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Arvoisa vastaanottaja!

Uutisia maailmalta mielenosoituksia, haastatteluja ja tietoja tutkijoilta.

Ensimmäisenä katsaus Kansainvälisen työväenpäivän mielenosoituksista ympäri maailman sekä muista mielenilmaisista.

JAPANISSA VASTUSTETAAN PYRKIMYKSIÄ POISTAA ASEVIENNIN RAJOITUKSIA.

* Tuhannet japanilaiset järjestivät 19.4. laajoja mielenosoituksia Japanin parlamenttirakennuksen ympäristössä vastustaen pääministeri Sanae Takaichin hallituksen pyrkimyksiä poistaa aseviennin rajoituksia. Mielenosoittajien mukaan tällaiset toimet ovat ristiriidassa Japanin perustuslaissa vahvistetun pasifistisen hengen kanssa ja voisivat entisestään lisätä alueellisia jännitteitä. *Linkit 2 ja 30*

HUMANITAARINEN LAIVASTO - GLOBAL SUMUD FLOTILLA

* Israelin joukot hyökkäsivät Global Sumud -laivaston veneisiin kansainvälisillä vesillä. Laivue on viemässä humanitaarista apua Gazaan. Roomassa osoitettiin mieltä Palestiinan puolesta ja tuomittiin hyökkäykset laivueeseen. *Linkit 3, 6, 15 ja 24*

KANSAINVÄLISEN TYÖVÄENPÄIVÄN MIELENOSOITUKSIA

* Suurin osa Vapun mielenosoituksista olivat rauhallisia ja esille nousivat elinkustannuksien nousut ja vaatimukset korkeammista palkoista ja Lähi-idän geopoliittiset jännitteet. Taloudellisten valitusten ohella mielenosoittajat protestoivat Lähi-idän sotia ja sotilasmenojen kasvua vastaan, sanoen, ettei työntekijöiden tulisi maksaa hintaa sosiaalisilla leikkauksilla konflikteista, joita ovat edistäneet maailman johtajat, mukaan lukien Yhdysvaltain presidentti Donald Trump ja Israelin pääministeri Benjamin Netanyahu. *Linkit 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17 ja 18*

NATO JA YHDYSVALTAIN TALOUS

* Puolan pääministeri Donald Tusk varoitti, että sisäiset erimielisyydet – eivät ulkoiset uhat – ovat suurin riski Naton vakaudelle. *Linkki 4*

* Yhdysvaltain valtionvelka on nyt ensimmäistä kertaa toisen maailmansodan jälkeen suurempi kuin maan talous. *Linkki 19*

* Yhdysvaltain Lähi-Idässä olevien sotilastukikohtien jälleenrakennuksen ja tuhoutuneiden resurssien korvaamisen kustannukset saattavat olla lähempänä 40–50 miljardia dollaria. *Linkki 23*

EU JA EUROOPPA

Professori Pascal Lottazin haastattelussa kaksi mielenkiintoista ihmistä:

- * Kliinisen psykologian professori Mattias Desmet sanoo, että "joukkomuodostelma on psykologinen ilmiö, joka auttaa ymmärtämään, miksi kokonaiset kansakunnat ovat yhtäkkiä valmiita uhraamaan kaiken." [Linkki 5](#)
- * Professori Ulrike Guérotin mukaan sotahysteria Saksassa on saavuttanut uuden tason, rauhanääni on kaventunut ja Naton rooli Euroopassa on muuttunut. [Linkki 20](#)
- * Britannia perustaa yhteiset merivoimat yhdeksän Euroopan maan kanssa Naton "täydennykseksi". [Linkki 25](#)

SAKSA

- * Saksa on tunnettu Euroopan moottorina. Nykyään Saksa tuntee olevansa taantumassa. [Linkki 21](#)
- * Uusi asevelvollisuuslaki tuli Saksassa voimaan tammikuun alussa. Asevelvollisuudesta kieltäytyjien määrä kasvaa. [Linkki 28](#)

ISRAEL

- * Ultraortodoksinen-yhteisö on historiallisesti ollut vapautettu pakollisesta palveluksesta Israelin puolustusvoimissa. Nyt juutalaiset menivät kaduille protestoidakseen asevelvollisuutta vastaan, mielenosoittajat tukkivat pääteitä. [Linkki 22](#)

MILITARISOINTI JA SOTILASMENOT

- * Maailmanlaajuiset sotilasmenot saavuttivat uusia huippuja vuonna 2025, samalla kun köyhyys ja nälkä rehottavat. Tukholman kansainvälisen rauhantutkimuslaitoksen (SIPRI) viimeisimmän raportin mukaan maailman armeijat käyttivät 2,88 biljoonaa dollaria vuonna 2025, mikä on 2,9 prosenttia enemmän kuin edellisenä vuonna. [Linkit 26 ja 27](#)

- Mark Twain

"Politics is the only profession where you can lie, cheat, and steal, and still be respected."

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1)

ZETEO - May 6, 2026 - 'We'll Be Paying for This for Years,' UN Aid Chief Speaks Out on Iran War

UN Humanitarian Chief Tom Fletcher joins Mehdi to discuss Iran, Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan, and how he can't save them all.

There are approximately 345 million people in need of humanitarian aid across the globe. But UN humanitarian chief Tom Fletcher says his organization can only save 87 million of them - or about one quarter. The Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator sat down with Mehdi to explain how difficult humanitarian work is in what he describes as a world that is "becoming more transactional."

"All I'm asking for is 1% of what the world spends on guns and arms," Fletcher tells Mehdi as his organization continues to suffer the ripple effects of global conflicts, with [Trump's war](#) with Iran making his job significantly more difficult. "We'll be paying for this for years." ...

['We'll Be Paying for This for Years,' UN Aid Chief Speaks Out on Iran War](#)

2)

YouTube/ May 4, 2026 - Tens of thousands rally against Japan's constitutional revision, arms exports amid military build-up

Tens of thousands of people took to streets of Tokyo for a peace rally on Sunday, protesting against Takaichi government's policies on constitutional revision and military expansion. The rally coincided with Japan's Constitution Memorial Day. Sunday also marked the 80th anniversary of the opening of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East, also known as the Tokyo Trials, on May 3, 1946. Japan has significantly accelerated its shift away from postwar pacifism, marking a major turning point in its military and constitutional policy. Under Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, the government has dismantled decades-old restrictions on arms exports and is moving toward formal constitutional reform.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAanGDCAPHg>

3)

Global Sumud Flotilla – April 4, 2026 - BREAKING: Israeli Forces Attempting to Intercept Freedom Flotilla Coalition Boats off the Coast of Greece; U.S. Lockheed Martin Aircraft and Drones Circle FFC Vessels

The Global Sumud Flotilla (GSF) has received harrowing field reports confirming that the Freedom Flotilla Coalition (FFC) fleet, currently off the Coast of Greece to join the GSF in a unified mission to Gaza, is under active military surveillance and intimidation. ...

<https://globalsumudflotilla.org/press/breaking-israeli-forces-attempting-to-intercept-freedom-flotilla-coalition-boats-off-the-coast-of-greece-us-lockheed-martin-aircraft-and-drones-circle-ffc-vessels/>

4)

YouTube/Times Now World – May 3, 2026 - AFTER GERMANY, POLAND NEXT? NATO Cracks Widen As Tusk Warns Of 'Disintegration'

In this Times Now World News report, we break down the this topic: Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk has warned of an “ongoing disintegration” within NATO as the United States moves to withdraw nearly 5,000 troops from Germany over the next 6 to 12 months. The decision, linked to rising tensions between US President Donald Trump and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz over the Iran war, has intensified concerns over unity within the transatlantic alliance. Tusk cautioned that internal divisions—not external threats—pose the greatest risk to NATO’s stability. Trump has also hinted at further troop reductions in Europe, including Italy and Spain, raising fears of a broader strategic shift. The development underscores deepening fractures within NATO amid geopolitical tensions surrounding Iran, Russia, and burden-sharing disputes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObVYcKhacjE>

5)

YouTube/Neutrality Studies – May 3, 2026 - Top-Expert REVEALS: EU in Grip of Deadly Mass-Formation | Prof. Mattias Desmet

It's not just the leaders of the EU who want to go to a suicidal war with Russia. The psychosis has long reached even the streets of Berlin, Brussels and Paris. Mass-Formation is the psychological phenomenon to understand why entire nations are suddenly willing to sacrifice EVERYTHING for a deadly ideology. Unfortunately, the EU is far down the road. Today I speak with Dr. Mattias Desmet, professor of clinical psychology in Belgium and author of The Psychology of Totalitarianism, about mass formation, totalitarianism, propaganda, loneliness, free speech, war narratives, and the emotional pull of group belief. The discussion covers the difference between dictatorships and totalitarian states, the role of education and media, and sincerity as a way to resist mass hypnosis.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJBrhzjJETQ>

6)

YouTube/Times Now World – May 2, 2026 - ITALY PROTESTS: Pro-Palestine Protesters Rally After Gaza Flotilla Intercepted

Hundreds of pro-demonstrators marched through Rome on Thursday, protesting the interception of Gaza-bound aid vessels by Israeli forces and the detention of activists linked to the Global Sumud Flotilla. Protesters carried flags, lit smoke flares and chanted slogans as they moved through the city, calling for accountability over the maritime operation. Israel said it intercepted multiple vessels in international waters and detained activists, while organisers disputed the account and described the action as unlawful. The incident has heightened tensions across Europe and drawn reactions from activists and officials.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vbxrjXGIXU>

7)

YouTube/Times of India – May 2, 2026 - 'THOUSANDS ON STREETS': Europe Spirals Into Chaos As Violent Clashes, Fires & Arrests Grip Capitals

Europe's streets are a battlefield this May Day. From Paris to Berlin, International Workers' Day has transformed into a massive anti-government uprising. Protesters are burning effigies of Emmanuel Macron and clashing with riot police in the German capital, fueled by a toxic mix of high energy prices and anger over the U.S.-led blockade in the Gulf. As labor unions demand wage hikes to counter runaway inflation, the 2026 protests suggest a continent reaching its breaking point.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wFGLYNvwmI>

8)

YouTube/ALJAZEERA – May 2, 2026 - May day protests across Europe: workers demand higher wages as costs surge

Thousands took to the streets across Europe on International Workers' Day, warning that rising living costs are forcing workers to fight for basic rights once again. From Greece to France and Madrid, demonstrators say wages are no longer keeping pace with inflation driven by conflicts in Ukraine and Iran. In Athens, many say the legacy of the debt crisis, combined with the COVID-19 and rising energy prices, has pushed living standards into decline. Protesters are calling for stronger labor protections, higher wages, and wider use of collective bargaining a system they say has weakened significantly in recent years. Al Jazeera's John Psaropoulos reports from Athens

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nI4jkWreaAg>

9)

YouTube/World News - May 2, 2026 - MAYHEM IN BERLIN: Berlin Streets Turn into War Zone During May 1st Protests

BERLIN — Riot police clashed with thousands of demonstrators in the German capital on Friday as "Revolutionary May 1st" rallies escalated into violent confrontations. Officers deployed forceful tactics and made dozens of arrests after protesters, decrying soaring living costs and Chancellor Friedrich Merz's military alignment, ignited flares and formed defensive lines against security forces. The unrest comes amid a deepening transatlantic rift over the Iran conflict and domestic anger regarding the closure of U.S. military bases, marking one of the most volatile International Workers' Day demonstrations in Berlin's recent history. Footage captures the visceral standoff between the state and

activists as the city's traditional labor march transformed into a fiery rejection of current geopolitical and economic policies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=319T3NwqxsA>

10)

YouTube/Times Now World – May 2, 2026 - WATCH: Police Charge "Revolutionary" Marchers in Berlin as May Day Tensions Flare | Times Now World

Riot police clashed with thousands of demonstrators in the German capital on Friday during the annual "Revolutionary May 1st" rally, resulting in multiple detentions and reports of injuries. Footage from the scene shows officers in riot gear charging into crowds of Antifa and labour activists who had formed defensive lines to block traffic. Protesters were seen lighting flares and carrying banners demanding the closure of U.S. military bases in Germany and an end to "imperialist war mania." The violence in Berlin follows a wave of International Workers' Day demonstrations across Europe, fueled by rising living costs and intensifying geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z27EzpBmio>

11)

YouTube/Times Now World –May 2, 2026 - BARDELLA BLASTS MACRON, Warns Of Economic Collapse Ahead Of Elections |

Jordan Bardella, president of France's National Rally, launched a sharp attack on President Emmanuel Macron's economic policies during a May Day rally in Macon, accusing the government of driving industrial decline, weakening workers and increasing national dependence. Bardella said factories were closing, jobs were disappearing and farmers were being hit by unfair competition, particularly under the EU-Mercosur trade deal. He also warned that France had become increasingly reliant on foreign energy, industry and food. Calling for a "new French renaissance," Bardella urged voters to reject current leadership as political tensions build ahead of the next presidential election, with Marine Le Pen expected to run again.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNu-6dMym3M>

12)

YouTube/APT – May 1, 2026 - LIVE: May Day demonstrations across the world

Watch May Day demonstrations from Turkey, France, Cuba, Mexico, and other countries as activists worldwide kick off rallies, demanding peace, higher wages, and better working conditions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHdIOKHXWhk>

13)

YouTube – May 1, 2026 – Thousands March In Madrid On May Day Over Wages, Housing & War | VERTEX

Thousands of people demonstrated in Madrid on Friday (May 1) to mark May Day, marching from Gran Via to Plaza España to demand higher wages, affordable housing and stronger labour protections. Protesters rallied under the banner "Rights, not trenches," as unions warned that rising living costs, stagnant wages and a deepening housing crisis were eroding social cohesion and democratic standards. Alongside economic grievances, demonstrators protested against wars in the Middle East and rising military spending, saying workers should not pay the price through social cuts for conflicts promoted by global leaders, including US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "Every sector has problems. The education system has serious funding shortages, and we need better conditions for everyone," said Jesus Escribano, a member of Spain's largest union, the Trade Union Confederation of Workers' (CCOO) at the rally.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcpHen_v53c

14)

YouTube – May 1, 2026 - LIVE: Greece Paralyzed, Workers Walk Out in Nationwide May Day Strike Protest | Times Now World

Thousands of workers across Greece joined a nationwide 24-hour strike on May Day, shutting down transport networks and disrupting public services in protest over wages, inflation and working conditions. The action, led by major unions including GSEE and ADEDY, brought metro, tram, ferry and rail services to a halt, while buses operated on limited schedules. Demonstrations were held in central Athens, including rallies at Syntagma Square and Klafthmonos Square. Union leaders called for higher wages, stronger collective bargaining rights and expanded public services, describing the strike as a response to rising living costs and prolonged austerity pressures.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5ZEN5D4lkk>

15)

YouTube/Times Now World - May 1, 2026 - ATHENS ERUPTS: Protesters Slam Greece Over Gaza Flotilla Interception | Times Now World

ATHENS ERUPTS: Protesters Slam Greece Over Gaza Flotilla Interception | Times Now World

Hundreds of protesters gathered outside the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Athens on Thursday, condemning the interception of Gaza-bound aid vessels by the Israeli navy near Crete and calling on the Greek government to intervene.

Demonstrators accused authorities of failing to prevent or respond to the operation involving the Global Sumud Flotilla, with some alleging “criminal negligence.” Israel said it intercepted 22 vessels in international waters and detained activists, while organisers disputed the account and described the action as unlawful. The incident has drawn criticism from several European countries and added to tensions surrounding aid access to Gaza.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2r7YmDaZGs>

16)

YouTube/New York Post – May 1, 2026 - Violent May Day Brawls Break Out Worldwide as Protests Hit NYC

May Day protesters engaged in violent clashes with law enforcement around the world, as demonstrations begin in the United States. May 1 is a public holiday in many countries to mark International Workers’ Day, or Labor Day, when workers’ unions traditionally rally around wages, pensions, inequality and broader political issues.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPCQI-BokHc>

17)

YouTube – May 1, 2026 - WATCH Massive May Day 2026 Protests in Paris as Thousands March for Workers’ Rights | AC1G

Hundreds of thousands of workers rally across France on International Workers’ Day, with massive turnout in Paris. Labor unions march for higher wages, better working conditions, and against rising costs linked to global tensions. The annual May Day protests highlight growing economic frustration and political pressure ahead of key elections. WATCH Massive May Day 2026 Protests in Paris as Thousands March for Workers’ Rights | AC1G

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDki_gk5bYk

18)

YouTube/alanews – May 1. 2026 - May Day, Milan: Global Messages from the March

News (Milan). The May Day march in Milan concluded in Piazza della Scala, during which protesters marched, recalling the importance of decent work and expressing messages of peace and solidarity with workers worldwide. (Alessia Arrigo/alanews)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87uia1KIruE>

19)

Independent – May 1, 2026 - US national debt is now bigger than the economy for first time since Second World War

Lawmakers urged to 'stop the bleeding' and put the country on a more sustainable fiscal path

... Figures released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis Thursday place the total debt held by the American public at \$31.27 trillion as of March 31.

Meanwhile, the country's nominal gross domestic product was estimated at \$31.22 trillion, meaning the national debt as a percentage of [GDP](#) stands at 100.2 percent, putting it on course to challenge the historic 106 percent recorded in 1946 during demobilization.

The debt stood at 99.5 percent of GDP at the end of the 2025 fiscal year in September, revealing how quickly it has climbed. ...

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/us-national-debt-gdp-trump-b2968676.html>

20)

YouTube/Neutrality Studies – May 1, 2026 - Europe is LOST: War Preparations on Every Level | Dr. Ulrike Guérot

War hysteria in Germany has reached a new level. Even churches are now preparing to serve the warmongers uncritically. Today, I speak with Professor Ulrike Guérot about the push for German rearmament, shrinking space for peace voices, NATO's role in Europe, missed chances for a neutral security order, and the case for a neutral Germany and a neutral Europe. We also discuss the European Peace Project and the May 9 peace action.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nlsw64AOHp4>

21)

YouTube/Hindsight – May 1, 2026 - Germany is in big trouble

When German reunification reshaped Europe, Germany built a powerful economic model on cheap energy, industrial strength, and export dominance. Through the 2000s and 2010s, fueled by Russian gas and Chinese demand, it became Europe's engine—defined by cars, machinery, and trade surpluses. Today, Germany feels in decline as that model comes under pressure: rising costs, slowing growth, and a difficult shift to electric vehicles challenge its industrial core. Since 2020, energy shocks, weaker exports, and new competitors have exposed these vulnerabilities, reinforcing a sense of stagnation. Germany isn't collapsing—but the system that made it strong is being forced to change, and that growing sense of decline comes from this transition.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBkbS0wsIu0>

21)

YouTube/APT - April 30, 2026 - WATCH | Israel's Haredi Protesters Block Roads, Clash With Police Over Conscription Push | APT

Jerusalem witnessed tense and chaotic scenes as hundreds of ultra-Orthodox (Haredi) Jews took to the streets to protest against military conscription. Demonstrators blocked major roads, staged sit-ins, and chanted slogans, prompting Israeli police to respond with force, including the use of water cannons to disperse crowds. The protest highlights a long-running and deeply divisive issue in Israel, where the Haredi community has historically been exempt from mandatory service in the Israel Defense Forces. Recent moves to expand conscription have reignited anger, triggering repeated protests and clashes in the heart of Jerusalem.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LLN9pkPB4U>

23)

CNN – April 30, 2026 - Repairing damaged US military bases will add billions to Iran war cost, sources say

The [\\$25 billion estimate](#) that a top Pentagon official gave to lawmakers on Wednesday for the total cost to date of the Iran war is a lowball figure that does not include the cost of repairing extensive damage suffered by US bases in the region, three people familiar with the matter told CNN.

One of the sources said the real cost estimate is closer to \$40-50 billion when accounting for the costs of rebuilding US military installations and replacing destroyed assets. ...

<https://edition.cnn.com/2026/04/29/politics/us-iran-war-25-billion-cost-estimate-low>

24)

ALJAZEERA – April 29, 2026 - Israeli forces raid Global Sumud Flotilla boats in international waters

Twenty-two of 58 vessels are captured by Israel near Crete as flotilla aims to deliver aid to Gaza under blockade.

Israeli military forces have intercepted boats travelling with the Global Sumud Flotilla, using drones, communications jamming technology and armed raiding parties to halt the humanitarian fleet in the middle of the Mediterranean as it heads to Gaza, according to organisers and Israeli media.

“Our boats were approached by military speedboats, self-identified as ‘Israel’, pointing lasers and semiautomatic assault weapons, ordering participants to the front of the boats and to get on their hands and knees,” the Global Sumud Flotilla aid mission said on Thursday. ...

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/4/29/israeli-military-speedboats-block-gaza-bound-aid-ship>

25)

The Guardian – April 29, 2026- Britain to create joint naval force with nine European countries as 'complement' to Nato

Royal Navy chief says unified naval force will deter future Russian threats from the 'open sea border' to the north

... Gen Sir Gwyn Jenkins said that despite the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, where the [strait of Hormuz](#) remains closed after the US-Israeli war in Iran, "Russia remains the gravest threat to our security".

In a speech, the first sea lord said the 10 members of the Joint Expeditionary Force (Jef), had signed last week a statement of intent to create a "multinational maritime force" to act as a "complement to Nato". ...

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2026/apr/29/britain-royal-navy-russia-open-sea-border-europe>

26)

ALJAZEERA – April 29, 2026 - Five charts that show the rise of global militarisation

In 2025, global military spending rose to \$2.88 trillion. As countries spend more on their militaries, what does that mean for spending on healthcare and education?

The world's militaries spent \$2.88 trillion in 2025, an increase of 2.9 percent from the year before, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's (SIPRI) latest report.

To put that number into perspective, \$2.88 trillion amounts to \$350 of military spending for each person on the planet.

In 2025, the five biggest military spenders were the United States (\$954bn), China (\$336bn), Russia (\$190bn), Germany (\$114bn) and India (\$92bn), accounting for more than half (58 percent) of world military spending.

The US is by far the biggest spender, as it has been every year since World War II. The \$954bn spent by the US is more than the next six countries combined. ...

Other than spending the most on its own military, the US is also the largest exporter of weapons in the world, making up 39 percent (\$115bn) of the total global share. ...

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/4/29/five-charts-that-show-the-rise-of-global-militarisation>

27)

GERMAN-FOREIGN-POLICY.com – April 28, 2026 - The militarisation of the world

New SIPRI data shows Germany and Europe driving the global arms race with double-digit increases in their military budgets. Global military spending reached new heights in 2025, while poverty and hunger are rampant.

BERLIN/BRUSSELS (own report) – With a double-digit increase in its military budget, Germany is driving forward Europe's arms race; and Europe, also with double-digit defence budget growth, is fuelling the global arms race. This disturbing trend is quantified in the latest analysis of the development of global military expenditure by the SIPRI, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. According to SIPRI, spending on the Bundeswehr rose by 24 per cent to 114 billion US dollars in 2025, whilst Europe's expenditure on the continent's various armies grew by 14 per cent. This puts Germany and the European states at the forefront of the global arms race. Global military spending was up by 2.9 per cent to 2.887 trillion dollars last year. ...

In Germany and the wider EU, it is also estimated that around a fifth of the population are at risk of poverty. Cuts in social expenditure are looming as the arms race ramps up. ...

<https://www.german-foreign-policy.com/en/news/detail/10381>

28)

DIE ZEIT – 27. April 2026 - Zahl der Kriegsdienstverweigerer steigt weiter an

Seit Januar gilt das neue Wehrdienstgesetz. Junge Männer werden wieder verpflichtend gemustert. Parallel steigt die Zahl der Menschen, die den Kriegsdienst verweigern.

Im ersten Quartal dieses Jahres hätten bereits 2.656 Menschen einen entsprechenden Antrag gestellt, berichtet die Neue Osnabrücker Zeitung unter Berufung auf Angaben des Bundesamtes für Familie und zivilgesellschaftliche Aufgaben. Hält der Trend an, könnte die Zahl in diesem Jahr auf den höchsten Stand seit Aussetzung der [Wehrpflicht](#) 2011 zusteuern. ...

<https://www.zeit.de/politik/deutschland/2026-04/bundeswehr-kriegsdienstverweigerer-anstieg-erstes-quartal-gxe>

29)

CGTN - April 19, 2026 - Japanese protesters rally against government's militarization push

Tens of thousands of Japanese citizens held large-scale protests on Sunday around Japan's parliament building, opposing the push made by Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's government to lift restrictions on arms exports, amend the

pacifist constitution, and other dangerous moves toward remilitarization, according to China Media Group (CMG).

Japan's parliament earlier this month passed the budget for fiscal 2026, under which defense spending exceeded 9 trillion yen (\$56.74 billion) for the first time.

The government is also planning to revise the "three principles on transfer of defense equipment and technology" and related implementation guidelines in the near future, in a move seen as loosening constraints on overseas weapons exports. ...

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2026-04-19/Japanese-protesters-rally-against-government-s-militarization-push-1MtcEbQryYE/p.html>

30)

YouTube – March 25. 2026 - Forever Wars/Mistahi Corkill

Jack boots marching, On mother soil, Talking heads cheer, As empire runs wild,
Ya'll seen this movie, Of righteous cowards, Machine gun of lies from glass
castles of power, There's blood in the oil, More tears than hard rain, Where
nothing grows, But wreckage and pain, To the ones that we've lost, What is this
all for?, ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59eXpFr1Gzo>