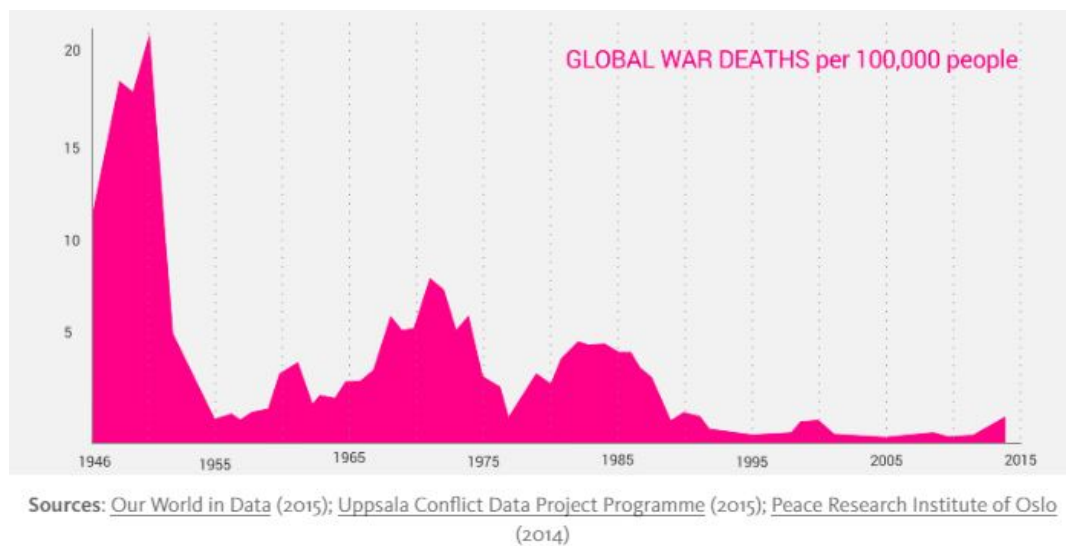


## Fortnightly links: ending war, food rations, rebooting aid and trade, corporate concessions, and more

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Did you know that a Colombian ceasefire signed in June means that half of the earth -- the entire Western hemisphere -- is now free of official armed conflict? Angus Hervey [writes](#) about the fact that "war, one of our species' most abiding and defining social practices, is at its lowest ebb ever", including this remarkable graph.



On *Somatosphere*, anthropologist Emily Lynch [takes a critical look](#) at rations, cash for food programs, and chronic illness in the Gihembe Refugee Camp, a UNHCR camp for Congolese refugees in Rwanda.

A former development adviser to Australia's trade negotiations asks whether this is the right moment to [reboot the aid, trade and private sector agenda](#) in this post on the *FP2P* blog.

An interesting [discussion paper](#) from the UNDP, released earlier this year, links the growth of violence extremism to growing 'horizontal inequalities', and sets out a framework for how inclusive development can help to prevent violent extremism.

This [working paper](#) written by University of Denver academics studies how citizens organise against corporate human rights abuses in Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, and South Africa, and how corporations respond. Among their findings: corporations undergoing leadership change, those in countries reliant on labour-intensive extraction (such as coal or minerals), and those in countries with a more robust rule of law are more likely to make concessions.

Lastly, from the BBC Media Action blog here are some tips on [who to follow on Twitter](#) if you're interested in development and humanitarian work (obviously we would add @devpolicy to the list!).