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**STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL  
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# **ANNUAL REVIEW 2025**



## STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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## WELCOME TO SIPRI'S ANNUAL REVIEW 2025

As SIPRI's new Director taking up the post in September 2025 reading about SIPRI's activities over the past 12 months is a reminder of both the impressive work of the Institute and the privilege and responsibility of leading SIPRI into its seventh decade.

This Annual Review captures just some of the many ways SIPRI made a positive impact in 2025. For example, it highlights how findings from SIPRI's research were cited extensively in United Nations reporting, used in diplomatic training courses and taken up in closed-door policy discussions. SIPRI experts also briefed diplomats, government officials and other key decision makers on a wide range of topics, from European security to reducing biological risks.

SIPRI experts continued to work closely with key regional and multilateral processes to explore the security implications of a range of technological developments along with opportunities to cooperatively control the risks, including in the field of quantum technologies, artificial intelligence (not least in the nuclear domain), autonomous weapons and the militarization of outer space.

And beyond the world of security policy and practice, the world's news media increasingly turned to SIPRI for help in understanding and communicating the sometimes alarming developments in the security landscape in 2025. Reporting featured SIPRI research and experts appeared in more than 170 countries, showing our genuinely international reach.

SIPRI was founded at the height of the cold war as an independent and global resource on data and analysis for international decision makers in the field of armaments, disarmament and international security. Behind SIPRI's creation was a belief that greater transparency and impartial, trusted analysis were essential to help calm tensions and light the path to peace.

Much has changed since then, but today the world stands at a crossroads. With the world rapidly rearming and the very real possibility of a new nuclear arms race, one road leads to a world as dangerous as the cold war, but even more complex and risk-filled. Another leads to de-escalation, diplomacy and cooperation, with the goal of greater security for all humanity. SIPRI's work has never been more relevant or more needed.

Karim Haggag  
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## JANUARY 2025

### EUROPEAN AND ARCTIC SECURITY

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 fundamentally altered the security landscape in Europe. Today, there is heightened military activity across Europe and persistent concerns about escalation involving the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Russia. At the same time, the Arctic is becoming central to European and transatlantic security debates. Driven by climate change and expanding economic and military activity, there is a growing overlap between Arctic dynamics and wider Euro-Atlantic deterrence and defence structures. These trends have sharpened attention on arms control and deterrence stability.

In 2025, SIPRI addressed European and Arctic security through a combination of analysis, data and policy engagement. Research examined deterrence dynamics in northern Europe, including the interaction between conventional and nuclear capabilities and the implications of Nordic security developments for escalation and arms control. SIPRI also contributed to dialogue and capacity building on risk reduction in Europe through training and education focused on weapons of mass destruction (WMD) non-proliferation and disarmament, and security dynamics in the Arctic and the wider Nordic-Baltic region.



As part of its work on European and Arctic security, SIPRI co-hosts an event on maritime security dynamics in the Arctic, with opening remarks from Karim Haggag, SIPRI Director, 21 October.

#### 14 January: SIPRI commentary

Dr Wilfred Wan and Dr Gitte du Plessis publish the essay 'Blurring conventional–nuclear boundaries: Nordic developments, global implications'.

#### 16 January: SIPRI news

Dr Sibylle Bauer lectures on 'Advanced Technology and Nuclear Stability' at the ISODARCO winter school on Technology, War, and Nuclear Stability in an Age of Conflict

#### 22 January: SIPRI news

SIPRI announces it will co-host an intensive online course on WMD non-proliferation and disarmament for students and young professionals.

#### Selected publications

*Subregional Arms Control and Conflict Prevention in the Western Balkans: Challenges and Prospects*  
Katarina Djokic

*Artificial Intelligence, Non-proliferation and Disarmament: A Compendium on the State of the Art*  
Dr Thomas Reinhold, Dr Elisabeth Hoffberger-Pippan, Dr Alexander Blanchard, Marc-Michael Blum, Dr Filippa Lentzos and Alice Saltini



The essay 'Blurring conventional–nuclear boundaries: Nordic developments, global implications' argues that recent military developments in the Nordic region may unintentionally blur the line between conventional and nuclear warfare, 14 January.



Participants join a SIPRI-led online training course focused on WMD non-proliferation and disarmament.



A vessel in the Arctic, where changing security dynamics and increasing activity have intensified policy debates on deterrence, arms control and regional stability.



The backgrounder 'Dilemmas in the policy debate on autonomous weapon systems' explores the challenges and debates surrounding international governance of autonomous weapon systems, 6 February.



Charlotta Sparre, SIPRI Deputy Director, participates as a panellist at an event on women's leadership in peace mediation, 4 February.



The backgrounder 'Spyware as a service: Challenges in applying export controls to cloud-based cyber-surveillance software' argues that cloud-based spyware services complicate the application of export controls on cyber-surveillance technologies, 17 February.

### 3–4 February: SIPRI events

SIPRI hosts an expert workshop on military artificial intelligence.

### 4 February: SIPRI events

SIPRI co-hosts a conversation on women's leadership in peace mediation.

### 6 February: SIPRI commentary

Dr Alexander Blanchard, Dr Vincent Boulanin, Laura Bruun and Netta Goussac publish the topical backgrounder 'Dilemmas in the policy debate on autonomous weapon systems'.

### 10–11 February: SIPRI events

SIPRI and its partners convene a Research and Action for Peace Network conference in Senegal.

### 12 February: SIPRI commentary

Abeer S. Ahmad publishes the blog 'Closing climate security gaps requires more reliable data on climate finance'.

### 17 February: SIPRI commentary

Kolja Brockmann and Lauriane Héau publish the topical backgrounder 'Spyware as a service: Challenges in applying export controls to cloud-based cyber-surveillance software'.

### 21 February: SIPRI commentary

Kateryna Kuzmuk and Lorenzo Scarazzato publish the topical backgrounder 'The transformation of Ukraine's arms industry amid war with Russia'.

### Selected publications

*Addressing Fragility through Integrated Peacebuilding*

Dr Dylan O'Driscoll, Ottilia Anna Maunganidze and Dr Markus Mayer

*Solar Power and Environmental Peacebuilding in South-Central Somalia*

Ann-Sophie Böhle and Kheira Tarif

*Parameters to Assess Escalation Risks in Space*  
Nivedita Raju

## FEBRUARY 2025

### MILITARY AI AND AUTONOMY

Artificial intelligence (AI) and autonomy are increasingly shaping how military technologies and military power is developed and exercised. These developments raise questions about human control, accountability and escalation in armed conflict. As states integrate AI-enabled tools into surveillance, decision making and weapons systems, debates have intensified over how existing international humanitarian law applies in practice and whether new governance arrangements are needed to manage emerging risks.

In 2025, SIPRI played an active role in international debates on military AI and autonomy, with a strong focus on governance, escalation risk and accountability. SIPRI contributed directly to United Nations processes on autonomous weapon systems, including by holding a side event at a Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) expert meeting and by providing analysis designed to inform UN discussions on the application of international humanitarian law to emerging technologies. Complementing this, SIPRI's research examined autonomous weapon systems, the challenges of applying export controls to cloud-based cyber-surveillance technologies, and the transformation of defence industries under wartime conditions.



SIPRI holds an expert workshop on 'Bias in Military AI and Compliance with International Humanitarian Law'. Among the participants were representatives from the International Committee of the Red Cross, Palantir, OpenAI and governments, 3–4 February.

## MARCH 2025

### THE SPACE–NUCLEAR NEXUS

The relationship between space systems and nuclear weapons has become a growing source of strategic risk. Modern nuclear deterrence depends heavily on space-based assets for early warning, intelligence, communications and navigation, making those systems critical in relation to nuclear forces. As counterspace capabilities develop and more actors operate in space, attacks on, or interference with, space systems risk being interpreted as threats to a state's nuclear deterrent, increasing the danger of miscalculation and escalation.

SIPRI has always tracked space–nuclear issues. *SIPRI Yearbook 1978* devotes a whole chapter to 'The arms race in space', while other early editions of the Yearbook cover the entirety of the various space-related treaties. During 2025, SIPRI continued to address these challenges through research, data and engagement focused on the space–nuclear nexus and emerging drivers of strategic risk. SIPRI contributed analysis on military uses of space, nuclear risk reduction and the implications of new technologies for escalation, alongside work on the intersection of AI and nuclear weapons.



SIPRI hosts a workshop on 'The Space–Nuclear Nexus in Regional Contexts' to exchange views and identify common concerns about potential risks at the intersection of space security and nuclear weapons. The workshop involved over 30 international officials and experts, 13–14 March.

#### 5 March: SIPRI news

SIPRI appoints Karim Haggag as its new Director.

#### 5 March: SIPRI events

SIPRI holds a side event at a UN expert meeting on autonomous weapon systems.

#### 10 March: SIPRI news

SIPRI releases new data on major arms exports.

#### 13–14 March: SIPRI events

SIPRI hosts a workshop on the space–nuclear nexus.

#### 14 March: SIPRI commentary

Robert E. Kelley publishes the topical backgrounder 'Facts and myths about nuclear materials trafficking: A Q&A with Robert Kelley'.

#### 19 March: SIPRI commentary

Katarina Djokic publishes the topical backgrounder 'Are the European NATO states moving towards self-reliance in arms procurement? A Q&A with Katarina Djokic'.

#### Selected publications

*Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2024*

Dr Mathew George, Katarina Djokic, Zain Hussain, Pieter D. Wezeman and Siemon T. Wezeman

*An Introduction to Military Quantum Technology for Policymakers*

Dr Michal Krelina

*The EU Research Security Initiative: Implications for the Application of Export Controls in Academia and Research Institutes*

Lauriane Héau

*Advancing Governance at the Nexus of Artificial Intelligence and Nuclear Weapons*

Fei Su, Vladislav Chernavskikh and Dr Wilfred Wan

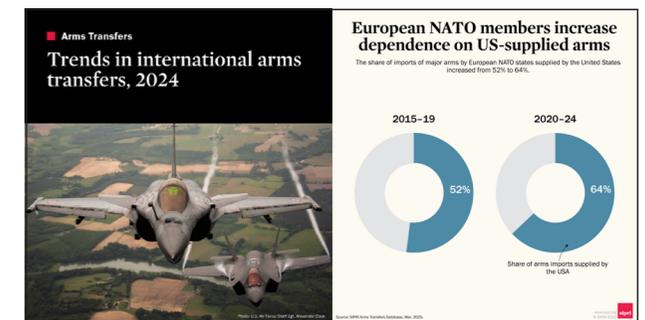
*Through their Eyes: Experiences of Displaced Sudanese Women and Girls in Eastern Chad*  
Amal Bourhrous, Prisca Nandoumabe,  
Dr Virginie Baudais and Marie Riquier



Dr Mathew George and Katarina Djokic record short videos explaining the latest findings from the SIPRI Arms Transfers Database, 10 March.



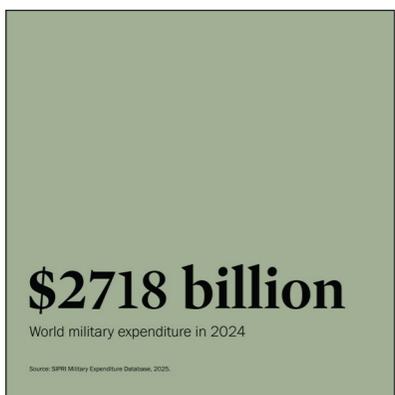
Laura Bruun, Researcher in the SIPRI Governance of AI Programme, speaks at a side event during a UN expert meeting on autonomous weapon systems, Geneva, 5 March.



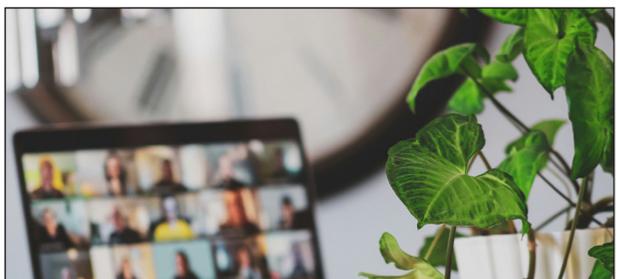
New SIPRI data on international arms transfers is launched, 10 March.



Gretchen Baldwin and Dr Jaïr van der Lijn participate in a launch meeting for the initiative ‘The New Geopolitics of Conflict Management: The Future of Conflict Management and Peace Operations’, Dakar, 8–9 April.



SIPRI’s latest data on world military expenditure is launched, 28 April.



Jan Eliasson, former Chair of the SIPRI Governing Board, discusses NATO for a SIPRI Conversation film, 26 March.

**8–9 April: SIPRI events**

SIPRI co-hosts a dialogue meeting in Dakar on the future of conflict management.

**8–11 April: SIPRI events**

SIPRI delivers an intensive online course on WMD non-proliferation and disarmament.

**10 April: SIPRI commentary**

Zain Hussain and Dr Alaa Tartir publish the topical backgrounder ‘Recent trends in international arms transfers in the Middle East and North Africa’.

**28 April: SIPRI news**

SIPRI releases new data on world military spending.

**29 April: SIPRI events**

SIPRI experts lead side events at the 2025 Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee meeting.

**Selected publications**

*Preparing for a Fourth Year of War: Military Spending in Russia’s Budget for 2025*  
Professor Julian Cooper

*Clearing the Path for Nuclear Disarmament: Confidence-building in the Korean Peninsula*  
Dr Tytti Erästö

*Localizing Security Governance in the DRC: Security Committees in Action*  
Gretchen Baldwin

*Non-proliferation, Nuclear Technology and Peaceful Uses: Examining the Role and Impact of Export Controls*  
Giovanna Maletta, Dr Mark Bromley and Kolja Brockmann

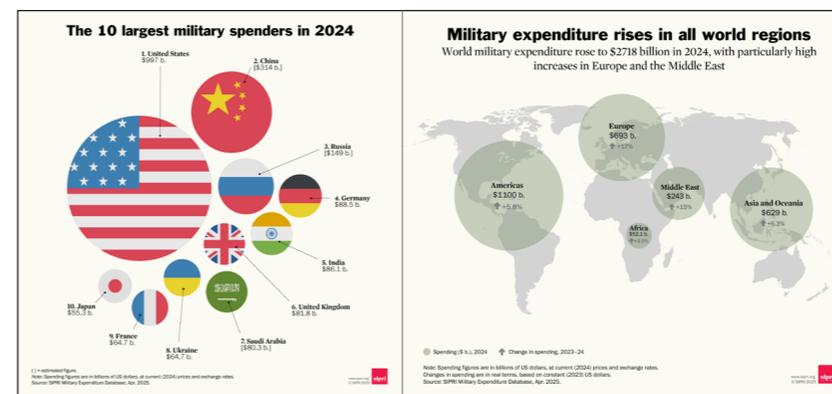
*Trends in World Military Expenditure, 2024*  
Xiao Liang, Dr Nan Tian, Dr Diego Lopes da Silva, Lorenzo Scarazzato, Zubaida A. Karim and Jade Guiberteau Ricard

**APRIL 2025**

**MILITARY EXPENDITURE AND ARMS TRANSFERS**

Reliable data on military spending and arms transfers underpins how security debates are understood and contested. SIPRI’s world-leading databases on global military expenditure and international arms transfers provide one of the few consistent, independent sources for tracking how defence budgets evolve and capturing trends in major weapon transfers. In 2025, new SIPRI data showed an unprecedented rise in global military spending, with particularly sharp increases in Europe and the Middle East as states responded to ongoing wars and heightened threat perceptions. At the same time, new arms transfers data highlighted how the war in Ukraine has reshaped global weapons flows, with Ukraine emerging as the world’s largest arms importer and the United States further consolidating its position as the dominant arms exporter.

During 2025, SIPRI released updated data and analysis that informed policy discussions on defence spending and arms transfers worldwide. This included new figures on global military expenditure and assessments of regional arms transfer dynamics, alongside research exploring how procurement decisions interact with arms control, non-proliferation and security policy. SIPRI also engaged policymakers and practitioners through dialogue and training initiatives, reinforcing the role of evidence-based data in debates on military spending and international arms trade.



A selection of visualizations of SIPRI’s data on military spending, 28 April.

## MAY 2025

### THE CONVENING POWER OF THE STOCKHOLM FORUM

Now in its tenth iteration, the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development remains one of the few settings designed to bring policymakers, practitioners and researchers together. The Stockholm Forum is a multi-day conference featuring a series of high-level panels and roundtables, as well as a range of workshops, spotlights, exhibitions and fireside chats. In 2025, under the theme ‘The Future of Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding’, it once again served as a focal point for debate on shifting power dynamics, inclusion in peace processes and the future of multilateral approaches to security.

Throughout the year, SIPRI combined convening, research and policy engagement to support discussions beyond the Stockholm Forum itself. This included analytical work on peace operations, recovery and reconstruction in conflict-affected settings, and the governance of emerging technologies with implications for peace and security. Through training, dialogue and public outputs, including streamed Forum sessions, SIPRI continued to connect high-level debate with practical policy challenges.



A selection of photos from the 2025 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development, 13–14 May.

#### 5–8 May: SIPRI events

SIPRI runs a diplomatic training course in Stockholm.

#### 7–9 May: SIPRI events

SIPRI co-hosts two events on the misuse of civilian AI in New York.

#### 8 May: SIPRI news

SIPRI presents a new report in Kinshasa on climate change and conflict.

#### 8 May: SIPRI film

SIPRI launches a film on Nordic–Japanese security cooperation.

#### 12 May: SIPRI commentary

Dr Jiayi Zhou and Dr Artem Gergun publish the commentary ‘Mineral spoils in Ukraine: A poor foundation for peace and recovery’.

#### 13 May: SIPRI events

SIPRI co-hosts the 2025 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development.

#### 26 May: SIPRI news

SIPRI launches new data on multilateral peace operations.

#### Selected publications

*Lessons from the EU on Confidence-building Measures around Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain*  
Sofia Romansky

*Cloud Labs and Other New Actors in the Biotechnology Ecosystem: Export Control Challenges and Good Practices in Outreach*  
Kolja Brockmann, Lauriane Héau and Giovanna Maletta

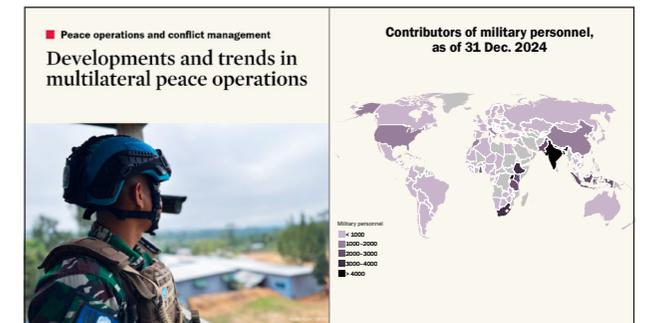
*Developments and Trends in Multilateral Peace Operations, 2024*  
Dr Claudia Pfeifer Cruz



SIPRI hosts a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for a diplomatic training course on disarmament and non-proliferation, 5–8 May.



SIPRI co-hosts two events on the misuse of civilian AI, New York, 7–9 May.



SIPRI launches new data on multilateral peace operations, 26 May.



SIPRI holds a two-day workshop on ‘Priorities at the AI–Nuclear Nexus’, 16–17 June.



SIPRI launches *SIPRI Yearbook 2025*, presenting new data and analysis on global military expenditure, arms transfers, nuclear forces and international security, 16 June.



SIPRI hosts a workshop on nuclear disarmament education, 11 June.

### 10 June: SIPRI events

SIPRI co-convenes an expert panel on the trade in spyware and other cyber-surveillance tools.

### 11 June: SIPRI events

SIPRI hosts a workshop on nuclear disarmament education.

### 16 June: SIPRI news

SIPRI launches new data on world nuclear forces and *SIPRI Yearbook 2025*.

### 16–17 June: SIPRI events

SIPRI convenes a workshop on the AI–nuclear nexus.

### 24 June: SIPRI commentary

Florian Erdle and Lorenzo Scarazzato publish the commentary ‘What drove a recent wave of arms industry consolidation?’.

### 30 June: SIPRI commentary

Dr Wilfred Wan, Vladislav Chernavskikh, Dr Tytti Erästö, Vitaly Fedchenko and Nivedita Raju publish the commentary ‘Europe should help repair the damage to non-proliferation and international law from the attacks on Iran’.

### Selected publications

*Autonomous Weapon Systems and AI-enabled Decision Support Systems in Military Targeting: A Comparison and Recommended Policy Responses*  
Dr Alexander Blanchard and Laura Bruun

*Impact of Military Artificial Intelligence on Nuclear Escalation Risk*  
Vladislav Chernavskikh and Jules Palayer

*Security Cooperation between Japan and the Nordic States in Uncertain Times*  
Fei Su, Dr Jingdong Yuan and Dr Jiayi Zhou

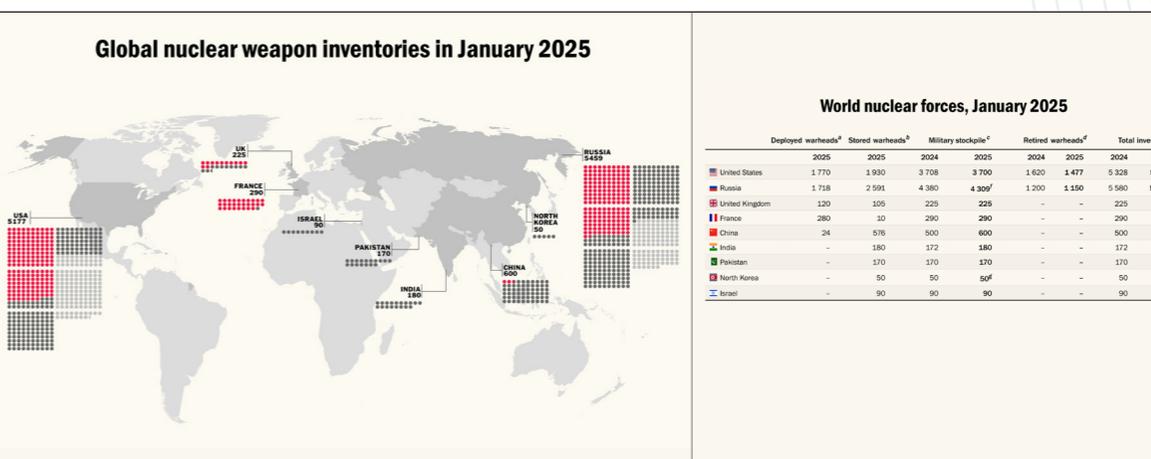
*Climate, Peace and Security Fact Sheet: Haiti (2025)*  
Dr Minoo Koefoed, Kheira Tarif, Dr Thor Olav Iversen, Katongo Seyuba, Nadine Andersen, Ingvild Brodtkorb and Jules Duhamel

## JUNE 2025

### THE SIPRI YEARBOOK AND NUCLEAR RISK

The SIPRI Yearbook is one of the most widely used independent assessments of nuclear arsenals, arms control developments and broader military trends. *SIPRI Yearbook 2025* underscores how nuclear risks remain high, as modernization programmes continue, transparency is limited and new technologies muddy traditional understandings of deterrence and escalation. These trends are especially concerning as the New START treaty approaches its expiration in early 2026, signalling a broader weakening of global arms control frameworks at a moment of heightened risk.

Throughout 2025, SIPRI examined nuclear risk through research, data and policy engagement that extended beyond the Yearbook itself. This included analysis of how artificial intelligence, space and cyber capabilities interact with nuclear decision making, as well as work on escalation risk, defence spending and non-proliferation challenges. SIPRI also supported dialogue and education on nuclear disarmament and risk reduction, linking long-term data-driven assessment with ongoing policy debates in a rapidly changing security landscape.



Visualizations of SIPRI’s new data on world nuclear forces, 16 June.

## JULY 2025

### OUTREACH AND GLOBAL IMPACT

In 2025, SIPRI's research and analysis continued to attract strong interest from policymakers, journalists, researchers and the wider public seeking reliable information on international peace and security. Through publications, films, newsletters, events and other outreach activities, SIPRI's work reached audiences well beyond specialist circles, helping to inform debate in a more divided world. The Institute maintained a large online presence through its website and social media channels, which boast over 154 000 followers and friends. During 2025, SIPRI was covered in more than 78 000 global media outlet stories and blogs in over 170 countries.

SIPRI's data launches remain its core products and continue to attract substantial global media attention. During their launch weeks:

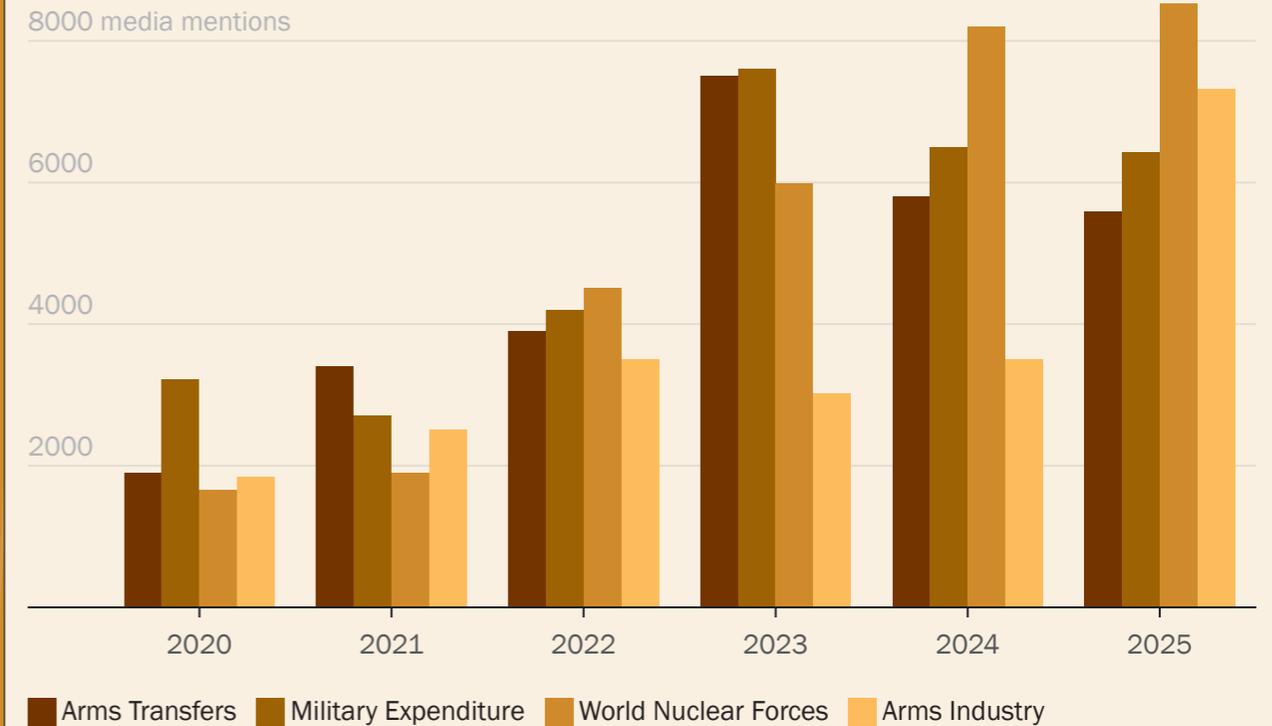
- SIPRI's international arms transfers data was profiled in more than 5 585 media outlets.
- SIPRI's military expenditure data received coverage by over 6 419 media outlets.
- SIPRI's arms industry data was covered in over 7 315 articles.



SIPRI continues to expand its global reach through publications, films, newsletters, commentaries, events and other outreach initiatives.

### GROWTH IN MEDIA COVERAGE OF SIPRI DATA LAUNCHES

The graph shows the increase in media mentions of SIPRI data launches over time.





SIPRI co-hosts the 2025 Armament and Disarmament Summer School, bringing together 23 participants from 19 countries, 24–29 August.



SIPRI hosts a virtual event to launch the new report *Bias in Military AI and Compliance with International Humanitarian Law*, 29 August.



SIPRI hosts a conversation on leadership and human security at a time of war, 20 August.

**6 August: SIPRI news**

Stefan Löfven, SIPRI Governing Board Chair, addresses the nuclear threat at the Nobel Peace Conference.

**13–14 August: SIPRI events**

SIPRI co-hosts various policy events on climate justice in Colombia.

**21 August: SIPRI events**

SIPRI co-convenes a roundtable on Korean Peninsula security.

**24–29 August: SIPRI events**

SIPRI co-hosts the 2025 Armament and Disarmament Summer School.

**26 August: SIPRI film**

SIPRI releases a Spotlight interview with Dr Azza Karam, President of Lead Integrity.

**28 August: SIPRI events**

SIPRI co-hosts a workshop in Helsinki on environmental risks and regional stability.

**Selected publication**

*Bias in Military Artificial Intelligence and Compliance with International Humanitarian Law*  
Laura Bruun and Dr Marta Bo

## AUGUST 2025

### CLIMATE CHANGE AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

The impacts of climate change are becoming increasingly visible across regions already affected by conflict and fragility. Environmental and climate-related risks—including extreme weather events, water scarcity and failures to adapt and mitigate climate change—continue to rank among the most serious global risks. As these pressures intensify, policymakers, researchers and the wider public increasingly recognize the need to address climate-related security risks through cooperation, dialogue and long-term governance responses.

In 2025, SIPRI continued to examine how climate change intersects with security, justice and fragility in specific regional contexts. This included SIPRI-hosted events on climate justice in Colombia and dialogues on environmental risks and regional stability in Europe. Other work focused on environmental resilience in conflict-affected settings such as Ukraine and the wider Baltic Sea region. SIPRI’s analysis was underpinned by country-focused outputs, including its Climate, Peace and Security Fact Sheets, which highlight how climate impacts interact with conflict dynamics, governance challenges and unequal capacities to adapt.



SIPRI co-hosts a series of meetings in Bogotá, Colombia, bringing together Colombian policymakers, regional specialists and civil society representatives, 13–14 August 2025.

# SEPTEMBER 2025

## EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND RISK GOVERNANCE

Emerging technologies continue to reshape security policy in ways that are often uneven and difficult to govern. In the military domain, new tools are being developed and adopted faster than shared rules or safeguards, raising questions about accountability, escalation and legal compliance. SIPRI's work in these areas remains committed to providing informative and evidence-based analysis and recommendations for policymakers and facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogues.

Throughout 2025, SIPRI combined research with hands-on policy engagement around emerging technologies. The Institute engaged in UN discussions on autonomous weapon systems, including expert participation in UN meetings and input into policy debates on military AI and international humanitarian law. SIPRI's work included contributions to military AI toolkits, participation in governance discussions on quantum technologies, and convening expert dialogues on the AI–nuclear nexus.



SIPRI organizes a workshop to discuss the impact of military AI on nuclear escalation, 22–23 September.

SIPRI researchers from the Governance of AI Programme participate in a UN meeting on autonomous weapon systems, 1–5 September.

### 1–5 September: SIPRI news

SIPRI experts join a UN meeting on autonomous weapon systems.

### 3 September: SIPRI film

SIPRI streams the webinar 'Bias in Military AI and Compliance with IHL'.

### 4 September: SIPRI news

A SIPRI expert contributes to the project 'AutoPractices', developing a military AI toolkit.

### 8 September: SIPRI news

SIPRI participates in the 2025 World Emerging Security Forum in Seoul.

### 9 September: SIPRI news

SIPRI contributes to a global UN report on military expenditure.

### 11 September: SIPRI events

SIPRI hosts an event on 'Exploring AI's Role in Peacebuilding and Development in West Africa'.

### 22–23 September: SIPRI events

SIPRI gathers global experts in Stockholm for a nuclear–AI workshop.

### 23 September: SIPRI news

SIPRI joins the Strategic Advisory Board to the European Commission's Quantum Flagship Initiative.

### 25 September: SIPRI news

SIPRI announces it will advise the Swedish Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN Committee.

### 26 September: SIPRI news

SIPRI launches the summary of *SIPRI Yearbook 2025* in nine languages.

### Selected publications

*Export Controls and Spyware: Enhancing Oversight, Transparency and Restraint*  
Dr Mark Bromley and Giovanna Maletta

*Towards Multilateral Policy on Autonomous Weapon Systems*

Dr Alexander Blanchard and Netta Goussac



The UN launches the report *The Security We Need: Rebalancing Military Spending for a Sustainable and Peaceful Future*, drawing extensively on SIPRI data and analysis on global military expenditure, 9 September.



SIPRI co-hosts a regional workshop in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, bringing together experts and practitioners to explore the future of conflict management in Africa, 2–4 September.



Karim Haggag, SIPRI Director, delivers congratulatory remarks via video at the opening ceremony of the 2025 World Emerging Security Forum in Seoul, South Korea, 8 September.



Lauriane Héau, SIPRI Researcher, delivers a keynote speech at the first European Union Flagship Conference on Research Security, 30 October.



Members of the SIPRI Governing Board host a public conversation about escalating global instability, the breakdown of arms control and record military spending, 7 October.



SIPRI hosts the event 'Taking the Pulse of the Western Balkans', which looks at the political developments and security dynamics in the region and features experts from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia, 16 October.

### 3 October: SIPRI commentary

Zain Hussain publishes the topical backgrounder 'How top arms exporters have responded to the war in Gaza: 2025 update'.

### 9 October: SIPRI events

SIPRI co-hosts events in Jordan on militarization and masculinity.

### 9–10 October: SIPRI events

SIPRI hosts an expert workshop on space and strategic stability.

### 10 October: SIPRI news

SIPRI releases a statement on the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize.

### 16 October: SIPRI commentary

Netta Goussac publishes the commentary 'Responsible behaviour in military AI starts with responsible procurement'.

### 23 October: SIPRI commentary

Dr Pierre Thévenin publishes the topical backgrounder 'A legislative route to combat sabotage of undersea cables'.

### 27–28 October: SIPRI events

SIPRI leads two side events at the UN General Assembly First Committee in New York.

### Selected publications

*Pursuing Peace on a Shoestring: Conflict Management in an Increasingly Complex World*  
Gretchen Baldwin

*From Silos to Synergies: Partnering for Social Cohesion in the Sahel*  
Dr Simone Bunse, Dr Caroline Delgado and Rachel Blair

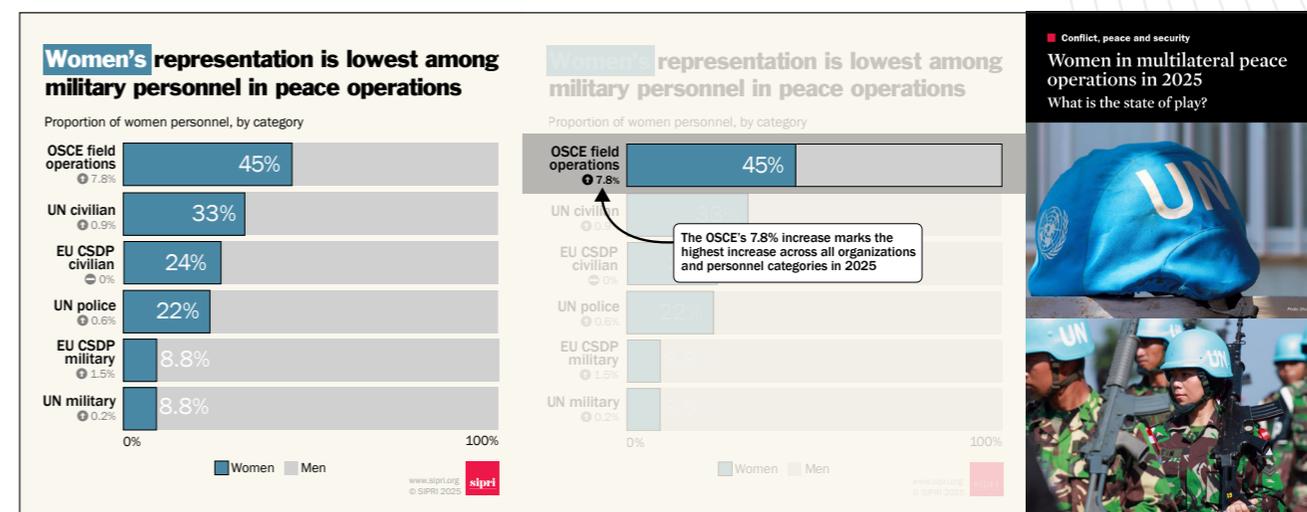
*Women in Multilateral Peace Operations in 2025: What is the State of Play?*  
Dr Claudia Pfeifer Cruz and Abeer S. Ahmad

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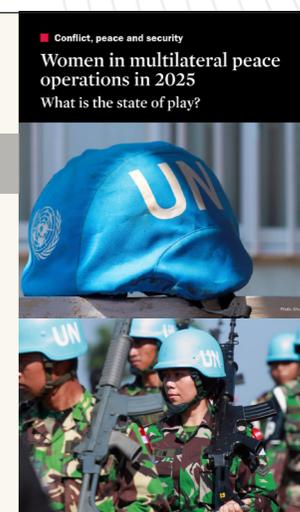
### PEACE OPERATIONS UNDER PRESSURE

Peace operations exist in an increasingly constrained environment. SIPRI data has shown that, since the mid 2010s, global peace operation deployments have fallen sharply, with personnel numbers dropping by around 40 per cent, driven by the drawdown and closure of several large UN and regional missions. This decline has been most pronounced in Africa and has unfolded even as conflicts remain protracted and, in some cases, more fragmented and violent. Political support for deployments has weakened, mandates have become more contested and resources tighter, placing growing pressure on the remaining missions.

In 2025, SIPRI continued to contribute to the debate on peace operations through its detailed data analysis and policy engagement. SIPRI released updated figures from its Multilateral Peace Operations Database, documenting a sharp contraction in deployments, and changes in where and how missions are mandated. This was complemented by the publication of its annual snapshot of trends in women's participation, *Women in Multilateral Peace Operations in 2025: What Is the State of Play?*, which highlights persistent gaps by role, region and mandate. Together, these outputs supported the wider discussion on effectiveness, protection and inclusion at a time when peace operations face mounting political and operational pressure.



SIPRI releases research and analysis of global peacekeeping, including data visualizations from its annual overview of women in multilateral peace operations, 20 October.



## NOVEMBER 2025

### DIPLOMATIC TRAINING AND INFORMED POLICY

A large share of SIPRI's work happens beyond public view. In addition to publications, commentaries and events, the Institute is increasingly engaged in less visible but highly impactful activities that also demand its detailed and methodical work. These include providing specialized training courses for government officials and practitioners, convening small, carefully selected groups of experts for closed-door dialogues, and working directly with stakeholders to address complex policy challenges.

Throughout 2025, SIPRI's research informed policy processes, training programmes and multilateral discussions. SIPRI experts were invited to brief diplomats and government officials, and large international bodies such as the European Union and NATO. Briefings covered a range of topics including European security, military spending, export controls and the risks emerging at the intersection of AI and nuclear weapons. SIPRI also contributed to expert-level training and dialogue on biosecurity and the governance of high-containment laboratories. This work engaged practitioners and policymakers in how emerging technologies can strengthen laboratory oversight and reduce biological risks. Moreover, SIPRI's data was cited extensively in UN reporting, used in diplomatic training courses and raised in closed-door policy discussions.



SIPRI holds a closed-door workshop on how emerging technologies, including AI, can strengthen the biological weapons prohibition regime, 20–21 November. Two publications are produced from the workshop.

#### 6–7 November: SIPRI events

SIPRI hosts a workshop on transparency and security in the Western Balkans.

#### 11 November: SIPRI events

SIPRI co-hosts a discussion on wetland restoration in Ukraine and the wider Baltic Sea region.

#### 17–18 November: SIPRI events

SIPRI hosts a dialogue on the governance of multidomain escalation risk.

#### 20–21 November: SIPRI events

SIPRI hosts a workshop on technological opportunities for the biological weapons regime.

#### 26 November: SIPRI events

SIPRI hosts an event on risk reduction in northern Europe.

#### 26 November: SIPRI events

SIPRI co-convenes a roundtable on humanitarian action.

#### 28 November: SIPRI news

SIPRI launches a policy brief at the 'Call to Europe' conference in Copenhagen.

#### Selected publications

*Navigating Green Geopolitics: Perils and Promise of Energy Transition and the Case of Ukraine*  
Dr Jiayi Zhou and Dr Barbara Magalhães Teixeira

*Climate Change, Human Mobility and Security*  
Kheira Tarif

*Rebalancing Military Spending Towards Achieving Sustainable Development*  
Dr Nan Tian and Xiao Liang

*Addressing the Risks that Civilian AI Poses to International Peace and Security: The Role of Responsible Innovation*  
Dr Vincent Boulanin, Jules Palayer and Charles Ovink

*The Militarization of Technology: Preventing Diversion and Misuse Through Export Controls*  
Dr Mark Bromley and Giovanna Maletta



Giovanna Maletta, SIPRI Senior Researcher, launches a new policy brief at the Call to Europe conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, 28 November.



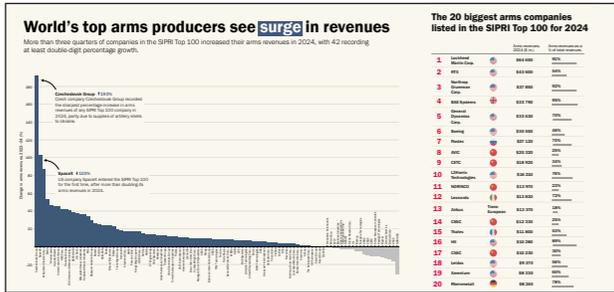
SIPRI co-hosts a roundtable discussion titled 'Refilling the Swamp: Wetland Restoration as a Nature-based Approach to Security and Resilience Building in Ukraine and the Wider Baltic Sea Region', 11 November.



SIPRI hosts workshops as part of the project 'Empowering Journalism Transparency in Defence Spending and Arms Procurement in the Western Balkans', 15–16 October and 6–7 November 2025.



Karim Haggag, SIPRI Director, moderates the session ‘Arms Control: The Nuclear Challenge of Our Era’ at the Doha Forum, 7 December.



Visualizations of SIPRI's new arms industry data, 11 December.



Karim Haggag, SIPRI Director, and Dr Tytti Erästö, Senior Researcher in the SIPRI Weapons of Mass Destruction Programme, take part in a discussion marking 80 years since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, 1 December.

**1 December: SIPRI news**

SIPRI launches new data on the arms industry.

**4 December: SIPRI events**

SIPRI hosts an event on risk reduction in the Baltic Sea region.

**11 December: SIPRI events**

SIPRI co-hosts a side event on the biological weapons prohibition regime.

**12 December: SIPRI news**

SIPRI launches the summary of *SIPRI Yearbook 2025* in 14 languages.

**16 December: SIPRI commentary**

Dr Tytti Erästö and Dr Wilfred Wan publish the essay ‘Risk reduction is urgently needed amid rising tensions in Northern Europe’.

**Selected publications**

*The SIPRI Top 100 Arms-producing and Military Services Companies, 2024*

Lorenzo Scarazzato, Dr Nan Tian, Dr Diego Lopes da Silva, Xiao Liang, Zubaida A. Karim and Jade Guiberteau Ricard

*Climate, Peace and Security Fact Sheet: Abyei (2025)*  
Katongo Seyuba, Dr Thor Olav Iversen, Kheira Tarif, Dr Andrew E. Yaw Tchie, Ingvild Brodtkorb and Jules Duhamel

*The Impact of Conflict on Women and Girls: The Experiences of Displaced Sudanese Refugee Women in Eastern Chad*  
Marie Riquier and Prisca Nandoumabe

*Use Cases for Emerging Technologies to Strengthen High-containment Laboratory Governance*  
Dr Miranda Smith

*Support in an Age of Relapse: Assisting Security, Justice and Inclusive Governance in Restrictive Environments*  
Dr Jaïr van der Lijn

**DECEMBER 2025**

**HUMANITARIAN DIALOGUE AND ACTION**

Aid allocation has been severely misaligned with peacebuilding needs in recent years, especially in highly fragile regions. Funding for conflict prevention is particularly scarce and makes up less than four per cent of total official development assistance (ODA) today—its second lowest share since 2004. Meanwhile, humanitarian ODA has reached record highs, reflecting a continued emphasis on crisis response over addressing the root causes of fragility. SIPRI has engaged with the issues around humanitarian action for many years through its dialogue with humanitarian actors and policymakers alike, and in its research on conflict, protection and governance.

In 2025, SIPRI continued to engage through research, dialogue and policy engagement at the intersection of conflict, protection and governance. The Institute convened and contributed to discussions with humanitarian actors and policy institutions, including dialogue with the International Committee of the Red Cross. This work was complemented by research on civilian harm, conflict dynamics and the humanitarian consequences of military operations, as well as engagement on how arms transfers, emerging technologies and respect for international humanitarian law affect humanitarian space in practice.



SIPRI and its partners hold a roundtable to discuss the future of principled humanitarian action in an increasingly contested operating environment, 26 November. Dr Caroline Delgado, Director of the SIPRI Food, Peace and Security Programme, speaks on the panel.

SIPRI hosts discussions on emerging actors in development cooperation, 25 September and 27 November.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

- SIPRI received record coverage in the global media, featuring in over 79 000 news articles (compared to 69 300 in 2024).
- Summaries of *SIPRI Yearbook 2025* were issued in 14 languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Ukrainian.
- SIPRI issued 80 targeted mailings to its over 100 700 global subscribers.
- On the SIPRI website, 65 news items and 8 press releases were published, alongside 20 online commentaries.
- In 2025, SIPRI counted more than 100 299 followers on X (up from 97 700 in 2024), more than 29 000 followers on Facebook (up from 28 800), over 9360 YouTube followers (up from 8800) and 42 809 followers on LinkedIn (up from 31 800). As part of SIPRI's efforts to diversify its social media channels, it is also present on BlueSky and Instagram with over 6000 followers.
- The SIPRI website generated over 3 434 400 website page views and 1 615 500 website visits.
- SIPRI's YouTube channel generated over 39 days of SIPRI watched time, with over 18 400 separate views.

SIPRI organized four major data launches in 2025:

- In March, the launch of SIPRI's data on international arms transfers was profiled in more than 5585 media outlets during the launch week alone.
- In April, SIPRI's military expenditure data launch received coverage from more than 7800 media outlets during the launch week.
- In June, the launch of *SIPRI Yearbook 2025*, with new data on world nuclear forces, was cited in over 8520 media outlets during the launch week.
- In December, the launch of SIPRI's data on the arms industry was covered in over 7315 articles during the launch week.



## FINANCES

SIPRI's annual accounts are prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. All figures are in SEK.

	2025	2024
<b>Income</b>		
Parliamentary core grant	28 402 000	28 402 000
Funding from external projects	78 858 193	71 753 549
Capitalized work—Intangible assets	4 149 277	3 528 518
Royalties	152 517	259 904
Other income	1 009 398	522 319
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>112 571 385</b>	<b>104 466 290</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Project expenditure from grants	-26 499 295	-24 346 024
Administrative expenditure	-6 006 967	-10 860 317
Staff costs	-75 387 443	-75 697 100
Depreciation	-1 592 963	-797 823
Other expenditure	2 185	4 516
<b>Operating expenditure</b>	<b>-109 484 483</b>	<b>-111 696 748</b>
<b>Total operating profit/loss</b>	<b>3 086 902</b>	<b>-7 230 458</b>
<b>Financial income</b>		
Financial net amount	-1 239 042	1,204,146
<b>Result (change in capital this year)*</b>	<b>1 847 860</b>	<b>-6,026,312</b>

*\*Despite the growing demand for SIPRI's independent data and analysis, SIPRI faces increasing financial challenges, due to the global security situation. Stable and long-term funding is crucial to ensuring that SIPRI can continue to meet this demand and maintain its independent research.*

Find out more about SIPRI on social media:



SIPRI's annual staff photo taken on the occasion of the meeting of the Governing Board, 8 October.

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