

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

Hundreds Dead, Thousands Injured As Powerful Quakes Hit Japan and Ecuador



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<http://www.cnn.com/2016/04/17/americas/ecuador-deadly-earthquake/>

<http://earthsky.org/earth/powerful-earthquakes-japan-ecuador-april-2016>

Scientists: Japan, Ecuador Earthquakes Not Related



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http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/18/world/americas/earthquake-epidemic-scientists-say-no.html?_r=0

Scientists Concerned Over 'Big Earthquake' After Several Powerful Quakes Rock the Pacific in 96 Hours

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/science/661052/SCIENTISTS-fear-the-Big-One-is-COMING-as-four-major-earthquakes-strike-in-48-hours>

After Visiting Beijing, North Korean Foreign Minister Arrives In New York On Rare Trip

North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Su-yong arrived in New York on Wednesday on his first trip to the United Nations since the communist nation sharply escalated tensions with its nuclear test in January.

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U.N. Chief May Visit South Korea Next Month

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Nobel Laureates To Visit North Korea For Diplomacy

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7 North Koreans Defect During Founder's Birthday: RFA

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North Korea's Missile Launch Attempt Fails: South Korea Defense Ministry



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North Korea Missile Reportedly Blows Up On Launch

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Failed N.K. Missile Launch Damages Launcher, Causes Human Casualties: Report

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North Korea Struggling but Determined on ICBMs, Failed Missile Launch Still Cause for Concern



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Failed North Korea Missile Launch Prompts Chinese 'Saber-Rattling' Jibe



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China Chides North Korea Over Failed Missile Launch

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China Frustrated Over North Korea But Limiting Action: U.S. General

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Pyongyang ICBM Capability Growing, Requires U.S. To Boost Missile Defenses: Washington

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Pentagon 'Optimistic' About THAAD Deployment in Korea

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Removal Of U.S. Nuclear Umbrella Would Lead Seoul To Nuclear Armament: USFK

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Ministry, Military Join Forces Against North's Potential EMP Attack

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After Missile Failure, Higher Possibility Of North Korea Nuclear Test

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North Korea May Be Preparing Fifth Nuclear Test: South Korean President



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North Korea Accelerates Nuclear Testing After Sanctions

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Japan, U.S. And South Korea Warn North Korea Against Further Provocations



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U.S. Warns North Korea Of Strong Response To Another Nuclear Test

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Unclear Future Lies Beyond New North Korea Nuke Test

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North Korea Poised To Bluff The World Once Again With Nuke Tests

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Concerted Pressure Can Make N. Korea Rethink: Deputy FM

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Art of Sanctioning North Korea

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North Korea Can Learn From Iran Nuclear Deal, U.S. Says



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South Korea's President To Visit Iran For First Summit Talks

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The US-ROK Alliance And The Global Response To North Korea's Recent Provocations: Interview with Soo Kim



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Careless Talk Could Harm the South Korea-U.S. Alliance

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U.S. Forces Korea Nominee: It's Cheaper For American Forces To Be In Korea; North Korea is 'Moving in the Wrong Direction'

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U.S. Has To Provide Nuclear Umbrella For S. Korea: Incoming USFK Commander



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U.S. Defense Bill Calls For Assessing Capabilities To Quickly Deploy Forces To Korean Peninsula

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North Korea Celebrates on Kim Il-Sung's Birthday



A Central Committee meeting is held to mark the 104th birth anniversary of North Korea's founder Kim Il Sung.

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North Korea Has Nothing To Lose

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How North Korea Gets Around UN Sanctions

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Business As Usual For Ship Sanctioned By U.S., But Not UN



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Namibia Caught Violating North Korea Sanctions



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Foreign Ministers of Russia, India, China Meet in Moscow

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Is China Ready for Taiwan's New Government?



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China Sends Sharp Warnings To Taiwan's New President As She Preps For Office



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'Going Blue' Chinese Naval Vessels Are Increasingly Operating Farther And Farther Away From Their Home Waters, Future Ambitions

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Australian Intelligence: China Poised to Take 'Decisive and Provocative' Action in the South China Sea

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Chinese Military Confirms It Just Tested An Intercontinental Ballistic Missile



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China Flight Tests 'East Wind' DF-41 Missile Capable Of Hitting Entire United States, Beijing's ICBM Arsenal Appears To Be Rapidly Expanding



The Dongfeng-41 has an operational range between 12,000 km to 15,000 km. This would make the DF-41 the world's longest range missile, surpassing the range of the US LGM-30 Minuteman which has a reported range of 13,000 km. It is believed to have a top speed of Mach 25, and to be capable of MIRV delivery (up to 10). The development of the MIRV technology is reported to be in response to the deployment of the United States national missile defense system which degrades China's nuclear deterrence capability. The project started in 1986, and may now be coupled with the JL-2 program.

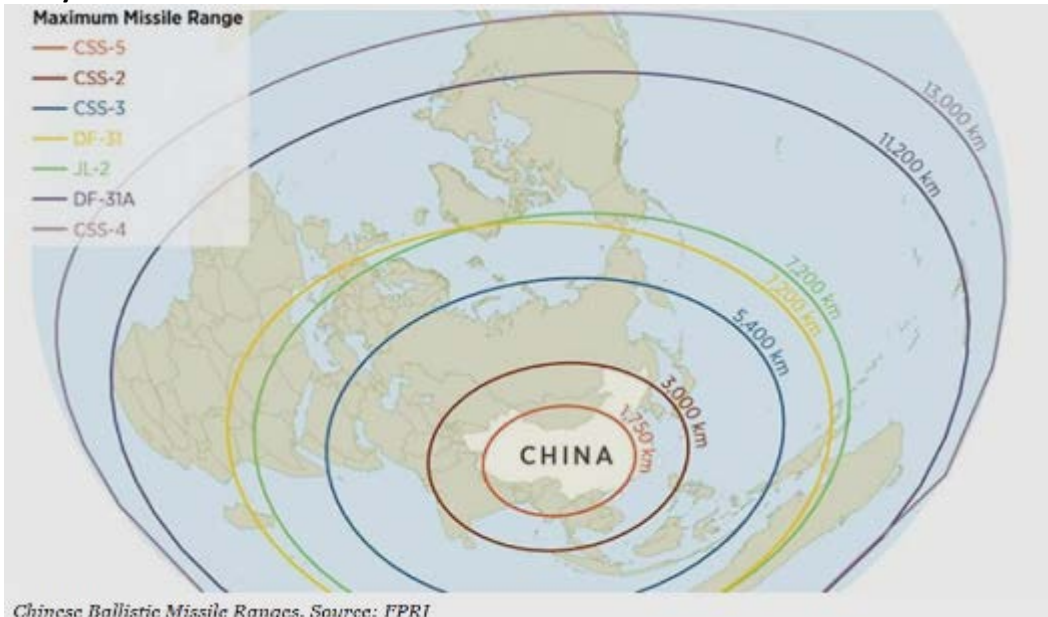
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China Unveils New Submarine-Launched Anti-Ship Cruise Missile With Twice The Range Of Its Predecessor



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China's New Missiles And US Alliances In Asia-Pacific: Impact Of Weakening Extended Deterrence – Analysis



Two weeks ago, Chinese President Xi Jinping attended a nuclear security cooperation summit in Washington. At the same time, China has been busily preparing its next generation of nuclear weapons. It has made steady progress on its new DF-41 intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). Last December, China conducted two more tests on the missile, including one that confirmed the DF-41's ability to be launched from a mobile platform. The DF-41 will be China's first solid-fueled missile with the range to reach the entire continental United States. The new missile's range will likely exceed that of China's older liquid-fueled DF-5 (or CSS-4 according to its NATO designation) ICBM. As a mobile, solid-fueled missile, the DF-41 will be hard to track and able to quickly launch, improving China's nuclear deterrent. Some believe that China might deploy the DF-41 as early as this year.

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Assessing Implications of China's Missile Arsenal

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Senior Chinese Military Officer Visit To Disputed Islands Underlines Strategic Importance

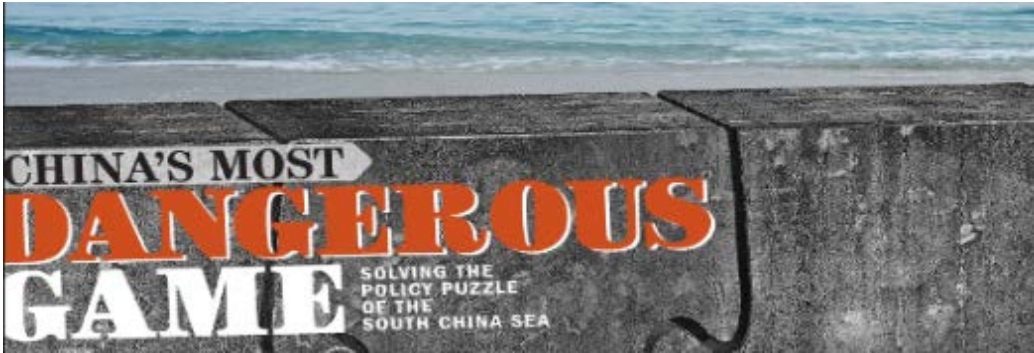
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Is America Willing to Wage War Against China to Save the Status-Quo?

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Japanese Submarine Enters Australia's Waters for First Time Since WWII for Drills

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Japan Opens Radar Station Close to Disputed Islands, Angering China

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Philippines, Vietnam To Explore Joint Patrols In South China Sea: Officials

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Defense Official: China Deploys 16 Fighter Jets To Disputed South China Sea Island



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U.S. Concerned After China Lands Plane on Reef

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China Begins Operation of Lighthouse on Artificial Island in South China Sea



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Container Shipping Companies Form Asia-Focused “Ocean Alliance”



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\$50 Billion Nicaragua Canal Postponed As Chinese Tycoon's Fortunes Falter



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Drought Brings Second Round of Panama Canal Draft Restrictions

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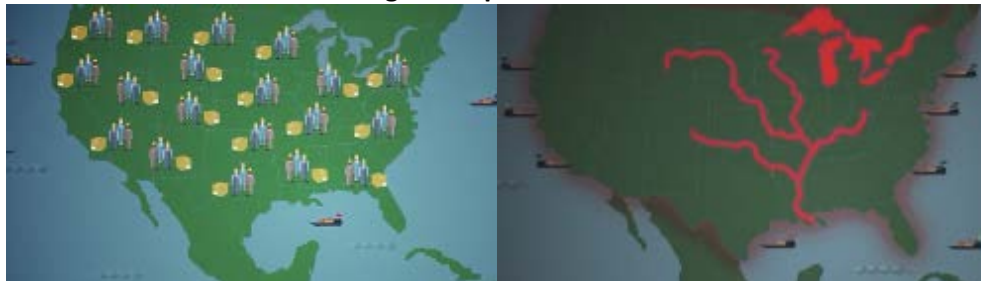
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PHILIPPINES

Philippines Terrorist Group That Pledged Allegiance to the Islamic State Demands Millions in Ultimatum For Canadian Hostage John Ridsdel



“We’re told that this is the absolute final warning, so this is a final urgent appeal to governments, Philippine, Canadian, and families, if 300 million is not paid for me by 3 p.m. on April 25th, they will behead me,” Ridsdel, who was raised in Yorkton and worked in Regina, said in the grainy video. Saskatchewan residents are calling on the Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to help Ridsdel and the others.

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Joint Philippines’ Military, Police Troops Sent To Sulu To Rescue Abu Sayyaf Hostages

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Leading Presidential Candidate Duterte Says He May Cut US, Australia Ties If He Becomes President, Tells US And Australia Ambassadors To 'Shut Their Mouths' After Recent Comments He Made



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Philippines at Forefront of New Pentagon Maritime Security Initiative



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U.S. To Rotate More Aircraft, Troops Through Philippines



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U.S. Troops, Philippine Police in Bar Brawl Face Sanctions

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Police, TNI Ready To Assist In Rescue Of Abu Sayyaf Hostages



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Police Prepare Security Ahead Of Executions On Nusakambangan



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Jokowi Meets With German President, Discusses Death Penalty: Insistence On Applying Death Penalty Due To Alarming Growth Trend In Drug Crimes



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THAILAND

Details Of Thailand's Proposed Constitution Draw Opposition



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Thai Junta Chief Accuses Former PM Thaksin Of Stirring Protests

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2 Turks in Thailand Put On Security Watch List After Singapore Alert

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Singapore Wants New Rules to Defuse Asia's Tensions

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Philippines, Malaysian Military Officials To Meet Over Kidnappings

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Another Malaysian Isis Militant Killed In Syria; Total Number Of Such Deaths Now 19

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AUSTRALIA

Malcolm Turnbull's Visit to China



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A woman gets from KCTV shows a group of 600 weight military women at Kim Jong Il's funeral. Photograph: Mark Dowling/OUTLINE Images

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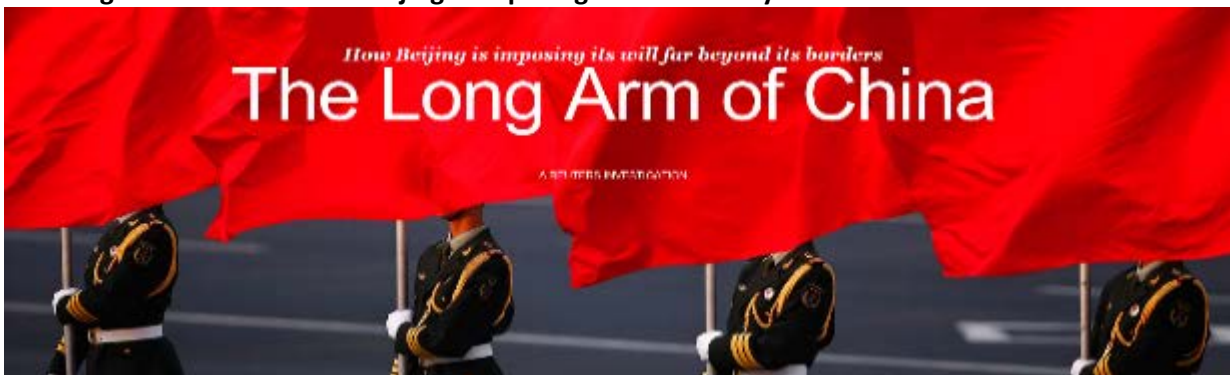
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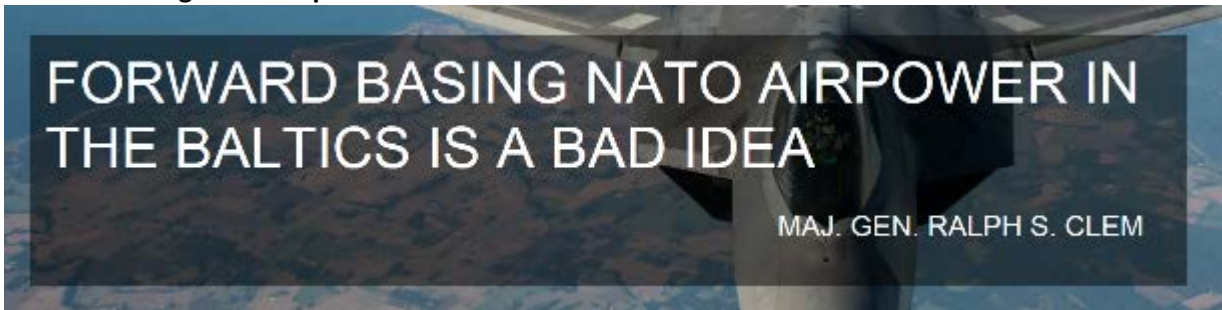
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Belgium Admits It Was Screwed By The Saudis: Since 1980s Over \$100 Billion Spent Promoting Wahhabi Sunni Islam



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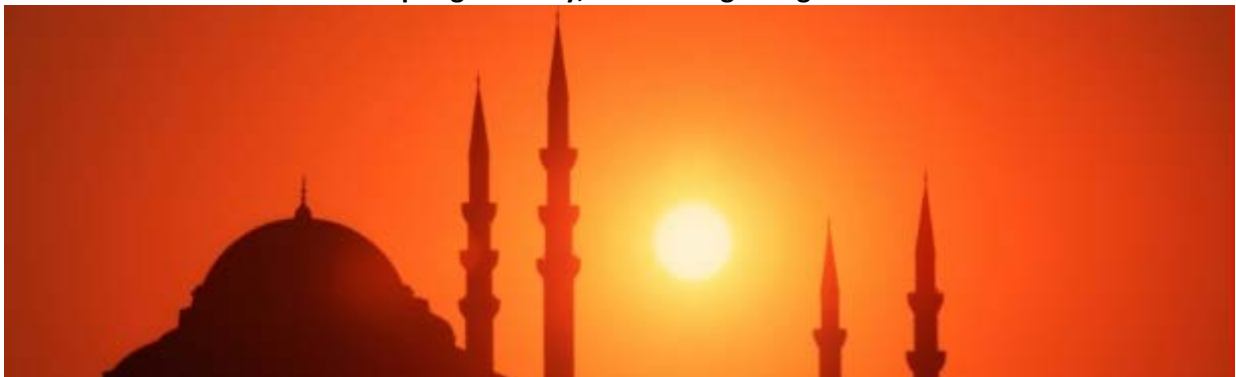
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Self Defense or Murder? SGT Derrick Miller Gets Life in Leavenworth for Killing Afghan Insurgent



- Not so clear. "He also testified that Mr Miller straddled the man, who was lying on his back, before shooting him in the head. According to prosecuting attorney Major Matt Calarco, 'Immediately following the event the accused said, 'I shot him. He was a liar.'" Mr Calarco said that shooting an unarmed Afghan civilian and leaving his body in a latrine is not in accordance with military protocol. The jury deliberated for under three hours before finding Mr Miller guilty.
- This is nothing more than a dedicated soldier who gets thrown under the proverbial bus by the United States Army and chain-of-command more acting along political lines than on the reality of warfare and how it is waged in Afghanistan and Iraq.
- In Afghanistan our own ROE doesn't clear the already stagnant and opaque waters. It doesn't protect our soldiers. It protects against political/career embarrassment. If we're not taking the gloves off, then we shouldn't be there taking one sucker punch after another.
- It is ironic that, in some cases, police officers in the U.S. have more relaxed rules of engagement.

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New Rules Allow More Civilian Casualties In Air War Against Islamic State

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Turks Who Tried To Put Sack Over U.S. Soldier's Head Released



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Former U.S Defense Contractor Sentenced For Passing Military Secrets To India

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Understanding Treatment of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury in the Military Health System

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY



Treatment of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury in the Military Health System

Among service members diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury, the majority of cases are concussions. Understanding the characteristics of service members with these injuries and their treatment patterns can inform the delivery of high-quality care.

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Roughly 3 Million Men And Women Served In Vietnam War, Nearly 60,000 Gave Their Lives in the War



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<http://www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war/vietnam-war-history/videos/remembering-vietnam-in-transit>

Secretary of Defense Carter Arrives In Iraq For Talks On ISIS Fight



<http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/story/military/2016/04/18/carter-iraq-isis-baghdad-visit/83180498/>

Carter: Next Steps in Iraq ISIL Fight Include More Troops, Military Equipment

<http://www.defense.gov/News-Article-View/Article/737764/carter-next-steps-in-iraq-isil-fight-include-more-troops-military-equipment>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-36075452>

President Obama Sending More U.S. Troops, Helicopters To Help Iraq Retake Mosul



<http://www.voanews.com/content/us-secretary-of-defense-visits-iraq/3290079.html>

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U.S. to Send Military Advisers Closer to Front Lines of ISIS Fight in Iraq



<http://www.stripes.com/news/middle-east/iraq-reinforcements-to-bring-us-troops-closer-to-frontlines-1.405023>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/19/world/middleeast/obama-isis-iraq.html>

Number of U.S. Troops in Iraq Keeps Creeping Upward

On June 15, 2014, President Obama told Congress he was ordering “up to approximately 275 U.S. Armed Forces personnel” to Iraq to fight ISIS. They would “remain in Iraq until the security situation becomes such that it is no longer needed.” Today, nearly 5,000 U.S. Military Personnel are there, readying for fight to retake ISIS stronghold of Mosul.

<http://time.com/4298318/iraq-us-troops-barack-obama-mosul-isis/>

Sending More U.S. Troops To Iraq Fits A 2-Year Pattern

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National Security Advisor Susan Rice Details U.S. Whole-Of-Government Approach To Defeating ISIL: 'ISIL Does Not Represent Islam, They Are Simply A Twisted Network Of Murderers And Maniacs'



National Security Advisor Susan Rice told the Air Force Academy cadets and faculty that defeating ISIL is “at the very top of President Obama’s agenda.”

While the terror group is not an existential threat to the United States, she said, it is a danger to Americans and U.S. allies around the globe. Rice pointed to the ISIL attacks in Brussels, Paris, Istanbul, San Bernardino, Jakarta, Nigeria and others. She also highlighted ISIL in Syria and Iraq and the danger it poses to millions of people under its rule.

ISIL is an enormous danger to civilians in the region and is an incredibly destabilizing force in the Middle East, she said, but members of the group are not 10 feet tall.

“This is not World War III or the much-hyped clash of civilizations,” Rice said. “On the contrary, we alienate our Muslim friends and allies -- and dishonor the countless Muslim victims of ISIL’s brutality -- when people recklessly and wrongly cast ISIL as somehow representative of one of the world’s largest religions.”

ISIL is simply “a twisted network of murderers and maniacs, and they must be rooted out, hunted down and destroyed,” she said, and all aspects of the U.S. government are part of the process to stop them.

<http://www.defense.gov/News-Article-View/Article/722259/rice-details-us-whole-of-government-approach-to-defeating-isil>

Is ISIS Faithful to Islam? Do the Roots of Jihad Lie in the Quran?

Yet when “moderate, peaceful Muslims” were called to testify as defense witnesses, says McCarthy, they could not contradict the Blind Sheikh’s claim that he had correctly interpreted the Quran. The questions that arise are crucial.

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Strategic Amnesia And ISIS: Forgetting History's Hard Lessons In Iraq



<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/strategic-amnesia-isis-15868>

America Can't Do Much About ISIS: That Leaves Patience, Containment, And Humanitarian Aid As The Least-Bad Policies While Waiting For This Awful War To Play Itself Out



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President Obama Misses Muslim Immigrant Threat: One of the Brussels Killers Was a 'Refugee'



<http://www.newsmax.com/Murdock/Immigrants-Refugees/2016/04/15/id/724128/>

Obama's Record As Commander-In-Chief, By The Numbers: While America's Military Footprint Abroad Is Fainter Today, It's Also More Dispersed



<http://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2016/03/obamas-record-commander-chief-numbers/127122/?oref=d-dontmiss>

Vox Interviews SecDef Ash Carter: Are Global Lines Of Military Deterrence Blurring? New Norms Are Forming



<http://www.vox.com/2016/4/13/11421728/ash-carter-video-deterrence>

Balancing War Readiness, Ship and Weapons Manufacturing, and Funding



Today, while China's sixty major shipyards are working overtime to churn out submarine wolf packs and all of the various chess pieces that comprise carrier strike groups, many of their U.S. counterparts are either gathering dust, consolidating, or already closed down.

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/one-big-reason-america-isnt-ready-world-war-three-15847>

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Colin Powell Remembers Desert Storm, 'First Days Of A Ground War Are Always Tricky Because You Think You Know Everything'



<http://content.yudu.com/web/y5b2/0A1o81t/201601January/flash/resources/64.htm>
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Largest U.S. Tank Battle Lasted Mere Minutes



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Memo to a New President: How Best to Organize the National Security Council



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How The Next U.S. President Should Manage Russia: Putin Looks Likely To Remain President Of A Resurgent Russia Until At Least 2024

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It's Time to Start Talking About American Exceptionalism Again



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Top-Ranking Intelligence Officials Are Reviewing Secret 9/11 Material



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28 Pages: The Controversy Over Saudi Arabia And 9/11, Explained



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What's in the Missing 28 Pages From the 9/11 Inquiry?

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9/11 Commissioner Urging Release Of Report's 28 Secret Pages



<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/911-commissioner-urging-release-of-reports-28-secret-pages/>

Why Obama Should Veto the Saudi 9/11 Bill



It would be satisfying to watch terror victims haul billionaire princes into court. But what about the consequences?

<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2016/04/obama-veto-saudi-terrorism/479112/>

Saudi Arabia to Sell Billions in U.S. Assets if 9/11 Bill Passes: NYT

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Saudi U.S. Selloff Threat Not To Be Trifled With

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What Have the Saudis Done For Us Lately?

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Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton Pledges To Halt Trans-Pacific Partnership After She Helped Negotiate It As Secretary Of State, 'The Completed Deal Didn't Meet The High Bar I Have Set'

<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/clinton-pledges-to-halt-trade-deals-that-hurt-us-workers-2016-04-19>

U.S. Cuts Hardship Pay For Civilian Staff Outside South Korean Capital

In an unusual move, the U.S. has eliminated the post hardship differential allowance for some 2,800 Korea-based civilian government employees stationed outside the Seoul metropolitan area, according to a memo obtained by Stars and Stripes.

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South Korea Added To List Of U.S. Posts Approved For Same-Sex Couples

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In A Changing U.S. Army, Turbans And Hijabs Allowed

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Navy Secretary Takes Women-In-Combat Message To Troops, ‘We Are A Stronger Corps Because Of Every Time We’ve Become A More Diverse Corps’



Mabus returned again and again to what appeared to be his main message for the Marines: Physical standards won't drop to make way for women. It's something that critics have predicted will be inevitable, given what is expected to be political pressure to make sure women succeed.

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2016/apr/12/mabus-marines-women-combat-pendleton-speech/>

Male Leaders Will Make Or Break The Army's Combat Integration Of Women



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Army Calls Enlisted Women to Fill Infantry, Armor And 12 Other Combat Jobs

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22 Women To Join Army's Infantry, Armor Branches As Officers



Each will have to spend months passing additional job-specific training and meet a series of physical requirements before they are assigned to a unit to serve as platoon leaders. "We're not going to turn our back on 50 percent of the population," acting Army Secretary Patrick J. Murphy said. "We are opening up every occupation to women. I think that's pretty historic." Seven of the women will commission through West Point when they graduate May 17. Another 14 will come through ROTC programs at several universities across the nation. One will commission through Officer Candidate School, according to Army officials. Nine of the women will join the infantry and 13 will serve as armor officers, according to an Army statement.

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First Female Marine Applies To Join The Infantry



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In Marines' New Fitness Plan, Pullups For Women Won't Be Mandatory But Will be For Men, 'Some Current Standards Are Either Not Relevant, Not Challenging Or Not Attainable'

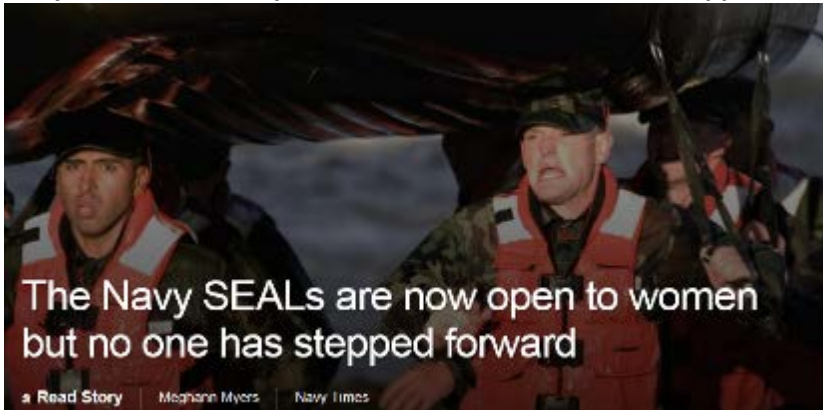


Data collected in 2013 found that 55 percent of female recruits couldn't meet the minimum requirement. A study of 318 female Marines found that the women could complete 1.63 pullups on average. Roughly 20 percent of those Marines could only hit three pullups if they used their lower

bodies in a "kipping" motion. At that point, the Marine Corps allowed women to choose between pullups and the flexed-arm hang as officials developed a new plan. The transition was further extended when leadership decided to hold off on any decision until the three-year Women in Service Review wrapped up in 2015. In November, Neller directed top leaders to conduct a full review of the service's fitness and body composition standards, which led to this latest proposal. Some say the proposed test would allow women the option to forgo the exercise if they still haven't quite mastered pullups. "I think this is a great way to implement the change as it gives an incentive to increase a score without the fear of failing the PFT,"

<http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/story/military/2016/04/18/marines-new-fitness-plan-pullups-women-wont-mandatory/82793128/>

Navy Seals Are Now Open To Women But No One Has Stepped Forward



<http://www.navytimes.com/story/military/2016/04/19/navy-seals-now-open-women-but-none-has-stepped-forward/82982558/>

Will Gender-Integration Enhance Or Endanger Combat Fighters' Lives And Missions Against Overwhelmingly Male Adversaries? (videos)



PHYSIOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SEXES (Army Physical Fitness Field Manual)

SIZE

The average 18- year-old man is 70.2 inches tall and weighs 144.8 pounds, whereas the average woman of the same age is 64.4 inches tall and weighs 126.6 pounds. This difference in size affects the absolute amount of physical work that can be performed by men and women.

MUSCLES

Men have 50 percent greater total muscle mass, based on weight, than do women. A woman who is the same size as her male counterpart is generally only 80 percent as strong. Therefore, men usually have an advantage in strength, speed, and power over women.

FAT

Women carry about 10 percentage points more body fat than do men of the same age. Men accumulate fat primarily in the back, chest, and abdomen; women gain fat in the buttocks, arms, and thighs. Also,

because the center of gravity is lower in women than in men, women must overcome more resistance in activities that require movement of the lower body.

BONES

Women have less bone mass than men, but their pelvic structure is wider. This difference gives men an advantage in running efficiency.

HEART SIZE AND RATE

The average woman's heart is 25 percent smaller than the average man's. Thus, the man's heart can pump more blood with each beat. The larger heart size contributes to the slower resting heart rate (five to eight beats a minute slower) in males. This lower rate is evident both at rest and at any given level of submaximal exercise. Thus, for any given work rate, the faster heart rate means that most women will become fatigued sooner than men.

FLEXIBILITY

Women generally are more flexible than men.

LUNGS

The lung capacity of men is 25 to 30 percent greater than that of women. This gives men still another advantage in the processing of oxygen and in doing aerobic work such as running.

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<http://www.weeklystandard.com/obama-admins-ruling-on-women-in-combat-will-endanger-marines/article/2000095>

Navy Secretary To Marines: Women In Combat Is Irreversible: Marine General To Senators 'A Decision Has Been Made But Hope Is Not A Course Of Action On The Battlefield'

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/navy-secretary-discuss-women-combat-camp-pendleton-38324946>

Norfolk Shooting: Assailant Disarmed a Female Navy Military Sentry and Used Her Gun to Shoot the Master at Arms



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Policewoman Under Attack By Burundi Protesters Defended By Policemen



<http://in.reuters.com/news/picture/police-woman-under-mob-attack?articleId=INRTX1CLK1>

<http://in.reuters.com/video/2015/05/12/burundi-protesters-beat-up-police-office?videoId=364198538&videoChannel=117460>

Islamic Terrorist, Convicted In 2008 Plot To Murder Iraqi PM, Stabbed and Seriously Wounds A Policewoman In Western Berlin Before Being Shot Dead By Her Fellow Policeman



<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/germany/11872727/Islamic-terrorist-shot-dead-after-Berlin-attack-on-policewoman.html>

World-Renowned Israeli Military Theorist Martin Van Creveld: ‘Don’t Point To IDF As Shining Beacon For Integration Of Women In Combat - Due To Injuries And Physical Capability No Women Serve In Main Israeli Combat Units - Beware Of Gender-Norming’

Currently, the active-duty force is about 30 percent female, or 58,000, and the number of fighters stands at around 1,593, which means less than 3 percent actually serve in combat units.

But not all combat units are equal, van Creveld said, and the inclusion of women has serious repercussions for the force as a whole.

“Women’s inferiority to men in respect to physical strength, aerobic capacity, endurance and, above all, robustness, is obvious to all,” van Creveld said. “The price is paid by their male colleagues; when a female trainee in a mixed unit breaks down, as often happens, guess who is going to carry her and/or her weapons and pack? But the price women have paid for serving in “combat” units has been much higher. Many of the documents in question are classified so as to avoid angering Israeli feminists, an aggressive and often obnoxious lot, by presenting them with the facts.”

In fact, these feminists have encouraged women in combat units to file suits against the Israeli military for injuries sustained. Due to injuries and physical incompetence, “Neither the infantry, nor the armored corps, nor the engineers, nor the special units, which between them form the bulk of the IDF’s ‘teeth,’ have any women at all.”

Integration in Israel, has already resulted in “‘gender norming’ and, with it, falling standards which, in case of war, could be dangerous.”

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Navy Scraps Mailer Over Sexism Accusations

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U.S. Military Accused of 26,000 Sexual Assaults in 2102, But Today Congressional Reports Only Cite 12,000 Sexual Assaults Over Four Years Between 2010-2013: Total DoD Convictions Every Year—Even Under Increased Congressional Scrutiny—Still in the Low Hundreds



(USA Today, May 2013) Pentagon estimates of how many troops are sexually assaulted show the numbers increased by 35% since 2010, from 19,300 service members believed to be victims that year to 26,000 in 2012, according to a Defense Department survey released Tuesday.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/05/07/military-sexual-assaults/2140835/>

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Exploiting Sexual Assault in the Military

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GI Bill BAH Cut Would Force Some Families to 'Reevaluate our Budget'

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Troops' Kids Face Deep Cut In GI Bill Housing Stipend

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Some Vets Groups Back Curbing Kids' GI Bill BAH to Fund Other Programs

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/04/21/some-vets-groups-back-cutting-kids-gi-bill-bah-fund-programs.html>

Veterans, Lawmakers Decry Proposed Cuts To GI Bill



Despite the GI Bill's popularity, the House cut a section of the benefits in February to pay for a massive veteran reform package and the Senate is now weighing whether to take up the measure. "When we ask our troops to make a promise to us to run into battle, we don't accept it when they turn around and say, 'You know what, now that the bullets are flying the cost is a little bit high,'" Rep. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., said. "So how dare we decide years later after we've made this promise, after people have enlisted or stayed in the military partly partially because of this benefit, to say, 'You know what, we decide it's too expensive, you cost us too much.'"

<http://www.stripes.com/news/veterans-lawmakers-decry-proposed-cuts-to-gi-bill-1.404570>

USS Pueblo Still Held By North Korea: A History Lesson On The Vessel



Richard Rogala was among 82 crew members who spent 11 months as a prisoner of war. Rogala encourages residents to contact their representatives in Congress to push for the return of the Pueblo. The USS Pueblo was captured along with its crew 48 years ago. Those on board were eventually released but North Korea still holds the ship today.

<http://fox11online.com/news/local/lakeshore/uss-pueblo-still-held-by-north-korea-a-history-lesson-on-the-vessel>

https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/uss-pueblo-sailors-tortured-in-north-korea-see-new-hope-for-compensation/2016/01/04/a5dbec7e-b2ef-11e5-a842-0feb51d1d124_story.html

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What Types Of Troop Parachutes Does The U.S. Army Use?



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TECHNOLOGY

A 15-Ton Computer Aims To Provide Clean Water, Electricity, And The Internet To Thousands Of Africans



The creators of Watly, a 15-ton multitasking thermal dynamic computer, believe their machine could help address three developmental challenges in Africa in one go: clean water, electricity and internet connectivity. The project—which is only in its prototype stage—aims to offer its machines as a solution to the infrastructural problems that communities all over Africa face.

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British University Tests Drones That Scan For Evidence Of Landmines

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The Flyboard Air Hoverboard Lifts Riders High Through The Sky



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Rolls-Royce Reveals Latest Vision for Drone Ships: 'This Is Happening'



<http://gcaptain.com/rolls-royce-reveals-latest-vision-for-drone-ships-this-is-happening/>

Pentagon Christens Unmanned Anti-Sub Ship



<http://gcaptain.com/107841-2/>

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<http://gcaptain.com/could-snake-like-swimming-robots-be-the-future-of-subsea-inspection-and-light-intervention/>

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All-Hazard Protection Readiness Training: Short Waves Of Terror In A Vast Sea Of Boredom

As mariners, we experience “months of boredom interspersed with moments of sheer terror.” Most of the time everything goes fine – our training is for those other moments. The moments that can happen to any of us, the ones that stand between us and disaster. This is why training needs to include challenges, games, experimentation, and discussion... as opposed to a lecture and multiple choice question format. For a mate to recall training at a critical moment, training needs to be fully ingrained in the mind of the student. Learning takes place in the processing of information – through the total comprehension and ability to reform that information. Nothing is learned truly before the student can teach it to someone else.

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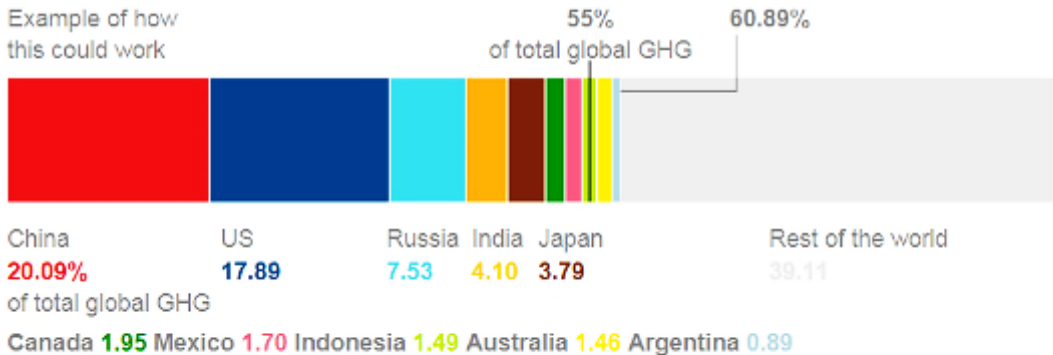
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Canada's Justin Trudeau To Lobby For Quick Approval Of Paris Climate Deal **Approval of the Paris Agreement**

The Paris Agreement will come into force when countries representing at least 55% of total global greenhouse gasses, and 55% of the population join the agreement

Example of how this could work



Guardian graphic

Source: World Resources Institute

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