

ONKO KALLAS OIKEALLA PAIKALLA? PALESTIINAN PUOLESTA.

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Arvoisa vastaanottaja!

Thomas Mann (1875 – 1955):

“War is a cowardly escape from the problems of peace.”

- Venäjän presidentti Vladimir Putin sanoi Unkarin pääministerille Viktor Orbanille perjantaina (5.7.) olevansa valmis keskustelemaan rauhanehdotusten merkityksistä Ukrainan konfliktin lopettamiseksi. Linkki 1.

- Heinäkuun 4. päivänä alkoi SCO, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation 24 huippukokous Astanassa Kazakstanissa. Useat kansanväliset järjestöt osallistuivat kokoukseen, jonka tarkoituksena on "Monenvälisen vuoropuhelun vahvistaminen: pyrkimys kestävään rauhaan ja kehitykseen". Putin sanoi puheessaan mm, että "Istanbulin sopimukset, pysyvät pöydällä ja voivat toimia perustana näiden neuvottelujen jatkamiselle". Linkit 2 ja 3

- Viktor Orbán tapasi Zelenskyn Ukrainassa heinäkuun alussa. Linkki 6.

- Heinäkuun alussa, yli 50 juutalaista ja arabialaista kansalaisyhteiskunnan organisaatiota vaativat kokouksessaan, että on aika saavuttaa sopimus, lopettaa sota ja tehdä rauha. Linkki 9.

- Norjan politiikkana on ollut ydinaseiden kieltö Norjassa rauhan aikana ja se, että ydinaseita ei saa käyttää enää koskaan. Nyt kuitenkin amerikkalainen sukellusvene USS Tennessee oli noin 35 kilometrin päässä Norjan mantereesta. Tällaisten sukellusveneiden vakiovarusteena on noin 20 Trident-II-ohjusta, jotka ydinaseasiantuntija Hans Kristensenin mukaan on varustettu 4-5 taistelukärjellä. Linkki 16

Pieni paketti lukuhetkiä varten.

Aurinkoisia kesäpäiviä.

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1)

U.S.News – July 5, 2024 - Putin Tells Orban He Is Ready to Discuss 'Nuances' of Ukraine Conflict

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian President Vladimir Putin told Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban on Friday that he was ready to discuss the "nuances" of peace proposals to end the conflict in Ukraine.

Putin, who received Orban in the Kremlin, said he was ready to hear the Hungarian leader's position on Ukraine and to get a readout from Orban on the views of other European partners. ...

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2024-07-05/putin-tells-orban-he-is-ready-to-discuss-nuances-of-ukraine-conflict>

2)

Anadolu Agency – July 4, 2024 – Putin invites Ukraine to resume peace talks based on 2022 Istanbul agreements

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday that the 2022 Istanbul agreements remain "on the table" and can serve as a foundation for peace negotiations with Ukraine.

Speaking at a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization leaders in Kazakhstan's capital Astana, Putin thanked Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan for his mediation efforts between Russia and Ukraine.

"The Istanbul agreements, I thank for this, the president of the Turkish Republic, Mr. Erdogan, who participated in this work as a mediator. These agreements have not been dismissed, they were approved by the head of the Ukrainian negotiating delegation, which means, apparently, they were satisfactory enough for Ukraine. These agreements, the Istanbul agreements, remain on the table and can serve as the foundation for continuing these negotiations," he said.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/russia-ukraine-war/putin-invites-ukraine-to-resume-peace-talks-based-on-2022-istanbul-agreements/3266153>

3)

AZON GLOBAL – July 4, 2024 - The summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization has started in Astana

The 24th summit of the leaders of the member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization began in Astana under the chairmanship of Kazakhstan. Heads of state and government of 16 countries are participating in the SCO+ format summit.

The leaders of Turkey, Mongolia, Azerbaijan, Qatar, the UAE and Turkmenistan are also participating in the summit as observers and dialogue partners.

A number of international organizations, including the UN, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the Conference on Cooperation and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, the Islamic Organization for Food Security, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Collective Security Treaty Organization, the Eurasian Economic Commission, etc. provided.

The main agenda of the summit held under the slogan "Strengthening multilateral dialogue: striving for sustainable peace and development" will be to strengthen the role of the SCO in solving current international and regional problems. ...

<https://azon.global/en/posts/International-Life/the-summit-of-the-shanghai-cooperation-organization-has-started-in-astana-1493#>

4)

ETC – 4.7.2024 - TÄLTEN AR BORTA – PROTESTERNA FORTSÄTTER

Under en månad tältade studenter utanför svenska universitet med krav om sanktioner mot israeliska lärosäten. Nu är terminen slut och tälten borta. Men kampen för ett fritt Palestina fortsätter.

– Det vi lärt oss här och den gemenskapen som skapats kommer inte bara försvinna. Vi vet inte hur aktionerna kommer att se ut framåt, det kommer att bestämmas eftersom. Men det slutar inte här, säger en av studenterna. Dagens ETC har följt studentprotesterna mot Israel i Stockholm.

<https://www.etc.se/story/taelten-aer-borta-protesterna-fortsatter>

5)

POLITICO – July 3, 2024 - Europeans skeptical Ukraine will win war, polling shows

Most EU countries surveyed also opposed increasing their defense spending for Ukraine.

While the majority of Ukrainians believe Kyiv will prevail in its war with invading Russian forces, Europeans are more skeptical, a new study by the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) shows. ...

NATO leaders are "unlikely to find domestic support for troop deployments" among member country populations, the findings revealed (country results ranged from 4 percent to 22 percent in favor).

On defense spending, the data showed that most countries are against increasing their contributions — the exceptions being Poland (where 53 percent support increasing defense spending), Estonia (45 percent), Sweden (41 percent) and Germany (40 percent). ...

<https://www.politico.eu/article/europe-ukraine-war-russia-polls-kyiv-ecfr-nato-summit-greece-polls-bulgaria-germany-poland/>

6)

POLITICO – July 2, 2024 - Viktor Orbán arrives in Ukraine to meet Zelenskyy

... “@PM_ViktorOrban arrived in Kyiv this morning to discuss European peace with President Volodymyr @ZelenskyyUA,” Orbán’s spokesperson Zoltan Kovacs said on X.

... Orbán's trip to Ukraine came a day after Hungary assumed the rotating presidency of the Council of the EU on Monday.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/hungary-viktor-orban-arrive-ukraine-meet-volodymyr-zelenskyy/>

7)

YouTube – July 2, 2024 – Interview Scott Ritter: Russia Will Demolish the Ukraine Army (also about Finland DCA)

Scott Ritter: former United States Marine Corps intelligence officer, former United Nations Special Commission weapons inspector

Finland DCA at about 23.05 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHcwT7BJCZk>

8)

RESPONSIBLE STATECRAFT – July 2, 2024 - Is EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas in the right job after all?

The prime minister of Estonia, who once endorsed Russia's dismemberment, won't have much authority here

... It’s not difficult to see why it was considered safer to keep Kallas out of NATO: while there is a consensus in the EU that Russia is the bloc’s main security threat, Kallas went much further than most leaders in her combative rhetoric. She said Russia’s dismemberment into many smaller nation states would not be “a bad thing.” She enthusiastically endorsed NAFO (so-called North Atlantic Fellas Association) that is infamous for organizing xenophobic online harassment campaigns against anyone — including former and possibly future high-ranking American defense officials — perceived as “soft on Russia.”

There is also more than a whiff of hypocrisy about Kallas: while she called for Russia’s isolation, her husband continued profiting from his business ties with Russia well after the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. This, alongside some political missteps, has made her an unpopular figure in her native Estonia and led to calls for her resignation, which she ignored. ...

<https://responsiblestatecraft.org/kaja-kallas/>

9)

Isreal/Palestine Voices for Peace – July 1, 2024 -

Today, July 1st, over 50+ Jewish and Arab civil society organizations, are coming together to call: It's Time: To Reach a Deal. To Stop the War. To Make Peace.

Join us in livestream, wherever you may be in the world, as this is a global call for peace:

<https://youtube.com/live/nW8kFyft54s?feature=share>

10)

THE NATIONAL INTEREST – JULY 1, 2024 - TAI TF Kaan: Turkey's New 5th-Generation Fighter Is a Dagger Aimed at the Heart of NATO

Turkey's relations with the West have declined, partly due to the refusal to sell Patriot missile batteries and exclusion from the F-35 program. Turkey has instead developed its own fifth-generation fighter, the TAI TF Kaan, with advanced stealth and avionics, to replace its aging F-16 fleet. ...

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/tai-tf-kaan-turkey%E2%80%99s-new-5th-generation-fighter-dagger-aimed-heart-nato-211682>

11)

Roya News – June 30, 2024 - Israeli official threatens to use 'Doomsday weapon' if existential threat arises

An "Israeli" official has issued a threat to use a "Doomsday weapon," referring to nuclear weapons, if "Israel" faces an existential threat. According to Yair Katz, head of the workers' council at "Israel" Aerospace Industries (IAI), made the statement emphasizing the country's readiness to use such a weapon in dire

<https://en.royanews.tv/news/52417>

12)

Reuters – June 30, 2024 - North Korea calls South Korea, US and Japan 'Asian version of NATO'

North Korea criticised a joint military exercise by South Korea, Japan and the United States held this month, state media said on Sunday, saying such drills show the relationship among three countries has developed into "the Asian version of NATO".

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/north-korea-blames-south-korea-us-japan-ties-asian-version-nato-2024-06-29/>

13)

UK Defence Journal - June 28, 2024 - US nuke sub in Scotland after 'show of force' to Russia

The USS Tennessee, an Ohio-class ballistic missile submarine, was spotted arriving at Faslane today following a demonstration of NATO nuclear capabilities as message of deterrence to Russia.

Earlier this month, on June 23, 2024, the USS Tennessee participated in a rare and joint operation in the Norwegian Sea. ...

<https://ukdefencejournal.org.uk/us-nuke-sub-in-scotland-after-show-of-force-to-russia/>

14)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China – June 28, 2024 - Beijing Declaration Of the Conference Marking the 70th Anniversary Of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence

On June 28, 2024, the Conference Marking the 70th Anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence was held in Beijing. President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China attended the conference and delivered an important address. Premier Li Qiang of the State Council of the People's Republic of China moderated the conference. Former political leaders from countries including Vietnam, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Laos, Thailand, Indonesia, the Maldives, Egypt, Ethiopia, South Africa, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Brazil, Guyana, Japan, Republic of Korea, Italy, France, Croatia and Slovenia, representatives of international/regional organizations, and diplomatic envoys, academics, friends, as well as representatives of the press and the business community from more than 100 countries were present at the conference. The conference issued the Beijing Declaration. ...

The participants commended the announcements by China for supporting Global South cooperation, ...

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zxxx_662805/202406/t20240628_11444322.html

15)

Yahoo News Canada – June 27, 2024 - US Navy nuclear ballistic missile submarine surfaces off Norway in unusual flex as 'Doomsday' plane flies overhead

A US Navy nuclear-powered ballistic-missile submarine surfaced in the Norwegian Sea.

It was accompanied by a guided-missile cruiser and two naval aircraft.

The show of force came weeks after Russia sent a submarine and naval fleet to Cuba.

A US Navy nuclear-powered ballistic submarine popped up in the Norwegian Sea this week in a rare show of force. It was accompanied by a guided-missile cruiser and two naval aircraft. ...

<https://ca.news.yahoo.com/us-navy-nuclear-ballistic-missile-192333805.html>

16)

ICAN Norge – 26. Juni 2024 - Pressemelding: Atomvåpen utenfor Bergen

Søndag 23. juni var den amerikanske ubåten USS Tennessee rundt 35 kilometer fra det norske fastlandet. Standard utrusting på slike ubåter er rundt 20 Trident-II-missiler, som ifølge atomvåpeneksperten Hans Kristensen er utstyrt med 4-5 stridshoder hver.

Det er første gang et slikt skip kommer til overflaten i norsk økonomisk sone siden slutten på den kalde krigen. ...

Norges politikk har vært forbud mot atomvåpen i Norge i fredstid, og at atomvåpenet aldri må benyttes igjen. Denne handlingen viser at man trenger sterkere politikk på feltet. Vi blir innblandet i aktiv avskrekking med atomvåpen allikevel, sier Daniel Gudbrandsen Farsjø, koordinator for ICAN Norge. ...

https://www.icannorway.no/pressemelding_amerikansk_ubat_utenfor_norges_kyst

17)

the Japan Times – june 24, 2024 - Russia blames U.S. for deadly Ukrainian attack on beach in Crimea

Russia is holding the United States responsible for a Ukrainian attack on the Russian-annexed Crimean Peninsula involving five U.S.-supplied missiles that killed four people, including two children, and injured 151 more on Sunday, Moscow said.

The Russian Defense Ministry said air defense systems shot down four of the U.S.-delivered Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) missiles that were equipped with cluster warheads, and the ammunition of a fifth had detonated in midair. ...

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2024/06/24/world/politics/russia-us-ukrainian-attack-crimea/>