

Selected Articles: Trump's Multibillion Dollar Military Budget

By <u>Global Research News</u> Global Research, December 26, 2019

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<u>'Atrocious': 188 Democrats Join GOP to Hand Trump \$738 Billion Military Budget that</u> Includes 'Space Force'

By Jake Johnson, December 26, 2019

More than 180 House Democrats joined a nearly united Republican caucus Wednesday night to pass a sweeping \$738 billion military spending bill that gives President Donald Trump his long-sought "Space Force," free rein to wage endless wars, and a green light to continue fueling the humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen.

Just 48 members of the House, including 41 Democrats, voted against the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which increases the Pentagon budget by \$22 billion. The final vote was <u>377-48</u>.



Fireworks Instead of Mortar Shells: Syrian Christians Flood the Streets in Spiritual Unity of Christmas Celebrations

By <u>Mark Taliano</u> and <u>RT News</u>, December 26, 2019

Mainstream media perpetrates huge deceptions and promulgates criminal war propaganda as policy. Often the omission is worse than the direct lie. Regularly, mainstream messaging omits context and ROOT CAUSES of events that it claims to be describing. The root cause of the Christmas celebrations in Syria is the FACT that Syria and its allies LIBERATED these areas from WESTERN-SUPPORTED terrorists. If this root cause is not stated clearly, then the messaging intentionally leaves itself open to misinterpretation. It becomes war propaganda that serves to vilify Syria and Syrians as it exonerates the war criminals from their heinous war crimes.



You Say You Want a (Russian) Revolution?

By Pepe Escobar, December 26, 2019

Once in a blue moon an indispensable book comes out making a clear case for sanity in what is now a post-MAD world. That's the responsibility carried by "<u>The (Real) Revolution in</u> <u>Military Affairs</u>," by Andrei Martyanov (Clarity Press), arguably the most important book of 2019.

Martyanov is the total package — and he comes with extra special attributes as a top-flight Russian military analyst, born in Baku in those Back in the U.S.S.R. days, living and working in the U.S., and writing and <u>blogging</u> in English.



Nord Stream 2, US Sanctions and Trump's "Economic Suicide"?

By Peter Koenig, December 26, 2019

Nord Stream 2 is an under-water pipeline crossing from Kingisepp in Russia to Greifswald in Germany, under the Baltic sea. Its cost is estimated at more than US\$ 100 billion. It parallels Nord stream 1 (see map), and is supposed to make Germany energy secure, especially once Germany exits from nuclear energy. After the March 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, Germany has already permanently shut down eight of its 17 reactors and pledged to close the rest by the end of 2022.



Fast Food Nations and Global Nutrition

By Colin Todhunter, December 26, 2019

Daniel Maingi works with small farmers in Kenya and belongs to the organisation Growth Partners for Africa. He remembers a time when his family would grow and eat a diversity of crops, such as mung beans, green grams, pigeon peas and a variety of fruits now considered 'wild'.

Following the Structural Adjustment Programmes of the 1980s and 1990s, the foods of his childhood have been replaced with maize. He says that in the morning you make porridge from maize. For lunch, it's boiled maize and a few green beans. In the evening, a dough-like maize dish is served with meat. He adds that it is now a monoculture diet.



In the United Kingdom: Do Subjects Deserve Their Rulers?

By Andre Vltchek, December 24, 2019

Just put Boris Johnson and Jeremy Corbyn next to each other, and listen to each of them for ten minutes, and it would appear that anyone who would vote for the leader of the Conservative Party should be ripe for the mental asylum.

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Trump Administration and Moscow Shoot Down Bipartisan DASKA "Sanctions Bill from Hell"

By Sarah Abed, December 24, 2019

In August of 2018, Senators Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) first introduced what Graham referred to as a "sanctions bill from hell" targeting Russia and President Vladimir Putinand making it harder for the United States to leave NATO. Despite bipartisan grievances with Moscow the bill didn't gain much traction.

The measure to push President Trump to take a tougher stance against Russia over alleged election interference, aggression towards Ukraine and involvement in Syria's proxy war is titled the <u>Defending American Security from Kremlin Aggression Act</u> (DASKA) and would impose strict and broad penalties.

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