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GCOMS at the Asia Europe People's Forum

Last September 29-30, the Asia Europe People's Forum made visible the forces undermining participatory democracy, peoples' rights and fundamental freedoms across Asia and Europe. At the Forum, Jordi Calvo observed that Governments don't work on the Human Security framework because the security they prioritize is the security of States. But the old idea of deterrence and security doctrines based on an increase of military capabilities as a way to get more security has been proven false.

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Spain's Military Budget Continues to Grow

The Spanish Defense budget is projected to rise by 10.5% in 2018 compared to the previous year. This increase would confirm what has already been announced by the past Minister of Defense, María Dolores de Cospedal, in her effort to reach 2% of GDP in military spending by the year 2024. [Read more...](#)

The new Working Paper which analyzes Spain's Military Budget is now available. [Download it from here!](#)

UN Secretary General announces Budget deficit of 140 million dollars, which is the cost of one Trident missile

If the US retires just one Trident nuclear missile from their arsenal, the money saved could be used to wipe out the current UN deficit,' says Alyn Ware, Director of the Basel Peace Office.

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