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### DoD Non-Lethal Weapons Program Annual Report 2008 is Now Available Online

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Quantico, Va.--The DoD Non-Lethal Weapons Program Annual Report 2008 is now available online. The 26-page comprehensive report details how the DoD Non-Lethal Weapons Program has been actively pursuing the development and fielding of non-lethal weapons to meet the needs of warfighters. Non-lethal weapons provide the capabilities necessary to wage asymmetric or irregular conflict--and to quickly meet the ever-changing needs of U.S military forces engaged in these conflicts.

"Just as one can expect a blended high-low mix of adversaries and types of conflict, so, too, should the United States seek a better balance in the portfolio of capabilities it has--the types of units fielded, the weapons brought, the training done," according to a recent article authored by U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates.

Minimizing civilian casualties is a sound practice that will prove critical in winning our Global War on Terrorism, according to Lieutenant General Joseph F. Dunford, Chairman, Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Integrated Product Team. "Our warfighters need new and more effective tools to meet their warfighting needs in support of their commander's mission. In this edition of the Non-Lethal Weapons Program's annual report, you'll read how we are postured to provide that support," said LtGen. Dunford.

The DoD Non-Lethal Weapons Program Annual Report 2008 is widely distributed and serves as a basic reference document for those interested in the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Program. It is available for download at <https://www.jnlwp.com>.

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For additional information on the DoD's focus on today's unconventional conflicts--and tomorrow's--read "A Balanced Strategy: Reprogramming the Pentagon for a New Age," authored by U.S Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates. The article is published at [www.foreignaffairs.org](http://www.foreignaffairs.org).