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Searching for arms caches is a risky business (MOZAMBIQUE)

(27.10.2005)

Arms caches are often protected with booby traps, and Captain Engelbert Kiondo's team had to disarm a few landmines. "You have to be careful. Sometimes it is just a piece of wire that looks like a piece of grass, which is connected to a landmine," Kiondo said. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Hotels in Baghdad Rocked by Rockets, Car Bombs (IRAQ)

(27.10.2005)

On Oct. 23, soldiers from 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment (172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team), seized a large weapons cache during a search in the Rawah area, near the Euphrates River. The cache included more than 1,000 antitank mines and several timed mines. The weapons were destroyed on the scene. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Lebanon: Investment badly needed in the south (LEBANON)

(27.10.2005)

Historically, residents of the area have been farmers, with traditional crops consisting of olives, grapes, figs, pomegranates, wheat and tobacco. With the coming of the Israeli occupation, however, much of the area's arable land was planted with mines, curtailing the viability of the industry. This, in turn, has led to a considerable outflow of the local work force. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

CHINA BASES, A 'STRING OF PEARLS' (CHINA)

(27.10.2005)

The DOD report, as quoted by the Times elaborates on the Chinese strategy, noting that, "China is looking not only to build a blue-water navy to control the sea lanes, but also to develop undersea mines and missile capabilities to deter the potential disruption of its energy supplies from potential threats, including the U.S. Navy, especially in the case of a conflict with Taiwan." [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Angola: Precarious situation in isolated southern province (ANGOLA)

(27.10.2005)

Landmines, food shortages, ruined roads, scant basic services and political intolerance give Kuando Kubango the dubious honour of being one of the worst places to live in Angola country with some of the lowest human development indicators in the world. Landmines - a deadly legacy of war - are seriously curbing aid work, despite the efforts of the Halo Trust, a demining NGO, to make key roads safer. "Both Mavinga and Rivungo are ringed with landmines. Just to get to their fields or to water points, people have to cross known mined areas," said Olins of the UN's TCU. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Warlord hands over landmines (SOMALIA)

(27.10.2005)

A powerful Somali warlord on Monday handed over a stockpile of thousands of landmines to a Swissbased lobby group and urged his colleagues controlling the bulletscarred capital to follow suit. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Israeli Officials Skeptical of P.A. Pledges To Reform Security (MIDDLE EAST)

(27.10.2005)

Undercover commandos killed a wanted terrorist in an exchange of fire at his Tulkarm hideout Sunday. The death came after soldiers killed a Palestinian suspected of planting a mine on a road outside Ramallah on Saturday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Portugese navy introduces new EADS satellite terminal

(27.10.2005)

The latest terminal, with an antenna size of 1 m, has been optimised for use on smaller ships such as offshore patrol and mine countermeasures vessels, as well as applications on larger support ships. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Sieben Tote bei Anschlägen nahe Kabul. Waffenlager in afghanischer Hauptstadt ausgehoben (Afghanistan)

(27.10.2005)

In der Hauptstadt wurden mehrere Bomben sichergestellt, mit denen die Rebellen nach Polizeiangaben Anschläge auf die ausländischen Friedenstruppen in Kabul verüben wollten. Es handelte sich um Sprengsätze, die aus alten Minen gebastelt worden seien, teilte das Innenministerium mit. Sie seien in einem alten Armeedepot entdeckt worden. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Eindrücke vom Auslandseinsatz in Afghanistan. Koblenzer Ärzte helfen in Kabul

(27.10.2005)

Koblenz-Kabul und zurück. Der Arzt Dr. Hans Joachim Fischer kehrte kürzlich aus Kabul zurück. Während seiner Zeit in Afghanistan, wurden mehrfach schwerstverletzte Patienten nach Verkehrs oder Minenunfällen vor das scharf bewachte Haupttor des Lazarett einfach abgelegt, damit die ausländischen Ärzte sie behandeln. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

UPDATE: Militants Attack Kabul, 7 Dead; Bomb Cache Found (AFGHANISTAN)

(27.10.2005)

The bombs discovered in Kabul were found in a junkyard for old military vehicles in the northern part of the city, said Interior Ministry spokesman Yousof Stanekzai. The explosives were made from old anti-personnel mines, and rebels were "suspected to be planning to use them against ISAF," he said, referring to the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force, which guards the capital. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Three militants detained in Chechnya (CHECHNYA)

(26.10.2005)

A resident of the village of Samashki in Chechnya's Achkhoi-Martan district, suspected of involvement in an attack on a military commandant's office, has been detained in Chechnya. A weapons cache has been discovered in the village of Shovkhal-Berdi in Nozhai-Yurt district. It contained two rounds for a grenade launcher, a grenade and 150 cartridges. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

US tank blown up in southern Afghanistan, no casualties (AFGHANISTAN)

(26.10.2005)

A US M1 Abrams tank was destroyed by a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) fired from a Taliban position in the southern province of Helmand, Afghanistan, on Sunday, the US military said. The tank was destroyed by a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) fired from a Taliban position in the southern province of Helmand, Afghanistan, on Sunday, the US military said.

A US military tank was blown up after a convoy of troops hit a roadside landmine in Urgun District of the southern Paktika Province, a well-placed source said on Wednesday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Iran press: Mine-clearing operations cause "powerful explosions" in southwest (IRAN)

(26.10.2005)

Another piece of news is a report by the Mehr News Agency from Khorramshahr which states that the mine clearing forces working in the minefields of Shalamcheh [on the Iraqi border] have carried out a series of powerful explosions, which have caused some worries among the local public. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Iraqi bomb builders learn fast, exact heavy toll (IRAQ)

(26.10.2005)

Instructions on how to build IEDs can be easily found on the Internet. IEDs are responsible for many of the U.S. deaths in Iraq, where 15,000 troops have also been wounded. An IED that killed 14 Marines and a civilian interpreter when it blew up their amphibious assault vehicle was nothing more complicated than three landmines stacked together. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Suspected terrorist gang arrested in Afghan capital (AFGHANISTAN)

(26.10.2005)

Deputy Interior Minister for Anti-terrorism Syed Anwar Mujmir Ahmad told Pajhwok that a group of 12 suspected terrorists was arrested for planting five landmines and other remote controlled explosives in a damaged tank on road No 315. The explosive was probably placed there to attack ISAF forces, he added. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Latent suspicion amid India-Pakistan goodwill (INDIA/PAKISTAN). Both sides claiming credit for opening Line of Control to quake victims

(26.10.2005)

INDIAN soldiers stationed along the ceasefire line in Kashmir started removing landmines and other booby traps yesterday as the country prepared to lend Pakistan a hand in coping with the thousands of people affected by the Oct 8 earthquake. But beneath the bonhomie and mutual expressions of goodwill there lies decades of suspicion and barely concealed rivalry. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Soldier killed, 11 injured in Ladha blast (PAKISTAN)

(26.10.2005)

A road bomb exploded as a military convoy was passing by Monday in a northwestern tribal region, blowing up a truck, killing one soldier and injuring 11 other, an army official said. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Landmines tragedy inspires fundraiser (NEW ZEALAND)

(26.10.2005)

CALM hopes to raise enough money to afford prosthetic limbs for 50 survivors of landmines on the borders of Thailand. About 11,000 people around the world are injured by mines every year; 23 percent are children. Fifteen countries still produce landmines and there are about 200 million of them stockpiled. Of the 89 countries affected by landmines the worst are Angola, Cambodia, Afghanistan and Egypt. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

1 killed, 4 hurt in 'NPA' attack in North Cotabato (Philippines)

(25.10.2005)

KIDAPAWAN CITY, Philippines ' A militiaman was killed and four others were wounded in an attack by suspected communist rebels on a military detachment in the southern province of North Cotabato, police said on Saturday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

A communication gap saved Naidu. Failure of "scout" led to delay in triggering the claymore mines

(25.10.2005)

The naxalite's failure to intimate the team about N. Chandrababu Naidu's movements led to a split-second delay in triggering the claymore mines, possibly saving his life. Mr. Naidu, his Cabinet colleague, B. Gopalakrishna Reddy, legislators R. Rajasekhara Reddy and Chadalavada Krishna Murthy, and security personnel were injured in the attack. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Quake leaves residents vulnerable to landmines (India ' Pakistan)

(25.10.2005)

The Indian Red Cross and other groups have warned that thousands of landmines planted on the Indo-Pak border may have shifted after the October 8 earthquake. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Modernisation process continuing in CRPF (India)

(25.10.2005)

"CRPF is facing some challenge in the naxal-affected areas since they use IEDs and landmines, causing heavy damage to the force," K T D Singh Inspector General (Operations), CRPF, Delhi, told reporters at its training camp at Kududampalayam, about 20 kms from here. Though modernisation was being done in a phased manner since 2000, CRPF was now getting better weapons, communication equipment, modern and bullet proof vehicles and mine protectors, Singh said. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Harris deal may be worth \$205M. Marine radios to get upgrades

(25.10.2005)

Harris Corp. on Thursday won a contract worth up to \$205 million from the Marine Corps for its tactical radios, which can be carried by soldiers or bolted into armored vehicles designed to take out mines. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

NPA camp in Comval falls (Philippines)

(25.10.2005)

A New People's Army (NPA) camp in Laak, Compostela Valley Province fell into the hands of Philippine Army troopers after a 40-minute firefight last Sunday, Oct. 16. Due to superior firepower the Army was able to capture the enemy camp and recovered two claymore mines with electrical wires. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Land mine blast kills 2 soldiers in S. Afghanistan

(24.10.2005)

Two Afghan soldiers were killed Thursday as their vehicle hit a land mine in Baghran district in southern Afghan province of Helmand, the provincial police chief said. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Uzbek Official Says Mines Cleared From Tajik Border (Uzbekistan - Tajikistan)

(24.10.2005)

Uzbekistan's deputy chief of border guards said today his country had removed land mines from about one-fifth of its border with Tajikistan. [weiterlesen](#)

Land Mine Clearing in Guatemala To Continue Despite Hurricane Damage. OAS says areas scheduled to be cleared in 2005 not affected by hurricane

(24.10.2005)

The clearance of land mines in Guatemala will continue as planned, despite the damages caused by Hurricane Stan, which struck the country and other parts of Central America in early October. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

CRPF killed 55 militants, lost 12 personnel during one year

(24.10.2005)

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), which recently replaced the Border Security Force (BSF) from the Srinagar city, killed 55 militants in Jammu and Kashmir during the past one year, but also lost its 12 personnel while fighting ultras. A CRPF spokesman said 59 AK rifles, 16 pistols, one pika gun, two rocket launchers, two rocket missile, 14 IED mines, 169 magazines, 4247 ammunition, 16 detonators, 165 grenades, 186.5 kg of explosive material and eight wireless sets were seized during the past one year. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Citing Instability, Annan Calls for Six-Month Extension of UN Mission in Western Sahara (Morocco)

(24.10.2005)

Instability continues in the Western Sahara stemming from the political impasse between the Moroccan Government and the Frente POLISARIO independence movement. On the positive side, Secretary-General Kofi Annan notes progress on the removal of unexploded mines, and the release of 404 prisoners of war after 20 years of incarceration by the POLISARIO. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

UPDATE: Daghestan local acquitted of terrorism, sentenced for making explosives

(24.10.2005)

Prosecutors accused Khanali Umakhanov of involvement in a blast attack in the Daghestani town of Kaspiisk in May 2002 when more than 40 servicemen and civilians, including children, were killed and dozens wounded. On Thursday morning, the jury cleared Umakhanov of terrorism and murder charges but found him guilty of purchasing and then handing over to terrorists a remote to a mine that went off in Kaspiisk. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

thiopien und Eritrea erneut am Abgrund. UNO denkt über Abzug aus demilitarisierter Zone nach

(24.10.2005)

Am 1. Oktober waren sechs Zivilisten teilweise schwer verletzt worden als ihr Bus in der TSZ auf eine frisch verlegte Antipanzermine auffuhr. Sie wurden von einem UNMEE-Hubschrauber ausgeflogen. Zwei ebenfalls schwer verletzte kenianische UNMEE-Soldaten hatten dieses Glück im Unglück am 17.10. nicht mehr, da inzwischen die Regierung Eritreas den Hubschraubern der UNMEE jegliches überfliegen ihres Territoriums untersagt hatte. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

ANNAN FORDERT HILFE. Erdbeben-Katastrophe schlimmer als Tsunami (Kashmir)

(24.10.2005)

Das Erdbeben könnte tausende Landminen an der Grenze zwischen Indien und Pakistan verschoben haben, wie ein Mitarbeiter der Organisation "Global Green Peace" sagte, die seit Jahren für ein minenfreies Kaschmir kämpft. Die Militärkarten, auf denen die Lage der Minen bisher vermerkt war, seien damit nutzlos geworden. Das Leben von Dorfbewohnern an der Grenzlinie zwischen dem pakistanischen und dem indischen Teil von Kaschmir sei in Gefahr. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Pressure-triggered bombs worry U.S. forces (IRAQ)

(24.10.2005)

A bomb was detonated by a pressure switch that activates when a vehicle drives over, injuring four soldiers on Oct. 14. The incident means that U.S. forces here, who have improved their ability to spot remotely triggered bombs, now have a different type of weapon to worry about. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Militants sharing bomb expertise (IRAQ)

(24.10.2005)

Roadside bombs are growing more powerful and sophisticated because insurgents throughout Iraq have grown adept at sharing information and using expert trainers. The number of improvised explosive devices detonated or discovered has steadily increased to more than 1,000 last month from fewer than 600 in September 2004, according to the multinational forces command in Iraq. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Government scours park for unexploded ordnance / National forest in Wyoming was a military target range for 82 years (USA)

(24.10.2005)

In Medicine Bow's Pole Mountain, between Cheyenne and Laramie in southern Wyoming, about two dozen technicians and explosives experts have been crisscrossing the rugged, 8,000-foot-elevation terrain since August. They use handheld metal detectors and a wheeled contraption a technician with headphones pushes along while carrying a backpack of electronics. "It's basically a mine detector," said D.J. Myers, an ordnance and explosives safety specialist with the corps. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Two deminers killed, six injured in bomb explosion in S. Afghanistan (AFGHANISTAN)

(24.10.2005)

Two demining workers were killed, six others were injured Sunday morning in a bomb explosion in Afghan southern province of Kandahar, the manager of the demining organization said. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

20 insurgents killed near Iraq's border with Syria (IRAQ)

(24.10.2005)

Multinational forces also discovered 10 weapons caches and arrested 16 suspected insurgents during two operations in northern Iraq on Monday and Tuesday. The caches held assault and sniper rifles, several kinds of fuses, 80 pounds (36 kilograms) of TNT, PE-4 explosives, landmines, fragmentation grenades, 100-kg (220-pound) fragmentation bombs, blasting caps and various projectiles. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

State receives anti-mines gear to be used in south Sudan (SUDAN)

(24.10.2005)

The Government yesterday received equipment for detecting landmines to be used in southern Sudan. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

2 guerrillas killed in mid-western Nepal (NEPAL)

(24.10.2005)

In mid-western Nepal, the security forces have confiscated a rifle, a pistol, ammunition for various firearms, socket bombs, home-made weapons, grenades, equipment used in setting up landmines, two generators, one computer, logistic goods and different food items from the clash site, Defense Ministry confirmed. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

"Landmines may cause further casualties near LoC: experts" (INDIA)

(24.10.2005)

Experts engaged in rescue and relief operation in the devastating earthquake hit areas feared further casualties due to landmines, if immediate measures were not taken before allowing national and international rescuers to travel the areas close to the line of control (LoC). [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Six Russian soldiers killed in Chechnya (CZECHYNA)

(24.10.2005)

In another incident, a military truck hit a landmine near the village of Kurtchaloi near the south of the republic. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Radio journalist dies in Afghan blast (AFGHANISTAN)

(24.10.2005)

At least one person was killed and three others injured in a landmine explosion on Saturday [22 October] in the southeastern province of Khost. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Arms caches found in Azerbaijan's second largest city (AZERBAIJAN)

(24.10.2005)

A large number of weapons and munitions hidden in various caches have been found over the last few days as a result of investigative measures carried out in Ganca (Azerbaijan) on the basis of phone calls received by the Ganca City Police Department. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Arms caches discovered and destroyed in Chechnya, Dagestan (CZECHNYA/RUSSIA)

(24.10.2005)

In a ditch between the Chechen villages of Mesker-Yurt and Dzhalka, not far from the federal road Baku-Rostov-na-Donu, Chechen policemen found a cache containing seven improvised explosive devices and three shoulder-fired antitank grenade launchers, two hand grenades, a Makarov pistol and 160 rounds of ammunition for automatic weapons. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Vehicle Fire, Roadside Bomb Claim Soldiers' Lives (IRAQ)

(24.10.2005)

On Oct. 19, three Task Force Liberty soldiers were killed and another was wounded when their combat patrol struck a roadside bomb near Balad. In other news from Iraq, Task Force Baghdad soldiers found and destroyed terrorists' bombs and weapons caches during combat operations Oct. 19 in and around various Baghdad districts. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

NEW DOD RULE COULD HELP PRIORITIZE CLEANUPS OF MUNITIONS SITES (USA)

(24.10.2005)

The Defense Department Oct. 5 issued a long-awaited rule setting methods for prioritizing cleanup work at thousands of military ordnance sites. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Mozambique blows up thousands of civil war guns

(21.10.2005)

Mozambique blew up thousands of guns and landmines on Wednesday in the biggest single act of destruction of arms in an 11-year-old programme to rid the region of its civil war-era weapons. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Quake may have shifted landmines (Kashmir)

(21.10.2005)

THE devastating October 8 earthquake may have shifted thousands of landmines planted by Indian and Pakistani troops along their disputed Kashmir border, a group warned Thursday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

2 Islamic Militants Killed in Dagestan

(21.10.2005)

Large-scale combat operations have ended as federal forces -- and increasingly the Kremlin-backed Chechen administration's security services -- have established fragile control over most of the region. Yet rebels continue to ambush police and security forces and keep up a steady stream of land mine explosions. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Prototype sonic gas analyzer developed

(21.10.2005)

Pennsylvania State University researchers say they've developed a prototype sonic gas analyzer that tracks gas concentrations based on changes in pitch. The researchers say their new system also could be adapted for tracking toxic or flammable gases in mines, sewers or landfills, for hydrogen detectors in battery compartments of boats and electric cars, or in industries in which gases are consumed as feedstocks. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Sweden Establishes Priority in Co-operation (Sweden - Angola)

(21.10.2005)

Public works, mines and transports are the priority areas where the Swedish government intends to co-operate with Angola, announced Tuesday, here, the Swedish ambassador accredited in the country, Anderson Hegelberg. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Angola: Demining executive commission set

(21.10.2005)

An Executive Commission tasked with securing the inspection, clearing and control of quality of populations relocation areas and with mapping out and destroy landmines was set up on Thursday in Luanda by Angolan Government. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

A SOLDIER'S JOURNAL RYAN MALTBA: CLOVER TO AFGHANISTAN. Pain: Deaths far and near, and nonstop work, too

(21.10.2005)

There is always the strong threat of attack by the ACM (anti-coalition militia), land mines and IEDs (improvised explosive devices). This very road that we are working on has a bit of history. It was attempted by the Russians during their occupation and failed. It was again attempted by the British and again failed. Now it's our turn and we will not fail. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Soldier Killed; Iraq Operations Net Weapons, Suspects

(21.10.2005)

In other news from Iraq, U.S. soldiers from Task Force Liberty followed a civilian tip to a cache of 85 anti-tank mines near Hamrin, in Diyala province. A local citizen was digging in the area when he uncovered the munitions and immediately reported it to coalition forces. The anti-tank mines discovered are of the same type recently used in IED attacks. Task Force Liberty explosive ordnance personnel removed the munitions for future disposal. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Voluntary repatriation of Angolans accelerates as new corridor opens up in the north

(21.10.2005)

A convoy carrying 211 returning refugees arrived in Angola on Wednesday along a newly de-mined road from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), marking a new milestone in the UN refugee agency's voluntary repatriation programme for Angolans who fled that country's 27 years of civil war. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Ugly politics rerun in Bihar (INDIA)

(21.10.2005)

An RJD minister in the Manmohan Singh Cabinet got his brother and RJD candidate from Jamui, Mr Vijay Prakash, released from police lock-up moments after he was caught intimidating voters of his constituency on polling day yesterday. Police said they had seized an unlicensed rifle, a number of bullets, land-mine device, about Rs 6.75 lakh in cash besides three cartons of foreign liquor. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Innenminister Klaus Jeziorsky (CDU) beim Munitionsbergungsdienst des Landes in der Colbitz-Letzlinger Heide. 80 Prozent der Heide munitionsfrei

(21.10.2005)

Vernichtet werden die Granaten und Minen sowohl in offener Sprengung als auch in der modernen Anlage in Hottendorf, die speziell zu diesem Zweck entwickelt wurde und seit drei Jahren erfolgreich arbeitet. 2008, davon geht man mittlerweile aus, könnte die Heide munitionsfrei sein. Die Vernichtung der Fundmunition dauert noch zehn Jahre länger. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Grabungsarbeiten: Landwirtin stieß auf explosive Schützenmine

(21.10.2005)

Eine Landwirtin aus dem Bezirk Graz-Umgebung hat auf ihrem Hof eine hoch explosive Schützenmine ausgegraben. Die 47-Jährige stieß bei Grabungsarbeiten für einen Abstellplatz auf das drei Kilo schwere Kriegsrelikt. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Soldiers foil attempt to kill town mayor (Philippines)

(20.10.2005)

During the initial investigation, soldiers found out that the planting of landmines was part of a plot to ambush San Remegio Mayor Elizabeth Coloso who was supposed to pass in the area to attend a foundation anniversary of a school in Bugo village. Maj. Bartolome Bacarro, Army spokesman, said kill try was ordered by local communists [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Five Russians, four police killed in Chechnya

(20.10.2005)

Two Chechen policemen were killed in a shootout late Monday near Roshni-Chu in southwestern Chechnya, and a police vehicle blew up on a landmine in the south-eastern Shali district, killing one police trooper. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Pattaya declared a City of Peace (Australia)

(20.10.2005)

Khun Nirum Wattanasartsatun, Mayor of Pattaya City declared Pattaya a 'City of Peace' during a special ceremony at the 3rd Global Summit on Peace through Tourism, held October 2-5, 2005 at the Royal Cliff Beach Resort and Conference Center. Joining with the Mayor was IIPT Founder and President Louis D'Amore, and members of the Pattaya Rotary Club. IIPT Achievement Awards were given Peace Trees Vietnam, for working alongside the Vietnamese people to transform the destructive consequences of war into a safe and healthy environment for the children of Quang Tri Province by removing land mines and replacing them with trees. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Back to outdated defense? (Taiwan)

(20.10.2005)

What is the best defense for a small island like Taiwan against a potential invasion by its giant neighbor? Planting as many as possible mines on the beaches and in waters surrounding Taiwan, deploying Patriot missile interceptors and aircraft-mounted missiles that could shoot down invading aircraft. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Maoists kill Congress worker (India)

(20.10.2005)

On Tuesday, Piduguralla Police unearthed CPI (Maoists) dump on the outskirts of Morjampadu village in Machavaram Mandal. They found 23 claymore mines in the dump. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Ethiopia-Eritrea: UN mission to continue work despite flight restrictions

(20.10.2005)

The United Nations said on Tuesday it would not withdraw its peacekeepers from Eritrea and Ethiopia despite their ability to monitor the two countries' tense border being seriously hampered by a recent ban imposed by Eritrea on UN helicopter flights. On 1 October, a bus carrying 61 civilians hit a freshly laid anti-tank mine in the TSZ. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Eritrean Flight Ban Forces UN to Evacuate Injured Soldiers by Road

(20.10.2005)

The UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) yesterday began vacating nearly half the 40 posts it maintains to monitor an accord ending a border war between the two countries because of the ban, and Secretary-General Kofi Annan warned that the mission was being jeopardized and its deployment might have to be reconsidered. Mr. Annan and the Security Council have already called on Eritrea to reverse the ban which has forced the five-year-old Mission to suspend its lifesaving mine clearance activities in the country. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Two Afghans killed, three wounded in US vehicle bombing

(20.10.2005)

A bomb tore through a vehicle of a private US security firm in troubled southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing two Afghan employees and wounding three, the government said. The bomb hit the USPI vehicle in the Zhare Dasht district of Kandahar province, a hotspot for attacks by Taliban-led insurgents, officials said. "A mine put on the road by the enemies of Afghanistan exploded. The result was that two workers with USPI were killed and three wounded," interior ministry spokesman Yousuf Stanizai told reporters. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

R E G I O N: Shoot-on-sight orders to keep peace in Bihar polls (India)

(20.10.2005)

Bihar, with 80 million people, is India's second largest state after Uttar Pradesh and is plagued by a volatile mix of caste violence and poverty. "Over 600 companies of paramilitary forces are being used and there is red alert in all Maoist-infested areas," the state chief secretary GS Kang told reporters on Monday night. "The police and paramilitary forces have already done combing operations in the sensitive pockets and possible troublemakers have already been marginalised," he said. Indian Air Force helicopters were patrolling the skies while police, using mine detectors and sniffer dogs, maintained security on the ground. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Afghan family helps with quilt auction for Galilean Home

(20.10.2005)

During the invasion Soviet soldiers put out land mines that Afghan children often mistook for toys. At 13, Abdul Samad, an alumnus of the Galilean Christian Academy, became one of the victims of the conflict. He picked up a bomb, thinking it was a toy, and it exploded in his hands, blowing off most of his arms. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Iran blames UK for Ahvaz unrest

(20.10.2005)

Police told state television they acted on a tip-off from local residents who spotted a suspect package under a busy bridge in Ahvaz, the capital of Khuzestan province dominated by minority Arabs. The report said the package - wired up and containing eight anti-personnel mines, around one kilogramme of TNT, one stun grenade and a large number of fuses - was successfully defused late on Monday. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

More machines to fight Maoists (India)

(20.10.2005)

Presently, nine districts (Malkangiri, Nowrangpur, Koraput, Rayagada, Gajapati, Ganjam, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar and Sundargarh) have been declared as Naxal-affected. On-foot operation strategies will be adopted to avoid the improvised explosion devices (IED) such as land mines being used by the ultras, said a senior official of the home department. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

W. E. Gutman: Land mines and morals ... fail to the Chief!

(20.10.2005)

The US, which has not made antipersonnel mines since 1997 (but has leased production rights to other countries), will decide in December whether to begin manufacturing a new antipersonnel mine called Spider. The Pentagon has requested an additional US\$1.3 billion for the development of another new antipersonnel mine with the squeaky-clean name of "Intelligent Munitions System." [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Task Force Liberty Soldiers detain one in Bayji (Iraq)

(20.10.2005)

Task Force Liberty Soldiers called an explosives ordnance disposal team to blow open the trunk, which caused several secondary explosions. The ordnance team investigated the burned vehicle and discovered remnants of an anti-personnel mine in the trunk. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Ultra attack: ripples in Malkangiri (India)

(20.10.2005)

Though the Maoist attack took place in the western parts of the state the ripples were even felt amongst security forces in this south Orissa district which is also infested by naxals. The extreme left elements had recently killed a contractor and a few days later they carried out land mine blasts when the local Congress MLA and his supporters were traveling near Motu. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

J&K Minister Gulam Nabi Lone killed in militant attack

(20.10.2005)

In 2000, Ghulam Hassan Wani, also of National Conference, became the first state minister, to be killed in a landmine blast in Anantnag district. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

UPI Terrorism Watch

(20.10.2005)

Uzbekistan has deployed mines along its borders to cope with foreign-based terrorists since the late 1980s, according to reports in the country's Tribune newspaper. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Annan says UN may reconsider future of peacekeeping mission in Eritrea, Ethiopia

(20.10.2005)

Annan and the UN Security Council have already called on Eritrea to reverse the ban which has forced the UNMEE to suspend its lifesaving mine clearance activities in the country. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Family says goodbye to Hammond soldier

(20.10.2005)

An overflow crowd of family and friends of Pfc. Benny S. Franklin of Hammond, killed by a land mine in Afghanistan Oct. 7, gathered Monday at the Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist Church to offer final tributes to the soldier. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

57 Bihar constituencies go to the polls today

(20.10.2005)

The four-phase polling process for the Bihar Assembly starts on Tuesday when voters of 57 of the 243 constituencies exercise their franchise for the second time in just about six months. Naxalites followed up their call for boycott by attacking a railway station and a police station. In February, they killed 11 police personnel. The security forces this time have been provided with anti-mine vehicles and mine-detectors. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Australia to hold talks in Cambodia, Vietnam on landmine clearing

(20.10.2005)

Australia's special representative on mine action, Bruce Billson, is to spend the next 10 days visiting Cambodia and Vietnam. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Teams comb forests for military ordnance

(20.10.2005)

The roughly 15 million acres of retired defense sites scattered across the country are littered with old military ordnance, much of it buried. There have been only two cases of old munitions in the U.S. killing or hurting anyone in the last 20 years, but the government is spending \$145 million over six years to try to keep that number from rising. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Condoleezza Rice Conference for Landmine Action

(20.10.2005)

Press Release: Angola is a case in point. At the end of the civil war in 2002, over 70 percent of the roads were blocked by anti-tank landmines. These arteries are the country's economic lifeline. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

BOROVAC: WE SHALL CLEAR TREBEVIC OF MINES AND REBUILD THE CABLE CAR

(20.10.2005)

Sarajevo Mayor Semiha Borovac and Stari Grad Mayor Mustafa Resic signed at Trebevic on Monday an agreement on transferring 150.000 KM from

Maoists swoop on police, one killed

(20.10.2005)

In recent times Maoists have been conducting successful operations in Sambalpur and Deogarh districts almost on a monthly basis. They are all operating from a 1000 sq km forest range between Sambalpur and Deogarh districts. Striking at will they manage to return to the safety of the forest cover. In fact police teams had nine land mines laid in Deogarh district. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Cadets undeterred by war

(20.10.2005)

The challenge for the young cadets is four years of academic and military training at the U.S. Military Academy, followed by five years of active duty in the Army. News of the death of the first female graduate of the academy since 9/11 reached the young cadets just days after they were formally admitted. First Lt. Laura Walker was killed with another soldier in Afghanistan when their Humvee struck a land mine Aug. 18. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

UN Vacates More Monitoring Posts On Tense Border

(20.10.2005)

The recent ban on United Nations helicopter flights by the Eritrean government has forced international peacekeepers to abandon a number of monitoring posts on the tense Ethiopian-Eritrean border region, the UN said in a statement on Monday. Earlier this month, a bus carrying 61 civilians, including women and children, hit a freshly laid anti-tank mine in the TSZ. Six critically injured people were evacuated by an UNMEE helicopter. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

US-Truppen töten versehentlich vier afghanische Polizisten

(20.10.2005)

Bei der Explosion einer Mine wurden nach Angaben des Provinzgouverneurs Asadullah Khalid unterdessen zwei afghanische US-Angestellte getötet und drei weitere verletzt. Zu der Detonation sei es gekommen, als ein Strassenbaufahrzeug auf die Mine gefahren sei, sagte der Gouverneur. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Tendenz zum Ja (Irak)

(20.10.2005)

Die Iraker hat nach dem Verfassungsreferendum wieder ihr blutiger Alltag eingeholt. Laut Angaben des US-Militärs sind gestern bei einem Präzisionsschlag aus der Luft in der westirakischen Stadt Ramadi 70 mutmaßliche Aufständische getötet worden. Sie seien gerade dabei gewesen, eine Straßemine zu legen, heißt es in einer Erklärung des Militärs. Augenzeugen gaben dem arabischen Fernsehsender al-Dschasira eine komplett andere Version. Danach soll sich eine Menge rund um einen ausgebrannten US-Militärjeep versammelt haben, der auf eine Mine gefahren sei. Die Menschen hätte das Wrack lediglich nach brauchbaren Ersatzteilen durchsucht, berichteten sie. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

China stellt seinen Standpunkt zu konventionellen Waffen dar

(20.10.2005)

Hu Xiaodi, Chinas Botschafter für Abrüstung bei den Vereinten Nationen, hat am 13. Oktober Diskussion der UN-Vollversammlung über konventionelle Waffen erklärt, dass China seit jeher dafür eintritt, humanitäre Anliegen bei der Rüstungskontrolle zu berücksichtigen und die Benutzung von Landminen unter passende vernünftige Kontrolle zu bringen. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

PA: haben 17 Anschläge verhindert (Naher Osten)

(20.10.2005)

Die palästinensischen Sicherheitstruppen seien im vergangenen Monat sehr erfolgreich gewesen, sagten Vertreter des Innenministeriums am Samstagabend. Neben 17 vereitelten Angriffen aus dem Gazastreifen hätten die Palästinenser 15 Kassam-Raketen und 75 Minen und Bomben entdeckt, die gegen Israel eingesetzt werden sollten. Zudem hätten sie sieben Versuche des Waffen-Schmuggels über die ägyptische Grenze vereitelt. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Tajikistan unaware of Uzbeks' border demining operation - official (TAJIKISTAN)

(20.10.2005)

The [Tajik] Ministry of Foreign Affairs has not been given notification of the start of mine clearance work on the Uzbek-Tajik border, the head of the Tajik Foreign Ministry information department, Igor Sattorov, told Avesta. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Australia boosts funding for Cambodia mine clearance (AUSTRALIA)

(20.10.2005)

[Newsreader] The Australian government has committed a further 2m Australian dollars [approx 1.5m US] for landmine clearing operations in Cambodia. The parliamentary secretary [junior minister] for foreign affairs, Bruce Billson, is touring the country and says around 800 people die every year from triggering landmines and unexploded ordnance. He says it is a serious obstacle to Cambodia's development. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Homes of six police and FSB officers attacked Gunmen challenge Ingushetian law enforcement agencies (RUSSIA)

(20.10.2005)

A powerful landmine was discovered near Golden Palace restaurant in Karabulak, several hundred meters from the OMON base. A bomb disposal squad was summoned. Specialists say that all recent acts of terrorism in Ingushetia have involved similar explosive devices. "They are probably assembled by the same team," one of them said. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Mozambican Sappers Illegally Recruited to Cyprus (MOZAMBIQUE)

(20.10.2005)

The Provincial Labour Directorate in the central Mozambican province of Manica is taking legal action against a Zimbabwean company, named Mozambique Mine Action (MMA), for illegally recruiting and sending to Cyprus 19 Mozambican sappers and for compelling the candidates to undergo HIV tests if they wanted the job. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Croatian sentenced to two-year jail term over blast at British embassy (CROATIA)

(20.10.2005)

Police discovered an M75 hand grenade, the same type which is believed to have exploded in the embassy, two anti-personnel mines, and two improvised bombs. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Two French soldiers injured near Kabul (AFGHANISTAN)

(19.10.2005)

A press release issued here said the soldiers, who were part of the ISAF's Kabul Multinational Brigade, were patrolling in the French area of operation in the Shamali plain when their armoured vehicle hit a roadside landmine. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Fake landmines create tension in Anantapur (INDIA). Mixed response to Maoists' bandh call

(19.10.2005)

Banners placed on railway track cautioning people Peoples Liberation Guerrilla Army hailed The fake mines were filled with sand to make it look like real ones. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

U.S. SOLDIERS STOP BOMBS BEFORE THEY EXPLODE (IRAQ)

(19.10.2005)

Task Force Baghdad Soldiers found and destroyed terrorists' bombs and weapons caches during combat operations Oct. 19 in and around various Baghdad districts. The U.S. Soldiers found at least eight improvised explosive devices before they could be detonated by terrorists. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Palestinian Authority claims it stopped 17 terror attacks

(18.10.2005)

The Palestinian Authority (PA) capped a largely disastrous first month of rule in the Gaza Strip with an announcement late Saturday night that it prevented 17 terrorist attacks and confiscated a significant amount of weapons. The PA Interior Ministry, which controls the various Palestinian security branches, issued the security report, highlighting the confiscation of 75 mines and 15 Kassam rockets, which it said were to be used against Israel. PA security forces around the border town of Rafah also blocked up two smuggling tunnels and prevented seven smuggling attempts from the Egyptian side. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. Brigade finds huge weapons cache

(18.10.2005)

It's not unusual for the soldiers of the Alaska-based 172nd Stryker Brigade to seize weapons caches while patrolling the streets and villages of Iraq. But the stockpile they unearthed outside a chicken coop Tuesday set a record. In the end, the team uncovered a chilling array of weapons: 220 rocket-propelled grenades; 40,000 7.62mm armor-piercing rifle or machine-gun rounds; 100 2.75-inch diameter rockets; 10 mines; 1,000 .50-caliber rifle or machine-gun rounds; 68 mortar rounds; 100 shotgun shells; 20 improvised claymore mines; 1,959 artillery projectiles; one rifle; a mortar bipod; four 122mm rocket engines; one mortar tube; 3,000 feet of detonation cord; 37 40-pound bags of red and black explosive powder; and 100 1-ounce primers. [weiterlesen >>>](#)

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