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# Ceasefire Campaign

## History

- End Conscription Campaign 1983-1993
- Demilitarisation
- Ceasefire Campaign 1993-
- First action 1994: Use the ballot not the bullet





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# Outline

- Human vs military security
- Military spending in South Africa
- Arguments against military spending
- Ceasefire's proposals

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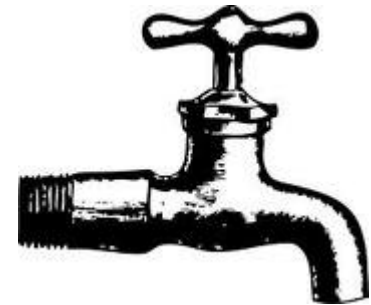
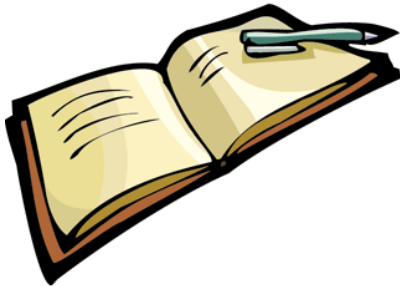
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# Human security



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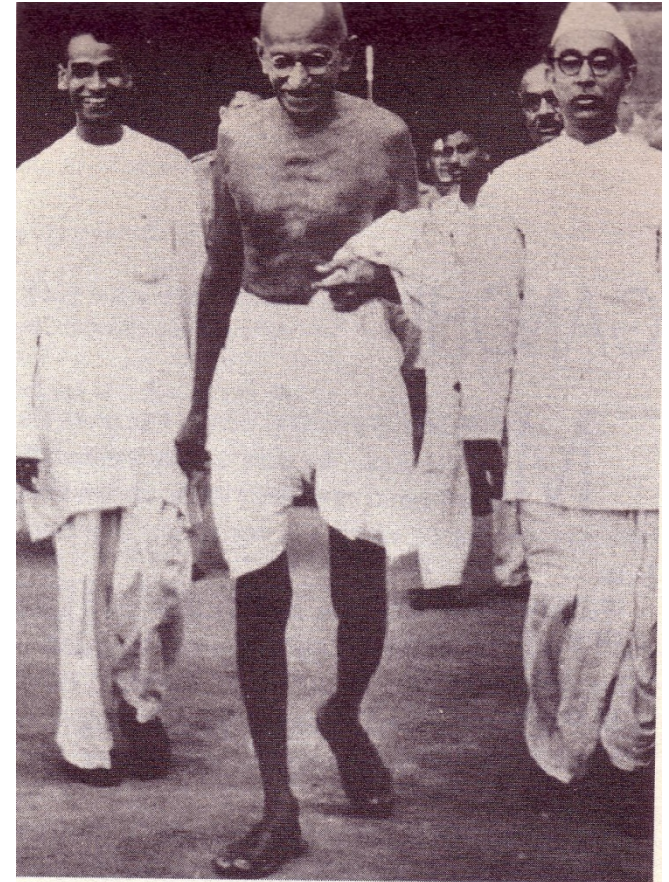


# Modern warfare is an evil

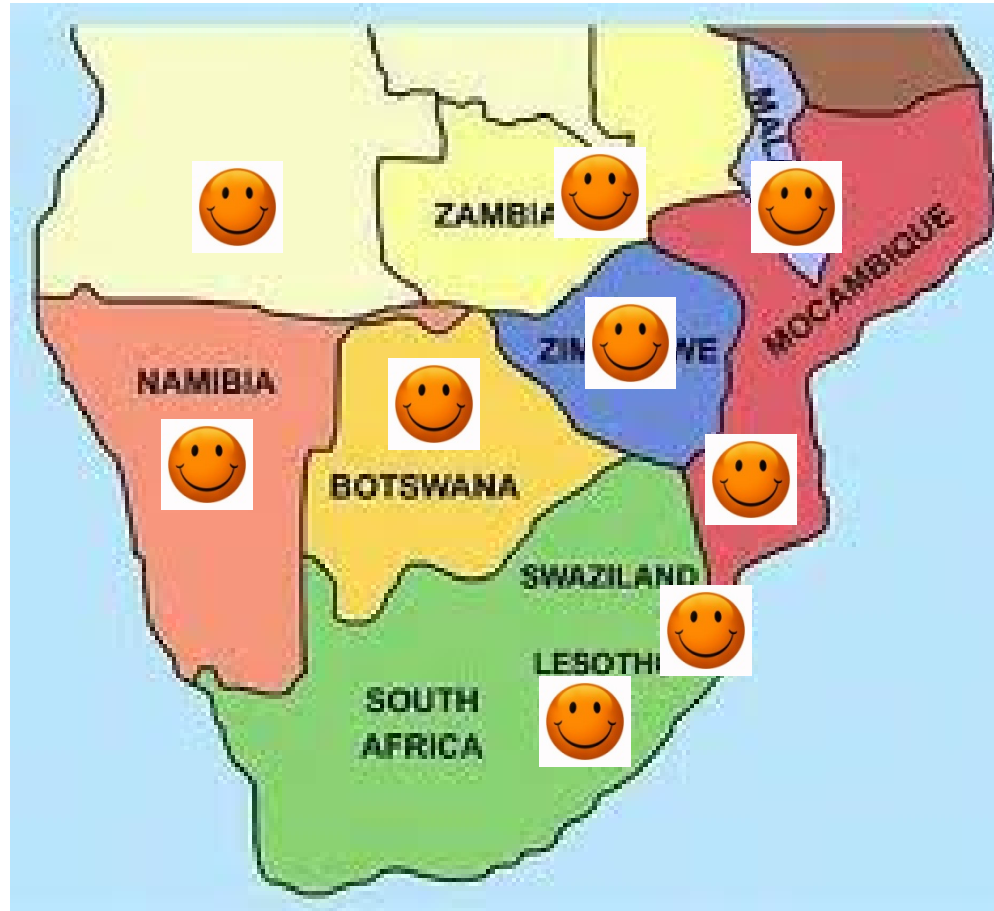




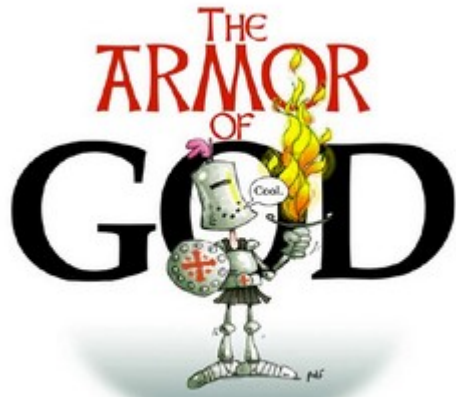
# Modern warfare is unnecessary



# We have no enemies anyway

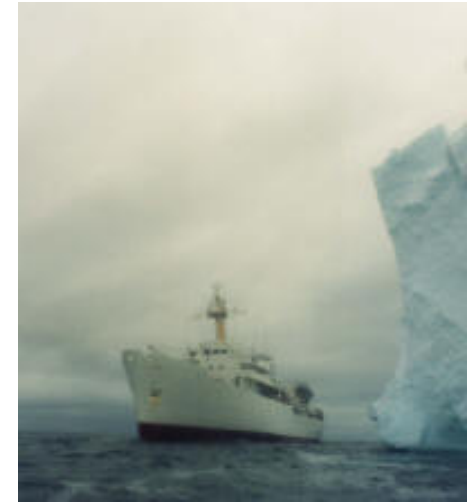
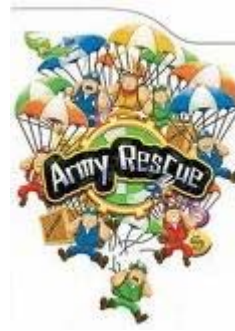


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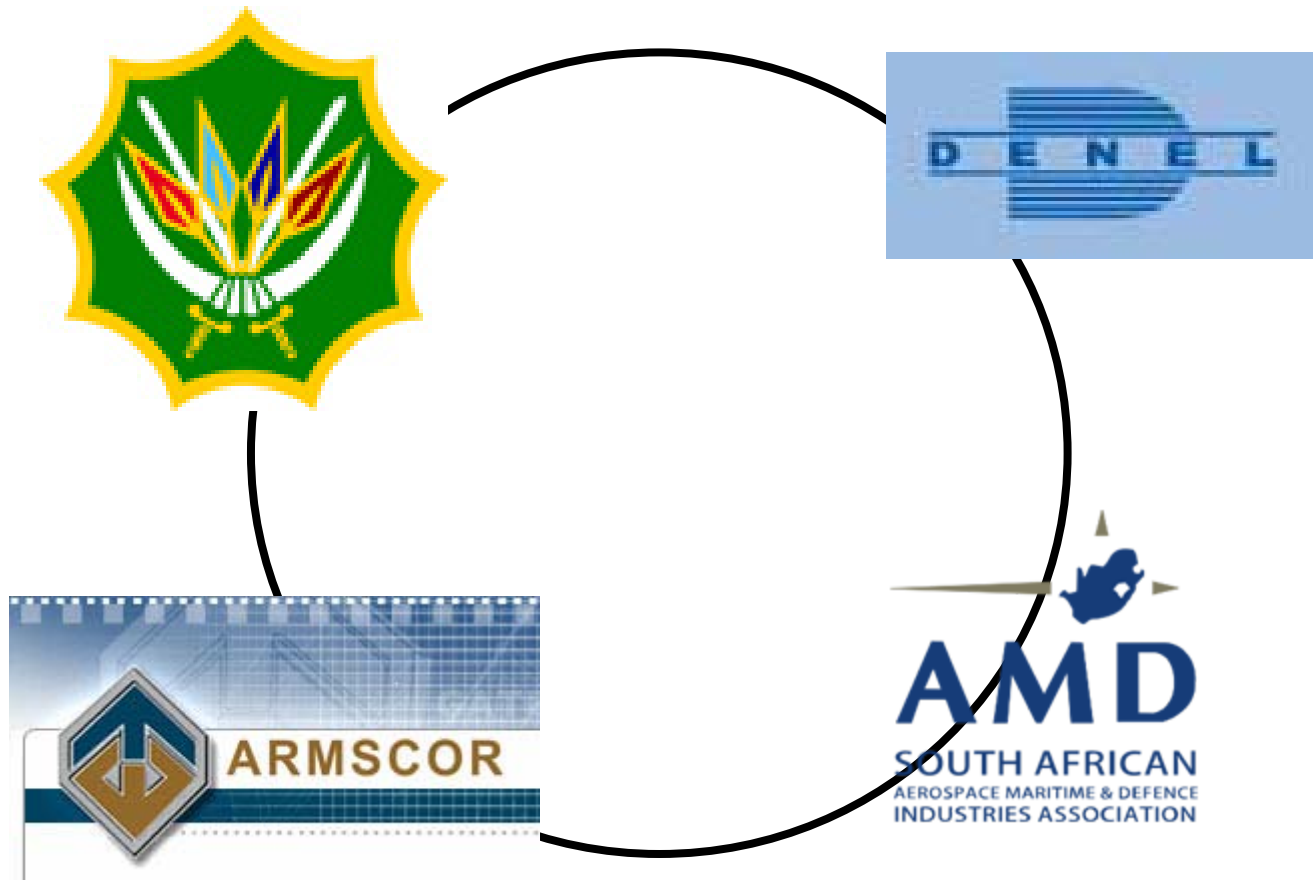


# Militarising non-military services

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# Vested interests of the military-industrial complex





# Military “defence” promotes local arms races



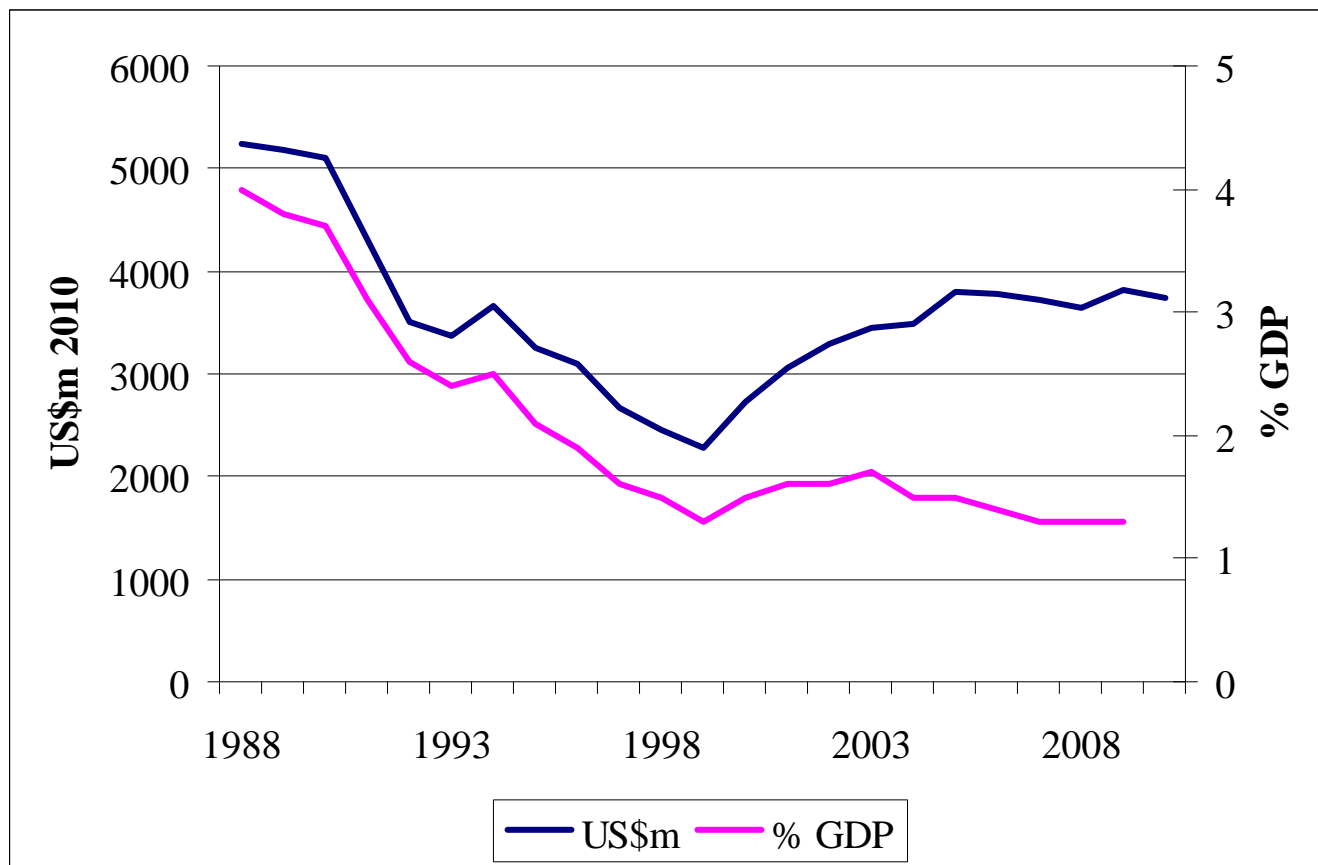
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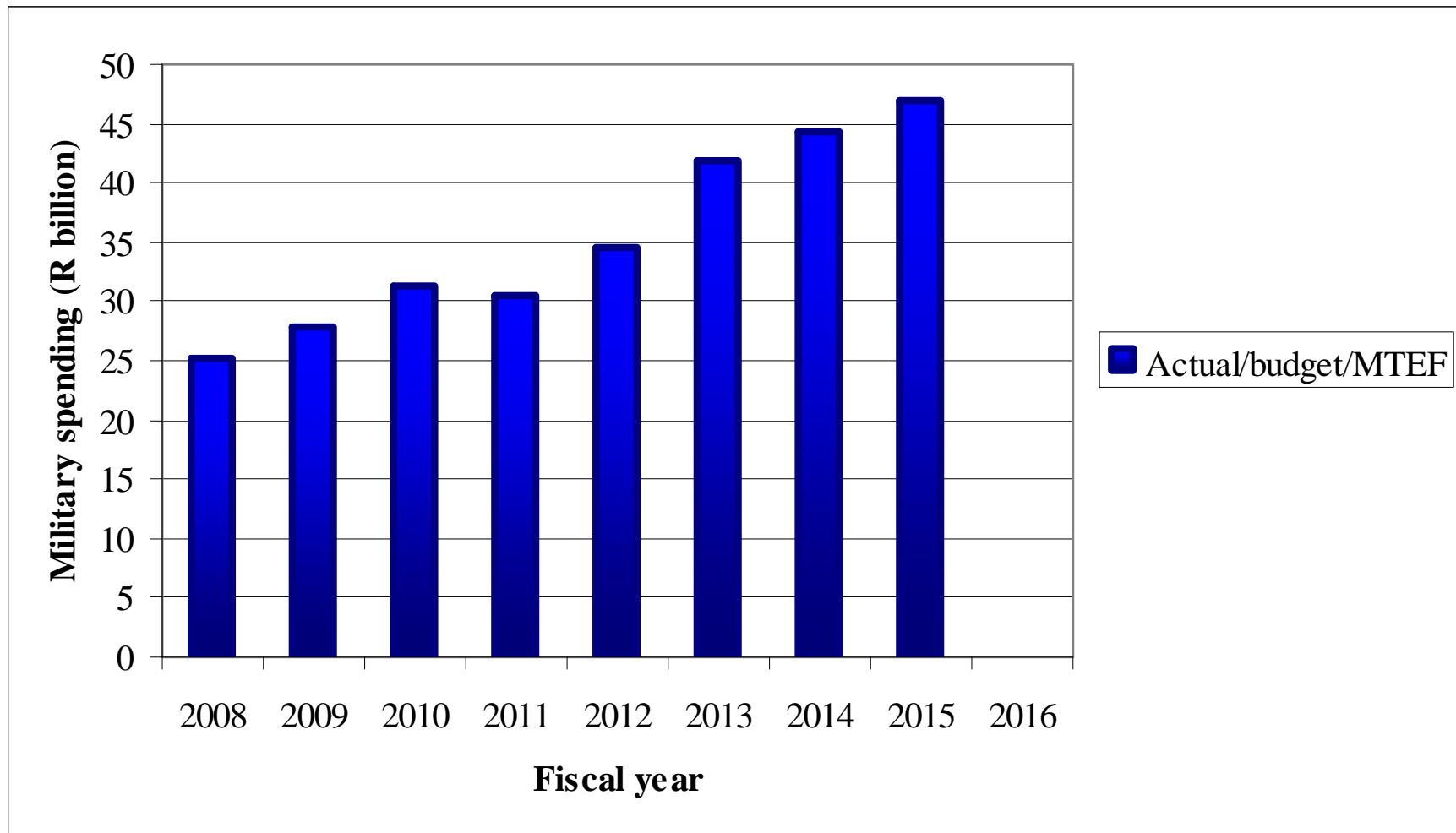
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# South African military spending

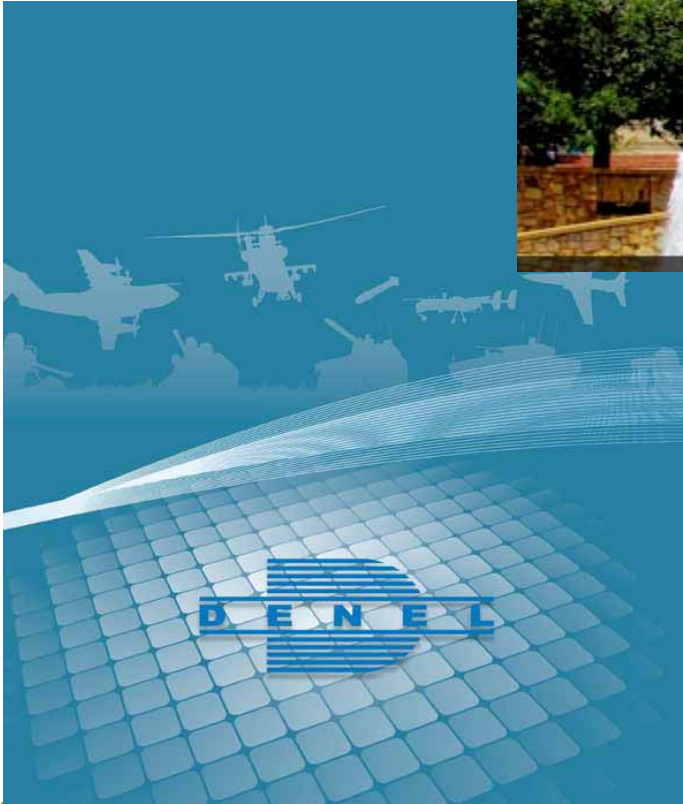


# South African military spending



Source: Est. Nat. Exp. vote 22

# Other military spending



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Who said 2% anyway?

NATO?

World Bank?

# Military spending is not an insurance premium



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# Military spending: the alternatives

- Costa Rica option: disband the army
- The half-way option: mothball the army
- The military option



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# Ceasefire's proposals: policy

- Demilitarise the non-military functions of the SANDF
- Develop civil society's capacity for defensive resistance and peacekeeping intervention
- Mothball the SANDF
- Reduce the Defence vote to 0,5% of GDP
- Increase the number of government jobs in human security

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## Ceasefire's proposals: mothballing the SANDF

- Civil society and political leadership not yet ready for the Costa Rica option
- Train civil society for defensive resistance and peacekeeping intervention
- Convert military land to peaceful use
- Reduce defence spending to 0,5% of GDP

# Ceasefire's proposals: process

- The scope of this Committee is inadequate to deal with radical proposals such as those proposed
- It is therefore proposed that an inclusive, democratic, civil-society-based process be initiated to reconsider South Africa's defence
- In the mean time it is proposed that no further steps be taken that will compromise that process

# Ceasefire's proposals: interim measures

No further steps be taken that will compromise the proposed process. In particular:

- expand the scope of the Defence Review Committee;
- no further substantial weapons purchases
- no increases in SANDF staff;
- increase government jobs in human security and retrain SANDF staff for those jobs;
- no increase in budget for 2012-13; reduce budget thereafter to 0,5% of GDP; i.e. R20billion in 2014-15.

# Ceasefire's proposals: South African military spending

