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Arvoisa vastaanottaja!

Turhautuminen kasvaa. Lue lisää alla olevista linkeistä.

GAZAN TILANNE

Paine Israelia vastaan kasvaa.

- Palestiinalaisia tuetaan mielenosoituksilla Yhdysvaltain yliopistoissa ja myös Euroopassa. Linkit 1, 2 ja 7
- Espanja tukee YK:n ihmisoikeusvaltuutetun toimistoa sen tutkivien toimien lisäämisessä Gazassa mahdollisesti tehtyihin ihmisoikeusloukkauksiin ja sotarikoksiin, sanoi Albares, Espanjan ulkoministeri. Linkki 4
- YK:n palestiinalaisalueiden erityisraportoiija Francesca Albanese vaatii syytteitä Euroopan unionin huippuvirkamiehille – mukaan lukien Euroopan komission puheenjohtaja Ursula von der Leyen - osallisuudesta sotarikoksiin Gazassa. Linkki 5
- YK:n ruokaohjelma ilmoitti huhtikuun lopussa, että avustusruoka on loppunut. Ihmiset Gazassa saavat vain 25 % päivittäisestä ruoantarpeestaan. Vehnäjauhot loppuivat ja ruokaohjelman tukevat leipomot on suljettu. Linkki 11
- Malediivit on kieltänyt Israelin passin haltijoiden pääsyn alueelleen, presidentin kanslia syyttää Israelia kansanmurhasta palestiinalaisia vastaan Gazan sodassa. Linkki 15

RAUHAN PUOLESTA EI SOTAKONEISTOLLE

- Toukokuun ensimmäisen päivän marsseja järjestettiin ympäri maailman. Ranskan ammattiliitot vaativat elinolojen parantamista, korkeampia palkkoja, julkisten palvelujen puolustamista sekä oikeudenmukaista ja kestäväää rauhaa. Sveitsiläisillä mottona oli "Yhdessä sotaa ja fasismia vastaan" Linkit 6 ja 9
- Belgialaiset eivät halua uhrata eläkkeitään sotakoneistolle. Linkki 10

Suomessa poliitikot ja kansa vaikenee – on häpeällistä olla suomalainen!

Ystävällisin terveisin

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1)

The Guardian – May 8, 2025 - Dozens of pro-Palestinian protesters arrested after Columbia calls in police

NYPD officers entered campus's main library building in riot gear after activists occupied area in hours-long standoff

... Renaming the space "the Basel Al-Araj Popular University", some activists stood on desks with bullhorns, while others hung a sign that read "strike for Gaza" and distributed pamphlets calling on the university to "divest" from funds and businesses that activists say are profiting from Israel's invasion of Gaza. "We will not be useless intellectuals," they said in a statement posted online. "Palestine is our compass, and we stand strong in the face of violent oppression."
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<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/may/07/columbia-university-police-pro-palestinian-protests>

2)

ABC News – May 8, 2025 - University presidents, Republican lawmakers spar over alleged antisemitism on campuses

College presidents faced off with lawmakers on the House Education and Workforce Committee on Wednesday in an at-times contentious congressional hearing examining alleged antisemitism on campus. But the school leaders' concessions and inability to explain why they didn't follow university policies to remove encampment demonstrations fell short of satisfying Republicans. ...

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/university-presidents-republican-lawmakers-spar-alleged-antisemitism-campuses/story?id=121577043>

3)

MIDDLE EAST EYE – May 5, 2025 - Israel's culture of genocide is spreading globally. We must build an alternative

Recent events highlight the dangerous normalisation of Zionist violence, which is transcending borders amid global indifference

Last month, three alarming incidents occurred within the span of just a week: a Palestiniangirl and her three-year-old brother were tied to a tree in the occupied West Bank; a Palestinian bus driver was attacked by a mob in Jerusalem; and an American woman was assaulted by Zionists on the streets of New York.

Compared with the scale of the disaster in Gaza, these events might seem minor - but it is important to view them as part of an ongoing process that is intensifying and transcending borders.

The common thread linking these events is not only the right-wing Zionism of the perpetrators, but also the world's passive acceptance, as settler-colonial violence spills over from the occupied territories into Israel's 1948 borders and Jewish communities abroad. ...

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/palestinians-must-build-alternative-israel-culture-genocide>

4)

ANADOLU AJANSI – May 5, 2025 – Spain to boost funding for UN investigation into war crimes in Gaza

Situation in Gaza 'completely and absolutely unacceptable' amid Israeli aid blockade, says foreign minister

Spain will contribute an additional €500,000 (over \$560,000) to support UN investigations into human rights violations and possible war crimes committed in Gaza, Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares announced Monday.

"With the aim of ending these violations of international law and with the desire to ensure accountability, I announce that we will support the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in increasing its investigative efforts into human rights violations and war crimes that may have been committed in Gaza," Albares told Spain's Committee on Foreign Affairs. ...

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/spain-to-boost-funding-for-un-investigation-in-to-war-crimes-in-gaza/3557600>

5)

The Intercept – May 3, 2025 - EU President Should Be Investigated for Complicity in Israel's War Crimes, Says Top U.N. Expert on Palestine

"I'm not someone who says, 'History will judge them' — they will have to be judged before then," Francesca Albanese said in an exclusive interview.

... In a wide-ranging exclusive interview with The Intercept, U.N. special rapporteur for the occupied Palestinian territories Francesca Albanese, called for top European Union officials — including European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen — to face charges of complicity in war crimes over their support for Israel during its 18-month assault on Gaza.

"The fact that the two highest figures of the EU continue business as usual engagements with Israel is beyond deplorable," Albanese said. ...

<https://theintercept.com/2025/05/03/eu-israel-palestine-war-crimes-accountability/>

6)

EURACTIV – May 2, 2025 - Thousands protest over salaries, Gaza at France May Day marches

Thousands marched at May Day protests across France on Wednesday (1 May), making demands ranging from better salaries to a ceasefire in Gaza, with minor skirmishes in some cities.

French trade union leaders carry a banner during the annual May Day march in Paris, France, 1 May 2024. Unions in France are demanding improved living conditions, higher wages, the defense of public services and a just and lasting peace. ...

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/economy-jobs/news/thousands-protest-over-salaries-gaza-at-france-may-day-marches/>

7)

Philenews – May 2, 2025 - Protesters rally against President Christodoulides' Israel trip

... Demonstrators gathered outside the Presidential Palace in Nicosia on Friday evening to protest President Christodoulides' upcoming visit to Israel where he is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The protesters criticised the Cypriot government's maintenance of close relations with Israel while the genocide in Gaza continues. ...

In a statement, organisers highlighted that the Israeli prime minister faces international accusations of serious violations of international law, including using starvation as a weapon of war and targeting civilian populations. ...

<https://in-cyprus.philenews.com/local/cyprus-protests-president-israel-visit-netanyahu/>

8)

THE LOCAL.de – May 1, 2025 - Thousands participate in Labour Day demos, property prices rise in German cities, married couples are allowed to adopt joint second names, and more news from around Germany on Friday.

... More than 25,000 people took part in May Day demonstrations in Berlin and Hamburg on Wednesday, according to police. ...

The demonstration featured pro-Palestinian chants, masked individuals, and visual elements such as flares and smoke bombs.

Protest signs and banners included slogans like "Fight Fascism," "Smash Repression," "Against Racism and Displacement," and "War on War."

<https://www.thelocal.de/20250502/today-in-germany-a-roundup-of-the-latest-news-on-friday-73>

9)

SRF - 1. Mai 2025 - 1. Mai: Tausende auf den Strassen von Zürich, Basel und Genf

Über zwanzigtausend Menschen demonstrierten landesweit. Am Rande von Veranstaltungen kam es vereinzelt zu Sachbeschädigungen.

Der diesjährige Umzug steht gemäss dem Aufruf des 1.-Mai-Komitees unter dem Motto «Gemeinsam gegen Krieg und Faschismus».

<https://www.srf.ch/news/schweiz/tag-der-arbeit-1-mai-tausende-auf-den-strassen-von-zuerich-basel-und-genf>

10)

Brasil de Fato – April 28, 2025 - Belgians to government: 'we won't sacrifice pensions for warplanes'

Resistance to the government's austerity and militarization plans continues in Belgium; mobilizations expected on May 1

Protests against the pro-austerity and pro-militarization plans of Belgium's Arizona coalition government continue. On Sunday, April 27, thousands of people demonstrated in Brussels, demanding an end to policies that would severely impact workers' pensions and incomes, and calling for the introduction of a real millionaire's tax and a politics of peace. ...

<https://www.brasildefato.com.br/2025/04/28/belgians-to-government-we-wont-sacrifice-pensions-for-warplanes/>

11)

WFP – April 25, 2025 - WFP runs out of food stocks in Gaza as border crossings remain closed

GAZA, Palestine – The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has depleted all its food stocks for families in Gaza.

Today, WFP delivered its last remaining food stocks to hot meals kitchens in the Gaza Strip. These kitchens are expected to fully run out of food in the coming days. For weeks, hot meal kitchens have been the only consistent source of food assistance for people in Gaza. Despite reaching just half the population with only 25 percent of daily food needs, they have provided a critical lifeline.

WFP has also supported bakeries to distribute affordable bread in Gaza. On March 31, all 25 WFP-supported bakeries closed as wheat flour and cooking fuel ran out. The same week, WFP food parcels distributed to families – with two weeks of food rations – were exhausted. WFP is also deeply concerned about the severe lack of safe water and fuel for cooking – forcing people to scavenge for items to burn to cook a meal.

<https://www.wfp.org/news/wfp-runs-out-food-stocks-gaza-border-crossings-remain-closed>

12)

All Israel News – April 22, 2025 - Fear of rising antisemitism in Ukraine after synagogue is attacked with Molotov cocktail

Incident is only one of several recent antisemitic attacks in Ukraine

... While local authorities have promised to apprehend the perpetrators, Edri and other local Jews are concerned that there is a growing antisemitic trend in Ukrainian society.

"We're starting to fear that this may not be isolated," Edri warned. "There seems to be a growing pattern of coordinated attempts to intimidate and harm Jewish communities in Eastern Europe." ...

<https://allisrael.com/fear-of-rising-antisemitism-in-ukraine-after-synagogue-attacked-with-molotov-cocktail>

13)

CNN – April 16, 2025 - Maldives bans Israeli passport holders in protest against Gaza war

... Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu ratified an amendment to the country's immigration law after it was passed by parliament on Tuesday, a statement from his office said.

The amendment introduces a new provision to the Immigration Act, expressly prohibiting the entry of visitors with Israeli passports into the Maldives, it added.

...

<https://edition.cnn.com/2025/04/16/africa/maldives-bans-israeli-passports-intl-l-atam/index.html>

14)

People's Dispatch – March 20, 2025 - Movement against increased military spending grows in Italy

Demonstrators in Rome delivered an unequivocal message to Italian and EU leaders: not a single euro should be spent on war and armament

Thousands of people took to the streets of Rome on March 15 to protest against the EU's armament agenda and rising military expenditures, which will funnel resources from social services and welfare. "Not one euro for their war" was the rallying cry of the demonstrators, who mobilized in response to a call from Potere al Popolo. The demonstration included grassroots trade unionists, student associations, and political organizations. ...

<https://peoplesdispatch.org/2025/03/20/movement-against-increased-military-spending-grows-in-italy/>