

# 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

**President Obama Makes Historic Visit To Hiroshima, 'We Have A Shared Responsibility To Look Into The Eye Of History And Ask What We Must Do Differently To Curb Such Suffering Again.'**



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## President Obama's Visit to Japan and the Transformation of Japan's Defense Policy



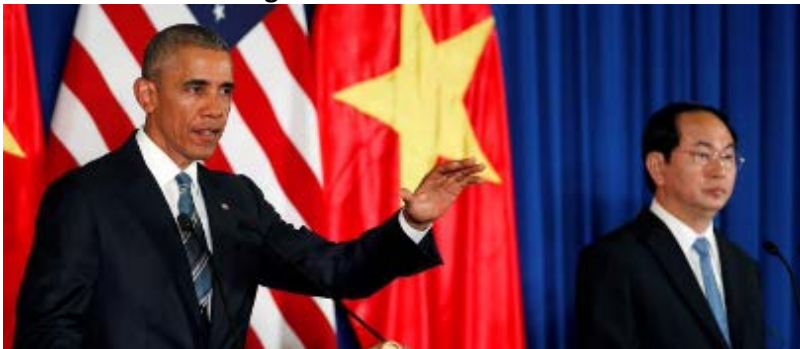
<http://www.rand.org/blog/2016/05/president-obamas-visit-to-japan-and-the-transformation.html>

### No Objections, India Set To Join Missile Control Group



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### U.S. Lifts Arms Embargo on Vietnam



President Obama says shift removes vestige of Cold War; move comes as region frets over Chinese assertiveness.

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<http://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2016/05/24/obama-big-nations-not-bully-small-ones-sot.cnn/video/playlists/u-s--vietnam-relations/>

### Obama's Visit to Vietnam: A Turning Point?

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### Vietnam Pivots To U.S. With Wary Eye On China: Arms Ban Ends



<http://breakingdefense.com/2016/05/vietnam-pivots-to-us-with-wary-eye-on-china-arms-ban-ends/>

### 'Very Poor Lie,' China Tells Obama Over Lethal Weapons Sales To Vietnam

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### **Why Is The U.S. Arming Vietnam?**

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<http://www.rand.org/blog/2016/05/why-has-obama-lifted-the-arms-sales-ban-on-vietnam.html>

### **U.S. Not Seeking Base In Vietnam's Cam Ranh Bay: Envoy**



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### **Washington Must Carefully Calibrate Its Approach To Vietnam To Avoid Inflaming Regional Tensions**



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### **Trump, Clinton and the Future of U.S.-Vietnam Relations: The Diplomat**

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### **South China Sea Deployment: Indian Stealth Warships Visit Vietnam**



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### **China Hits Back As G7 Focuses On Global Economy**



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### **President Obama At G7 Summit: North Korea Is 'Big Worry' For All**

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### **China's Ultimate Concern Is U.S., Not North Korea**

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### **U.S. and China Must Not Force Allies to Take Sides**

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### **North Korea May Have Sold Fishing Rights To China**

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### **North Korean Hackers Stole F-15 Wing Designs, Seoul Says**

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### **North Korea Hacked Into More Than 140,000 Computers At 160 South Korean Firms And Government Agencies, Planting Malicious Code: Seoul**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-southkorea-cyber-idUSKCN0YZ0BE>

### **Key North Korean Diplomat and Nuclear Negotiator, Kang Sok-Ju Dies at 76, Mourned at His State Funeral as a Serious Loss for the Country**



The North Korean diplomat who negotiated a 1994 deal to freeze the country's nuclear programs in exchange for aid was mourned at his state funeral Sunday.

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**The Death Of A Diplomat - Kang Sok-Ju: 38 North**



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**North Korea 'Postponed Nuclear Test After Food Deal With China'**



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**North Korea May Link Suspension Of Nuke Test To Peace Treaty Talks: Report**

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**North Korea Missile Launch Attempt Failed, Pentagon Confirms**



North Korea attempted to launch a missile Tuesday, although it appeared to be unsuccessful, South Korea's military said. One missile was test-fired from the eastern city of Wonsan at 5:20 a.m., the South Korea Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said.

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## North Korea's Missile Tests Timed to Bolster Standing with China, Analysts Say (video)



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## Repeated Missile Failures Humiliate N. Korea

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## As North Korean Missile Launch Fails, Pyongyang Official Visits Beijing



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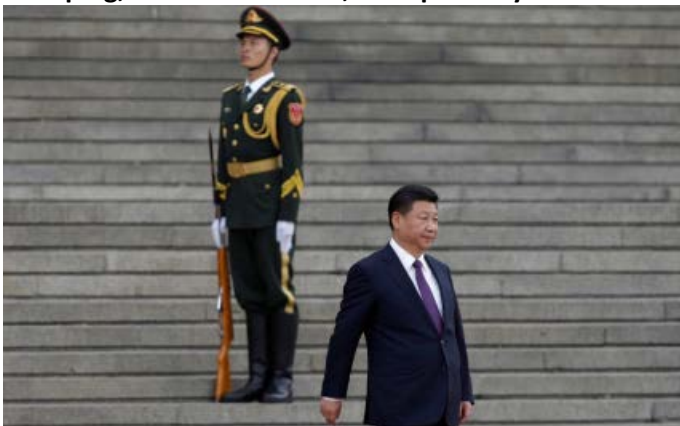
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**Retired U.S. Forces Korea Commander: North Korea Collapse Not Far Off**

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## Uganda Cuts Military Ties With North Korea Amid South Korean Outreach

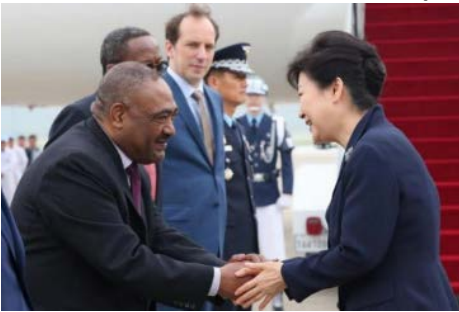


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## South Korea Builds Ties With Ethiopia In Bid To Deter North



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## Russia Targets North Korea with Financial Sanctions

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## The North Korea Threat: America's Limited Options



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## Assessing the North Korean Hazard

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## How North Korea Would Retaliate: Stratfor



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## American Detained in North Korea Had 30 Guards to Himself — And They All Wanted to Know About the United States



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## Stretching and Exploiting Thresholds for High-Order War: How Russia, China, and Iran Are Eroding American Influence Using Time-Tested Measures Short of War



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## Abe Discusses Maritime Security With Two South Asian Countries In Light Of China's Growing Maritime Assertiveness

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## China, Denying Close Encounter With American Plane, Points Finger at U.S.



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### **PACOM Presses To Film China's Reckless Pilots From P-3s, P-8s**

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### **China's Surveillance Drones Make It To Woody Island**



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### **U.S. and Chinese Air Superiority Capabilities**

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### **New Taiwan Leadership Takes Tough Stance On Disputed South China Sea**

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### **The South China Sea Dispute: Beijing's View**

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### **Xi Hopes To Get Ties With Philippines Back On Track**

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### **China Says It Wants to Make Up With The Philippines, Don't Believe It**

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### **Philippine Protesters Sail To Disputed Shoal To Plant A Philippine Flag On Independence Day**



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### **Indonesia To Coordinate South China Sea Policy Ahead of Court Verdict**

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### **South China Sea Fears Grow Before Tribunal Rules On Disputed Islands**

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### **China Set For Court Ruling As U.S. Sends Confusing Signals On South China Sea Takeover**

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### **China's Claims Rely On Historical Fiction And Face An Imminent Challenge From The U.S. Navy**

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/what-lies-in-the-south-china-sea-1444756962>

### **Will China Decide To Reduce Tension In The South China Sea?**

<http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/will-china-decide-to-reduce-tension-in-the-south-china-sea>

### **The South China Sea Crisis: Next Stop the UN Security Council?**

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### **China Warship Off Disputed Islands, Japan Protests To China**



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### **What China's Big Nation Complex Means for the Future of Asia**



<http://warontherocks.com/2016/06/what-chinas-big-nation-complex-means-for-the-future-of-asia/>

### **China Pushing The Envelope In The East China Sea? How The U.S. And Japan Can Respond**



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## Xi's Purge of the Military Prepares the Chinese Army for Confrontation



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## 'We Have No Fear Of Trouble': China Talks Tough Over South China Sea



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## China To 'Pressure' U.S. On Maritime Issues, Paper Says



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### **The Pentagon's Big Lie About the South China Sea**

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### **'Carrier-Killer' Missiles: Will China Succeed Where the Soviet Union Failed?**

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### **How The U.S. Navy Would Destroy A Chinese Aircraft Carrier**

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### **Indonesia Had Another High-Seas Encounter With China—But This Time It Brought A Bigger Boat**



In March, an Indonesian patrol boat captured a Chinese fishing trawler illegally operating within Indonesia's territorial waters. Before it could impound the offending vessel, however, two Chinese coast guard vessels appeared, stole back the trawler, and towed it back to international waters, leaving the Indonesians with only the Chinese crew to show for their efforts. Last week there was another, similar encounter, but with different outcome. This time around, the Indonesians brought a bigger boat: a Navy destroyer

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### **China's Nuclear Subs Are Ready to Terrorize the Sea**



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## U.S. and Beijing Offer Competing Views on South China Sea



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## A South China Sea of Uncertainty



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## World of Opinions on South China Sea Case: Picking Sides

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## 5 Things About the South China Sea Dispute



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## Could This Be China's Panama Canal? China Weighs A Big Dig In Thailand



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## JAPAN

### U.S. Military Base Worker On Okinawa Arrested In Murder Case



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<http://www.stripes.com/news/suspect-in-okinawa-killing-says-he-left-victim-alive-in-woods-1.411290>

### PM Abe To President Obama At G7 Summit: Killing Was An “Unforgivable Crime” That Shocked “Not Only The Okinawa People But Also All The People Of Japan”



Abe told Obama that the killing was an “unforgivable crime” that shocked “not only the Okinawa people but also all the people of Japan.”

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### Okinawa Governor Decries No SOFA Revision Talk Between Obama, Abe

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### Suspect In Okinawa Killing Says He Left Victim Alive In Woods

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### U.S. Navy Slaps Drinking Ban On 18,600 Sailors In Japan

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### Midnight Curfew, Other Restrictions For To Okinawa

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### Commander's Statement On New Okinawa Liberty Restrictions

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**North Korean Schoolchildren Cheer As North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un Arrives To Attend The 'We Are The Happiest In The World' Performance**



Schoolchildren cheer as North Korean leader Kim Jong Un arrives to attend 'We Are the Happiest in the World,' a performance by schoolchildren to celebrate the 70th founding anniversary of the Korean Children's Union, in Pyongyang on Wednesday. KCNA/Reuters

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Switzerland is stepping up the political pressure on North Korea. It announced on Thursday that a wide-range of sanctions will be increased in line with international law.

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## NK Tweet Of The Day (Like Most Boys Everywhere)



<http://www.rokdrop.net/2016/06/tweet-day-kids-aks/>

## An American GI Defected To North Korea, Now His Sons Are Propaganda Stars

Sons of U.S. defector Joe Dresnok acting in North Korean movie



These two sons of an American defector are huge stars in North Korea



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### North Korean Defector Preaches Dangers Of Cult Worship

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## Islamic State Details Activity In The Philippines



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Nur Misuari is the founder of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), an armed group that's fought for independence against the government of the Philippines for more than three decades. Misuari currently lives in a remote MNLF encampment on the island of Jolo. The area is a no-go zone for outsiders, especially journalists. VICE News takes the perilous journey into Jolo to meet Misuari and discuss the future of the MNLF as well as the current political situation in the Philippines.

<https://news.vice.com/video/the-vice-news-interview-nur-misuari>

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Years After the 2014 Coup, Thais Wonder If It's Brought The Security And Prosperity Promised

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### Islamic State Declares War On Malaysia



<http://www.freemalysiatoday.com/category/nation/2016/05/18/is-declares-war-on-malaysia/>

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



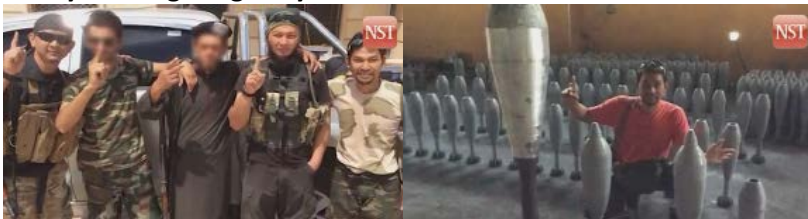
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### 4 Bangladeshis Held In Singapore Found Guilty Of Funding Terrorism

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## Singapore Cuts Same-Sex Kiss From Les Miserables



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### The Evolution of Indonesia's Military



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### Indonesia (Still) Mulling Purchase of Stealth Submarines from Russia



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### Indonesia Approves Chemical Castration for Sex Offenders Who Prey on Children

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/26/world/asia/indonesia-chemical-castration.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/26/world/asia/indonesia-chemical-castration.html?_r=0)

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### Australian Politicians Want to Send Refugees to Canada, But They Haven't Told Canada Yet



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### Man Hurls Explosive Device At Shanghai Airport, Then Attempts Suicide



<https://sofrep.com/56582/man-hurls-explosive-device-shanghai-airport-attempts-suicide/>

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### Moves Against Chinese Steel Are Not Protectionism

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### Is China's Period of Strategic Opportunity Over?

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<http://thediplomat.com/2016/05/why-china-fears-christianity/>

### **Chinese Green Energy Giant Invades the Heart of Texas**



Wind energy is not the only source in Texas that has caught the eye of Chinese investors, however. In October 2015, Yantai Xinchao Industry Co. purchased an investment firm that had recently acquired Tall City Exploration LLC and Plymouth Petroleum LLC for 8.3 billion yuan (\$1.3 billion). The oil assets in question are located in Howard and Borden Counties that before the 2014 bust, yielded record amounts of crude due to fracking. The report notes that Permian Basin wells are some of the most valuable – offering an average 30 percent annual return – a solid long-term investment

<http://www.breitbart.com/texas/2016/05/19/chinese-green-energy-giant-invades-heart-texas/>

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### **Bangladesh Reportedly Arrests Over 5,000 People After Series Or Murders**

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<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/modi-us-congress-address-climate-change-defence-trade-2839930/>

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<http://www.forbes.com/sites/ronakdesai/2016/05/31/the-real-significance-of-prime-minister-modis-address-to-congress/#24c3e79771e8>

**India Has 18 Million Modern Slaves—At Least Five Times More Than Any Other Country In The World**

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### Russia Deploys Troops Westward As Standoff With NATO Deepens

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-russia-base-bryansk-idUSKCN0YT1PN>

### RUSSIA'S Military Has Announced Plans For More Than 2,000 Air, Sea And Land Exercises Over The Summer

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### Putin Is Trying to Bully Europe into Dropping Sanctions



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<https://news.vice.com/video/the-struggle-to-find-ukraines-missing-soldiers>

### Detained Pilot Savchenko's Return Heralds New Turmoil in Ukraine

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### Nervous Baltics On War Footing As NATO Tries To Deter Russia

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### Poland Holds Largest-Ever NATO Maneuvers Amid Russia Tensions



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeVIVZ-kiXM>

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## EU's Juncker To Visit Russia In Hint Of Diplomatic Thaw

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### 20 Bodies Spotted as Migrant Boat Sinks



<http://time.com/4349175/20-corpses-in-the-water-libya-migrants/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4IJ4bjNsi8>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/world-news/european-union-migrant-crisis-libya-greece-boat-capsized-2833034/>

### Death Toll Of Migrants In Wreck Off Crete Climbs To 320: IOM

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-greece-iom-idUSKCN0YT1IU>

### Over 10,000 Drownings In Mediterranean Since 2014

(AFP) "You've now had since the start of 2014, when this phenomenon of rising numbers across the Mediterranean happened, 10,000 deaths. That threshold has been crossed just in the last few days," UN refugee agency spokesman Adrian Edwards told reporters. According to UNHCR, 3,500 people died trying to cross the Mediterranean in 2014, 3,771 died last year and so far this year 2,814 have lost their lives. That amounts to 10,085 deaths in less than two and a half years. "This is clearly an appalling number of deaths that have occurred in the Mediterranean, just on Europe's borders just in the past couple of years," Edwards told AFP. "It's an extremely worrying dynamic," he said, reiterating the agency's call for the world to find "viable alternative and regular means of dealing with these movements". "They're happening, they're not stopping, they need a solution to prevent further lives being lost," he said.

### With Warm Weather And Bigger Boats Refugee Fatalities In The Mediterranean Are Skyrocketing



<http://qz.com/695825/with-warm-weather-and-bigger-boats-refugee-fatalities-in-the-mediterranean-are-skyrocketing/>

### Car Bomb Targeting Police Kills 11, Wounds 36 In Istanbul



<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-turkey-blast-idUSKCN0YT0FB>

### Frenchman Accused Of Amassing Arsenal For Euro 2016 Attacks

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/ukraine-arrests-french-man-plotting-attacks-euro-2016-095926202--spt.html>

### Euro 2016: 150 Russians 'Behind' Violence



<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-36515213>

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<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertwarnings/europe-travel-alert.html>

<http://time.com/4352510/europe-terrorist-attack-state-department-warning/>

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/state-department-issues-alert-for-americans-traveling-to-europe-this-summer/>



## Terrorism Shouldn't Affect Travel Plans



We cannot be certain if these trends will continue. Europe has certainly seen an increase in terrorist attacks by jihadist extremists in recent years, and an examination of terrorism events before and after 9/11 omits this single catastrophic event. While the historical record suggests travelers have not faced an increased danger in the days and weeks following major terrorist attacks in recent years, current assessments are driven by what terrorists might do in the future. And that, as the world learned on 9/11, cannot be predicted.

<http://www.rand.org/blog/2016/05/terrorism-shouldnt-affect-travel-plans.html>

## Police Officer Stabbed To Death At Home Near Paris, Wife And Son Held Hostage; Wife And Suspect Killed, 'Islamic Slogans' Reported



<http://twitchy.com/brettt-3136/2016/06/13/police-officer-stabbed-to-death-at-home-near-paris-wife-and-son-held-hostage-wife-and-suspect-killed/>

## Shocking Moment Muslim Extremist Lunged At Passengers With A Knife After They Bravely Confronted Him For Allegedly Trying To Behead A Musician After Cutting His Throat In A Busy London Subway Station



Video recently released from December attack. In read statements, London Underground worker Glyn Jackson described seeing Mr Zimmerman curled up on the floor, and Mire kicking him in a way that was 'noticeably more violent than I've ever seen before', before he started 'sawing at his neck'. Colleague Lloyd Owusu-Ansah said Mire was 'wide-eyed' and 'crazed'. 'I thought that he might just attack anyone,' he said. Mire was Tasered by officers at least three times before being brought to the ground.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3619668/Suspected-extremist-Leytonstone-knifing-photos-Jihadi-John-Lee-Rigby-phone.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/06/01/leytonstone-tube-station-attack-victim-says-he-is-lucky-to-be-al/>

### Muslim Migrants Burn Five British Teenagers With Acid While They Were Waiting For A Train



<http://pamelageller.com/2016/06/muslim-migrant-acid-attacks-kids.html/>

### French Waitress Attacked By Muslim Men For Serving Alcohol During Ramadan

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/world/waitress-attacked-by-muslim-men-for-serving-alcohol-during-ramadan-a3267121.html>

### Eighteen Women Reported Being Sexual Assaulted by Mostly North African and Arab Men Saturday At Germany Music Festival



Eighteen women have said they were sexual assaulted at a music festival in Germany. Three men from Pakistan aged between 28 and 31 have been arrested and police are still searching for three men who may also have been involved. Police said three women reported being groped at the Schlossgrabenfest music festival in Darmstadt on Saturday saying they had been encircled then sexually harassed by a group of men. Many of the perpetrators were allegedly of North African or Arab descent and the assaults sparked a backlash against refugees throughout Europe.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/germany-sexual-assault-music-festival-cologne-darmstadt-a7057416.html>

**European Open-Immigration Policies Result in Increase in Sexual Assaults: Rape Crisis in Sweden and Germany Continues Unabated**



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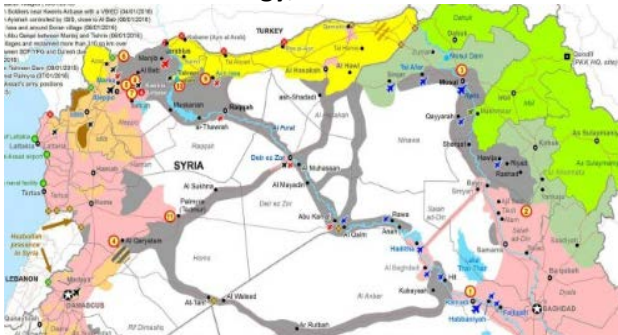
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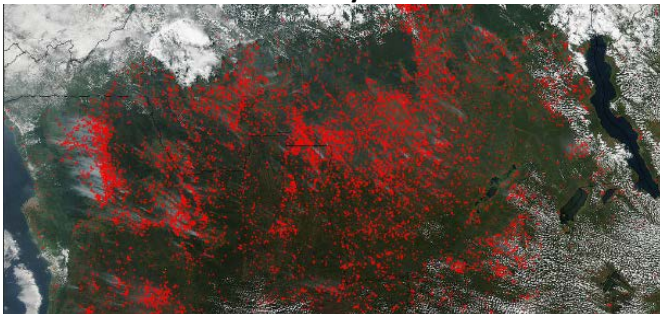
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“This term ‘lone wolf’ is a cop-out. The idea that they somehow have to have a membership card in Islamic State or in al Qaeda for it to be official, fully-credentialed terror, like getting a hairdresser’s license in New York State is completely preposterous. The rhetoric of ‘lone wolf’ terrorists allows those who do not want to admit that radical Islam is a problem to brush off terror as isolated incidents, saying “all jihad is local.”

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Says Muslim communities know who

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**1 2.02am**  
Omar Mateen arrives at Pulse nightclub armed with an assault rifle. An officer fires at him but he manages to make it into the club

**2 2.06am**  
Clubbers hide in the bathrooms and start contacting their families asking them to call the police

**3 2.22am**  
Mateen calls 911 and pledges allegiance to ISIS

**4 5.00am**  
SWAT team blasts a hole in the wall to help hostages escape and allow them to confront Mateen

**5 5.05am**  
Mateen emerges from the hole and is shot dead by multiple officers

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3638196/PICTURED-grim-scene-bullet-riddled-Orlando-nightclub-50-massacred-terrorist-swat-team-knocked-wall-killed-him.html>

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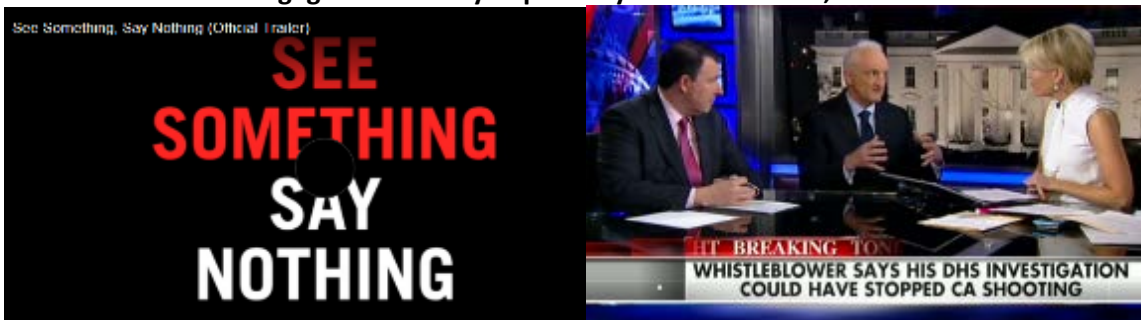
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If gender identity is no longer a fixed commodity, that affects everybody. Not just those who are transsexual, their friends, families and colleagues, but everybody else, too. If gender identity is fluid—if anyone can change their gender identity, decide to live as a man, a woman, or something else entirely, as it suits them—then we have to question every assumption about gender and sex role we've had drummed into us since the moment the doctors handed us to our panting mothers and declared us a boy or a girl. That's an enormous prospect to consider, and some people find it scary.

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*(This article is rated R for language and content)* These incidents occurred in 2010 the year the Don't Ask Don't Tell repeal legislation went through Congress.

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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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Mr. Maliki was eager to draw a line in his most definitive remarks on the subject. "The last American soldier will leave Iraq" as agreed, he said. This agreement is not subject to extension, not subject to alteration. It is sealed."

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The 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' repeal, considered by the Pentagon as a 'non-issue' with no effect to U.S. forces, was signed into law December 2010 but was held from implementation until the shadow of 9/11's tenth anniversary. Implementing the repeal 'on' 9/11/2011 could have additionally incited violence especially towards U.S. servicemembers serving on the frontlines in Islamic countries. Implementing it on that day would also have infuriated many across America. Implementing the repeal early in 2011 in the clear 'alone by itself' could reveal this major U.S. policy change—while fighting wars in Islamic countries—was not a non-issue and could result in increased harm to U.S. military personnel. If that had occurred, this policy shift would have been identified more as the Administration's political payback to campaign funders clearly at the reckless cost of U.S. Servicemembers' lives. Implementing the repeal 'just days behind' 9/11's tenth anniversary would allow any increase in casualties to be associated with 9/11 and not the DADT repeal. It was also during this period of time that all U.S. embassies, military commands, businesses, planes, and ships worldwide; as well as U.S. cities, air and sea ports, schools, sporting events, concerts, and shopping malls were on the highest security alerts and increased protection measures in U.S. history.

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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
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2012	310	44	48	402
2013	127	9	25	161
2014	55	6	14	75
Total	2356	453	676	3485

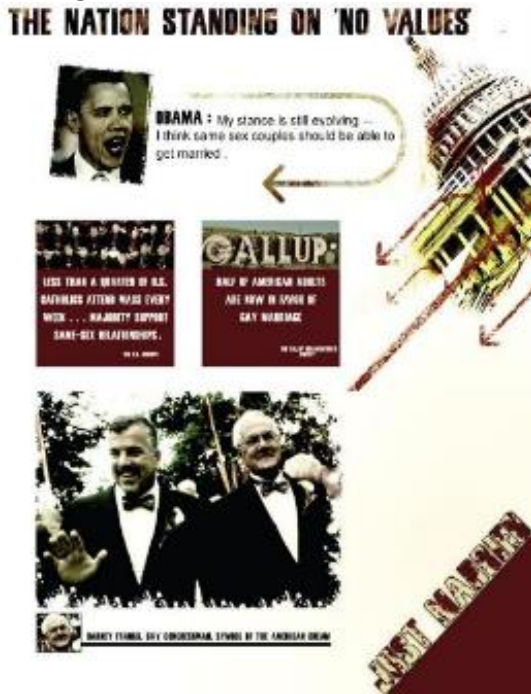


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- Provide educational material for school teachers and staff so that they can support children of gay parents, and answer questions other children may have.
- Offer informational materials to parents so they can talk to their children about these issues when they—the parents—are ready.
- Provide educational materials for the children themselves.
- Modify the educational curriculum to be inclusive of gay and lesbian families.

**Two Questions The DADT Survey Should Have Asked—But Didn’t**

- Should DoD allow open homosexuality and bisexuality at the present time if it may outrage many in Islamic countries where our troops are serving and possibly increase danger to them?
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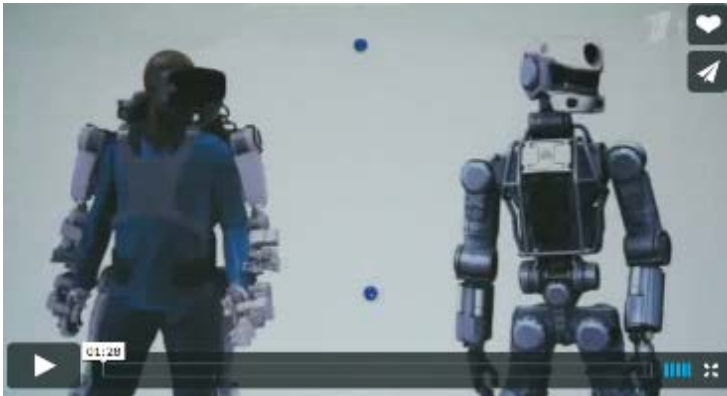
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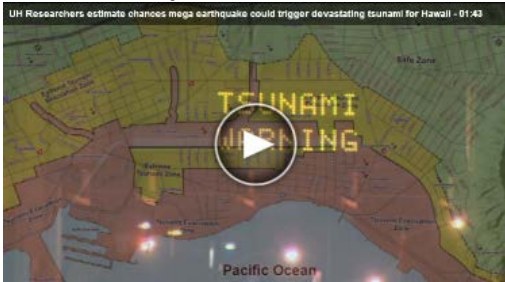
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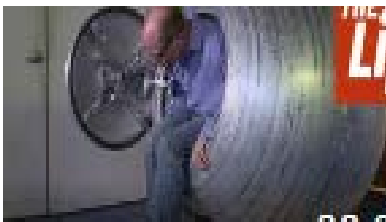
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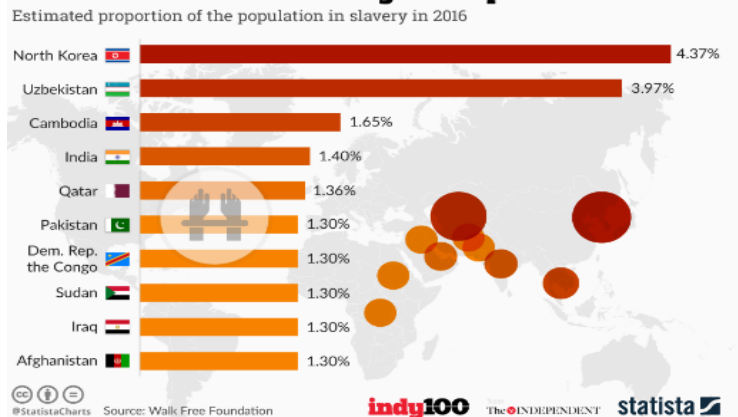
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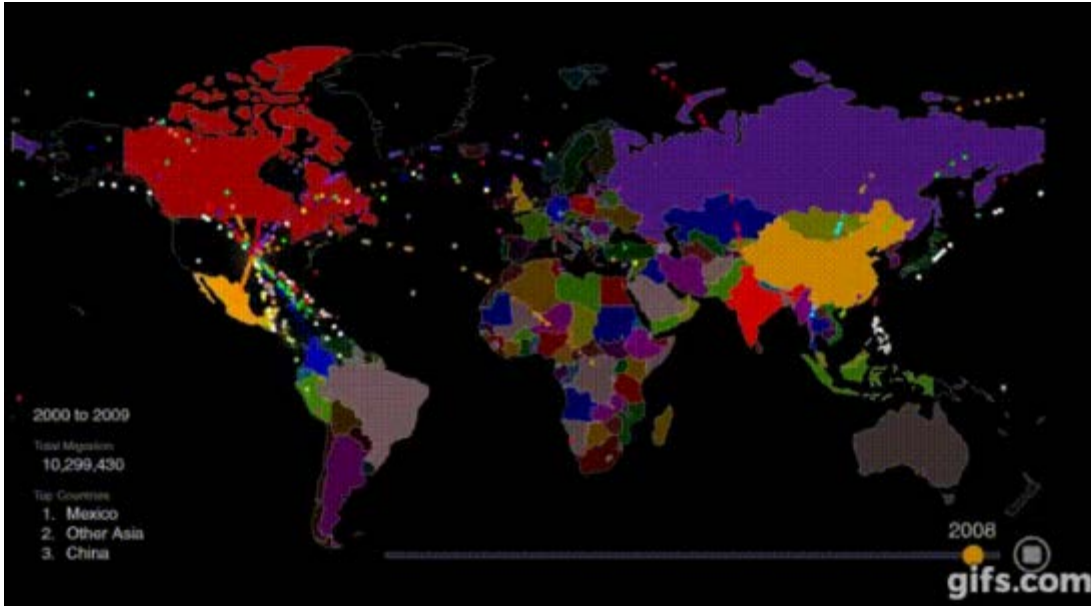


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