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ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Malmstrom first to launch missile squadron deployments to missile complex

341st Missile Wing Public Affairs, 7 Oct 2020 Senior Airman Tristan Day

Pentagon estimates new ICBM system to cost \$264 billion over life cycle

InsideDefense.com, 7 Oct 20 Sara Sirota

Guide to Nuclear Deterrence in the Age of Great-Power Competition (Attached above)

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Adam B. Lowther Editor - Book September 2020 – 445pgs

There is no more important time to understand nuclear deterrence operations than now.

Pompeo slams China's 'corruption, coercion' at Tokyo talks

Agence France-Presse, Oct. 6 | Not Attributed

New START data as of 1 September 2020

http://russianforces.org/blog/2020/10/new_start_data_as_of_1_septemb_1.shtml

Livermore Wraps Customer Requirements Review for W87-1, Holds to 2030 First-Production Date

DefenseDaily.com, Oct. 5 | Dan Leone

Military leaders quarantined after official tests positive

Associated Press, Oct. 6 | Lolita C. Baldor

91st Missile Wing awarded the 2019 Omaha Trophy

91st Missile Wing, Oct. 6 | Airman 1st Class Caleb S. Kimmell

News & Opinion

Our ICBMs Are Necessary and No They Are Not on Hair-Trigger Alert

Real Clear Defense, 3 Oct 20 Rebeccah L. Heinrichs

ICBM: The indispensable deterrent

A Biden administration would almost certainly abolish land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles

Washington Times, Oct. 7, Pg. B4 | Peter Vincent Pry

Russian Military strongest since COLD WAR – experts issue worrying nuclear weapons warning

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1342668/Russia-news-Vladimir-Putin-cold-war-military-nuclear-weapons-poisoning>

RUSSIA has more military strength today than at any time since the fall of the Soviet Union, international experts have warned.

By [EDWARD BROWNE](#) for the UK Express // PUBLISHED: 05:53, Fri, Oct 2, 2020 | UPDATED: 09:00, Fri, Oct 2, 202

North Korea is likely to start acting up again during the US presidential election

But this year might be different

<https://news.yahoo.com/north-korea-likely-start-acting-122000401.html>

By: David Choi for [Business Insider](#) // October 3, 2020

North Korea's Short-Range Ballistic Missiles

They Can't "Evade Detection" and Are Still Vulnerable to Interception

<https://www.38north.org/2020/10/melleman100220/>

BY: [MICHAEL ELLEMAN](#) for .38 North // OCTOBER 2, 2020

Hawks push U.S. to confront rising China

https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=ff62d30654706c3c8d5a8115f5471661_5f7b1aa2_d3019ac&selDate=20201005

Congress gets alarming reports on looming 'great-power competition'

BY GUY TAYLOR for THE WASHINGTON TIMES // 05 Okt 2020

Taking note of China's Peloponnesian strategy

https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=ff62d30654706c3c8d5a8115f5471661_5f7b1aa2_d3019ac&selDate=20201005

By Gary Anderson to the Washington Times // 05 Okt 2020

China-Saudi nuclear pact can trigger an arms race in West Asia

<https://theprint.in/opinion/china-saudi-nuclear-pact-can-trigger-an-arms-race-in-west-asia/516781/>

Saudi Arabia's acquisition of nuclear capability would draw Turkey and Egypt to join the regional nuclear race, which might turn conflict-torn West Asia even more volatile.

By: [ADIL RASHEED](#) for The Print // 5 October, 2020 1:34 pm IST

The Future of Chinese Power

The policies and practices of the country's dynasties offer insights into how modern Chinese leaders may wield their strength.

BY [MICHAEL SCHUMAN](#) OCTOBER 6, 2020

North Korea's SLBM to complicate denuclearization efforts – ex-defense official

Yonhap News Agency (South Korea), Oct. 6 | Byun Duk-kun

Breaking the Silo EXAMINING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AT THE NUCLEAR NEXUS

OCTOBER 8, 2020 By Rebecca Hersman, Reja Younis, Maxwell Simon

US Must Weigh 'Strategic Impacts' Of Arming The Heavens

https://breakingdefense.com/2020/10/us-must-weigh-strategic-impacts-of-arming-the-heavens-aerospace/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2010.08.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

"I think probably the biggest single thing that I know Gen. Raymond is working on ... is really fleshing out that long-term vision for the Space Force," Justin Johnson, acting deputy assistant secretary for space policy says.

By: THERESA HITCHENS for Breaking Defense // October 07, 2020 at 4:52 PM

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Where Trump and Biden stand on defense and security issues

https://www.defensenews.com/global/the-americas/2020/10/09/find-out-where-trump-and-biden-stand-on-defense-and-security-issues/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2010.09.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

By: [Aaron Mehta](#) and [Joe Gould](#) for Defense News // 1 hour ago

A Foreign Policy Without a Strategy

A look at Biden's Foreign Policy Approach

<https://www.newsmax.com/lamontcolucci/foreignpolicy/2020/10/08/id/990997/>

By [Lamont Colucci](#) for NewsMax // Thursday, 08 October 2020 11:30 AM

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By Susan Cornwell

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TOP MILITARY QUARANTINE AND CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSE

House Democrats worry over top generals' quarantine

Oct. 6, 2020 – 6:08 p.m. By John M. Donnelly, CQ

Smith Statement on the Military Leadership Quarantine for COVID

Democrats face internal ‘fight’ on defense spending, says Smith

https://www.defensenews.com/congress/2020/10/07/democrats-face-internal-fight-on-defense-spending-says-smith/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Air%20Force%20DNRm10.7.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Air%20Force%20-%20Daily%20News%20Roundup

By: [Joe Gould](#) for Defense News // 11 hours ago

Navy will publish new cost confidence levels for Columbia in next budget request

InsideDefense.com, Oct. 5 | Justin Katz

U.S. Should Make ‘Explicit’ Commitment to Defend Taiwan From China

AROUND THE WORLD



RUSSIA:

New START 'will die' because of unilateral US actions – Lavrov

TASS (Russia), Oct. 5 | Not Attributed

US wants agreements with Russia to cover all nuclear warheads - Department of State

WASHINGTON, October 8. /TASS/.

Putin calls US withdrawal from INF Treaty a very dangerous step

TASS (Russia), Oct. 7 | Not Attributed

Russia ready to supply Iran with advanced missile system

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/288389>

Russian Ambassador to Tehran says his country is ready to supply Iran with S-400 system once arms embargo expires.

By: Ben Ariel Israel National News // 05/10/20 06:44

Russian Ambassador Says He Has 'No Problem' Selling Missiles To Iran

https://freebeacon.com/national-security/russian-ambassador-says-he-has-no-problem-selling-missiles-to-iran/?utm_source=actengage&utm_campaign=FreedomMail&utm_medium=email

By: Jack Beyrer for the WFB // OCTOBER 6, 2020 7:05 PM



CHINA:

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NORTH KOREA:

North Korea's Kim lays out 80-day campaign to attain goals this year

<https://www.reuters.com/article/northkorea-politics/nkoreas-kim-lays-out-80-day-campaign-to-attain-goals-this-year-idUSL4N2GW3FO>

By [Sangmi Cha](#) for Reuters News Wire // OCTOBER 5, 2020 6:55 PM - UPDATED 2 HOURS AGO



SOUTH KOREA:

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IRAN:

Zarif (IRAN): World must force Israel to destroy its nuclear arsenal

<https://www.msn.com/en-xl/news/other/zarif-world-must-force-israel-to-destroy-its-nuclear-arsenal/ar-BB19FcuG>

From the Tehran Times of Iran // 1 day ago



INDIA:

India reiterates 'no first use' policy on nuclear weapons

<https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/trending/india-reiterates-no-first-use-policy-on-nuclear-weapons/ar-BB19FSOx>

From the DNA Web Desk // 1 day ago

India successfully tests nuclear-capable Shaurya missile

<https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/other/india-successfully-tests-nuclear-capable-shaurya-missile/ar-BB19Fkei>

By: Debabrata Mohanty, Rahul Singh | Edited by Sparshita Saxena for the Hindustan Times // 1 day ago

India's Ties to North Korea

<https://www.38north.org/2020/09/jpanda093020/>

Can New Delhi Overcome Challenges to Its Maturing Engagement?

BY: [JAGANNATH PANDA](#) for .38 North // SEPTEMBER 30, 2020



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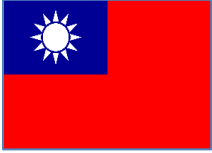
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