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ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAM SPECIFICS

EXCLUSIVE: Q&A with Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein

8/4/2020 By National Defense Staff

Chief Bass becomes 19th chief master sergeant of the Air Force as Wright retires

AF Times Stephen Losey 14Aug 2020

STRATCOM Commander: No Time for Delay to Modernize

Huntsville Business Journal Online, 10 Aug 20

Pompeo says China is a greater threat to the globe than Russia was during the Cold War

‘The CCP is already enmeshed in our economies, in our politics, in our societies in ways the Soviet Union never was’
FoxNews.com, Aug. 12 | Caitlin McFall

President Trump is committed to defending the U.S., and Russia knows it

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/08/02/president-trump-is-committed-defending-us-russia-knows-it/>

By: Robert C. O'Brien for the WaPo // August 2, 2020 at 4:34 p.m. EDT

Team adaptability is key to Minuteman Task Force success

30th Space Wing Public Affairs, 10 Aug 20 Michael Peterson

Air Force announces GBSB locations at three existing missile bases

Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs / Published August 14, 2020

News & Opinion

Why America Is Modernizing Its Nuclear Weapons Forces

National Interest Online, 7 Aug 20 Kris Osborn

50th Anniversary: First Minuteman III placed on alert at Minot

Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center (Minuteman III System Program Office), Aug. 12 | Robert B. Cuthbertson, Jr.

Navy Program Review: Columbia SSBN on Track

Seapower Magazine Online, Aug. 12 | Richard R. Burgess

North Korea Has 'Probably' Developed Nuclear Devices to Fit Ballistic Missiles, U.N. Report Says

<https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2020/08/03/world/asia/03reuters-northkorea-sanctions-un.html>

By Reuters for the NY Times // Aug. 3, 2020 Updated - 7:15 p.m. ET

Democrats And Republicans Agree: Phase Out Land-Based Nuclear Missiles

Forbes Online, Aug. 12 | Matt Korda

Can China's Military Win the Tech War?

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2020-07-29/can-chinas-military-win-tech-war>

How the United States Should—and Should Not—Counter Beijing's Civil-Military Fusion

By [Anja Manuel](#) and [Kathleen Hicks](#) for Foreign Affairs // July 29, 2020

Flournoy: Next defense secretary needs 'big bets' to boost 'eroding' deterrence

Defense News Online, Aug. 10 | Aaron Mehta

Biden advocated 'no first use' policy as VP. Would he change nuclear doctrine as president?

Washington Examiner Online, Aug. 13 | Jamie McIntyre

North Korea's deterrence strategy and bargaining tactic

<https://nuclearnetwork.csis.org/inferring-from-signaling-north-koreas-deterrence-strategy-and-bargaining-tactic/>
What might Pyongyang's continued missile tests, public statements, and military exercises signal ahead of the 75th anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea?

by Betty Suh guest for CSIS // August 7, 2020 Last Updated: August 10, 2020

Iran Is Our Top Priority, Says Senior US Commander In Middle East

Shiite military attacks have made it harder to fight ISIS, Gen. Kenneth McKenzie said.

<https://www.defenseone.com/threats/2020/08/iran-our-top-priority-says-senior-us-commander-middle-east/167651/>

BY KATIE BO WILLIAMS for Defense One // AUGUST 12, 2020 01:42 PM ET

CONGRESSIONAL

By Susan Cornwell

The Senate is in recess until September 8

- No agreement was reached on COVID 19 relief bill

SASC

July 23: The Senate passed the SASC bill 86 to 14

June 11: SASC completed markup of FY21 SASC Bill

AUTHORIZATION CONFERENCE

November: Tentative timeframe for markup

HAC

July 31: House passed the HAC bill as part of a spending bill package (217-197 vote)

July 14: The Full HAC passed the FY21 Defense Bill with a vote of 30-22

SAC

TBD: Markup

APPROPRIATION CONFERENCE

TBD: Markup

July 8: HAC-D Marked up the FY21 Defense Bill

AROUND THE WORLD



RUSSIA:

Russia warns it will see any incoming missile as nuclear

Associated Press, 7 Aug 20 Vladimir Isachenkov

Rogozin expects rapid commissioning of Sarmat ICBM

Interfax (Russia), Aug. 10 | Not Attributed

Extension of New START Treaty critical to global security, presents opportunity to involve China in talks – German FM

Interfax (Russia), Aug. 11 | Not Attributed



CHINA:

PLA drills a warning to 'Taiwan secession' forces

Global Times (China), Aug. 14, Pg. 5 | Editorial

South China Sea warning: Beijing brags its nuclear-tipped missiles can sink US ships

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1319682/south-china-sea-world-war-3-china-us-america-nuclear-missiles-df26-donald-trump>

CHINA has showcased missiles it dubs "aircraft carrier killers" in a chilling warning after the United States sent USS Nimitz and USS Ronald Reagan to the disputed South China Sea - with one expert warning US President Donald Trump: "Don't underestimate us."

By CIARAN MCGRATH for the UK Express // PUBLISHED: 20:48, Thu, Aug 6, 2020 | UPDATED: 21:28, Thu, Aug 6, 2020



NORTH KOREA:

North Korea nuclear reactor site threatened by recent flooding, U.S. think-tank says

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-nuclear-floods-idUSKCN25908S>

By: Josh Smith for Reuters News Wire // AUGUST 12, 2020 / 11:00 PM



SOUTH KOREA:

South Korea is building its first aircraft carrier, complete with US-made F-35B fighter jets

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/south-korea-is-building-its-first-aircraft-carrier-complete-with-us-made-f-35b-fighter-jets/ar-BB17R907?ocid=uxbndlbing>

By Brad Lendon and Yoonjung Seo, for CNN // 1 day ago

S. Korea to Develop Nuke-Powered Submarine

https://www.defenseworld.net/news/27628/S_Korea_to_Develop_Nuke_Powered_Submarine#.XzW97KeSntT

From: Our Bureau at Defense World // 09:48 AM, August 11, 2020



IRAN:

Iran to Boost Nuclear Fuel Production at Plant Hit by Blast

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/iran-to-boost-nuclear-fuel-production-at-plant-hit-by-blast/ar-BB17UUVp?ocid=uxbndlbing>

By: Jonathan Tirone (Bloomberg) // 12 hrs ago



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ISRAEL:

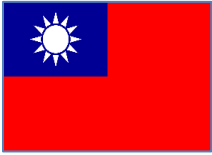
Israel, US test upgraded Arrow 2 missile, capable of intercepting incoming nukes

Weapon to defend against long-range projectiles shoots down target off Israeli coast in 'perfect' simulation, Defense Ministry says
Times of Israel Online (Israel), Aug. 13 | Judah Ari Gross



JAPAN:

NSTR



TAWIAN:

NSTR Taiwanese President Touts U.S. Partnership, Slams China on Human Rights

https://freebeacon.com/national-security/taiwanese-president-touts-u-s-partnership-slams-china-on-human-rights/?utm_source=actengage&utm_campaign=FreedomMail&utm_medium=email

By: Jack Beyrer for the WFB // AUGUST 12, 2020 1:30 PM

Taiwan says discussing purchase of U.S. mines, cruise missiles

<https://news.yahoo.com/taiwan-says-discussing-purchase-u-170002769.html>

From Reuters for Yahoo // August 12, 2020



SAUDI ARABIA:

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