

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

South Korea Concerned Over North Korea's Ambition to Target Seaports, Airports as the North Fires Two More Ballistic Missiles



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<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-36961395>

<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/n-korea-fires-2-ballistic-missiles-1-failed-after-launch-military-says-1.422126>

Latest North Korea Missile Launch Lands Near Japan Waters, Alarms Tokyo

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-missile-idUSKCN10D2Q8>

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/08/03/2016080301185.html

North Korean General Defects to China with \$40 Million: South Korean News Report



http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/08/485_210763.html

North Korean Army Deserters in Shootout with Police in China's Jilin, Two Chinese Police Injured

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/korea/korea-changbai-07292016172727.html>

North Korean Teen Math Champion Defects in Hong Kong: Reports

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/north-korean-teen-math-champion-defects-in-hong-kong-reports-07282016103952.html>

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/07/29/2016072900667.html

More Upper-Class People Flee North Korea

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/07/485_210679.html

<http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20160411000995>

Disaffection Growing Among North Korea's Elite



http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/04/12/2016041201292.html

North Korean Defections On The Rise Again

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/08/03/2016080301647.html

Canada Warns 'Extreme Risks' For Travelers Wanting To Visit N. Korea

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/08/02/3/0301000000AEN20160802003100315F.html>

North Korea Says U.S. Has Crossed 'Red Line,' Warns Of Showdown Over Upcoming War Games

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/07/28/north-korea-says-us-has-crossed-red-line-warns-showdown-over-upcoming-war-games.html>

U.S.-South Korea Military Drills To Proceed Despite North Korea's Warning

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jul/30/us-south-korea-military-drills-north-korea-warning>

North Korea's Top Diplomat For U.S. Affairs Says Washington Has 'Crossed The Red Line' By Putting The North's Leader On Its Sanctions List



<http://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2016-07-28/n-korea-us-has-crossed-red-line-relations-on-war-footing>

America's Feel-Good Sanctions Policy Toward North Korea



http://www.huffingtonpost.com/doug-bandow/americas-feel-good-sancti_b_11234972.html

Myanmar State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi Invited To Visit North Korea



<http://www.mmtimes.com/index.php/national-news/21610-state-counsellor-invited-to-visit-north-korea.html>

Putin to Meet South Korea's President To Discuss Energy and North Korea



<http://www.newsweek.com/putin-meet-south-koreas-president-discuss-energy-and-north-korea-486897>

<http://globalnews.ca/news/2862142/russian-south-korean-leaders-to-meet-over-north-korean-nukes-next-month/>

China And North Korea's Missiles: Progress Of North Korean Ballistic Missile Program Seems Inexorable

In his quest to build a credible ability to threaten U.S. Pacific territories like Guam with a nuclear strike, DPRK leader Kim Jong-un has pushed his missile program through five unsuccessful tests of the Hwasong-10 IRBM on April 15, 2016, April 28 (two on the same day), May 31 and June 22 respectively, before a successful sixth test on the same day as the fifth failure.

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/opinon/2016/08/162_210784.html

Experts Divided Over THAAD's Effectiveness In Countering N.K. Missiles

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/focus/2016/07/14/29/1700000000AEN20160714003300315F.html>

Calls For South Korea's Nuke Armament Gaining Ground



With North Korea making significant progress with its nuclear program, there are some calls here for South Korea to arm itself with nuclear weapons as part of the country's self-defense against the growing

threat. Rep. Won Yoo-chul of the ruling Saenuri Party who is a long-term advocate for South Korea's nuclear armament said last Monday the nation should seek a "trigger strategy" that ensures the nation automatically goes nuclear once the North conducts such a test. "There is a need for a paradigm shift in dealing with the North's provocations including the launch of ballistic missiles," he said. Won and fellow lawmakers will open a nuclear forum on Aug. 4 to study a detailed action plan. They will hold a monthly meeting to discuss the development of a South Korean nuclear arsenal. But he has yet to reveal the other participants. Supporters for nuclear armament claim that nuclear-power status would enable South Korea to secure reliable deterrence by generating a balance of terror with North Korea. "Unless South Korea has nuclear weapons for self-defense purposes, it will have to spend more on its conventional military buildup to cope with growing military threats from the North," said Cheong Seong-chang, a senior researcher at the Sejong Institute.

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/08/116_210829.html

South Korea Must Learn to Defend Itself: Avoid the Trap of Europe's, NATO's Military Dependence

Yet Vu worries about a "vacuum of power," apparently fearing that South Korea would not bother to build up its own forces. Like the Europeans who, though possessing far more military potential, don't see any need to spend more on their own defense. Rather, they want to rely on the United States, apparently forever. America therefore must spend more, deploy more troops and repeatedly "reassure" its helpless allies.

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-skeptics/south-korea-must-learn-defend-itself%E2%80%94without-america-17193>

B-1 Bombers Will Deploy To Guam For First Time In A Decade



<http://www.airforcetimes.com/story/military/2016/07/28/b-1s-deploy-guam-first-time-decade/87688072/>

B-1 Bombers to Patrol Skies from Guam

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/07/31/b-1-bombers-patrol-skies-guam.html>

How Big Of A Threat Is North Korea?



<http://theweek.com/articles/639354/how-big-threat-north-korea>

Emails Of Seoul Officials Hacked By N. Korea: Prosecution

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/08/01/43/0302000000AEN20160801001100315F.html>

North Korea Accused Of Phishing Attack

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/south-korea-accuses-north-korean-government-of-phishing-cyberattack/>

Seoul Blames North Korean Gov't Organization for Email Scams

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/seoul-blames-suspected-korea-organization-email-scams-41037518>

South Korea Smartphones Sought After By North Korea Agents



http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/08/01/South-Korea-smartphones-sought-after-by-North-Korea-agents/8751470054806/

Some Smartphones Lost Or Stolen In South Korea Reportedly Smuggled Into North Korea Via China

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2014/08/05/2014080500547.html

19-Year FBI Employee Pleads Guilty To Acting As Agent Of China



<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-china-fbi-idUSKCN10C2Q2>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-36952242>

Is Time Running Out For Taiwan Under The Growing Shadow of China?

<http://nationalinterest.org/article/say-goodbye-taiwan-9931>

China Blames 'Dark Shadow' of the U.S. for Hong Kong Independence Push

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/08/03/asia/china-anti-us-propaganda-hong-kong/index.html>

China Says Pressing Ahead With Own Anti-Missile System

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-defence-missiles-idUSKCN10812X>

China Holds Live-Fire Navy Drills in East China Sea



<http://www.stripes.com/news/us/china-holds-live-fire-navy-drills-in-east-china-sea-1.421982>
http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/china-holds-live-fire-navy-drills-east-china-41057854?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Defense%20EBB%2008-02-16&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

China And Russia To Hold Combined Air and Sea Drills In South China Sea In September



The air and sea drills will be held sometime in September and were aimed at deepening relations between the two militaries and boosting their capacity to respond to maritime threats, ministry spokesman Col. Yang Yujun said at a monthly news briefing. "These drills deepen mutual trust and expand cooperation, raise the ability to jointly deal with security threats, and benefit the maintenance of regional and global peace and stability," he said.

http://www.reuters.com/article/us-southchinasea-china-drills-idUSKCN108008?feedType=RSS&feedName=newsOne&google_editors_picks=true
<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/07/28/china-russia-plan-joint-military-drills-in-south-china-sea0.html>
<https://news.usni.org/2016/07/28/china-russia-hold-joint-drills-south-china-sea-september>

South China Sea: Beijing More Muscular After ASEAN Failure



<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/south-china-sea-beijing-more-muscular-after-asean-failure/news-story/68cb5558ee693b55a8392b165ed5bed0>

'Give Them A Bloody Nose': Some Chinese Military Leaders Press President Xi Jinping For Stronger South China Sea Response



But some elements within China's increasingly confident military are pushing for a stronger - potentially armed - response aimed at the United States and its regional allies, according to interviews with four sources with close military and leadership ties. "The People's Liberation Army is ready," one source with ties to the military told Reuters. "We should go in and give them a bloody nose like Deng Xiaoping did to Vietnam in 1979," the source said, referring to China's brief invasion of Vietnam to punish Hanoi for forcing Beijing's ally the Khmer Rouge from power in Cambodia.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-southchinasea-ruling-china-insight-idUSKCN10B10G>

Japan Slams China Over Maritime Issues Accuses China of 'Fait Accompli'

In its 484-page annual defence white paper on Tuesday (Aug 2), the defence ministry said the aggressive actions by China could "cause unintended consequences", referring to past incidents including one where a China naval frigate entered Japan's contiguous zone this year, near a crop of islets in the East China Sea that has been claimed by both countries.

<http://www.maritimeprofessional.com/news/japan-slams-china-over-maritime-293290>

<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/japan-defense-report-stresses-growing-threat-from-china-1.421981>

China Rejects Accusations In Japan Defense Report

<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/china-rejects-accusations-in-japan-defense-report-1.422144>

Vietnamese TV Station Drops Chinese Program Over Actors' Comments on South China Sea



<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/vietnam/program-07182016150043.html>

China Opens New Port for South China Sea Fishing



<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/china-opens-new-port-for-south-china-sea-fishing>

Philippines Pulls Back on Fishing at Scarborough Shoal



<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/philippines-pulls-back-on-fishing-at-scarborough-shoal>

Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia Sign 'Sulu Sea Joint Patrol Agreement' To Permit Joint Operations In All Three Nations' Territorial Waters



<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/sulu-sea-joint-patrol-agreement-signed>
<http://globalnation.inquirer.net/142314/indonesia-start-joint-sea-patrols-malaysia-ph>
<http://worldmaritimeneews.com/archives/198622/se-asian-countries-reach-deal-on-maritime-security/>

China Signals Resolve with Bomber Flights Over the South China Sea

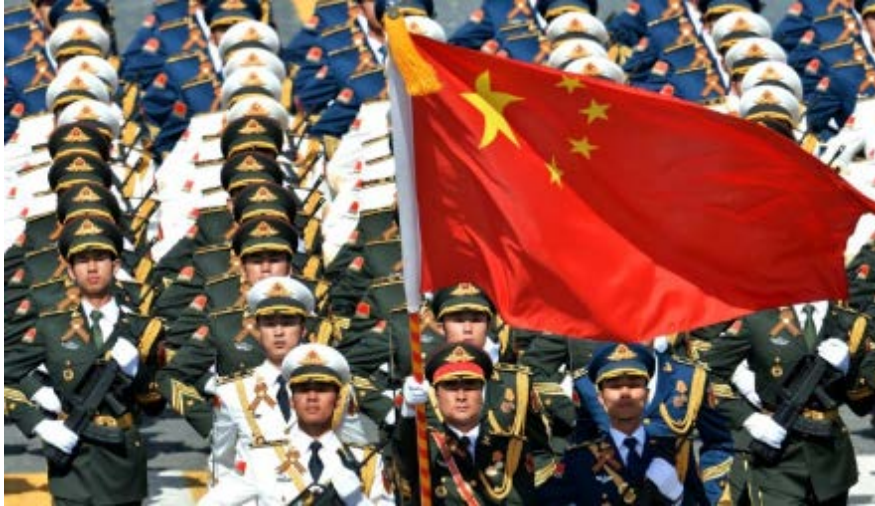


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Major Chinese State Paper Calls For A Military Strike On Australian Ships That Enter The South China Sea

<http://www.businessinsider.com.au/major-chinese-state-paper-calls-for-a-military-strike-on-australian-ships-that-enter-the-south-china-sea-2016-7>

America and China Must Step Back from the Brink in the South China Sea



<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/america-china-must-step-back-the-brink-the-south-china-sea-17202>

A Chance to De-escalate South China Sea Tensions

<http://carnegieendowment.org/2016/07/08/chance-to-de-escalate-south-china-sea-tensions-pub-64046>

G20 Gathering Offers Chance To Shore Up Global Confidence, Says Senior Chinese Official: 'Chance To Restore Order And Confidence In A World Full Of Danger And Risk'



<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/policies-politics/article/1996566/g20-gathering-offers-chance-shore-global-confidence>

G-20 Summit + A U.S. Presidential Election = A Time of Troubles for Asia: China Will Hold its Fire in the South China Sea—Until September

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/china-will-hold-its-fire-the-south-china-sea-%E2%80%94-until-17201>

China Orders 255 Shanghai Industrial Facilities To Shut, Sends Residents On 'Vacation', For 14 Days To Reduce Pollution Ahead G20 Summit



<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-industry-pollution-idUSKCN0Z3145>

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/summit-07282016105553.html>

China To Shut Churches In G20 Host City On Safety Grounds – Reports



<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jul/22/china-shut-churches-g20-summit-city-hangzhou-hangzhou>
<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/china.bans.churches.to.create.safe.environment.for.g20.summit/91234.htm>

India Plans \$4 Billion Shipping Hub To Rival China



https://www.porttechnology.org/news/india_plans_4bn_shipping_hub

China Launches World-First Shipping Route: Maritime Silk Road

The Iranian container ship 'Perarin' arrived at Qinzhou Port on January 27, 2016 to deliver 978 containers from several countries along the Maritime Silk Road.

https://www.porttechnology.org/news/china_launch_world_first_shipping_route

A Beginner's Guide to Maritime Law (video)

How Maritime Law Works

← Territorial Waters (12 nautical miles from lowest low-tide shoreline mark)

← Contiguous Zone (the next 12 nautical miles, and a country may enforce immigration, customs, pollution, and tax laws here)

← Exclusive Economic Zone (200 nautical miles off a coastline. Technically this is international waters, but only the country that owns the EEZ may harvest its natural resources.)

National Coastal Land Border

Every oceangoing vessel is required to be registered in some country.

Once a ship is in the territorial waters of a country, the onboard laws switch to that of the country the ship is sailing in.

https://www.porttechnology.org/news/a_beginners_guide_to_maritime_law

What Laws Apply In International Waters?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mALhZGbpR8>

VIETNAM

Vietnamese Fishermen Protest Port Development

<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/vietnamese-fishermen-protest-port-development>

THAILAND

Thailand To Hold Referendum on Military Rule Sunday

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/thailands-referendum-on-military-rule-1470242113>

Thai Authorities Arrest And Repatriate Thousands Of Myanmar Workers



<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/thai-authorities-arrest-and-repatriate-10000-myanmar-workers-08012016150922.html>

MALAYSIA

14 Arrested In Malaysia For Links To Islamic State; Explosive Device Found

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/14-arrested-in-malaysia/2981062.html>

Malaysia: Islamic State Militants Attempt To Spread Ideology To Prison Wardens

<https://asiancorrespondent.com/2016/07/malaysia-islamic-state-prison-wardens/>

Malaysia Hails New Center to Counter Islamic State Messaging

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/07/malaysia-hails-new-center-to-counter-islamic-state-messaging/>

INDONESIA

Indonesia Marks Independence Day Holiday by Sinking Over 70 Seized Fishing Boats: President Joko Widodo Describes Enforcement Method as ‘Shock Therapy’



<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/indonesia-marks-holiday-by-sinking-fishing-boats>

PHILIPPINES

Six Dead in the Philippines as Duterte Continues Crackdown on Drugs

<http://www.voanews.com/content/duterte-continues-drug-crackdown/3446926.html>

Philippines Wisely Rejects Western Imperialism on Climate Policy



<http://dailysignal.com/2016/08/02/philippines-wisely-rejects-western-imperialism-on-climate-policy/>

AUSTRALIA

RIMPAC Major Step for Australia Ahead of First ARG Deployment

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GUAM

Proposal To Bring Additional 5,000 Marines To Guam, Already 28% Occupied By US Military, Stirs Frustrations – But Many Support The Idea In A ‘Fragile’ Economy

“The thing is, it’s not reducing the burden, it’s simply shifting it somewhere else – in this case to Guam,” said Dr Vivian Dames, host of Beyond the Fence, a Guam Public Radio program that examines the impacts of the US military. “We’re not Okinawa, we’re not a foreign country, we’re not a state. We’ve been a US colony since 1898 and US citizens since 1950. Thus, the relationship between the civilian community with the military is very complex and very entangled and contradictory,” Dames said.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/aug/01/guam-us-military-marines-deployment>

JAPAN

Emperor May Speak Publicly About His Future As Early As Aug. 8, Say Sources



<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/07/29/national/emperor-may-speak-publicly-future-august-say-sources/>

Japan Picks Defense Chief Who Downplays Wartime Past



<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/japan-picks-defense-chief-who-downplays-wartime-past-1.422171>

False Smartphone Alert Of Huge Earthquake Triggers Panic In Japan

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/08/01/national/erroneous-alert-massive-tokyo-quake-causes-brief-panic/>
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/aug/01/false-alert-of-huge-earthquake-triggers-panic-in-japan>

Japan Plans Evacuation Manuals For Foreign Visitors In Case Of Major Disasters

<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/japan-plans-evacuation-manuals-for-foreign-visitors-1.422062>

Missing Bangladeshi Helped Extremists Enter Japan En Route To Syria

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/07/29/national/missing-bangladeshi-helped-extremists-enter-japan-en-route-to-syria/>

Chance Of Japan Becoming Terrorist Target Cannot Be Ruled Out: Police

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/07/29/national/chance-of-japan-becoming-terrorist-target-cannot-be-ruled-out-police/>

U.S. Military Prepares For Biggest Okinawa Land Return Since 1972

The United States military said on Friday it was preparing for the biggest land return in Okinawa since 1972, as it faces a surge in opposition to its presence following the arrest of one its civilian contractors for the murder of a local woman. Okinawa is the U.S. military's key base in Asia where it faces an increasingly assertive China. It hosts 30,000 military personnel on bases that cover a fifth of the island. "We are respectful of the feelings of Okinawans that our footprint must be reduced," Lieutenant General Lawrence D. Nicholson, the U.S. commander on the island, said in a press release.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-japan-usa-okinawa-idUSKCN1090KY>

NORTH KOREA

North Korea's Powerful Choe Ryong Hae To Attend Rio Olympic Games



http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/08/01/North-Koreas-powerful-Choe-Ryong-Hae-to-attend-Rio-Olympic-Games/6221470062768/

5 Points From AP Interview With North Korean Diplomat

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2016/07/29/world/asia/ap-as-nkorea-tensions-5-things.html?ref=world&mtrref=smallwarsjournal.com&gwh=9A113DEFAB6ECC7B712A72409B0C5C6B&gwt=pay>

Korea: The Importance Of Lies Mutually Agreed Upon

<https://www.strategypage.com/qnd/korea/articles/20160729.aspx>

Pentagon: North Korean Special Forces 'Highly Trained, Well-Equipped'

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/02/12/politics/pentagon-north-korean-special-forces-highly-trained-well-equipped/>

Nearly 30%Of Inmates In North Korea's Political Prison Camps Serving Time As Part Of Collective Punishment System

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/08/01/0401000000AEN20160801008100315.html>

If The North Korean Regime Collapsed

<http://worldif.economist.com/article/12135/night-and-day>

North Korea Blocks Import of Goods With Markings That Look Like a Cross

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/korea/cross-07252016161717.html>

Video Of A 7-Day Vacation In North Korea



<https://boingboing.net/2016/08/01/video-of-a-10-day-vacation-in.html>

SOUTH KOREA

South Korean Army Holds Event Marking Anniversary Of August 2015 Land-Mine Attack



<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/08/04/94/0301000000AEN20160804003800315F.html>

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North Korea Stole Millions of Online Customers' Data, South Says

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/29/world/asia/north-korea-hacking-interpark.html>

North Korean Defectors Experience Barracks Life With South Korean Special Forces

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/07/19/32/0301000000AEN20160719006400315F.html>

Birthrate to Drop to Record Low This Year

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/07/29/2016072901081.html

CHINA

To Understand Chinese Expansionism, Look to the Opium Wars



<https://warisboring.com/to-understand-chinese-expansionism-look-to-the-opium-wars-fc96e2bba94#.qqskn2qt5>

A Guide to Catching Up on China's Politics and Military



<http://warontherocks.com/2016/08/a-guide-to-catching-up-on-chinas-politics-and-military/>

Chinese Censorship: Communist Party And Military At War With Ideas Online

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/online-in-china-the-communist-party-and-military-are-at-war-with-ideas-a7130681.html>

Fatal Crash Of Chinese J-15 Carrier Jet Puts Question Mark Over Troubled Program



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Jailed For Watching Islamic Video, Uyghur Dies in Police Custody

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China's Jade Rabbit Lunar Rover Ends Mission After 31 Months on the Moon's Surface

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NEPAL

Former Nepal Communist Rebel Leader Elected Prime Minister



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RUSSIA

How Dangerous Is Russia?

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Russia and the Security of Europe

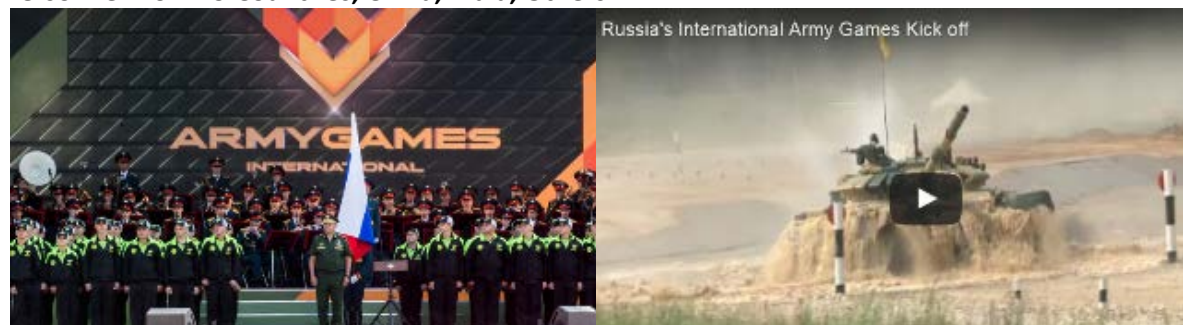
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Russia Hopes Its New Super Combat Vehicle Will Rule the Battlefield



<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/russia-hopes-its-new-super-combat-vehicle-will-rule-the-17192>

Russia's International Army Games—It's Like The Olympics, But With More Tanks: 3,000 Military Personnel from 19 Countries, China, India, Others



<http://qz.com/748087/tune-in-to-russias-international-army-games-its-like-the-olympics-but-with-more-tanks/>

Islamic State Calls On Members To Carry Out Jihad in Russia

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2016/07/31/world/europe/31reuters-mideast-crisis-russia.html?ref=world&mtref=smallwarsjournal.com&gwh=1EEAB68DAE86282FE08432FB6F38A878&gwt=pay>

UKRAINE

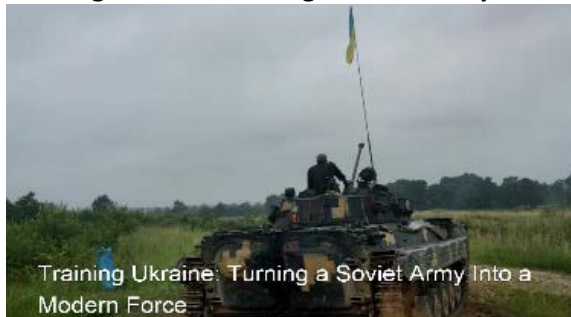
Sloppy Thinking About War Helps No One: How Likely Is A War Between The United States And Russia?

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Ukraine, Unexpected

<http://nationalinterest.org/bookreview/ukraine-unexpected-1185>

Training Ukraine: Turning a Soviet Army Into a Modern Force



<http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2016-08-02/training-ukraine-turning-a-soviet-army-into-a-modern-force>

EUROPE

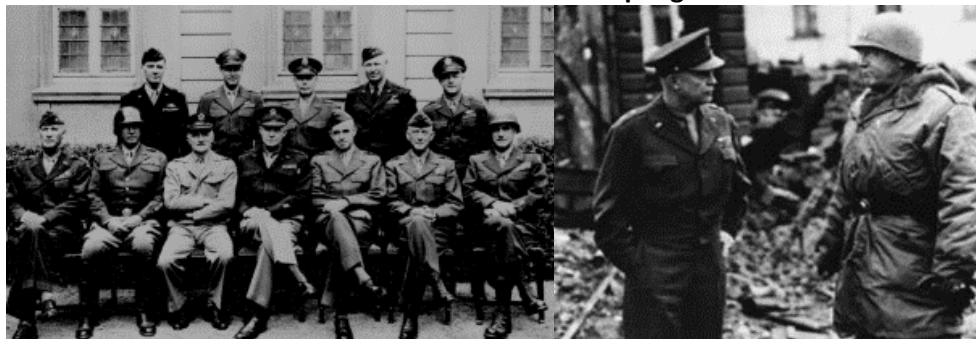
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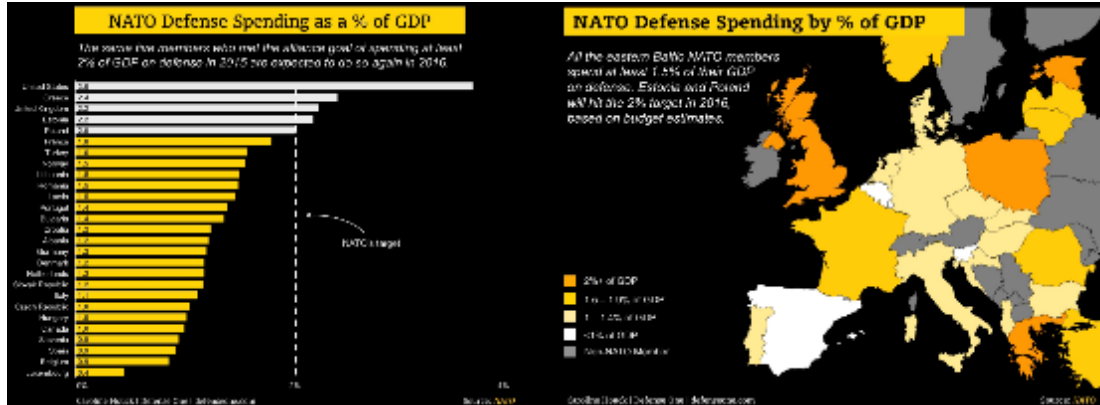
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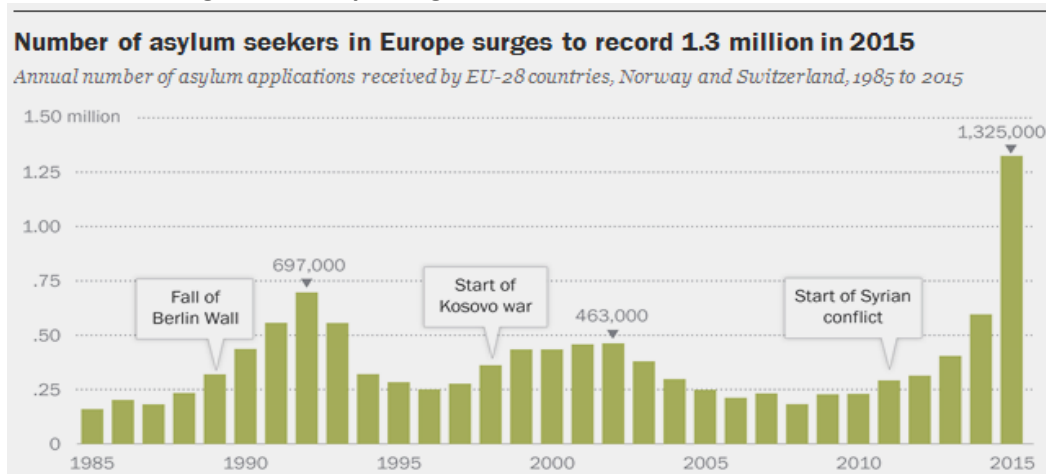
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Leaders, Troops Fear Obama Rushing Mosul Offensive To Influence Election



Some U.S. officers in Baghdad believe the Obama administration is rushing plans for a Mosul offensive so it takes place before the November presidential election, a retired general says.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael D. Barbero said his contacts in Baghdad have relayed the concerns to him, fearing there is now an “artificial timeline” for what promises to be by far the toughest battle in the war against the Islamic State in Iraq. Iraqi Security Forces, which has made strides since the U.S.-led coalition began retraining its troops, may not be sufficiently prepared for a rushed operation. The troops face the monumental task of capturing a city of almost 2 million citizens and up to 10,000 Islamic State fighters and their booby traps.

“There is tremendous concern that Washington is going to press for a Mosul operation to commence before the November election,” Mr. Barbero told The Washington Times. “The concern is, will the conditions be set on the ground by then, and I don’t think so.”

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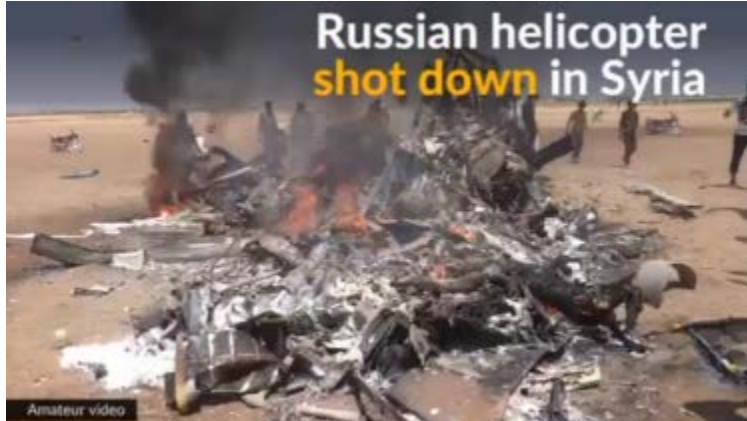
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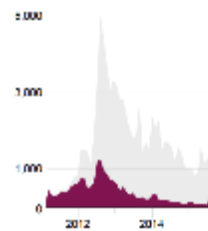
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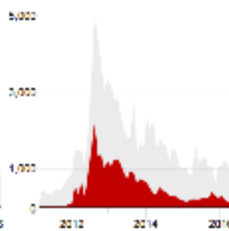
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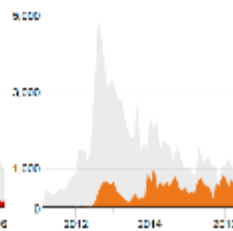
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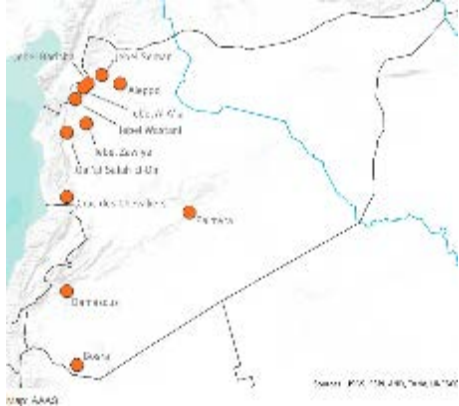


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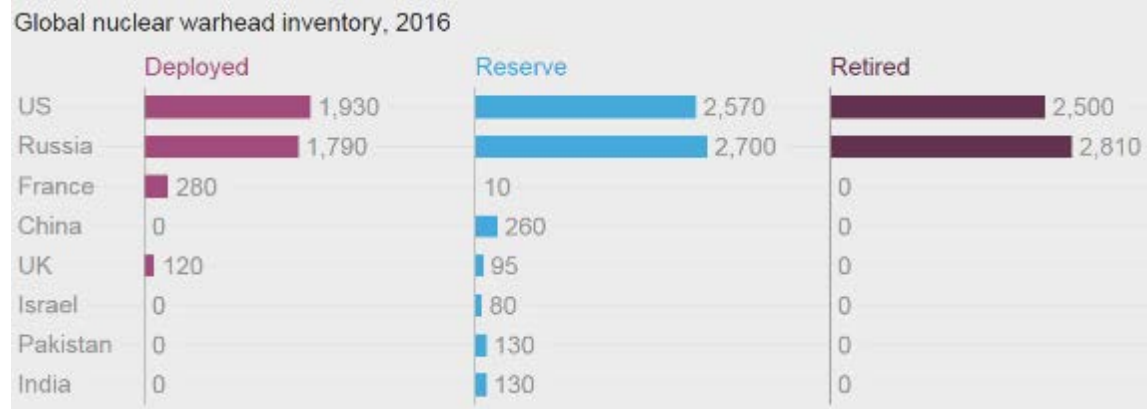
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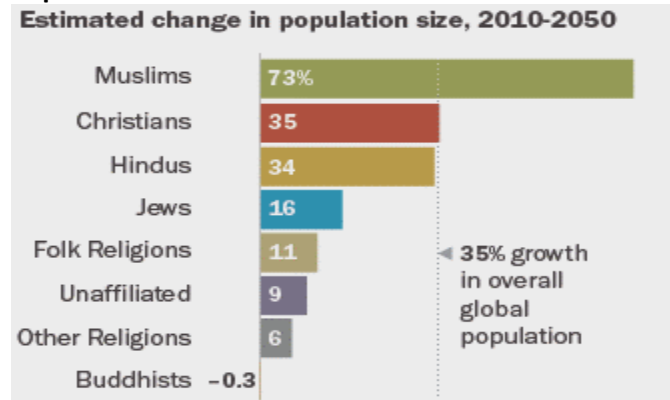
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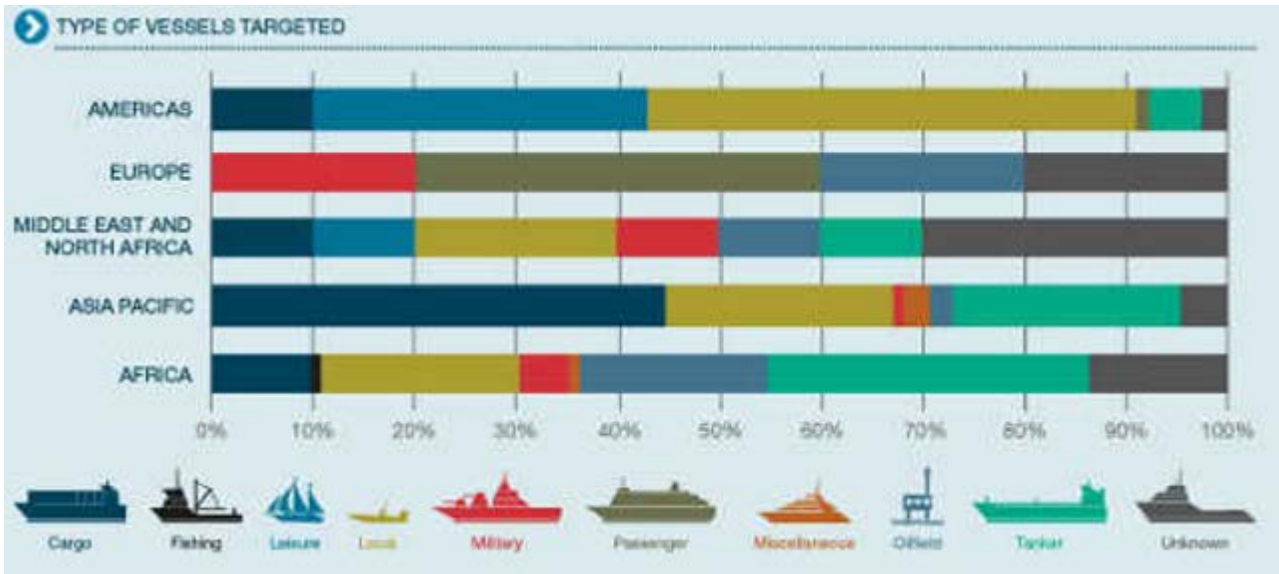
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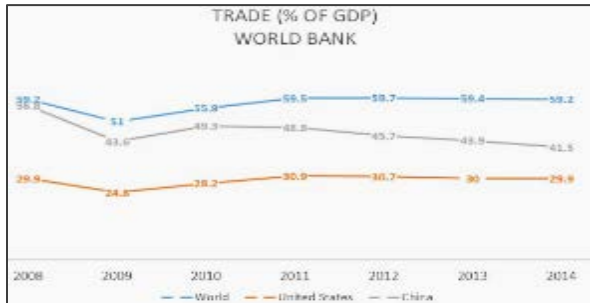


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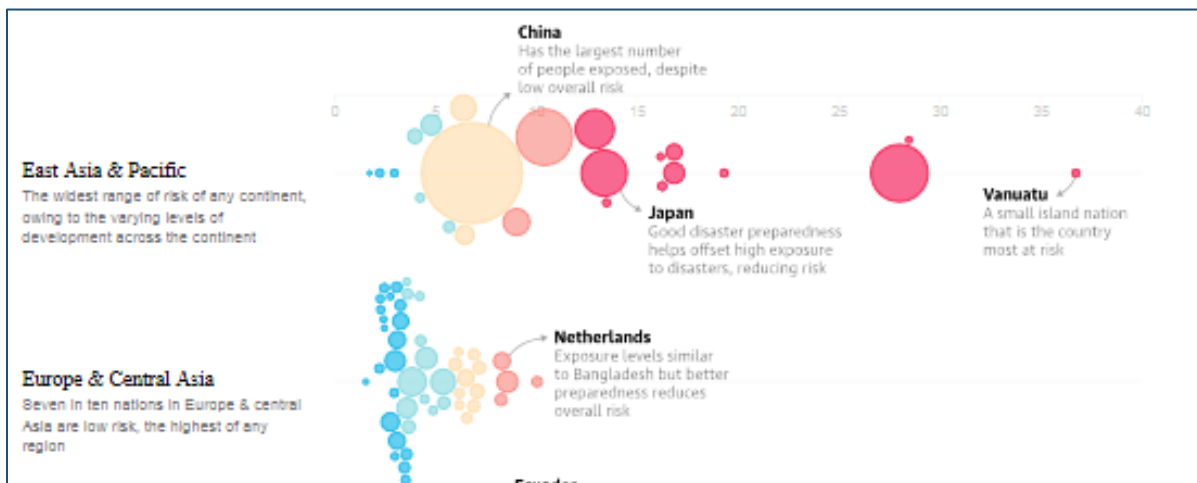
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