. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Govt will not sign Ottawa treaty (India)

(25.04.2008)

New Delhi, April 26: The Centre is reluctant to sign the Ottawa treaty which prohibits the use of anti-personnel mines by its defence forces. Even with pressure from the anti-mines lobby building on the Centre, the government has decided against signing the treaty, citing the "long and porous border India shares with its neighbours" as its primary reservation. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Mongoose 'can sniff-out landmines' (Sri Lanka)

(25.04.2008)

Mongoose led by metal robots can be used to sniff out landmines, say researchers. The idea is to take the animals for "walkies" through mine fields, tethered to remotely controlled robots like dogs on leads. Researchers in Sri Lanka have trained mongooses, renowned for their acute sense of smell, to stand up and sniff the air when they detect buried explosives. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Army continues offensives in the Welioya area (Sri Lanka)

(25.04.2008)

WELIOYA: Three terrorists were killed and another was injured when the Army launched a fierce attack and captured a LTTE bunker line in the KOKKUTHUDUWAI area, on Friday morning around 11.15. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Three policemen, 15 Taliban militants killed in Afghan attacks (Afghanistan)

(25.04.2008)

Kabul - Three policemen were killed in roadside bomb blasts in the latest Taliban-led attacks, while 15 insurgents were killed in an airstrike conducted by international forces in eastern region, officials said on Saturday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Diet members form group to ban cluster bombs (Japan)

(24.04.2008)

A multiparty group of Diet members who are seeking to have cluster bombs banned was officially launched on Friday. The group is led by former Liberal Democratic Party Secretary-General Hidenao Nakagawa, Democratic Party of Japan Secretary-General Yukio Hatoyama and 11 other members from both houses of the Diet. It will seek the conclusion of a convention on a ban on cluster munitions. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Nigeria: Cluster Bomb Ban - Country Urged to Remain Firm (Nigeria)

(24.04.2008)

The Federal Government has been asked to present a strong stand at the International Cluster Bomb Ban negotiations in Dublin and to champion the campaign against the use and sale of small arms in Africa. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### India urged to ban use of anti-personnel mines (India)

(24.04.2008)

New Delhi, UNI: The Indian Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL) has said it would try to persuade the government to ban the use of anti-personnel landmines in the country. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Maoist activities on steep rise in India (India)

(24.04.2008)

NEW DELHI, April 24 (UPI) -- India said the threat to internal security from left-wing extremism showed a steep rise in 2007. The Interior Ministry said in its status paper on Maoist activities that 696 casualties were reported in 1,565 incidents in 2007; in 2006, there were 678 deaths in 1,509 cases of violence. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### 3 terrorists killed in clashes - Vavuniya front (Sri Lanka)

(23.04.2008)

Three LTTE terrorists were killed in clashes sparked in Vavuniya front today, April 24. In an incident took place in general area north of Palampiddy around 4.10 pm ground troops confirmed that three terrorists were killed. Troops on a search operation have uncovered a slain body of a terrorist killed in this confrontation later, sources said. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Cluster bomb left from 2006 war wounds 4 children in S. Lebanon (Lebanon)

(23.04.2008)

A state-run Lebanese news agency has said that an explosion of a cluster bomb left behind by the Israel Defense Forces from the Second Lebanon War wounded four young Lebanese in the country's south. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Europe and UN to help Jordan clear border landmines (EU/UN/Jordan)

(23.04.2008)

AMMAN (AFP) - The European Commission and the UN Development Programme signed an agreement with Jordan on Thursday to help the desert kingdom clear landmines along its northern border with Syria. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### South Africa Refuses to Ratify Agreement on Cluster Bombs (RSA)

(23.04.2008)

(23 Apr 08 - RV) A two-day meeting of 39 African countries earlier this month produced the Livingstone Declaration, which calls for the eradication of all cluster munitions. However South Africa was the only African nation not to endorse the Declaration, saying that cluster munitions are a valid weapon of war provided they are targeted according to laws of armed conflict. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Civil groups rally against cluster bombs (Lebanon)

(23.04.2008)

BEIRUT: The National Mine Awareness Steering Committee (NMASC), in coordination with the Lebanese Army and the Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), held a news conference at Monroe Hotel on Wednesday on the occasion of the Global Day of Action against Cluster Bombs. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Uganda: Ratten sollen Landminen suchen (Uganda)

(23.04.2008)

Nach positiven Resultaten in Mosambik sollen Ratten nun auch in Uganda Tretminen aufspüren und somit große Gebiete wieder bewohnbar machen. Die Tiere erschnüffeln die Metallteile der Minen und sind zu leicht, um den Sprengstoff zur Explosion zu bringen. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Swedies Collide over Ban on Cluster Bombs (Sweden)

(23.04.2008)

The Swedish Center-Right government and the parliament are split over the question of what an international ban on cluster bombs should look like - and if Sweden should also ban a modernized variation of its own controversial weapon. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Rats to sniff out landmines in war-ravaged northern Uganda (Belgium/Uganda)

(23.04.2008)

Kampala, Uganda - Armies of well-trained rats are set to be deployed to the minefields of northern Uganda to put their keen sense of smell to good use and locate some of the hundreds of landmines left behind after a 20-year war, local media reported Thursday. The state-run New Vision reported that the rat programme can demine 100 square-metres in 20 minutes while a landmine expert can do the same work in two days. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### MAG Iraq - March update (Iraq)

(23.04.2008)

SUMMARY OF THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS The programme continued to reduce risk to vulnerable communities and support conflict recovery and rehabilitation by implementing Humanitarian Mine Action (HMA) and Small Arms Light Weapons (SALW) projects in Dahuk, Diyala, Erbil, Kirkuk, Ninewah, and Sulimaniyah governorates. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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### Sierra Leone: SLANSA Exposes Dangers of Cluster Bombs (Sierra Leone)

(22.04.2008)

Programme officer Sierra Leone action network on small arms (SLANSA) Saturday said apart from the killings and maiming caused by cluster bombs, they also prevented poor people from accessing their land and securing a decent livelihood. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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