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A New Campaign against Cluster Bombs

The Ottawa Convention that bans land mine use and production is hailed as a success story. Today experts believe the task of eliminating the threat of landmines can be achieved in years, not decades as previously estimated. But this is only one part of the landmines problem. Other unexploded ordnances such as cluster bombs continue to kill and maim thousands of innocent civilians every year.

How did the antipersonnel landmines campaign achieve its success? And can the success be built on? Could it lead to a ban on other lethal devices such as cluster bombs? In this edition of World Chronicle, these questions are explored with the help of two experts: John Flanagan, the Chief of Programme Support Section of the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS), and Sayed Aqa, Mine Action Team leader from the UN Development Programme (UNDP).

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