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ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAM SPECIFICS

EXCLUSIVE: Details Revealed in Trump's Lame-Duck Pentagon Budget Draft

Some of the numbers are "fabricated," says one official. But they shed light on GOP lines of attack awaiting Biden.

By **KATIE BO WILLIAMS** and **MARCUS WEISGERBER** DECEMBER 1, 2020

Y-12 achieves technology milestone in purifying uranium

<https://www.energy.gov/nnsa/articles/y-12-achieves-technology-milestone-purifying-uranium> Home »
From the National Nuclear Security Administration // NOVEMBER 30, 2020

White House objects to proposed cuts in experimental weapons

InsideDefense.com, 1 Dec 20 Tony Bertuca

CSAF visits Hill AFB Airmen online

75th Air Base Wing Public Affairs, 1 Dec 20 Richard Essary

Air Force moves up GBSD re-entry vehicle award deadline

InsideDefense.com, Dec. 2 | Sara Sirota

U.S. Commander Alarmed as China Makes Inroads in Americas

National Defense Magazine Online, Dec. 2 | Stew Magnuson

US Imposes Sanctions on Russian and Chinese Companies For Supporting Iranian Missile Programme

[US Imposes Sanctions on Russian and Chinese Companies For Supporting Iranian Missile Programme \(india.com\)](#)

The announcement was made on Friday as the US continues to take tough measures against Iran for continuing their activities related to nuclear arms.

By [PTI](#) | Updated: Sat, November 28, 2020 11:55am

Inside America's newly revealed nuclear ballistic missile warhead of the future

Inside America's newly revealed nuclear ballistic missile warhead of the future (defensenews.com)

By: Aaron Mehta for Defense News // February 24, 2020

News & Opinion

Did The U.S. Forget About Nuclear Deterrence After the Cold War?

<https://defensemaven.io/warriormaven/global-security/did-the-u-s-forget-about-nuclear-deterrence-after-the-cold-war-IJKbs1Nhl0yxjLRrPNJj6w>

By Peter R. Huessy - Senior Warrior Maven Columnist // 12/2/2020

The Real Nuclear Balance

RealClearDefense.com, Dec. 2 | Peter Pry

Chinese have global military ambitions

Washington Times, 2 Dec 20 Bill Gertz

Hypersonic Missile Coming Five Years Faster Thanks to Acquisition Reform

https://www.airforcemag.com/hypersonic-missile-coming-five-years-faster-thanks-to-acquisition-reform/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2012.04.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

By John A. Tirpak for Air Force Magazine // Dec. 3, 2020

U.S. Navy's Ohio Class Submarine To Get New Hypersonic Weapons

<https://www.navalnews.com/naval-news/2020/12/u-s-navys-ohio-class-submarine-to-get-new-hypersonic-weapons/>

The U.S. Navy's four Ohio Class SSGNs may soon receive new hypersonic missiles which could transform their capabilities. H I Sutton explains why.

By: [H I Sutton](#) for the Naval News // 02 Dec 2020

Deterrence in Space: Requirements for Credibility

Deterrence in Space: Requirements for Credibility | RealClearDefense

By Christopher M. Stone for Real Clear Defense // December 01, 2020

Russia waits warily to chart new U.S. course

https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=9aefbf31f0f8c54ebdfb4349b736c641_5fc9002a_d3019ac&selDate=20201203

Biden aides skeptical about ties

BY LAUREN TOMS THE WASHINGTON TIMES // 03 December 2020

4 looming foreign policy crises that could derail Biden's agenda early on

<https://www.vox.com/21726445/iran-north-korea-russia-afghanistan-joe-biden-foreign-policy>

Iran, North Korea, Russia, and Afghanistan could cause short-term problems for Biden's long-term global agenda.

By Alex Ward@AlexWardVoxalex.ward@vox.com Dec 1, 2020

The rise of military space powers

<https://www.axios.com/military-space-powers-770ad3ab-54ee-4387-adac-6e00bc69b099.html>

By: [Miriam Kramer](#), for Axios // Dec 1, 2020 -

THE NEXT NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY

https://warontherocks.com/2020/11/the-next-national-defense-strategy/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2012.01.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

By: [BENJAMIN JENSEN](#) AND [NATHAN PACKARD](#) for War On The Rocks // NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Russian-American Relations: From Trump to Biden

<https://www.nipp.org/2020/11/23/katz-mark-n-russian-american-relations-from-trump-to-biden/>

By: [HON. DAVID J. TRACHTENBERG](#) Editor, [DR. MICHAELA DODGE](#) Assistant Editor, [AMY JOSEPH](#) Managing Editor // Issue No. 470 November 23, 2020

Israel may have killed top Iranian nuclear weapons scientist to avert dangerous threat

The Jewish state may fear the Biden administration will urge an end to such Israeli strikes

<https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/fred-fleitz-israel-may-have-killed-top-iranian-nuclear-weapons-scientist-to-avert-dangerous-threat>

By [Fred Fleitz](#) for Fox News 28 Nov 2020

How close is Iran to producing a nuclear bomb?

[EXPLAINER-How close is Iran to producing a nuclear bomb? \(yahoo.com\)](#)

By: Francois Murphy for Reuters News Wire // Sat, November 28, 2020, 12:29 PM EST

Israel's Gamble: If Assassination Fails to Set Back Iran's Nuclear Program, Blowing Up Deal Is Easy

[Israel's Gamble: If Assassination Fails to Set Back Iran's Nuclear Program, Blowing Up Deal Is Easy \(dnyuz.com\)](#)

By: By [David E. Sanger](#) for DUNYNEWS // [November 28, 2020](#)

U.S. lacking focus on partnership between Iran and North Korea regimes

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/nov/28/us-lacking-focus-on-partnership-between-iran-and-n/>

Attention must be directed to root problems, not nuclear weapons data points

By Lamont Colucci for the Washington Times // Saturday, November 28, 2020

The war with China, as I saw it

[The war with China, as I saw it \(airforcetimes.com\)](#)

By: David Poyer for The Air Force Times // 20 hours ago

NATO Report: Prepare For a Strategic Rivalry With Russia and China

New York Times, 1 Dec 20 Steven Erlanger

Chinese have global military ambitions

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Projection of power surging BY BILL GERTZ for THE WASHINGTON TIMES // 02 December 2020

Cold War II has begun

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It's with China, and to win it will require bipartisan consensus

By Clifford D. May Contributor to the Washington Times // 02 Dec 220

3 Nuclear Deterrence, Missile Defense Initiatives the Next Administration Should Continue

Nov 25th, 2020 *Commentary* By [Patty-Jane Geller](#)

Policy Analyst, Nuclear Deterrence and Missile Defense

How the U.S. Military Can Compete with Russia and China's New Weapons

National Interest Online, 1 Dec 20 Kris Osborn

Russia waits -- warily -- for Biden to chart course on relations

The Washington Times, 2 Dec 20 Lauren Toms

How close is Iran to producing a nuclear bomb?

<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2020/12/01/explainer-how-close-is-iran-to-producing-a-nuclear-bomb/>

From Pakistan Today - BY AGENCIES

To promote human rights and democracy, Biden should start with China

<https://thehill.com/opinion/international/528011-to-promote-human-rights-and-democracy-biden-should-start-with-china>

BY JOSEPH BOSCO, OPINION CONTRIBUTOR — 12/01/20 10:00 AM EST

THE REAL NUCLEAR BALANCE

How much is too Little???

By: Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, Task Force on National and Homeland Security

December 7, 2020

Stop the budgetary bleeding to get the Air Force we need

https://www.defensenews.com/opinion/commentary/2020/11/25/stop-the-budgetary-bleeding-to-get-the-air-force-we-need/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2011.30.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

By: Douglas Birkey for Defense News

Tough but Necessary Road Ahead for Arms Control

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/16798/arms-control-new-start>

by [Stephen Blank](#) and [Peter Huessy](#) for the Gatestone Institute // November 30, 2020 at 4:00 am

ARTICLES AGAINST CREDIBLE, CAPABLE NUCLEAR DETERRENCE

Biden expected to re-examine SCS factory (W87-1)

<https://www.thestate.com/news/local/environment/article247423950.html>

Is jobs-rich nuclear plant in jeopardy?

BY [SAMMY FRETWELL](#) for The State // NOVEMBER 27, 2020 06:00 AM, -- UPDATED NOVEMBER 27, 2020 01:26 PM

Iran's Mullahs Want the "Nuclear Deal", So Does Biden

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/16812/iran-mullahs-want-nuclear-deal>

by [Majid Rafizadeh](#) for the Gatestone Institute // December 3, 2020 at 5:00 am

Why the Pentagon must think harder about inadvertent escalation

Defense News Online, 2 Dec 20 Ankit Panda and James Acton

CONGRESSIONAL

By Susan Cornwell

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

- December 11: Current CR (HR 8337) will end

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

**SASC and HASC have passed their respective Bills
AUTHORIZATION CONFERENCE**

- ***SEE ICBM funding in separate funding package (dollars & language)***

DEFENSE APPROPRIATION

HAC

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

SAC

- **November 12: SAC Marked up the FY21 Defense Bill**

NDAA Defense bill sets up major clash with Trump

https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=34fb72382b29d2c257dcd5d85ad15f72_5fca50a9_d3019ac&selDate=20201204

Veto threat over Big Tech legal shield puts must-pass legislation on the line

BY LAUREN TOMS for THE WASHINGTON TIMES // 04 Dec 2020

Lawmakers Decide Against Nuclear Weapons Test Funding in Annual Defense Bill

No Nuclear Weapons Testing Funding in Annual Defense Bill | Union of Concerned Scientists (ucsusa.org)

From the UCS // Published Dec 3, 2020

Congress directs DoD to build interim homeland missile defense interceptor

https://www.defensenews.com/land/2020/12/03/congress-directs-dod-to-build-interim-homeland-missile-defense-interceptor/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2012.04.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

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By: Jen Judson for Defense News

Congress advances NDAA defense bill

https://www.defensenews.com/congress/2020/12/02/congress-advances-defense-bill-bucking-trumps-veto-threats/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Air%20Force%20DNR%2012.2.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Air%20Force%20-%20Daily%20News%20Roundup

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By: [Joe Gould](#) for Defense News // 4 hours ago

Congress set for chaotic year-end sprint

https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/527348-congress-set-for-chaotic-year-end-sprint?utm_source=&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=35180

BY [JORDAIN CARNEY](#) for THE HILL // 11/29/20 06:00 AM EST

AROUND THE WORLD



RUSSIA:

Russian latest nuclear-powered sub successfully test-fires cruise missile from White Sea

<https://tass.com/defense/1229591> From Russian Defense Ministry/TASS // November 30 2020

It is only nuclear weapons that can save Russia from the West

[Putin believes Russia needs more nuclear arms \(pravdareport.com\)](https://pravda.com.ru/news/112020111820/)

From Russia - Pravda18. // 11.2020 18:20

Putin's New Assured Survival Nuclear Bunker

https://www.realcleardefense.com/articles/2020/12/01/putins_new_assured_survival_nuclear_bunker_651424.html#!

By Mark B. Schneider for Real Clear Defense // December 01, 2020

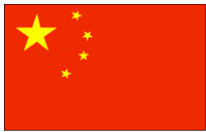
What would World War 3 actually look like? (The Russian View)

[What would World War 3 actually look like? - Russia Beyond \(rbth.com\)](https://rbth.com/news/2020/12/03/what-would-world-war-3-actually-look-like-russia-beyond/)

By: DMITRY LITOVKIN for Russia Beyond // DEC 03 2020

There's still time to extend New START – Russian envoy to US

We are still in dialogue, we hope that we will continue it for the foreseeable future, Anatoly Antonov said TASS (Russia), Dec. 3 | Not Attributed



CHINA:

China-US power competition brings a Cold War arms concept back into fashion

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3112305/china-us-power-competition-brings-cold-war-arms-concept-back>

- Military and foreign policy specialists at Xiangshan forum in Beijing discuss need for arms control structures to be repaired after Trump era, and updated
- But China is reluctant to join US-Russian nuclear negotiations without Washington and Moscow reducing their larger stockpiles

By: Catherine Wong for the South China Morning Post // Published: 12:00pm, 3 Dec, 2020

Chinese team test jet engine 'able to reach anywhere on Earth within 2 hours'

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/3111985/chinese-team-test-jet-engine-able-reach-anywhere-earth-within-2-2utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2012.01.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

- *Prototype flown in hypersonic wind tunnel simulating flight conditions at nine times the speed of sound*
- *The 'sodramjet' engine could offer the biggest hope so far of commercial flight reaching hypersonic speed, the scientists say*

By: [Stephen Chen](#) in Beijing for the South China Morning Post // Published: 6:00am, 1 Dec, 2020

China Thinks Its Hypersonic Missiles Can Beat U.S. Missile Defenses

China Thinks Its Hypersonic Missiles Can Beat U.S. Missile Defenses / The National Interest

Beijing claims it is not impressed, but American missile defense has come a long way.

by Kris Osborn for The National Interest // November 25, 2020



NORTH KOREA:

Time for Kim Jong-un to embrace denuclearisation and open up North Korea economically

<https://www.scmp.com/comment/opinion/article/3112222/time-kim-jong-un-embrace-denuclearisation-and-open-north-korea>

- While North Korea's leader possesses a vision for the future of his country, the lack of an exit strategy from his nuclear programme has thwarted peace talks
- Embracing denuclearisation in exchange for security guarantees, normalised relations and development aid will open the path for North Korea's economy to soar

By: Chan Young Bang for the South China Morning Post // Published: 3:45am, 3 Dec, 2020

Biden team weighs North Korea policy as the era of Trump's and Kim ends

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/03/politics/biden-north-korea-challenge/index.html>

By Kylie Atwood, CNN // Updated 6:04 AM ET, Thu December 3, 2020

Biden must decide on North Korea strategy early, says top Obama-era diplomat

Biden must decide on North Korea strategy early, says top Obama-era diplomat | US news | The Guardian

Kurt Campbell says the delay in acting on Pyongyang in previous Democratic administration 'headed off any possibility of engagement'

From Reuters News Wire // Thu 3 Dec 2020 01.05 EST

BIDEN IS KIM'S TO LOSE

<https://warontherocks.com/2020/11/biden-is-kims-to-lose/>

By: RAMON PACHECO PARDO for War On The Rocks // NOVEMBER 27, 2020



SOUTH KOREA:

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IRAN:

Iran's nuclear dilemma: Ramp up now or wait for Biden

<https://www.axios.com/iran-nuclear-program-mohsen-fakhrizadeh-a49ef6e7-58dd-4702-b897-db689ab9cbbf.html>

By: [Barak Ravid](#), for Axios // 16 hours ago -

Iran's supreme leader vows revenge over slain scientist

[Iran's supreme leader vows revenge over slain scientist \(apnews.com\)](#)

By AMIR VAHDAT and JON GAMBRELL for the Associated Press News // 38 minutes ago

Killing of nuke chief was done entirely by remote control — Iranian report

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/top-iranian-nuclear-scientist-was-killed-by-remote-controlled-gun-report/>

Semi-official Fars claims operation to kill Mohsen Fakhrizadeh was conducted in three minutes with no human operatives on the ground

By JUDAH ARI GROSS for the Times of Israel // 29 November 2020, 8:23 pm

Iran's parliament advances bill to stop nuclear inspections

<https://news.yahoo.com/irans-parliament-advances-bill-stop-083647577.html>

By: NASSER KARIMI for the Associated Press // Tue, December 1, 2020, 3:36 AM EST.

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<https://www.axios.com/iran-nuclear-program-mohsen-fakhrizadeh-a49ef6e7-58dd-4702-b897-db689ab9cbbf.html>

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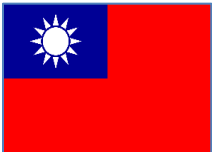


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SAUDI ARABIA:

Why Saudi nuclear weapons talk must be taken seriously

[Why Saudi nuclear weapons talk must be taken seriously \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/why-saudi-nuclear-weapons-talk-must-be-taken-seriously)

By: Farouk Araie, From the South China Morning Post // Published: 7:25am, 3 Dec, 2020



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