



**This spring edition of the Centre for Security Sector Management's (CSSM) newsletter contains a round-up of information on ongoing international SSR activities, as well as reports from the team's projects since January 2007.**

### **UPDATE: New Masters in Security Sector Management**

The first executive part-time course of the MSc will now begin in September 2007 and the first full-time programme will begin in September 2008.

The September 2007 course is now accepting applications and the deadline is 29th June 2007. Please visit our website to view the new brochure and for information on funding opportunities: [http://www.ssronline.org/products\\_msc.cfm](http://www.ssronline.org/products_msc.cfm)

### **Keynote Series**

The Centre for Security Sector Management have developed a series of case studies designed to inform and assist policy makers, practitioners and students concerned with issues around security sector transformation, reform and management.

<http://www.ssronline.org/keynotes.cfm>

We would value your feed-back on these case studies with your recommendations for future topics. Contributions from authors who wish to publish on important SSR/T/M topics are always welcome. For further information contact: Gordon Hughes, CSSM Director Operations, Telephone: 01793 - 785287; E-mail: [ghughes.cu@defenceacademy.mod.uk](mailto:ghughes.cu@defenceacademy.mod.uk)

### **Consultants**

CSSM is building its security sector consultancy database to match the increasing number of projects that need to be supported. We are looking for consultants who have security sector experience in research, education, providing advice at the policy/senior level, and also programme management. Contact: Gordon Hughes, CSSM Director Operations, Telephone: 01793 785287; Email: [ghughes.cu@defenceacademy.mod.uk](mailto:ghughes.cu@defenceacademy.mod.uk)

### **Journal of Security Sector Management**

The next issue of the Journal of Security Sector Management will focus specifically on Private Security Companies. This issue will be published at the beginning of April and will contain four papers written by a wide range of authors. If you have a paper that would like to

publish and is relevant to security sector reform/management please contact Laura Smith.  
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### **Dutch SSR Practitioners Course – The Hague**

Between 26-28 February, CSSM joined forces with the Clingendael Institute in The Hague, the Netherlands to run an SSR Practitioners' Courses for the Dutch Military and MOD civilian personnel allocated to the new SSR capacity 'pool'. The courses will continue to run over the following six months with the objective of training 90-plus individuals in this area. All candidates come with varying backgrounds, but collectively contributing a wide range of skill sets to what will no doubt become a useful and deployable resource.

### **The New GFN-SSR website has gone live**

Birmingham University now host the Global Facilitation Network for Security Sector Reform (GFN-SSR) and the new website is now up and running: <http://www.ssrnetwork.net/>. The site remains a focal point for an extensive network of state and non-state actors involved in conflict prevention and security sector reform. It facilitates links between network members, enabling decision-makers and practitioners to access, share and assess the latest in theory, research and best practice from around the world as they seek new ways of coping with challenges on the ground. The site hosts a document database, topic guides, organisations directory and helpdesk. For more information please visit the website.

### **Aids, Security & Conflict Initiative Expressions of Interest - Instructions and Narrative Form**

The AIDS, Security and Conflict Initiative (ASCI) is a global research initiative convened by the Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael' and the Social Science Research Council. ASCI is currently accepting proposals for grants of up to Euro 25,000 to fund research in the following thematic areas:

- 1) HIV/AIDS and uniformed services (including military, police and peacekeeping)
- 2) HIV/AIDS, humanitarian crises and post-conflict transitions
- 3) HIV/AIDS and fragile states

Selections will be based on the following criteria: 1) Relevance of research to the ASCI agenda; 2) Applicability of research findings to policy and programming; 3) Gender analysis; 4) Feasibility. Note that preference will be given to budgets under Euro 25,000 and which 'add-on' to existing surveys.

Applications:

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## **Reports from the regions**

### **Africa**

#### **Authors' Workshop on Post Conflict Peace-building in Africa: Assessing DDR Processes - Edmonton, Canada**

The Centre for Security Sector Management (CSSM) participated in an Author's Workshop on DDR Processes in Africa, held in Edmonton and organised by the University of Alberta, Edmonton. The workshop was a follow-up of the international conference on 'Post Conflict Peace-building in Africa: Assessing DDR Processes', held at the Koffi Anan International Peacekeeping Training Centre, Accra, Ghana in August/September 2006.

The workshop brought together the various speakers, including academics and practitioners, in the Ghana conference and explored ways of consolidating the main recommendations into a published volume. The CSSM's chapter in the forthcoming volume deals with policies and strategies that could enhance the effectiveness of cash payment in DDR programmes in Africa.

### **The Middle East**

#### **Security Sector Developments in the Middle East**

The first three months of the year have again centered around American efforts to stabilise the situation in Iraq. A new team of officials led by General David Petraeus is trying to implement the 'surge' that will bring an additional 21,500 combat troops and 6,000 support personnel in Baghdad to bring order back to the Iraqi capital. An interesting aspect from the point of view of security sector management is whether the newly trained Iraqi army divisions and police will play the constructive role that is expected of them. These new developments are taking place on the background of crumbling support for the American mission in the United States where opinion polls indicate that a majority of the population favours a hasty withdrawal from Iraq.

Meanwhile, in the south of the country the British are ready to leave. A few recent episodes cast legitimate doubts on whether the police and the armed forces will behave impartially after the departure of their British mentors. Recently British soldiers had to assault an intelligence detention centre and a police station where sectarian rivals were detained. We do not have to agree with the respected American military analyst Anthony Cordesman, who dubbed the announced withdrawal a "recognition of strategic defeat", to worry about the situation in Basra after the departure of the British contingent.

In the rest of the Middle East two interesting developments stand out in the field of Security Sector Management. In Lebanon the whole country is still paralysed by the prospect of a civil conflict. Attempts at Security Sector Reform have to wait for the political situation to clear.

In the Gulf, in the shadow of the Iranian nuclear challenge, American assets are deployed to the Gulf and the prospect of multilateral NATO engagement with GCC countries is widely touted. However, this has probably more to do with the recent rising tension in the region than with a sustained, convinced effort on the part of these states to reform their security sectors. Interestingly, low key efforts are continuing in Yemen and that is certainly a more promising ground for SSR.

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## **Latin America and the Caribbean**

### **International Seminar: Sustainable Agendas for Possible Peace - Bogotá, Colombia**

CSSM's Programme Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean attended a seminar entitled "*Sustainable Agendas for Possible Peace*" in Bogotá, Colombia on 6th February 2007. The event took place under the framework of the international seminar "Peace Processes" which is organised on an annual basis by London based Reconciliation Resources and Colombian based Indepaz (Instituto de Estudios para el Desarrollo y la Paz). International guest speakers including Clem McCartney, Palinasamy Ramasamy and Birgit Gerstenberg shared their experiences of working towards peace negotiations in Northern Ireland, Georgia/Abkhazia and Guatemala as a basis for discussions related to the case of Colombia. The second part of the seminar was dedicated to round table discussions whereby participants discussed the role of the political, economic, social and environmental agenda, drugs, narco-trafficking, war economies, and ceasefires and how all of these subjects contribute towards a sustainable agenda for negotiating and reaching peace. More information can be found at: <http://indepaz.org.co/revistas/penc41/penc41.pdf>

### **Central American Conference: Democratic Governance, Institutionalism and Civilian Control - Managua, Nicaragua**

A Central American Conference on Democratic Governance, Institutionalism and Civilian Control took place on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Managua, Nicaragua. The conference, which was organised by RESDAL (The Security and Defence Network of Latin America), invited representatives from Ministries of Defence, Congresses, Armed Forces and NGO's from

Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras to discuss the following five topics relevant to the region: 1) *Sub regional security: Threats, risks and challenges*, 2) *National Defence competence and public security from democratic governance perspective*, 3) *Relations among Ministry of Defence, Parliament and Armed Forces: institutionality challenges*, 4) *Coordination among countries and integration efforts*, 5) *View from the Southern Cone and the Andean Region*. More information related to the event can be found at: <http://www.resdal.org/experiencias/main-managua-mar07.html>

### **Forum: The Process of Reintegration in Colombia - Bogotá, Colombia**

CSSM's Programme Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean attended a forum "*The Process of Reintegration in Colombia*" in Bogotá, Colombia on 7th March 2007. The event, which was organised by Indepaz (Instituto de Estudios para el Desarrollo y la Paz), Pax Christi and the magazine "Semana", invited speakers from the UNDP, the European Union, the National Conciliation Commission, Benposta, the Programa de Atención al Reincorporado and Frank Pearl, the representative of the High Council for Integration. The forum discussed the challenges which Colombia faces following the recent demobilisation process of ex-AUC combatants and how the government needs to improve its strategy in order to achieve the aim of successfully reintegrating demobilised combatants back into Colombian society. More information relating to the event can be found at:

[http://www.indepaz.org.co/xsys3/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=451&Itemid=2](http://www.indepaz.org.co/xsys3/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=451&Itemid=2)

## **Europe**

### **Seminar Report: The State of the State: Good Governance Beyond Borders - DCAF, Brussels**

Stephanie Blair, Europe programme manager, attended a DCAF (Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces) lunch seminar entitled: "The State of the State: Good Governance Beyond Borders", on Tuesday 27 February, 2007. This DCAF lunch seminar was dedicated to DCAF Occasional paper No 10 "Good Governance Beyond Borders: Creating a Multi-Level Public Monopoly of Legitimate Force" by Professor Herbert Wulf, Research Associate, Bonn International Centre for Conversion (BICC). The discussant was Colonel Christophe Deherre, Strategic Planning, Civil-Military Cell, EU Military Staff, (EUMS). Professor Wulf's premise is that the monopoly of legitimate use of force should no longer solely rest with the nation state, and that instead it should include the local, regional, and global levels as well. He highlights two trends which threaten the nation state monopoly: first, the

privatisation of violence (from below by warlords and militias and from above by outsourcing traditional military functions); and second, by the internationalization of war and intervention. Colonel Deherre responded by outlining that the foundation of the EU is the nation state. He then outlined that the EU's legal requirement for intervention being based on two conditions, either a United Nations Security Council Resolution or the invitation of a state.

### **EPC Policy Dialogue, Report**

Stephanie Blair, Europe programme manager, attended the EPC (European Policy Centre) Policy Dialogue entitled "A Settlement for Kosovo" on Thursday 1 March, 2007. The international community's key goal is to provide the blueprint for a stable and sustainable future for Kosovo. However, the persisting tensions between Albanian and Serb communities and structural economic difficulties constitute major challenges for all and underline the need for a continued international presence. These issues were discussed by: Tim Judah, Freelance journalist, Ivan Vejvoda, Executive Director of the Balkan Trust for Democracy, Gerald Knaus, Founding Director of the European Stability Initiative and Alexandros Yannis, Council of the European Union. After a re-examination of the context, the view from Belgrade, a review of the importance of the economic dimension, and elaboration of the EU goals and objectives for Kosovo, the discussion focussed on the lingering uncertainty on the outcome of the status talks, however, all agreed that there was little appetite for full-scale violence.

### **Asia**

#### **Success in Aceh**

The United States Institute of Peace have published a new report identifying the success of the Aceh Peace Process. The reform follows the completion of an EU-led mission to monitor and support the peace process in the Indonesian province of Aceh on December 15, 2006. The Aceh Monitoring Mission was the first European Security and Defence Policy operation in Asia and was conducted with five participating states from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). This report looks at the reasons for the successful outcome of the Aceh peace process, which offers useful lessons for peace implementation elsewhere. Furthermore the process used can be used as a model for future cooperation in crisis management between regional actors such as the EU and ASEAN.

For more information please see the full report at:

<http://www.usip.org/pubs/specialreports/sr184.pdf>

## **Expert workshop: Security Sector Reform (SSR): Lessons to be learned from Northeast and Southeast Asia**

### **Workshop: Strengthening the role of ASEAN Parliaments in Security Policy Review**

**Manila, 7-11 March 2007**

Two workshops were jointly organised by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Office for Regional Cooperation in Southeast Asia, The Institute Development Studies (ISDS), Manila, and the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF): The first workshop was titled the "Expert workshop on Security Sector Reform (SSR): Lessons to be learned from Northeast and Southeast Asia" and the second, "Strengthening the role of ASEAN Parliaments in Security Policy Review". The workshops brought together experts from Asia, including members of parliament, to discuss the ongoing security sector reform in East Asia and the role of parliament in security policy. At the first event, presentations were given on the issues of SSR in the context of the Asian region and included case studies on Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, South Korea and Taiwan. At the second workshop, members of parliament discussed the importance of parliamentary involvement in security policy review, and considered how the challenges of involving parliament can be overcome. The workshop tried to identify the preconditions for a successful national security policy review; and also discussed the parliamentarian impact on the ASEAN Security Community. It was rounded off with a discussion on human trafficking in Southeast Asia.

The reports from the workshops are not yet available but as soon as they are released they will be added to the SSRonline website. The reports for both of these workshops will also be available on [www.dcaf.ch](http://www.dcaf.ch)

## **Justice and Public Security**

### **Conference - Exploring the Interface between SSR and Transitional Justice, 22 February 2007**

The International Centre for Transitional Justice held a one day meeting in New York to explore the often overlooked linkages between SSR and transitional justice. The conference is the start of a series of initiatives and conferences organised by the ICTJ to open up the debate on these linkages. The opening meeting started by exploring the existing linkages and assess how they were currently approached. The remainder of day was devoted to exploring the linkages between SSR and Transitional justice and non state actors, DDR, civil society actors. The conference included speakers from the UN, OHCHR, academia, World Bank and the Clingendael Institute to name but a few. The report from the conference is not

yet available but as soon as it is released it will added to the SSRonline website:

<http://www.ssronline.org/JusticeandPublicSecurity.cfm>

### **International Policing Website**

The Centre for Security Sector Management has been working with the UK Foreign Office to develop and host an international policing website which will be launched to coincide with the soon to be published International Policing Guidelines. The website will host an electronic version of the guidelines as well as document, events and details of organisations relevant the international policing Community. The website is not yet live, but the CSSM and the FCO will be announcing the launch very soon so keep an eye on our website for further details, or contact the justice and rule of law programme manager, Hilary Pearce, at [h.pearce@cranfield.ac.uk](mailto:h.pearce@cranfield.ac.uk)