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### Austral Peace and Security Network (APSNet)

**Thursday 16 February 2006**

Bi-weekly report from the Nautilus Institute at RMIT, Australia.

1. [ADF Shuns Used Gear After Bungle On Choppers](#)
2. [New Iraq Role Ahead](#)
3. [Bird Flu Threatens Misery For Millions](#)
4. [Special Report: Australia, Japan and Southern Blue Fin Tuna](#)

1. ADF Shuns Used Gear After Bungle On Choppers,  
Brendan Nicholson, Age, 2006-02-16 Long delays and serious problems with a \$1 billion contract to rebuild a fleet of 1960s helicopters for the navy have driven the [Australian Defence Force](#) to swear it will never again buy second-hand equipment.
2. New Iraq Role Ahead,  
Patrick Walters and Peter Alford, Australian, 2006-02-14 Australian troops will stay in Iraq, most likely in training roles, after the expected wind-up of the [al-Muthanna task group](#) later this year. A scaled-down Australian ground force in Iraq is likely to be matched by a steady build-up in Afghanistan where about 500 Australians could be stationed by later this year.
3. Bird Flu Threatens Misery For Millions,  
Peter Hartcher and John Garnaut, SMH, 2006-02-16 [Avian flu](#) could kill up to 214,000 Australians in a serious global outbreak according to a new projection by Professor Warwick McKibbin and Dr

Alexandra Sidorenko. The findings will be presented at the Lowy Institute in Sydney.

- [Global Macroeconomic Consequences Of Pandemic Influenza](#), Warwick McKibbin and Alexandra Sidorenko, Lowy Institute, February 2006
- [A Primer On The Macroeconomic Effects Of An Influenza Pandemic](#), Steven Kennedy, Jim Thomson and Petar Vujanovic, Treasury Working Paper, February 2006

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5. Briefing note: Australia, Japan and Southern Blue Fin Tuna [Japan Taking 'Illegal' Tuna](#) , Verity Edwards, Australian, 2006-02-11

Hagen Stehr [Chairman, Clean Seas Tuna Ltd] has called on Canberra to impose sanctions on Japan in a crackdown against international poachers. A spokesman for federal Fisheries Minister Eric Abetz said the Government was aware of the discrepancies between international quotas and what appeared on the Japanese fish markets.

- [Endangered Tuna Catch To Be Halved](#), AAP, Age, 2006-01-10
- [The Facts: Southern Bluefin Tuna](#), CSIRO Marine Research
- [Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery](#), Australian Fisheries Management Agency
- [Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery: Environmental Assessment](#), Department of the Environment and Heritage, 25 January 2005
- [Tasmanian Endangered Tuna Push](#), Port Lincoln Times, 2006-02-09
- ['Death By Sashimi': The Survival Of The Southern Bluefin Tuna](#), Richard Tanter, Arena Journal, New Series 14, 1999/2000.

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