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ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAM SPECIFICS

Brown Takes Over as Air Force Chief of Staff

Air Force Magazine, 6 Aug 20

John A. Tirpak

341st Missile Wing Change of Command

341st Missile Wing Public Affairs, Aug. 6 | Devin Doskey

STRATCOM Commander: Number of SSBNs Needed Depends on Threat

Seapower Magazine Online, July 31 | Richard R. Burgess

U.S. Strategic Command now analyzes daily deterrence risks for all combatant commands

Defense News Online, July 31 | Aaron Mehta

U.S. ambassador says Iran is world No. 1 sponsor of terrorism

Associated Press, Aug. 6 | Edith M. Lederer

One NNSA, But Keep Your Branding, If You Like It, Administrator Says

ExchangeMonitor.com, July 31 | Not Attributed

Guided by National Defense Strategy, Defense Department Increases Force Lethality

<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2300576/guided-by-national-defense-strategy-defense-department-increases-force-lethality/>

From the DoD // AUG. 5, 2020

Airmen on Navy Command Jet Test-Launch Three-Tipped, Unarmed Nuclear Missile

https://www.airforcemag.com/navy-command-jet-test-launches-three-tipped-unarmed-nuclear-missile/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=DEF%20EBB%208.5.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

By Brian W. Everstine for Air Force Magazine // Aug. 4, 2020

News & Opinion

Ford, Bush presidential adviser Brent Scowcroft dies at 95

By Douglass K. Daniel - Associated Press - Friday, August 7, 2020

America's atomic bombing of Nagasaki: Lessons forgotten

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/aug/5/americas-atomic-bombing-of-nagasaki-lessons-forgot/>

Second atomic bombing of Japan underscores U.S. determination to use full nuclear might to achieve victory

By Dr. Peter Vincent Pry - - Wednesday, August 5, 2020

How U.S. And Russian Nuclear Arsenals Evolved

<https://www.statista.com/chart/16305/stockpiled-nuclear-warhead-count/>

by Niall McCarthy, for Statistia // Aug 5, 2020

EMP Ignorance Is Bliss

By: Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, Correcting the record in Rebuttal to a poorly researched recent article..

We already fought a cold war with Beijing and it went very badly

JULY 31, 2020 Written by [Jonathan Hunt](#)

The U.S. military has options against China

The Hill Online, Aug. 6 | James R. Holmes

Negotiating with Great Powers on Nuclear Arms

RealClearDefense.com, Aug. 3 | Frank Klotz, John Lauder and William Courtney

Why we must end our reliance on nuclear weapons

On the 75th anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing, the author Eric Schlosser explains the new nuclear threats facing the world
The Sunday Times (UK), Aug. 2, Pg. 16 | Eric Schlosser

China will rival the US and Russia in nuclear capability by the end of the decade, leading to a three-way face-off for the first time, an American commander said yesterday.

U.S. presidential candidate Biden vows to work toward nuke-free world

Kyodo News (Japan), Aug. 6 | Not Attributed

Our annual August debate over America's use of atomic bombs

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/aug/5/our-annual-august-debate-over-americas-use-of-atom/>

The dropping of two atomic bombs on Japan during war draws arguments over U.S. shortcomings

By [Victor Davis Hanson](#) - - Wednesday, August 5, 2020

75 Years Ago the Bomb Saved the World

<https://www.newsmax.com/lamontcolucci/hiroshima-nagasaki-okinawa-truman/2020/08/06/id/980866/>

By [Lamont Colucci](#) for Newsmax // Thursday, 06 August 2020 11:45 AM

CONGRESSIONAL

By Susan Cornwell

HASC:

July 21: The House passed the HASC bill 295-125

July 1: HASC Completed Markup of FY21 HASC Bill

Smith Statement on Anthony Tata's Senate Confirmation Failure

August 2, 2020

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SASC:

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

Committee Advances NORTHCOM, SPACECOM, Other Military Nominations

Senate Armed Services cancels hearing for controversial nominee

CQ NEWS Jul. 30, 2020 By Mark Satter, CQ

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:

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

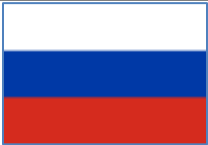
Minot Air Force Base is Cornerstone of U.S. National Defense

Minot Daily News Online (North Dakota), Aug. 1 | Sen. John Hoeven (R-ND)

House Passes \$18 billion NNSA Budget as Part of Appropriations Package

ExchangeMonitor.com, July 31 | Dan Leone

AROUND THE WORLD



RUSSIA:

Any missile attacking Russia will be treated as nuclear one, response will follow - Russian General Staff

Interfax (Russia), Aug. 7 | Not Attributed

Pentagon's publication about Russian missile defense developments is in line with disinformation campaign to discredit Russia Russian Foreign

Ministry Interfax (Russia), July 31 | Not Attributed

Creation of Aerospace Forces enabled Russia to reinforce orbital group, boost missile defense potential – Shoigu

Interfax (Russia), July 31 | Not Attributed

Be careful about US using ‘invisible knife’ to estrange China and Russia

Global Times (China), Aug. 7, Pg. 7 | Wang Xianju

Russia Warns It Will See Any Incoming Missile as Nuclear

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2020-08-07/russia-warns-it-will-see-any-incoming-missile-as-nuclear>

Russia's military is warning that Moscow will perceive any ballistic missile launched at its territory as a nuclear attack that warrants a nuclear retaliation.

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV, Associated Press Wire Service Content // Aug. 7, 2020, at 7:22 a.m.



CHINA:

Chinese military: on guard for peace

Xinhua News Agency (China), Aug. 1 | Guo Yage

China can launch nuclear counterattacks within minutes – ex-soldier

Kyodo News (Japan), Aug. 2 | Not Attributed



NORTH KOREA:

North Korea working on 'miniaturized' nuclear devices: UN report

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/north-korea-working-on-miniaturized-nuclear-devices-un-report/ar-BB17zejW>

By Richard Roth, for CNN // 2 days ago

Ri Pyong Chol: Kim's New Right Hand Man?

<https://www.38north.org/2020/08/mgarlauskas080520/>

BY: [MARKUS V. GARLAUSKAS](#) for .38 North // AUGUST 5, 2020



SOUTH KOREA:

NSTR



IRAN:

Iran rules out attack as cause of nuclear site incident

Agence France-Presse, July 31 | Not Attributed

Tehran has always denied its nuclear programme has any military dimension.

Iran Will Expand Nuclear Program and Won't Talk to U.S., Ayatollah Says

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/01/world/asia/iran-khamenei-us-sanctions.html>

In a televised speech, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, said that negotiating with Washington over his country's nuclear program would only help President Trump get re-elected.

By Farnaz Fassihi for the NY Times // Aug. 1, 2020



INDIA:

India, China struggle to resolve border disputes

<https://asiatimes.com/2020/07/india-china-struggle-to-resolve-border-disputes/>

New Delhi pushes back against Beijing's attempts to extinguish its claims on territories occupied by the PLA

By SUMIT SHARMA for Asia Times // JULY 31, 2020



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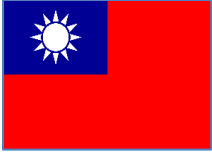
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