

# 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

Multiple Bomb Blasts Strike Resort Cities in Thailand: 4 Dead, Dozens Injured, Including Foreigners



Attackers using firebombs and homemade explosives struck a series of popular resort cities and beach towns across Thailand in some of the worst violence to hit the country since a military coup two years ago. At least four people were killed and dozens wounded, including foreigners: three Germans, three Italians, an Austrian and three Dutch nationals. No group has said it carried out the attacks, but suspicion is likely to fall on separatist insurgents. The timing is sensitive, as Friday is a holiday marking the queen's birthday.

The attackers focused on tourist hotspots:

- Four blasts over 24 hours in **Hua Hin** where two people died
- Two blasts in **Surat Thani** where one person died
- Two blasts in the tourist beach town of **Patong** on Phuket island
- One blast in **Trang** where one person died
- Blasts in the beach province of **Phang Nga**

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<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-thailand-security-blast-twin-idUSKCN10N09R>

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/08/12/asia/thailand-explosions/>

<http://www.latimes.com/world/la-fg-thailand-bombings-20160812-snap-story.html>

## U.S. Admiral Warns Asia-Pacific May Be Next Front In ISIS Fight

<http://www.navytimes.com/story/military/2016/08/03/isis-asia-islamic-state-philippines-indonesia-malaysia-bangladesh/87999820/>

## Indonesia Arrests Six Islamic State Suspects Allegedly Planning Rocket Attack On Singapore



"This group is an extension of Bahrum Naim's vision and mission. We cannot underestimate them."

Police say Naim masterminded an attack in the capital, Jakarta, early this year that killed four people, and has since continued to instruct people online on how to mount attacks and assemble bombs and weapons. Authorities say they are working to block radical online content.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-indonesia-security-singapore-idUSKCN10G0NT>

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<http://www.smh.com.au/world/indonesia-arrests-six-suspects-allegedly-planning-rocket-attack-on-singapore-20160805-gqmbbr.html>

## Singapore to Deepen Role in Islamic State Fight

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/08/singapore-to-deepen-role-in-islamic-state-fight/>

## Islamic State Details Activity In The Philippines



<http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2016/06/islamic-state-details-activity-in-the-philippines.php>

## ISIS Is Targeting Southeast Asia Amid Declining Mideast Support

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/isis-is-targeting/3003334.html>

## Reports Warn More ISIS Funds Flowing To Asia

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/in-depth/terror/terror-fears-rise-as-reports-warn-more-isis-funds-flowing-to-asia/news-story/071f15c56ba20e2bff9a179077bf00fb>

## Southeast Asia's Low-Boil War on Radical Islamists

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## Photos Indicate N. Korea Using Airport As Alternate Launch Facility



<http://www.stripes.com/news/photos-indicate-n-korea-using-airport-as-alternate-launch-facility-1.422911>

## Japan Orders Military To Be Ready To Intercept North Korea Missiles At Any Time

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-missile-japan-idUSKCN10J15M>

## Japan Mulls Open-Ended Missile Intercept Order Amid Repeated North Korean Missile Testing



<http://thediplomat.com/2016/08/japan-mulls-open-ended-missile-intercept-order-amid-repeated-north-korean-missile-testing/>

## What Happens To North Korean Missiles That Fall Into The Sea?

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## South Korea May Shift THAAD Site Due To Health Concerns By Residents - Yonhap

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## Why Is THAAD So Important?

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## South Korea to Deploy German Taurus SAM Missiles

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### **As South Koreans Lose Faith in Uncle Sam They Want Nukes of Their Own**

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/08/10/as-south-koreans-lose-faith-in-uncle-sam-they-want-nukes-of-their-own.html>

### **Calls For South Korea's Nuke Armament Gaining Ground**

[http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/08/116\\_210829.html](http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/08/116_210829.html)

### **Continued Unidentified Activity at Site of North Korea's Last Nuclear Test**



<http://38north.org/2016/08/punggye081116/>

### **North Korea, China Want To Undo The Japan-South Korea Alliance That The U.S. Helped Broker**

<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2016/08/08/north-korea-china-want-to-undo-japan-south-korea-alliance-that-us-helped-broker.html>

### **Pop Stars, Diplomacy Victims Of Cooling China-Korea Ties**

Growing Chinese anger at South Korea over a U.S. anti-missile defense system bodes ill for everything from pop star appearances to United Nations action against North Korea's nuclear and missile threats.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/pop-stars-diplomacy-victims-of-cooling-china-south-korea-ties/3458440.html>

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/08/10/asia-pacific/pop-stars-diplomacy-victims-cooling-china-korea-ties/>

### **If China Doesn't Like THAAD, It Should Squeeze North Korea**

<http://162.242.234.155/blog/the-skeptics/if-china-doesnt-thaad-it-should-squeeze-north-korea-17291>

### **North Korea Sells Fishing Rights Near South Korean Border to China**



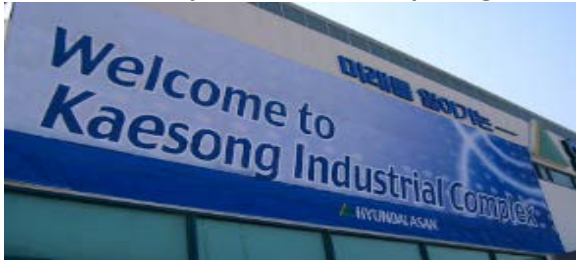
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### **North Korea Exports Of Iron Ore To China Surging**

<http://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/north-korea-exports-of-iron-ore-to-china-surging/>

## South Korea Rejects Calls For Reopening Shuttered Joint Industrial Park



<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/08/10/76/0401000000AEN20160810005251315F.html>

## Are UN Sanctions Against North Korea Working?



<http://www.voanews.com/a/still-unclear-if-un-sanctions-working-in-north-korea/3459965.html>

## U.S. State Department Issues New North Korea Travel Warning Due To Serious Risk Of Arrest And Long-Term Detention

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/north-korea-travel-warning.html>

## Senior North Korean Official Meets With Brazilian Leader In Rio

<http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20160808000156>

## Top North Korean Apparatchik Choe Ryong-Hae Abruptly Left Rio North Korea's Olympic Athletes Failed To Prosper Under His Withering Gaze



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## Bangladesh Expels North Korean Diplomat For Smuggling After Failing To Declare Goods Worth Nearly Half A Million Dollars To Customs

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/08/bangladesh-expels-north-korean-diplomat-smuggling-160808080537964.html>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/world-news/bangladesh-north-korea-diplomat-customs-goods-smuggling-cigarettes-electronics-2961587/>

### **The Less-Noticed Deterrent To North Korea Attacking South Korea: Chinese Tourists**

<http://qz.com/750226/the-less-noticed-deterrent-to-north-korea-attacking-south-korea-chinese-tourists/>

### **Russia's Asia Pivot: A Many-Splendored Thing**



It must be understood that Russia's 'pivot to Asia' is both a by-product of its troubled relations with the West as also the recognition of Asia's emergence as locus of growth in the world economy.

<http://atimes.com/2016/08/russias-asia-pivot-a-many-splendored-thing/>

### **Russian Navy To Receive 12 New Warships, 8 Combat Aircraft, 23 Auxiliary Vessels In The Coming Months**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/08/russia-to-receive-12-new-warships-in-2016/>

### **India to Acquire 3 Guided Missile Frigates From Russia**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/08/india-to-acquire-3-guided-missile-frigates-from-russia/>

### **Experts Wary About China's New Coziness With Russia In The South China Sea**

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/experts-wary-about-chinas-new-coziness-with-russia-in-the-south-china-sea-20160730-gqh99x.html>

### **Taiwan's Floundering Military Needs to Up its Game**

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/taiwans-floundering-military-needs-its-game-17303>

### **Taiwan Sets Up Submarine Development Center: To Design Country's First Indigenous Diesel-Electric Submarine By Year's End**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/08/taiwan-sets-up-submarine-development-center/>

### **China's Air Force Flies Combat Patrol Over Disputed Islands**



<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/china/china-s-air-force-flies-combat-patrol-over-disputed-islands-1.422726>

## China Launches Yet Another 'Carrier Killer' Destroyer: The New Class Of Destroyers Larger Than Expected



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## China Upgrades Older Warships With New Deadlier Missile Systems



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## China's Fleet of 'Carrier Killer' Destroyers Is Growing

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/08/10/chinas-fleet-of-carrier-killer-destroyers-is-growing/>

## China Launches High-Tech Satellite To Safeguard Maritime Interests Amid South China Sea Row



The long awaited launch of Gaofen-3 took place on Tuesday, lofted via the Chinese Long March-4C (Chang Zheng-4C) launch vehicle. "The satellite will play an important role in monitoring the marine environment, islands and reefs, and ships and oil rigs. Satellites like the Gaofen 3 will be very useful in safeguarding the country's maritime rights and interests," the China Daily said, citing project leader Xu Fuxiang.

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<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/08/11/asia-pacific/china-says-new-satellite-will-help-safeguard-interests-at-sea-china-daily/>

## China Says New Satellite Will Help Safeguard Interests At Sea

<http://atimes.com/2016/08/china-says-new-satellite-will-help-safeguard-interests-at-sea/>

## China Practices For 'Cruel And Short' War In East China Sea: Large-Scale Exercise Began 1 August With 300 Ships From China's East, North, And South Sea Fleets - Dozens Of Fighter Aircraft - Coastal Defense Ground Troops



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<http://china-defense.blogspot.com/>

## Russia-China Exercise This Year Likely To Raise Tension In The South China Sea

<http://www.inquisitr.com/3359828/russia-china-exercise-this-year-likely-to-raise-tensions-in-the-south-china-sea/>

## Why Location of China-Russia South China Sea Drill Matters (video)



<http://www.voanews.com/content/location-matters-for-russia-china-south-china-sea-drill/3448594.html>

## China Airs Propaganda Video Over New York's Times Square

The three-minute South China Sea video appeared around the clock from July 23 to August 3 on a screen that has been leased by Xinhua, China's official news agency, since 2011. *The New York Times* estimates the Chinese pay between \$300,000 and \$400,000 per month in rental fees.

<http://www.voanews.com/content/china-air-propaganda-video-over-new-york-times-square/3454457.html>

## South China Sea Campaign Airing In Times Square Falsely Uses British MP To Back China's Claim



<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-07-28/south-china-sea-campaign-air-on-times-square-billboard/7670744>



### **Is Britain's New Prime Minister Theresa May Reversing David Cameron's China Policy?**

<http://atimes.com/2016/08/is-britains-theresa-may-reversing-david-camersons-china-policy/>

### **How China is Setting the Stage for War with Japan in the East China Sea**

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/how-china-setting-the-stage-war-japan-the-east-china-sea-17311>

### **Japan Protests Chinese Vessels Near Disputed Island Chain**

<http://www.stripes.com/news/japan-protests-chinese-vessels-near-disputed-island-chain-1.422918>

### **Beijing Thanks Tokyo For Rescue After Chinese Fishing Boat Collides With Freighter Near Senkakus**



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### **U.S. Opposes Any Bid To Undermine Japan's Administration Of Senkakus**

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### **Japan's Top Diplomat Arrives, To Meet With Philippines' Duterte**

<http://www.rappler.com/nation/142627-japan-foreign-minister-fumio-kishida-arrives-philippines>

### **Japan, Philippines To China: Respect Law For Asian Stability**



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### **Japan To Increase Defense Attaches In Philippines, Vietnam**

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### **Japan May Give More Patrol Ships To Philippines**



<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/japan-may-give-more-patrol-ships-to-philippines>

### **Japan, Indonesia Eye Stronger Defense Ties**



<http://thediplomat.com/2016/08/japan-indonesia-eye-stronger-defense-ties/>

### **Philippines Seeks Formal Maritime Negotiations With China**

<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/philippines-seeks-maritime-negotiations-with-china>

### **The Alleged Chinese Hacking at Vietnam's Airports Shows That the South China Sea Battle Isn't Just in the Water**



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### **Chinese Cyber Blitzkrieg Against The Philippines And Vietnam-Lessons For India**

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### **Photos Suggest China Built Reinforced Hangars On Disputed Islands: CSIS**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/images-suggest-china-militarizing-disputed-islands-ny-times-022126966.html?nhp=1>

### **Vietnam Moves New Rocket Launchers Into Crowded South China Sea, Within Range Of Striking China's Runways And Aircraft Hangars On China-Held Isles**



Vietnam has discreetly fortified several of its islands in the disputed South China Sea with new mobile rocket launchers capable of striking China's runways and military installations across the vital trade route, according to Western officials.

<http://www.reuters.com/video/2016/08/10/exclusive-vietnam-plants-missiles-in-s-c?videoid=369531150&videoChannel=117760&channelName=World+News>

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<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/08/10/asia-pacific/vietnam-places-rocket-launchers-within-range-china-held-isles-aircraft-hangars-now-visible/>

### **Vietnam's Rocket Launchers May Prompt China To Declare Air Defense Zone**

<http://atimes.com/2016/08/vietnams-rocket-launchers-may-prompt-china-to-declare-air-defense-identification-zone/>

### **Is China Driving Vietnam's Military Modernization?**



<http://swarajyamag.com/world/is-china-driving-vietnams-military-modernisation>

### **India, Indonesia Eye Deeper Maritime Cooperation With Navy Chief Visit**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/08/india-indonesia-eye-deeper-maritime-cooperation-with-navy-chief-visit/>

### **Indonesia Stresses Peace And Stability In South China Sea**

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2016/08/12/indonesia-stresses-peace-and-stability-in-south-china-sea-after-vietnam-fortifies-spratly-islands.html>

### **Indonesia Says No Dispute With Beijing In South China Sea**

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/indonesia-says-no-dispute/3007476.html>

### **Iran, China, Indonesia In Deal To Build New Refinery**

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### **China Deal Shows Iran Tilting East, Not West: Already China Is Iran's Biggest Trade Partner**

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### **Watching China, India Doubles Down On Container Ports**



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### **China Joins Afghanistan, Pakistan, Tajikistan In Security Alliance**

<http://atimes.com/2016/08/china-joins-afghanistan-pakistan-tajikistan-in-security-alliance/>

### **U.S. Navy Ship Makes 1st China Visit Since Arbitration Ruling**

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### **How U.S. Misjudged China's Position In The South China Sea, Created Self-Fulfilling Prophecy Of Chinese Aggression (Part 2)**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/08/how-the-us-misjudged-the-south-china-sea-part-ii/>

### **If China Attacks...American Ships Will Sink, says RAND**

The report stresses that while premeditated war between Washington and Beijing "is very unlikely," the mishandling of disputes like the multiple territorial confrontations between China and U.S. allies such as Japan and the Philippines are a "danger" that "cannot be ignored." China will substantially close its military gap with the United States over the next decade, it predicts – but the fundamental dynamics of how things will play out might not be hugely different. Washington and Beijing are each other's most significant trading partners. The report estimates that 90 percent of that bilateral trade would cease if the two were in direct military confrontation for a year. That would hurt both sides, but the United States could likely continue trade with much of the rest of the world while almost all imports and exports to China would have to pass by sea through a war zone. While RAND estimates a year-long Asian war would take 5-10 percent off U.S. gross domestic product, it believes China's economy could shrink by up to 25 percent. These are good reasons why war should never happen. Even if miscalculations pushed both countries to the brink, it's all but impossible to make a logical argument for either side to push things over the edge. The danger, therefore, would seem to be primarily ill-conceived actions that might cause a World War One-style escalation.

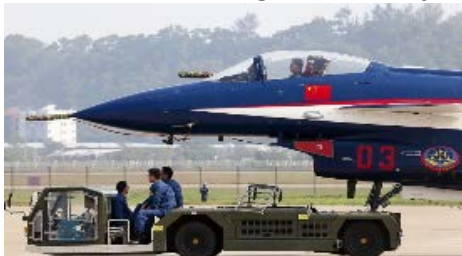
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### **Though 'Unlikely' Here's How A U.S.-China War Could Play Out**

The report does not estimate the number of human casualties, but they could be substantial. The loss of an aircraft carrier or several major surface warships could easily cost thousands of lives in an instant.

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### **South China Sea Danger Zone: Why Pushing China into a Corner Is Dangerous**



<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/south-china-sea-danger-zone-why-pushing-china-corner-17270>

**Is Consensus Emerging On The South China Sea? What Would It Even Look Like?**

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**Don't Count On ASEAN To Save The South China Sea: The United States Needs To Be Realistic**

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**China's Permanent Conflict Strategy Is A Stroke Of Genius**

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**The Real South China Sea Danger: A Brewing Security Dilemma with Several Dimensions**

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**Why China Matters – U.S. Could Lose Offshore Drilling Rights To EEZ**

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**Overboard Containers Retrieved After Iranian Supertanker and Giant MSC Containership Collide Off Singapore**



<http://gcaptain.com/singapore-strait-collision-overboard-containers-retrieved/>

**Asia Must Invest More In Disaster Risk Reduction: Red Cross**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-asia-disaster-idUSKCN10L136>

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**Thailand Terror Attacks Leave Tourists On 'High Alert' After Foreign Offices Issue Warnings**

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**Thailand Police Hunt Network Of Suspects After Resort Bombings**



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### **Thailand Attacks: Who Are The Likely Perpetrators?**

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### **Thai Blasts Shake Tourism Industry**

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### **Thais Approve Military-Backed Charter In Step Toward Election**

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### **What The End Of The U.S. Arms Embargo Means For Vietnam**

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### **Will Chinese Money Be Enough To Ward Off Dissent Against Cambodian Strongman Hun Sen?**

<http://www.scmp.com/week-asia/geopolitics/article/1999692/will-chinese-money-be-enough-ward-dissent-against-cambodian>

### **Cambodia Pushing for More Benefits From Mekong Integration**

<http://www.voacambodia.com/a/cambodia-pushing-for-more-benefits-from-mekong-integration/3451614.html>

### **Cambodia's Unsafe Roads: Traffic Accidents Continue High Rate Of Deaths, Significant Financial Loss**

<http://www.dw.com/en/ineffective-laws-leave-cambodias-roads-unsafe/a-19449800>

### **The Silently Devastating Landmines of Cambodia**



<http://theweek.com/captured/634050/silently-devastating-landmines-cambodia>

### **Japan Helping Cambodia Clean-up Its Landmines**



<http://www.euronews.com/2016/03/17/japan-helping-cambodia-clean-up-its-landmines>

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### Malaysia Confirms Flight 370's Fateful Course Was On One Of The Pilot's Home Simulator

Malaysia acknowledged for the first time that one of the pilots of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 had plotted a course on his home flight simulator to the southern Indian Ocean, where the missing jet is believed to have crashed.

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No U.S. warships have been allowed to visit the country since the 1980s, when New Zealand introduced its nuclear-free policy. Because the U.S. won't officially confirm or deny if its ships have nuclear capabilities, New Zealand's default position has long been to ban them from its waters. But as military relations have improved between the two countries in recent years, speculation had grown that New Zealand would allow the U.S. to participate in its anniversary celebration.

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### **Japan's 'Superman' Kohei Uchimura Is A Legend, Even If He Won't Admit It**



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Japan's hawkish new defence minister singled out North Korean provocations and Chinese use of "force" in territorial disputes on Thursday (Aug 4) as she reviewed troops on her first day in the job.

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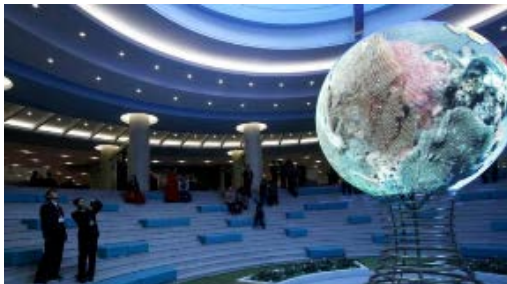


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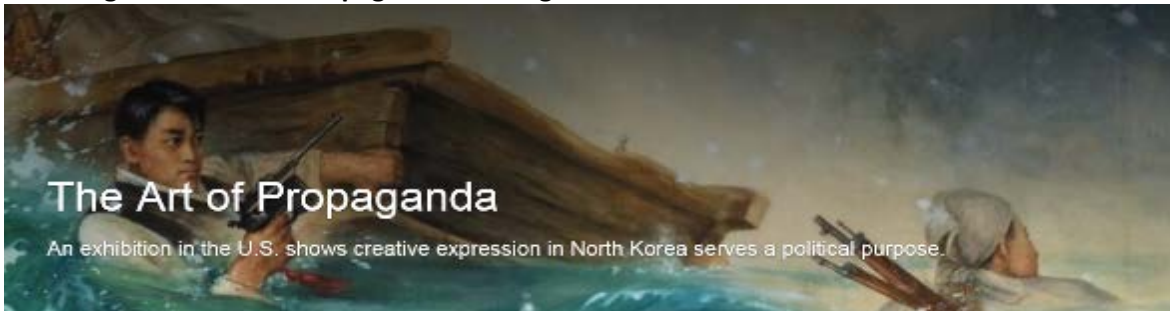


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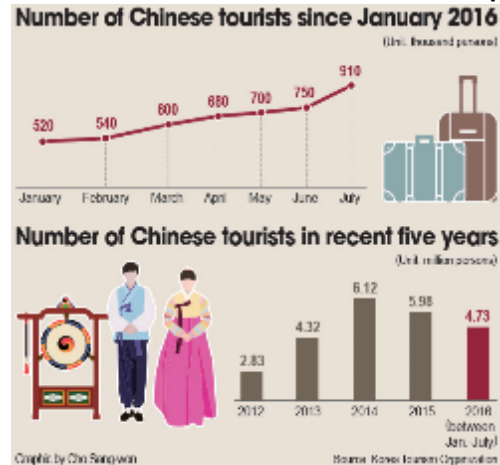
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### **Putin Senses Syria Victory To Empower Assad, Confound U.S.**



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### **Syria: 'Counting On Clueless' To Prevent West From Supporting Significant Portion Of Rebels**

<https://www.strategypage.com/qnd/syria/articles/20160809.aspx>

### **Russia Announces Daily Ceasefires In Syria's Aleppo To Let In Aid**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-russia-idUSKCN10L1WL>

### **UN Cites Reports Of Up To 3,000 Iraqis Captured By Islamic State**

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<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/united-nations-cites-reports-3000-iraqis-captured-by-isis/>

### **U.S.-Backed Forces Wrest Control Of Syria's Northern City Manbij From Islamic State**



<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-syria-islamic-state-idUSKCN10N178>

### **Islamic State Reportedly Kills 12 To Stop 3,000 IDPs Fleeing To Kirkuk**



<http://www.kurdistan24.net/en/news/c80c9616-1a1b-46a4-8f6c-7b6593ef35bc/IS-kills-12-to-stop-3-000-IDPs-fleeing-to-Kirkuk>

## Islamic State Fighters Fleeing Manbij 'Kidnap 2,000 Civilians, Use Them As Human Shields'

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/islamic-state-fighters-kidnap-2000-8618512>

<http://gulfnews.com/news/mena/syria/daesh-abducts-2-000-civilians-in-north-syria-1.1878158>

## Syrian Civilians Celebrate After 2,000 Are Rescued From ISIS at Manbij



<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/aug/12/isis-kidnaps-human-shields-manbij-syria#img-3>

## Drawn-out Battle For Syrian Town Offers Lessons

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2016/08/11/world/middleeast/ap-ml-islamic->

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## Iraqi Militia Parades In Southern Aleppo, Syria



Iranian media reported the deployment of elite Iraqi and Lebanese militias in southern Aleppo proper on Monday to bolster the Assad regime's forces. On that same day, Harakat al Nujaba – an Iraqi Shia militia backed by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps – released a video brandishing its forces parading in the area.

<http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2016/08/iraqi-militia-parades-in-southern-aleppo.php>

## The Race to Aleppo

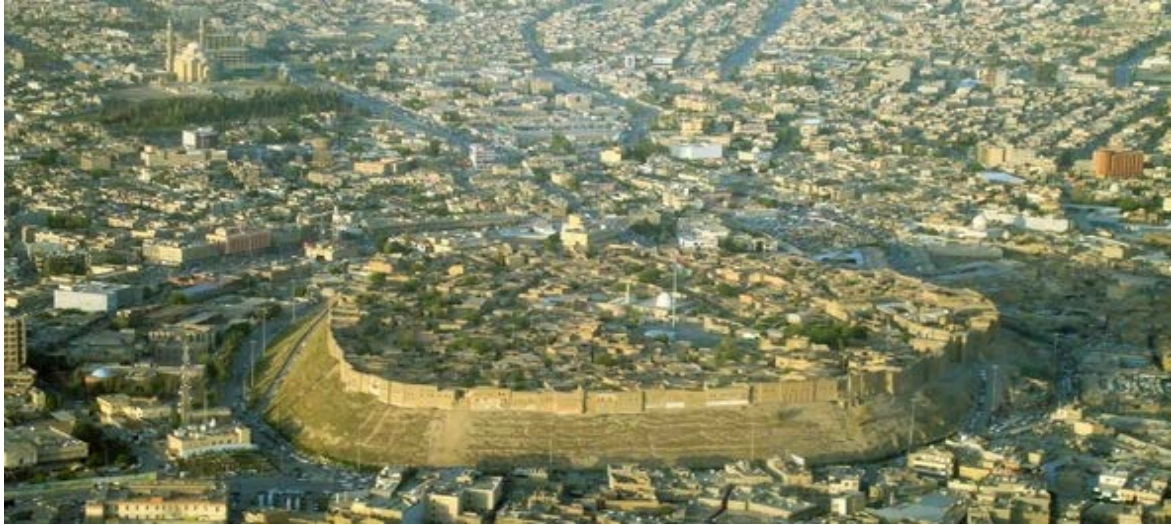
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## UN: 100K Displaced as Iraqi Forces Poise for Mosul Battle



<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/08/12/un-100k-displaced-iraqi-forces-poise-mosul-battle.html>

## Fleeing Mosul: A Humanitarian Nightmare Looms



# Fleeing Mosul

A humanitarian nightmare looms as hundreds of thousands are set to escape an offensive against Islamic State

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## Life and Death in Mosul Under Islamic State's Terrifying Rule

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<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/isis-escapees-detail-life-in-mosul-under-terrifying-extremist-rule/>

## Iraqi Christians: Retaking Mosul Won't Make It Safe



<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/aug/9/christians-retaking-mosul-wont-make-it-safe/>

## Qassem Soleimani, Islamic Revolutionary Guard Quds Force Commander, To Play 'Major Role' In Mosul Operations



The spokesman of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Front (PMF) announced on August 6 that Qassem Soleimani, the commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Quds Force, will play a major role in the upcoming operations to take the city of Mosul from the Islamic State. The spokesman defended the presence of Iranian military advisors in Iraq.

<http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2016/08/qassem-soleimani-to-play-major-role-in-mosul-operations.php>

## Islamic State Attacks Two Energy Plants In North Iraq, Kills Five



<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-iraq-oil-attack-idUSKCN10B05F>

## ISIS Is Switching Tactics in Iraq, Baghdad Needs to Get Its Act Together

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## With Islamic State On The Run, New Wars Could Erupt In Iraq

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle-east/with-isis-on-the-run-new-conflicts-could-erupt-among-the-militants-opponents/2016/08/11/ead5ca88-5829-11e6-8b48-0cb344221131\\_story.html?hpid=hp\\_hp-top-table-main\\_newwars-330am%3Ahomepage%2Fstory](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle-east/with-isis-on-the-run-new-conflicts-could-erupt-among-the-militants-opponents/2016/08/11/ead5ca88-5829-11e6-8b48-0cb344221131_story.html?hpid=hp_hp-top-table-main_newwars-330am%3Ahomepage%2Fstory)  
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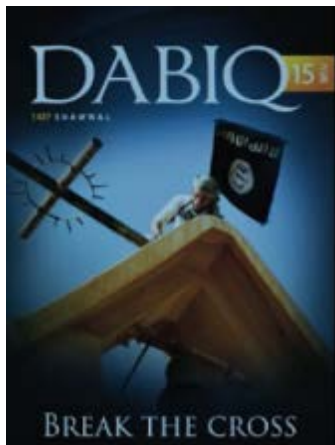
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## ISIS Torture Chamber: 'Religious Police' HQs Where Women Were Beaten With Heavy Chains For Wearing Make-Up, Tight Pants, Smoking



<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/inside-isis-torture-house-woman-8620290>

## 'Break The Cross': ISIL Releases 15th Issue of English-Language Magazine



Dabiq is a place in Syria that is supposed to be the location for one of the final battles according to certain Muslim myths about a final apocalypse. Choosing such a name for the magazine highlights the caliphate's goals. The fifteenth issue of the Islamic State's *Dabiq* magazine is called **Break the Cross** and is targeted at discrediting Christianity and Western secularism. Unlike previous issues which have primarily been directed at Muslim majority societies, this issue is full of propaganda aimed at converting non-Muslims to Islam. The main feature "Break the Cross" is an extended rebuttal of Christian and Jewish theology which sets forth the arguments to believe in Islam.

<http://www.clarionproject.org/news/islamic-state-isis-isil-propaganda-magazine-dabiq#>

### **Abu Mus'ab al-Suri, The Inspiration Behind ISIS - Part I**



<http://swarajyamag.com/world/abu-musab-al-suri-the-inspiration-behind-isis-part-i>

### **The Islamic State Does Not Need A State To Still Be Dangerous**

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/08/10/expert-the-islamic-state-does-not-need-a-state-to-still-be-dangerous/>

### **Analysis: A Year After the Iran Nuclear Deal**



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### **Iranian Military Announces Locally-Made UAV Equipped With Communications Jammer**

<https://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htiw/articles/20160809.aspx>

### **U.S. Delivers \$50 Million in Weapons to Lebanese Military**

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### **U.S. Approves \$1.15 Billion Tank, Weapons Sale To Saudi**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-saudi-defense-idUSKCN10K1JR>

### **Saudi Losses in Yemen War are Exposed by U.S. Tank Deal**

<http://www.defenseone.com/business/2016/08/us-tank-deal-exposes-saudi-losses-yemen-war/130623/>

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<https://www.strategypage.com/qnd/yemen/articles/20160810.aspx>

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<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/08/11/magazine/isis-middle-east-arab-spring-fractured-lands.html>

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### Libyan Forces Report Capture Of Sirte Convention Center, Hospital From Islamic State



<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-libya-security-idUSKCN10L1QX>

### Libya Discord Threatens To Overshadow Military Successes Against Islamic State

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/aug/11/libya-discord-threatens-to-overshadow-military-suc/>

### U.N. Approves Big Increase In Peacekeeping Force In South Sudan



[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/un-approves-big-increase-in-peacekeeping-force-in-south-sudan/2016/08/12/2d431556-6095-11e6-84c1-6d27287896b5\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/un-approves-big-increase-in-peacekeeping-force-in-south-sudan/2016/08/12/2d431556-6095-11e6-84c1-6d27287896b5_story.html)

### South Sudan Rejects Extra UN Troops For Juba, Says Will Not Cooperate

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2016/08/12/world/africa/12reuters-southsudan-security-peacekeepers.html?ref=world&mtrref=smallwarsjournal.com&gwh=E19422941D2FBBDCAC8AA109EF755D05&gwt=pay>

### Five Reasons Why the United States Can't Beat China in Africa

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/five-reasons-why-the-united-states-can%E2%80%99t-beat-china-africa-11094>

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### Brazil Senate Votes to Indict Rousseff



<http://www.reuters.com/video/2016/08/10/brazil-senate-votes-to-indict-rousseff-p?videoid=369531125&videoChannel=117760&channelName=World+News>

### Brazilian Police Ambushed, Security Forces Clash With Gangs in Rio Slums as Olympics Continue

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/brazilian-forces-clash-with-gangs-in-rio-slums-as-olympics-continue-1470948860>

### Rio 2016 – Cargo & Logistics, The Untold Story Behind The Olympic Games



<http://gcaptain.com/rio-2016-cargo-logistics-the-untold-story-behind-the-olympic-games/>

### Panama Agrees To Help Migrants Head On For US

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/panama-agrees-help-migrants-head-us-021521406.html?nhp=1>

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### Guantanamo Bay Being Emptied Quickly, With 34 More Prisoners Cleared To Go



<http://twitchy.com/brettt-3136/2016/08/08/guantanamo-bay-being-emptied-quickly-with-34-more-prisoners-cleared-to-go/>



## A Look At Guantanamo Bay's Dwindling Population

<http://www.ndtv.com/world-news/a-look-at-guantanamo-bays-dwindling-population-1442550>

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<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Military/2016/0810/Pentagon-report-stirs-fresh-debate-on-closing-of-prison-at-Guantanamo-Bay>

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### Dead Canadian Attack Suspect Prepared Martyrdom Video, 'Planned Immediate Attack'



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<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-37053521>

### Canadian ISIS Suicide Bomber Blew Himself Up In The Back Of A Taxi As SWAT Team Caught Him With Minutes To Spare Before Terror Attack



<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3735540/Pictured-Inside-taxi-Canadian-bomber-detonated-explosive.html>

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### Darlene Horton Knife Attack Victim Warned Others in Her Last Minutes as She Lay Dying In Russell Square



As she lay dying in the arms of a stranger in a foreign land, Darlene Horton still found the strength to warn others that the man that stabbed her was nearby. “He’s still here, he’s still here”, the 64-year-old American warned before taking her last breath.

<http://www.news.com.au/world/europe/london-knife-attack-victim-warned-others-as-she-lay-dying-in-russell-square/news-story/4f71f640e2539b32aa2cf7723d91d32d>

### ISIS Hit List Targets 700 U.S. Army Soldiers

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/aug/2/isis-hit-list-targets-700-us-army-soldiers/>

### Five U.S. Troops Wounded In Combat Against The Islamic State In Afghanistan



The Afghan offensive began on Saturday, hours after the Isis group claimed responsibility for a suicide bomb attack in the capital Kabul that killed about 80 people. Gen John Nicholson, the top commander of US and NATO forces in Afghanistan, said the five wounded Americans were hit by small arms fire or shrapnel during a combat operation conducted with Afghan special operations forces to clear areas once controlled by the Islamic State in Nangarhar. He did not say exactly when the injuries happened. The Pentagon later issued what it called a clarification, saying one of the five was wounded on Sunday and the other four on Monday. “There was not one incident or specific firefight, but these service members were wounded over the course of the clearing operations General Nicholson described,” a Pentagon spokesman said.

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### Islamic State Says It Has Equipment Captured From Special Ops Troops



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### General: U.S. Military Gear in Islamic State Photos Left During Evac

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/08/11/general-us-military-gear-islamic-state-photos-left-during-evac.html>

### ISIS Reportedly Steals More U.S. Weapons From The Afghan Army In Afghanistan



<http://kitup.military.com/2016/08/isis-reportedly-steals-more-us-weapons-in-afghanistan.html?comp%3D7000029711048%26rank%3D0>

### Outgoing U.S. Commander In Iraq: ISIS Collapsing On 'All Fronts'

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/08/10/outgoing-us-commander-in-iraq-isis-collapsing-on-all-fronts.html>

### Notorious Iraq Militia Leader Once Held By U.S. Threatens Americans: 'His Fighters Could Blend In With Iraqi Forces To Kill Americans On The Battlefield In Mosul'



The powerful commander of an Iran-backed Shiite militia in Iraq -- whom the U.S. freed after the kidnapping deaths of four American soldiers in 2007 -- has hinted that his fighters could blend in with Iraqi forces to kill Americans on the battlefield in Mosul. Qais al-Khazali, leader of the paramilitary group Asaib Ahl al-Haq, "brags that he can wear any uniform in the Iraqi military, meaning that right now, his men are part of the Iraqi security forces that our men and women are training and advising. All he has to do is give the order,"

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/08/09/notorious-iraq-militia-leader-once-held-by-us-threatens-americans-on-battlefield.html>

### **Estimated 45,000 IS Fighters Killed In Past Two Years: U.S. General**

[http://www.spacewar.com/reports/45000 IS fighters killed in past two years US general 999.html](http://www.spacewar.com/reports/45000%20IS%20fighters%20killed%20in%20past%20two%20years%20US%20general%20999.html)

### **CENTCOM's Latest ISIS Assessment Comes Amid Questions Over Intel**

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/08/12/centcoms-latest-isis-assessment-comes-amid-questions-over-intel.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/checkpoint/wp/2016/08/11/house-republicans-find-centcom-produced-overly-upbeat-intelligence-on-islamic-state/>

### **Military Chiefs Scrubbed Reports On Islamic State's Strength Over Objections Of Career Analysts: GOP Task Force**

The task force said overly optimistic claims by the administration were based on intelligence reports that senior leaders at U.S. Central Command frequently revised over the objections of career analysts. For example, while the Islamic State, was preparing to overrun the Iraqi city of Ramadi in the spring of 2015, the Pentagon was telling the media that the extremists were "on the defense" and "losing ground."

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/military-reports-skewed-positive-isis-fight-gop-task/story?id=41299652>

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/aug/11/us-military-chiefs-scrubbed-reports-isis-strength/>

### **Head Of One Of Iraq's Fiercest Shi'ite Militia: 'We Believe The United States Does Not Want To Resolve The Crisis But Rather Manage The Crisis, It Does Not Want To End The Islamic State'**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-mideast-crisis-iraq-khazali-idUSKCN0Q22ED20150728>

### **Poll: 81% of Syrians, 85% of Iraqis Believe U.S. Created ISIS**



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<http://www.opinion.co.uk/article.php?s=orbiacss-poll-in-iraq-and-syria-gives-rare-insight-into-public-opinion>

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<https://www.yahoo.com/news/pentagon-clamps-down-pokemon-223045582.html?ref=gs>

## First Female Marine Fails Second Attempt at Infantry Officer's Course, One of 34 Officers Dropped From Grueling 84-Day Program



Notably, the officer passed the notoriously challenging first day's combat endurance test both times she attempted the course. The officer began the 84-day course July 6 and was dropped July 18 after failing to complete two conditioning hikes. IOC students may not fall out of more than one hike during a course. The female officer first attempted the course in April, just months after Defense Secretary Ashton Carter declared all previously closed ground combat jobs open to women and ordered the services to design plans for integration. She was dropped on the 11th day of that attempt, after failing to complete a second hike.

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/08/12/female-marine-officer-attempting-infantry-stymied-final-try.html>

## Marine Infantry Course Humbles Both Sexes



<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2013/jul/06/infantry-course-quantico-men-women/>

### **Army's Top Enlisted Soldier: Army Needs Female Soldiers To Step Up For Combat Jobs**



“I know we have female soldiers with the drive and ability to be successful in ground combat arms formations. If you think you have what it takes, I am personally asking you to consider transferring to these select combat arms specialties.”

<http://www.armytimes.com/story/military/2016/08/01/sma-army-needs-female-soldiers-step-up-combat-jobs/87931290/>

### **Only Woman Detained In Iran Incident Recognized For Bravery While Under Gunpoint**

<http://taskandpurpose.com/woman-detained-iran-incident-recognized-bravery/>

### **Farsi Island: Surface Warfare's Wake-Up Call**



<http://cimsec.org/farsi-island-surface-warfares-wake-call/26877>

### **The Army's Coming Readiness Challenge Is No Myth, 'Army Needs A Total Force Of About 1 Million Soldiers': Ret. General Ham**



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### **U.S. Air Force Struggling To Fill A Shortage Of 700 Fighter Pilots, Blames Congress**

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## What The U.S. Should Learn From The Decline Of Britain's Former 'World's Most Powerful Navy'



Navies that die from neglect leave a void that others can quickly fill. It takes navies to keep an eye on vast ocean regions. Remove what was once the world's leading fleet, and you create a virtual security vacuum.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-uk-military-navy-commentary-idUSKCN10L1AD>

## New Footage Reveals Bikini Atoll Atomic Bomb Test Aftermath



<http://www.news.com.au/world/new-footage-reveals-bikini-atoll-atomic-bomb-test-aftermath/news-story/719d8d2799c48a7ea5835153437bc18a>

## Highest Military Court Rules Discharged Marine's Religious Rights Were Not Violated

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## Navy To Begin Phasing-Out Aquaflage Uniform

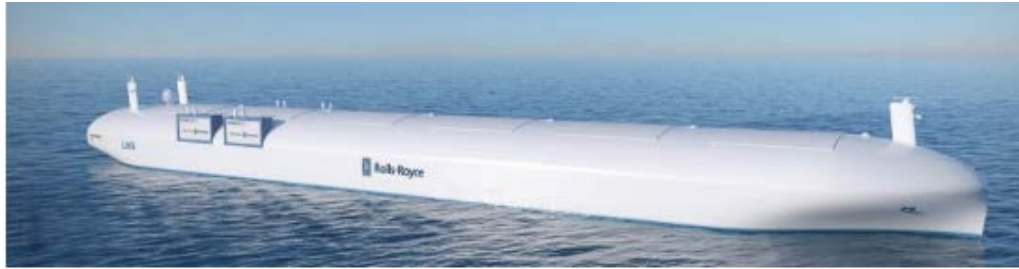


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## TECHNOLOGY

### Ocean Vessel Automation: Practical Application vs Real-World Ocean Transportation



Artists rendition of a Rolls Royce powered unmanned ship

As a working mariner with nearly four decades of sea service I have concerns regarding automation at sea; namely it's practical application in the real world of ocean transportation.

<http://gcaptain.com/automation/>

### Growing Interest In AUVs For Oil And Gas



<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/growing-interest-in-auvs-for-oil-and-gas>

### Cowboy of the Future



<http://qz.com/>

### China Stages Largest Mass-Robot Dance World Record



<http://qz.com/753305/dancing-robots-have-broken-a-guinness-world-record/>



## The 10 Billion Yuan Masterplan To Turn Midea Into China's Robot Powerhouse



<http://www.scmp.com/tech/china-tech/article/2002361/midea-spends-10-billion-yuan-make-robots>

## SECURITY/SAFETY

### At Least 5 Injured in Lightning Strike in Poughkeepsie, New York

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/injured-lightning-strike-poughkeepsie-york/story?id=41340408>

### Serious Facts About Lightning Storms: Be Prepared



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### Top 10 Seaports That Are High Insurance Risk

1. Nagoya, Japan \$2.3 billion
2. Guangzhou, China \$2.0 billion
3. Plaquemines, LA, U.S. \$1.5 billion
4. Bremerhaven, Germany \$1.0 billion
5. New Orleans, LA, U.S. \$1.0 billion
6. Pascagoula, MS, U.S. \$1.0 billion
7. Beaumont, TX, U.S. \$0.9 billion
8. Baton Rouge, LA, U.S. \$0.8 billion
9. Houston, TX, U.S. \$0.8 billion
10. Le Havre, France \$0.7 billion

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Pacific Stars and Stripes <http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific>  
CNN <http://edition.cnn.com/ASIA/index.html>  
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## PACIFIC DISASTER CENTER

<http://www.pdc.org>

## WEATHER

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Japan's Meteorological Agency <http://www.jma.go.jp/en/typh/>  
Japan Weather Warnings <http://www.jma.go.jp/en/warn/index.html>  
Korea Meteorological Administration <http://web.kma.go.kr/eng/>  
NASA Storm Tracking [http://www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/hurricanes/main/index.html](http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/hurricanes/main/index.html)  
Typhoon Definitions <http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/tcfaq>, <http://agora.ex.nii.ac.jp>

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USGS <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/map/>  
Earthquakes Today <http://earthquakestoday.info/>

## TSUNAMI

Pacific Tsunami Warning Center <http://ptwc.weather.gov>

## GLOBAL HEALTH MAP

<http://healthmap.org/en/>  
<http://healthmap.org/predict/>