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Arvoisa vastaanottaja!

Maailma reagoi voimakkaasti Israelin harjoittamaa kansanmurhaa vastaan. Tässä myös tietoa miten Nato vaikuttaa Suomen, Ruotsin ja Euroopan maavoimiin puhumattakaan kaikkien maiden talouteen. Ja paljon muuta ajankohtaista maailmalta.

GAZAN TILANNE YHÄ AJANKOHTAISEMPI JA HÄLYTTÄVÄMPI KUIN KOSKAAN

* YK:n erityisraportoiija, Francesca Albanese puhui 30 maan edustajille Kolumbian pääkaupungissa. Haagin ryhmän valtiot ilmoittivat ennennäkemättömistä toimista Gazan kansanmurhan lopettamiseksi Bogotá konferenssissa Bogotássa, Kolumbian tasavallassa heinäkuun 16. päivänä. Linkit 5, 6, 8, ja 16

* Athenan Pireuksen sataman satamatyöntekijät ovat kieltäytyneet käsittelemästä Israeliin sotilaskäyttöön tarkoitettua rahtia "Cosco Shipping Pisces" -aluksella. Linkit 2 ja 9

* Israel jatkaa julmaa siviilien tappamista. YK:n Maailman ruokaohjelman (WFP) mukaan viikonloppuna (19-20.7.) epätoivoiset gazalaiset, jotka etsivät apua, joutuivat "israelilaisten panssarivaunujen, tarkka-ampujien ja muiden tulitusten kohteeksi". Yhteensä 67 palestiinalaista kuoli. Altayara Junctionin lähellä Deir al Balahissa, 15 henkilöä kuoli 10 heinäkuuta pommitukseen kun he odottivat klinikan avaamista. Linkit 1 ja 14

KASVIHUONEKAASUJEN PÄÄSTÖT

* Yhdysvaltain armeija on maailman suurin institutionaalinen kasvihuonekaasujen päästäjä. Pentagonin biljoonan dollarin budjetti nostaa sen päästöt korkeaksi. Global Witnessin analyysi osoittaa, että EU:n tuonti Yhdysvalloista nesteytetystä kaasusta aiheuttaa päästöjä. Tutkimuksessa lasketaan ensimmäistä kertaa EU:n tuoman Yhdysvalloista peräisin olevan nesteytetyn fossiilisen kaasun päästöjen aiheuttamat ilmastovahingot – jotka osaltaan vaikuttavat ilmastomuutoksen aiheuttamiin äärimmäisiin sääolosuhteisiin, kuten rankempiin tulviin ja voimakkaampiin helleaaltoihin. Linkit 15 ja 22

USA:N JA TRUMPIN POLITIIKKA ON KIETOUTUNUT EUROOPPAAN

* Tanska, Ranska, Islanti, Norja ja Iso-Britannia liittyvät Naton maavoimiin Suomessa. Ruotsi toimii maavoimien (FLF - NATO's Forward Land Forces) kehysvaltiona Suomessa ja sillä on keskeinen rooli monikansallisen läsnäolon suunnittelussa ja rakentamisessa tiiviissä yhteistyössä Naton ja osallistujamaiden kanssa. Linkit 17 ja 18

* Miljardööri Ray Dalio varoittaa "suurista, tuskallisista häiriöistä" sen jälkeen, kun kongressi hyväksyi Trumpin budjettilain. Hän ennustaa kahden biljoonan dollarin vuosittaisia alijäämiä. Linkki 20

* Trumpin toisen presidenttikauden alkuvaiheissa on syntynyt kaava: Washington asettaa agendan, Peking mukautuu tarkasti ja Bryssel antautuu, näin kirjoittaa Sebastian Contin Trillo-Figueroa, joka on Hongkongissa toimiva geopolitiikan strategit. Linkki 25

SEURAUKSIA NATON HUIPPUKOKOUKSEN PÄÄTÖKSISTÄ.

* Haagin ryhmän huippukokouksessa Kolumbian presidentti Gustavo Petro kehottaa Kolumbiaa eroamaan Natosta, tuomitsee "Israelin" Gazan sodan ja vahvistaa tukensa Palestiinalle. Linkki 3

* Slovenian liberaali pääministeri Robert Golob sanoi perjantaina 4 heinäkuuta aikovansa järjestää neuvoa-antavan kansanäänestyksen maan Nato-jäsenyydestä. Linkki 19

* Sotilasmenojen nostaminen 5 prosenttiin BKT:stä edellyttää, että sosiaalimenoja vähennetään jolloin köyhyys edelleen kasvaa. Toinen ongelma on, että huolimatta armeijalle osoitetuista varoista, Euroopalla ei yksinkertaisesti ole tuotantolinjoja valmiina panssarivaunujen ja ohjusten valmistukseen vaaditulla tahdilla. Useissa Euroopan maissa on leikattu kehitysyhteistyörahoista. Linkki 24 ja 28

- **Maya Angelou** - renowned American poet and civil rights activist, expressed this idea in her writings

"The flame of passion may waver in the face of challenges, but with persistence, it can grow into an unstoppable wildfire."

Tässä kirjeessä on paljon muita tärkeitä linkkejä luettavaksenne ja kuunneltavaksenne. Aurinkoisin terveisin

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1)

United Nations - July, 21st 2025 - Terror and chaos for Gaza's people now entering the 'death phase'

After another deadly weekend in Gaza in which at least 67 Palestinians were reportedly killed seeking food, UN aid teams on Monday described "mayhem" and starvation in the enclave as the Israeli military pushed into Deir Al-Balah for the first time.

In an alert, the UN agency for Palestine refugees, [UNRWA](#), relayed desperate testimonies from its colleagues who are also struggling to survive in the war-torn enclave.

"We're in the death phase," one UNRWA worker said. *"Everything around people at the moment is death, whether it's bombs or strikes, children wasting away in front of their eyes from malnourishment, from dehydration, and dying."*

Doctors and nurses who continue to work in the UN agency's clinics and medical centres *"are watching children disappear and die in front of their eyes, and there's absolutely nothing that they can do about it,"* the worker continued.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/07/1165443>

2)

YouTube – July 17, 2025 - Dock workers in Piraeus block unloading of vessel carrying enriched steel to Israel

Dock workers at Piraeus Port have refused to handle cargo for military use bound for Israel on the ship "Cosco Shipping Pisces." They gathered at Pier 2 and 3 joined by a large number of supporters on Wednesday evening, July 16 to block the unloading of containers said to carry enriched steel for military use. The protest came as the Hague Group -- a group of 30 countries -- concluded a two-day emergency summit in Bogota where 12 of the nations committed to take six concrete steps against Israel over its actions in Gaza and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Among others, these include the prevention of weapons transfers and blocking the docking of vessels used for carrying arms, munitions and other materials for military use to Israel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAnz7Fy-o4Q>

3)

Al Mayadeen – July 17, 2025 - Colombia's Petro says to part ways with NATO, cites bombing complicity

Gustavo Petro urges Colombia's exit from NATO, condemns "Israel's" war on Gaza, and reaffirms support for Palestine at the Hague Group summit.

... *"We must leave NATO, there is no other way. And relations with Europe can no longer be built with those European governments that betray their own [people and participate in bombings](#),"* the Colombian president said at the closing of the Hague Group summit in Bogota.

Petro emphasized that Colombia must avoid alliances involving [militaries that "drop bombs on children"](#), adding, *"If they impose duties on us, no matter what, other nations will help us and buy our products."*

<https://english.almayadeen.net/news/politics/colombia-s-petro-says-to-part-ways-with-nato--cites-bombing>

4)

MILITARY AFRICA - July 17, 2025 - France Completes Military Withdrawal from Senegal

On Tuesday, July 15, 2025, France handed over a military communications centre in Rufisque, near Dakar, to Senegal, marking a pivotal step in its full withdrawal of troops from the West African nation. This transfer, part of a process that began in March 2025, follows a directive from Senegal's President Bassirou Diomaye Faye, who announced late last year that France must close all its military bases in the country by the end of 2025.

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...While France remains a key partner in trade and investment, Faye's administration seeks a dynamic where military dependence is replaced by cooperation on equal footing. France's military drawdown in Africa, including Senegal, is part of a deliberate pivot. After years of maintaining a robust presence to counter security threats, Paris is now focusing on smaller, more targeted operations, such as its [Special Operations Task Force "Takuba."](#)

<https://www.military.africa/2025/07/france-completes-military-withdrawal-from-senegal/>

5)

AP- July 16, 2025 - UN rapporteur calls for global action to stop 'genocide' in Gaza

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The United Nations' special rapporteur for Gaza and the West Bank said Tuesday that it's time for nations around the world to take concrete actions to stop what she called the "genocide" in Gaza.

Francesca Albanese spoke to delegates from 30 countries meeting in Colombia's capital to discuss the Israel-Hamas war and ways that nations can try to stop Israel's military offensive in the territory. Many of the participating nations have described the violence as genocide against the Palestinians.

"Each state must immediately review and suspend all ties with the State of Israel ... and ensure its private sector does the same," said Albanese, who was sanctioned by the U.S. earlier this month. *"The Israeli economy is structured to sustain the occupation that has now turned genocidal."* ...

<https://apnews.com/article/colombia-palestinians-conference-genocide-israel-south-africa-7292dcc347407bbd5ad76f54fab3c619>

6)

Department of International Relations and Cooperation/South Africa - July 16, 2025 - Press Release by the Hague Group: States announce unprecedented measures to halt the Gaza genocide at the Bogotá Conference, in Bogotá, Republic of Colombia

... Jointly convened by the governments of Colombia and South Africa as co-chairs, the Emergency Conference of The Hague Group, brought together 30 states from Africa, Asia, Europe, as well as North America and South America to move beyond words of condemnation — and to take collective action grounded in international law.

In the deliberations at the Bogotá conference, all 30 participating states unanimously agreed that the era of impunity must end— and that international law must be enforced without fear or favour through immediate domestic policies and legislation — along with a unified call for an immediate ceasefire. ...

<https://dirco.gov.za/press-release-by-the-hague-group-states-announce-unprecedented-measures-to-halt-the-gaza-genocide-at-the-bogota-conference-in-bogota-republic-of-colombia-16-july-2025/>

7)

Anadolu Ajansi – July 15, 2025 - EU's refusal to suspend trade pact with Israel is 'cruel and unlawful betrayal': Amnesty International

'This will be remembered as one of most disgraceful moments in the EU's history,' says head of human rights group

Amnesty International on Tuesday condemned the European Union's decision not to suspend its preferential trade deal with Israel, slamming it as a "cruel and unlawful betrayal" of international law and Palestinian human rights.

"The EU's refusal to suspend its (Association) Agreement with Israel is a cruel and unlawful betrayal – of the European project and vision, predicated on upholding international law and fighting authoritarian practices, of the European Union's own rules and of the human rights of Palestinians," Agnes Callamard, Amnesty's secretary general, said in a written statement. ...

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/eus-refusal-to-suspend-trade-pact-with-israel-is-cruel-and-unlawful-betrayal-amnesty-international/3631826>

8)

The Guardian – July 15, 2025 - UN's Albanese hails 30-nation meeting aimed at ending Israeli occupation of Palestine

The Hague Group aims to agree political, economic and legal actions in 'existential hour' for Israel and Palestine

The UN rapporteur hit with sanctions by the US last week has vowed not to be silenced as she hailed a 30-nation conference aimed at ending Israel's occupation of Palestine as "the most significant political development in the past 20 months".

Francesca Albanese will say the two-day gathering in Bogotá, [Colombia](#), starting on Tuesday and including China, Spain and Qatar, comes at "an existential hour" for Israel and the Palestinian people. ...

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/15/united-nations-francesca-albanese-colombia-conference-israel-palestine>

9)

People's Dispatch – July 14, 2025 - Athens dockworkers obstruct military cargo shipment to Israel

Dockworkers in Athens prevented the transport of military cargo bound for Israel on the Ever Golden, leading a large mobilization at the port.

A successful mobilization led by dockworkers at the port of Piraeus in Athens has prevented the transport of military cargo bound for Israel on the ship Ever Golden. On Monday, July 14, dockworkers were joined by youth groups, other trade unionists, and community members in a large protest against the port's involvement in the shipment of arms and related materials to Israeli ports, as the genocide in Gaza continues. ...

<https://peoplesdispatch.org/2025/07/14/athens-dockworkers-obstruct-military-cargo-shipment-to-israel/>

10)

Foreign Affairs – July 14, 2025 - Is America Breaking the Global Economy?

What an Age of Economic Uncertainty Will Mean for the World

The global economy is, to put it mildly, in a state of flux. ...

Amid this deep uncertainty, forecasters have struggled to predict where the U.S. economy will ultimately end up. But two main visions bookend a dispersed and unstable set of individual projections. In the first, the United States is on a bumpy journey that will culminate in an economic restructuring resembling the ones that took place under U.S. President Ronald Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, where it will emerge with less debt and a more efficient private sector and where it will trade in a fairer international system. In the second scenario, the country is slowly slipping into the stagflation and, as happened under U.S. President Jimmy Carter, could end up in a deep recession, perhaps with pronounced financial instability. ...

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/united-states/america-breaking-global-economy-uncertainty-world-mohamed-el-erian#>

11)

msn/news.de – 12. Juli 2025 - Vorbereitungen auf Dritten Weltkrieg?: Europas größter Hafen macht sich für nahenden Putin-Angriff auf die Nato bereit

... Wer den Blick auf Europas größten Hafen richtet, der könnte den Eindruck bekommen, dass Putins nächster Angriffskrieg, den einige Stimmen bereits als Dritten Weltkrieg prognostizieren, unmittelbar bevorstehe: In Rotterdam werden nämlich bereits konkrete Vorbereitungen für einen möglichen Konflikt mit Russland getroffen, wie es in Medienberichten heißt. Die Hafenbehörde reserviere demnach bereits spezielle Flächen für Militärfracht und plant regelmäßige Nato-Übungen, wie unter anderem der "Daily Express" berichtet. ...

<https://www.msn.com/de-de/finanzen/top-stories/vorbereitungen-auf-dritten-weltkrieg-europas-gr%C3%B6%C3%9Fter-hafen-macht-sich-f%C3%BCr-nahenden-putin-angriff-auf-die-nato-bereit/ar-AA1Ih2va?cvid=5F77FC60567B4B32A120BC710767D8BC&ocid=hpmsn>

12)

World BEYOND War – July 12, 2025 – Fourth Annual 24-Hour Peace Wave

The peace wave is a 24-hour-long Zoom featuring live peace actions in the streets and squares of the world, moving around the globe with the sun. The peace wave visits dozens of locations around the globe and includes rallies, concerts, production of artworks, blood drives, installation of peace poles, dances, speeches, and public demonstrations of all variety.

In 2025 we were encouraging participants to address the need to abolish nuclear weapons.

<https://worldbeyondwar.org/wave/>

13)

euobserver – July 11. 2025 - Why Germany's Baerbock is unfit to be the new UN general assembly president

The United Nations has elected a genocide-enabler, Germany's former foreign minister Annalena Baerbock, as the next president of the General Assembly.

Unless the UN changes course on Gaza before she takes office, and unless countries show solidarity by seeking the unprecedented step of removing her from the presidency, this may be the moment the United Nations buries itself too deep to be saved. ...

<https://euobserver.com/eu-and-the-world/ar28f6367a>

14)

skynews – July 10, 2025 - Ten children among at least 15 killed waiting for Gaza health clinic to open, says aid group

Israel's military says it is investigating the incident and was targeting a militant who took part in the 7 October terror attack.

... Project Hope said it happened this morning near Altayara Junction, in Deir al Balah, as patients waited for the clinic to open.

The organisation's president called it a "*blatant violation of international humanitarian law, and a stark reminder that no one and no place is safe in Gaza*".

"No child waiting for food and medicine should face the risk of being bombed," added the group's project manager, Dr Mithqal Abutaha. ...

<https://news.sky.com/story/ten-children-among-at-least-15-killed-waiting-for-gaza-health-clinic-to-open-says-aid-group-13395063>

15)

Climate and Community Institute – July 10, 2025 - The \$1 Trillion Pentagon Budget Will Make Its Emissions Higher Than the Entire Country of Ethiopia

The U.S. military is the world's largest institutional emitter of greenhouse gases. Its vast global operations—from jet fuel consumption and overseas deployments to domestic base maintenance—produce immense carbon pollution, as does the manufacturing of all the weapons, ships, and planes that it operates. Per the Transnational Institute, in 2023 the Pentagon spent approximately \$860 billion, with carbon emissions estimated at nearly 152 megatons, including not just the Pentagon's operations, but the full supply chain emissions from the U.S.'s vast Military Industrial Complex. The new Pentagon budget passed through the Big Beautiful Bill Act grows beyond \$1 trillion by 2026—a 17% increase. ...

<https://climatecommunityinstitute.substack.com/p/1-trillion-pentagon-budget>

16)

The Guardian – July 8, 2025 - Governments like mine have a duty to stand up to Israel. Far too many have failed

Without decisive action, we risk stripping the global legal order of its remaining protections for less-privileged nations

Gustavo Petro is the president of Colombia

Governments such as mine cannot afford to remain passive. In September 2024, when we voted for the United Nations general assembly resolution on Israel's policies and practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, we assumed concrete obligations – investigations, prosecutions, sanctions, asset freezes, and cessation of imports and arms. That resolution set a deadline of 12 months for Israel to "bring to an end without delay its unlawful presence". One hundred and twenty-four states voted in favour, including Colombia. The clock is now ticking. ...

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/jul/08/governments-stand-up-to-israel-colombia>

17)

DAGENS NYHETER – 6 juli 2025 - Därför nobbar USA nya styrkan med Sverige och Finland

(FLF - NATO's Forward Land Forces)

... ett amerikanskt inslag var efterfrågat av fler, bedömer Joel Linnainmäki, som forskar om Nato på Utrikespolitiska institutet i Finland.

– Det var ganska självklart att Finland var väldigt intresserat av att involvera USA, säger han.

USA är Natos mäktigaste medlem, med ett uttalat intresse för Arktis, och den nya FLF-styrkans bas ligger bara 30 mil från Murmansk. Här finns stora, ryska militära resurser. Till exempel Norra marinen med sin strategiskt viktiga andraslagsförmåga, alltså de stora ubåtar som kan gömma sig under polarisen och avfira kärnvapenrobotar.

Under Natos toppmöte i Haag gav regeringen besked om vilka länder som gått med i FLF-styrkan. Kanada var inte med, och inte USA heller.

– Det är säkerligen en besvikelse för både Finland och Sverige, säger Joel Linnainmäki.

...

Försvarsdepartementet Pentagon genomför nu en "force posture review", en översyn av hur USA ska fördela sin militära makt över världen. Det står klart att landets fokus flyttas mot Kina, mot den så kallade indopacifiska regionen – länderna i det stora havsområdet mellan Indiska oceanen och Stilla havet. ...

<https://www.dn.se/sverige/darfor-nobbar-usa-nya-styrkan-med-sverige-och-finland/>

18)

DEFENCE INDUSTRY EUROPE – July 5, 2025 - Denmark, France, Iceland, Norway and UK to join NATO Forward Land Forces in Finland

Finland's Minister of Defence Antti Häkkinen welcomed the decision, highlighting the significance of the cooperation. *"I am very pleased that such important and close allies will be involved in developing the FLF in Finland. It sends a strong message that Europe bears its share in NATO, and that these five Allies are prepared to strengthen NATO's deterrence and defence in the north,"* he stated.

Sweden will act as the Framework Nation for the FLF in Finland, playing a key role in planning and building the multinational presence in close cooperation with NATO and the participating countries. ...

<https://defence-industry.eu/denmark-france-iceland-norway-and-uk-to-join-nato-forward-land-forces-in-finland/>

19)

EURACTIV – July 5, 2025 - Slovenia to call consultative referendum on NATO membership

The announcement comes on the heels of an unexpected parliamentary defeat for the country's prime minister on defence spending.

Slovenia's liberal Prime Minister Robert Golob said on Friday that he intends to call a consultative referendum on the country's NATO membership, following a surprise defeat in parliament over a related measure on defence spending.

"There are only two ways: either we remain in NATO and pay membership, or we leave the alliance – everything else is populist deceit of the citizens of Slovenia," Golob said, according to a government statement.

His referendum is expected to be formally tabled next week. ...

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/slovenia-to-call-consultative-referendum-on-nato-membership/>

20)

FOX BUSINESS – July 3, 2025 - Billionaire Ray Dalio warns of 'big, painful disruptions' after Congress passes Trump's spending bill

Bridgewater founder warns of economic consequences unless deficit is reduced from 7% to 3% of GDP

Congress officially passed President Donald Trump's "big, beautiful bill," and billionaire Ray Dalio is warning about the possible economic consequences, which could include spending cuts, major tax increases and massive money printing.

Dalio said the bill, which now heads to the president's desk to be signed into law, is expected to result in yearly deficits of \$2 trillion with revenues of about \$5 trillion exceeded by spending of about \$7 trillion.

This deficit would increase the national debt over the next decade, pushing the debt, currently the equivalent of about \$230,000 per U.S. family, to about \$425,000 per family, he warned.

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/economy/billionaire-ray-dalio-warns-big-painful-disruptions-congress-passes-trumps-spending-bill>

21)

YouTube/Reuters – July 3, 2025 - Protesters in London rally against proposed ban on Palestine Action

Protesters gathered outside London's Downing Street to oppose a proposed ban on Palestine Action. The ban was voted in by lawmakers after the group's activists broke into a military base and damaged two planes protesting Britain's support for Israel

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ly99EePc-78>

22)

Global Witness - July 3, 2025 - Revealed: EU imports of US gas to cost over €100 billion in climate damages

The EU's imports of US liquefied gas are creating emissions that could cause more than €100 billion in damages from climate-driven extreme weather and disasters, new Global Witness analysis reveals

For the first time, the research calculates the cost of climate damages caused by emissions from EU imports of US liquified fossil gas – which contribute to climate-driven

extreme weather such as heavier floods and stronger heatwaves – since the trade ramped up in 2022.

European Commission President Von der Leyen has suggested Europe could increase US gas imports to ward off the threat of heavier US tariffs on EU goods. ...

<https://globalwitness.org/en/press-releases/revealed-eu-imports-of-us-gas-to-cost-over-100-billion-in-climate-damages/>

23)

GERMAN-FOREIGN-POLICY.com – July 3, 2025 - Soft power curtailed

A recent analysis warns of a steady loss of influence in the Global South for Western countries due to their dramatic cuts in development aid.

BERLIN (own report) – A new analysis by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) warns that current cuts in development aid will lead to a loss of power and influence in the Global South for Germany and other Western countries. Development assistance always produces economic and political advantages for the donor country, argues the IfW paper. So if it is significantly reduced – as most Western countries are currently doing – then a reduction in the “global influence” of the transatlantic powers is only to be expected. In addition to fewer trade opportunities, disengagement will also bring about a loss of geostrategic influence. ...

<https://www.german-foreign-policy.com/en/news/detail/10041>

24)

Popular Resistance.org – July 1, 2025 - The North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s Hallucinations

Having agreed to increase their military spending to 5% of their Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the European states have created a series of problems for themselves.

The first problem is that they would have to invent the money out of their tight budgets. To raise their military expenditure to 5% of GDP would require them to reduce their social spending – in other words, to deepen the austerity policies that are already in place. In Germany, for instance, 21.1% of the population faces the risk of poverty or social exclusion. ...

The second problem is that despite the disbursement of money to the military, Europe simply does not have the production lines ready to roll out tanks and missiles at the required pace. ...

NATO has no real threats, only expensive hallucinations.

<https://peoplesdispatch.org/2025/06/30/the-north-atlantic-treaty-organizations-hallucinations/>

25)

ASIA TIMES – July 1, 2025 - In Trump’s game, the US and China win and Europe pays the bill

Lacking the ability to enforce its interests, Europe mustn’t keep subsidizing US arms make

In the opening moves of Trump's second presidency, a pattern has emerged: Washington sets the agenda, Beijing adapts with precision, and Brussels capitulates. What emerges is a bipolar order where Europe has relegated itself to the role of financier and cheerleader.

Trump plays poker, Xi plays go and Europe struggles with simple puzzles. Within five months, Trump secured defense spending commitments previous presidents only theorized about. While China's rare earth export restrictions forced Washington into rapid recalibration, Europe responded with nothing but hollow laments. The asymmetry reveals everything: One bloc wields leverage, another answers with resolve, and the third writes checks. ...

<https://asiatimes.com/2025/07/in-trumps-game-the-us-and-china-win-and-europe-pays-the-bill/#>

26)

**future of life INSTITUTE – June 30, 2025 - U.S. Conference of Mayors
Unanimously Adopts Mayors for Peace Resolution**

U.S. Conference of Mayors Unanimously Adopts Mayors for Peace Resolution *"Calling on President Trump to Lower Nuclear Tensions, Prioritize Diplomacy, and Redirect Nuclear Weapons Spending to meet Human Needs and Address Environmental Challenges"*

Conference also Adopts Two Additional Resolutions Calling for Reversal of Military Spending to Meet the Needs of Cities ...

<https://futureoflife.org/nuclear/u-s-conference-mayors-unanimously-adopts-mayors-peace-resolution/>

27)

**Multipolar – 30. Juni 2025 - EU-Kommission will Aufnahmeprozess der Ukraine
und Moldawiens vereinfachen**

Ungarische Zeitung: Brüssel will Vetorecht Ungarns und anderer EU-Mitgliedsstaaten „eliminieren“ / EU-Abgeordnete: Aufnahme der Ukraine zieht ganz Europa in den Krieg / EU-Kommission: Erweiterungspolitik ist „geostrategische Investition“ ...

<https://www.multipolar-magazin.de/meldungen/0283>

28)

**DW – June 30, 2025 - Germany slashes development aid to boost defense
spending**

Germany is ramping up defense spending — while cutting funds for development cooperation. Aid organizations warn of the consequences for millions of people in a world beset by wars and crises.

... Michael Herbst, chair of the umbrella organization VENRO, which represents about 140 development NGOs in Germany, illustrated the human cost of these dramatic cuts amid growing global conflict. "More than 100 million people are displaced," Herbst said. "At the same time, more and more donor countries are pulling back." That's why, he said, Germany needs to ensure stable funding for development cooperation and humanitarian aid. But the opposite is occurring.

Germany's cuts come at a time when US President Donald Trump, early in his second term, has also initiated deep reductions in development aid, reportedly slashing about 80% of funding.

<https://www.dw.com/en/germany-development-aid-cuts-defense-spending-donald-trump/a-73093270>

29)

African Digital Democracy Observatory - June 4, 2025 - Anti-French rhetoric as Senegal rethinks alliances

... As Senegal repositions itself on the regional and global stage — reassessing ties with France, exploring alternatives to the CFA franc, and signalling interest in BRICS — its political leadership has become a focal point for coordinated online influence campaigns.

One of the focal points is the CFA franc and the push for the country to abandon the use of the currency. Benin, Burkina, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo constitute the Central Bank of West African States ([BCEAO](#)) who use the West-African version of the CFA franc. Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and the Republic of the Congo constitute the Central Bank of Central African States ([BEAC](#)), who use the Central-African version of the CFA franc. These central banks, amongst other requirements, are obligated to maintain [at least half](#) of their foreign assets with the French Treasury. This policy is perceived by many as a medium through which France retains its influence in these countries. This is a central part of the campaigns. ...

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