

Peace Round-up – 31 January 2020

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SIPRI: Weapons boom shows no signs of slowing

<https://www.dw.com/en/sipri-weapons-boom-shows-no-signs-of-slowng/a-51581262>

Armaments production worldwide is continuing full speed ahead. According to a new study by a Swedish think tank, the 100 biggest weapons companies have once again increased their sales, with the US leading the way.

Lancaster Peace Pole 'opens new avenues'

Quakers in Lancaster have found the process of installing a Peace Pole has helped them to build bridges with the local Muslim community and nearby schools

<https://thefriend.org/article/lancaster-peace-pole-opens-new-avenues>

Some random thoughts on a fearful day

By Bernadette Meaden

<http://www.ekkleisia.co.uk/node/29155>

Quakers challenge new government on top priorities

A call to focus on criminal justice, climate justice, migrant rights, and international relations.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quakers-challenge-new-government-on-top-priorities>

A Guide to Disagreeing Better

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000cn12>

FCNL Condemns Assassination; Urges Congress to Oppose Escalation of Deadly Conflict with Iran

<https://www.fcnl.org/updates/fcnl-condemns-assassination-urges-congress-to-oppose-escalation-of-deadly-conflict-with-iran-2573>

Army preys on vulnerable teenagers with misleading new adverts

The UK army has been accused of trying to exploit teenagers who lack self-confidence after launching their 2020 recruitment campaign.

<https://www.ppu.org.uk/news/army-preys-vulnerable-teenagers-misleading-new-adverts>

Secure Scotland, Towards Peace

Ahead of the Women Peace & Security debate in the Scottish Parliament, and as we are once again, on the brink of war, Janet Fenton writes on the Secure Scotland initiative.

<https://bellacaledonia.org.uk/2020/01/08/secure-scotland-towards-peace>

Water wars: early warning tool uses climate data to predict conflict hotspots

Tension over water scarcity is increasing across the globe. A new system flags up where this threatens to erupt into violence

<https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2020/jan/08/water-wars-early-warning-tool-uses-climate-data-to-predict-conflict-hotspots>

Bradford's Peace Museum explores secret photos taken during the Holocaust

<https://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/18146372.bradfords-peace-museum-explores-secret-photos-taken-holocaust>

Drones, targeted killing and the Soleimani Strike

<https://dronewars.net/2020/01/09/drones-targeted-killing-and-the-soleimani-strike>

MoD mistakes led to Trident upkeep costs rising by £1.35bn

Report exposes delays and the surging price of maintaining Britain's nuclear deterrent

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2020/jan/10/mod-blunders-caused-spiralling-trident-costs-nuclear-sites>

Friends at the end of World War I: seeking international peace

<https://quakerstrongrooms.org/2018/10/29/friends-at-the-end-of-world-war-i-seeking-international-peace>

My extremist views: confessions of a Quaker grandma

<https://www.suehamptonauthor.co.uk/2020/01/my-extremist-views-confessions-of-a-quaker-grandma>

Why our peace movement must be intersectional

The word, pacifism, was coined in Scotland in the early twentieth century. Tim Gee asks if it is time to broaden its scope.

<http://www.scottishleftreview.scot/tim-gee-explains-why-our-peace-movement-must-be-intersectional>

Australian Quakers respond to messages of concern following the recent bushfires

<https://www.quakersaustralia.info/news/australian-quakers-respond-messages-concern-following-recent-bushfires>

Statement regarding relations with Iran

The Network of Christian Peace Organisations is deeply concerned about the current level of tensions between Iran and the United States following the recent extra-judicial killing of Qasem Soleimani and nine other people and the retaliatory rocket attacks on two US bases in Iraq....

<http://ncpo.org.uk/statement-regarding-relations-with-iran>

What's wrong with Prevent?

Prevent fostered racism before police labelled Extinction Rebellion as extremists. Quakers are joining voices raised in opposition to the government's counter-terrorism strategy.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/what-s-wrong-with-prevent>

100 Seconds to Midnight

Today the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists has moved its symbolic Doomsday Clock twenty seconds closer to midnight in recognition of the significantly increasing risks of nuclear war and climate catastrophe.

<http://www.banthebomb.org/index.php/news/2067-100-seconds-to-midnight>

LSE project explores 1980s peace activism

<https://thefriend.org/article/lse-project-explores-1980s-peace-activism>

Standing together against hatred

Quakers across Britain are commemorating #HolocaustMemorialDay .

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/standing-together-against-hatred>

War on the World

Industrialized Militaries Are a Bigger Part of the Climate Emergency Than You Know

<https://theintercept.com/2019/09/15/climate-change-us-military-war>

Message from British Churches to European partners ahead of Brexit

<http://www.ekkleisia.co.uk/node/29282>

Quakers join call to oppose Trump 'peace plan'

Ahead of an expected announcement today from the US President, Quakers in Britain have joined widespread calls for the UK government to challenge Donald Trump's expected peace plan.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quakers-join-call-to-oppose-trump-peace-plan>

Quakers mark Brexit

Quakers in Britain and on the island of Ireland reaffirm their shared friendship and unity as the United Kingdom leaves the European Union.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quakers-mark-brexit>

Prayers for the Week of Brexit

<https://www.corrymeela.org/news/175/prayers-for-the-week-of>

What should we do?

In January, we [Peace News] asked activists and groups around the country what they thought campaigners should be doing – this year and over the next 10 years. These are the responses we received.

<https://peacenews.info/node/9591/what-should-we-do>

New resource alert! Our leaflet 'Climate justice: a Quaker view' is now available in print and online.

<https://quaker-prod.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/store/ce3949a0d4bb43224579dd010a132700859b0efd81bd9f2c300cf10f2c0e>

Deployment of new US nuclear warhead on submarine a dangerous step, critics say

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/jan/29/us-submarine-trident-nuclear-warhead-patrols-atlantic-ocean>

CAAT response to being included on Prevent Counter Terrorism Policing document

<https://www.caat.org.uk/media/press-releases/2020-01-17>

Trident Ploughshares Objects to listing in Counter-Terrorism Police guide

Trident Ploughshares has joined a wide range of groups represented by Bindmans LLP, who have today sent a letter to the Counter-Terrorism Policing National Operations Centre objecting to their inclusion ...

<https://tridentploughshares.org/trident-ploughshares-joins-range-of-groups-objecting-to-listing-in-counter-terrorism-police-guide/>

Trump Signs Measure Enabling Establishment of U.S. Space Force

<https://washingtonspectator.org/space-force-grossman>