Washington (USA) - The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs has released a new fact sheet, which lists important dates and developments in the proliferation of persistent landmines and the measures taken to protect innocent civilians from these "hidden killers."

"We hope that the public, deminers, and scholars alike will find this new fact sheet a useful reference tool as it not only lists key developments, but enables readers to go directly to the websites of the organizations cited and to access source documents," said Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr., the Special Representative of the President and Secretary of State for Mine Action, who also serves as Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs.

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