

Peace Round-up – 19th November 2020

A selection of items from a range of sources. Inclusion here does not imply full endorsement, but is based on current concerns of NFPB and its members.

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Release conscientious objector Hallel Rabin

<https://wri-irg.org/en/programmes/rrtk/co-support-email/2020/release-conscientious-objector-hallel-rabin>

Is your bank or building society investing in Nuclear Weapons?

<https://moneyoutofnukes.wordpress.com/take-action>

Stop Arming Saudi Arabia

<https://caat.org.uk/news/new-legal-challenge-launched>

Why Should We Choose Democracy? Video

<https://quakerspeak.com/video/democracy/>

US Election: Fierce Love For A Vote That Our Lives Depend On

<https://www.fcni.org/updates/fierce-love-for-a-vote-that-our-lives-depend-on-3064>

Serco Loses Nuclear Warhead Contract

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/comment/article-8906935/MARKET-REPORT-Serco-slumps-loses-nuclear-warhead-contract.html>

UK Drone Wars – new initiative announced

<https://dronewars.net/2020/11/02/announcing-a-new-initiative-uk-drone-watch>

Essay on Food Security

Written by Geoff Tansey of Hebden Bridge Meeting
<https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/2020/11/05/food-security/>

2 Perspectives on Remembrance Sunday

including a Quaker perspective from Marigold Bentley (Churches Together in England)

https://www.cte.org.uk/Groups/352746/Home/News/Reflection_of_the/Remembrance_Sunday_two/Remembrance_Sunday_two.aspx

To Refuse To Kill

Is a cause worth dying for: Remembering the Richmond 16 (Yorkshire Bylines)

<https://yorkshirebylines.co.uk/to-refuse-to-kill-is-a-cause-worth-dying-for-remembering-the-richmond-sixteen>

What we Talk About When we Talk About Security

<https://www.securescotland.scot/post/what-we-talk-about-when-we-talk-about-security>

Roads Not Taken: Poets Rethink Security

<https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/2020/11/13/poets-rethink-security/>

Church leaders urge UK government to sign UN anti-nuclear treaty

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/nov/15/church-leaders-urge-uk-government-to-sign-un-anti-nuclear-treaty>

Iran warns of ‘crushing response’ if Trump targets nuclear site

Outgoing president reported to have looked at military options against Tehran and its allies
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/nov/17/trump-considered-striking-iran-nuclear-sites-after-election-loss>

NFLA comment on the UK Government's 10 Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution – a missed opportunity to radically reset for the climate emergency

NFLA is particularly disappointed with the Government's commitment to new nuclear ...
<https://www.nuclearpolicy.info/news/nfla-comment-uk-governments-10-point-plan-green-industrial-revolution-missed-opportunity/>

Increase in military spending announcement

Boris Johnson expected to announce more funding for defence

Defence secretary thought to have won multi-year, above-inflation settlement for Trident and drone technology
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/nov/18/boris-johnson-to-announce-more-funding-for-defence>

Government spending decisions on defence and development undermine international security

<https://rethinkingsecurityorguk.files.wordpress.com/2020/11/news-release-18.11.2020-govt-spending-decisions-on-defence-development-undermine-international-security.pdf>

Boris Johnson agrees £16bn rise in defence spending

Announcement comes after ministers resisted spending extra money on free school meals in holidays
<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2020/nov/18/boris-johnson-agrees-16bn-rise-in-defence-spending>

Hackers HQ and Space Command: how UK defence budget could be spent
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/nov/18/hackers-hq-and-space-command-how-uk-defence-budget-could-be-spent>

CND responds to £16.5bn defence spending announcement

<https://cnduk.org/cnd-responds-to-16-5bn-defence-spending-announcement/>

Military spending increase could fund free school meals scheme for 53 years

<https://www.ppu.org.uk/news/military-spending-increase-could-fund-free-school-meals-scheme-53-years>

Military spending: Campaigners slam Tories' 'inappropriate' £16.5bn MoD boost

<https://www.thenational.scot/news/18883303.military-spending-campaigners-slam-tories-inappropriate-16-5bn-mod-boost/>

Post-Brexit UK to unveil biggest defence budget hike in 30 years, despite pandemic

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/defence-and-security/news/johnson-to-unveil-biggest-uk-defence-budget-hike-in-30-years-despite-pandemic/>

Historic Milestone: UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons reaches 50 ratifications

Reports from various peace organisations and media sources

ICAN

<http://shorturl.at/tyHKM>

NFPB

<https://nfpb.org.uk/2020/10/24/nuclear-weapons-abolition-breakthrough/>

The Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/oct/25/treaty-banning-nuclear-weapons-made-official-with-50th-un-signatory>

Britain Yearly Meeting

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/nuclear-weapons-declared-illegal-under-international-law>

The Friend

<https://thefriend.org/article/breakthrough-for-nuclear-weapons-ban>

Scientists For Global Responsibility

<https://www.sgr.org.uk/resources/scientists-welcome-key-milestone-nuclear-weapons-ban-treaty>

Mayors for Peace

http://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/statement/openletter/201025_openletter.html

Bulletin of Atomic Scientists

<https://thebulletin.org/2020/10/the-nuclear-ban-treaty-is-set-to-enter-force-experts-explain-what-comes-next>

Nuclear Disarmament: From open-ended talks to ratification and beyond

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/can-europe-make-it/nuclear-disarmament-from-open-ended-talks-to-ratification>

Nuclear Arms Control in Crisis Whilst US Exerts Pressure on Treaty Signatories

www.ipsnews.net/2020/10/nuclear-arms-control-crisis-us-exerts-pressure-treaty-signatories
