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IRAN - Sweeping U.S. Measures to Support Return of UN Sanctions

Relating to Iran's Nuclear, Missile, and Conventional Arms Programs

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/iran/2020/iran-200921-state02.htm> ----- [In-Depth Coverage](#)

Fact Sheet - Office of the Spokesperson - September 21, 2020

DoD seeking legislative help for ICBM replacement construction costs

https://www.defensenews.com/smr/nuclear-arsenal/2020/09/25/dod-seeking-legislative-help-for-icbm-replacement-construction-costs/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2009.28.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

By: [Aaron Mehta](#) for Defense News // 2 days ago

Trump administration orders assessment on bolstering nuclear warheads as talks with Russia stall

https://www.politico.com/news/2020/09/28/trump-russia-nuclear-deal-talks-422736?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2009.29.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief
U.S. diplomats are trying to play hardball with Russia in negotiations over whether to extend New START.

By [DANIEL LIPPMAN](#), [BRYAN BENDER](#) and [LARA SELIGMAN](#) for Politico // 09/28/2020 06:03 PM EDT

Trump asks military to assess how quickly nuclear weapons could be pulled from storage

And loaded onto bombers and submarines should arms control treaty with Russia expire in February 2021

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8783209/Trump-asks-military-quickly-nuclear-weapons-pulled-storage-amid-Russia-standoff.html>

- The request is part of a strategy to pressure Moscow into renegotiating the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) before the US presidential election
- The Trump administration reportedly believes that making the request outlines how serious they are about letting the agreement lapse
- Trump's team is said to be leery that Moscow is attempting to prolong the talks beyond the November vote in the hope that Democratic nominee Joe Biden wins
- They believe Biden's New START pledge renewal offers more beneficial terms
- The assessment will determine how long it would take to load nuclear weapons currently in reserve onto long-range bombers, submarines and into silos
- Signed in 2010, the New START treaty limits the US and Russia to no more than 1,550 deployed nuclear warheads and 700 deployed missiles and bombers
- The deal is set to expire on February 5, 2021 if the two nations fail to agree

By [LUKE KENTON FOR THE UK DAILYMAIL.COM](#) // PUBLISHED: 21:52 EDT, 28 September 2020 | UPDATED: 10:50 EDT, 29 September 2020

STRATCOM Hopes Experiments Will Speed Nuclear Command Upgrades

https://www.airforcemag.com/stratcom-hopes-experiments-will-speed-nuclear-command-upgrades/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2010.01.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

By [Rachel S. Cohen](#) for Air Force Magazine // Sept. 30, 2020 |

U.S. Strategic Command is testing out parts of its future nuclear command, control, and communications enterprise in the Air Force's [Advanced Battle Management System demonstrations](#), an official tells Air Force Magazine.

News & Opinion

US and Kazakhstan continue with HEU elimination programme

<https://www.neimagazine.com/news/newsus-and-kazakhstan-continue-with-heu-elimination-programme-8148549>

From NEI Magazine // 25 September 2020

Russia's Military Strength Now at Post-Cold War Peak, Report Says

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/russia-e2-80-99s-military-strength-now-at-post-cold-war-peak-report-says/ar-BB19AgPx?ocid=uxbndllbing>

By: Peter Martin for Bloomberg News // 6 hrs ago

Russia Is Key to Preventing U.S.-China Cold War: Gorbachev

https://thedailycafe.com/2020/09/25/russia-is-key-to-preventing-u-s-china-cold-war-gorbachev/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=dailyemail&utm_campaign=7515781&utm_term=2020-08-09&utm_content=politics

From: the Daily Cable // 27 Sept 2020

Abrams: Sanctions Have Kneecapped Iran

https://freebeacon.com/national-security/abrams-sanctions-have-kneecapped-iran/?utm_source=actengage&utm_campaign=FreedomMail&utm_medium=email

By: [Jack Beyrer](#) for the WFB // SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 2:15 PM

China's military might, aggressive policies spur talks of 'Asian NATO'

https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=02d62fa0cadd098da9c24610551e4e59_5f71df69_d3019ac&selDate=20200928

BY GUY TAYLOR for THE WASHINGTON TIMES // 28 Sept 2020

New generation of ICBMs means Nebraska will continue to be 'nuclear sponge,' warn nuke skeptics

https://omaha.com/news/state-and-regional/new-generation-of-icbms-means-nebraska-will-continue-to-be-nuclear-sponge-warn-nyke-skeptics/article_2f8f686b-05a5-5411-86f3-cad7de1a44e0.html?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2009.28.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief#tracking-source=home-the-latest

Steve Liewer Sep 27, 2020

Russia and China Reject U.N. Report on North Korean Sanctions Violations

https://freebeacon.com/national-security/russia-and-china-reject-u-n-report-on-north-korean-sanctions-violations/?utm_source=actengage&utm_campaign=FreedomMail&utm_medium=email

Both countries benefit from Pyongyang's breach of sanctions

By: [Jack Beyrer](#) for the WFB // SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 6:20 PM

China's actions present several potential debate questions

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/518614-chinas-actions-present-several-potential-debate-questions>

BY JOSEPH BOSCO, CONTRIBUTOR to THE HILL // 09/29/20 10:00 AM EDT

U.S. ICBM to Replace 1970s Minuteman May Cost \$111 Billion

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-10-01/pentagon-s-next-generation-icbm-program-may-cost-111-billion?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2010.02.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

- Northrop Grumman won initial \$13 billion contract last month
- Pentagon weapons buyer approved purchase of 659 missiles

By: [Anthony Capaccio](#) for Bloomberg News // October 1, 2020, 12:22 PM EDT Updated on October 1, 2020, 5:13 PM EDT

The Kremlin's Wild Card - Non-Strategic Nuclear Weapons

<https://jamestown.org/program/non-strategic-nuclear-weapons-the-kremlins-wild-card/>

By: [Pavel Luzin](#) for the Eurasia Daily Monitor // September 29, 2020 05:11 PM Age: 3 days

Iran's Other Threat to Civilization

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/16524/iran-emp-nuclear-attack>

by [Peter Vincent Pry](#) and [Peter Huessy](#) for the Gatestone Institute // October 1, 2020 at 4:00 am

USAF to assess environmental impact of Minuteman III, GBSD

InsideDefense.com, 25 Sep 20 Sara Sirota

Iran's Missiles are the Real Threat

Newsweek Online, 25 Sep 20 Seth J. Frantzman

'Watershed moment': U.S. facing dual nuclear threats from China and Russia

For its part, Canada should urgently consider the negotiation of a partnership in the U.S. anti-ballistic missile system

National Post (Canada), 29 Sep 20 Derek H. Burney

America's military deserves timely funding from Congress

Defense News Online, 28 Sep 20 Bradley Bowman and Maj. Scott Adamson

Washington's Arms Control Delusions and Bluffs

The Trump administration's stances on nuclear negotiations don't even make sense as a starting point
DefenseOne.com, 28 Sep 20 Steven Pifer

Textron nabs contract to support GBSDs for the Air Force

UPI, 29 Sep 20 Christen McCurdy

As the US pressures Russia to renegotiate the New START Treaty, it exposes its own unreliability as a negotiating partner

Inforsurhoy, 30 Sep 20 Denis Deboy

Triangularity Of Nuclear Arms Control: Possible Implications Of China's Involvement In Nuclear

Eurasia Review, 30 Sep 20 Alexander G. Savelyev

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By Susan Cornwell

Overnight Defense: Senate passes stopgap spending bill

https://thehill.com/policy/defense/overnights/519049-overnight-defense-senate-passes-stopgap-spending-bill-hours-before?utm_source=thehill&utm_medium=widgets&utm_campaign=es_recommended_content

- *Passed Just hours before shutdown deadline*
- *Brief military mentions in chaotic first Trump, Biden debate*
- *Lawmakers grill Pentagon officials over Germany drawdown*

BY [REBECCA KHEEL](#) for THE HILL // 09/30/20 06:45 PM EDT

House Republicans Move to Cripple China's Growing Military

https://freebeacon.com/national-security/house-republicans-move-to-cripple-chinas-growing-military/?utm_source=actengage&utm_campaign=FreedomMail&utm_medium=email

Landmark report calls for blacklisting of companies tied to PLA

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Bipartisan congressional task force recommends extending nuclear treaty with Russia

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/bipartisan-congressional-task-force-recommends-extending-nuclear-treaty-with-russia/ar-BB19xNET?ocid=uxbndlbing>

By: Rebecca Kheel for the Hill // 3 hrs ago

AROUND THE WORLD



RUSSIA:

Russia's state-of-the-art weapons Peresvet, Avangard, Kinzhal on track - Deputy PM Borisov

MEDIA: Interfax (Russia) // DATE: September 28, 2020

Kremlin's World War III Propaganda Meltdown Shows Putin Is Cornered

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/kremlins-world-war-iii-propaganda-meltdown-shows-putin-is-cornered?ref=scroll>

The Kremlin's well-oiled propaganda machine is reaching hysterical levels as Western sanctions bite. -- 'BUY CANNED FOOD'

By: [Anna Nemtsova](#) // Updated Sep. 26, 2020 10:07AM ET / Published Sep. 26, 2020 12:25AM ET



CHINA:

China is doubling down on its territorial claims and that's causing conflict across Asia

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/09/26/asia/china-territorial-claims-conflicts-explainer-intl-hnk-scli/index.html>

By [Jessie Yeung](#), for CNN // Updated 8:50 PM ET, Sat September 26, 2020

China's propaganda mouthpiece claims China will start war if US troops return to Taiwan

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=12368575

By: Jamie Seidel for news.com.au, New Zealand // 28 Sep, 2020 1:52pm

China's missile power play in the Pacific

https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=844b223d26f276b2ca61594e3835db68_5f7306a3_d3019ac&selDate=20200929

People's Liberation Army (PLA) missiles could soon splash into Pacific Ocean, and China's aggression must be checked

By Jeffrey T. Vanak for the Washington Times 29 Sept 2020

China says it 'doesn't recognize Union Territory of Ladakh

China makes provocative remark, says Ladakh illegally established by India'

<https://zeenews.india.com/india/china-makes-provocative-remark-says-it-doesnt-recognize-union-territory-of-ladakh-illegally-established-by-india-2313323.html>

The remark comes even as Indian Air Force (IAF) chief Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria said that an 'uneasy status' prevails at northern frontiers with China.

Written By: [Zee Media Bureau](#), Edited By: [Ananya Das](#) // Updated: Sep 29, 2020, 16:29 PM IST



[NORTH KOREA:](#)

[North Korea Has Agreed to Denuclearization](#)

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/korea-watch/north-korea-has-agreed-denuclearization-could-donald-trump-achieve-success-169549>

*If re-elected, Trump should resume diplomatic efforts, including offering aid for compliance. **Could Donald Trump Achieve Success?***

by [Bruce W. Bennett](#) & [Soo Kim](#) for The National Interest // September 25, 2020

Editor's Note: *The following is part of a new symposium here in Korea Watch that will analyze potential U.S. policy options towards North Korea should Donald Trump win reelection. Check back soon for more contributions in the coming days.*

[North Korea threatens US with nuclear weapons should war break out with South](#)

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1301226/world-war-3-north-korea-nuclear-weapons-south-korea-tensions-latest-news>

NORTH Korea has threatened to use nuclear weapons on the United States should there be war with South Korea.

By [GRACE MACRAE](#) for the UK Express // PUBLISHED: 03:10, Fri, Jun 26, 2020 | UPDATED: 07:28, Fri, Jun 26, 2020

[North Korea tells UN it now has 'effective war deterrent'](#)

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/9/30/north-korea-tells-un-it-now-has-effective-war-deterrent>

North Korea is struggling under international sanctions imposed for its nuclear and ballistic missiles programmes.

From Al Jazeera News Service // 30 Sep 2020



[SOUTH KOREA:](#)

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[Iran Guards Unveil New Naval Ballistic Missile](#)

<https://www.barrons.com/news/iran-guards-unveil-new-naval-ballistic-missile-01601215205>

From: AFP - Agence France Presse // September 27, 2020

[Iranian president accuses U.S. of savagery after new sanctions](#)

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-iran-rouhani/iranian-president-accuses-u-s-of-savagery-after-new-sanctions-idUSKBN26H0BK>

By Reuters Staff // SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 4:15 AM - UPDATED 2 DAYS AGO

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INDIA:

India successfully test fires nuclear capable SRBM Prithvi-II Missile

<https://americanmilitarynews.com/2020/09/india-successfully-test-fires-nuclear-capable-srbm-prithvi-ii-missile/>

By: SAURAV CHORDIA for American Military News // SEPTEMBER 25, 2020



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ISRAEL:

Netanyahu warns Iran will soon have enough enriched uranium for two nuclear weapons during UN address

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/netanyahu-warns-iran-will-soon-have-enough-enriched-uranium-for-two-nuclear-weapons-during-un-address/ar-BB19xSnN?ocid=uxbndlbing>

By: Zachary Halaschak for the Washington Examiner // 4 hrs ago

Advantageous Ambiguity: Israel's Nuclear Arsenal

<https://carnegie.ru/commentary/82790>

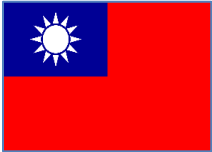
A unit of newly-deployed Patriot anti-missile missiles stands near Israel's nuclear research reactor at Dimona in the Negev desert, Israel. Military officials called the exercise of deploying the units routine.

By: [Viktor Esin](#) for the Carnegie Institute – MOSCOW // 25.09.2020



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TAWIAN:

Taiwanese prepare to defend themselves from Chinese invasion

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2020/09/27/taiwanese-prepare-defend-chinese-invasion/>

by: Nicola Smith, for the UK Telegraph 27 Sept 2020



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