

Peace Round-up – 1 June 2022

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Ukraine

The Ukraine war is entering its most dangerous phase yet

Open Democracy

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/russia-ukraine-putin-war-stalemate-what-next>

Thinking through “Lethal Aid”

Forces Watch - <https://www.forceswatch.net/comment/thinking-through-lethal-aid>

Ukrainian citizens are being embraced by Europeans why weren't Syrians?

Mother Jones

<https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2022/03/ukrainian-refugees-are-being-embraced-by-europe-why-werent-syrians>

Activist Priests: Voices for peace in Ukraine and Russia

Anglican Pacifist Fellowship - <https://orthodoxyindialogue.com/2022/04/18/activist-priests-voices-for-peace-in-ukraine-and-russia-by-nicholas-sooy>

Liz Truss plays into Putin's hands with calls to increase military spending

Peace Pledge Union - <https://www.ppu.org.uk/news/liz-truss-plays-putins-hands-call-raise-military-spending>

Donetsk separatists desperate draft campaign empties streets of men

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/apr/28/donetsk-separatists-desperate-draft-campaign-empties-streets-of-men-ukraine>

Let's not repeat the mistakes of Iraq in Ukraine

FCNL <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/2022-05/lets-not-repeat-mistakes-iraq-ukraine>

Vladimir Putin faces dissent as Russian servicemen challenge illegal war order

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/vladimir-putin-faces-dissent-russian-26882408>

Ukraine refugees in UK face up to two years wait for war trauma therapy

The Guardian - <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/may/09/ukraine-refugees-uk-face-waits-two-years-war-trauma-therapy>

'Paranoid dictator': Russian journalists fill pro-Kremlin site with anti-war articles

The Guardian - <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/may/09/russian-journalists-pro-kremlin-site-lenta-anti-war-articles>

Women leading humanitarian efforts in Ukraine, now put them in leadership

IP News - <https://www.ipsnews.net/2022/05/women-leading-humanitarian-efforts-in-ukraine-now-include-them-in-leadership-say-un-women-and-care>

Ukraine needs a negotiated peace

Common Dreams - <https://www.commondreams.org/views/2022/05/11/ukraine-needs-negotiated-peace-because-everyone-will-lose-war-attrition>

'They were furious:' the Russian fighters refusing to fight in Ukraine

The Guardian - <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/may/12/they-were-furious-the-russian-soldiers-refusing-to-fight-in-ukraine>

If War is not the answer in Ukraine, what is?

FCNL - <https://inkstickmedia.com/if-war-is-not-the-answer-in-ukraine-what-is>

A negotiated end to the Ukraine war could still happen

Open Democracy <https://bit.ly/3wpgQ0p>

This is who is cashing in on the war in Ukraine

Open Democracy - <https://bit.ly/FIjzW>

The staggering amount of US aid to Ukraine explained in one chart

FCNL/Vox - <https://www.vox.com/23069517/ukraine-military-aid-weapons-chart>

Ukraine's way out

The Atlantic - <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/05/Fukraine-war-russia-putin-end>

Statement of the Ukrainian Pacifist Movement Against the Perpetuation of the War

Presenza.com - <https://www.presenza.com/2022/04/statement-of-the-ukrainian-pacifist-movement-against-perpetuation-of-war>

John Kerry warns that a long Ukraine war will threaten climate efforts

The Guardian article - <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/may/10/john-kerry-warns-long-ukraine-war-threaten-climate-efforts>

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Nuclear Weapons

Stop your bank & pension company from investing in nuclear weapons

<https://cnduk.org/stop-your-bank-and-pension-company-from-investing-in-nuclear-weapons>

MOD refuses to say whether nukes are returning to British soil

Independent news - <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/nuclear-weapons-us-mod-raf-lakenheath-b2065858.html>

French and American nuclear submarines visiting Scotland

<https://ukdefencejournal.org.uk/french-and-american-nuclear-submarines-visiting-scotland>

The Threat Posed by Nuclear Convoys to Local Authorities

Scottish CND

<https://www.banthebomb.org/the-threat-posed-by-nuclear-convoys-to-local-authorities/>

New tactical nuclear weapons? Just say no

IP News - <https://www.ipsnews.net/2022/05/new-tactical-nuclear-weapons-just-say-no>

How to secure a world without military alliances and nuclear weapons

World Without War <https://worldbeyondwar.org/how-to-secure-a-world-without-military-alliances-and-nuclear-weapons>

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Keeping up with the Putins

<https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/2022/05/04/keeping-up-with-the-putins/>

World Military Expenditure by Region

SIPRI - <https://bit.ly/3LfE92X>

Britain named fourth largest military spender

UK Defence Journal

<https://ukdefencejournal.org.uk/britain-named-fourth-largest-military-spender>

As Global military spending hits nearly \$2trillion these weapons are useless...

Common Dreams - <https://www.commondreams.org/views/2020/04/30/global-military-spending-hits-nearly-2-trillion-these-weapons-are-useless-against>

FTT Statement on Police, Crime, Sentencing & Court Bill

Friends, Families & Travellers

<https://www.gypsy-traveller.org/news/fft-statement-on-pcsc-bill>

Protect the right to boycott unethical companies

Quakers in Britain

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/protect-the-right-to-boycott-unethical-companies-quakers-say>

House of Lords votes through controversial bill that will give police unprecedented powers – campaign group reaction

<https://www.bond.org.uk/press-releases/2022/04/house-of-lords-votes-through-controversial-bill-that-will-give-police>

Alternatives to Military violence – Quaker Concern

Canadian Friends Service Committee

<https://quakerconcern.ca/alternatives-to-military-violence>

Why prioritising military might over net zero makes no sense

Energy Monitor

<https://www.energymonitor.ai/tech/renewables/why-prioritising-military-might-over-net-zero-makes-no-s>

Why we confronted Pritti Patel about her inhumane ‘Rwanda plan’ at a Tory dinner

Holly Hudson, The Guardian - <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2022/may/09/priti-patel-inhumane-rwanda-plan-tory-dinner>

US Air Force deployment in Britain is third largest in the world

<https://declassifieduk.org/us-air-force-deployment-in-britain-is-third-largest-in-world>

Quakers alarmed at Queen’s speech

Quakers in Britain - <https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quakers-alarmed-by-queen-s-speech-may-2022>

Peace at the heart: putting good relationships at the heart of education

Quakers in Britain: Isabel Cartwright blog

<https://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/peaceeducation/2022/05/03/peace-at-the-heart-making-the-case-for-putting-good-relationships-at-the-centre-of-education>

On Sweden Joining NATO: A letter for FOR-USA to FOR-SWE

FOR-USA - <https://forusa.org/on-sweden-joining-nato-a-letter-from-for-usa-to-swefor>

The humanitarian case for banning nuclear weapons

Arms Control <https://www.armscontrol.org/act/2022-05/Interviews/humanitarian-case-banning-nuclear-weapons-interview-alexander-kmentt>

‘I thought Britain was a good country’: Sudan massacre refugees facing deportation to Rwanda

The Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2022/may/18/i-thought-the-uk-was-a-good-country-man-faces-removal-to-rwanda>

How are Quakers supporting climate action at the UN?

FWCC webinar - <https://youtu.be/AFQV1TAIHJ4>

The slide to authoritarianism: what's next in Parliament?

Quakers in Britain

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/the-slow-creep-of-authoritarianism-what-s-next-in-parliament>

How activists can fight through doom and gloom to be more effective

Waging Nonviolence

<https://wagingnonviolence.org/2022/05/how-activists-can-fight-through-doom-and-gloom-to-be-more-effective>

From climate to war, world entering a critical era

SIPRI - <https://www.dw.com/en/sipri-world-stumbling-into-a-new-and-dangerous-era>

Mir Italy, FOR USA and FOR India have published 3 open letters regarding Finland and Sweden applying for NATO membership.

International Fellowship of Reconciliation

<https://www.ifor.org/news/2022/5/18/mir-italy-for-usa-and-forindia-have-published-3-open-letters-regarding-finland-and-sweden-applying-for-nato-membership>

Appeal to International Community: Stop the Ongoing Nakba Now

Pax Christi International <https://paxchristi.net/2022/05/12/appeal-to-international-community-stop-the-ongoing-nakba-now/>

What's wrong with Armed Forces Day?

<https://www.ppu.org.uk/militarism/whats-wrong-armed-forces-day>

Unthinking Immigration Detention

<https://rethinkingsecurity.org.uk/2022/05/26/unthinking-immigration-detention/>

Epistle from the FWCC Europe and Middle East Section Annual Meeting held in person at L'Enclos Rey in Paris and online - 20 – 23 May 2022

<https://fwccemes.org/news/emes-annual-meeting-2022-epistle>

Book Review: Conflict Resolution in the Shadow of Putin's War

<https://balkaninsight.com/2022/05/25/book-review-conflict-resolution-in-the-shadow-of-putins-war/>

In a time of competing crises, environmental action matters more than ever

<https://www.sipri.org/commentary/essay/2022/time-competing-crises-environmental-action-matters-more-ever>

Epistle from Britain Yearly Meeting held in person and online from 27–30 May 2022

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/documents/epistle-britain-yearly-meeting-2022>

Swarthmore Lecture 2022 Perceiving the temperature of the water by Helen Minnis

<https://youtu.be/DkdxE2yvPOM>