

UUDEN VUODEN TERVEHDYS

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Arvoisa vastaanottaja!

Paavi Franciscus tuomitsi maailmanlaajuisen aseteollisuuden ja vaati maailmalaajuisista rauhaa Vatikaanista maanantaina antamassaan joulusiunauksessaan. "Ihmissydän on heikko ja impulsiivinen; jos löydämme kuoleman välineet käsistämme, ennemmin tai myöhemmin käytämme niitä", hän varoitti. "Ja kuinka voimme edes puhua rauhasta, kun aseiden tuotanto, myynti ja kauppa ovat nousussa?" Franciscus vertasi maailmanlaajuisia asemenoja – jotka Tukholman kansainvälisen rauhantutkimusinstituutin mukaan ylittivät 2,2 biljoonaa dollaria viime vuonna – hallitusten epäonnistumiseen rahoittaa sosiaalisia hyödykkeitä, kuten ponnisteluja nälän, kodittomuuden ja köyhyyden torjumiseksi.

Mikähän on maamme presidentti Sauli Niinistön uudenvuodentervehdys? Antaako Suomi lisää aseita Ukrainaan, satsaa tuleviin USA:n tukikohtiin sekä Nato-jäsenyyteen? Ja rahaa jää suomalaisten perusturvaan ja kulttuuriin yhä vähemmän.

Uudelle Vuodelle toivottaen Rauhaa!

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1)

ALJAZEERA – Dec 28, 2023 - What struggles are Israeli activists facing in their anti-war movement?

While most Israelis have rallied behind their government's war on Gaza, some still call for peace.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/program/the-stream/2023/12/28/what-struggles-are-israeli-activists-facing-in-their-antiwar-movement>

2)

The Nuclear Resister – December 28, 2023 - 2,400 Arrests Calling for CEASEFIRE NOW

Following is a day-by-day chronicle of more than 2,400 arrests in the first two months since then, at more than 75 demonstrations across 22 states and provinces in the United States and Canada. It marks the largest surge of anti-war arrests since mid-April, 2003, when the Nuclear Resister chronicled over 7,500 anti-war arrests in the U.S. alone in the lead-up to and first weeks of the second U.S. invasion of Iraq. ...

<https://www.nukeresister.org/2023/12/28/2400-arrests-calling-for-ceasefire-now/>

3)

POLITICO – 27 Dec, 2023 - The Biden Administration Is Quietly Shifting Its Strategy in Ukraine

For two years, Biden and Zelenskyy have been focused on driving Russia from Ukraine. Now Washington is discussing a move to a more defensive posture.

With U.S. and European aid to Ukraine now in serious jeopardy, the Biden administration and European officials are quietly shifting their focus from supporting Ukraine's goal of total victory over Russia to improving its position in an eventual negotiation to end the war, according to a Biden administration official and a European diplomat based in Washington. Such a negotiation would likely mean giving up parts of Ukraine to Russia. ...

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2023/12/27/biden-endgame-ukraine-00133211#:~:text=With%20U.S.%20and%20European%20aid,to%20a%20Biden%20administration%20official>

4)

RIC (Rojava Information Center) – December 26, 2023 - Turkey's Christmas airstrikes targeting NES civilian service facilities and infrastructure

While Kurdish-led North and East Syria is still suffering the effects of Turkey's October airstrike campaign – which systematically targeted electricity and oil facilities across the region, leaving grave infrastructural and economic damage and causing widespread power and water cuts – Turkey yet again carries out a string of airstrikes on civilian service facilities and infrastructure.

On Christmas day, Turkish airstrikes hit 18 locations, including factories producing construction materials, agricultural products and foods, grain silos, a mill, industrial sites, a dialysis center, a printing house and a petrol station. ...

<https://rojavainformationcenter.org/2023/12/turkeys-christmas-airstrikes-targeting-nes-civilian-service-facilities-and-infrastructure/>

5)

Common Dreams - Pope Francis – Christmas blessing December 25, 2023

"The human heart is weak and impulsive; if we find instruments of death in our hands, sooner or later we will use them," said the Pope in his Christmas Day blessing. "And how can we even speak of peace, when arms production, sales and trade are on the rise?"

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/pope-francis-arms-industry-profits>

6)

the japan times – Dec 24, 2023 - Putin quietly signals he is open to a ceasefire in Ukraine

"We won't give up what's ours," he pledged, adding dismissively, "If they want to negotiate, let them negotiate."

But in a recent push of back-channel diplomacy, Putin has been sending a different message: He is ready to make a deal.

Putin has been signaling through intermediaries since at least September that he is open to a ceasefire that freezes the fighting along the current lines, far short of his ambitions to dominate Ukraine, two former senior Russian officials close to the Kremlin and U.S. and international officials who have received the message from Putin's envoys say.

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/12/24/world/politics/putin-signals-cease-fire/>

7)

FREE PRESS – December 24, 2023 - STARVATION and an ACTION call for the ICRC

Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) global partnership 21

December report on: .."the entire population in the Gaza Strip (about 2.2 million people) is classified in IPC Phase 3 or above (Crisis or worse).

This is the highest share of people facing high levels of acute food insecurity that the IPC initiative has ever classified for any given area or country.... at least one in four households (more than half a million people) is facing catastrophic conditions - IPC Phase 5 (Catastrophe).

These are characterized by households experiencing an extreme lack of food, starvation and exhaustion of coping capacities." ...

<https://freepress.org/article/starvation-and-action-call-icrc>

8)

REUTERS – December 23, 2023 - Iran threatens Mediterranean closure over Gaza, without saying how

An Iranian Revolutionary Guards commander said the Mediterranean Sea could be closed if the United States and its allies continued to commit "crimes" in Gaza, Iranian media reported on Saturday, without explaining how that would happen. ...

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/iran-threatens-mediterranean-closure-over-gaza-without-saying-how-2023-12-23/>

9)

The PALESTINE CHRONICLE – December 22, 2023 - Global Christian Leaders to Spend Christmas in Bethlehem in Solidarity with Palestinians

A delegation of Christian leaders from around the world, including a cohort from South Africa, are to spend Christmas in Bethlehem in a demonstration of solidarity with Palestinians in the occupied territories, as well as the Gaza Strip.

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<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/global-christian-leaders-to-spend-christmas-in-bethlehem-in-solidarity-with-palestinians/>

10)

Global Politics – 22 december 2023 - Polisanmälan angående lagbrott i samband med DCA- avtalet

Anmälan lämnades in på polisstationen i Köping 13 december.

Till: Polisen

Polisanmälan angående lagbrott i samband med avtal gällande utländsk militär

... Vi anmäler härmed alla som är eller varit inblandade i försök till genomdrivande eller tillämpning av "Avtal om försvarssamarbete mellan Konungariket Sveriges regering och Amerikas förenta staters regering" (det så kallade "DCA-avtalet", vilket det benämns som nedan) eller liknande som kan förekomma i samband med Sveriges värdlandsavtal och Nato-ansökan/samarbete/medlemskap, eftersom det bedöms strida emot svensk lag och grundläggande mänskliga rättigheter. ...

<https://www.globalpolitics.se/polisanmalan-angaende-lagbrott-i-samband-med-dca-avtalet/>

11)

DAGENS JURIDIK – 18.12.2023 - Israels agerande i Gaza till ICC – en historisk anmälan

... I november lämnades en formell anmälan in till den Internationella brottmålsdomstolen (ICC) gällande israeliska statsledningens agerande i konflikten. Bakom anmälan står över 160 NGO:s och fler än 600 advokater från världen över, däribland undertecknande advokater, med den franske advokat Gilles Devers i spetsen. Därutöver har fem länder lämnat in egna anmälningar. Uppslutningen kring anmälningarna är historisk och innehåller en begäran om att ICC ska utreda om folkmord och andra folkrättsbrott begåtts mot den palestinska befolkningen. Det begärs också att en internationell arresteringsorder utfärdas mot Israels premiärminister Benjamin Netanyahu....

<https://www.dagensjuridik.se/debatt/israels-agerande-i-gaza-till-icc-en-historisk-anmalan/>