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# SIPRI Yearbook Online

The independent resource on global security

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# From the Publisher



**Dr. Ian Anthony**  
Director, SIPRI

The launch of *SIPRI Yearbook Online* provides opportunities to reach new audiences via this simple, easy-to-use resource, making the essential content of the Yearbook accessible to more people than ever before.

As the 45th edition of the Yearbook goes to press and we prepare it for online publication, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Oxford University Press (OUP) for its continuing commitment to publishing the Yearbook. The consolidation of the online format and the authoritative status of the print edition are complemented by OUP's high-quality production processes.

Producing the SIPRI Yearbook involves trying to identify and document key developments in armaments, disarmament and international security that have occurred over the past year, and analysing and placing in context important changes as they happen. While assembling the Yearbook is a formidable task, I am certain that the research conducted at SIPRI is making a direct contribution to promoting the debate about peace and security in some of the most conflict-prone parts of the world. It remains an invaluable document.

The publication of the SIPRI Yearbook also depends on contributions from many people. The research staff at SIPRI, along with our external partners and collaborators, dedicate themselves to producing data and analysis of the highest quality.

I look forward to SIPRI and OUP's continuing partnership in producing what is an indispensable resource for academics, policymakers and members of the general public interested in peace and security.

**Dr. Ian Anthony**  
Director, SIPRI

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# About the SIPRI Yearbook Online

## What is SIPRI?

SIPRI is the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, an independent international institute dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control, and disarmament. Established in 1966, SIPRI provides data, analysis and recommendations, based on open sources, to policymakers, researchers, media, and the interested public. Based in Stockholm, SIPRI is a global organization with offices in Beijing and Washington, DC, and is regularly ranked among the most respected think tanks worldwide.

## What is the SIPRI Yearbook?

The Yearbook is known worldwide as an **authoritative** and **independent** source for politicians, diplomats, journalists and analysts seeking insight on issues of armaments and arms control, armed conflicts and conflict resolution, security arrangements and disarmament, as well as the most important longer-term trends in international security. Every year a yearbook is published to reflect on key activity in the previous year.

The Yearbook provides a **compendium of data and analysis** in the areas of:

- Security and conflicts
- Military spending and armaments
- Non-proliferation, arms control, and disarmament

SIPRI Yearbook Online provides access to editions of the Yearbook from 2010 and onwards, all on a single, intuitive online platform, making it an **essential research resource**.

## Key features of the Yearbook

The first SIPRI Yearbook was published in 1968 in order to fill a gap in knowledge of world armaments and disarmament. Before the Second World War the League of Nations did publish two yearbooks in this field, but after the War the United Nations didn't resume the practice. The purpose of the SIPRI Yearbook was to fill this gap and it has published every year since. Key strengths of the publication are:

- Written by a dedicated group of international researchers and leading experts in their fields, ensuring high-quality, reliable, and insightful content
- Includes a detailed account of global, regional, and national military spending
- Tables and charts represent facts and figures clearly, ensuring the data is accessible and easy to understand

# About the SIPRI Yearbook Online

## Highlights of the 2014 edition

- Key focus on the ongoing conflict in Syria
- Reports on peace operations in Africa, including the changing nature of operations in Mali
- Analysis of the military spending in the Asia-Pacific region - particularly topical due to China's expansion and the maritime disputes in the region
- Coverage of the negotiations around Iran's nuclear programme
- The signing of the Arms Trade Treaty, coming into force in December

# Site Features

## Effortless access

- Provides desktop access to the complete Yearbook
- Navigate easily through content using clear hyperlinks and the table of contents

## Makes research easier

- Clearly linked references to authoritative web resources enables easy follow-up research and reading
- Advanced search functionality, allows for searching the whole site, within results, and within each yearbook
- Export citations to reference management software
- View the content on-screen or in a clear, printer-friendly format

## Saves valuable time

- Personal save functions allow you to return to content and searches in future sessions
- Available 24/7, wherever you are

## Connects you

- Share content easily via email and social networking tools
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