APSNet Semi-Weekly Bulletin, June 12, 2006

Recommended Citation

"APSNet Semi-Weekly Bulletin, June 12, 2006", APSNet Semi-Weekly Bulletin, June 12, 2006, https://nautilus.org/apsnet/apsnet-for-20060612/

APSNet for 20060612

Austral Peace and Security Network (APSNet)

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

Monday 12 June 2006

1. Southern Philippines: Terrorists on the Run
2. The Tragedy that is Timor
3. PNG: Terror Threat
4. Come Home, Iraq Workers Warned
5. The Iraq War Will Seriously Damage the US
6. Deaths Darken Cloud over Gloomy Hicks
7. Heat on Our Security

Austral Policy Forum 06-19A: Multiple Jeopardies: Emerging Global Rules for Climate Change Adaptation - Peter Hayes

1. Terrorists on the Run, Natalie O'Brien, Australian, 2006-06-12Malaysian police chief Bakri Omar said recent arrests had crushed the underground network of the militant group Darul Islam (DI), which had been collaborating with Indonesian terrorists. "This group also helped seven Indonesian militants to travel into southern Philippines from Indonesia between 2003 and March [this year]," he said.
    - Recycling Militants in Indonesia: Darul Islam and the Australian Embassy Bombing, Asia Report

92, ICG, 2005-02-22

2.
3. The Tragedy that is Timor, Tom Hyland, Age, 2006-06-11Alexander Downer was right when he said: "Let us not walk away from the fact that the East Timorese themselves are responsible for what has happened in East Timor." He's right - up to a point - when he argues neither Australia nor the UN is to blame. But you can't have it both ways, in claiming credit when things go right in E Timor - as Canberra and the UN have in the past - and then denying any responsibility when things go wrong.
4. Terror Threat, Isaac Nicholas, National Online, 2006-06-09About 50 ex-servicemen, their wives and children stormed the Attorney-General's office in Waigani, National Capital District, demanding explanations for the delay in the payment of their entitlements totalling K18 million. Led by Joseph Kupo, the group rattled the gates and threatened to blow up the Buri Kidu building housing the office of the Attorney-General.
5. Come Home, Iraq Workers Warned, Brendan Nicholson, Age, 2006-06-10The violent death of an Australian security contractor in Iraq has triggered a Government warning to dozens of former soldiers lured there by lucrative contracts to come home. Apart from ADF personnel, there are 63 Australians registered with the Australian embassy in Iraq, but the true number in the country is believed to be more than 250.
   - Iraq Deaths Raise Concern, Fiji Times, 2006-06-12
   - Fiji, the War in Iraq and the Privatisation of Pacific Island Security, Nic MacLellan, Austral Policy Forum 06-11A, 2006-04-06
6.
7. The Iraq War Will Seriously Damage the US, Amin Saikal, Age, 2006-06-09The US position in Iraq increasingly resembles that of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the 1980s. A Johns Hopkins University survey claims that some 98,000 Iraqis were killed between the start of the invasion and October 2004 alone. The US has so far sustained more than 2400 military personnel killed and 28,000 injured, and about 12,000 troops listed as disease casualties.
8. Deaths Darken Cloud over Gloomy Hicks, Cynthia Banham and Michael Gawenda, SMH, 2006-06-12David Hicks has stopped eating and is shedding weight at an alarming weight, say his lawyers, who fear the impact on him of suicides by three fellow prisoners at Guantanamo Bay. The first suicides at the controversial US jail, where Hicks has been held for 4½ years, are expected to increase pressure on the Bush Administration to close the prison.
   - Fair Go For David Hicks, [Web site]
9.
10. Heat on Our Security, Patrick Walters, Australian, 2006-06-10Climate change poses long-term security challenges for Australia. "The likely speed and magnitude of climate change in the 21st century will be unprecedented in human experience, posing daunting challenges of adaptation and mitigation for all life forms on the planet," conclude Alan Dupont and Graeme Pearman in a study on the security implications of global climate change.

Austral Policy Forum 06-19A: Multiple Jeopardies: Emerging Global Rules for Climate Change Adaptation - Peter Hayes

Peter Hayes, Executive Director of Nautilus Institute writes that while "in 2006, we are responding at the 1 percent level of what is needed to address the climate change threat", "no other issue has the ability to bring together so many people and nations as does climate change". Hayes suggests

the possibility of "a global coalition of interests that transcends national boundaries and historical antagonisms. It is perhaps the first time in history that the poor in the developing countries have a powerful ally among influential citizen groups and even some governments in the developed world. Trans-localism may be a key foundation stone of the new framework."

Subscriptions

Austral Peace and Security Network is issued late on Mondays and Thursdays (AEST) by the Nautilus Institute at RMIT, Melbourne, Australia.

Subscribe to the free APSNet service: http://www.nautilus.org/mailman/listinfo/apsnet.

APSNet is a partner publication to:

- SEAPSNet: Southeast Asia Peace and Security Network.
- NAPSNet: The Northeast Asia Peace and Security Network.
- AESNet: The Nautilus Institute Asian Energy Security Network.

View this online at: https://nautilus.org/apsnet/apsnet-for-20060612/

Nautilus Institute
608 San Miguel Ave., Berkeley, CA 94707-1535 | Phone: (510) 423-0372 | Email: nautilus@nautilus.org