

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

Putin Hosts Russia-ASEAN Cooperation Summit 19-20 May in Sochi, Russia: 'Towards Mutually Advantageous Strategic Partnership'



greater dialogue between the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), ASEAN and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). "The summit's agenda includes a broad range of issues related to improving the regional security architecture and looking for new ways to fight the growing threats of international terrorism, militant extremism and transnational crime," Putin said.

http://rbth.com/news/2016/05/12/russia-asean-summit-to-address-regional-security-issues-putin_592331

Russian Pacific Fleet Ships to Take Part in ASEAN Anti-Terror Drills



http://rbth.com/international/2016/03/31/pacific-fleet-ships-to-take-part-in-asean-anti-terror-drills_580601

Sochi Summit To Pave Way For Russia-ASEAN Strategic Partnership – Thai PM



Ahead of his visit to Russia for the Russia-ASEAN summit in Sochi, Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-cha talks to RBTH about the prospects of Russia-Thailand and Russia-ASEAN cooperation.

<https://www.the-newshub.com/international/sochi-summit-to-pave-way-for-russia-asean-strategic-partnership-thai-pm>

ASEAN-Russia Ties Set To Grow: Joko Widodo, Set To Meet Putin Ahead Of Summit



http://rbth.com/news/2016/05/16/asean-russia-ties-set-to-grow-joko-widodo_593315

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2016/05/13/jokowi-to-meet-putin-ahead-of-asean-russia-summit.html>

Philippines Eyes Potential In ASEAN-SCO-EEU Cooperation



<http://atimes.com/2016/05/philippines-eyes-potential-in-asean-sco-eeu-cooperation/>

Russia Plans To Take 10% Share Of ASEAN Import Market In Short Run



http://rbth.com/business/2016/05/13/russia-plans-to-take-10-share-of-asean-import-market-in-short-run_592969

Russia-ASEAN Summit: Posturing or Power Play?

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/russia-asean-summit-posturing-or-power-play/5525657>

Russia, India To Hold Indra-2016 Anti-Terrorism Drills In Primorye

http://rbth.com/news/2016/05/10/russia-india-to-hold-indra-2016-anti-terrorism-drills-in-primorye_591671

Camouflage Netting Again Spotted on North Korea's Ballistic Missile Submarine

Camouflage netting, intended to conceal ongoing activity and first seen in January 2016, is again present on the deck of the submarine. The submersible test stand barge has been moved from its position along the northern secondary dock back to the main dock and a support vessel is now tied up alongside. A large shipping container is positioned dockside. Whether this was a shipping container for the *Bukkeukseong-1* SLBM is unclear.

http://38north.org/2016/05/sinpo051716/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+38North+%2838+North%3A+Informed+Analysis+of+North+Korea%29

U.S., South Korea, Japan To Hold Joint Drill To Test Detecting North Korean Threats



<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/us-s-korea-japan-to-hold/2788744.html>

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/17/world/asia/us-and-east-asia-allies-join-forces-to-track-north-korean-missiles.html?_r=0

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/us-japan-south-korea-military-drills-1.3583746>

North Korea Deploys Missiles Along Chinese Border

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/13/2016051301458.html

N.K. Can Carry Out Nuke, Missile Tests After Party Congress: Seoul Official

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/05/16/93/0401000000AEN20160516006152315F.html>

U.S. Lawmakers Introduce Bill Calling For Reviewing N. Korea's Designation As Terror Sponsor

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/05/16/0401000000AEN20160516000200315.html>

Obama, Abe to Meet during G7 Summit Next Week in Japan to Discuss N. Korean Threat



<http://www.laht.com/article.asp?ArticleId=2412107&CategoryId=36641>

<http://www.japan.go.jp/g7/summit/>

Presidential Candidate Trump Won't Abandon S. Korea or Let It Defend Itself: Top Adviser

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/05/15/16/0301000000AEN20160515003200315F.html>

Donald Trump Says He Would Talk To North Korea's Kim

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election-trump-exclusive-idUSKCN0Y82JO>

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/19/2016051900603.html

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/19/us/politics/donald-trump-hillary-clinton-north-korea.html>

How Would a Likely Trump Presidency Affect Korea?

In essence, Korea can, and must, take advantage of Trump's view relating to Korea as a golden opportunity to develop its own security strategies. One possibility is that being a good negotiator as he proclaims himself to be, Trump may simply want to increase Korea's share of the U.S. military expenses in Korea. It is highly unlikely that Trump will actually want to remove the U.S. military presence from Korea in view of the increasing military and political influence of China in the East and Southeast Asian region. Assuming that Korea simply accommodates this possible change in cost sharing, everything will remain as is, including the continuing threat from the North. The other possibility is for Korea to be pro-active and try to take advantage of the opportunity presented by Trump, rather than criticizing him for his view. Clear to everyone are several facts that leaders in Korea will have to take into consideration in making decisions.

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/05/652_204763.html

Should South Korea Take Trump's Offer And Develop Nuclear Weapons?

<http://www.rokdrop.net/2016/05/should-south-korea-take-trumps-offer-and-develop-nuclear-weapons/>

State Department Issues New Travel Warning For North Korea Strongly Warning Americans They Risk 'Unduly Harsh Sentences' For Actions That Would Not Be Considered A Crime In The U.S.



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

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-north-korea-travel-idUSKCN0Y71AA>

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/05/17/26/0401000000AEN20160517000251315F.html>

North Korea Flooded South Without Notice, Seoul Says



http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/05/18/North-Korea-flooded-South-without-notice-Seoul-says/2951463578312/

South Korea Protests North Korea's Massive Water Release from Dam

https://www.nknews.org/2016/05/s-korea-protests-north-koreas-massive-water-release-from-dam/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+nknewsorg+%28nknews.org+%27Daily+Update%27%29

North Korea Offers Friendship With One Hand, Abuse With The Other



<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/may/17/north-korea-friendship-south-korea-pyongyang-nuclear-programme>

North Korean Leader Puts Off Mock Attack On South Korea's Presidential Office

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/05/15/17/0301000000AEN20160515000900315F.html>
http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/05/485_204727.html

Russia Expected To Cut Banking Ties With N. Korea

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/09/2016050901457.html

Mystery Surrounds North Korea's Detention and Release of Russian Yacht

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/05/16/mystery-surrounds-north-koreas-detention-russian-yacht.html>
<http://www.ibtimes.com/north-korea-frees-russian-yacht-elfin-2-days-after-detaining-it-2369172?rel=rel1>

North Korea Targeting Military Suppliers With Email Hack, Source Says

http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/05/13/North-Korea-targeting-military-suppliers-with-email-hack-source-says/2491463164632/

If A Peace Treaty Were In Place, North Korea Might Be Able To Invade South Korea With Minimal U.S. Intervention

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/kim-jong-un-trolling-america-again-16238>

Chinese Media Call On World To Be Patient With North Korea, Say China 'Will Never Curse' The Country



<http://www.ibtimes.com/chinese-media-call-world-be-patient-north-korea-say-china-will-never-curse-country-2365086?rel=rel2>

UN Chief to Visit Korea Amid Talk of Presidential Run

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will visit Korea and Japan this month to attend international conferences amid speculation that the outgoing UN chief could make a presidential run next year. Ban's spokesman said Ban would attend a forum on Jeju Island on May 25, before traveling to Japan on May 27 for a G7 summit.

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/13/2016051301092.html

Indonesia President Widodo Makes First State Visit To South Korea



<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/indonesia-president/2788266.html>

South Korea, Indonesia Sign 11 MOUs on Cooperation In Trade, Maritime Affairs, Line-up \$6.7 Billion in Business Deals

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/17/2016051701419.html

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/news/2016/05/16/0200000000AEN20160516007300315.html>

Indonesia Seeks South Korea's Partnership To Boost Industrialization

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/indonesia-seeks-south/2789554.html>

Russia and China are Catching Up Fast

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/the-us-militarys-greatest-fear-russia-china-are-catching-16242>

Chinese Jets Intercept U.S. Spy Plane Over South China Sea



<http://www.wsj.com/articles/chinese-jets-intercept-u-s-spy-plane-over-south-china-sea-1463618824>

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/chinese-intercept-u-s-military-spy-plane-over-south-china-n576351>

Pentagon: 'Unsafe' Intercept Over South China Sea

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/18/politics/pentagon-south-china-sea-intercept/>

Philippines Welcomes Its First of Two Indonesian-Made Battalion Transport Vessels



The Philippine Navy welcomed its first landing dock vessel on Monday in Manila. The strategic sealift vessel Tarlac (LD- 601) can transport more than a battalion size of troops, two rigid-hull inflatable boats, landing craft units and three helicopters. “With the evolving and increasing requirements for both maritime security and environmental challenges, what has been a mere plan and concept in paper has been pushed through to become a reality,” said Rear Admiral Ronald Joseph Mercado, the commander of the Philippine Navy Fleet. SSV Tarlac is one of the two vessels acquired by the Philippines from PT PAL in Indonesia at P3.8 billion (US\$209.7 million). Once it is commissioned to service, it will be called BRP (Barkong Republika ng Pilipinas) Tarlac. The sister ship of SSV Tarlac will be delivered in May 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/seasia/2016/05/16/philippines-welcomes-indonesian-made-biggest-vessel-to-date.html>

U.S. Navy Secretary To Visit New Zealand As Talk Of Port Calls Heats Up

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/05/16/asia-pacific/u-s-navy-secretary-to-visit-new-zealand-as-talk-of-port-calls-heats-up/>

Japan’s New Ambassador In Beijing Voices Determination To Improve Ties With China

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/05/16/national/politics-diplomacy/japans-new-ambassador-beijing-voices-determination-improve-ties-china/>

China: Afghanistan Backs Beijing Stance On South China Sea

China on Monday said landlocked Afghanistan has expressed support for Beijing’s stance on the South China Sea dispute, the latest country from outside the region to line up behind China’s calls for bilateral talks on the issue.

<http://atimes.com/2016/05/china-afghanistan-backs-beijing-stance-on-south-china-sea/>

Obama's 'Pivot' To Asia Stagers As Trade Deal Stalls, China Rises



<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/05/16/asia-pacific/obamas-pivot-to-asia-stagers-as-trade-deal-stalls-in-congress/>

Pentagon Highlights Chinese Global Military Ambitions

<http://atimes.com/2016/05/pentagon-highlights-chinese-global-military-ambitions-gertz/>

China To U.S.: We're Wise Enough To Solve Border Row With India

<http://atimes.com/2016/05/china-to-us-were-wise-enough-to-solve-border-row-with-india/>

Is Beijing Setting The Stage And Wanting To Be Provide In The South China Sea?



All any nation needs to go to war is a good provocation, and China is no exception. With its sweeping territorial claims, island-building, militarization, patriotic fervor, and prickly rhetoric, Beijing is setting itself up to be repeatedly provoked in the South China Sea. It might even be counting on it.

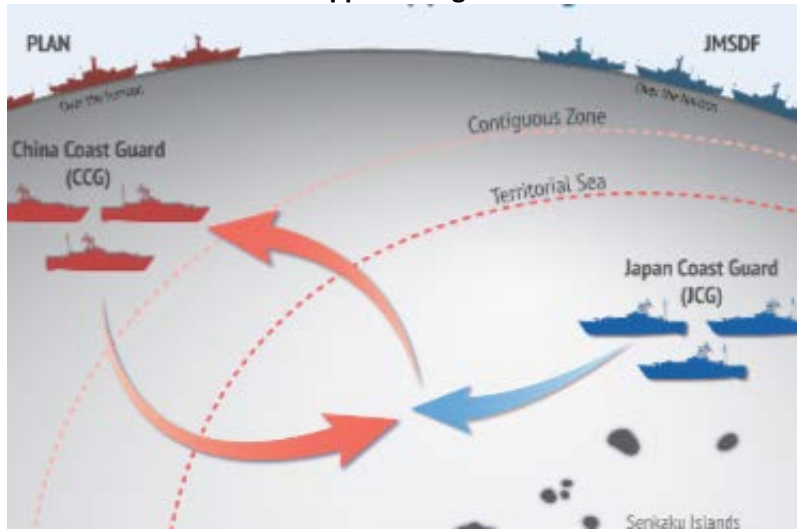
<http://qz.com/680123/beijing-is-setting-the-stage-for-war-in-the-south-china-sea/>

China's 'Undersea Great Wall': Beijing Will Build Its Next Line Of Defense On The Ocean Floor

China's new "undersea Great Wall" (水下长城) that appeared in a late 2015 edition of *China Ocean News* (中国海洋报). The article presents a rather complete discussion of China's new "undersea monitoring system" (水下观测系统). Making clear the national-security imperative for developing this system, the article begins with the suggestion that China's maritime security situation has become "significantly complicated." In particular, it is pointed out that in the undersea domain, China's "doors have been left wide open" (门户洞开). China's methods for tracking undersea targets are said to have been "weak."

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/chinas-undersea-great-wall-16222>

East China Sea Tensions: Approaching a Slow Boil



<http://amti.csis.org/east-china-sea-tensions/>

China: Fixing The Fatally Flawed Military

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/china/articles/20160515.aspx>

The Concept Of 'Reach' In China's Active Defense Strategy: China's Dependence On Crude Oil Drives Its Naval Reach And Security Concerns

<http://cimsec.org/concept-reach-grasping-chinas-active-defence-strategy-part/24965>

China Isn't The Only One Building Islands In The South China Sea





<http://www.businessinsider.com/vietnam-building-islands-in-south-china-sea-2016-5>
<http://amti.csis.org/vietnams-island-building/>

UN Arbitration Of South China Sea Spat Between Philippines, China: A Roundup



<http://www.thejakartapost.com/seasia/2016/05/16/un-arbitration-of-south-china-sea-spat-between-philippines-china-a-roundup.html>

China Cyber Probes Show Electronic Warfare Focus: Pentagon

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-05-13/china-cyber-probes-show-electronic-warfare-focus-pentagon-says>

China Has Reclaimed More Than 3,200 Acres Of Land In The Southeastern South China Sea: Pentagon

<http://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2016-05-13/pentagon-china-reclaimed-3-200-acres-in-south-china-sea>

Photos Reveal Growth Of Chinese Military Bases In South China Sea

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/13/politics/china-military-south-china-sea-report/>

Philippines Now Being Accused Of Violating International Law By Pursuing Its South China Sea Arbitration Case Against China

<http://gulfnews.com/opinion/thinkers/the-south-china-sea-arbitration-case-initiated-by-the-philippines-violates-international-law-1.1826702>

China, U.S. Generals Seek Stability In South China Sea

<http://www.militarytimes.com/story/military/2016/05/13/south-china-sea-diplomacy-generals/84319608/>

Shrinking Dollar Reserves Signal China's Growing Global Integration

<http://atimes.com/2016/05/shrinking-dollar-reserves-signal-chinas-growing-global-integration/>

China Issues Guidance on Arctic Navigation

On April 5, China issued "Guidance on Arctic navigation in the Northwest route 2015", which provides navigation information services for international navigation ships planned navigating in Arctic waters.

<http://www.maritimeprofessional.com/news/china-issues-guidance-arctic-navigation-289399>

Japan's Big Three Shipping Lines Form Container Ship Alliance, So Does South Korea, Germany, And Taiwan



Japan's three largest shipping companies - Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (NYK), Mitsui O.S.K Lines (MOL), and Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha ("K" Line) - and three other carriers worldwide will form the world's third-largest container shipping alliance, reports Nikkei. South Korea's Hanjin Shipping, Germany's Hapag-Lloyd and Taiwan's Yang Ming Marine Transport, on Friday agreed to join forces.

<http://www.maritimeprofessional.com/news/japans-three-shipping-lines-form-289632>

Singapore-Based Kim Heng Offshore Inks Pact with Iran Marine

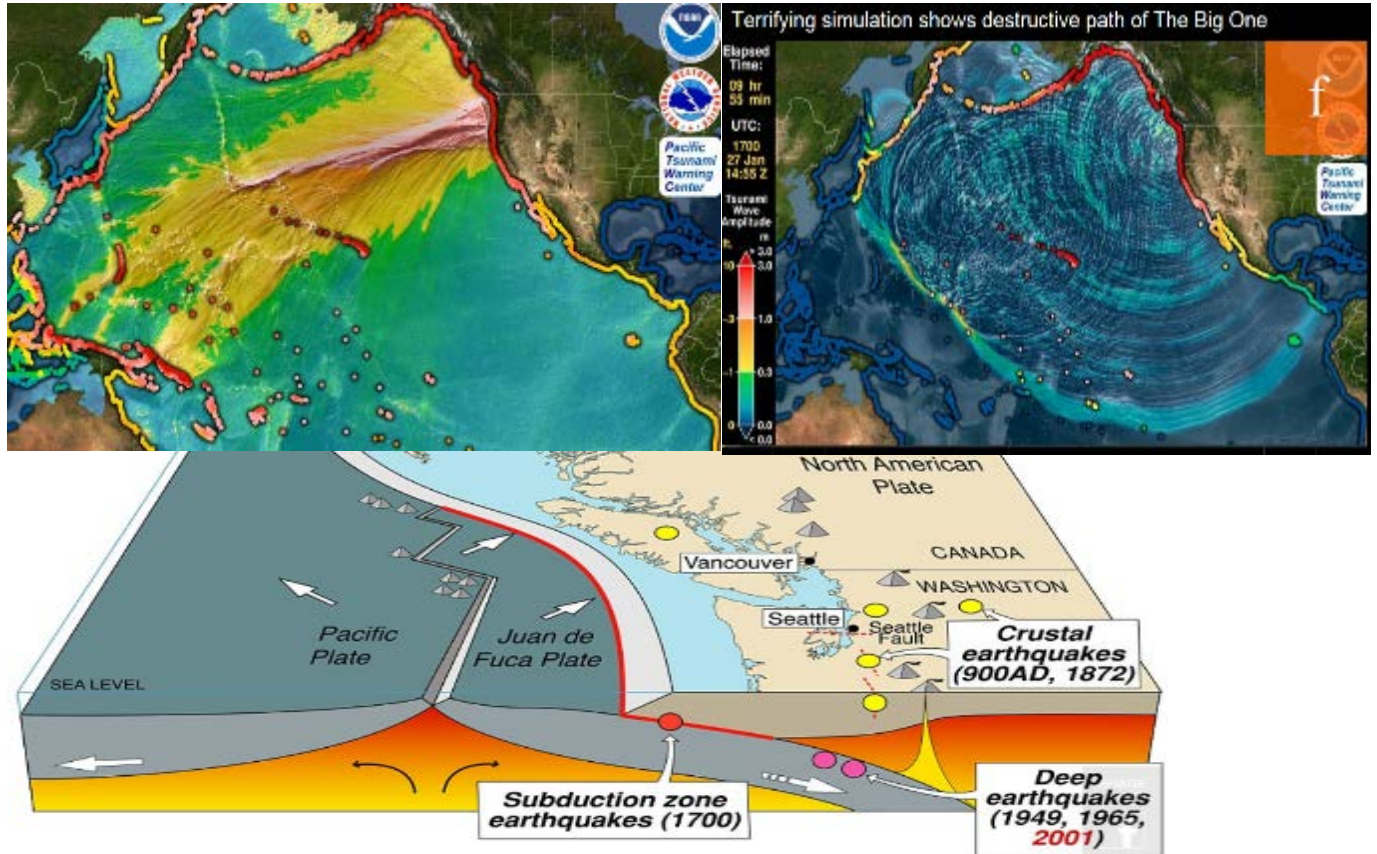


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El Niño Wreaks Havoc Across Southeast Asia: Brings Dry Spell That Raises Rivalry For Water, Leading To Violent Clashes And Higher Fire Risks

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/el-nino-wreaks-havoc-across-southeast-asia-1463587502>

Scientists Reveal Plans to Deal with Killer Waves Across the Pacific Northwest



A powerful earthquake thought to be as large as 9.2 magnitude ripped through the earth in 1700, along the 600 mile stretch of the Cascadia Subduction Zone, causing severe shaking and a massive tsunami. An animation from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center plotted the path of the tsunami as it traveled from the US to Japan

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3552616/Is-America-ready-TSUNAMI-Scientists-reveal-plans-deal-killer-waves-Pacific-Northwest.html>

ISIS In The Pacific: Assessing Terrorism In Southeast Asia And The Threat To The Homeland
<http://www.brookings.edu/research/testimony/2016/04/27-isis-southeast-asia-liow>

Islamic State Video Shows Training Of Children From Southeast Asia In Al-Hasakah, Fighters And Kids Burn Passports



<https://news.siteintelgroup.com/Jihadist-News/is-video-shows-training-of-children-from-southeast-asia-in-al-hasakah-fighters-and-kids-burn-passports.html>

SINGAPORE

Protest Conveyed To Singapore Environment Minister: Indonesia



<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/protest-conveyed-to/2788312.html>

PHILIPPINES

Philippine Islamist Kidnappers Set New Ransom Deadline: In A Video, Captors Have Threatened To Kill At Least One Hostage If No Payment Is Received By June 13



<http://www.rappler.com/nation/133217-abu-sayyaf-sets-new-ransom-deadline>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-05-16/philippines-ransom/7419004>

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/philippine-islamist/2789086.html>

Duterte Has Soft And Hard Approaches To Tackle Militancy



<http://atimes.com/2016/05/philippines-duterte-has-soft-and-hard-approaches-to-tackle-militancy/>

Philippines' Police Cheer New Crime-Buster President



Reported crimes in the Philippines more than doubled from 319,441 cases in 2010, when President Benigno Aquino took office, to 675,816 last year, according to national police data. Roughly half of those were serious crimes, and rape cases jumped 120 per cent over this period. Police officials say the figures overstate the problem because reporting of crimes has risen with the introduction of closed-circuit TV cameras in many urban areas and SMS messaging for filing complaints. Still, Duterte says he intends to be a 'dictator' against forces of evil. He told Reuters on the campaign trail five criminals should be killed a week and promised if he became president the fish in Manila Bay would grow fat on the bodies of all the "pushers, hold-up men and do-nothings" dumped there.

<http://gulfnews.com/news/asia/philippines/philippines-cash-strapped-cops-cheer-new-crime-buster-president-1.1827076>

Philippines' Duterte Says Communist Leader Welcome Home

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/philippines-duterte-says/2789206.html>

Filipinos In Dubai Pick Rodrigo 'Digong' Duterte To Be The Next President



<http://gulfnews.com/multimedia/gntv/news/filipinos-in-dubai-pick-rodrigo-digong-duterte-to-be-the-next-president-1.1824140>

Duarte is Different: This Changes Everything

Duarte is different, in more ways than one. He was not expected to win because he did not have the support of one of the wealthy parties or wealthy political donors. He was an outsider who promised change, had a convincing track record in local politics and ran a highly effective and inexpensive campaign. Duarte is not from one of the old, rich and corrupt families that have dominated Filipino politics for centuries. He is a lawyer, served as a prosecutor and then mayor and considered quite competent, but very unorthodox and not bothered with breaking laws to do what his constituents want. <http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/phillip/articles/20160514.aspx>

PH Authorities Nab Two Suspected Chinese Fishing Vessels Suspected of Poaching



<http://www.rappler.com/nation/133311-ph-arrest-suspected-chinese-poachers-batanes>

AUSTRALIA

Australian Demining Expert Killed In Iraq

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-australia-36263751>

Perth Lord Mayor Plans Return Trip To China Following LGA Breach

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-05-16/lisa-scaffidi-requests-overseas-trip-china-study-perth/7419212>

Identity Theft Victims Need More Assistance As Australia Cyber Crime Skyrockets

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-05-16/id-theft-victims-support-overwhelmed-as-cyber-crime-soars/7418400>

JAPAN

Japan's PM Embarks On Whirlwind European Tour Ahead Of G7 Summit



<http://www.euronews.com/2016/05/03/japan-s-pm-embarks-on-whirlwind-european-tour-ahead-of-g7-summit/>
<http://www.japan.go.jp/g7/summit/>

2016 G7 Summit: Japan's Time To Rise



<http://www.theworldfolio.com/news/2016-g7-summit-japans-time-to-rise/4100/>

<http://www.japan.go.jp/g7/summit/>

G7 2016 Summit To Be Held At Site Of Mie's Ise Shrine, Abe Hopes To Send A Message With The Choice Of Location

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/07/g7-2016-summit-to-be-held-at-site-of-mies-ise-shrine/>

Abe To Take G-7 Leaders To Japan's Most Prestigious Shinto Shrine During Summit

<http://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20160512/p2g/00m/0dm/002000c>

This Map Predicted How Japan Would Attack The US During World War II

<http://www.businessinsider.com/map-of-how-japan-could-attack-us-world-war-ii-2016-5>

NORTH KOREA

What The New Photos Of North Korea's Leaders Say



<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-36283607>

North Korea's Nuke Talk Envoy Becomes FM

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/11/2016051101617.html

What's It Like to Be Kim Jong-un?

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/16/2016051601366.html

What Not To Call Kim Jong Un, And Other Advice From A N. Korean Minder

http://www.sentinelsource.com/news/national_world/what-not-to-call-kim-jong-un-and-other-advice/article_03a4f3da-c826-5023-8f9e-69d90bec5b87.html

North Korea's 7th Party Congress And The Economy

<http://www.nkeconwatch.com/2016/05/14/north-koreas-7th-party-congress-and-the-economy/>

A Second Look: Media Coverage of the 7th Workers' Party of Korea Congress



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Little To Be Hopeful Of After North Korea's Seventh Congress

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DPRK Launches "Ja-Ryok" Cargo Ship as Present for 7th KWP Congress



<http://www.nkeconwatch.com/2016/05/16/dprk-launches-ja-ryok-cargo-ship/>
<https://www.nknews.org/pro/new-north-korean-cargo-ship-an-increasingly-rare-sight/>

North Korea's Slaves: It's About Agency, Not Pay



<https://www.nknews.org/2016/05/north-koreas-slaves-its-about-agency-not-pay/>

Life as a North Korean Refugee



http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/15/opinion/sunday/life-as-a-north-korean-refugee.html?_r=0

Photographer Captures Dismal Reality of Life Across Much of North Korea



<http://www.techinsider.io/every-day-life-inside-north-korea-2016-5>

How Pyongyang's Elite Live



<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-pyonghattan-gentrification-north-korea-20160515-story.html>
http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/16/2016051601255.html

An Eye-Opening Train Journey Through North Korea



<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/destinations/asia/north-korea/articles/taking-the-train-through-north-korea/>

SOUTH KOREA

President Park Names New Chief Of Staff, Reshuffles Top Aides



<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/05/15/55/0301000000AEN20160515003551315F.html>

South Korea Trade with North Korea Falls to Near-Zero

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/13/2016051301098.html

2 Defectors Missing in China-N. Korea Border Region

http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/18/2016051800922.html

Progressive Lawyers Demand Access to North Korean Defectors



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Koreans' Jobs At U.S. Bases In Jeopardy Due To Planned Base Relocations, Korean Workers Union Plans Protests

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Keeping up with China's Evolving Military Strategy

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China's Military Has Nearly 3000 Aircraft, Here's Why That Matters



As with naval vessels, the overwhelming superiority of the USAF and USN only matters insofar as those forces can concentrate aircraft in the theater. This explains why the U.S. maintains a much heavier logistical "tail" than any comparable military; it needs to create the conditions under which it can wage a successful campaign against even a much weaker opponent. And terrain, as such, matters a great deal. We don't normally think of air combat in terms of "turf," but in fact most air campaigns have involved strenuous efforts on both sides to set the terms of clashes by building and destroying "fortifications." Indeed, the outcome of any air campaign depends greatly on the defensive fortifications that set its terms.

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Chinese Firms Invest \$4.9 Billion In Belt And Road Nations



Chinese firms invested a total of \$4.9 billion, up 32%, in 49 countries involved in Beijing's ambitious Belt and Road project in the first four months of this year. Belt and Road, also known as the "New Silk Road," aims to create an economic corridor that joins China with Central Asia and Europe in a 21st century reprise of the ancient caravan routes. It includes both an overland and maritime component.

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Cargo Vessel Collides With Tanker At Guangzhou Port

The freighter struck the tanker, loaded with 2,290 tons of gasoline. The tanker's hull was reportedly breached. The incident has caused water penetration in Zhen Peng and the ship has lost electricity onboard. As the vessel was in danger of sinking, she was towed to shallow waters and intentionally grounded to avoid sinking in the channel.

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Hundreds Of Families Missing As Landslides Crush 3 Villages In Sri Lanka



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India's Crippling Air Pollution



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Putin Likely To Respond To NATO's Massive Exercise Planned For Poland: NATO Vs. Russia Sabre-Rattling Raises Cold War Concerns



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UK Jets Intercepted 3 Russian Military Aircraft En Route To The Baltics



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New Video Shows U.S. Navy Destroyer's Aggressive Encounter With Russian Fighter Jets in Baltic Sea



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U.S. Enlarges Its Military Footprint In Eastern Europe, To Mixed Reviews

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Fixing NATO Deterrence in the East

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9,000 Evacuated From Massive Tire Dump Fire Near Madrid



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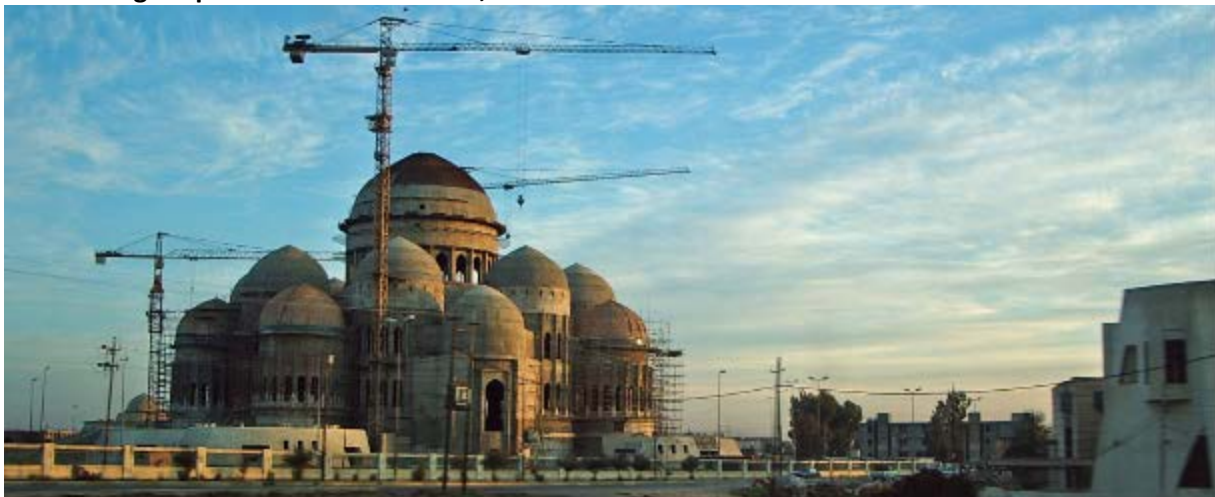
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Islamic State Attacks Gas Plant Near Baghdad, Latest in Asymmetric Attacks



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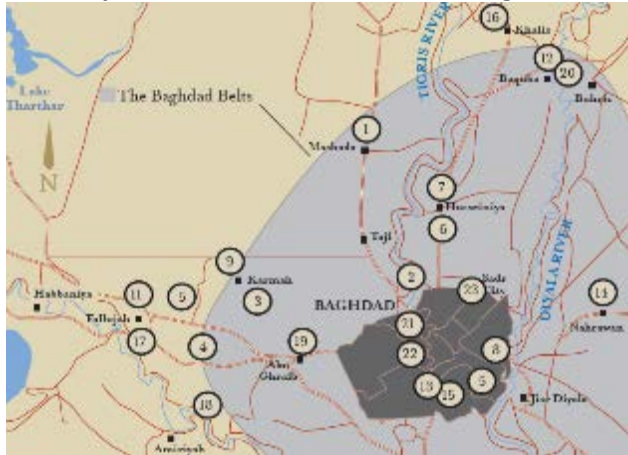
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The 'Inghamasi': ISIL's New Way of War

When a foreigner crosses the border from Turkey into Syrian land held by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), one of the first questions he is asked is: Do you want to be a *muqatil* (fighter), *istishhadi* (martyr i.e. suicide bomber) or an *inghamasi* (plunging fighter)? (Abdulhaq) Following nearly fifteen years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq, the American military is well-acquainted with jihadi fighters

and suicide bombers on the battlefield. However, for many American and coalition partners adjusting to this new phase of the Global War on Terror, the third option – *inghamasi*, is something new. Just as al-Qaeda has evolved since the 9/11 attacks, so too have the tactics and terminology of its successor in Iraq and Syria, ISIL.

The mass use of *inghamasi/inghamasiyin* is an innovation on previously understood jihadi tactics seen in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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ISIL May Be Reverting To Its ‘Terrorist Roots’ Attacks Signal Shift In Tactics, Says U.S. Commander



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Baghdad Bombings Reveal ISIS New Plan: Tearing Iraq Apart

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Sadr’s ‘Peace Brigades’ Prepares For Mosul Offensive



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Iraqi Cleric Muqtada Al-Sadr Has Turned Into A Real Power Center



Muqtada al-Sadr has long served as the spark in volatile Iraqi politics. When the Shiite cleric ordered his followers to fight US forces in 2004, it was the gravest challenge to the United States in Iraq since Saddam Hussein was toppled. More than a decade later, the mercurial leader has taken on Iraq's entire political establishment in a crisis that some fear could tip the country over the edge. Sadr's power is undeniable.

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Islamic State in Iraq: Pay and Morale Down, Desertions Up, Still Deadly

ISIL lost only about five percent of its Iraqi territory so far in 2016 compared to 40 percent in 2015. This is because the government forces are under orders to keep their losses down. This means all operations pay a lot more attention to security and not providing ISIL opportunities for ambushes or the use of suicide bombers. ISIL tried to counter their deteriorating reputation with more high-profile (for maximum mass media attention) terror attacks in Baghdad.

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Mullah Mohammad Ali, Senior Al Qaeda Leader, Killed In U.S. Drone Strike: Report

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Syria Kurds Suffer Deteriorating Living Conditions In Besieged Rojava



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Former-Obama Official Says U.S. Should Drop Demand Assad Must Go Assad Won't Budge In Syria, Obama Lacks Leverage



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Russia And Iran Move Cautiously On Aleppo

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Is the Islamic State Trying to Draw Turkey into Syria?



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Turkistan Islamic Party Advertises Role In Jihadist-Led Offensive In Aleppo Province



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Turkey Hit Kurdish City With Phosphorus Bombs

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Russia's Mariinsky Theatre Orchestra Plays Prokofiev And Bach At Ancient Palmyra Amphitheater Retaken From The Islamic State: 56 Hours With The Russian Army In Syria



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Russia's Mariinsky Theatre performs at the amphitheatre of the Syrian city of Palmyra.

Image Credit: Reuters

Palmyra, Syria: A week ago, I received a call from the Russian Foreign Ministry offering a spot on a three-day press tour with the Russian army to Syria, exact dates and destinations TBD. There was also a special

warning for American journalists coming aboard. Write poorly about us, an official said, and “this will be your first and last trip”. Russia’s military is crafting a new, media-friendly (or at least media-tolerant) image. Novelties include televised briefings, a blood-pumping medley of events called the International Military Games, and a chain of clothing stores that carry patriotic leather jackets and children’s T-shirts. But the Mariinsky Theatre Orchestra’s rendition of Prokofiev and Bach at an ancient amphitheatre recently retaken from Daesh was by far the ministry’s most ambitious press stunt ever. It was a sublime experiment in propaganda, marrying Russia’s cultural heritage to its martial ambitions.

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Concerts at Palmyra Represent Syrian Liberation, Resilience, Revival



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ISIS Terrorists Confront Government Forces Near Palmyra



ISIS has seized two hilltops inside the Jabal Mohammad area, near the city of Palmyra. The reports came on May 16 while heavy clashes were also ongoing near the village of Huwaysis and the T4 airport. The main goal of ISIS’ operations in the Homs province is to cut communications to the city of Palmyra, to surround and destroy Syrian Arab Army units located there and to retake the city. If this is done, it will be a devastating blow on the Syrian government’s anti-terror efforts.

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ISIS Intensifying Military Fortifications In Raqqa As Kurdish-Led SDF Prepares To Attack The City

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US-Backed Syrian Democratic Forces To Launch Battle For Raqqa To Expel ISIS From Its De Facto Capital

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All Parties To Conflict In Syria Using Force To Recruit Young Men



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Quitting ISIS, Why Syrians are Abandoning the Group

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How 'Religious' Are ISIS Fighters? The Relationship Between Religious Literacy And Religious Motivation

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The Secret History of ISIS



<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/the-secret-history-of-isis/>

Where the Black Flag of ISIS Flies, and Where it May Fly in the Future



Experts are keeping an eye on several locations where ISIS may recognize formal affiliates in the future. Abu Sayyaf, a militant group in the Philippines that has already vowed allegiance to ISIS and carried out multiple abductions of foreign nationals, is seen as a likely candidate, as is an affiliate in Bangladesh, where ISIS-linked terrorists claimed credit for bombings of Shiite mosques last fall and a string of recent hacking deaths.

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Muslims Threaten Christian Community In Pakistan: Convert, Leave, or Die

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Top NATO Commanders Signal Support For Keeping Troops In Afghanistan

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Taliban Offensive In North Stresses Afghan Military



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U.S., Pakistan Gyrate To The F-16 Deal With Eye On India

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Hezbollah Says Top Commander and Explosives Expert Mustafa Badreddine Killed By Huge Blast In Syria



He was known for his expertise in explosives, developing his trademark explosive technique by adding gas to increase the power of explosives

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Hezbollah Killing: Thousands Mourn Badreddine at Beirut Funeral



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Kerry Meets Saudi King To Discuss Syria Before Vienna Talks on Syria, Libya



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Armed Security Team Thwarts Pirate Attack in Gulf of Aden



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First Of 219 Missing Nigerian Schoolgirls Has Reportedly Been Found, Reunited With Mother



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Chibok Girl's Rescue From Boko Haram Raises Hopes For Others Held



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Militants Give Oil Producers In Niger Delta Two Weeks To Shut Down and Evacuate Staff or Face 'Bloody' Attack



Nigeria's finance minister Kemi Adeosun said in a TV interview that oil production in the country has dropped to 1.65m bpd, which he attributed to "the renewed activities of the militants in the Niger Delta". Nigeria's national budget relies on production levels of 2.2m bpd. The 500,000-bpd production stoppage means Nigeria is now Africa's second largest oil producer, behind Angola. Chevron Nigeria was forced to close its Okan offshore platform on May 4 after falling victim to an attack by the Niger Delta Avengers, which have warned the operator not to repair the platform or face another attack.

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Islamic State Claims Female Suicide Bombing at Government Building that Killed 4 in Maiduguri, Nigeria - Bomb Exploded as She was Talking with Police



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Senate Defense Bill Would Let Gitmo Detainees Plead Guilty In Civilian Court But Also Prohibits Detainee Transfers To The United States



Restrictions on the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, including prohibiting detainee transfers to the United States, would stay in place under the bill. That would keep the prohibition in place until after President Obama leaves office, hamstringing his efforts to shutter the detention facility.

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Western Jihadist Threats to the Military

Date	Location	Event
Jun 2009	US	Shooting at Little Rock army recruiting centre (1 dead)
Oct 2009	Italy	Attempted suicide bombing of military barracks, Milan
Mar 2011	Germany	Frankfurt airport shooting (2 dead)
Mar 2012	France	Toulouse/ Montauban shootings (7 dead)
May 2013	France	Stabbing of a gendarme, Roussillon, Isère
May 2013	UK	Murder of British soldier, Woolwich, London (1 dead)
May 2013	France	Stabbing of a soldier, Paris
Oct 2014	Canada	Two Canadian soldiers run over in Quebec (1 dead)
Oct 2014	Canada	Shooting attack at Parliament Hill, Ottawa (1 dead)
Jul 2015	US	Chattanooga shooting (5 dead)
Jan 2016	France	Car driven at French soldiers guarding a mosque, Valence
Mar 2016	Canada	Stabbing attack at Canadian Forces recruitment center

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Morley Safer Retires at CBS: Recounts 1965 War Reporting from Cam Ne, Vietnam That Shocked America



In the summer of 1965, 33 year-old CBS correspondent Morley Shafer filed what would become one of the most controversial television reports on the Vietnam War.

Reaction to the Cam Ne report was immediate and powerful. CBS was inundated with calls and letters critical of this negative portrayal of American military personnel. Early in the morning after the film was broadcast, Stanton was awakened by the telephone. "Frank, are you trying to f— me?" yelled a voice.

"Who is this?" asked the president of CBS.

"Frank, this is your president," answered Lyndon Johnson, "and yesterday your boys shat on the American flag."

That same morning newspapers across the nation featured an Associated Press photograph of a Marine setting fire to a hut with a cigarette lighter. The president ordered a background investigation on Safer, sure he was working for the Communists.

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The Problem With Personnel Reform: Who are the Army's Best and Brightest?



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Band Of Brothers: Shocking Homosexual Sex Crimes and Cover-Up in The 101st Airborne Division



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(USA Today) "Today, as our forces are deployed around the world in the global fight against Islamist extremism, there is special justice in allowing openly gay Americans to join our military, given the ideology of our adversaries. In addition to their fanatical desire to mass-murder Americans, their complete rejection of women's rights, and their totalitarian vision, Islamist extremists have singled out gay men and lesbians for persecution. In fact, wherever Islamist extremists have come to power — whether under the Taliban in Afghanistan or the Islamic Republic of Iran today — lesbians and gay men have been subject to horrific mistreatment."

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Coalition Military Fatalities By Year

Year	US	UK	Other	Total
2001	12	0	0	12
2002	49	3	18	70
2003	48	0	10	58
2004	52	1	7	60
2005	99	1	31	131
2006	98	39	54	191
2007	117	42	73	232
2008	155	51	89	295
2009	317	108	96	521
2010	499	103	109	711
2011	418	46	102	566
2012	310	44	48	402
2013	127	9	25	161
2014	55	6	14	75
Total	2156	453	676	3485



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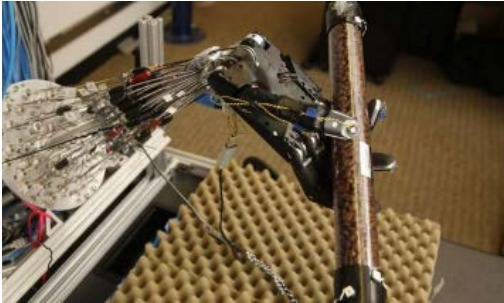
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SECURITY-SAFETY

DNI Clapper Signs New Policy on Social Media for Federal Background Investigations for Security Clearances

“Social media has become an integral—and very public—part of the fabric of most American’s daily lives,” said Bill Evanina, Director of ODNI’s National Counterintelligence and Security Center. “We cannot afford to ignore this important open source in our effort to safeguard our secrets—and our nation’s security.”

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WORLD

Tens of Thousands Worldwide Take Part in Largest Global Civil Disobedience in the History of the #Climate Movement

"As global temperatures continue to rise, so are the people. Across continents people are challenging the status quo by pushing the boundaries of conventional protest to demand fossil fuels are kept in the ground. Ordinary people are joining the fight for our collective survival as communities worldwide are experiencing first hand the consequences of climate change and the damage inflicted by the fossil fuel industry. It's up to us to break free from fossil fuels and accelerate the shift towards a just transition to 100% renewable energy," Payal Parekh, 350.org Program Director

"This is the hottest year we've ever measured, and so it is remarkably comforting to see people rising up at every point of the compass to insist on change," Bill McKibben, co-founder of 350.org

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Candidate For UN Health Chief Eyes Global Tax To Help WHO



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Panama Papers Reveal George Soros' Deep Money Ties To Secretive Weapons, Intel Investment Firm



Soros Capital set up an offshore company in the Cayman Islands for the purpose of investing private equity with the Carlyle Group, alongside members of Saudi Arabia's Bin Laden family. Carlyle's partners include ex-heads of state and former CIA officials. The private equity partnership specializes in buying and selling weapons manufacturing and intelligence gathering companies with government and military contracts and it also uses secret offshore companies to conduct business.

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