

SVEITSIN UKRAINAN KONFERENSSI, RANSKALAIS-PALESTIINALAINEN NAINEN
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Arvoisa vastaanottaja!

Kesäkuun lopun kirjava katsaus maailman tapahtumiin.

Julian Assange

"You have to start with the truth. The truth is the only way that we can get anywhere. Because any decision-making that is based upon a lie or ignorance can't lead to a good conclusion."

Space4peace – June 2024

- War spending is now at \$2.4 trillion. (June 2024)
- Child poverty doubled in 2023 across the U.S.

- Maailmassa on tällä hetkellä "useita toisiinsa liittyviä kriisejä" ja silti G7 maat teeskentelevät hallitsevansa maailmaa. Tämä kävi ilmi G7 johtajien kokouksessa Italiassa kesäkuun puolessavälissä. Liite 7.

- SIPRIN-vuosikirjan mukaan ydinaseiden rooli kasvaa geopolittisten suhteiden huonontuessa. Kaikki yhdeksän ydinasevaltiota jatkoivat ydinasearsenaaliensa modernisointia, lisäksi arviolta 3904 taistelukärkeä on sijoitettu ohjuksiin ja lentokoneisiin. Liite 11.

- Stoltenberg neuvottelee Nato maiden kanssa niiden ydinaseista ja ohjusten poistamisesta varastosta ja niiden asettamisesta valmiustilaan. Stoltenberg varoittaa voimakkaasti Kiinan aiheuttamasta uhasta. Liite 14.

Tässä muutama lyhyt ote tämän sähköpostin runsaasta annista.

Miellyttäviä luku- ja kuunteluhetkiä.

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1)

Anadolu Ajansi – June 15, 2024 – German newspaper accuses academics of fostering anti-Israel sentiment at universities in Berlin

Bild labels academics as “radical” over their pro-Palestinian views

The German newspaper Bild targeted academics who support students at universities in the capital who are protesting against Israel's war on Gaza in an article Sunday that accused them of fostering anti-Israel sentiment.

The story, titled "University Perpetrators," labeled the protesting students as "rabble" and alleged faculty support for them, arguing that there is anti-Israel hatred at universities in Berlin.

Humboldt University and Freie Universitat reportedly removed the protesters and launched investigations into hate speech and anti-Semitic propaganda.

It was also reported that more than 150 faculty members signed an open letter backing the students, but Bild labeled them as "radical" and accused them of promoting pro-Palestinian views. ...

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/german-newspaper-accuses-academics-of-fostering-anti-israel-sentiment-at-universities-in-berlin/3217685>

2)

France24 – June 27, 2024 - French far right dominates polls three days ahead of snap elections

The French far right is leading opinion polls with three days left before voters cast their ballots in snap legislative elections called by President Emmanuel Macron following his party's defeat in European elections over two weeks ago. Marine Le Pen's National Rally is estimated to win more than 35 percent in the first round on Sunday, with a left-wing alliance following at 29 percent and Macron's centrists trailing at around 20 percent.

... Depending on the result, President Emmanuel Macron could be left in a tense "cohabitation" with a prime minister from an opposing party, or with a chamber unable to produce a stable majority for at least a year to govern the EU's second economy and top military power. ...

<https://www.france24.com/en/europe/20240627-french-far-right-dominates-polls-three-days-ahead-of-snap-elections>

3)

SWI swissinfo.ch – June 25, 2024 - Drawing Ukraine red lines, French far right talks tough on Russia

... Bardella's National Rally (RN) party, which opponents accuse of being too soft on Russia, looks set to win the most votes in snap parliamentary elections coming up on June 30 and July 7 and could form France's next government. ...

"While I'm in favour of continuing to support Ukraine with logistics and defence equipment, my red line remains long-range missiles or any military equipment that could lead to escalation, by which I mean anything that could directly hit Russian cities," he said. ...

<https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/drawing-ukraine-red-lines%2c-french-far-right-talks-tough-on-russia/81656557>

4)

Ian Proud – June 23, 2024 - The ticking time bomb of Ukrainian debt (that the west will have to pay)

The G7 recently made the headlines by agreeing to lend Ukraine \$50bn which will be repaid using the yearly interest accrued on \$329bn of confiscated Russian sovereign foreign exchange reserves. When it is finally structured, the loan will consist of a series of loans by G7 member countries, with the US topping up the fund by the required amount so it hits the \$50bn mark. ...

\$50bn, therefore, represents around 27% of Ukraine's yearly GDP. That is a huge figure for a single loan. But the problem is that Ukraine has been borrowing this amount every year since the war started. According to politico, Ukraine borrowed \$58bn in 2022, \$46bn in 2023 and is set to borrow \$52bn in 2024. So, in just three years, Ukraine will have borrowed 82% of GDP.

https://www.prouddiplomat.com/post/the-ticking-time-bomb-of-ukrainian-debt-that-the-west-will-have-to-pay?utm_campaign=adad0060-ef03-4b35-8d24-971090409bb1&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=4ede2a3b-ac45-40fb-bc7d-0cac6a4f471e

5)

France24 – June 23, 2024 - French women's rights supporters march against far right ahead of snap polls

Thousands of people on Sunday rallied in Paris and other cities across France to denounce the far-right National Rally party's "false feminism" and the "real danger" it poses to women's rights. The demonstrations came exactly a week before France's snap parliamentary elections, with polls showing the National Rally and its allies leading the first round of the vote.

<https://www.france24.com/en/france/20240623-french-women-s-rights-supporters-march-against-far-right-ahead-of-snap-polls>

6)

ntv – 23 Juni 2024 - In der Ukraine kämpft Russland um Rohstoffe

Im Westen wird der Krieg häufig als Verlustgeschäft für Russland gesehen. Das ist nicht die russische Perspektive. In diesem Krieg geht es um Rohstoffe. Und um die Zukunft: Russland kann der Ukraine mehr rauben, als es im Frieden verlieren würde.

<https://www.n-tv.de/politik/Der-Krieg-gegen-die-Ukraine-ist-fuer-Russland-ein-Kampf-um-Rohstoffe-article25032685.html>

7)

MIDDLE EAST EYE – June 22, 2024 - Why the G7 can no longer pretend to rule the world

From blatant double standards on Israel's war on Gaza, to a self-contradictory position on China, the G7 countries are increasingly detached from reality

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/why-g7-can-no-longer-pretend-rule-world>

8)

Common Dreams – June 19, 2024 - Why Won't the US Help Negotiate a Peaceful End to the War in Ukraine?

For goodness' sake, negotiate!

By Jeffrey D. Sachs

For the fifth time since 2008, Russia has proposed to negotiate with the U.S. over security arrangements, this time in proposals made by President Vladimir Putin on June 14, 2024. Four previous times, the U.S. rejected the offer of negotiations in favor of a neocon strategy to weaken or dismember Russia through war and covert operations. The U.S. neocon tactics have failed disastrously, devastating Ukraine in the process, and endangering the whole world. After all the warmongering, it's time for Biden to open negotiations for peace with Russia. ...

<https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/role-of-us-in-russia-ukraine-war>

9)

YouTube – June 19, 2024 - Col. Douglas Macgregor: Latest on Ukraine & Putin's NOKO visit

Douglas Abbott Macgregor is an American retired colonel, government official, author, consultant, and political commentator. Macgregor was a leader in an early tank battle in the Gulf War and was a top planner in the 1999 NATO bombing of Yugoslavia

"Let's face it. The war is over in Ukraine. He (Putin) has won it. He now controls or holds all the key cards. He is in the position to decide what he wants to do. ...

What he really wants to do is to end this war and create a peaceful stability in Western Ukraine...

... and then secondly negotiate with new governments in Europe. He (Putin) is not a fool, he knows that governments in Europe are changing. The people that have been ruling since this insane war began are going to be gone."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wYIY0uRPOM&>

10)

YouTube – June 19, 2024 - The Racket | Matt Kennard & Jeremy Corbyn on Palestine, Keir Starmer and US Empire

In the first episode of The Racket, journalist and author Matt Kennard speaks to former Labour leader and Member of British Parliament Jeremy Corbyn. They discuss US secret service and mainstream media attempts to derail his leadership, US/UK support for Israeli genocide in Palestine and the upcoming UK election.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XbmcNI0My_0

11)

SIPRI – June 17, 2024 - Role of nuclear weapons grows as geopolitical relations deteriorate—new SIPRI Yearbook out now

... The nine nuclear-armed states—the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea) and Israel—continued to modernize their nuclear arsenals and several deployed new nuclear-armed or nuclear-capable weapon systems in 2023. ...

Of the total global inventory of an estimated 12 121 warheads in January 2024, about 9585 were in military stockpiles for potential use (see the table below). An estimated 3904 of those warheads were deployed with missiles and aircraft—60 more than in January 2023—and the rest were in central storage. Around 2100 of the deployed warheads were kept in a state of high operational alert on ballistic missiles. Nearly all of these warheads belonged to Russia or the USA, but for the first time China is believed to have some warheads on high operational alert. ...

<https://www.sipri.org/media/press-release/2024/role-nuclear-weapons-grows-geopolitical-relations-deteriorate-new-sipri-yearbook-out-now>

12)

GERMAN-FOREIGN-POLICY.com – June 17, 2024 - Objectives clearly missed

The Swiss-hosted Ukraine "peace summit" was a failure: far fewer participants than planned; heavyweights of the Global South not signing the final declaration; Ukraine not emerging in "a position of strength".

The Ukraine conference in Switzerland, announced with great fanfare in the West, turned out an abject failure on key points. A huge effort was expended on staging the event. More than 160 invitations were made but, despite diplomatic pressure, only 92 countries and eight international organisations managed to attend. The European Union alone appeared in three different guises (Commission, Council and Parliament) along with all the member states. The final declaration was signed by only 78 states. The heavyweights of the Global South – such as India, Brazil, South Africa and Saudi Arabia – refused to participate.

<https://www.german-foreign-policy.com/en/news/detail/9591>

13)

SWI swissinfo.ch – June 17, 2024 - Kremlin calls NATO chief's nuclear weapons remark an 'escalation of tension'

MOSCOW (Reuters) – The Kremlin said on Monday a remark by NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg that the military alliance was holding talks on deploying more nuclear weapons was an “escalation of tension”. ...

<https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/kremlin-calls-nato-chief%27s-nuclear-weapons-remark-an-%27escalation-of-tension%27/80938565>

14)

The Telegraph – June 16, 2024 - Exclusive: Nato in talks to deploy more nuclear weapons

Stoltenberg insists bloc must be transparent about its nuclear arsenal and gives stark warning about threat from China

... Jens Stoltenberg added that the bloc must show its nuclear arsenal to the world to send a direct message to its foes in an interview with The Telegraph. He revealed there were live consultations between members on taking missiles out of storage and placing them on standby as he called for transparency to be used as a deterrent.

Mr Stoltenberg said: “I won't go into operational details about how many nuclear warheads should be operational and which should be stored, but we need to consult on these issues. ...

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/world-news/2024/06/16/nato-jens-stoltenberg-nuclear-weapons-deploy-russia-china/>

15)

NATO – June 14, 2024 - Press conference by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg following the second day of the meetings of NATO Defence Ministers

... Allies are offering forces to NATO's command at a scale not seen in decades. Today we have 500,000 troops at high readiness across all domains, significantly more than the goal that was set at the 2022 Madrid Summit. NATO has also doubled the number of battle groups on the Eastern flank. Allies are also taking on larger, more demanding exercises to test our abilities. ...

https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/opinions_226425.htm

16)

LA STAMPA – June 13, 2024 - Torino, professore del Politecnico si incatena insieme con gli studenti nella protesta filo-Palestina

English translation:

Turin, Polytechnic professor chains himself to pro-Palestine students

A professor from the Polytechnic of Turin chained himself together with the pro-Palestine students, who have been protesting in front of the university, in Corso Duca degli Abruzzi, since this morning.

A gesture of solidarity from Massimo Zucchetti, professor at PoliTo. Zucchetti was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2015.

"Am I also a troublemaker of the social centres? An outsider, a stranger? - he shouted - Shame on you, if it wasn't for the students the Polytechnic would make a terrible impression. This should be a university, it's not an exam hall, it's not a career factory. Take a stand, are you university professors or not?" "Out of solidarity with the students, I too chained myself to the gates. It is not a violent action or a non-violent action, like those Gandhi did, but a decisive one, because we don't bother anyone, except with our words ", explained Zucchetti.

https://www.lastampa.it/torino/2024/06/13/video/torino_professore_del_politecnico_si_incatena_insieme_con_gli_studenti_nella_protesta_filo-palestina-14388854/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJDUDX8a_rY

17)

THE NEW ARAB – June 10, 2024 – From refugee to EU Parliament member: Who is Rima Hassan, the French-Palestinian lawyer who made history?

Thirty-two-year-old Rima Hassan was elected into the European Parliament on Sunday, representing the French left-wing party, La France Insoumise (LFI) or France Unbowed.

The human rights activist, lawyer, and refugee advocate becomes the first French national of Palestinian heritage to be elected in the EU parliament in a career milestone for the young politician, who gained a significant following thanks to her activism for Gaza during Israel's ongoing war.

Hassan's successful election into the European Parliament, however, came amid a surge in far-right parties gaining seats across the continent, chiefly in France, Belgium and Germany. ...

<https://www.newarab.com/news/who-rima-hassan-palestinian-lawyer-who-made-eu-history>