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[Three Cardinals Join Global Appeal Decrying Crackdown on Basic Freedoms Over Coronavirus](#)

By [Paul Smeaton](#), May 11, 2020

Catholic clergy led by former papal nuncio **Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò** and **Cardinals Gerhard Ludwig Mueller, Joseph Zen, and Janis Pujats** have joined an appeal “for the Church and the world” that warns that the COVID-19 pandemic is being used as a “pretext” by world leaders to “control” people, strip them of their fundamental rights, while providing a “disturbing prelude to the realization of a world government beyond all control”.



[Federal Appeals Court Allows US Military Base Construction in Okinawa Despite Environmental Concerns](#)

By [Rebecca Salamacha](#), May 11, 2020

Under the NHPA, the government entity must take into account the affects of its construction. Contrary to the court's decision, environmental activists claimed that the US Department of Defense failed to adequately consult local entities required and rationally base its determination on available evidence.



[China Forges Ahead Through Chaos and US Threats](#)

By [Pepe Escobar](#), May 10, 2020

Amid the deepest economic contraction in nearly a century, **President Xi Jinping** had already made it very clear, last month, that China should be ready for unprecedented, relentless foreign challenges.

He was not referring only to the possible decoupling of global supply chains and the non-stop demonization of every project related to the New Silk Roads, or Belt and Road Initiative.



[Trump Regime Blocks UN Security Council Resolution for “Global Ceasefire” During COVID-19 Epidemic](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), May 10, 2020

Run by warlord members from both right wings of the one-party state, the US geopolitical agenda prioritizes permanent wars against invented enemies to enforce their will on humanity by brute force and other hostile actions.

At a time when containing COVID-19 outbreaks and combatting the severest economic collapse in modern memory matter most, the Trump regime blocked a proposed global ceasefire Security Council resolution to assure no interference in its imperial wars on humanity.



[The Fed's Historic Gamble: Pre-Bailing Out the Banking System](#)

By [Dr. Jack Rasmus](#), May 10, 2020

The Fed has introduced at least \$9T in liquidity (money) injections into the system in the

goal of heading off a massive wave of potential and forthcoming debt defaults, deflation, and bankruptcies via various measures: new QE, trillions of \$ to Repo markets, funneling trillions more via recent bailout funds for large, medium and small businesses through the private banks, ending financial regulations on the banks, liabilities for corporations, guaranteed loans, and so on. It's all about fattening bank and non-bank balance sheets to weather the loss of revenues required to keep paying interest and principal on the tens of trillions of excess business and household debt (latter held by investors). The continuing payments on that debt is necessary to prevent a massive historic wave of debt defaults that will eventually sink bank balance sheets, creating a credit crash and a further and deeper collapse of the real economy—i.e. a depression.



[Can We Trust the World Health Organization \(WHO\)?](#)

By [Richard Gale](#) and [Dr. Gary Null](#), May 10, 2020

Most people assume the WHO acts independently from private commercial and national government interests for the welfare of the world's population. However, at best this is an assumption. Moreover, the very legitimacy of the WHO as a gold standard of health is questionable. The organization has been accused of conflicts of interests with private pharmaceutical companies and mega-philanthropic organizations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as being riddled with political alliances, ideologies, and profiteering motives.



[Mass Joblessness Deepens in US as Corporations Move to Implement Permanent Layoffs. 40.6 Million Unemployed](#)

By [Shannon Jones](#), May 08, 2020

US government figures to be released today are expected to show mass unemployment in April unlike anything seen since the Great Depression. In numbers released Wednesday, ADP Research said that US payrolls in April fell by an astounding 20,236,000, a number far larger than anything ever previously recorded.

Looked at another way, the number of jobs lost so far is equal to the total combined workforce of 25 US states. It is 41 times worse than the 533,000 jobs lost in November 2008 at the time of the last economic crash.

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