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## ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAM SPECIFICS

**Department of the Air Force awards contract for new ICBM system that enhances, strengthens US triad**

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs / Published September 08, 2020

## **The Air Force Isn't Dominant Anymore ... Says Air Force Chief of Staff**

<https://news.yahoo.com/air-force-isnt-dominant-anymore-124000907.html>

By: Kyle Mizokami for the [Popular Mechanics](#) // September 9, 2020

## **The U.S. Military Will Soon Have a New 'Nuclear Sea-Launched Cruise Missile'**

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/us-military-will-soon-have-new-nuclear-sea-launched-cruise-missile-168528>

*"We are going to be unveiling the nuclear sea-launched cruise missile, which is our response to Russia's tactical nuclear weapons," Dr. Robert Soofer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, told The Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies, according to a Pentagon transcript.*

by [Kris Osborn](#) for The National Interest // September 7, 2020

## **The Air Force released these rare images a day after the service formally hired Northrop Grumman to build its next ICBMs**

TheDrive.com (The War Zone), Sept. 9 | Joseph Trevithick

## **DHS Combats Potential Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Attack**

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2020/09/03/dhs-combats-potential-electromagnetic-pulse-emp-attack>

DHS Release Date: September 3, 2020

Releases: [Electromagnetic Pulse \(EMP\) Program Status Report](#)

## **U.S. Reveals First Assessment of Chinese Nuclear Weapons Stockpile**

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world-report/articles/2020-09-01/us-reveals-first-assessment-of-chinese-nuclear-weapons-stockpile>

*A new report from the Pentagon documents the scale of Beijing's nuclear arsenal at a time the Trump administration is pressuring China to join nuclear talks with Russia. U.S. Reveals Chinese Nuclear Strength*

By [Paul D. Shinkman](#), Senior Writer, National Security for US News .. Sept. 1, 2020, at 2:53 p.m.

## **Global Strike Command Opens New Innovation Hub**

National Defense Magazine Online, Sept. 9 | Mandy Mayfield

# News & Opinion

## **Looming Middle East Arms Race Sparks Fear of Unprecedented Regional War**

*Armed by Russia and China, Iran poses historic security threat, sources say*

<https://freebeacon.com/national-security/looming-middle-east-arms-race-sparks-fear-of-unprecedented-regional-war/>

By: [Adam Kredo](#) for the WFB // AUGUST 28, 2020 11:30 AM

## **The great debate over Russian nuclear doctrine**

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/the-great-debate-over-russian-nuclear-doctrine/ar-BB18Lopo?ocid=msedgdp>

*The great debate among U.S. analysts over Russian nuclear doctrine, and how worrisome its threat may be, finally has been resolved - and the hawks win.*

Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, contributor to THE HILL // 21 hrs ago September 6, 2020

## **Extending the New START nuclear pact will help stabilize U.S.-Russia relations**

Defense News Online, Sept. 3 | Daniel DePetris

## **China's Growing Nuclear Weapons Arsenal: How Worried Should We Be?**

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/chinas-growing-nuclear-weapons-arsenal-how-worried-should-we-be-168369>

*Washington is also working on upgrading its own nuclear triad while Beijing seeks to fully establish one of its own.*

by [Kris Osborn](#) for The National Interest // September 4, 2020

## **How China's Ballistic Missile and Nuclear Arsenal Is Ballooning According to the Pentagon**

Beyond rapidly growing its ballistic missile force, the report says China could double its nuclear stockpile in the coming years

TheDrive.com (The War Zone), Sept. 3 | Joseph Trevithick

## **Experts warn China-India standoff risks unintentional war**

<https://apnews.com/d27ec36d89d5b8011ebaaef2983809f>

By AIJAZ HUSSAIN for Associated Press News // today

## **Northrop wins the Air Force's contest for next-gen ICBMs**

[https://www.defensenews.com/space/2020/09/08/northrop-wins-the-air-forces-contest-for-next-gen-icbms/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=EBB%2009.09.20&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://www.defensenews.com/space/2020/09/08/northrop-wins-the-air-forces-contest-for-next-gen-icbms/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2009.09.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

By: [Valerie Insinna](#) for Defense News // 13 hours ago

## **Losing World War III at home**

[https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=ec252f4c4092ab9f7330a1d0c5d46c21\\_5f58d2de\\_d3019ac&selDate=20200909](https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=ec252f4c4092ab9f7330a1d0c5d46c21_5f58d2de_d3019ac&selDate=20200909)

*Ninety days and counting of U.S. homeland insecurity puts America at risk of attack from foreign adversaries*

By Dr. Peter Vincent Pry for the Washington Times // 09September 2020

## **China's Nuclear Buildup Changes Balance of Power**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2020-09-07/china-s-nuclear-buildup-changes-u-s-defense-strategies>

*Whether this strategic shift is good or bad for the U.S. is open to interpretation.*

By: [Hal Brands](#) For Bloomberg News // September 7, 2020, 6:00 PM EDT

## **China's second century of shame, thanks to its Communist Party**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/515390-chinas-second-century-of-shame-thanks-to-its-communist-party>

BY JOSEPH BOSCO, CONTRIBUTOR to THE HILL // 09/08/20 10:00 AM EDT

## **Triangles of Instability: Nuclear Dilemmas and How They Feed into Each Other**

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/09/triangles-of-instability-nuclear-dilemmas-and-how-they-feed-into-each-other/>

*Two overlapping triangular nuclear relationships could compound risks and complicate deterrence calculi for all the parties involved.*

By [Abhijnan Rej](#) for The Diplomat // September 08, 2020

## **GBSD, B-21 Spending Could Top \$10B In 2027: Cowen Group**

B-21 production costs, the Cowen analysis finds, will ramp up fast, from \$202 million in 2022 to \$4 billion in 2027.

By [THERESA HITCHENS](#) on September 09, 2020

## **Russian nuclear missile threat continues unabated**

<https://www.timescall.com/2020/09/08/john-kotson-russian-nuclear-missile-threat-continues-unabated/>

BYLINE: John Kotsen for the Times-Call // DATE: September 8, 2020

### **Iran's Long-Ignored Existential EMP Threat Now Explicit!**

By: [Henry F. Cooper](#) Posted // on September 8, 2020 by

### **How to deal with a nuclear North Korea**

[https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=7cc43fe16b01a469060f0568e718f121\\_5f5a24dc\\_d3019ac&selDate=20200910](https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=7cc43fe16b01a469060f0568e718f121_5f5a24dc_d3019ac&selDate=20200910)

*The U.S. must not accept North Korea as a nuclear weapons state*

By Joseph R. DeTrani for the WT // 10 September 2020

### **China's Air Force Might Be Back in the Nuclear Business**

<https://thediplomat.com/2020/09/chinas-air-force-might-be-back-in-the-nuclear-business/>

*Circumstantial evidence suggests that China now possesses a full nuclear triad.*

By Roderick Lee for The Diplomat // September 09, 2020

### **The rising risk of conflict between China and India**

[https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/the-rising-risk-of-conflict-between-china-and-india?utm\\_source=deployer&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Beltway+Confidential&utm\\_term=Website+Poll&utm\\_content=20200909141835](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/the-rising-risk-of-conflict-between-china-and-india?utm_source=deployer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Beltway+Confidential&utm_term=Website+Poll&utm_content=20200909141835)

*Circumstantial evidence suggests that China now possesses a full nuclear triad.*

by [Tom Rogan, Writer](#) for the Washington Examiner // September 09, 2020 09:58 AM

### **China's worrisome edge toward a 'launch-on-warning' nuclear posture**

BY JAMES R. HOLMES, OPINION CONTRIBUTOR — 09/10/20 10:30 AM EDT [64](#)

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## CONGRESSIONAL

*By Susan Cornwell*

### **Defense authorization bill delayed until after election**

[https://www.defensenews.com/congress/2020/09/09/no-defense-authorization-bill-before-election-says-thornberry/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Air%20Force%20DNR%209.10.20&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Air%20Force%20-%20Daily%20News%20Roundup](https://www.defensenews.com/congress/2020/09/09/no-defense-authorization-bill-before-election-says-thornberry/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Air%20Force%20DNR%209.10.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Air%20Force%20-%20Daily%20News%20Roundup)

*Circumstantial evidence suggests that China now possesses a full nuclear triad.*

By: [Joe Gould](#) for Defense News // 1 day ago

### **Five things to watch in talks on massive defense bill**

<https://thehill.com/policy/defense/515180-five-things-to-watch-in-talks-on-massive-defense-bill>

BY [REBECCA KHEEL](#) for THE HILL // 09/07/20 03:48 PM EDT

### **A New START Withdrawal Will Not Cost Half a Trillion Dollars**

.By Michaela DodgeSeptember 09, 2020

### **Feinstein, Paul, Van Hollen, Collins to Trump: Extend New STARTThornberry Expects NDAA Conference Report After Election**

Air Force Magazine | Sept. 9, 2020 | By [Brian W. Everstine](#)

**13 billion contract awarded to Northrop Grumman reignites triad debate**

Daily on Defense Newsletter (Washington Examiner), Sept. 9 | [Jamie McIntyre](#)

**REP. TITUS, HOUSE COLLEAGUES CALL FOR BAN ON EXPLOSIVE NUCLEAR TESTING IN FINAL NDA**

Press Release September 10, 2020

## AROUND THE WORLD



### **RUSSIA:**

**US Senators Call on Trump to Extend New START Treaty**

Sputnik News (Russia), Sept. 8 | Not Attributed

**Russian Embassy Proposes Constructive Dialogue on Arms Control to Pentagon – Ambassador**

Sputnik News (Russia), Sept. 5 | Not Attributed

**Irkutsk missile division fully reequipped with Yars missile systems**

Interfax (Russia), Sept. 9 | Not Attributed

Two RVSN regiments are expected to be reequipped with Yars missile systems in 2020, head of the RVSN combat training department Viktor Fotyuk said in May.

**Ryabkov Discussed Strategic Stability With Italian Ambassador – Russian Foreign Ministry**

Sputnik News (Russia), Sept. 9 | Not Attributed

**PLA to join Russian strategic drills, highlighting bilateral military ties**

Global Times Online (China), Sept. 10 | [Liu Xuanzun](#)



## CHINA:

### China's New H-20 And JH-XX Stealth Bombers Were Made To Fight Different Wars

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/reboot/chinas-new-h-20-and-jh-xx-stealth-bombers-were-made-fight-different-wars-168315>

*Why would PLA even order two types of stealth bombers?*

by [Sebastien Roblin](#) for the National Interest // September 3, 2020

### China's aggressive submarine buildup

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/sep/2/inside-the-ring-chinas-aggressive-submarine-buildu/>

*Submarine modernization remains a high priority within the overall nuclear and conventional forces build-up that has been under way in China for the past four decades.*

By Bill Gertz - The Washington Times - Wednesday, September 2, 2020



## NORTH KOREA:

### North Korea satellite imagery 'suggests Kim is preparing submarine missile launch'

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/north-korea-satellite-imagery-suggests-22632501>

*The Center for Strategic and International Studies said the activity was 'suggestive, but not conclusive, of preparations for an upcoming test of a Pukguksong-3 submarine launched ballistic missile'*

By: Chiara Fiorillo for the UK Mirror // 03:43, 5 SEP 2020

### North Korea issues shoot-to-kill orders to prevent virus – US

Agence France-Presse, Sept. 11 | Not Attributed



## SOUTH KOREA:

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## IRAN:

### **Iran Caught Stockpiling Enriched Uranium Needed for Bomb**

[https://freebeacon.com/national-security/iran-caught-stockpiling-enriched-uranium-needed-for-bomb/?utm\\_source=actengage&utm\\_campaign=FreedomMail&utm\\_medium=email](https://freebeacon.com/national-security/iran-caught-stockpiling-enriched-uranium-needed-for-bomb/?utm_source=actengage&utm_campaign=FreedomMail&utm_medium=email)

*Nuclear watchdog: Tehran 3.5 months away from weapon*

By: [Adam Kredo](#) for the WFB // SEPTEMBER 4, 2020 8:00 PM



## INDIA:

### **India tests scramjet tech for hypersonic missiles, is 4th in club**

Times of India (India), Sept. 8, Pg. 1 | Rajat Pandit



## PAKISTAN:

### **Pakistan lawmaker warns of nuclear war over Kashmir**

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/pakistan-lawmaker-warns-of-nuclear-war-over-kashmir/1966285>

*Pakistan would not let India mislead world on ongoing 'genocide' in Kashmir, says head of parliament's Kashmir committee*

By: Aamir Latif for AA News // 08.09.2020



## UNITED KINGDOM:

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## FRANCE:

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## ISRAEL:

### Serbia and Kosovo Increase Normalization With Israel In Trump-Brokered Deal

[https://freebeacon.com/national-security/serbia-and-kosovo-increase-normalization-with-israel-in-trump-brokered-deal/?utm\\_source=actengage&utm\\_campaign=FreedomMail&utm\\_medium=email](https://freebeacon.com/national-security/serbia-and-kosovo-increase-normalization-with-israel-in-trump-brokered-deal/?utm_source=actengage&utm_campaign=FreedomMail&utm_medium=email)

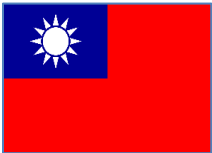
Bt: [Jack Beyrer](#) for the WFB // SEPTEMBER 4, 2020 3:45 PM



## JAPAN:

### Japan eyes offshore options to replace Aegis defense system

Asahi Shimbun Online (Japan), Sept. 10 | Not Attributed



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## SAUDI ARABIA:

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## TURKEY:

### Turkey Warns West It Will Continue to Shop Around for Missiles

Bloomberg News, Sept. 4 | Onur Ant, Firat Kozok and Selcan Hacaoglu