

ASIA-PACIFIC & GLOBAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS UPDATE

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A WEEKLY OPEN-SOURCE NEWS UPDATE ACROSS THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND THE GLOBE

ASIA-PACIFIC

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U.S. Deploys 3 Nuclear Stealth Bombers To Pacific



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U.S. Reportedly Considering Stationing B-1 Bombers In Australia, Conducting More B-52 Missions



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U.S. Official: North Korean Submarine is Missing, Presumed Sunk

U.S. spy satellites, aircraft and ships observed as the North Korean navy searched for the missing submarine for several days, the officials said on Friday. The United States is unaware of the submarine's current whereabouts. On Thursday, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said that North Korea had fired two short-range missiles. The missiles hit waters northeast of the port city of Wonsan, the South Korean military said.

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CSIS: Crisis on the Korean Peninsula: time for 'Plan B'?

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On Saturday, North Korea Again Warns Of Pre-Emptive Strikes Against The South

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South Korea, U.S. Warn N. Korea Will Face 'Stronger, Grave' Response In Case Of Provocations

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North Korea Fires Two Ballistic Missiles Into East Sea and Announces It Will Liquidate Seoul's Assets at Joint Ventures

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Japan Condemns North Korea Launch Of Short-Range Missiles Into Waters Off Its East Coast

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4 March North Korea Tests A New 150 km-Range Artillery System



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China Assists North Korea With New 300 Mm Rocket Artillery System

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South Korea Deploys Anti-Aircraft Missiles Along Maritime Border

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Russia, China Oppose U.S. Deploying New Korean Missile Defense

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Smartphones of 40 South Korean Government Officials Hacked



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North Korea Stole Information From Smartphones Of South Korean Officials

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South Korean Military On High Alert Against N. Korea's Cyber Threats

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North Korean Leader Kim Orders More Nuclear Tests – KCNA



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North Korea: New Nuclear Threat

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How Serious are North Korea's Pre-emptive Attack Threats?

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South Korea's Chief Nuclear Envoy To Visit U.S. For Talks On North Korea

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U.S. Takes North Korea Nuclear Threats Seriously: State Department

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Experts Doubt North Korea's Claim Of Having Miniaturized Nukes

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North Korea's Making A Lot Of Threats These Days. How Worried Should We Be?



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North Korea's Outlandish Nuke Threats May Be Cover For A More Limited Act Of Aggression

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North Korea Missiles (photos)



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What Preparing for War Looks Like Inside North Korea



The concerns of those who weren't members of the elite never involved a US invasion. The average North Korean was instead worried about the welfare of family members in the military.

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Talk Of 'Decapitation Strikes' Ups Ante On Korean Peninsula

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North Korea Restarts IRT Nuclear Research Reactor To Possibly Make Tritium For Weapons

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Korea To Tighten Airport Security

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Korean Air To Launch Direct Service To Iran

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Showing More Resolve on North Korea



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South Korea Imposes Fresh Unilateral Vessel and Business Sanctions on North Korea

Seoul's punitive actions include prohibiting vessels that have traveled to North Korea in the past 180 days from entering South Korean waters. A total of 66 ships, mostly carrying steel, that visited North Korea sailed into South Korean ports last year. Seoul also blacklisted 40 individuals and 30 groups involved with North Korea's nuclear and missile programs--including two individuals and six groups from a third country--banning them from doing any business with South Koreans. South Korea also called on its citizens to boycott North Korean restaurants abroad. South Korea estimates Pyongyang annually receives \$10 million from some 130 restaurants in 12 countries.

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China and South Korea Crack Down on N. Korean Shipping



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With North Korea Beating Its Chest, China Has To Step In

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U.S. Ambassador in South Korea Visits 'Operation Chromite' Set of Upcoming South Korean Motion Picture About the Battle of Incheon



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New South Korean Movie, Operation Chromite – Battle of Incheon: Liam Neeson As Korean War Hero General Douglas MacArthur, Set To Release On 66th Anniversary of Korean War, 25 June 2016



"Operation Chromite" is the codename for the Battle of Incheon that took place on Sept. 15, 1950, shortly after the Korean War (1950-53) broke out on June 25. It was a surprise attack in which U.N. forces landed in the South Korean harbor city to drive out the North Koreans, and is recognized as a turning point for U.N.-backed South Korea against the communist North. Operation Chromite will focus on eight Korean war heroes. Big-budget Korean war film "Operation Chromite" will be shown in multiple locations across the globe including Europe and Taiwan.

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'Spirits' Homecoming' Film About WWII Sex Slaves Conquers Box Office



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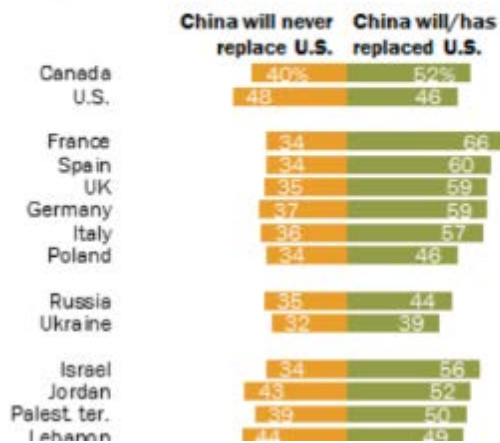
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Global Attitudes Shows Most People Around The World Believe China Will Eclipse, Or Already Has Eclipsed, The U.S. As The Dominant Superpower

People Think China Will or Already Has Replaced U.S. as Superpower

Which comes closest to your view?



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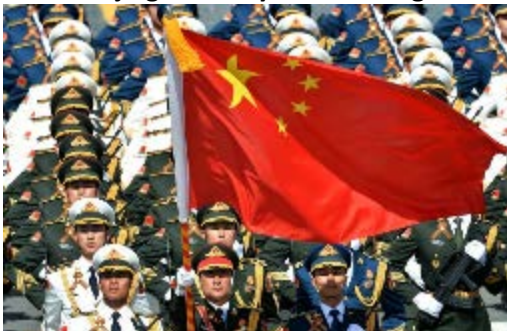
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China To Start Civilian Flights From Disputed South China Sea Island Within A Year



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U.S. Intelligence Assessment Disputes Chinese Claims of Limited Militarization, Ceased Land Reclamation in South China Sea

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China's 'Blue Soil' Territorial Claims To Water, As Fundamental As The Claims To Land Territory

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China: South China Sea Among World's Freest Shipping Lanes

The South China Sea is one of the world's freest and safest shipping lanes, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said on Tuesday, arguing that Beijing's control over the disputed waters was justified because it was the first to "discover" them. China has come under fire from the United States and its allies in recent months over its land reclamation activities in the South China Sea, through which \$5 trillion in ship-borne trade passes annually. The U.S. Navy has carried out freedom of navigation exercises, sailing near disputed islands to underscore its rights to operate in the seas.

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Five Nations Jockey for Military Influence in Arctic



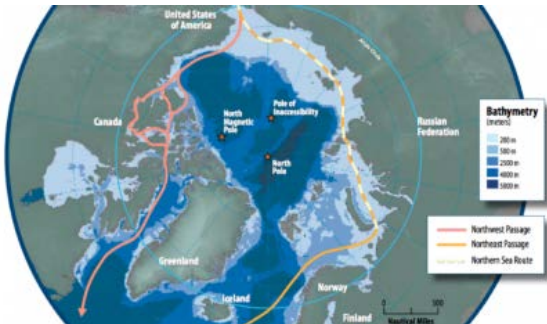
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Work Begins in Earnest to Procure New Icebreaker



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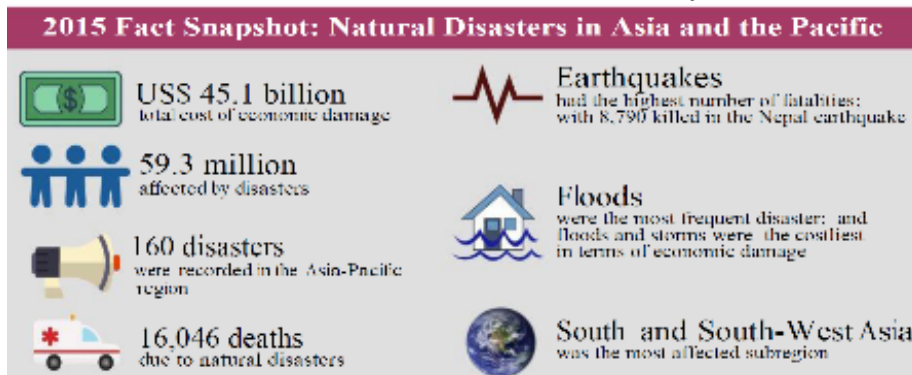


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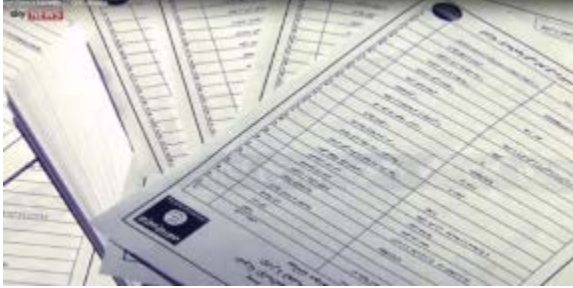
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- Children assist in meeting the present needs of the “caliphate”, and can continue to propagate the state’s existence and expansion once they grow up.
- The current generation sees children as better and more lethal fighters than themselves. Rather than being converted into radical ideologies, children are indoctrinated into extreme values from birth.
- Boys learn a rigid Islamic State curriculum. Drawing, philosophy and social studies, the ‘methodology of atheism’, have been eradicated. Children churn out memorized verses of the Qur’an and attend ‘Jihadist Training’, which includes shooting, weaponry and martial arts. Girls, known as the ‘pearls of the caliphate’, are veiled, hidden, confined to the home, and taught to look after husbands.
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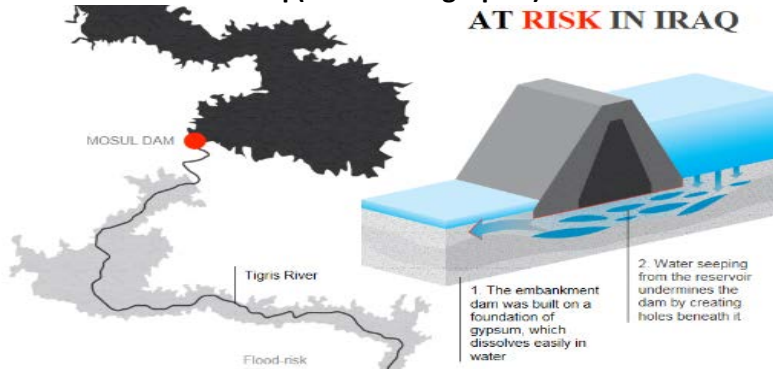
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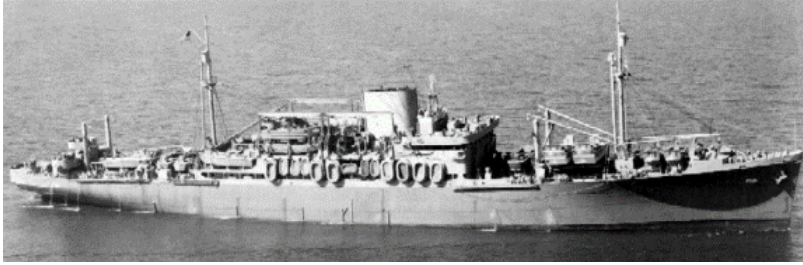
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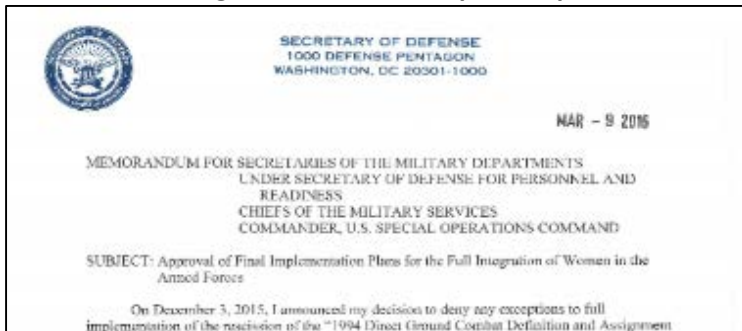
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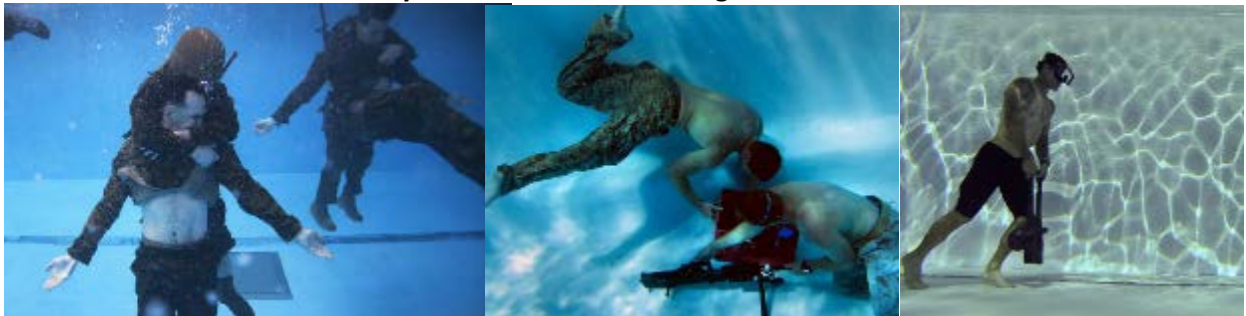
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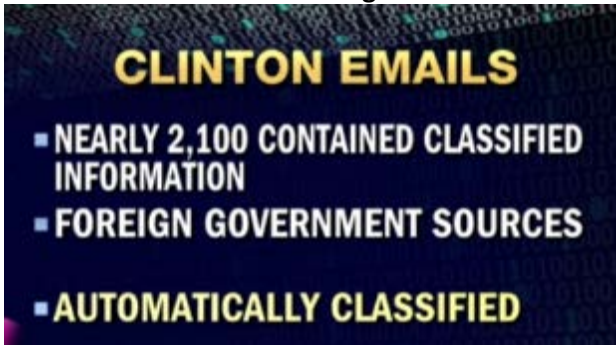
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