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Arms statistics

- **Every minute of every day one person throughout the world is killed by armed violence.** (Control Arms Campaign)
- **In 2003 global military expenditure and the arms trade was estimated to be \$950 billion** (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SPIRI)).
- **The total value of authorised global arms transfers in 2003 was almost \$29 billion dollars** (US Congressional Research Service, US Government)
- **The five permanent members of the UN Security Council – the USA, UK, France, Russia, and China - are together responsible for eighty eight per cent of reported conventional arms exports.** (US Congressional Research Service, US Government)
- **According to the Ministry of Defence, the UK has exported between £4 and 4.5bn worth of exports each year for the period 1999-2003.** (most recent figures from the Defence Analytical Services Agency of the MOD)
- **Major UK export markets include; The US, EU, Saudi Arabia, Israel, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Malaysia.** (UK Government annual reports on arms exports)
- **An average of \$22 billion is spent on arms by countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East every year. This sum would put every child in school and reduce child mortality by two thirds by 2015.** (Control Arms Campaign 2004)