

MIKÄ ON TILANNE UKRAINASSA JA GAZASSA? KUKA OHJAA MAAILMAA?

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Arvoisa vastaanottaja!

Tässä kuluva vuoden viimeinen sähköpostilähetys linkkeineen teille.

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Zelenskin raporttien mukaan Dnipro-joen hyökkäystä kuvataan menestykseksi. The New York Timesille Dnipro-joen ylitykseen osallistuneet sotilaat ja merijalkaväki antavat toisenlaisen kuvan tapahtumista, se oli 'itsemurhatehtävä'.

Sveriges radio:

Ruotsi, kuten myös Suomi, ja monet muut länsimaat haluavat investoida uuteen ydinvoimaan aikana, jolloin ydinvoimaloista on tullut sotilaallinen kohde sekä rauhan- että sodan aikana. Sulkevatko poliitikot silmät riskeiltä? ...

Middle East Way

Kuinka Gaza muutti globaalia politiikkaa,; Jotkut alkavat kutsua Yhdysvaltain presidenttiä "kansanmurha Joeksi".

"Power is always dangerous. Power attracts the worst and corrupts the best." -- Edward Abbey

"Toivo on intohimo sille, mikä on mahdollista." -Søren Kierkegaard-

Toivomme vuodenvaihteen juhlapyhien tuovan arkeenne odotetun hengähdystauon.

Rauhallista Joulua toivottaen! Olkoon Uusi Vuosi valoisampi!

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1)

THE DIPLOMAT – December 21, 2023 - Malaysia Bars Israeli Cargo Vessels From Its Ports Over Gaza Conflict

The ban singled out ZIM Integrated Shipping Services Ltd., Israel's largest shipping company, which has been permitted to dock at Malaysia's ports since 2002.

<https://thedi diplomat.com/2023/12/malaysia-bars-israeli-cargo-vessels-from-its-ports-over-gaza-conflict/>

2)

The Guardian – 20 Dec 2023 - EU reaches asylum deal that rights groups say will create 'cruel system'

Plan is aimed at spreading cost of hosting asylum seekers across bloc and limiting number of arrivals

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/dec/20/eu-reaches-asylum-deal-human-rights-groups-cruel-system>

3)

ANTIWAR.COM – December 19, 2023 - Houthis Say They Won't Back Down Even If US 'Mobilizes the Entire World'

... The US [launched a 10-nation naval task force](#), dubbed Operation Prosperity Guardian, after major shipping companies began pausing Red Sea transits due to the Houthi attacks. Bahrain is the only Arab country to participate in the coalition, and no nations with coasts on the Red Sea have joined.

"Even if America succeeds in mobilizing the entire world, our military operations will not stop ... no matter the sacrifices it costs us," Mohammed al-Bukhaiti, a senior member of the Houthis' political bureau, wrote on X. ...

<https://news.antiwar.com/2023/12/19/houthis-say-they-wont-back-down-even-if-us-mobilizes-the-entire-world/>

4)

SCHEERPOST - December 18, 2023 - Weekly Briefing: 'Well, You Dropped the Atom Bomb,' Netanyahu Tells Biden

...Biden then told the donors that Netanyahu justified the bombing by likening it to Hiroshima and the carpet bombing of Germany. Yes, you heard that right: It was pointed out to me — I'm being very blunt with you all — it was pointed out to me that — by Bibi — that "Well, you carpet-bombed Germany. You dropped the atom bomb. A lot of civilians died."

Biden says he responded, "Yeah, that's why all these institutions were set up after World War Two to see to it that it didn't happen again."

<https://scheerpost.com/2023/12/18/weekly-briefing-well-you-dropped-the-atom-bomb-netanyahu-tells-biden/>

5)

Globalbridge – 17. Dezember 2023 - «Was passiert, wenn die Ukrainer erkennen, was die Amerikaner ihnen angetan haben?»

... Lange Zeit hat der Krieg in der Ukraine die Medien dominiert. Jetzt wurde er vom Krieg in Israel überschattet. Gleichzeitig gibt es Anzeichen dafür, dass die Ukraine für die Amerikaner keine Priorität mehr hat, und es wächst die Einsicht, dass die Ukraine keine Chance auf einen Sieg hat. Die westliche Propaganda wird allmählich durch sachliche Aussagen über die Realität ersetzt. Das von Wunschdenken geprägte Medienbild, der Vater des Gedankens, bröckelt. ...

<https://globalbridge.ch/was-passiert-wenn-die-ukrainer-erkennen-was-die-amerikaner-ihnen-angetan-haben/>

6)

Berliner Zeitung - 17.12.2023 - „Selbstmordmission“: Ukrainische Soldaten widersprechen Selenskyjs Berichten über Dnipro-Erfolge

Soldaten und Marinesoldaten, die an den Dnipro-Flussüberquerungen teilgenommen haben, sprachen mit der New York Times. Sie bezeichneten die Offensive als aussichtslos.

<https://www.berliner-zeitung.de/news/selbstmordmission-ukrainische-soldaten-dementieren-selenskyjs-berichte-ueber-dnipro-erfolge-li.2169256>

7)

Reuters – December 17, 2023 - Putin says Russia has no plan to attack NATO, dismisses Biden remark as 'nonsense'

... In a plea to Republicans not to block further military aid earlier this month, Biden warned that if Putin was victorious over Ukraine then the Russian leader would not stop and would attack a NATO country.

"It is complete nonsense - and I think President Biden understands that," Putin said in an interview published on Sunday by Rossiya state television, adding that Biden appeared to be trying to justify his own "mistaken policy" on Russia. ...

"Russia has no reason, no interest - no geopolitical interest, neither economic, political nor military - to fight with NATO countries," Putin said. ...

[https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/putin-says-bidens-remark-about-russian-plan-attack-nato-is-complete-rubbish-2023-12-17/#:~:text=MOSCOW%2C%20Dec%2017%20\(Reuters\),fighting%20the%20NATO%20military%20alliance.](https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/putin-says-bidens-remark-about-russian-plan-attack-nato-is-complete-rubbish-2023-12-17/#:~:text=MOSCOW%2C%20Dec%2017%20(Reuters),fighting%20the%20NATO%20military%20alliance.)

8)

sverigesradio – 15 dec 2023 - Så blev kärnkraften ett militärt mål

Sverige och en rad andra västländer vill satsa på ny kärnkraft i en tid där kärnkraftverk har blivit ett militärt mål i både freds- och krigstid. Blundar politikerna för riskerna? ...

<https://sverigesradio.se/avsnitt/sa-blev-karnkraften-ett-militart-mal>

9)

WITHOUT CENSORSHIP/Youtube - 15/12/2023 - Ukraine at War: The Final Chapter?

Profess Glenn Diesen, University of South Eastern Norway about the Russia-Ukraine war, facing global multipolarity and freedom of academical research.

Moderator: ... Do you think we are near the end?

Diesen: ... I think it is reaching that point. I think that a lot of the analysis of the war has been incorrect because people have been assessing the war based on how much territories are taken. But keep in mind this has become a war of attrition. Both sides are trying to exhaust the other; NATO and Ukraine on one side and the Russians on the other. ...

<https://www.defenddemocracy.press/ukraine-at-war-the-final-chapter/>

10)

NachDenkSeiten – 15. Dezember 2023 - Pressekonferenz mit Putin: Ukraine, Alltagssorgen, Verhältnis zum Westen

... Der russische Präsident erklärte, Odessa sei eine „russische Stadt“. Diese Äußerung kann man deuten als einen Hinweis, dass die russische Armee Odessa irgendwann zu erobern gedenkt, um die Zentralukraine vom strategisch wichtigen Schwarzen Meer abzuriegeln. ...

Eine Journalistin, welche die Bürgersprechstunde mitmoderierte, leitete zu einem schwierigen Thema über. Sie erklärte, viele Bürger in Russland seien unzufrieden über die Migranten. Diese kommen nach Russland nicht als Flüchtlinge, sondern als Arbeitsmigranten, meist aus den mittelasiatischen Republiken Tadschikistan, Kirgistan und Usbekistan. Sie leisten den entscheidenden Anteil auf Neubaustellen und beim Straßenbau. ...

In seinem Schlusswort erklärte Putin, bei ihm selbst habe es Anfang der 2000er-Jahre gegenüber „unseren Partnern“ im Westen „ein Übermaß an Naivität und Vertrauen“ gegeben. Ein „Garant für die Entwicklung Russlands“ sei, wenn man „an das russische Volk glaubt“.

<https://www.nachdenkseiten.de/?p=108245>

11)

Defend Democracy Press – December 14, 2023 - Big Oil Wins Big at COP28 in Dubai

... In the end, the bleary-eyed negotiators used neither phrase, perhaps overwhelmed by the assembled army of petrostate representatives and 2,400 or more fossil fuel lobbyists. The final text promised, instead, the "[t]ransitioning away from fossil fuels in energy systems, in a just, orderly and equitable manner." Activists praised the first-time use of "fossil fuels" in a UNFCCC document. The climate activist group 350.org called it a "weak but welcome nod" in an otherwise "loophole-ridden text."...

As COP28 started, climate scientist Kevin Anderson predicted on social media, "This is a Cabal of Oil Producers not a climate COP. The outcome is known."... "At every single level, the tendrils of Big Oil are changing our society and fundamentally changing our climate," Anderson said on the Democracy Now! news hour, halfway through COP28. "These COPs have become little more than a scam under which the oil and other fossil fuel companies are hiding that nothing is being done."...

<https://www.defenddemocracy.press/big-oil-wins-big-at-cop28-in-dubai/>

12)

MIDDLE EAST EYE – 14 December 2024 - Israel-Palestine war: How Gaza changed global politics

Antonio Guterres, secretary general of the United Nations, is an unlikely revolutionary.

But the 73-year-old former Portuguese prime minister is on a mission to achieve the sort of change that Che Guevara only dreamt of: overturning the US-led world order.

Guterres did not mention US President Joe Biden by name in his electrifying opening speech at the Doha Forum last weekend. But he did not need to as he expressed his revulsion at the consequences of the US decision to veto last week's ceasefire resolution. ...

Some are starting to call the US president "Genocide Joe".

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/israel-palestine-war-gaza-changed-global-politics-how>

13)

UNRWA – 13 December 2023 - REMARKS OF UNRWA COMMISSIONER-GENERAL PHILIPPE LAZZARINI AT THE GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM

... "There is nowhere to feel safe in Gaza.

Civilian infrastructure and UN facilities have not been spared by the shelling.

I was horrified by images yesterday of an UNRWA school being blown up in the north of Gaza.

The people of Gaza are running out of time and options, as they face bombardment, deprivation, and disease in an ever-ever-shrinking space.

They are facing the darkest chapter of their history since 1948.” ...

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/official-statements/statement-unrwa-commissioner-general-philippe-lazzarini-global-refugee>

14)

RESPONSIBLE STATECRAFT – DEC. 13, 2023 - Biden says Ukraine has already won. He's right.

In his press conference with President Zelensky on Tuesday evening, President Biden made one statement that was both entirely true, and is the potential basis for a new U.S. approach to the conflict in Ukraine. He said that Ukraine has already won a great victory in the war — by defeating the initial Russian plan to subjugate the whole of Ukraine.

If the Biden administration and Washington establishment could recognize the implications of this, they could craft a new narrative that would allow them, and the Ukrainian government, to present a compromise peace as a Ukrainian victory (albeit a qualified one) and a Russian defeat — though not a complete one. ...

<https://responsiblestatecraft.org/zelensky-biden-washington/>

15)

THE TIMES OF ISRAEL – December 13, 2023 - FM Cohen: War against Hamas to continue 'with or without international support'

... “Israel will continue the war against Hamas with or without international support. A ceasefire at the current stage is a gift to the terrorist organization Hamas, and will allow it to return and threaten the residents of Israel,” Cohen tells a visiting diplomat, according to a statement issued by his ministry. ...

<https://archive.is/NaQ2Z#selection-941.0-941.311>

16)

CNN – December 12, 2023 - Israel begins flooding Gaza tunnels with seawater “on a limited basis,” US official says

The Israelis informed the US that they have begun “carefully testing out” flooding some of Gaza's tunnels with seawater “on a limited basis” to test the ability to degrade the tunnel network on a larger scale, a US official told CNN on Tuesday.

The Israelis are still unsure of whether it will work, the official said, but they assured the US that they are being careful to only test it in tunnels where they do not believe hostages are being held.

https://edition.cnn.com/middleeast/live-news/israel-hamas-war-gaza-news-12-12-23/h_df5dafccc41f6a3c38876f05aa24960c

17)

ALJAZEERA – 12 Dec 2023 - 'Elephant in the room': The US military's devastating carbon footprint

The US military emits more than entire industrialised nations like Portugal and Denmark, yet evades scrutiny.

https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/12/12/elephant-in-the-room-the-us-militarys-devastating-carbon-footprint?fbclid=IwAR1iqBFt00N2G0V0B_gYme9VOsr-9CeZH4pc9Sg7KF8TLVtdXqA0vsou27M

18)

John's Substack – DEC 12, 2023 Death and Destruction in Gaza

By JOHN J. MEARSHEIMER, the R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science at the University of Chicago, where he has taught since 1982.

... What Israel is doing in Gaza to the Palestinian civilian population – with the support of the Biden administration – is a crime against humanity that serves no meaningful military purpose. As J-Street, an important organization in the Israel lobby, puts it, "The scope of the unfolding humanitarian disaster and civilian casualties is nearly unfathomable."...

<https://mearsheimer.substack.com/p/death-and-destruction-in-gaza#:~:text=I%20do%20not%20believe%20that,the%20right%20side%20of%20history>.

19)

ALJAZEERA – 12 Dec 2023 - UN General Assembly votes overwhelmingly in favour of Gaza ceasefire

The US and Israel were among the few votes against the non-binding resolution calling for an end to the fighting.

...The 193-member United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has voted overwhelmingly in favour of a resolution calling for a humanitarian ceasefire in war-torn Gaza.

Tuesday's resolution passed with 153 countries voting in favour, 23 abstaining and 10 countries voting against, including Israel and the United States. While the resolution is non-binding, it serves as an indicator of global opinion. ...

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/12/12/un-general-assembly-votes-overwhelmingly-in-favour-of-gaza-ceasefire>

20)

THE TIMES OF ISRAEL – 9 December 2023 - National security adviser indicates war against Hezbollah likely once Hamas is defeated

... National Security Adviser Tzachi Hanegbi indicated on Saturday night that once Hamas is defeated in Gaza, Israel may have to go to war against Hezbollah across the northern border in Lebanon. ...

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/national-security-adviser-indicates-war-against-hezbollah-likely-after-defeat-of-hamas/>

21)

il manifesto – December 6, 2023 - Macron's third way: a European alternative to resolve the war in Gaza

"The total destruction of Hamas, what is that? Does anyone think that's possible? If so, the war will last 10 years, and I don't think anyone can seriously set this as a goal," said French President Emmanuel Macron in Dubai, on the sidelines of the COP28 international conference.

Macron's comment was rather unexpected and came just hours after the Gaza Strip ceasefire broke down and hostilities resumed. But it clearly couldn't have been just an off-the-cuff remark – not at such a level and not in an international forum as important as Dubai. So the resident of the Elysee Palace is most likely trying to outline a "European way" towards resolving the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, as he had already tried to do several times during the first year of the war in Ukraine. ...

<https://global.ilmanifesto.it/macrons-third-way-a-european-alternative-to-resolve-the-war-in-gaza/>

22)

Aftonbladet – 3 december, 2023 - Så ska USA få använda svenska militärbaser

"Med ett sådant här avtal sänker vi tröskeln för dem som vill komma hit och hjälpa oss att avskräcka Ryssland", säger Robert Dalsjö, försvarspolitisk expert vid Totalförsvarets forskningsinstitut, FOI.

<https://www.aftonbladet.se/nyheter/a/Llr321/sa-ska-usa-fa-anvanda-svenska-militarbaser>