

## PUTININ JA TRUMPIN PUHELU. MIELENOSOITUKSIA EUROVIISUJEN AVAJAISISSA

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Arvoisa vastaanottaja!

Onneksi maailman median katseet ovat Gazan tapahtumissa. Tämän kirjeen liitteissä myös paljon muuta ajankohtaista.

### KIIISTANALAINEN UKRAINAN POLITIIKKA

- Yksi Ukrainan johtavista historioitsijoista ja valtiotieteilijöistä, Konstantin Bondarenko, paljastaa uudessa kirjassaan totuuden Ukrainasta, jonka valtamedia on jättänyt huomiotta. Linkki 3
- Venäjä arvostelee Yhdysvaltoja Ukrainan biolaboratorioista ja vaatii enemmän tekoja kuin tyhjiä sanoja. Linkki 7
- Ukrainan valtiovarainministeri sanoi Sputnik Internationalin mukaan, ettei Ukrainalla ole aikeita maksaa ulkomaisia velkojaan takaisin seuraavien 30 vuoden aikana. Linkki 19

### GAZA ON PELASTETTAVA

- Kansainvälisten järjestöjen yhteinen vetoamus Gazan nälänhädän torjumiseksi: "Käynnistä diplomaattinen humanitaarinen saattue nyt!" 18. toukokuuta 2025 allekirjoittaneiden organisaatioiden määrä on noussut 761:een. Naiset Rauhan Puolesta – Suomi on sijalla 290. Linkki 4
- YK:n pääsihteeri António Guterres on erityisen huolissaan siitä, että valtaosa Gazan lapsista kärsii äärimmäisestä ruokapulasta. Tämän vahvistavat nyt 17 YK:n järjestöä ja kansalaisjärjestöä IPC:n raportissa. Viimeisimmän analyysin mukaan 470 000 Gazan ihmistä kohtaa katastrofaalista nälkää ja koko väestö kärsii akuutista ruokaturvattomuudesta. Tämän lisäksi Israel kehtaa kohdistaa iskut säännöllisesti hyväntekeväisyyskeittäihin, pakolaisleireihin, kouluihin, sairaaloihin, niin kutsuttuihin "humanitaarisiin alueisiin" ja muihin siviilien kokoontumisiin. Linkit 5, 11 ja 13

- Israel muuttaa Gazan kiellettyjen aseiden koekentäksi. Niin sanottujen "ei-tavanomaisten" aseiden toistuvan käytön myötä on raportoitu outoja ja kauhistuttavia ilmiöitä. Asiantuntijat uskovat tämän viittaavan lämpö- ja kemiallisten aseiden käyttöön.

Lisäksi Israelin armeija testaa uusia Bar-raketteja Gazassa. Israelin armeijan mukaan Bar-raketeissa on "vaikeisiin taisteluolosuhteisiin erityisesti suunniteltu ohjausmekanismi", joka pystyy myös osumaan kohteisiin "hyvin lyhyessä ajassa". Linkit 14 ja 21

- EU:n entinen ulkoministeri Josep Borrell kritisoi EU:n vastausta siihen, mitä hän kutsuu toisen maailmansodan jälkeiseksi suurimmaksi etniseksi puhdistukseksi.

Israelin armeijan entinen komentaja Moshe Yaalon yhtyy syytöksiin "etnisestä puhdistuksesta" ja sotilaiden tekemiin sotarikoksiin. Linkit 15 ja 17

## NATON VAATIMUKSIA MYÖTÄILLÄÄN JA VASTUSTETAAN

- Yhdysvaltain ulkoministeri Marco Rubio sanoi torstaina 16.5., että kaikki Naton jäsenet ovat sopineet tavoitteesta käyttää 5 prosenttia bruttokansantuotteestaan puolustusmenoihin.

Saksa tukee Naton 5 prosentin puolustusmenojen tavoitetta. Linkit 6 ja 8

- Itävalta aikoo edelleen noudattaa puolueettomuusperi-aatettaan, julisti uusi liittokansleri Christian Stocker. Linkki 12

## **Mahatma Gandhi**

*'It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. ... You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.'*

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**Euractiv – May 16, 2025 - Tusk launches 'Polish Sea' plan to secure Baltic**

*Polish PM Donald Tusk unveiled on Thursday a bold plan to boost Baltic Sea security and expand Poland's ports.*

At a maritime conference on Thursday, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk announced a new plan to strengthen security in the Baltic Sea and expand the country's ports.

The programme, called the "Polish Sea" plan, aims to protect regional waters and triple the amount of cargo passing through Polish ports by 2030. ...

Tusk said a new container terminal planned for Świnoujście, near the German border, would go ahead. *"No one will block it – rest assured,"* he said.

The initiative is a response to growing threats from Moscow and includes the creation of a coordinated NATO-backed Baltic Watch, to help patrol regional waters. ...

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/tusk-launches-polish-sea-plan-to-secure-baltic/>

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**ntv – 20. Mai, 2025 - Zu wenig Druck auf Kreml - Europäer offenbar entsetzt nach Trumps Putin-Telefonat**

Nach seinem langen Gespräch mit Kremlchef Putin zeigt sich US-Präsident Trump zufrieden. Beide Seiten könnten "sofort Verhandlungen über eine Waffenruhe aufnehmen". Allerdings sieht der Kreml dies wohl anders. Auch die Reaktion der Europäer ist alles andere als euphorisch.

Europäische Staats- und Regierungschefs und der Präsident der Ukraine sollen nach einem Telefongespräch mit US-Präsident Donald Trump "schockiert" gewesen sein, weil dieser Kremlchef Wladimir Putin nicht mit Sanktionen unter Druck setzen wollte. Dies berichtet eine mit dem Telefonat vertraute Person. Die Präsidentin der Europäischen Kommission, Ursula von der Leyen, schrieb lediglich auf X, das Gespräch mit Trump sei "gut" gewesen und es sei wichtig, dass die USA engagiert blieben. ...

<https://www.n-tv.de/politik/Europaeer-offenbar-entsetzt-nach-Trumps-Putin-Telefonat-article25779209.html>

**3)**

## **THE JOKER: THE TRUE STORY OF VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY'S RISE TO POLITICAL POWER Kindle Edition**

*In A New Book, One of Ukraine's top political scientists exposes the truth about Ukraine that has been ignored by the mainstream media*

*by Konstantin Bondarenko (Author)*

This is a book about degradation - degradation of society, the state, and the individual. This is a book about irresponsibility - what a series of irresponsible actions and inactions of the people, thoughtless perception of politics, unwillingness to think critically leads to.

This is a book about the nation's infantilism and how it is used by overseas 'benefactors' who come in sheep's clothing, while remaining predatory wolves. This is a book about betrayal under the guise of nobility. ...

<https://the307.substack.com/p/ukrainian-political-scientist-exposes>

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### **HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH – May 19, 2025 - Unified Call to Confront Famine in Gaza: Launch the Diplomatic Humanitarian Convoy Now**

May 18, 2025 the number of signatory organisations has reached 761.

Women for Peace – Finland is number 290.

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2025/05/19/unified-call-confront-famine-gaza-launch-diplomatic-humanitarian-convoy-now>

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### **MIDDLE EAST EYE – May 16, 2025 - Why the wall of silence on the Gaza genocide is finally starting to crack**

*As Israel unveils its final genocide push, and mass death from starvation looms in Gaza, western media and politicians are tentatively starting to speak up*

... The British establishment's financial daily, the Financial Times, was first to break ranks last week to condemn "the West's shameful silence" in the face of Israel's murderous assault on the tiny enclave.

In an editorial – effectively the paper's voice – the FT accused the United States and Europe of being increasingly "complicit" as Israel made Gaza "uninhabitable", an allusion to genocide, and noted that the goal was to "drive Palestinians from their land", an allusion to ethnic cleansing. ...

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/opinion/gaza-genocide-wall-silence-finally-starting-crack-why>

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## **Reuters – May 16, 2025 - Rubio says NATO members will agree to 5% defense spending over next decade by June summit**

WASHINGTON, May 15 (Reuters) - U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said on Thursday that all NATO members will have agreed on a goal of spending the equivalent to 5% of GDP on defense over the next decade by the 2025 NATO Summit in June.

He made the comments while appearing on Fox News' "Hannity."

*... "I can tell you that we are headed for a summit in six weeks, in which virtually every member of NATO will be at or above 2% but more importantly, many of them will be over 4% and all will have agreed on the goal of reaching 5% over the next decade," said Rubio.*

German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl said this week that Berlin backed a demand by Trump for members of the defence alliance to increase defence spending to 5% of gross domestic product (GDP).

<https://www.reuters.com/business/aerospace-defense/rubio-says-nato-members-will-agree-5-defense-spending-over-next-decade-by-june-2025-05-16/>

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## **Defend Democracy Press – May 15, 2025 - Russia Calls Out US Over Ukraine Biolabs and Demands More Than Empty Words**

Russia remains open to contacts with the United States on the military biological program in Ukraine and hopes to remove concerns on this account, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on Thursday.

*"We have repeatedly noted and repeat again that we remain open to bilateral contacts with the American side on this topic [military biological program in Ukraine] in order to eliminate relevant irritants. We expect Washington to take the necessary steps to address Russia's concerns about US military biological activity," Zakharova told a briefing.*

<https://www.defenddemocracy.press/russia-calls-out-us-over-ukraine-biolabs-and-demands-more-than-empty-words/>

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## **DW (Deutsche Welle) – May 15, 2025 - Germany backs 5% NATO defense spending target**

*After meeting with his US counterpart at a gathering of NATO foreign ministers in Turkey, Germany's foreign minister said Berlin is willing to "follow" US President's Trump's demand for increased defense spending.*

... German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul said on Thursday that Berlin accepts in principle the demand from the United States that NATO member states increase defense spending to 5% of GDP.

Speaking on the sidelines of an informal gathering of NATO foreign ministers in Antalya, Turkey, Wadephul said: *"The result is the 5% that President [Donald] Trump has called for, and we will follow him in this respect."*

NATO members are currently committed to spending at least 2% of GDP on military expenditure, a target which around one third of the alliance still doesn't meet, including Portugal (1.55%), Italy (1.49%), Canada (1.37%), Belgium (1.3%) and Spain (1.28%).

<https://www.dw.com/en/germany-backs-5-nato-defense-spending-target/a-72549909>

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### **euronews – May 14, 2025 - EU Commission loses on all counts in Pfizergate legal case**

*The EU's top court annulled the Commission's decision to deny the newspaper New York Times access to messages exchanged between President Ursula von der Leyen and Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla, finding that the EU executive failed to plausibly explain why it does not possess the texts.*

After a long tug-of-war between the European Commission and The New York Times over transparency surrounding the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine contracts, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) today ruled that the Commission *"has not given a plausible explanation to justify the non-possession of the requested documents."* ...

<https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/05/14/eu-commission-loses-on-all-counts-in-pfizergate-legal-case>

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### **KNEWS – May 13, 2025 - Protests erupt at Eurovision opening over Israel's participation**

*Demonstrators in Basel chant slogans and confront Israeli singer Yuval Raphael as tensions over Gaza spill into the song contest.*

The Eurovision Song Contest got off to a rocky start in Basel, Switzerland, as protests erupted against Israel's participation, casting a shadow over the glitzy Opening Ceremony.

Outside Basel's City Hall, where contestants from across Europe gathered to kick off Eurovision week, dozens of demonstrators waved Palestinian flags and held signs reading *"While we sing, Gaza burns"* and *"No applause for genocide."* The target of their anger: Israel's representative, singer Yuval Raphael, and her delegation. ...

<https://knews.kathimerini.com.cy/en/protests-erupt-at-eurovision-opening-over-israel-s-participation>

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**UNITED NATIONS – May 12, 2025 - OCHA: UN chief alarmed by worsening hunger crisis in Gaza**

The Secretary-General is especially alarmed that the vast majority of children in Gaza are facing extreme food deprivation. This is now confirmed by 17 UN agencies and NGOs in the IPC report.

According to the latest analysis, 470,000 people in Gaza are facing catastrophic hunger – IPC Phase 5, the highest level – and the entire population is experiencing acute food insecurity. The report also projects that an alarming 71,000 children and more than 17,000 mothers will need urgent treatment for acute malnutrition. ...

<https://www.un.org/unispal/dochttps://www.un.org/unispal/document/ocha-un-chief-alarmed-by-worsening-hunger-crisis-in-gaza/>

**12)**

**EURACTIV – 12. Mai 2025 - Österreichs Bundeskanzler bekräftigt Neutralitätspolitik und lehnt NATO-Beitritt ab**

Österreich werde weiterhin an seinem Neutralitätsgebot festhalten, erklärte der neue Bundeskanzler Christian Stocker. Doch die Kritik für Österreichs inkonsequente Haltung gegenüber Russland und dem Verlass auf die Verteidigungsinvestitionen seiner EU-Partner wächst.

„Der NATO-Beitritt ist kein Thema in Österreich“, erklärte Christian Stocker, Vorsitzender der konservativen ÖVP – die Österreichische Volkspartei – in einem Interview mit Euractiv. ...

<https://www.euractiv.de/section/innenpolitik/interview/interview-austrian-chancellor-says-nein-to-nato-but-is-eager-for-french-nuclear-protection/>

**13)**

**Drop Site News – May 11, 2025 - As Gaza Starves, Israel Attacked UNRWA Food Distribution Center**

*Israel is targeting Palestinians' slim means of accessing food, bombing two makeshift kitchens and UNRWA's distribution center in Jabalia in the past few days*

... The May 9 attack on the UN distribution center came as part of Israel's scorched-earth bombing campaign that resumed in full force on March 18 following a brief "ceasefire." Since then, Israel has targeted charity kitchens, displacement camps, schools, hospitals, so-called "humanitarian zones," and

other civilian gatherings on a regular basis. On Saturday alone, Israeli airstrikes bombed two tents used for preparing food in Khan Younis and Gaza City. ...

<https://www.dropsitenews.com/p/gaza-unrwa-food-distribution-bombed-jabaliya-israel>

**14)**

**The Palestinian Information Center – May 10, 2025 - Lethal Weapons: Israel turns Gaza into a testing ground for banned arms**

For over a year and a half, the people of Gaza have endured daily hell under relentless Israeli bombardment, with no hesitation in deploying weapons of unprecedented destructiveness.

As the world remains eerily silent, Palestinian civilians are being crushed under tons of internationally banned explosives—victims of a war waged openly and with impunity.

In this tiny, densely populated coastal strip, life has become a series of roaming massacres. Residents face death in every form: burning, bombing, starvation, disease, and freezing temperatures. With repeated use of so-called “non-conventional” weapons, bizarre and horrifying phenomena have been reported—bodies that vanish or are reduced to ash, leaving no trace behind. Experts believe this points to the use of thermal and chemical weapons. ...

<https://english.palinfo.com/Zionist-Terrorism/2025/04/10/337048/>

**15)**

**The Guardian – May 10, 2025 - Israel committing genocide in Gaza, says EU's former top diplomat**

*Josep Borrell also criticises EU response to what he calls largest ethnic cleansing operation since second world war*

The former EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell has launched a blistering attack on [Israel](#), accusing its government of committing genocide in Gaza and “carrying out the largest ethnic-cleansing operation since the end of the second world war in order to create a splendid holiday destination”.

Borrell, a former Spanish foreign minister [who served as the EU's top diplomat from 2019 to 2024](#), and president of the European parliament from 2004 to 2007, also criticised the bloc's failure to use all the means at its disposal to influence Israel, saying expressions of regret were simply not enough.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/may/09/israel-committing-genocide-in-gaza-says-eus-former-top-diplomat>

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**Defend Democracy Press – May 10, 2025 - Salonica Book Fair: Event on Jewish literature canceled because of anti-genocide protests**

Tension prevailed at an event at the 5th Thessaloniki International Book Fair, where the Israeli Embassy was scheduled to hold a discussion on: *"Changing Landscapes of Jewish Literature"*.

Before the debate started, tension was caused when about 150 people wearing headscarves and Palestinian flags intervened, shouting slogans such as: *"Out with the killers"* and *"Freedom for Palestine"*.

As a result, the event was cancelled.

<https://www.defenddemocracy.press/salonica-book-fair-%CE%B5vent-on-jewish-literature-canceled-because-of-anti-genocide-protests/>

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**MIDDLE EAST EYE – May 9, 2025 - Israel 'sending soldiers to commit war crimes in Gaza', says former army chief**

*Moshe Yaalon, who also served as Benjamin Netanyahu's defence minister, accuses the government of 'losing touch with Jewish morality'*

In an interview with Israeli outlet Ynet on Thursday, Moshe Yaalon, who also served as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's defence minister between 2013 and 2016, said Israel had abandoned the captives held by Hamas and was carrying out a campaign of *"ethnic cleansing"* in Gaza.

Yaalon attacked the current military chief of staff, Eyal Zamir, saying he was not stopping *"clearly illegal orders"* and was ordering *"his soldiers to be war criminals"*.

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/israel-sending-soldiers-commit-war-crimes-gaza-says-former-army-chief>

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**PALESTINE CHRONICLE – May 8, 2025 - Trump 'Disappointed' with Netanyahu, Excludes Israel from Regional Plans – Report**

Tensions between former US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appear to be escalating, according to the Israeli newspaper Israel Hayom.

Citing sources with sources close to Trump, the report revealed that Trump "is disappointed" with Netanyahu.

*"Relations between Prime Minister Netanyahu and the US president have reached a low point with mutual disappointment on both sides,"* according to the report.

While previous reports highlighted Netanyahu's own discontent with Trump, sources now say the feeling is mutual. ...

<https://www.palestinechronicle.com/trump-disappointed-with-netanyahu-excludes-israel-from-regional-plans-report/>

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**APA (Azerbaijani Press Agency) – May 8, 2025 - Ukraine will not repay its debts to Western countries for the next 30 years**

With the country's debt approaching 100% of GDP, Ukraine's Minister of Finance Serhiy Marchenko boasted about the possibility of shifting the burden of debt payments to European taxpayers, APA reports citing Sputnik International.

*"Most of this debt was borrowed during the war on soft terms from our partners. That is, we are talking about the fact that in the NEXT 30 YEARS we will not repay these debts,"* he said.

The total amount of Ukraine's state and state-guaranteed debt as of September 2024 was \$155.69 billion, including the \$112.06 billion of external debt, according to data released by the Ukrainian Ministry of Finance. ...

<https://en.apa.az/europe/ukraine-will-not-repay-its-debts-to-western-countries-for-the-next-30-years-467069>

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**BBC – May 5, 2025 - Syrian security forces monitored armed civilians who killed Alawites, accused man says**

One of the men accused of taking part in a wave of sectarian violence against Syria's Alawite minority two months ago has told the BBC that he and other armed civilians who travelled to the area were advised and monitored by government forces there.

Abu Khalid said he had travelled as a civilian fighter to the Mediterranean coastal village of Sanobar on 7 March, to help battle former regime insurgents. ...

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cm2erkr1n15o>

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**MIDDLE EAST MONITOR – April 29, 2025 - Israel army tests new Bar rockets in Gaza**

The 282nd Artillery Regiment used Bar rockets, developed by Elbit Systems, to strike targets in southern Gaza as part of the ongoing offensive against Palestinians.

According to the Israeli army, the Bar rockets feature a *"guidance mechanism specifically designed for difficult combat environments"* which are also capable of hitting targets in a *"very short period of time"*.

The Bar rockets are slated to replace the Israeli army's aging Rumach rockets, which are fired from the M270 multiple rocket launcher system.

Israel's genocidal campaign in the besieged Gaza Strip has become a lucrative marketing tool for the country's thriving weapons industry.

Experts explained that the deployment of advanced weaponry, such as suicide drones, smart guns and robot dogs, since October 2023 has not only wreaked

devastation on Gaza and its people, but has also served as a homegrown weapons-testing laboratory for Israeli companies. ...

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20250429-israel-army-tests-new-bar-rockets-in-gaza/>