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#### **Editor's Introduction**

This issue of Peace & Justice News explores the links between militarism and the ecological emergencies, with details of events and exhibitions we're organising that explore this theme; with Remembrance Day upon us, there's a feature on indigenous resistance to militarism in Scotland's history; plus a feature on the injustice of the global response to the pandemic.

In our Editorial *Brian Larkin* argues that we must end militarism in order to prevent the ravages of climate change.

There is a lot of information on our Peace Cranes exhibition and past events you can still view online - and events yet to come. Through striking visual installations and arts events the project powerfully raises awareness of the twin existential threats to humanity - nuclear weapons and the ecological crisis - reaching people who might not otherwise have been exposed to that message. The main exhibition continues until 13 while a new installation by one of the UK's most influential political artists, Peter Kennard, starts at Out of the Blue Drill Hall on 6 November.

There's news from other corners of Peace & Justice too, from the Opposing War Memorial to advocacy tools for addressing the situation for asylum seekers in Dungavel Detention Centre and details of many events and actions around peace and climate in conjunction with COP26 in Glasgow.

Peace & Justice has joined in a **Stop**Climate Chaos Coalition letter calling
on the First Minister to firmly oppose
approval of Cambo oil field. And we're
teaming up with Veterans for Peace
Scotland again this year for an
Alternative Remembrance Day event
at the proposed site of the Opposing
War Memorial. Find details in our P&J
News section.

Delve into alternative remembrance of one of the most notorious incidents in the history of British imperial presence in Scotland's past with P&J intern Lane Deamant, who tells the story of resistance by soldiers to the Glencoe Massacre.

Keeping on this seasonal theme you can also find out in *P&J News* where to get **White Poppies for Peace** in Edinburgh and how you can support COs and war resisters currently in prison on **Prisoners for Peace Day**.

Addressing the glaring injustice of the other planetary crisis, COVID Peace & Justice Administrator and Finance Officer Jane Herbstritt, whose other job is with Global Justice Now, makes the case for a People's Vaccine.

Finally, don't miss News from the Movements - packed with a wide variety of local and global news on peacebuilding, peacemaking and the ecological crisis.

The Editor

#### **Editorial: We Must Transform Militarism to Address the Climate**

#### By Brian Larkin

In conjunction with the COP26 peace groups are arguing that we must end militarism in order to save the planet from the ravages of climate change. But what does military activity have to do with the climate emergency?

Environmental campaigns have made the case that industrial agriculture, banks and fossil fuel companies are the main pillars of the resource intensive system that is driving the climate and ecological crisis. Dr Hoesung Lee, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and Dr Fatih Birol, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency [iv] have said: "Decarbonising entire economies means tackling sectors where emissions are especially difficult to reduce, such as shipping, trucks, aviation, heavy industries like steel, cement and chemicals, and agriculture."

In an Open Letter to the leaders of COP26 Tipping Point North South (See News from the Movements) have argued that the global military must be added to this list. Indeed the military sector must be decarbonised. Not just because of the carbon emissions it produces but because militarism, foreign policy and arms manufacturing together are another, equally important, deeply intertwined pillar of the system that is driving the climate and ecological emergency...

Global military Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions are at least 3% of total GHG emissions and may be much more. The biggest factor is deployment of troops and equipment and big military exercises. The US, with the biggest military in the world, and about 40% of global military spending, has more than 800 bases around the world. The UK, and especially this government, is trying to keep up with the US.

In the *Defence and Foreign Policy Review* "Global Britain", Boris Johnson promised "[T]he aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth, one of the two largest warships ever built for the Royal Navy, will lead ... the UK's most ambitious global deployment for two decades". There is no way to power the Queen Elizabeth, or tanks or jet fighters that won't consume vast quantities of fossil fuel and spew massive amounts of GHGs into the atmosphere.

But why do some governments feel the need to project so much force around the world? Their activities are largely to ensure control over oil and other resources vital to advanced industrial societies. Indeed the Foreign and Commonwealth Office actually stated to the Foreign Affairs Committee that the UK's strategic relationship with Saudi Arabia was established decades ago to ensure energy security. <a href="https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmfaff/88/8807.htm">https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmfaff/88/8807.htm</a>

**BAE Systems** is the most significant partner for the government in maintaining this long term strategic relationship by continuing to provide arms and vital support to Saudi Arabia for its continuing war on Yemen.

The UK licensed the export of 120 BAE-produced **Tornado** jets as part of the Al Yamamah deal in 1985. BAE is currently manufacturing **Hawk jets** for Saudi Arabia and has sold them the Eurofighter Typhoon and Tornado combat aircraft used in Yemen. A contract for 72 **Eurofighter Typhoon** aircraft, was agreed in 2007, with a value of £20bn. A memorandum of intent for a further 48 Typhoons was signed in 2018. The British-Saudi Defence Cooperation Programme facilitated over 6,000 BAE Systems employees to provide critical services for the Saudi Air Force.

**BAE** then is at the centre of this relationship between militarism and the climate crisis. But numerous other arms manufacturers in Scotland including Raytheon and Thales are also arming Saudi Arabia. A comprehensive list can be found in the recent *Made in Scotland* report by Campaign Against Arms Trade and Peace & Justice Scotland.

BAE also builds the submarines that carry Trident missiles with which the UK is prepared to unleash a nuclear winter that could cause global famine, the twin existential threat to humanity with the climate and ecological crisis. Such big military items eat up funds needed to address the climate emergency. The Climate Change Committee estimated that annual government spending on climate needs to increase to £12bn. But the government has budgeted for "defence" spending increase of about £24bn leaving less for addressing the climate emergency.

Net zero won't be achieved without cutting the carbon emissions from the military along with other sectors of the economy. Countries must be required to report the emissions from the military sector and include military sector emissions in their reduction plans and targets (NDCs)

In the UK the Climate Change Committee omits to suggest counting let alone cutting military climate emissions. Given that the UK military sector produces about 11 Mt Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) we can make substantial reductions in this sector. To achieve that we need deep cuts in the military budget. And we must shift these resources to funding projects like insulating Britain.

But this is not only about resource allocation and fuel consumption. Government must re-evaluate the underpinnings of its security strategy and shift to a sustainable human security model as defined by the United Nations. Only when we change our ideas about security will we stop relying on nuclear weapons, sending aircraft carriers halfway around the world and arming countries like Saudi Arabia and enabling their devastating wars.

#### **P&J News & Events**



PEACE CRANES: An exhibition by Janis Hart Showing until 13 November 2021 Free entry. Monday – Saturday 10:30am – 4pm Excluding Wednesdays 11 – 11:30am St. John's Church, Princes St, Edinburgh, EH1 4BJ

The Peace Cranes exhibition ran as part of Just Festival at St John's Church from 6 - 27 August 2021. Just a few more weeks remain to see the installation by Scottish artist Janis Hart featuring 140,000 origami cranes made by hundreds of volunteers around the world over 5 years.

"I can highly recommend sheltering under the wings of 140,000 peace cranes in Peace & Justice\_Peace Cranes exhibition at St John's Church. A welcome space to pause for thought amidst the magnitude of world events." Jean Cameron



Photo credit Laleh Sherkat courtesy of Just Festival.

The exhibition launch event on 6
August 2021 featured contributions
from Rev Markus Dunzkofer, Rector of
St John's Church, Prof Jolyon Mitchell,
Lynn Jamieson, Chair of Scottish CND,
Bill Kidd, MSP, Chair of Cross Party
Group on Nuclear Disarmament, a
message from First Minister Nicola

Sturgeon, Mr. Nozomu Takaoka, Consul General of Japan, Frank Ross, Lord Provost of Edinburgh and Helen Trew, Director of Just Festival, with Lesley Orr

as Chair on behalf of Peace & Justice. This was reviewed in Edinburgh Reporter. A photo was published in BBC News Scotland. Read our report on the launch at <a href="https://bit.ly/peace-cranes-launch">https://bit.ly/peace-cranes-launch</a>.

#### Reviews from our visitors

See selected quotes at: <a href="http://peaceandjustice.org.uk/what-we-do/peacecranes/">http://peaceandjustice.org.uk/what-we-do/peacecranes/</a>/
More info at <a href="https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/what-we-do/peacecranes/2/">https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/what-we-do/peacecranes/2/</a>

# Linking Nuclear Weapons, climate emergency and Biodiversity Loss.

Janis Hart's installation builds on the tradition of making origami cranes as a symbol of our hopes for peace and disarmament, raises awareness of the terrible impact of the use of nuclear weapons and the possibility for eliminating them through the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and, drawing on the fact that the red-crowned crane upon which the origami crane is modelled and which, like so many species, is now endangered due in part to climate change, makes the link to the ecological crisis.



One of Janis Hart's spheres at Peace Cranes. Image: Brian Larkin



**Information Panels** gave details of the twin existential threats and the stories of Sadako and Atsuko.

Edinburgh artist Janis Hart's installation features a large-scale (6 m in diameter) circle of origami cranes suspended from the ceiling above the centre aisle of the church, 4 spheres (1 m in diameter) of origami cranes

suspended from chandeliers, a word sculpture of origami cranes (2 m high, 4 m wide and 1 m deep) reading PEACE suspended from the balcony, and a number sculpture of origami cranes reading 140,000 along with garlands of tens of thousands of cranes hung on the ends of pews, garlands of cranes draped on the walls, baskets of cranes on



the community tables along the aisle and strings of origami cranes perched on the top of pews (until 3 September 2021).

#### PEACE CRANES FILM: JANIS HART AND IAN DODDS

A crucial part of the installation was a cinematic 11 minute film screened on a custom built circular screen (2 m in diameter) with powerful sound and imagery from original footage from Hiroshima shown in the side chapel where viewers were seated amidst carbonized trees echoing the environmental destruction of the atomic bombs and making the link to the current ecological crisis with imagery of the endangered red-crowned cranes (until 30 August 2021). Created in collaboration with filmmaker lan Dodds



'The film Peace Cranes by Ian Dodds and Janis Hart is devastating, so affecting, the circle like a lens magnifying the suffering and the white screen at the end, staring at it. Thinking of the footage and the testimonies – beyond words. So important that it gets shown wherever and whenever it can be' - Peter Kennard

Peace Cranes cinematic installation view © Victoria Murray. Image: Courtesy of the artist.

# 7,165 people visited the exhibition from 6-27 August, with many hundreds more visiting since then.

#### **Peace Cranes Exhibition Events and Resources**

The following exhibition resources, including recordings of events are available to watch at: <a href="https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/what-we-do/peacecranes/">https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/what-we-do/peacecranes/</a>

**Make a Peace Crane** – daily origami crane making workshops. Our video tutorial and step-by step diagram.

Never Again. Louder Than Bombs – CND Chair Kate Hudson, in conversation with artist Peter Kennard (60 min).

Tackling Climate Change with the Eurasian Crane – a conversation between Damon Bridge (UK Crane Working Group) and Hywel Maggs (RSPB Scotland) on the expansion of Scotland's Eurasian crane population.



Take Action – our illustrated 24 page booklet (an illustrated long read)140,000 Peace Cranes – our short documentary (3 min) about Atsuko Betchaku





**Taiko Drumming** – two music events by Mugen Taiko Dojo – the educational organisation dedicated to the spread and development of taiko drumming in the UK – who performed live the ancient art of taiko drumming in the setting of our exhibition.

#### ATSUKO: YOU-RI YAMANAKA AND HEATHER KIERNAN

A rehearsed reading by actor You-Ri Yamanaka of a new maverick monologue by Heather Kiernan about P&J volunteer Atsuko Betchaku (1960-2017) who initiated the 140,000 origami peace cranes project was very well received with 35 attendees at Maverick Monologues 11 hosted by Heroica Theatre Company.

## PEACE CRANES COP26 PROTEST BANNERS: DONNA RIDDINGTON

A workshop about making COP26 protest banners led by independent visual artist and activist *Donna Riddington*.





# CHERNOBYL MON AMOUR: PAM SKELTON

Film premiere of Chernobyl Mon Amour

– a new artist's film by established
British artist Pam Skelton exploring the
nuclear disasters of Chernobyl 1986
and Hiroshima – presented at CHRNBL
International Forum.

Yemen: Promoting Peace through Art. International Peace Day 21 Sept... Radhya Al-mutawakel, Yemeni human rights defender and chairperson of Mwatana Organisation for Human Rights was presented with the first Geoffrey and Elizabeth Carnall Peace Award. The evening included performances and screening of the film VOICE OF THE RAINBOW by Shatha Altowai, Yemeni visual artist and Saber Bamatraf, both Artist Protection Fund Fellows and a talk about the Arts in Peacebuilding in Yemen by Kate Nevens, co-author of 'Broken People Can't Heal a Nation'.

### **Support the ongoing Peace Cranes project**

All of this activity has required many hours of staff support. Can you help with a donation to enable us to continue bringing you Peace Cranes exhibitions and events well into 2022?

You can Donate at: <a href="https://www.chuffed.org/project/peace-cranes">https://www.chuffed.org/project/peace-cranes</a>
By sending a cheque written to Peace & Justice.
Using the form at the back of this magazine
Or via a Bank Transfer indicating "Peace Cranes" in the reference field.



# Thank you Volunteers for 1,500 Hours given to this project!

Exhibition volunteers in August: **500 hours.** Helping with fabrication of the installation: **400 volunteer hours.**Leading Cranes workshops **200 hours.**Making cranes over the life of the project. **300 hours.** Counting, logging, boxing and moving cranes to and from storage. **200 hours.** 

Photo Laleh Sherkat courtesy of Just Festival.

#### **UPCOMING PEACE CRANES EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS**

**CODE RED: PETER KENNARD** 

6 – 26 November. Free entry. No Registration required.
The Out of the Blue Drill Hall, 36 Dalmeny St, Edinburgh EH6 8RG
A print installation by one of Britain's foremost political artists Peter Kennard.
Preview: 5 November 2021, 6-8pm. Free entry but Registration required.
Book at https://code-red-peter-kennard.eventbrite.co.uk.



Through the use of photomontage Peter Kennard turns his outrage into images. Throughout CODE RED Kennard re-appropriates the beautiful photo of the whole earth taken by the Apollo astronauts in 1972, cutting and tearing and combining it with images of industrial chimneys, oil refineries

exploding, polluted dust, gas masks, parched earth and floods. His image of the earth surrounded by a clock symbolises climate/nuclear destruction, whilst in another image planet earth is transformed into a seed sprouting a tree. Kennard's work makes visible the increasing devastation of the natural world, revealing this breakdown not as inevitable but the direct result of human activity. The resulting montages can then be used as a visual arm of the struggle for climate justice.

"We're living in a time of absolute emergency. We're tottering through the rubble of the rampant free market. It's a time in which images can open up a critical space that can jolt assumptions and break through denial. The poet Shelley wrote that 'we must imagine what we know'. By picturing the result of extracting wealth out of the ground by every means possible I'm trying to picture what we know will happen if we don't stop this plunder." Peter Kennard

THE MISTAKE: MICHAEL MEARS 13 November 2021 2.30-4.30pm.

The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, 5 Lothian Road, Edinburgh, EH1 2EP Free entry but registration required. Book at:

https://the-mistake-michael-mears.eventbrite.co.uk



A rehearsed live reading of a new play about the day the world changed forever by award-winning actor and playwright Michael Mears

"The dropping of the first atomic bomb is referred to on the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima as 'the mistake'. Using testimonies and eye-witness

accounts, I wrote The Mistake interweaving the stories of a survivor, a scientist and a soldier to create a gripping drama — exploring what happens when scientific discoveries unlock the awesome power of nature, and 'the genie is let out of the bottle'. Based on the personal experiences surrounding that catastrophic event and the lives of Shigeko Nomura — a young woman living in war-time Hiroshima; Leo Szilard — a Hungarian scientist and 'father of the atomic bomb' and Paul Tibbets — the American pilot chosen to fly the plane that drops the bomb. At 8.15am on a Monday morning in August, their lives become fatally and forever entangled." Michael Mears

### **Other Upcoming P&J Events**

Sunday 14 November. 10:30am Quaker meeting 11am – 11:30am. Alternative Remembrance. At site of Opposing War Memorial Princes St Gardens. Minutes silence followed by laying a white poppy wreath. Reflections. Bring poems or thoughts, songs. At 11:30am we'll process to the remembrance garden (in Princes St Gardens) and lay a wreath in memory of all those killed in wars, civilians, soldiers executed as "deserters" for refusing to continue to participate,



as well as soldiers killed, and conscientious objectors who refused conscription. Organised by Peace & Justice Scotland and Veterans for Peace Scotland.

#### White Poppies for Peace

Many people wear white poppies to remember all who have died in wars, both civilians and soldiers. Starting in 2014 P&J distributed White Peace Poppies to various locations around Edinburgh in an effort to make them more widely available. Now many of those shops stock them direct from PPU annually freeing us up to reach out to further venues.

White poppies are available at: One World Shop at St John's Church. Quaker Meeting House, Victoria Terrace

**Lighthouse Bookshop**, W Nicolson St, **New Leaf Coop** Argyle Pl, Edinburgh **Teviot Row House**, University of Edinburgh, Bristo Pl,



#### **Prisoners for Peace Day**

1st December is Prisoners for Peace Day. This day is a chance to demonstrate support for conscientious objectors, in gaol for refusing to join the military and others who have taken nonviolent actions to disrupt preparation for war, by writing to them. WRI update for Prisoners for Peace Day on December 1st. <a href="https://wri-irg.org/en/campaigns/prisoners">https://wri-irg.org/en/campaigns/prisoners</a> for peace

Photo: Kings Bay Plowshares. Mark Colville remains in prison. Others remain in House Arrest. Steve Kelly is wanted for failure to report for probation after 3 years in prison.

### **Community Events**

The Past and Future of Remembrance Day: A Global Webinar 4 November 3 p.m. ET (USA).

Peace Activists from Around the World to Discuss the Origins of Remembrance

A World BEYOND War event, cosponsored by RootsAction.org



Image: Veterans for Peace outside Downing St.

Wear a sky blue scarf and a white poppy. **Register at**<a href="https://actionnetwork.org/events/the-past-and-future-of-armisticeremembrance-day-a-global-webinar/">https://actionnetwork.org/events/the-past-and-future-of-armisticeremembrance-day-a-global-webinar/</a>

#### COP<sub>26</sub>

P&J Joins Call on Nicola Sturgeon to Stand against Cambo Oil Field
Peace & Justice has joined in a Stop Climate Chaos Coalition letter calling on
the First Minister to firmly oppose approval of Cambo oil field."
<a href="https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/pj-joins-call-on-nicola-sturgeon-to-stand-against-cambo-oil-field/">https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/pj-joins-call-on-nicola-sturgeon-to-stand-against-cambo-oil-field/</a>



Cambo is the second largest undeveloped field on the UK Continental Shelf, containing 800 million barrels of oil. The first phase seeks to extract 170 million barrels – the climate equivalent of running 18 coal-fired power stations for a year – and would continue until 2050: five years after Scotland is due to reach net-zero emissions. "Approving Cambo would

contradict the International Energy Agency which has said that to meet global net zero by 2050 and to limit heating to 1.5°C above pre-industrialised levels, there can be no new oil and gas fields approved for development."

Peace & Justice Coordinator Brian Larkin said: "The world's nations are planning to extract 240 percent more coal and 57 percent more oil than would be needed to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. It's clear now that that would be catastrophic. The First Minister should call on Boris Johnson to reject the Cambo oil field, and, as all eyes turn to Glasgow for COP26, send a clear message to the world – that it's time to stop all new fossil fuel extraction."

#### **Peace & Climate Activities**

Peace & Justice has joined with peace organisations around the world to demand action on militarism. Without this, there will be no possibility of an end to environmental destruction, nor any hope of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to the level needed to stave off the climate crisis.



Peace groups calling on Governments: commit to military emissions cuts there are signs that some countries may pledge to reduce military greenhouse gas emissions at COP26. Ask your organisation to join the call.

https://ceobs.org/governments-must-commit-to-military-emissions-cuts-at-cop26/

**Calling on Arms Manufacturers to Change:** P&J has joined Trident Ploughshares and others in letters to 9 arms manufacturers calling for an end to military destruction of environment. *Image credit: Trident Ploughshares.* 

#### **Climate and Militarisation COP26 Events**

4 November: Climate Peace Day

Share your #NoWarNoWarming activities offline and online

**Stop War Stop Climate Chaos Rally** 

4 November @ 1600 (4:00PM), Buchanan steps, Glasgow

6 November: Peace Block on the Climate March in Glasgow

Full list of peace & climate events: <a href="https://www.banthebomb.org/cop26-toolkit/">https://www.banthebomb.org/cop26-toolkit/</a>

Peoples Summit for Climate Justice: <a href="https://cop26coalition.org/peoples-summit/">https://cop26coalition.org/peoples-summit/</a>

#### **Other Recent P&J Events**



Climate Change

Militarism, (SAPRIL 2021)

Our workshop on Militarism, Climate Change, and Global Dissent at From the Ground Up with Scottish CND and Trident Ploughshares. It was attended by over 100 people.

We organised **CO Day UK Online Vigil with Peace Pledge Union** and others and an event at the site of the Opposing War Memorial **with Veterans for Peace**.

Opposing War Memorial Embroidery Workshop for CO Day with Memorial artist Kate Ive.

Our P&J Annual Meeting attended by more than 50 people featured a Talk on Real Security will be achieved by meeting real human needs with Profs Paul Rogers and Jenny Pearce.



We organized a **Made in Scotland: Arms Sold to Saudi + Used in Yemen** workshop with CAAT Edinburgh.

#### More P&J news

Our Opposing War Memorial website: an educational resource on conscientious objection. There are new articles by intern Alex Raboisson on "The abandoned COs of the Yugoslav War", "The freedom to obey your conscience in Finland", "Opposition to the Vietnam War" and "French Conscientious Objection to the Algerian War".



#### **DONATE** to the Memorial

The bronze peace tree will be a space for reflection on alternatives to war in the midst of 8 war memorials in Princes St Gardens. If you haven't already chipped in can you contribute and help create this enduring memorial in Scotland's capital city?

Image: The Opposing War Memorial design by Kate Ive

More info and to donate: <a href="https://opposingwarmemorial.wordpress.com/">https://opposingwarmemorial.wordpress.com/</a>

#### **Peacebuilding in Schools**

Stephanie Walker joined our team as PeaceBuilders Coordinator in June. She's been focused on re-establishing face to face facilitation of the Co-operative games programme with schools when it is safely possible. Currently the Covid infection rate in schools is very high and therefore the benefits/risks of facilitators working within a school environment must be considered and reviewed on an ongoing basis. A focus in the coming months is on supporting PeaceBuilders Facilitators with establishing a regular network training session.

#### **Video Series for Primary Schools**

Our *PeaceBuilders* team have produced a series of videos for use in the classroom. The videos consist of cooperative games, circle time conversations and other activities and are a resource for teachers to help children in managing emotions, respect, empathy, and conflict resolution. **A companion manual** is included to allow teachers to facilitate along with the films. See

Promoting nonviolence and building a culture of peace in Scotland

Image: Nik Vafeiopoulos, Winter Cuckoo Films

a sample video and find more information about our PeaceBuilders programme at <a href="https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/">https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/</a>. If you're a parent or work in a school can you help spread the word by emailing your Head Teacher this link? To discuss how you might use the videos in your schools, email <a href="mailto:peacebuilders@peaceandjustice.org.uk">peacebuilders@peaceandjustice.org.uk</a>

P&J Report: Lack of Access to Justice for Asylum Seekers in Dungavel
Meklite Balcha completed her work placement with us through Bradford
University Peace Studies Department. Meklite's report on Lack of Access to
Justice for Asylum Seekers in Dungavel Detention Centre can be downloaded at
<a href="https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/briefings/">https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/briefings/</a>

#### **Advocate for Justice for Asylum Seekers**

Our intern Grace Shook distributed the report to MSPs, Scottish MPs and stakeholders. We urge members and supporters to use the report for further advocacy. Find template letters at <a href="https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/lack-of-access-to-justice-for-asylum-seekers-in-dungavel-detention-centre/">https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/lack-of-access-to-justice-for-asylum-seekers-in-dungavel-detention-centre/</a>. Please let us know if you receive replies from your MP or MSP.



#### **Ban Treaty Update**

P&J is an International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) partner. Chile has become the 56th state to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)! The new Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said "I believe that the TPNW is a very important treaty for a world without nuclear weapons."

Norway has become the first NATO State to commit to participate at the First Meeting of States Parties of the TPNW. The commitment was included in the government's coalition agreement, released on 13 October. The move by Norway breaks the hard line against the TPNW that NATO had sought to exert on its member states, and opens the doors for others in the alliance to follow suit. This "sends an important signal to our allies that nuclear weapons are unacceptable," says Tuva Widskjold, coordinator for ICAN Partner ICAN Norway. "We expect the government to soon initiate measures to facilitate Norwegian support for the nuclear weapons ban, and initiate diplomatic talks with other NATO countries on how they can join the nuclear weapons ban together," says Lars Egeland, Deputy Chairman of ICAN Partner No to Nuclear Weapons.

Norway has reportedly already come under pressure from the United States for its decision to attend the TPNW's Meeting of States Parties. "We consider it likely that other NATO countries, such as Germany and Belgium, will follow Norway and participate as observers. In the long



run, this could have great significance for the treaty," says Secretary General Henriette Westhrin of ICAN Partner Norwegian People's Aid.

Made in Scotland: The deadly relationship fuelling the crisis in Yemen is the first in a Campaign against Arms Trade research series uncovering the role that Scotland plays within the UK's arms trade. It was jointly published with Peace & Justice. P&J intern Anelise Vaz contributed substantial research to this briefing available at <a href="https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/briefings/">https://peaceandjustice.org.uk/briefings/</a>

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#### Soldiers' Resistance to the Glencoe Massacre of 1692

By Elena (Lane) Deamant

This is a shortened version of this article. The full article is at: <a href="https://opposingwarmemorial.wordpress.com/">https://opposingwarmemorial.wordpress.com/</a>

The history of the Highlands is full of tales about ancient battles, fought for glory or pride. Among these is the infamous Glencoe Massacre of 1692, when 37 members of the clan MacDonald were slaughtered by conscripted soldiers who had been deceptively stationed inside the MacDonalds' homes. More than 100 soldiers (mainly from the Campbell clan) were involved, but less known are the

numerous stories, explored in this article, about soldiers who refused to carry out the orders or warned their hosts of the impending attack, allowing some to escape.

#### **Historical Context**

The Southern perception of the Highlands in the 17th century was highly negative and often dehumanizing - descriptions such



as "void of all religion and humanity" and "given... over to all kinds of barbarity" were common from the Edinburgh-based Scottish government as well as the English.<sup>2</sup> Around this time, the Catholic Jacobites were rallying forces in the Highlands, leading to greater military presence and political imposition from the British state.<sup>3</sup> In 1690, the government promised Jacobite-aligned clans mercy if they pledged allegiance to the Protestant King William III by 1 January, 1692.<sup>4</sup>

Many Highland chiefs submitted with the deposed king James's permission, but the MacDonalds of Glencoe, headed by chief Maclain, delayed submission.<sup>5</sup> Maclain finally went to make his pledge on 31 December but a winter storm delayed his arrival until 6 January, 1692, when he was allowed to take the oath.<sup>6</sup> He returned home believing his clan was safe - but his oath was subsequently rejected by the English authorities.

#### The Orders

British forces, made up of Scottish-recruited soldiers, then marched into Glencoe on 1 February. They showed Maclain orders mandating that soldiers be billeted in people's homes so they could ostensibly collect taxes in the area.<sup>7</sup> The people of Glencoe welcomed their guests, providing them with shelter, food, and entertainment.<sup>8</sup> By some accounts, it was only on the night of the Massacre, 13 February, that whispered orders were passed to the soldiers: they were to turn on their hosts.<sup>9</sup> One soldier, Robert Stewart (potentially an officer), is recorded as having fled Glencoe that night.<sup>10</sup> He went east and was given protection by a Duke.

### **Resistance: Warnings and Escape**

Contrary to official reports, accounts suggest that soldiers had suspicions beforehand and acted on them. There is a widely repeated tale that in the afternoon before the Massacre, a Campbell soldier was standing in a field, watching a shinty match next to a child from the Henderson clan, also of Glencoe, when the soldier hit the

stone, declaring, "Great stone of the glen! Great is your right to be here. But if you knew what will happen this night, you would be up

The Henderson Stone. Source: Jason Henderson, via Wikimedia Commons, licensed for reuse (CC BY-SA 2.0).

and away." <sup>11</sup> According to multiple accounts, the child passed the message along to Maclain's son Alasdair and others, who were able to escape with their

lives. 12, 13 the stone, now called the Henderson Stone, is a local landmark and sits below the Celtic cross-shaped Massacre memorial. 14

Another story describes a soldier in his host's home the evening before, patting the family's dog and saying, "Grey dog, if I were you, I would make my bed in the heather tonight." <sup>15</sup> The family took the warning and escaped. A similar story tells of villagers, upon hearing the same message told to a 'grey dog,' fleeing to a cave where soldiers came upon them. <sup>16</sup> Instead of killing them, one soldier kills the dog and brings his bloody sword back to deceive his superiors. In a further variation, a soldier, sent to kill a crying baby, hears the mother singing a soothing song to her child. <sup>17</sup> He recognizes the song as one that he had heard his own wife sing to their baby, and cannot bring himself to kill the child. On his way back, he comes across a wolf and slays it, to show his commander the blood on his sword. <sup>18</sup>

The veracity of the stories about soldiers warning villagers gains strength in light of the 'incomplete' nature of the Massacre - out of hundreds of villagers, 33 - 34 men and 4 women were killed. 19 As one author puts it, "The private soldiers, left to themselves, had not done very well. Their warnings had not fallen on deaf ears." 20 It has been noted that the most deaths occurred in homes that were occupied by officers, compared to those occupied by soldiers - this implies that numerous soldiers, when away from the oversight of their officers, either warned their hosts or allowed them to escape. 21

These stories carry underlying messages of hope about the humanity of the involved soldiers and an unwillingness to believe that such destruction could have taken place without any resistance from the perpetrators. It appears that the stories originated in Glencoe itself, meaning these sentiments came from those who were the victims of violence in the first place. The fact that such stories have persisted speaks perhaps of the continued solidarity or ties amongst Highlanders, and the value placed on those connections above a soldier's duty.<sup>22</sup>

An instance of what today might be called conscientious objection came from two officers whose regiment arrived late in the morning and was instructed to kill the remaining survivors. Two men, Francis Farquhar and Gilbert Kennedy, refused to participate; it is said that their refusal was dramatic, involving them actually breaking their swords in protest.<sup>23</sup> The men were arrested and imprisoned in Glasgow for several months; this fact is well-documented across the literature.<sup>24</sup> Following the Massacre, there was strong public backlash and a subsequent inquiry in 1695, in which Farquhar and Kennedy testified about the actions of their superiors.<sup>25</sup> No one was convicted and blame was averted by the court. Regardless, the Glencoe Massacre demonstrates that there is a long-established

historical precedent for those who have opposed violent conflict, supported and memorialized by Scotland's folk history.

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### We need a People's Vaccine

#### By Jane Herbstritt

At the beginning of October, Global Justice Now together with others involved in the People's Vaccine Campaign, held a Day of Shame aimed at the UK government. We were calling on our government to stop blocking efforts to end Covid-19 vaccine patents in order to enable countries in the global south to stock up on the vaccines they need to end this pandemic. In Edinburgh, we stood outside the new UK government building off the Royal Mile with funeral tribute flowers spelling out 'Shame'. In London, protestors held a funeral procession, taking coffins to Whitehall to show the human cost of vaccine inequality.



As older and more vulnerable people in Scotland are being invited for their booster jabs, many people around the world are yet to receive the first dose of their Covid vaccine. In some countries, even the most vulnerable citizens have yet to receive a single dose. You might expect that, in war-torn Yemen it would be hard to get vaccinated. And indeed, only one percent of the population has received a Covid Vaccine. But the

same is true of many countries in the African continent. Nigeria, Tanzania and Ethiopia have vaccinated only two percent of their population. Even in South Africa, only 17% of the population has been fully vaccinated. Only 20% of the Indian population are fully vaccinated and 22% of Indonesians.

The UK government, along with many other Western governments, sees charity as a solution, pointing to the failing Covax scheme as a means to donate vaccines from Western countries and pharmaceutical companies to the global south. But Covax has not delivered. The two billion doses promised by the end of 2021 has not arrived and it is likely the target will be missed by at least one third.

For more than a year, countries from the global south have put forward another, very workable solution that focuses on justice, not charity. In October 2020, the Indian and South African governments brought a proposal to the World Trade Organisation to drop patents on Covid-19 vaccines and treatments, in order that factories around the world are able to ramp up production. A single factory in Bangladesh says it could produce twice as many vaccines as the entire global Covax donation mechanism has managed to deliver. But it needs the patents to be dropped, and it needs access to the know-how, that pharmaceutical companies could share through the World Health Organisation's Covid-19 technology access pool.



More than 100 countries back this patent waiver proposed at the WTO, including the US and Australia. Yet the UK government is one of a handful of countries continuing to block the proposal. Instead they are protecting pharmaceutical company profits. By blocking this patent waiver, the UK government is putting pharmaceutical company profits before people's lives. Pfizer,

Moderna and Astra-Zenica will make vast profits for their shareholders from this pandemic. This fact is made worse by the reality that it is taxpayers' money that went into the research for these vaccines. At the beginning of the pandemic, our government and others in Europe and the US poured money into public research for a vaccine. The pharmaceutical companies used this publicly funded research to make profits for themselves. Public money should be used for public benefit around the world. That's why we are calling for a people's vaccine, not a profit vaccine.

At the beginning of the pandemic we were all told by our governments that 'we are in this together'; 'no one is safe until everyone is safe'. It was a call to be responsible, to look after others, to protect the most vulnerable in society in order to bring the pandemic to an end. But now, when it comes to the people who are vulnerable globally, our government is looking the other way. The rich countries are ok. The pharmaceutical companies are profiting. And the human cost in the global south is too high. We need to end this injustice. Join us in calling for a people's vaccine.

# Take action online and locally with Global Justice Now on this campaign: <a href="https://bit.ly/3uO1Rfy">https://bit.ly/3uO1Rfy</a>

Find out more about the People's Vaccine Campaign: <a href="https://peoplesvaccine.org/">https://peoplesvaccine.org/</a>

## **News Roundup**

### A Hotter Future Is Certain, Climate Panel Warns. But How Hot Is Up to Us

Excerpted from New York Times.9 Aug 2021.

Nations have delayed curbing their fossil-fuel emissions for so long that they can no longer stop global warming from intensifying over the next 30 years, though there is still a short window to prevent the most harrowing future, the Sixth Assessment Report from the UN IPCC concluded in August. Read the report at: <a href="https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/">https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/</a>



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# Fossil Fuel Drilling Plans Undermine Climate Pledges, U.N. Report Warns

many countries are still planning to dramatically increase their production of oil, gas and coal in the decades ahead, potentially undermining those lofty pledges, according to a United Nations-backed report released Tuesday. By 2030, the report found, the world's nations are planning to produce 240 percent more coal, 57 percent more oil and

71 percent more natural gas than would be needed to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. (NY Times, 20 Oct 21)

Meanwhile the Wall Street Journal reports that **Saudi Arabia is pushing fellow oil producers to present a united front and oppose rising calls for a reduction in fossil-fuel investment at the COP26 climate talks**. The kingdom, along with key oil-producing allies is arguing that any calls for lower investment in new oil and natural gas development endorsed in Glasgow could lead to higher prices and widen the gap between rich and poor countries.

### The Hottest of Hot Stocks? Try Coal.

For the 12 months through Thursday, Peabody, which proudly uses the stock ticker BTU, returned more than 700 percent.. Amid critical short-term energy shortages, the immediate market value of coal has outweighed the environmental costs of burning it. Students of economics will recognize this as a market failure caused by an "externality." In other words, the prices demanded in the marketplace for coal and other fossil fuels don't reflect the true costs of burning them. The burdens of those costs — impaired health, catastrophic floods and heat waves, species extinction, and on and on — must be borne by every inhabitant of the planet, now and for generations to come. (NY Times, 22 Oct 21)

#### **Climate Change Poses a Widening Threat to National Security**

The Biden administration released several reports about climate change and national security, laying out... the ways in which the warming world is beginning to significantly challenge stability worldwide. The documents, issued by the departments of Homeland Security and Defense as well as the National Security Council and director of national intelligence, mark the first time that the nation's security agencies collectively communicated the climate risks they face. The Pentagon warned that food shortages could lead to unrest, along with fights between countries over water. And one of the reports warned that tens of millions of people are likely to be displaced by 2050 because of climate change — including as many as 143 million people in South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America. (New York Times, 21 October).

#### **Deforestation Dividends. New Report from Global Witness**



Demonstrators outside HSBC on Clumber Street hold the banks to account. 350.org. CC By SA 2.0

The destruction of the world's rainforests comes at a devastating cost for forest communities, who defend and depend on them. According to this report, through their backing of agribusiness, financial institutions have bankrolled and profited from this destruction. Banks and asset managers based in the EU, UK, US and China have made deals worth \$157 billion with firms accused of

destroying tropical forest in Brazil, Southeast Asia and Africa since the Paris Climate Agreement netting \$1.74 billion in interest, dividends and fees from financing the parts of agribusinesses groups that carry the highest

deforestation risk – primarily soy, beef, palm oil and pulp and paper. HSBC is the UK's biggest financer of destructive agribusiness and the second largest privately-owned bank in Global Witness' dataset. It made deals worth an estimated \$6.85 billion – and likely pocketed around \$36.4 million in proceeds from the deforestation-risk parts of their clients' businesses.

At the heart of the problem is a failure of voluntary commitments and a lack of accountability. Governments in major financial centres, including the EU, UK, US and China, need to effectively regulate financial institutions and companies to end their complicity in deforestation and their ability to profit from it.

#### Last line of defence

Killings of land and environmental defenders has intensified as the climate crisis has deepened. In 2020, there were 227 lethal attacks on environmental defenders— making it the most dangerous year on record for people defending their homes, land and livelihoods, and ecosystems vital for biodiversity and the climate. (Global Witness)

#### International Week of Action against the Militarisation of Youth

On 23-29 November this year, activists from across the world are taking action against the militarisation of young people in their countries, cities and towns. The International Week of Action against the Militarisation of Youth is a concerted effort of antimilitarist actions across the world to raise awareness of, and challenge, the ways young people are militarised, and to give voice to alternatives. The week is coordinated by War Resisters' International. Find out how to get involved at <a href="https://antimili-youth.net/">https://antimili-youth.net/</a>

# Calling upon COP26 nations to cut global military greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 50% by 2030

Tipping Point North South/Transform Defence Project have written to the Co-Chairs of COP26 and G20 Leaders. The letter states: "While all aspects of human activity are required to urgently decarbonise, one sector remains out of view: the global military." To fully comply with the urgent need to reach net-zero, they call upon the COP26 nations to support:

- 1. AN IPCC TASK FORCE FOR DECARBONISATION OF MILITARIES AND MILITARY TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES. This task force should investigate the climate impact of the military/military technology sectors and devise proposals to address existing (and prevent further) damage.
- AN IPCC SPECIAL REPORT on the role of the global militaries and military technology industries in contributing to climate change, assessing existing and future social and environmental impacts and exploring response options.
- COMPULSORY SUBMISSIONS TO THE IPCC/UNFCCC OF FULL GHG MILITARY EMISSIONS REPORTING BY ALL NATIONS. Nations' militaries, military industries, and attendant conflicts and wars must be included in their GHG emission reporting and carbon-reduction targets.
- 4. NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (NDCs): ALL COUNTRIES TO INCLUDE THEIR MILITARIES AND MILITARY TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRIES IN THEIR GHG EMISSION REDUCTION PLANS AND TARGETS, taking into account total carbon bootprints of their militaries and military technology industries.

### US Congress Committees vote to make women register for the draft

In September the US House Armed Services Committee voted to expand registration for a possible military draft to include young women as well as young men. Following these committee votes, the annual "must-pass" National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to be considered later this fall in both the House and Senate will include provisions requiring women to register for the draft within 30 days of their 18th birthday and report to the Selective Service System each time they change their address until their 26th birthday, as young men have been required to do since 1980. Find out more at Courage to Resist.

#### Visualising War Project

The Visualising War Project\_at University of St Andrews explores representations of war in art, text, film and music, from the ancient world to the present day. The researchers are interested in how the tales we tell and the pictures we paint of conflict shape us as individuals and influence the societies we live in.

Teachers are invited to participate in the study: <a href="https://bit.ly/3G81bGL">https://bit.ly/3G81bGL</a>



## Disarming nun Sr. Megan Gillespie Rice Who Visited the P&J has died.

January 31, 1930 - October 10, 2021. Peace and nuclear disarmament activist, Catholic nun and member of the Transform Now Plowshares, Megan Rice was arrested several dozen times for acts of nonviolent protest at military and nuclear weapons sites. She spent time in prison for actions at

the Y-12 nuclear weapons complex and for protesting torture at Ft. Benning's U.S. Army School of the Americas.

Sister Megan spoke at the Edinburgh Peace & Justice Centre when we were based at Upper Bow. As one of the Transform Now Plowshares group, at age 82, Sr Megan breached security at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee where the core of the Hiroshima bomb, and thousands more were made. The trio hammered on the walls of bunkers in which nuclear weapons were stored, symbolically enacting the prophecy of Isaiah that "they shall beat their swords into plowshares". Megan's action prompted a congressional review of security at the nuclear weapons facility. The US government is currently spending over \$1 trillion to modernize its nuclear forces. Amongst other publications an Obituary is in the Washington Post.

#### South Korea Reconsiders the Draft

Excerpted from the New York Times. 17 Oct 2021.

South Koreais rethinking the draft. Some leaders want to include women to make up for a shortfall in the ranks, while others want to do away with the draft altogether. 600 to 800 people each year object to military service. ... Last year, the authorities began allowing some conscientious objectors to perform public service while in confinement and avoid getting criminal charges on their record. (Yet)... South Korean men who live abroad are eligible, until they turn 36, to be drafted once they return home. One bill in the National Assembly would change that cut-off date to when they turn 45. The government has reduced the length of service, which varies by branch, by several months; paved a path for conscientious objectors to perform alternative service in a civilian setting; and postponed military service for top K-pop stars until they turn 30.

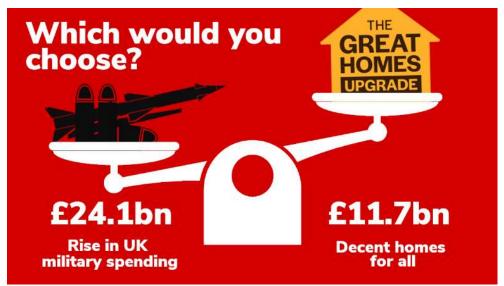
### **Take Action on Climate & Militarism**

### Online actions/petitions:

P&J has joined hundreds of organisations signing a petition calling for Climate Action on the Military Carbon Footprint to COP26

Military greenhouse gas emissions must be on the agenda for COP27 Over a hundred peace organisations sent an Open letter to UN High Level Climate Champion, Nigel Topping at COP26 calling for Military greenhouse gas emissions to be on the agenda for COP27.

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#### Reflection: A Soldier's Declaration



A Soldier's Declaration was a handwritten letter that the poet Siegfried Sassoon sent to his commanding officer while recovering at Craiglockhart Hospital from injuries he received while serving as a Captain in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on the Western Front. In July 1917 the letter was published in the Times and subsequently read out in the House of Commons. Although Sassoon returned to the front in 1918, he remained very much of the opinion that never again should such slaughter occur.

#### A Soldier's Declaration

I am making this statement as an act of wilful defiance of military authority, because I believe that the war is being deliberately prolonged by those who have the power to end it.

I am a soldier, convinced that I am acting on behalf of soldiers. I believe that this war, upon which I entered as a war of defence and liberation, has now become a war of aggression and conquest. I believe that the purposes for which I and my fellow soldiers entered upon this war should have been so clearly stated as to have made it impossible to change them, and that, had this been done, the objects which actuated us would now be attainable by negotiation.

I have seen and endured the sufferings of the troops, and I can no longer be a party to prolong these sufferings for ends which I believe to be evil and unjust.

I am not protesting against the conduct of the war, but against the political errors and insincerities for which the fighting men are being sacrificed.

In behalf of those who are suffering now I make this protest against the deception which is being practised on them; also I believe that I may help to destroy the callous

complacence with which the majority of those at home regard the continuance of agonies which they do not share, and which they have not sufficient imagination to realise.

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