

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

Jakarta Attacks: Explosions and Gunfire Rock Capital, 3 Killed, President Joko Widodo, 'This Act Is Clearly Aimed At Disturbing Public Order And Spreading Terror Among People.'



(JAKARTA) Islamic State suicide bombers and gunmen struck the capital of Muslim-majority Indonesia Thursday, killing a Westerner and blowing up a Starbucks in an assault police said bore the hallmarks of the Paris attacks. The assault on a district packed with malls, embassies and United Nations offices also left an Indonesian man dead and 20 others injured, in what the country's president called "acts of terror". The Islamic State group claimed responsibility, saying that the attack was carried out by "soldiers of the caliphate" who targeted a gathering of citizens from the "crusader coalition," referring to the US-led alliance combating the jihadists. Jakarta police said the attack -- which also destroyed a police post -- was carried out by a network with links to IS in Syria and indicated Indonesian extremist Bahrum Naim, thought to have joined the jihadists, may have been involved in plotting it.

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Old Militants With New Brand Behind Jakarta Attack



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Jakarta Attacks Confirms Regional Fears Over IS



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The Keys to Iran’s Missiles are in China and North Korea

The latest revelations about Iran’s ballistic missile program make it clear that sanctions on Tehran are pointless unless they’re imposed on China and the DPRK, too.

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U.S. Questions Chinese Submarines On Anti-Piracy Missions

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Can America Compete with China's Great Military Leap Forward?



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China Finally Centralizes Its Space, Cyber, Information Forces: Changes Give China More Confidence In Ability To Deter And Compel Adversaries



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F-22 Raptor Stealth Fighters Arrive At Yokota; F-16s En Route



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Never Say Never: What KJU's Actions Signal



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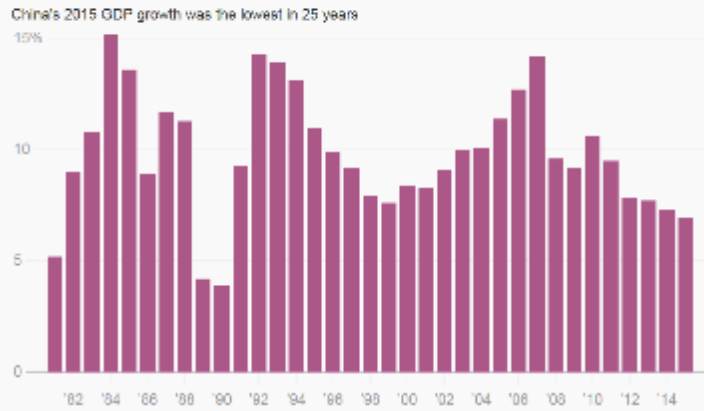
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Soros: Europe On The Verge Of Collapse: Calls On Germany To Lead, Wants Europe To Be Asylum

(CNBC) "As she (Merkel) correctly predicted, the EU is on the verge of collapse. The Greek crisis taught the European authorities the art of muddling through one crisis after another. This practice is popularly known as kicking the can down the road, although it would be more accurate to describe it as kicking a ball uphill so that it keeps rolling back down." "Merkel correctly foresaw the potential of the migration crisis to destroy the European Union. What was a prediction has become the reality. The European Union badly needs fixing. This is a fact but it is not irreversible. And the people who can stop Merkel's dire prediction from coming true are actually the German people." "Now it's time for Germans to decide: Do they want to accept the responsibilities and the liabilities involved in being the dominant power in Europe?" (MarketWatch) Soros criticized Europe for not having a decent asylum policy, which he said has turned the refugee situation from a "manageable crisis" into an "acute political crisis," panicking not just the those seeking shelter, but the general public as well.

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Soros Admits Involvement In Migrant Crisis: 'National Borders Are The Obstacle'



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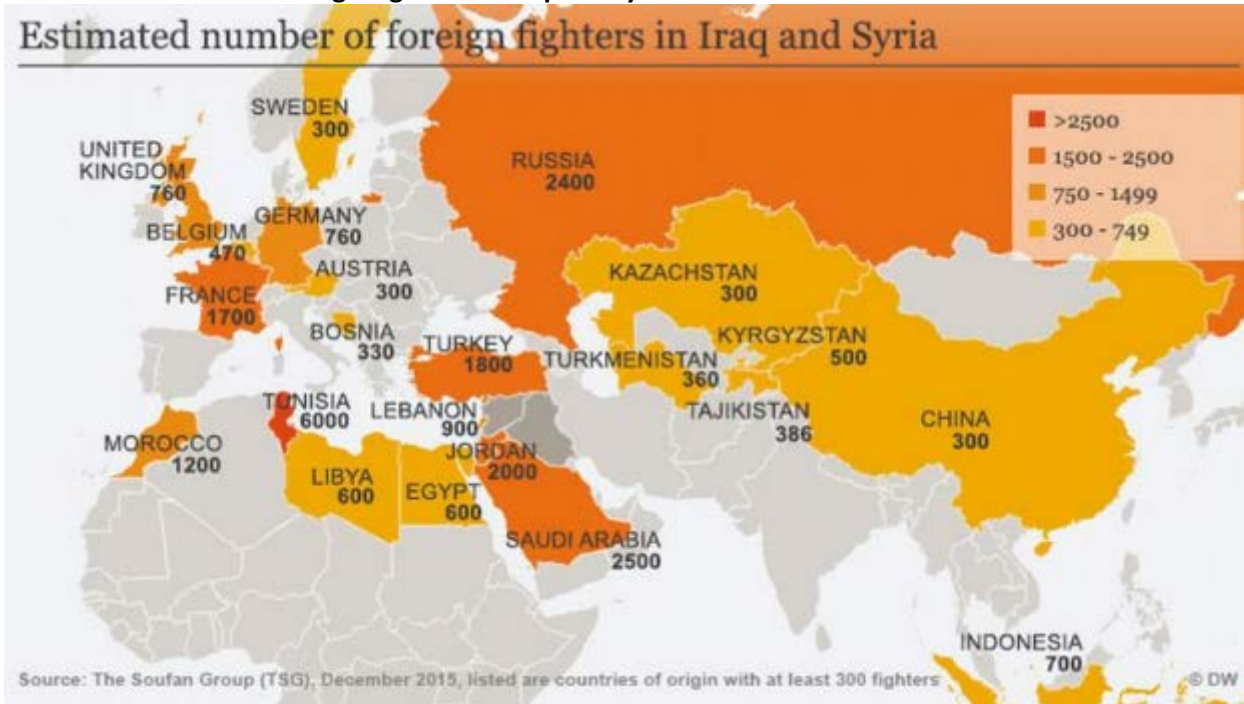
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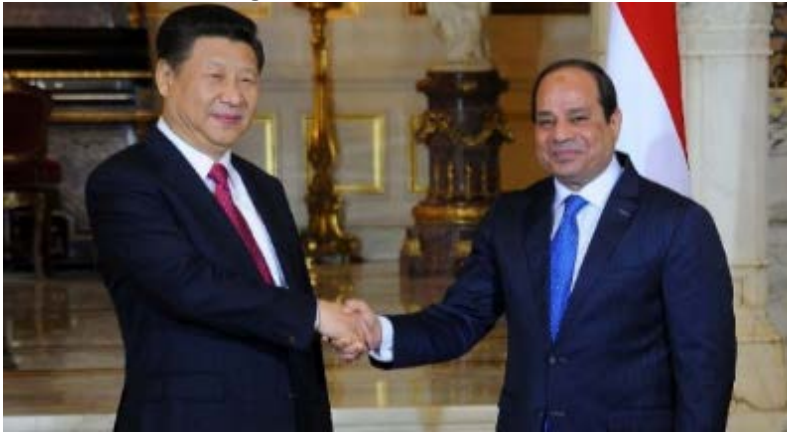
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Military Aircraft Collide In Hawaii During Routine Training; Coast Guard Finally Suspends Search for Survivors



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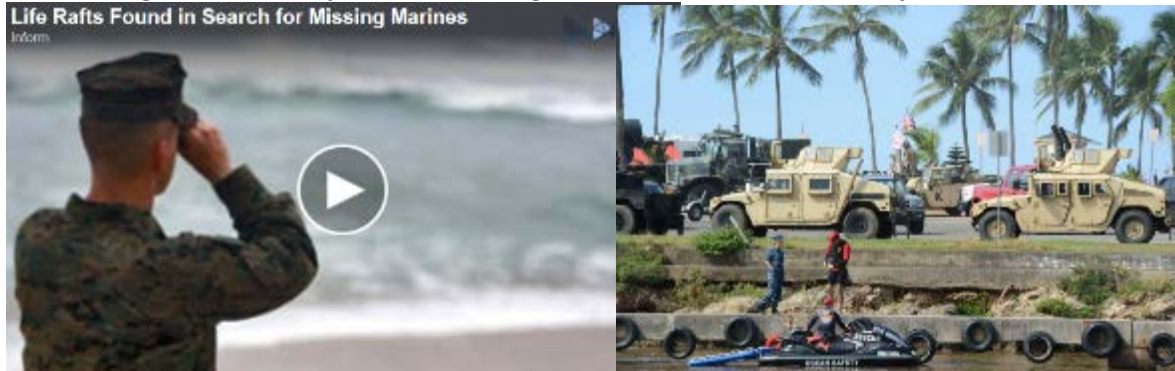
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Former Marine Amir Hekmati Describes What It Was Like To Finally Leave Iran

Amir Hekmati speaks following release from Iranian prison



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Rubio: Obama's Prisoner Swap Has 'Put a Price on the Head of Every American Abroad'

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White House Defends \$1.7B Payment To Iran, Denies It Was 'Ransom' For Prisoners



<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jan/19/white-house-defends-17b-payment-iran/>

House Homeland Security Committee Chairman: Obama Swapped Criminals, Potential Terrorists For American Hostages

House Homeland Security Committee chairman Rep. Mike McCaul (R-TX) said the Obama administration's deal that freed seven Iranians and stopped the criminal pursuit of 14 others in exchange for five American hostages was "hardly a fair swap."

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Defeating Jihadis Will Be A Long War

U.S. commanders have learned how difficult it will be to create a Sunni force that can help clear and hold territory in Iraq and Syria that's now controlled by the Islamic State group. Sunni tribal leaders mistrust the U.S. and doubt American staying power. American efforts to avoid casualties and resist "boots on the ground" reinforce the sense that the U.S. is pursuing a strategy of containment, not victory.

<http://www.stripes.com/opinion/defeating-the-jihadis-will-be-a-long-war-1.389392>

Coalition Defense Ministers Plot Anti-ISIS Campaign



President Barack Obama and the National Security Council discussed the military plan last week, Carter told a press conference held with Le Drian. The Joint Chiefs of Staff, heads of US Central Command and US Special Operations Command reviewed the plan and discussed how to speed up execution.

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Army Chief Taking Hard Look At Building Advise-And-Assist Brigades

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President's Response When Asked If He Issued Any Order to Protect the Americans in Benghazi



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Odd Moment For Joint Chiefs on Camera When President Obama Notes How Powerful America Is



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Syrian Refugees Admitted Since Paris Attack: 1 Christian, 482 Muslims; 0.2% Christian

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The Supreme Court Will Determine the Fate of Millions of Undocumented Immigrants

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The Obama Administration and the Middle East: An Insider's View



WOTR's Ryan Evans sat down with Colin Kahl, the National Security Advisor to Vice President Joe Biden, to talk about the mess of the Middle East and what the Obama administration is doing about it. From Iran to the Gulf states to Syria to Iraq to Turkey and beyond, Kahl explains how the White House views the problems and opportunities there. He also discusses what it's like to be in a presidential administration in its final year.

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Is America Ready for a Multipolar World?



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The Urgent Need for Real National Strategy

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Flaws of President Obama's 'Strategic Patience'



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Forging a National Security Agenda: An Open Letter to the Next President

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Agenda SecDef: Crafting the Next Defense Strategy



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Nuclear Cruise Missile Opponents are Pushing a Dangerous Line

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The Strange Debates of Strategy



If such a thing helps decision-makers to understand current patterns of behavior, I frankly don't see the problem. That's precisely what these analyses are trying to do: Gather together well-known ideas into a coherent portrait of current events.

<http://warontherocks.com/2016/01/the-strange-debates-of-strategy/>

25 Years: Remembering Operation Desert Storm (Maritime Executive)



<http://maritime-executive.com/editorials/25-years-remembering-operation-desert-storm>

Why Would The White House And Pentagon Look At Demoting Retired General Petraeus Now?



“Carter is said to be concerned that because he has recommended other generals be reduced in rank for actions not becoming an officer, he’ll be seen as inconsistent if he doesn’t do the same for Petraeus,” notes the report. “The decision is as much about timing and politics as it is Petraeus’s own transgressions.” “This is about Ash Carter, not David Petraeus,” an unnamed defense official told The Daily Beast. Carter does not have a deadline to make a decision.

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Pentagon Reviewing Plans To Integrate Women Into Newly Opened Combat Roles

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General's 'Greatest Fear' That Military Might Lower Standards For Women



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The End Of 'Midshipman'? Navy Works to Adjust Language to Integrate Women

<http://www.stripes.com/news/navy/the-end-of-midshipman-1.389202>

What Happens When You Take 'Man' Out Of Marines



Firefighter, mail carrier, police officer. Across professions, people have yanked the word “man” from the names of jobs and replaced it with gender-neutral substitutes. (At the same time, duh, we’ve stopped doing what’s essentially the reverse—putting a sex-specific moniker in front of job titles when they’re held by the non-traditional sort of person: We don’t say “lady doctor” or “male nurse,” or “She-Hulk,” or at least we catch ourselves when we do it.)

Week before last, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus [asked](#) Marine Commandant General Robert Neller to do the same thing. “Please review the position titles throughout the Marine Corps,” he wrote in a January 1 [memo](#), “and ensure that they are gender-integrated.” Specifically, he wanted them scrubbed of the word “man.” (It’s part of the broader move opening all combat roles to women, [announced](#) late last year.)

Not everyone likes the idea.

An Official says, the request has been somewhat clarified. Titles where the word “man” is integrated into the word will remain unchanged. (So, infantryman, rifleman, crewman, mortarman.) Titles in which “man” is a stand-alone word get changed to something less dude-ish like “Fire Support Marine” instead of “Fire Support Man.”

<http://www.wired.com/2016/01/what-happens-when-you-take-man-out-of-marines/>

Duncan Hunter: Replace Navy Secretary Over Gender Plan

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White House, Courts Reviewing Opening Selective Service Requirements To Women

<http://www.stripes.com/news/us/white-house-considers-opening-the-draft-to-women-1.381862>

<http://www.stripes.com/news/court-reviews-all-male-draft-in-wake-of-pentagon-women-in-combat-decision-1.382822>

Pentagon Ending \$1.5 Billion Budget Affecting Military Bands And Entertainment Shows

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Military Bases No Longer Accepting Driver's Licenses from 5 States

Federal facilities no longer accept driver's licenses from five states as valid identification for individuals seeking entry without an escort, but some military bases are offering workarounds, granting grace periods, or continuing with current access rules that require more than an ID. Those with licenses from Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico and Washington state can no longer use those IDs to enter an installation, according to regulations included in the Real ID Act, which requires states to meet security

and data-collection guidelines for the identification cards they issue. Pentagon officials estimate about 20 installations worldwide are affected.

<http://www.armytimes.com/story/military/2016/01/14/ids-5-states-no-longer-enough-enter-fort-bragg/78781314/>

Port Execs To Discuss Shifting International Trade Patterns At America's Seaports

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TECHNOLOGY

DARPA Is Testing Implanting Chips In Soldiers' Brains, Developing Neural-Digital Connection



WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (UPI) -- DARPA's new Neural Engineering System Design program aims to develop an improved implantable chip connecting the human brain to modern digital technology. The program involves developing an interface that will help translate neural signals in the human brain to the binary code used by computers to communicate instructions. While there are methods in place linking brain activity with information technology, DARPA plans to make the translations more precise with a smaller device.

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This is Your Brain...This is Your Brain as a Weapon: Driven By the Desire to be Better

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Soft Robot Exoskeleton Helps Soldiers Carry More Equipment



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Guidelines for Responding to Shooting Threats

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Can Armed Citizens Defeat Active Shooters?



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Tell the Truth About 'Gun Violence' Numbers

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Why Statistics Give Us a False Sense of Security

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The First Business To (Legally) Fly Drones Over Americans' Heads



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What To Do In Case Of A Fire

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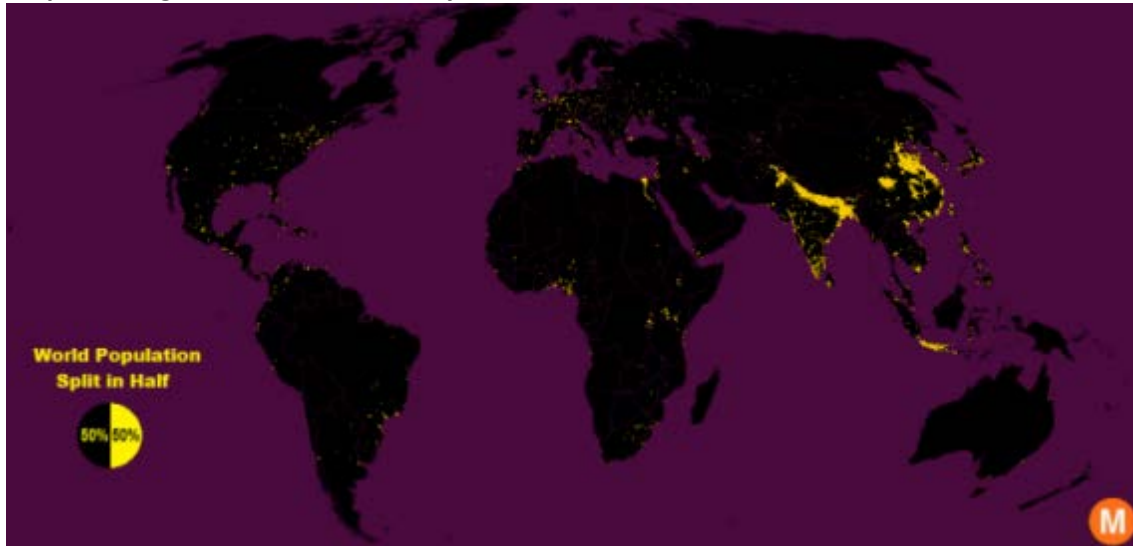
Safety Alert: Last Summer Multiple Ocean Vessels From A Non-U.S. Port Lost GPS Signal Reception

These types of events highlight the potential detrimental impact to navigation caused by GPS interference or jamming and the importance in understanding how your vessel's or facility's equipment could be impacted by a loss of GPS signal.

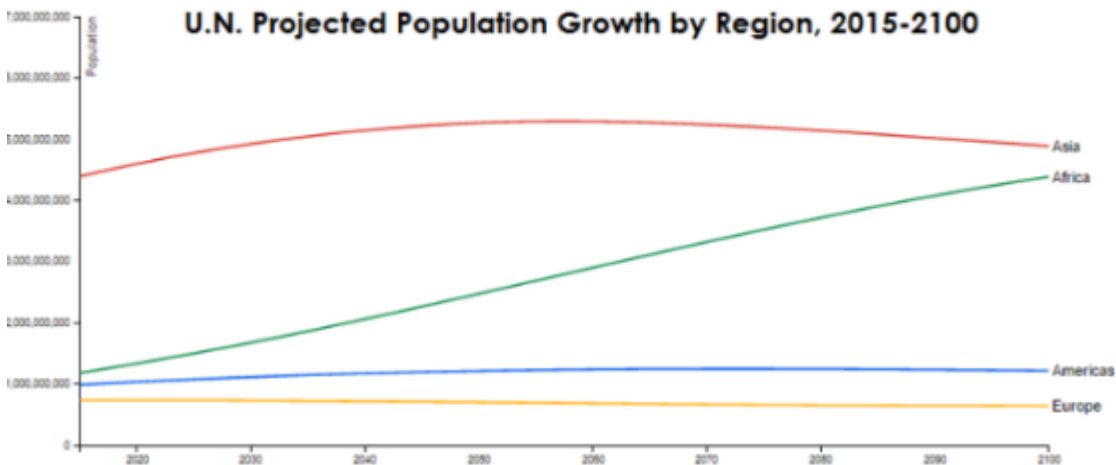
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WORLD

Map Showing Where Most Humanity Lives



Nearly all of the world's population growth by 2100 will occur in Africa. By that time, the populations of Asia, Europe, and the Americas will be flat or shrinking.



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Across Europe, More People Are Dying Than Being Born



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Global Economy Is Looking Worse By The Day



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Pacific Stars and Stripes <http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific>

CNN <http://edition.cnn.com/ASIA/index.html>

Reuters <http://www.reuters.com/news/world>

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PACIFIC DISASTER CENTER

<http://www.pdc.org>

WEATHER

Joint Typhoon Warning Center <http://www.usno.navy.mil/JTWC/>

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

Typhoon Definitions <http://www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/tcfaq>, <http://agora.ex.nii.ac.jp>

EARTHQUAKES

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/>