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Arvoisa vastaanottaja!

On aika taas tutkia mitä mm. Natosta, militarisoinnista, Gazasta ja Europasta kirjoitetaan.

NATO

- Nato-maat kasvattivat kollektiivisia puolustusmenojaan noin 120 miljardilla dollarilla vuonna 2024 edellisvuodesta. Kaikkien Nato-maiden kokonaissumman arvioidaan olleen noin 1,3 biljoonaa dollaria. Linkki 1
- Brittiläisen sotilasasiantuntijan mukaan Nato-valtiot voivat olla mukana sotilaallisessa konfliktissa Venäjän kanssa vain kahden vuoden kuluttua. Ed Arnold brittiläisestä ajatushautomosta Royal United Services Instituten (RUSI) sanoi haastattelussa Deutsche Presse-Agenturille. Linkki 7
- Naton huippukomentajat ja suunnittelijat saavat uuden rakennuksen Belgian Monsissa, vuoteen 2030 mennessä. Linkki 10

ISRAEL - GAZA – MIKSI SUOMALAISET POLIITIKOT VAIKENEVAT?

- Espanjan hallitus on yksipuolisesti peruuttanut sopimuksen ampumatarvikkeiden ostamisesta israelilaiselta yritykseltä poliisivoimilleen, kertoi hallituslähde viime viikon torstaina. Linkit 2 ja 3
- UNICEFin virkamies huomautti viestissään, että "18. maaliskuuta tapahtuneen tulitauon jälkeen Gazassa on kerrottu kuolleen lähes 600 lasta ja loukkaantuneen yli 1 600." Linkki 9

NÄIN SIVIILIIHTEISKUNTAA MILITARISOIDAAN

- Saksan armeija on kysynyt useilta suurilta yrityksiltä, voisivatko ne tarjota logistiikkatukea, jos maa tarvitsee sotilaiden ja varusteiden sijoittamista Naton itärajalta kriisin aikana, Handelsblatt-lehti kertoi viime viikolla. Linkki 5

PÄÄSIÄISMIELENOSOITUKSIA

- Mielenosoittajat ympäri Saksaa vaativat aseistariisuntaa, ydinaseetonta maailmaa, kykyä opiskeluun - ei sotaan valmistautumista ja sotien loppua. Saksan on kyettävä rauhaan sodan sijaan, sanoo eräs aktivisti. Linkit 6 ja 8

EUROOPPAAN LIITTYVIÄ TEKSTEJÄ

- Yhdysvaltain presidentin Donald Trumpin provosoimassa kauppasodassa hän jatkaa soutamista edestakaisin. Hän kehottaa nyt EU:ta ostamaan yhä enemmän öljyä ja kaasua Yhdysvalloista kauppavajeen kompensoimiseksi. Yhdysvallat on jo pitkään ollut EU:n suurin energiantoimittaja. Linkki 11

- Euroopan politiikan sekasorto. Jopa entiset sotilasjohtajat kyseenalaistavat teesin, jonka mukaan Venäjä on uhka koko Euroopalle. Lue kenraali a. D. Harald Kujatin haastattelu. Linkki 12

- Kuinka Eurooppa voi turruttaa oman puolustuksensa amerikkalaistumiselle, alkaen F-35:stä. Onko Eurooppa Yhdysvaltojen vasallivaltio? Kysytään Mars-ajatushautomon kannanotossa. Linkki 13

Eikö mikään muu riitä kuin lisää varustautuminen? Herätkää maailman päättäjät. Vaihtoehtoja asevarustelulle on.

Rauhan rakentamiseen tarvitaan tekoja!

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1)

Flight Global – April 25, 2025 - NATO calls for 'quantum leap' in defence spending, as annual outlay tops \$1.3 trillion

NATO nations boosted their collective spending on defence by around \$120 billion in 2024 from the previous year, with the 32-strong alliance's total outlay estimated to have been around \$1.3 trillion. ...

... The alliance's two most recent additions, Finland and Sweden, both bettered the minimum spending target last year, with respective figures of 2.3% and 2.25% of GDP. Stockholm recently detailed a plan to further boost its commitment to defence spending, to 3.5% by 2030.

Referring to the overall increased allocation from members excluding the USA, NATO secretary general Mark Rutte notes: *"These allies are taking on greater responsibility for the defence and security of the Euro-Atlantic area."*

However, he cautions: *"We need to dramatically accelerate these efforts in 2025. European allies and Canada must make a quantum leap when it comes to the contributions and capabilities they bring to bear. To do so, it will be essential to invest substantially more."*

<https://www.flightglobal.com/defence/nato-calls-for-quantum-leap-in-defence-spending-as-annual-outlay-tops-13-trillion/162754.article>

2)

Reuters – April 24, 2025 - Spain scraps purchase of Israeli bullets after internal pressure

MADRID, April 24 (Reuters) - The Spanish government has unilaterally cancelled a contract to purchase ammunition rounds for its police force from an Israeli firm, a government source said on Thursday, ceding to [pressure](#) from its hard-left junior coalition partner Sumar.

Spain, a long-time critic of Israel's policies in the occupied Palestinian territories, pledged in October 2023 to stop selling weapons to Israel over its war with Hamas in Gaza and last year widened that commitment to include weapons purchases from Israel. ...

[Spain scraps purchase of Israeli bullets after internal pressure](#)

3)

The Guardian – April 23, 2025 - Spanish deputy PM's party calls for cancellation of Israeli arms order

Leftwing party says €6.6m order for bullets from Israeli firm breaches coalition government agreements

... Spain's socialist prime minister, Pedro Sánchez, has been one of the most outspoken critics of Israel's prosecution of the war in Gaza, questioning whether it is following international humanitarian law and calling the number of Palestinian deaths "truly unbearable". ...

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/23/spain-government-calls-for-interior-ministry-to-cancel-israeli-arms-order>

4)

WORLDWIDE SPEAKERS GROUP – April 22, 2025 - April Anders Fogh Rasmussen: What It Means for Europe to Fend for Itself

For too long, Europe has relied on cheap Russian energy, cheap Chinese goods, and cheap American security and technology. Now that this naive dependency is no longer an option, Europeans must be open and honest about what it will take to defend their values and interests in a dangerous new world.

... Rising to this challenge requires a fundamental reconsideration of long-held assumptions and beliefs. Clinging to old orthodoxies is not an option. Europeans cannot preserve democracy and our way of life with soft power alone. We must dispense with entrenched taboos and relearn the language of hard power. That is the only way to deter and defend against those who directly threaten our values and interests.

Yes, since US President Donald Trump's return to power, hundreds of billions of euros in new spending have been earmarked for defense. But these commitments are not enough. Spending 2% of GDP on defense was a reasonable ambition for NATO in 2014, when the United States still played the role, however reluctantly, of global policeman. But those days are gone. Merely to keep pace with Russia's military development, Europe must at least double its investment in defense. Indeed, I would go much further and say Europe should aim for 4% by 2028. Incoming German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk's ambitions for their own countries must be replicated across the continent.

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<https://wwsg.com/speaker-news/anders-fogh-rasmussen-what-it-means-for-europe-to-fend-for-itself/>

5)

Reuters – April 22, 2025 - German army approaches big firms for NATO logistics aid, Handelsblatt daily says

BERLIN, April 22 (Reuters) - The German army has asked several large firms about whether they could provide logistics support if the country needs to deploy soldiers and equipment to NATO's eastern border during a crisis, the Handelsblatt newspaper reported on Tuesday.

Germany - a logistical hub due to its central location in Europe - has committed to contributing 35,000 soldiers and over 200 aircraft and ships

within 30 days of any major conflict as part of NATO's new model to address growing threats, particularly from Russia. ...

Defence giant Rheinmetall airline group Lufthansa (LHAG.DE) and state-owned railway operator Deutsche Bahn were among the firms approached by the army, according to Handelsblatt. ...

<https://www.reuters.com/business/aerospace-defense/german-army-approaches-big-firms-nato-logistics-aid-handelsblatt-daily-says-2025-04-22/>

6)

NDR – 21. April 2025 – Ostermarsch in Hamburg: "Lernfähig statt kriegstüchtig"

In Hamburg haben sich am Montag nach Angaben der Polizei rund 2.600 Menschen zum traditionellen Ostermarsch versammelt. Das Motto lautete in diesem Jahr: "Lernfähig statt kriegstüchtig".

... Am Kar Samstag hatten bereits mehrere Tausend Menschen an Ostermärschen in Niedersachsen, Schleswig-Holstein und Mecklenburg-Vorpommern teilgenommen. In Hannover zählte die Polizei etwa 1.000 Teilnehmende. Es gingen aber auch Menschen in weiteren Orten wie Braunschweig, Göttingen und Goslar sowie auf der Nordseeinsel Norderney auf die Straße. Auch in Schleswig-Holstein demonstrierten am Sonnabend hunderte Menschen für Frieden und gegen Aufrüstung. Ostermärsche gab es unter anderem in Lübeck, Flensburg und Eutin. Etwa 800 Menschen beteiligten sich an den Ostermärschen in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern.

<https://www.ndr.de/nachrichten/hamburg/Ostermarsch-in-Hamburg-Lernfaehig-statt-kriegstuechtig,ostermarsch512.html>

7)

blue News – April 20, 2025 - Military expert warns of war between Russia and NATO in 2027

No time? blue News summarizes for you

A British military expert warns that NATO could find itself in conflict with Russia within a few years, especially in the Baltic states. He recommends quickly expanding tried-and-tested weapons systems and ammunition instead of relying on expensive high-tech solutions.

In addition, drones and European air defense systems should be produced and deployed to a greater extent.

According to a British military expert, the NATO states could be involved in a military conflict with Russia in just two years' time. Ed Arnold from the British think tank Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) said this in an interview with Deutsche Presse-Agentur.

With regard to Germany's planned massive investments in the armaments sector, Arnold warned that the German government does not have time to spread the investments over a period of ten years in view of the threat posed by Russia. Instead, the Bundeswehr must first focus on rapidly expanding its stocks of proven weapon systems and ammunition - especially artillery ammunition. ...

<https://www.bluewin.ch/en/news/switzerland/military-expert-warns-of-war-between-russia-and-nato-in-2659564.html>

8)

Frankfurter Allgemeine 19. April 2025 - Ostermärsche in mehreren Städten

Die Demonstranten fordern Abrüstung, eine atomwaffenfreie Welt und das Ende von Kriegen. Deutschland müsse friedensfähig statt kriegstüchtig werden, sagt eine Aktivistin.

Mit der Forderung nach Frieden und einem Ende der Aufrüstung sind Friedensaktivisten bei den traditionellen Ostermärschen durch mehrere Städte gezogen. Bei den größeren Demonstrationen etwa im Ruhrgebiet, in Wiesbaden und in Kassel kamen nach ersten Schätzungen der Polizei jeweils mehrere hundert Menschen zusammen. In Berlin nahmen nach ersten Angaben der Beamten rund 1800 Demonstranten an einem Ostermarsch unter dem Motto „Ja zum Frieden“ teil. In Hannover versammelten sich laut Polizei rund 1.000 Teilnehmer in der Innenstadt. Zentrale Themen sind die Forderung nach Abrüstung und einer atomwaffenfreien Welt sowie die Beendigung von Kriegen, wie etwa in der Ukraine und in Israel. ...

<https://www.faz.net/aktuell/politik/inland/ostermaersche-in-mehreren-staedten-110428972.html>

9)

peoples dispatch – April 18, 2025 - Children in Gaza charred to death as Israel strikes displaced people's tents in designated "safe zone"

According to the latest UNICEF report, over 15,000 children have been killed, and 34,000 others injured after 18 months of Israel's genocidal aggression on Gaza.

... The Executive Director of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), Catherine Russell, expressed her concern about the killing of children in Gaza in a [post](#) on X on Thursday, April 17: "The last 24 hours were deadly for children in Gaza. Airstrikes on tents in Gaza reportedly killed 15 children, including a child with disabilities who burned to death. Images of children burning while sheltering in makeshift tents should shake us all to our core," Russell stated.

The UNICEF official pointed out in another post that "since the ceasefire broke on March 18, nearly 600 children in Gaza have reportedly been killed and over 1,600 injured."

On March 31, UNICEF said in a [report](#) that over 15,000 children were killed and 34,000 others injured, while about one million were repeatedly displaced and deprived of their right to basic services during Israel's 18-month genocidal aggression on Gaza. ...

<https://peoplesdispatch.org/2025/04/19/children-in-gaza-charred-to-death-as-israel-strikes-displaced-peoples-tents-in-designated-safe-zone/>

10)

EURACTIVE – April 18, 2025 - NATO's war room in Wallonia to get €1 billion makeover

The building has made do with ageing infrastructure, as little has changed at the site since it first went up in 1967.

The Cold War-era complex hosting NATO's top commanders and planners in Mons, Belgium, is expected to get a brand-new building by 2030.

The construction of the new facility for the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe is set to begin in May 2026. SHAPE, as it's known in the military alliance, is where senior officials coordinate operations and plan for defence and deterrence.

Concretely, the team in Wallonia is tasked with preparing for war with Russia.

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/defence/news/natos-war-room-in-wallonia-to-get-e1-billion-makeover/>

11)

OVERTON – 18. April 2025 - Trump will die totale Energieabhängigkeit Europas von den USA

Im vom US-Präsidenten Donald Trump provozierten Handelskrieg rudert er weiter vor und zurück. Er fordert nun von der EU, dass die zum Ausgleich des Handelsdefizits noch mehr Öl und Gas in den USA kaufen müsse. Dabei sind die USA längst der größte Energielieferant der EU und zudem fordern die USA für ihr dreckiges Fracking-Gas auch noch horrenden Preise. ...

<https://overtone-magazin.de/top-story/trump-will-die-totale-energieabhaengigkeit-europas-von-den-usa/>

12)

Global Bridge – 16. April 2025 – Übernommen | Ukraine-Krieg: der Scherbenhaufen der europäischen Politik

Zum Autor: General a. D. Harald Kujat, geboren am 1. März 1942, war unter anderem Generalinspekteur der Bundeswehr und als Vorsitzender des Nato-Militärausschusses höchster Militär der Nato. Zugleich amtierte er als Vorsitzender des Nato-Russland-Rats sowie des Euro-Atlantischen Partnerschaftsrates der Generalstabschefs.

(Red.) Einen äußeren Feind zu haben, so lehrt es die Geschichte, gilt als beste Methode, innere Uneinigkeit zu überbrücken und wieder zusammenzufinden. Ob der mit großem medialen Aufwand betriebene Russenhasse die richtige Methode ist, anstehende Uneinigheiten in der EU und auch in der NATO zu überbrücken, darf indessen bezweifelt werden. Selbst ehemalige militärische Größen bezweifeln die These, Russland sei für ganz Europa eine Gefahr. Nicht zum ersten Mal übernehmen wir deshalb ein Interview mit einem deutschen General im Ruhestand. ...

<https://globalbridge.ch/ukraine-krieg-der-scherbenhaufen-der-europaeischen-politik/>

13)

Sauvons Europe – 16 Avril 2025 - F-35 : notre avion, votre problème !

Comment l'Europe peut-elle se désensibiliser à l'américanisation de sa défense, à commencer par le F-35, une arme de vassalisation des Etats-Unis à l'égard des pays acquéreurs. De la sidération à l'acceptation, en passant par le déni, les pays européens vont-ils se lancer à travers le livre blanc de la défense européenne dans une vaste opération de « désitarisation » ?

<https://www.sauvonsleurope.eu/f-35-notre-avion-votre-probleme/>

14)

Anadolu Ajansı – March 25, 2025 - Russia calls for establishment of 'pan-Eurasian' platform to address common challenges, opportunities

Russian foreign minister says unlike Africa and Latin America, Eurasia lacks unified continental platform where all Eurasian nations can meet regularly

At a meeting hosted by the Gorchakov Diplomacy Fund in Moscow on Monday, Lavrov emphasized that unlike Africa and Latin America, Eurasia lacks a unified continental organization or forum where all Eurasian nations without exclusion can meet regularly.

The minister encouraged experts from the Gorchakov Diplomacy Fund to explore the feasibility of establishing such a platform.

In addressing the current global landscape, Lavrov identified the emergence of a "fairer multipolar world order" as a key trend, adding that new global powerhouses beyond the Western sphere continue to strengthen, highlighting China and India as notable examples.

Lavrov criticized the West's resistance to these objective geopolitical shifts, describing it as going into a defensive posture whenever efforts toward democratizing international relations arise. ...

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/world/russia-calls-for-establishment-of-pan-eurasian-platform-to-address-common-challenges-opportunities/3519140>