

# Nordic Network to Ban Uranium Weapons NNmU- Nordisk Nettverk mot Uranvåpen



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### Nordic Network to Ban Uranium Weapons/ NNmU- Nordisk Nettverk mot Uranvåpen

- will encourage the Nordic countries to ban uranium weapons following the example of Belgium
- thus lending active support to UN's work
- 14-15th November 2009 we will invite to a Nordic conference in Stockholm with posters by delegates from (hopefully) all 5 member states incl. testimonies from exposed soldiers; exhibition "The Human Cost of Depleted Uranium"

### SISTE NYTT:

#### • 21.juni 2009, ikrafttreden av verdens første forbud mot uranvåpen:

Belgia var først ut med forbudet mot å utvikle, produsere, oppbevare, teste og selge DU-våpen. Dette Nato-landet har som første land i verden etterkommet Europarådets gjentatte anbefalinger og vedtatt og etablert et forbud mot uranvåpen. Opposition to uranium weapons in Belgium has been spearheaded by a group of more than 20 NGOs, including Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth. Spurred on by their success, the Belgian Coalition Stop Uranium Weapons has stated that it will now encourage the Belgian government to take up this issue internationally.

#### • Law forbidding the financing of the manufacture, use and possession of depleted uranium weapons

unanimously approved by the Belgian Parliament 2nd of July 2009. Belgium is now the first country to legislate against the flow of money to producers of uranium weapons. The law complements the country's ban on their manufacture, testing, use, sale and stockpiling which came into force on June 21st.

*ICBUW/ Willem Van den Panhuysen*

#### • 14-15. november 2009, 1. Nordisk Nettverkskonferanse mot uranvåpen i Stockholm. Velkommen!

PROGRAM: se neste side

#### • Juni 2009 Nå er det uranvåpen sin tur! Norsk postkortkampanje

stilt til stats-, forsvar-, utenriks- og helse-minister; i tillegg brev undertegnet leder for IKFF-Norge.

Oppfordring om å forby uranvåpen nå i anledning 21. juni, verdens første DU-forbud

- og **ta opp saken i NATO**, der flere av våre allierte bruker DU-ammunisjon som standardutstyr.

#### • UK Uranium Weapons Network launched in June '09 as Belgium becomes first country to ban depleted uranium weapons.

The Belgian breakthrough has been marked in the UK by the launch of the 11-member strong UK Uranium Weapons Network supported by: the Campaign Against the Arms Trade, Campaign Against Depleted Uranium, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Environmental Justice Foundation, Medact, the Muslim Council of Britain, the Northern Friends Peace Board, Pax Christi, People & Planet, Quaker Peace & Social Witness and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

*ÅMH, IKFF-Bergen*

#### • Juli 2009: ICBUW – International Coalition to Ban Uranium Weapons omfatter 120 grupper i 29 land rundt hele kloden.

MEN bare én svensk og én norsk organisasjon er med – hvor blir det av de andre ?



Vi vil sende ut nett-nytt/ net news 2-3 ganger i året; for mer info [www.bandedepleteduranium.org](http://www.bandedepleteduranium.org). Et viktig mål for 2009 blir å få flere organisasjoner som medlemmer i ICBUW – for å synliggjøre vårt krav: FORBY URANVÅPEN NÅ!

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• **The Norwegian government has agreed to fund three ICBUW research projects in an effort to increase the international community's understanding of the impact and proliferation of uranium weapons.** 1. April 2009 - ICBUW

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs funds three projects in the most pressing areas for research:

**The Basra Epidemiology Survey:** a long-term study investigating the impact of uranium munitions on the civilian population of Basra, Iraq.

**Uranium weapons proliferation, manufacture and trade:** this three year research post based in Manchester, UK,

will investigate which states have uranium weapons, the size of their stocks and assess trade and proliferation routes. Research will also be undertaken on the environmental impact of alternatives and issues of military utility and policy.

**Balkan research survey:** a survey trip to the Balkans to document the legacy of NATO's use of uranium weapons during the late 90s.

This research work has been made all the more urgent by the upcoming discussions on uranium weapons at the UN General Assembly in autumn 2010. The outcome of these projects will add enormously to the debate over the use of DU, and ICBUW looks forward to a fruitful relationship with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

[www.bandedpleteduranium.org](http://www.bandedpleteduranium.org)

**14-15th november 2009, Welcome to Stockholm**  
**1st Nordic Network conference** ABF, Sveavägen 41  
**Radioactive Wars Today**  
**Uranium Weapons in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Balkans**



**Saturday November 14th**

- 9.30 - 10.00 Registration and fairtrade-coffee/ tea
- 10.00 - 10.45 Introduction and welcome  
Uranium weapons - their properties, use and effects. (Eva Fidjestøl, Norway)
- 10.45 - 11.15 Harmful effects of uranium weapons on health and environment  
(Sköld Peter Matthis, Sweden)
- 11.30 - 12.00 Testimony from Iraq  
(human shield Sjur C.Papazian)
- 12.00 - 13.00 LUNCH
- 13.00 -13.15 Presentation of Nordic Network and ICBUW
- 13.15 - 14.00 The successful work for the Belgian legislation against uranium weapons  
(Ria Verjauw, Belgium)
- 14.00 - 14.45 Uranium mining - nuclear power - nuclear arms - DU weapons: links in a chain
- 14.45 - 15 00 fairtrade-coffee/ tea break
- 15.00 - 16.00 Panel discussion

**Sunday 15th November**

- 9.30 - 10.00 Morning fairtrade-coffee/ tea
- 10.00 - 10.30 Active denial – the responsibility of the media  
(Gabor Tiroler, Sweden)
- 10.30 - 11.15 International law and uranium weapons: the conventions, the EU parliament, the UN resolutions
- 11.15 - 12.00 The lessons from Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Chernobyl
- 12 00 - 12.30 Resumé, conclusions and proposed resolution

info-stands, exhibition,  
presentation of the Nordic members

**CAN  
YOU  
JOIN  
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