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ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAM SPECIFICS

90th OG welcomes new commander

90th Missile Wing Public Affairs, June 26 | Senior Airman Braydon Williams

We Don't Have Enough Cash to Build New Nuclear Weapons, Says Air Force Chief

Defense One, 1 July 20 | Marcus Weisgerber

Tactical nuclear arms among issues discussed by Russia, US in Vienna — Pentagon official

On June 22, Russia and the United States held talks on strategic stability and arms control behind closed doors in Vienna

From Russia Today (RT), Military News TASS // 24 Jun, 21:09

Pentagon releases 'initial' list of Chinese military-linked companies operating in US

by Jerry Dunleavy | June 29, 2020 05:03 PM

U.S. eyes nuclear tests in show of force reaction to latest Russia, China moves

Tom Cotton amendment would prepare for first test in decades

By Ben Wolfgang - The Washington Times // Sunday, June 28, 2020

A New Superpower Competition Between Beijing and Washington: China's Nuclear Buildup

The Trump administration is portraying the small but increasingly potent Chinese arsenal — still only one-fifth the size of the United States' or Russia's — as the big new threat. New York Times Online, June 30 | David E. Sanger and William J. Broad

News & Opinion

China Has 'First-Strike' Capability To Melt U.S. Power Grid With Electromagnetic Pulse Weapon

By: [James Conca](#), Contributor to FORBES Magazine // Jun 25, 2020, 11:00am EDT

CHINA STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVES (PDF Attch'd above, 66 pgs)

System Overload: Can China's Military Be Distracted in a War over Taiwan?

Center for the Study of Chinese Military Affairs Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University

by Joel Wuthnow for INSS // June 2020

U.S. debates resuming nuclear tests on American soil

Tom Cotton amendment would prepare for first test in decades

By [Ben Wolfgang](#) - The Washington Times June 28, 2020

WW3: China and India tensions 'volatile' - Fears grow over nuclear security after clash

China: Expert warns of escalation leading to conflict with India -- SOARING tensions between China and India at the disputed border have sparked fears over the world's nuclear security amid growing threats of further violence between the two Asian powers.

By [Luke Hawker](#) for the UK Express // PUBLISHED: PUBLISHED: 07:00, Sat, Jun 27, 2020

The Military We Have Vs. The Military We Need

BY GREGORY D. FOSTER PROFESSOR, NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY
JUNE 28, 2020

The Retrenchment Syndrome

A Response to “Come Home, America?” By H. R. McMaster July/August 2020

At moment of crisis, far left threatens to slash Defense budget

Independence Day is a time to affirm that America must stay strong to preserve peace

By Kay C. James for the Washington Times // 30 June 2020

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CONGRESSIONAL

By Susan Cornwell

HASC

July 1: HASC Completed Markup of FY21 HASC Bill (SEE UPDATED FUNDING CHART IN SEPARATE ATTACHMENT)

- **ALL ICBM PEs at PB**
- **Total of \$731.6 B**

SASC

June 11: SASC completed markup of FY21 SASC Bill

- **ALL ICBM PEs at PB**

Total of \$740.5 Billion.

Pentagon to increase control over nuclear weapons funding under Senate proposal

By: [Aaron Mehta](#) for Defense News // 19 hours ago

Next-gen ICBM program nukes defunding attempt in House panel

Defense News Online, 2 July 20 Joe Gould

HASC Funds Nuclear Modernization, With a Few Questions

Air Force Magazine Online, June 26 | Rachel S. Cohen

US Can't Be Negligent or Irresponsible in Military Funding Decisions

The Daily Signal, 30 June 20 Vicky Hartzler

Senate nixes proposal limiting Energy Department's control on nuclear agency budget

By [Rachel Frazin](#) for THE HILL // 07/02/20 02:29 PM EDT

AROUND THE WORLD



RUSSIA:

Russia's opposition flounders as Putin changes constitution

By: Anna SMOLCHENKO for Yahoo News by [AFP](#) // June 29, 2020

Russia's Newest Submarine Spotted Heading Out for 'Combat Training'

The Knyaz Vladimir was seen leaving the harbor where it was built.

by [Caleb Larson](#) for The National Interest // July 1, 2020

Russia's priority is to involve UK, France in future nuclear arms control talks – diplomat

The two states are the US closest NATO allies that possess nuclear weapons, the senior diplomat explained
TASS (Russia), June 26 | Not Attributed

US refuses to ratify CTBT, lays groundwork for resuming nuclear tests, Russia says

Moscow calls on states which did not ratify or sign the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty to reconsider their stance

From Russia RT military news service TASS // 30 Jun, 05:00

Russia Denies Nuclear Incident After International Body Detects Isotopes

By Anastasia Teterevleva and Anna Ringstrom // [Reuters](#), Wire Service Content June 29, 2020, at 6:15 a.m.



CHINA:

China Threatens In Paracels

Three American carrier strike groups are moving in the Philippine Sea while China shuts down sea traffic in the South China Sea

By Paul McLeary for Breaking Defense // on June 29, 2020 at 4:34 PM



NORTH KOREA:

North Korea says only option is to 'counter nuclear with nuclear' against US

By [Mark Moore](#) for the NY Post // June 25, 2020 | 1:07pm | [Updated June 25, 2020 | 1:50pm](#)

North Korea Threatens U.S.: Nuclear Attack 'The Only Option Left'

N. Korea Threatens U.S. With Nuclear Attack. -- A collapse in negotiations between the Trump administration and Kim Jong Un has left Pyongyang with one option, it says: 'To counter nuke with nuke.'

By Paul D. Shinkman, Senior Writer, National Security June 26, 2020, at 10:14 a.m.



SOUTH KOREA:

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IRAN:

Iran reports 'accident' at nuclear site, warns enemies

From the [AFP](#) // July 2, 2020

Iran issues arrest warrant for President Trump

Tehran vows Trump will be prosecuted for ordering killing of Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani

By [Ben Wolfgang](#) - The Washington Times - Updated: 7:19 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020

Iranian Missile Facility Blows Up, Conspiracy Theories in Tehran

Satellite photographs show the explosion happened at a missile production facility. Iran said the episode was a gas explosion at a different military base. By [David E. Sanger](#), [Ronen Bergman](#) and Farnaz Fassihi // June 29, 2020

New Iranian Missile Could Strike Central Europe

By Ralph Savelsberg for Breaking Defense // on June 29, 2020 at 12:09 PM



INDIA:

India will 'never compromise' on its strategic interests, minister says

[Saheli Roy Choudhury@sahelirc](#) // Published Wed, Jul 1 2020 3:29 AM EDT -- Updated 3 Hours Ago

Key Points

- India will not compromise on its strategic interest even as New Delhi and Beijing seek to defuse tensions after last month's border clash, said India's minister for coal, mines, and parliamentary affairs.
- Top military commanders from India and China started a third round of talks to ease tensions along the Line of Actual Control — the de facto border — this week while Indian forces have stepped up deployment along the border, local media reports said.



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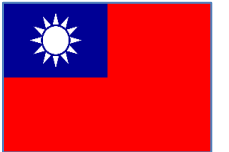
Netanyahu: 'Iran continues secret program to develop nuclear weapons'

Netanyahu says Iran mislead the world on its nuclear ambitions, commends US for pressuring Tehran
i24NEWS (Israel), June 30 | Not Attributed



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