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## ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAM SPECIFICS

### **U.S. Air Force Reveals Details of First Hypersonic Missile**

<https://www.newsweek.com/us-air-force-hypersonic-missile-1538931>

BY DAVID BRENNAN for Newsweek // ON 10/14/20 AT 4:07 AM EDT

### **U.S. diplomat calls China ‘elephant in the room’**

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Biegun offers help with India’s Pacific interests

BY SHEIKH SAALIQ AND AIJAZ HUSSAIN ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW DELHI // 13 Okt 2020

### **U.S. Working to End Chinese Secrecy Around Nuclear Capabilities**

U.S. Naval Institute News, 15 Oct 20 John Grady

### **Threaten decisive nuclear retaliation**

*NATO should thwart Russian use of nuclear weapons by threatening certain retaliation*

Atlantic Council, 14 Oct 20 David Gompert and Hans Binnendijk

**North Korea's nuclear, missile programs 'serious threat' to security – Pentagon chief**

Reuters, 14 Oct 20 Idrees Ali

**U.S. military chief vows to provide 'extended deterrence' to South Korea**

Yonhap News Agency (South Korea), 14 Oct 20 Choi Soo-hyang

**STRIKEWERX gets innovative for ICBM maintenance**

Air Force Global Strike Command Public Affairs, 8 Oct 20

1st Lt. Kaylin P. Hankerson

**Air Force seeks input on environmental impacts of replacing region's nuclear missiles**

Great Falls Tribune Online (Montana), 9 Oct 20 Karl Puckett

**NNSA Administrator visits Kansas City National Security Campus**

OCTOBER 14, 2020 <https://www.energy.gov/nnsa/articles/nnsa-administrator-visits-kansas-city-national-security-campus-0>

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*Biegun offers help with India's Pacific interests*

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## News & Opinion

**ICBMs Are Obsolete and Dangerous, And Should Be Eliminated**

*America would actually be more secure if it only had nuclear submarines and nuclear bombers*

National Interest Online, 14 Oct 20 William D. Hartung

**The U.S. Strategic Posture in 2030 and Beyond**

<file:///C:/Users/Owner/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/YNURDOSO/The-US-Strategic-Posture-in-2030-and-Beyond.pdf>

By: BRAD ROBERTS, EDITOR // Center for Global Security Research Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory October 2020

**The Status of US Military Power in 2020**

[https://www.dailysignal.com/2020/10/15/the-status-of-us-military-power-in-2020/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=EBB%2010.16.20&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://www.dailysignal.com/2020/10/15/the-status-of-us-military-power-in-2020/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2010.16.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

By: [Dakota Wood](#) for The Daily Signal // October 15, 2020 /

**U.S. Working to End Chinese Secrecy Around Nuclear Capabilities**

[https://news.usni.org/2020/10/15/u-s-working-to-end-chinese-secrecy-around-nuclear-capabilities?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=EBB%2010.16.20&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://news.usni.org/2020/10/15/u-s-working-to-end-chinese-secrecy-around-nuclear-capabilities?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2010.16.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

By: [John Grady](#) for the USNI // October 15, 2020 3:16 PM

**North Korea's new massive missiles 'not much more of a threat,' Gen. Jack Keane says**

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/politics/north-korea-massive-missiles-not-a-threat>

*The rogue nation showed off what appeared to be its biggest-yet ICBM*

By: Joshua Nelson for FOX Business // Published October 13

**North Korean missile able to target U.S.**

[https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=347d985c441db3ccd965eb27d03505e2\\_5f842a08\\_d3019ac&selDate=20201012](https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=347d985c441db3ccd965eb27d03505e2_5f842a08_d3019ac&selDate=20201012)

*Kim shows expansion of illegal arsenal despite Trump pressure*

BY GUY TAYLOR AND BILL GERTZ THE WASHINGTON TIMES

**MAD Is Bad U.S. Policy for Iran and North Korea**

<https://www.realcleardefense.com/articles/2020/10/15/mad-is-bad-us-policy-for-iran-and-north-korea-580803.html>

By [Norm Haller](#) & [Peter Pry](#) for Real Clear Defense // October 15, 2020

**Artificial Intelligence, Autonomy and Nuclear Stability – Towards a More Complex Nuclear Future**

Valdai Discussion Club, 15 Oct 20

Andrew Futter

**After the parade, North Korea's steady progress matters more than its big new missile**

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, 16 Oct 20 Jenny Town

## NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

**Trump's China policy — Pence would extend, Biden and Harris would end**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/520673-biden-and-harris-would-end-trumps-china-policy-pence-would-extend-it>

BY JOSEPH BOSCO, CONTRIBUTOR for THE HILL // 10/13/20 10:00 AM EDT

**Is Change Coming? Smartly Reshaping and Strengthening America's Nuclear Deterrent**

WarOnTheRocks.com, 14 Oct 20 Christine Parthemore and Andy Weber

**Trump says the US nuclear arsenal is now 'tippy top' thanks to him, but nuke experts say he's out of touch with reality**

BusinessInsider.com, 9 Oct 20

Ryan Pickrell

# CONGRESSIONAL

*By Susan Cornwell*

## CONTINUING RESOLUTION

- December 11: Current CR (HR 8337) will end
- HR 8337 does NOT allow for “new starts” meaning programs that were not funded for production in FY20

## HASC PRESS RELEASE

**Top National Security Democrats to Esper: Commit to Current U.S. Troop Levels on Korean Peninsula**

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## DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

SASC and HASC have passed their respective Bills

- *ALL ICBM PEs at PB*

## AUTHORIZATION CONFERENCE

- **November:** Tentative timeframe for markup

## DEFENSE APPROPRIATION

### HAC

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

SAC Markup: TBD

**APPROPRIATION CONFERENCE:** TBD: Possible that Conference may occur without a SAC bill

## Congress approves funding transfer to Air Force's NC3 programs

InsideDefense.com, 13 Oct 20 Sara Sirota

# AROUND THE WORLD



## RUSSIA:

### **Top Russian diplomat skeptical about nuclear pact extension**

Associated Press, 14 Oct 20 Vladimir Isachenkov

### **Russian Strategic Missile Forces to prepare for deployment of 2 Avangard missile complexes by yearend - Shoigu**

From: [Interfax : Russia & CIS Military Newswire](#) [Moscow] 13 Oct 2020.

### **Russian Navy nuclear-powered sub strikes target with cruise missile in Barents Sea drills**

<https://tass.com/defense/1211853>

Last week, the sub's crew practiced anti-submarine warfare and mine countermeasures in interaction with a nuclear-powered submarine of a submarine force unit of the Northern Fleet and minesweepers of the Kola Flotilla of All-Arms Forces

### **Top Russian Diplomat Skeptical about Nuclear Pact Extension**

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2020-10-14/top-russian-diplomat-skeptical-about-nuclear-pact-extension>

By Associated Press, Wire Service Content Oct. 14, 2020, at 4:01 p.m. // Wednesday, 14 October 2020 05:00 PM

### **Russia Rules Out Nuclear Deal With Trump Before Election**

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/russia-rules-out-nuclear-deal-with-trump-before-u-s-election/ar-BB1a0rWG?ocid=uxbndlbing>

By: Ilya Arkhipov and Henry Meyer for Bloomberg News // Wednesday, 14 October 2020 06:19 AM

### **US, Russia said close to deal on nuclear warhead freeze**

[https://www.stltoday.com/news/article\\_f532ed13-ceaf-502c-8af2-0699ace0d49f.html](https://www.stltoday.com/news/article_f532ed13-ceaf-502c-8af2-0699ace0d49f.html)

By MATTHEW LEE AP Diplomatic Writer for St. Louis Today // Oct 9, 2020



## CHINA:

### **Chinese President Xi Jinping tells troops to focus on 'preparing for war'**

CNN.com, 14 Oct 20 Ben Westcott

### **China 'ready to work with Russia' to resist US global dominance**

South China Morning Post Online (Hong Kong), 15 Oct 20 Catherine Wong

### **Chinese ships remain in Japanese waters near Senkakus for record time**

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2020/10/13/national/china-senkakus-record/>  
From" KYODO News Agency // Oct 13, 2020

### **Chinese Increasing Nuclear Submarine Shipyard Capacity**

[https://news.usni.org/2020/10/12/chinese-increasing-nuclear-submarine-shipyard-capacity?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=EBB%2010.13.20&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://news.usni.org/2020/10/12/chinese-increasing-nuclear-submarine-shipyard-capacity?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2010.13.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)  
By: H I Sutton for USNI News // October 12, 2020 11:42 AM



## **NORTH KOREA:**

### **North Korea unveils 'monster' new intercontinental ballistic missile at parade**

<https://ca.news.yahoo.com/north-korea-state-media-quiet-011515276.html>  
By: Hyonhee Shin and Josh Smith for Reuters // October 9, 2020



## **SOUTH KOREA:**

### **South Korea worries about missile shown in North Korea military parade**

<https://news.yahoo.com/skorea-worries-missile-shown-nkorea-091927363.html>  
By: HYUNG-JIN KIM for the Associated Press // October 11, 2020



## IRAN:

### U.S. Sanctions Have Caused ‘Serious’ Damage to Iran, Tehran Says

[https://freebeacon.com/national-security/u-s-sanctions-have-caused-serious-damage-to-iran-tehran-says/?utm\\_source=actengage&utm\\_campaign=FreedomMail&utm\\_medium=email](https://freebeacon.com/national-security/u-s-sanctions-have-caused-serious-damage-to-iran-tehran-says/?utm_source=actengage&utm_campaign=FreedomMail&utm_medium=email)

By: Jack Beyrer for the WFB // OCTOBER 14, 2020 6:35 PM

### Iran’s Nuclear Chief and Top Rouhani Aide Contract Coronavirus

<https://www.bloombergquint.com/business/iran-s-nuclear-chief-and-top-rouhani-aide-contract-coronavirus>

By: Golnar Motevalli Arsalan Shahla for Bloomberg // October 11 2020, 4:03 PM October 12 2020, (Bloomberg)

-- Iran’s chief nuclear scientist and another top aide to President Hassan Rouhani have tested positive for the coronavirus.



## INDIA:

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## PAKISTAN:

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## UNITED KINGDOM:

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## FRANCE:

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## **ISRAEL:**

### **Israel hopes to collaborate with US on anti-missile lasers**

[https://www.defensenews.com/digital-show-dailies/ausa/2020/10/12/israel-hopes-to-collaborate-with-us-on-anti-missile-lasers/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=EBB%2010.14.20&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://www.defensenews.com/digital-show-dailies/ausa/2020/10/12/israel-hopes-to-collaborate-with-us-on-anti-missile-lasers/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2010.14.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

By: Aaron Mehta for Defense News

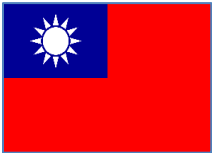


## **JAPAN:**

### **Japan unveils new submarine in face of China's growing assertiveness**

<https://www.msn.com/en-my/news/national/japan-unveils-latest-3000-tonne-submarine/ar-BB1a50Lw>

From Kyodo News Agency // Oct 14, 2020



## **TAWIAN:**

### **US advances three arms sales packages to Taiwan**

[https://www.defensenews.com/congress/2020/10/12/us-advances-three-arms-sales-packages-to-taiwan/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Air%20Force%20DNR%2010.12.20&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Air%20Force%20-%20Daily%20News%20Roundup](https://www.defensenews.com/congress/2020/10/12/us-advances-three-arms-sales-packages-to-taiwan/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Air%20Force%20DNR%2010.12.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Air%20Force%20-%20Daily%20News%20Roundup)

By: Joe Gould for Defense News



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**TURKEY:**

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