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# THE MILITARY BALANCE 2008

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will be launched on  
Tuesday 5 February 2008 10:30 am

**You are invited** to the launch of *The Military Balance 2008*, the annual assessment of the military capabilities and defence economics of 170 countries world-wide.

The book is a region-by region analysis of the major military and economic trends and developments affecting defence and security policies and the trade in weapons and other military equipment. Comprehensive tables portray major military training events and give key data on weapons and defence economics. Defence expenditure trends over a 10 year period are also shown.

A detailed press statement will be made by Dr John Chipman, Director-General of the IISS. Dr Chipman, along with James Hackett, Editor of *The Military Balance* and other senior IISS staff members will then take questions for 35-40 minutes.

The press conference will take place in the fifth-floor conference room at Arundel House (address above). All guests are requested to take their seats by 10:15 am. If you are bringing a camera crew, please arrive in plenty of time to set up.

Technical experts will be on hand to assist.

Please note that press copies of *The Military Balance 2008* will be issued only to journalists who attend the launch.

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