

# 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

### 2nd Ballistic Missile Sub Joins Russia's Pacific Fleet



<http://thediplomat.com/2016/09/confirmed-2nd-ballistic-missile-sub-joins-russias-pacific-fleet/>

### Russia's Deadliest Sub Test Fires 2 Nuclear-Capable Ballistic Missiles



"Today, on September 27, the *Yuri Dolgoruky* strategic nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine conducted experimental launches of two Bulava intercontinental ballistic missiles from the White Sea to the Kura firing range on the Kamchatka Peninsula," the ministry said in a statement.

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/09/russias-deadliest-sub-test-fires-2-nuclear-capable-ballistic-missiles/>

### Russia Lays Down 3 New Nuclear Submarines

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### Russia's Pacific Fleet to Receive 6 New Attack Submarines

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### Russia Considers Military Bases In Vietnam And Cuba: Agencies

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-military-bases-idUSKCN1270PN>

### Russia, China to Mull Joint Response to U.S. Missile Shield

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/10/11/russia-china-mull-joint-response-us-missile-shield.html>

### **North Korean Spy Agency Official Defected To S. Korea Last Year: Source**

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/10/12/25/0401000000AEN20161012002500315F.html>

### **North Korea 'Purged Minister After Diplomat Fled'**

[http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=11728061](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=11728061)

### **More High-Ranking North Korean Officials In Beijing Defect To Japanese Embassy: South Korea Media**

<https://www.nknews.org/2016/10/n-korean-officials-in-beijing-defect-to-japan-embassy-s-korean-media/>

<http://thedi diplomat.com/2016/10/more-high-level-north-korean-defectors-jump-ship-media/>

### **35% of North Korean Defectors Cite Freedom as Key Motivation**

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/10/12/0401000000AEN20161012006500315.html>

### **U.S. and Korean Navies Begin 6-Day Naval Exercise on 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of North Korea's Workers Party**



The Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN) and the U.S. Navy on Monday began an unprecedented six-day naval exercise in the Sea of Japan (East Sea) and in the Yellow Sea to the west and east of the Korean peninsula to warn North Korea against taking more provocations that might lead to war. The timing of the naval drill is significant. It was launched Oct. 10, which marks the 71st anniversary of the founding of the Central Organizing Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, formerly called the Communist Party of Korea.

<http://thedi diplomat.com/2016/10/naval-drill-us-and-korean-navies-simulate-strikes-against-north-korean-nuke-facilities/>

<http://www.c7f.navy.mil/Media/News/Display/Article/970687/us-republic-of-korea-navies-conduct-exercise-ensuring-alliance-remains-ready-to/>

### **North Korea Slams South Korea-U.S. Naval Exercise**

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### **North Korea Celebrates Founding Anniversary Of Ruling Party**



[http://app.yonhapnews.co.kr/YNA/Basic/ForeignGallery/view.aspx?lang=EN&contents\\_id=PYH20161011248300320](http://app.yonhapnews.co.kr/YNA/Basic/ForeignGallery/view.aspx?lang=EN&contents_id=PYH20161011248300320)

### North Korea Tends To Undertake Provocations One Month Before Or After U.S. Election: CSIS

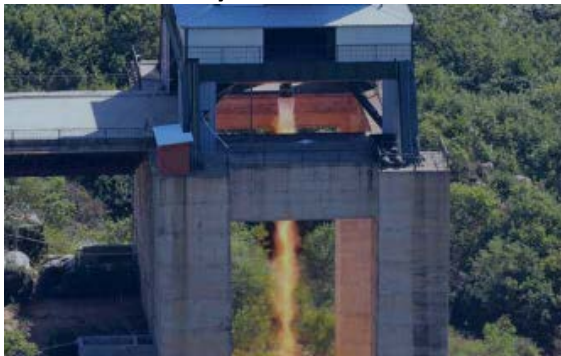
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### North Korea Activity at Nuclear Site Raises Speculation Over New Test



<http://www.wsj.com/articles/north-korea-activity-at-nuclear-site-raises-speculation-over-new-test-1475811158>

### 'Increased Activity' Detected At North Korea's Sohae Rocket-Launching Site



<http://www.stripes.com/news/increased-activity-detected-at-north-korea-s-sohae-rocket-launching-site-1.433498>

### North Korea Could Have Up To 100 Deliverable Nuclear Weapons In Four Years

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### North Korea Reportedly 'Building Large Submarine'

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<http://www.janes.com/article/64263/north-korea-possibly-building-large-submarine-says-report>

### North Korea's Nuclear Program Prompts Some In South To Call For Own Deterrent



<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/10/03/asia-pacific/north-koreas-nuclear-program-prompts-south-call-deterrent/>

**South Korean Military Expanding Special Forces Capability To Strike Key N.K. Facilities, Leadership**

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/10/12/0401000000AEN20161012005151315.html>

**Debate Heats Up Over How To Tackle North Korean Threats**



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**Expert: What It Will Take To Contain North Korea's Nuclear Ambitions**



<http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2016/10/10/expert-what-it-will-take-to-contain-north-koreas-nuclear-ambitions.html>

**White House Sending THAAD To South Korea As 'Soon As Feasible'**

<http://www.janes.com/article/64537/white-house-sending-thaad-to-south-korea-as-soon-as-feasible>

**THAAD and the Sino-South Korean Strategic Dilemma**



<http://thediplomat.com/2016/10/thaad-and-the-sino-south-korean-strategic-dilemma/>



**U.S. Expects 'Significant' Progress On Tougher North Korea Sanctions: Diplomat**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-nuclear-un-usa-idUSKCN12B21O>

**Why China May Be Pushing Back on a North Korea Sanction**

<http://fortune.com/2016/10/11/china-north-korea-coal/>

**How China and America Can Make a Serious North Korea Deal**

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/how-china-america-can-make-serious-north-korea-deal-17985>

**How to Rethink the U.S.' Failing North Korea Strategy**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/10/how-to-rethink-the-us-failing-north-korea-strategy/>

**Extraordinary Encounter: Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister Met North Korean Counterpart In Rare Exchange**



<http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/canada-north-korea-rare-meeting-1.3798958>

**A Dozen Lessons We Should Take From North Korea's Latest Nuclear Test**



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**Asia's Wicked Geometry: The Power and Problems of Trilateralism**

<http://warontherocks.com/2016/10/asias-wicked-geometry-the-power-and-problems-of-trilateralism/>

**Korea To Use Firearms On Illegal Chinese Fishing Boats That Don't Cooperate With Law Enforcement**

[http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/10/205\\_215863.html](http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/10/205_215863.html)

**China Again Asks South Korea To Handle Illegal Fishing Issue Reasonably**

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/10/12/0301000000AEN20161012010700315.html>

**China Rebuffs South Korea Over Sinking Of Coast Guard Vessel**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-southkorea-fishermen-idUSKCN12C12L>

### **Taiwan's President Tsai Calls For Talks With China, But Refuses To Concede On 'One China' Issue**



<https://asiancorrespondent.com/2016/10/taiwan-president-tsai-ing-wen-calls-talks-china-refuses-concede-one-china-issue/>

### **China Raps U.S. Over Asia Interventions**

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/china-raps-us-over-asia-interventions/article9208482.ece>

### **Pentagon's 'Third Offset' in the US 'Rebalance to Asia'**



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### **The Shadow of Air-Sea Battle and the Sinking of A2AD**



<http://warontherocks.com/2016/10/the-shadow-of-air-sea-battle-and-the-sinking-of-a2ad/>

### **A2/AD Is Dead, Long Live A2/AD**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/10/a2ad-is-dead-long-live-a2ad/>

### **Xi Said Consolidating Grip On Power In China By Curbing Rival Bloc, Giving Allies More Power**



<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/10/02/asia-pacific/politics-diplomacy-asia-pacific/xi-said-consolidating-grip-power-china-curbing-rival-bloc-giving-allies-power/>

### **China President Out To Get Silk Region In Order**

<http://www.asianews.network/content/china-president-out-get-silk-region-order-30182>

### **Thailand: China Makes Nice**

<https://www.strategypage.com/qnd/thai/articles/20161006.aspx>

### **Duterte Visit To China Next Week May Lead To Changing Alliances In East Asia**



<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/10/02/asia-pacific/duterte-visit-china-may-lead-changing-alliances-east-asia/>  
<http://www.voanews.com/a/philippine-president-duterte-to-visit-china-next-week/3547253.html>

### **Hopes Rise As Duterte Set To Visit China With 250-Member Business Delegation**

<http://www.asianews.network/content/hopes-rise-duterte-set-visit-china-28705>

### **What Duterte Demonstrates About U.S. Security Commitments Abroad**



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### Duterte Hints At Shift Toward China And Russia After U.S. 'Insults'

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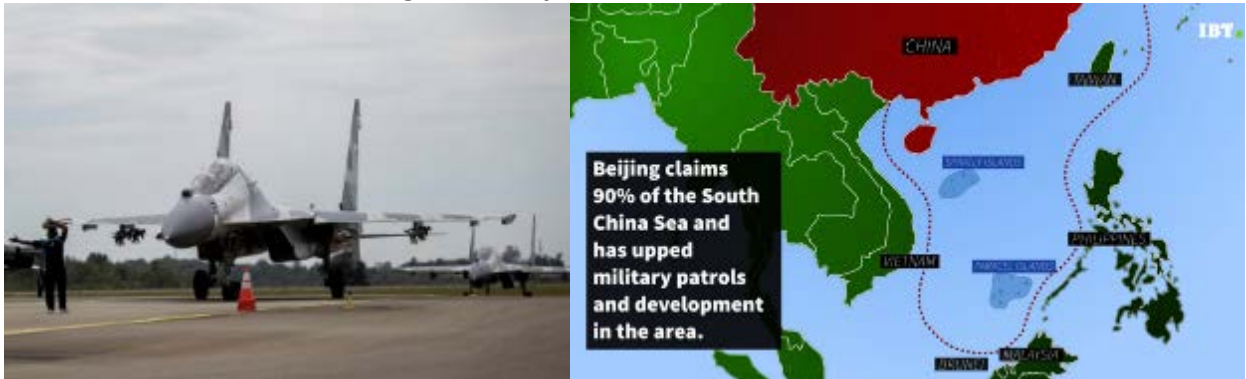
### Philippines President On US Alliance: 'Do You Really Think We Need It?'

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### U.S., ASEAN Navies To Hold Joint Exercise In Hopes Of Improving Surveillance Capacity

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### Indonesia Air Force Conducts Largest Military Drill In South China Sea



<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/indonesia-air-force-conducts-largest-military-drill-south-china-sea-1584741>

### Raising Concerns About The South China Sea Does Not Make Singapore, Or Other Asian Nations, Anti-China

<http://www.scmp.com/comment/insight-opinion/article/2025969/raising-concerns-about-south-china-sea-does-not-make>

## VIETNAM

### Vietnam Ramps Up Trade Talks Amid Economic Uncertainty

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### Vietnam Plans Da Nang Mega-Port



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## THAILAND

### Thailand's Longtime King, A Figure Of Unity And Stability, Gravely Ill



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<http://thediplomat.com/2016/10/thai-king-bhumibols-health-unstable-raising-succession-questions-again/>  
<https://asiancorrespondent.com/2016/10/thai-condition-stable-dialysis-treatment/>

### Massive Raids Carried Out Following Car Bomb Alert



Combined police and military teams on Tuesday raided several locations in Bangkok and nearby provinces and took a number of suspects away for questioning following a car-bombs alert. In Samut Prakan province, a man suspected of involvement in southern insurgency has been detained for questioning after a raid by police and soldiers at a condominium unit in Samut Prakan province.

[www.bangkokpost.com/news/all-article/page-18312/](http://www.bangkokpost.com/news/all-article/page-18312/)

### Police Step Up Security Over Alleged Bangkok Bomb Plot



<https://asiancorrespondent.com/2016/10/thailand-cops-step-security-alleged-bangkok-bomb-plot/>

## **Thailand – Floods Reported in 14 Provinces, 3 Dead in Nakornsawan**



<http://floodlist.com/asia/thailand-floods-reported-14-provinces-3-dead-nakornsawan>

## **As Rainy Season Peaks, Thai PM Prayuth Moves To Allay Flood Fears**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-thailand-floods-idUSKCN12411F>

## **Breaking The Cycle Of Flooding And Drought**

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## **MALAYSIA**

### **Malaysia Arrests 16 ISIS Militant Suspects Across 6 States**

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## **INDONESIA**

### **Indonesia Arrests Leader Of ISIS-Linked Militant Group**

<http://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/indonesia-arrests-leader-of-isis-linked-militant-group>

### **Indonesia Nabs 4 Suspected Of Helping People To Join ISIS In Middle East**

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### **Why Indonesia's New Counterterrorism Strategy Could Be Its Best Yet**

<http://www.rappler.com/world/regions/asia-pacific/indonesia/bahasa/englishedition/148953-counterterrorism-bnpt-suhardi-alius>

## **PHILIPPINES**

### **President Duterte Lashes Out At Obama Again, Telling Him 'Go To Hell' Amid Criticism Of War On Drugs**



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## **Why Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte Distrusts The U.S.**



<http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2016/10/11/497487363/why-philippine-president-rodrigo-duterte-distrusts-the-u-s?ft=nprml&f=2,3,46>

## **Duterte: 'Don't Prepare For War Games Next Year. 'I Insist That We Realign'**

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## **Philippines to U.S.: No More Joint Drills**

<http://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2016-10-07/philippines-tells-us-no-joint-patrols-in-south-china-sea>

## **U.S., Philippine Marines Wrap Up What Could Be Allies' Final Joint Exercise**



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## **If Duterte Kicks Out U.S. Special Operators, a Hard Rain's Gonna Fall**

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## **Duterte Recants Threat To Cut Ties With US**

<http://www.sunstar.com.ph/manila/local-news/2016/10/11/duterte-recants-threat-cut-ties-us-502931>

## **Philippines Senator Says Duterte's War On Drugs Will Fail**

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## **Progress in the Philippine Peace Process Under Duterte**

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## **Hundreds Of Jailed Philippine Communist Rebels Likely To Be Granted Amnesty**



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## **Philippines Drafts Executive Order To Impose Total Ban On Smoking In Public Spaces**

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## **Survey: Just 11% of Filipinos Are 'Dissatisfied' With Rodrigo Duterte**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/10/survey-just-11-of-filipinos-are-dissatisfied-with-rodrigo-duterte/>

## **AUSTRALIA**

### **Returned Jihadists: The Horror That Comes After Islamic State**

<http://www.news.com.au/national/politics/returned-jihadists-the-horror-that-comes-after-islamic-state/news-story/6ffde8f2aa0266668e3ab9205eb0425f>

## **JAPAN**

### **Extensive Blackout in Tokyo Hits Trains, Government Offices**

<http://www.voanews.com/a/extensive-blackout-in-tokyo-hits-trains-government-offices/3547199.html>

### **Japan, U.S. To Sign Pact Limiting SOFA Coverage Of U.S. Base Workers**

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## **NORTH KOREA**

### **Under New Management: Shifts in North Korea's Foreign Ministry and Nuclear Communications**



<http://38north.org/2016/10/mmadden101116/>



### **Rare Survey Of North Korean Residents Shows Animosity Toward Regime's Anti-Market Policies**

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### **Red Cross Paints Bleak Picture Of Flood-Ravaged Parts Of North Korea As Winter Nears**



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## **SOUTH KOREA**

### **South Korea's Military Cyber Command Hacked Last Month**

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## **CHINA**

### **Girl, Three, Survives Building Collapse As She Is Protected From Rubble Wrapped In Dead Parents' Arms**



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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/11/girl-three-survives-building-collapse-as-she-is-protected-from-r/>

### **Building Collapse in Chinese City of Wenzhou Kills at Least 22**



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### **China Sentences Former Communist Party Leader To Death For Corruption**

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### **China Claims It Developed 'Quantum' Radar To See Stealth Planes**

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/military/research/a22996/china-quantum-stealth-radar/>

### **China Fielding First Installment of New Versatile Gunship Helicopters To Every Aviation Brigade**



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### **Chinese Military Equips All Ground Forces With New Attack Helicopters**

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### China Adds An Island Tower To Its Aircraft Carrier



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### China Looks to Merge Its Two Largest State-Owned Shipping Companies Into One



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## BANGLADESH

### Bangladesh Expects \$ 40 Billion From China During Xi's Visit



<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/bangladesh-expects-usd-40-bn-from-china-during-xis-visit/article9208233.ece>

## MYANMAR/BURMA

### Myanmar's Suu Kyi To Visit India Next Week



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## INDIA

**India, Pakistan Unlikely To Deliberately Escalate Hostilities But Publicising Covert Operation Encourages Public Pressure, Driving War Risk**

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**Indian Commandos Strike Terrorists Inside Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir**



<http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2016/09/indian-commandos-strike-terrorists-inside-pakistan-occupied-kashmir.php>

**Militants Killed As Three-Day Kashmir Gun Battle With RPGs and Flame-Throwers Ends**



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## RUSSIA

**Russia's Vladimir Putin Cancels Paris Trip Amid Differences Over Syria**



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### **Vladimir Putin Just Won An International Peace Prize**

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### **Putin's Comments On Oil Are A Positive Sign**

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### **Russia Moving Nuclear-Capable Missiles Into Kaliningrad: U.S. Intelligence Official**

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### **Russia Deploys Nuclear-Capable Missiles on NATO's Doorstep**



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### **Russian Cellular Towers To Help Defend Against Enemy Missiles**

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### **Airborne Assault Vehicles Russia Uses to Move Troops Around in a Hurry**



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### **Concern Kalashnikov Debuts New Sniper Rifle**



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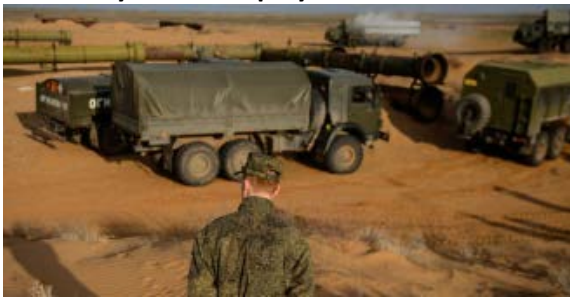


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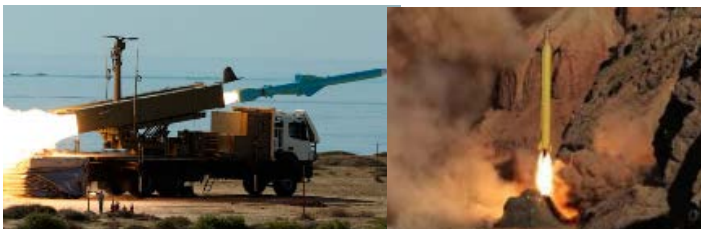
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*Voting assistance for Service members,  
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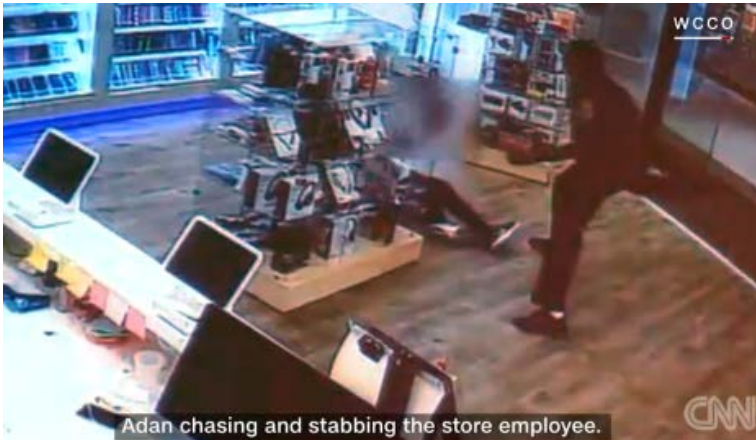
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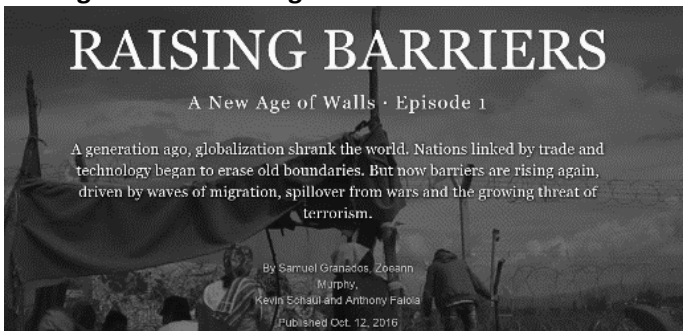
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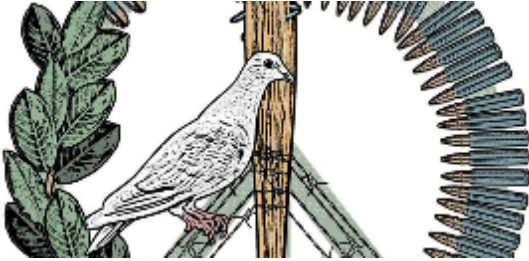
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