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White House, July 16 | Presidential Statement

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Dmitry Stefanovich |Research Fellow at the Center for International Security, Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO RAS) 14 July 2020

Rundown of China's spy agencies will make uncomfortable reading for some

Peter Hartcher Political and international editor for The Sydney Morning Herald

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Our nation needs a wake-up call to the nuclear threat

The Washington Post, 7 July 20 Katrina vanden Heuvel

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FlightGlobal.com, 14 July 20 Garrett Reim

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U.S. prepares for emerging great power competition

BY BENJAMIN WOLFGANG for THE WASHINGTON TIMES // 15 July 2020

The four China strategies Trump or Biden will need to consider

BY JOSEPH BOSCO, CONTRIBUTOR to THE HILL // 07/14/20 08:30 AM EDT

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National Institute for Public Policy, July 16 | Bryan Smith

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Wired Magazine Online, July 16 | Daniel Oberhaus

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US allies once seemed cowed by China. Now they’re responding with rare coordination

Analysis by Angela Dewan, CNN // Updated 7:20 AM ET, Wed July 15, 2020

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House panel votes to end 2001, 2002 war authorizations

By: Joe Gould for Defense News

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House Republican Policy Committee // 14 July 2020

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Aiken Standard Online (South Carolina), July 13 | Colin Demarest

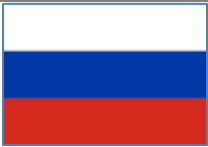
House appropriators cut LRSO funding, raise possibility of W80-4 production delay

InsideDefense.com, 14 July 20 Sara Sirota

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Russia names new circumstances for deploying nuclear weapons

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Russia 'Not Optimistic' About Saving Nuclear Pact With U.S.

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US needs billions to adjust missile shield for hypersonic missiles – Russian official

In his words "hundreds of billions of dollars of US taxpayers" have already been spent to create the missile shield, and more will be needed

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China Rejects US Nuclear Talks Invitation as Beijing Adds to Its Arsenal

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Kim Jong-un's Sister Just Put an End to Trump's Nuclear Talks

Even the smallest concessions are off the table now.

By [FRED KAPLAN](#) for SLATE // JULY 13, 2020

North Korea's plan to start war with nuclear weapons unleashed

NORTH KOREA 'Utter devastation!' holds an arsenal of nuclear weapons, and although recent tensions have eased between the country and South Korea, many experts warn that Kim Jong-un would likely use nuclear power in the early stages of war.

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Iran's IRGC touts underground 'missile cities' along Gulf Coast

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Iran executes defense ministry staffer as alleged CIA spy

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Mysterious Explosions Continue in Iran

Fires break out on vessels in Iranian shipyard

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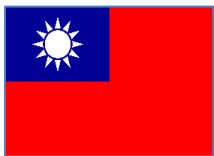
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