

# Peace Round-up – 25 January 2022

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## *Nuclear Weapons*

### **Open Letter from Mayors for Peace to NPT States Parties**

Mayors for Peace [https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/jp%2Fstatements/calling/data%2F2021%2F211213\\_openletter\\_jp.pdf](https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/jp%2Fstatements/calling/data%2F2021%2F211213_openletter_jp.pdf)

### **The Stepping Stones Approach, the TPNW, and the Value of Complementarity for Sustainable, Verifiable Disarmament**

BASIC

<https://basicint.org/the-stepping-stones-approach-the-tpnw-and-the-value-of-complementarity-for-sustainable-verifiable-disarmament>

### **Nuclear secrecy: Democracy, nuclear weapons & disarmament in the US & UK**

Nuclear Information Service webinar

<https://youtu.be/UQD2BkZr91M>

### **MP slams government over planned increase in nuclear weapons**

Barrhead News <https://www.barrheadnews.com/news/19817662.kirsten-oswald-slams-plans-increase-nuclear-weapons>

### **Five of world's most powerful nations pledge to avoid nuclear war**

Guardian report <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan/03/five-nations-pledge-avoid-nuclear-war>

### **They talk the talk: do they walk the walk?**

Scottish CND <https://www.nuclearban.scot/they-talk-the-talk-do-they-walk-the-walk>

### **Quoting Reagan & Gorbachev**

CND <https://cnduk.org/quoting-reagan-and-gorbachev>

### **Big nations want to be seen as acting responsibly when no action is taken**

National Scot

<https://www.thenational.scot/politics/19824226.nuclear-powers-want-seen-acting-responsibly-no-action-taken>

### **The glaring problem with a recent multinational pledge against nuclear war**

Open Democracy <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/the-glaring-problem-with-a-recent-multinational-pledge-against-nuclear-war>

**Review Conference on Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty stalled due to rising Covid-19 cases**  
In-depth news <https://www.indepthnews.net/index.php/armaments/nuclear-weapons/4980-review-conference-on-nuclear-non-proliferation-treaty-stalled-due-to-rising-covid-19-infections>

**More than 90 civil society groups deliver joint statement to NPT states parties**  
Reaching Critical Will  
<https://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/news/latest-news/15730-more-than-90-civil-society-groups-deliver-joint-statement-to-npt-states-parties>

**Anniversary of TPNW: progress & more to be done**  
<https://nfpb.org.uk/2022/01/14/tpnw-anniversary-progress-and-more-to-be-done>

**Event to mark first anniversary of TPNW**  
Keighley News letters page <https://www.keighleynews.co.uk/news/19852083.letter-keighley-event-mark-first-anniversary-nuclear-weapons-treaty>

**Statement on first anniversary of TPNW**  
Mayors for Peace <https://www.mayorsforpeace.org/english/statements/calling/data>

**Barrow-built submarine project is £1 billion over budget**  
CND Cymru <https://www.nwemail.co.uk/news/19829884.barrow-built-astute-submarine-project--1-billion-budget>

## ***Ukraine***

**Common Security Approaches to Resolve the Ukraine and European Crises**  
Joseph Gerson, International Peace Bureau  
<https://www.ipb.org/yesterdays-news/common-security-approaches-to-resolve-the-ukraine-and-european-crises/>

**Why aren't more Russians protesting war in Ukraine? We asked an expert**  
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/odr/sergei-davidis-anti-war-movement-russia/>

**Pacifists challenge Liz Truss as she stirs up military tension over Ukraine**  
Peace Pledge Union <https://www.ppu.org.uk/news/pacifists-challenge-liz-truss-she-stirs-military-tension-over-ukraine>

**US says it will send troops to Eastern Europe if Russia invades Ukraine**  
Guardian report <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/dec/06/us-says-it-will-send-troops-to-eastern-europe-if-russia-invades-ukraine>

**Statement on Ukraine & Russia**  
Peace Pledge Union <https://www.ppu.org.uk/news/peace-pledge-union-statement-ukraine-and-russia>

**Russia threatens military deployment to Cuba and Venezuela**  
Guardian world news  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan/13/Russia-says-talks-with-nato-over-ukraine-are-hitting-a-dead-end>

**Why is Putin's Russia threatening Ukraine?**  
<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/odr/why-is-putins-russia-threatening-ukraine/>

## **No to War in Ukraine – Stop the War Statement**

<https://www.stopwar.org.uk/article/stop-the-war-statement-on-tensions-around-ukraine/>

## ***Climate***

### **Reflecting on COP 26**

Britain Yearly Meeting <https://www.quaker.org.uk/events/reflecting-on-cop26>

### **Why we held a vigil for loss & damage at COP 26**

Make Polluters Pay <https://lmakepolluterspay.co.uk/make-polluters-pay/f/why-we-held-a-vigil-for-loss-and-damage-at-cop26>

### **The Mourning after COP 26**

Extinction Rebellion South Lakes

[https://youtube.com/watch/v%3D\\_R9DQo1ZMqU](https://youtube.com/watch/v%3D_R9DQo1ZMqU)

### **A Primer on Climate Security**

Peace News

<https://peacenews.info/node/10068/nick-buxton-primer-climate-security-dangers-militarising-climate-crisis>

### **2.4C is a death sentence**

Guardian report

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2021/dec/13/24c-is-a-death-sentence-vanessa-nakates-fight-for-the-forgotten-countries-of-the-climate-crisis>

### **Russia vetoes UN Security Council resolution linking climate crisis to international peace**

Guardian report

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/dec/13/russia-vetoes-un-security-council-resolution-climate-crisis-international-peace>

### **COP 26 focused on long-term climate goals. But what does this decade hold?**

Open Democracy <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/cop26-focused-on-long-term-climate-goals-but-what-does-this-decade-hold>

### **COP26 – the most important meeting in history**

Four COP26 speeches by figures from the Most Affected People's Areas

<https://peacenews.info/node/10053/cop26-most-important-meeting-history>

## ***General***

### **Lift the sanctions on Afghanistan Unfreeze \$9bn of Afghan reserves held abroad, says CODEPINK**

<https://peacenews.info/node/10077/lift-sanctions-afghanistan>

### **One Day: Holocaust Memorial Day 2022**

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/one-day-hmd-2022>

### **Preventing Gender-based violence**

International Alert article <https://www.international-alert.org/expertise/preventing-gender-based-violence>

**RAF to deploy aircraft to remote Scottish islands** UK Defence Journal

<https://ukdefencejournal.org.uk/raf-to-deploy-aircraft-to-remote-scottish-islands>

**Nobody wins a modern war**

Yorkshire Bylines article <https://F2J6Fhofd8y>

**Enduring noisy fighter jets is part of Wales' military 'contribution', Tory MP suggests**

CND Cymru Nation Cymru article

<https://nation.cymru/Fnews/Fenduring-noisy-fighter-jets-is-part-of-wales-military-contribution-tory-mp-suggests>

**Crunch time for policing bill**

Quakers in Britain blog <https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/crunch-time-for-policing-bill>

**Risk of ESG adds to pressure on European defense companies**

Financial Times report

<https://www.ft.com/content/e14ea515-a6f3-4763-9def-7bc40d3b2e4a>

**Russia's anti-satellite test should lead to a universal ban**

SIPRI <https://bit.ly/F3dpNaaq>

**Epistle from the Heads of Quaker Agencies meeting held in London, December 6-8,2021**

American Friends Service Committee

<https://www.afsc.org/story/epistle-heads-quaker-agencies-meeting-held-london-december-6-8-2021>

**Open Society, Closed Conversations: External Consultation and the Integrated Review**

Rethinking Security

<https://rethinkingsecurityorguk.files.wordpress.com/2021/12/briefing-external-consultation-and-the-integrated-review-09dec2021.pdf>

**From arms, planes and racing cars to ventilators: industrial conversion during the Covid crisis**

Scientists for Global Responsibility

<https://sgr.org.uk/resources/arms-planes-and-racing-cars-ventilators-industrial-conversion-during-covid-19-crisis>

**'Colossal waste:' Nobel laureates call for 2% cut to military spending worldwide**

Guardian report <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/dec/14/nobel-laureates-cut-military-spending-worldwide-un-peace-dividend>

**Making a noise about the quiet return of arms fairs**

Rethinking Security

<https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/2021/12/15/making-a-noise-about-the-quiet-return-of-arms-fairs>

**Quakers appalled by Human Rights overhaul**

Quakers in Britain <https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quakers-appalled-by-human-rights-act-overhaul>

**Omicron and Common Security**

Rethinking Security blog from Paul Rogers

<https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/2021/12/17/omicron-and-common-security>

### **Conscientious Objection: a Right and a Duty**

World Beyond War <https://worldbeyondwar.org/conscientious-objection-a-right-and-a-duty>

### **Pulling up the drawbridge on Fortress Britain**

Rethinking Security <https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/2021/12/21/pulling-up-the-drawbridge-on-fortress-britain>

### **Elders mourn loss of Desmond Tutu**

The Elders <https://theelders.org/news/elders-mourn-loss-archbishop-desmond-tutu>

### **Skyborg: AI control of military drones begins to take off**

Drone Wars <https://dronewars.net/2022/01%2F03/skyborg-ai-control-of-military-drones-begins-to-take-off>

### **The Insurrection & Undermining our Democracy**

FCNL <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/2022-01/insurrection-and-undermining-our-democracy>

### **Peace Hub Birmingham reopens**

Central England Quakers <https://peacehub.org.uk/news/2022/01/11/back-open-for-2022>

### **Symon Hill: We must stand up to militarists' attempts to misuse Covid crisis**

Left Foot Forward

<https://leftfootforward.org/2022/01/symon-hill-we-must-stand-up-to-militarists-attempts-to-misuse-the-covid-crisis>

### **Outrage as armed forces deployed against English Channel refugees**

Peace Pledge Union

<https://www.ppu.org.uk/news/outrage-armed-forces-deployed-against-english-channel-refugees>

### **'This factory was killing our brothers and sisters in Palestine, we had to do something'**

New Internationalist

<https://newint.org/features/2022/01/18/factory-was-killing-our-brothers-and-sisters-palestine-we-had-do-something>

### **Yemen: Saudi-led airstrike on rebel-run prison kills at least 70**

The Guardian report <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan/21/airstrike-yemen-prison-leaves-many-dead-or-wounded>

### **Thich Nat Hanh dies aged 95**

Guardian <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan/22/thich-nhat-hanh-revered-zen-buddhist-monk-and-peace-activist-dies-at-95>

### **Major infrastructure project planned for RAF Menwith Hill**

<https://thestrayerferret.co.uk/major-infrastructure-project-planned-for-raf-menwith-hill/>

### **Strengthening intergenerational work on Israel-Palestine**

<https://wagingnonviolence.org/2022/01/strengthening-intergenerational-work-on-israel-palestine-ifnotnow/>

### **'We are not terrorists' — Kazakhstanis oppose government corruption with nonviolent action**

<https://wagingnonviolence.org/metta/podcast/kazakhstan-nonviolent-protest-corruption/>