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Malaysian PM Vows To Strengthen Defense Cooperation With China



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As the chairman of ASEAN this year, Najib said the regional peace and stability as well as the cordial relations with China and other neighbors are the cornerstones of the development of ASEAN countries. Malaysia will keep pushing for the building of regional cooperation mechanism to provide a platform for countries to exchange views and seek consensus, he said. For his part, Chang said that as good neighbors, China and Malaysia have witnessed close exchanges with each other in recent years. The two countries have efficient communication and mutual trust, and are willing to help each other.

The foundation of the bilateral ties between China and Malaysia has become more and more solid, and the future development of the two countries' bilateral relations is prospective, the Chinese defense minister said.

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Islamic State Wants To Kill Millions, They Are Underestimated, Says Embedded German Reporter



The Islamic State wants to kill hundreds of millions of people worldwide and the terror group is being largely underestimated by the West, says German reporter Jürgen Todenhöfer, 75, who embedded with them last year. He is the first Western journalist who was allowed extensive access to the group, spending 10 days with its fighters, and made it out alive. In it, he says the terror group cannot be defeated militarily and that he is very "pessimistic" on what can be done to combat them. "That they are much stronger than we here believe," he writes. The Islamic State is like a "nuclear tsunami preparing the largest religious cleansing in history."

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The Real Power of ISIS: Suck The U.S. Military Into The Fight

It's not as if the core approach of ISIS is a mystery. Required reading for the emirs of the Islamic State is Abu Bakr Baji's *The Management of Savagery*, a detailed manifesto, published a decade ago, looking at the West's debilities and the potential strengths of a rising, ruthless caliphate. One typical maxim: "Work to expose the weakness of America's centralized power by pushing it to abandon the media psychological war and the war by proxy until it fights directly." That is, suck U.S. troops into the fight. http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/10/25/the-real-power-of-isis.html

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Why Afghanistan Is Going to Fall to the Taliban Again, And It's Not Why You Think



The Taliban's successes in and around Kunduz are the almost inevitable consequence of corrupt and abusive governance. After covering the invasion of Afghanistan, former NPR journalist Sarah Chayes decided to stay in the country to try to help turn it around. She opened a business in Kandahar and probably spent more time living directly with the Afghan people -- without security guards -- than any other American since 2001. Chayes ultimately went to work for coalition forces in the region, sharing the fundamental insight she'd gained: Corruption was eroding public support of the government. She won audiences with all the right people, and even made some converts, but ultimately, her counsel wasn't taken by the U.S. government as a whole. Chayes turned her experience into the groundbreaking book Thieves of State, which forecasts that corrupt governments will continue to be the targets of insurgents who win public support. Like the Iraqi army did in Mosul and elsewhere a year earlier, the Afghan army and police in Kunduz simply melted away. Over time, as villages threw their lot in with the Taliban, the insurgents' cordon around Kunduz grew tighter. By last year the city felt so under siege that police officers were resistant to driving in a marked government vehicle for fear a Taliban fighter on a

motorbike would slap a magnetic bomb on it. Chayes has since moved back to the U.S. to work as a senior associate in the Democracy and Rule of Law Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. I asked her a few questions about Kunduz and the future of Afghanistan, and she noted that this isn't the first time the coalition has accidentally slaughtered civilians in Kunduz, with devastating political repercussions.

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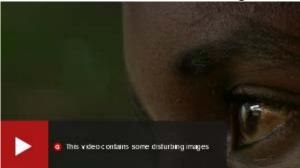
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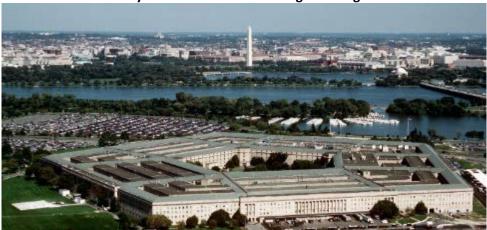
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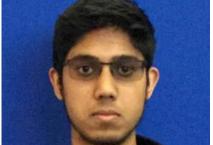
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Can The U.S. Military Halts Its Brain Drain? Losing Our Best



Note: This article clearly has a couple agenda-driven undertones, but raises many good points, most of which are not new. The challenge is finding ways to take the best ideas on how to fix the reality of personnel turnover and applying it against the reality of managing the personnel system. There is no Utopia, many great people manage this very hard process daily. If America moves more towards compulsory National Service, which the President and others desire, there will unquestionably be a greater loss of choice in its personnel systems...and a greater loss of incentives that currently keep volunteers in the Defense Department. Money is the main incentive, another is the belief that the causes our leaders are using the military for around the world is worth one's life.

Only 6 percent of Army officers agreed that "the current military personnel system does a good job retaining the best leaders."

His surprising logic is that winning the unpredictable next war will be less about advanced war machines and silicon chips than about out-thinking the enemy, and having a force chock-full of bright, adaptive leaders who can quickly navigate complex problems under the intense time pressures of modern combat. To Carter, winning the next war is all about talent.

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Military Service Members Lose Key Incentive Of Financial Security, Survey Shows

Most service members joined the military at least in part because of the promised financial security. But they are becoming increasingly uncertain that these promises will pan out and such doubts are reducing willingness to stay in the military, according to an annual survey by Blue Star Families.

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Should Women Be Drafted? Congress May Have To Decide Soon



"If your objective is true and pure equality, then you have to look at all aspects," former Army Secretary John McHugh said in October, just before he retired from his position. He predicted an "emotional debate and discussion" in Congress on the question of whether women will be required to register with the Selective Service.

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Facebook Executive To Air Force Academy Cadets: Military is Sexist



Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer of Facebook and author of the book "Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead," told a crowd of nearly 3,000 cadets at the Air Force Academy that society tells women they are less competent and capable. She described the military as one of "the worst" organizations for bias during a 30-minute speech.

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Retired General Ann Dunwoody: Don't Re-Evaluate Military Standards for Women



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Female Colorado Springs Police Officers Win Lawsuit, Physical Fitness Testing Suspended For All Colorado Springs Police Officers



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"If the disclosure of a criminal record happens later in a job application process," he told them, "you're more likely to be hired." Obama described what many studies show - that when many employers see the box checked for an applicant's criminal record, they weed them out without ever looking at their qualifications. "If they have a chance to at least meet you," the president continued, "you're able to talk to them about your life, what you've done, maybe they give you a chance."

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