

# 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

Senior-Ranking North Korean GBR Leader and a Diplomat Defected Last Year: Seoul



The defector was a senior colonel with the North Korean Reconnaissance General Bureau, which is in charge of espionage operations against South Korea, according to South Korean Defense Ministry

[http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/04/116\\_202368.html](http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/04/116_202368.html)

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2016/04/12/2016041201000.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/04/12/2016041201000.html)

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/04/11/asia/north-korea-official-defects/>

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-defectors-idUSKCN0X80CV>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-36012288>

### In 2015, North Korea's GBR Got Permission From China To Send Over 100 Additional Agents Into China

North Korea's General Reconnaissance Bureau (GBR) operates agents in South Korea and China. In 2015 the GBR got permission from China to send over a hundred agents additional agents into China. These men were trained them to speak better Chinese and how to operate under cover in China. These GBR men were to seek out defectors in China, kidnap them and return them to North Korea (where they go straight to a labor camp, possibly for life). This program was meant to make North Koreans less willing to flee the country. The GBR teams were told to concentrate on those defectors attempting to get to South Korea (via South Korean embassies in places like Thailand). China tolerates GBR agents as long as they do not carry weapons or create much fuss. This policy is apparently changing as China put more pressure on North Korea. Another South Korean report told of a North Korean diplomat who defected in early 2015. But the GBR colonel is the more important defector. The GBR was formed in 2009 by combining several other intel agencies and that required a lot of data to get reorganized and combined. GBR handles a lot of Cyber War operations and provides information for attacks on South Korea. This includes the 2010 attacks. Getting an GBR insider is a big deal.

<https://www.strategypage.com/qnd/korea/articles/20160412.aspx>

### 13 North Korean Restaurant Workers Defect En Masse To South



Defectors who flee North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's regime usually are debriefed before spending 12 weeks at a government-run resettlement facility aimed at helping them to adjust to life in South Korea. More than 29,000 North Koreans have defected to South Korea since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War, according to South Korean government records.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/2016/04/08/13-north-korean-restaurant-workers-defect-en-masse-south-korea/82783440/>

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/north-korea/north-korean-senior-spy-agency-official-defects-south-seoul-n553921>

### 'Defectors Are Children Of Ranking North Korean Officials'

[http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/04/116\\_202439.html](http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/04/116_202439.html)

### North Korea Threatens South Korea Over 13 Defectors, Accuses Seoul of Abducting Defectors

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/13/world/asia/north-korea-threatens-south-korea-over-13-defectors.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/13/world/asia/north-korea-threatens-south-korea-over-13-defectors.html?_r=0)

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2016/04/13/2016041300711.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/04/13/2016041300711.html)

### Speculation Grows Over China's Role In N. Korean Mass Defection

[http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/04/485\\_202350.html](http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/04/485_202350.html)

### South Korean Government Thinks More Mass Defections From North Koreans Working Abroad Could Happen



<http://www.rokdrop.net/2016/04/korean-government-thinks-more-mass-defections-from-north-koreans-working-abroad-could-happen/>

[http://www.ariang.co.kr/News/News\\_View.asp?nseq=189993](http://www.ariang.co.kr/News/News_View.asp?nseq=189993)

### Disaffection Growing Among North Korea's Elite

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2016/04/12/2016041201292.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/04/12/2016041201292.html)

### Instability In North Korean Regime Triggers N. Korean Elites To Defect: Experts



[http://www.arirang.co.kr/News/News\\_View.asp?nseq=190025](http://www.arirang.co.kr/News/News_View.asp?nseq=190025)

### North Korean Diplomats Live on the Breadline

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2016/03/15/2016031501492.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/03/15/2016031501492.html)

### High-Level Defections May Hold Key to Reform in North Korea

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2016/04/12/2016041201512.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/04/12/2016041201512.html)

### NK Defections: Cause For Reasonable Readiness For What May Follow?

[http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/opinion/2016/04/202\\_202357.html](http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/opinion/2016/04/202_202357.html)

### More North Korean Ships With Corpses On Board Washing Ashore In Japan

<http://www.latimes.com/world/asia/la-fg-japan-ghost-ships-20160410-story.html>

### South Korea To Introduce More Loudspeakers To Step Up Anti-North Broadcasting

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/04/12/70/0301000000AEN20160412009000315F.html>

### North Korea Holds Massive Outdoor Rally



North Korean soldiers hold a massive outdoor rally to pledge their loyalty to the Kim dynasty ahead of the 104th birth anniversary of the state's founder Kim Il Sung. Rough cut

<http://www.reuters.com/video/2016/04/12/soldiers-rally-in-north-korea?videoid=368083744>



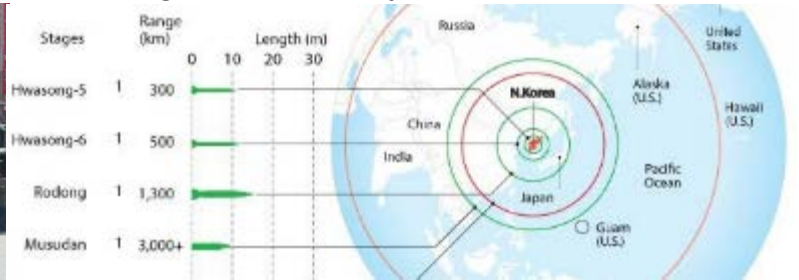
### U.S. Sources: Signs Of North Korea Mobile Ballistic Missile Launch



<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/04/12/0401000000AEN20160412009653315.html>

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/04/12/politics/north-korea-mobile-ballistic-missile-launch/index.html>

### North Korea Able to Mount Nuclear Warhead on Rodong Missile, South Says



<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/06/world/asia/north-korea-nuclear-warhead-rodong-missile.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2013/04/04/map-this-is-how-far-those-north-korean-missiles-can-actually-reach/>

### North Korea's Nuclear Missiles: Now With Increased Range

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/04/north-koreas-nuclear-missiles-now-with-increased-range/>

### North Korea Says It Tested An Engine For An Intercontinental Ballistic Missile



A new engine for an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) is tested at a test site at Sohae Space Center in Cholsan County, North Pyongan province in North Korea in this undated photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/04/09/473624408/north-korea-says-it-tested-an-engine-for-an-intercontinental-ballistic-missile>

<http://www.reuters.com/news/picture/editors-choice?articleId=USRTX29FEB>

**38 North: North Korea's Large Rocket Engine Test Is A Significant Step Forward for Pyongyang's ICBM Program**



<http://38north.org/2016/04/schilling041116/>

**North Korea Jams GPS Signals In South Korea, Launches Another Missile Into Sea Of Japan**

<http://learningenglish.voanews.com/content/north-korea-jams-gps-launches-missile/3265073.html>

**Satellite Picks Up Activity At North Korea Plutonium Lab**

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/satellite-picks-up-activity-at-north-korea-plutonium-lab/>

**Kim Jong Un Attends Advanced Strategic SAM Test**



<https://www.nknews.org/2016/04/kim-jong-un-attends-advanced-strategic-sam-test/>

**Chance Of New N. Korean Nuclear Test High, S. Korean Defense Minister - KPA Could Also Soon Deploy New 300mm Rocket Launcher Systems**



<https://www.nknews.org/2016/04/chance-of-new-n-korean-nuclear-test-high-s-korean-defense-minister/>

**North Korea's Nuclear Weapons Not Its Worst Threat**

<https://www.nknews.org/2016/04/north-koreas-nuclear-weapons-are-not-its-worst-threat/>

**Secretive North Korea Lifts Veil On Arms Program Ahead Of A Rare Ruling Party Congress Next Month**  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-nuclear-idUSKCN0X91LD>

**Artillery: North Korea Steals From China What Was Stolen From Russia**  
<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htart/articles/20160402.aspx>

**South Korea: Kim's Power 'Unshakable' After Nuclear Tests**



<http://www.voanews.com/content/north-korean-leader-solidifies-power-with-nuclear-defiance/3271413.html>

**North Korean Submarine Attempts To Test-Fire Ballistic Missile: MBN**



<https://www.nknews.org/2016/04/n-korean-submarine-attempts-to-test-fire-ballistic-missile-mbn/>  
<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/04/report-korean-submarine-attempts-missile-test-launch-160407161600861.html>

**THAAD's Effect on South Korea's Neighbors**



<http://www.rand.org/blog/2016/04/the-effect-on-south-koreas-neighbors.html>

### North Korea Accuses U.S. Of Subjecting It To 'Leningrad Blockade'



<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/04/04/north-korea-accuses-us-of-subjecting-it-to-leningrad-blockade/>

### North Korea's Rebukes 'Anachronistic' Sanctions, Urges U.S. To Seek Talks

<http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20160404000505>

### North Korea Boasts Of Ability To Overcome Sanctions



<https://www.nknews.org/2016/04/north-korea-boasts-of-ability-to-overcome-sanctions/>

### Chinese Local Governments Formally Notified Of Sanctions Against North Korea

<http://www.nkeconwatch.com/2016/03/21/chinese-local-governments-formally-notified-of-sanctions-against-north-korea/>

### China Cuts Online Access to North Korean Trade



<https://www.nknews.org/2016/04/china-cuts-online-access-to-north-korean-trade-data/>



### **Panama Papers Show How Syria And North Korea ‘Evaded Sanctions’**



<http://www.euronews.com/2016/04/05/panama-papers-show-how-syria-and-north-korea-evaded-sanctions/>

### **Panama Papers: Mossack Fonseca 'Helped Firm With Links To North Korea’s Nuclear Weapons Program'**

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/panama-papers-mossack-fonseca-helped-firm-with-links-to-north-korea-s-nuclear-weapons-programme-a6968951.html>

### **Who Dodged U.S. Sanctions in Panama?**

<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2016/04/panama-papers-sanctions/477015/>

### **North Korea Writes Open Letter To Obama — In The Voice Of Abraham Lincoln: ‘Hi There, Obama. I Understand How Perplexed You Must Feel Nowadays...’**



“This letter shows that Pyongyang is trying to ease tension with the U.S. even by imitating America’s most well-known figure to make themselves as ‘American’ as they can be,” the North Korean expert told NK News.

<http://nypost.com/2016/04/11/north-korea-writes-open-letter-to-obama-in-the-voice-of-abraham-lincoln/>

<http://taskandpurpose.com/north-korea-resurrects-abraham-lincoln-latest-assault-white-house/>

### **S. Korea, U.S., Japan To Hold Series Of Talks Next Week**

[http://www.arirang.co.kr/News/News\\_View.asp?nseq=190087](http://www.arirang.co.kr/News/News_View.asp?nseq=190087)

### **U.S. Ready To Raise Pressure On North Korea, Open To Talks**



<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/us-ready-to-raise/2685604.html>



**Pulling the Rabbit Out of the Hat: Kim Jong Un's Path Out of the Nuclear Crisis: 38 North**

<http://38north.org/2016/04/rcarlin040416/>

**American Comedian Conan O'Brien And Actor Steven Yeun Host Talk Show On North Korean Side Of The DMZ**



<http://www.cnn.com/videos/entertainment/2016/04/10/conan-north-korea-visit-soldiers-teamcoco.team-coco>

<http://qz.com/659047/watch-american-diplomat-conan-obrien-host-a-talk-show-on-the-north-korean-side-of-the-dmz/>

**Secretary of State John Kerry Visits Hiroshima Memorial and Underlines U.S.-Japan Alliance**



<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/12/world/asia/john-kerry-hiroshima-wwii-japan.html>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-36012206>

### **John Kerry Pays 'Gut-Wrenching' Visit To Hiroshima But Offers No U.S. Apology**

Kerry became the highest-ranking U.S. diplomat to visit the Hiroshima Peace Park, located at ground zero for the first of two atomic bombs dropped by the United States on Japanese cities near the end of World War II. An estimated 140,000 Japanese died in the Aug. 6, 1945, bombing. He laid a wreath and visited the nearby Atomic Bomb Museum, which includes haunting displays and artifacts related to the bombing. "It is a stark, harsh, compelling reminder not only of our obligation to end the threat of nuclear weapons, but to re-dedicate all our effort to avoid war itself," Kerry wrote in a guest book at the memorial, according to local news reports. Top U.S. officials had avoided visiting Hiroshima for many decades because of the sensitivity of the issue.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2016/04/11/kerry-pays-gut-wrenching-visit-hiroshima/82883866/>

### **It's Okay Not To Apologize For Hiroshima, Says Chinese State Media**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2016/04/11/its-okay-not-to-apologize-for-hiroshima-says-chinese-state-media/?tid=pm\\_world\\_pop\\_b](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2016/04/11/its-okay-not-to-apologize-for-hiroshima-says-chinese-state-media/?tid=pm_world_pop_b)

### **Don't Let the Tyranny of Jointness Rule the Indo-Pacific**



<http://warontherocks.com/2016/04/dont-let-the-tyranny-of-jointness-rule-the-indo-pacific/>

### **China Deploys Fighters to S. China Sea Island**



<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/china-deploys-fighters-to-s-china-sea-island>

### **Beijing Ups the Ante in South China Sea Dispute with HQ-9 Deployment**



COMMENTARY (Jamestown Foundation's China Brief)

March 29, 2016

**Beijing Ups the Ante in South China Sea Dispute with HQ-9 Deployment**

<http://www.rand.org/blog/2016/03/beijing-ups-the-ante-in-south-china-sea-dispute-with.html>

### How China's Maritime Courts Bolster China's Sovereignty Claims



<http://thediplomat.com/2016/04/chinas-maritime-courts-defenders-of-judicial-sovereignty/>

### The South China Sea's 'White-Hull' Warfare: SE Asia's Coast Guards On The Front Lines



<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/the-south-china-seas-%E2%80%98white-hull%E2%80%99-warfare-15604>

### China's Secret Weapon At Sea: Chinese Commercial Ships Follow Navy And Coast Guard Orders To Collect Intel And Block Movement Of Foreign Ships, Including Warships

Chinese commercial ships, particularly freighters and ocean-going fishing ships, are considered part of a military maritime reserve force and are expected to follow orders from navy or coast guard ships whenever called upon. The commercial ships are expected to collect intelligence and even risk damage and injuries by using their ships to block the movement of foreign ships (including warships).

<https://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htpara/articles/20160410.aspx>

### China Sea Strategy Boosts Military Use of Civilian Ships



<http://www.voanews.com/content/china-sea-strategy-boost-military-use-of-civilian-ships/2836413.html>



### **South China Sea: 3 Ways to Win the Money War**



<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/south-china-sea-3-ways-win-the-money-war-15749>

### **Allied Forces Gathering In The Philippines For Joint Military Exercises As A Show Of Force To Counter China's Controversial Territorial Claims**

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2016/04/04/us-military-exercises-in-philippines-counter-china/82607514/>

### **U.S.-Philippine War Games Begin As China Warns 'Outsiders'**



[http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/us-philippine-war-games-begin-as-china-warns-outsiders-116040400453\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/us-philippine-war-games-begin-as-china-warns-outsiders-116040400453_1.html)

<http://www.defensenews.com/story/defense/international/asia-pacific/2016/04/04/us-philippine-war-games-begin-china-warns-outsiders/82636000/>

### **U.S. Defense Secretary Carter Coming to Visit Annual Philippine-U.S. Exercise**

<http://www.mb.com.ph/balikatan-opens-us-defense-secretary-carter-coming-for-annual-exercise/>

### **5 US Navy Ships To Participate In This Year's 'Balikatan' Exercises**

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) had said militaries from 11 other countries - Japan, India, South Korea, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and Timor-Leste have been invited to observe this year's Balikatan exercises.

<http://www.mb.com.ph/5-us-navy-ships-to-participate-in-this-years-balikatan-exercises/>

### **Philippine Diplomat To China: Don't Turn Shoal Into Island**

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/apr/12/philippine-diplomat-to-china-dont-turn-shoal-into-/>

### **Japan Shifting Amphibious, Coastal Defense Units Closer to China; Australia Boosts its Own Capability**

The Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) is increasing its amphibious capability with an eye on its southwestern-most islands – past Okinawa, all the way to its farthest inhabited island of Yonaguni, which sits closer to mainland China than it does to Okinawa. With only two Japan Air Self-Defense Force radar sites between Okinawa and Yonaguni, the Japanese ground force has taken a renewed interest in protecting these islands, Col. Masashi Yamamoto, military attaché at the Embassy of Japan in Washington, said last week at a Center for Strategic and International Studies event.

<https://news.usni.org/2016/04/05/japan-shifting-amphibious-coastal-defense-units-closer-to-china-australia-boosts-its-own-capability>

### **Japanese Navy Destroyers Visit Vietnam For 1st Time Since WWII**



<http://atimes.com/2016/04/japanese-navy-destroyers-visit-vietnam-for-1st-time-since-wwii/>

### **China Rebuffs Vietnamese Criticism of Oil Rig Move**

<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/china-rebuffs-vietnamese-criticism-of-oil-rig-move>

### **Vietnam Seizes Chinese Oil Tanker**

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/vietnam-seizes-chinese/2664196.html>

### **What India Thinks About the South China Sea**

<http://www.nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/what-india-thinks-about-the-south-china-sea-15619>

### **Dredging Up Disaster in the South China Sea**

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/dredging-disaster-the-south-china-sea-15612>

### **Saving the South China Sea Without Starting World War III**



<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/saving-the-south-china-sea-without-starting-world-war-iii-15624>

## G-7 Ministers Issue Joint Statement On Maritime Disputes, Calls For Restraint



<http://www.voanews.com/content/g7-ministers-issue-joint-statement-on-maritime-dispute/3279910.html>

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/g7-calls-for-restraint-in/2686276.html>

## China Expresses Anger At G7 Statement On East, South China Seas

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/china-expresses-anger-at/2687606.html>

## China Blasts G-7 Statement on South China Sea



<http://www.voanews.com/content/china-blasts-g-7-statement-on-south-china-sea/3282676.html>

## 2 Guided Missiles Containers Found Bobbing In The Pacific Southeast of Alaska

<http://www.ktuu.com/news/news/box-that-originally-contained-guided-missile-found-floating-in-southeast-alaska/38978248>

<http://www.stripes.com/news/us/2-guided-missiles-containers-found-bobbing-in-the-pacific-1.404172>

## THAILAND

### Bomb Wounds 3 Soldiers In Narathiwat

<http://www.scoopnest.com/user/BangkokPostNews/716832334960418816>

### Thailand: Saying No To China

<http://www.stratpage.com/qnd/thai/articles/20160403.aspx>

### Temps Above 100 Degrees Every Day, Thailand Bracing For Record Heat Wave This Month

<http://www.thestar.com.my/news/regional/2016/03/18/thailand-bracing-for-record-temperatures-next-month/>



### **Thai Opposition Leader Says Military-Drafted Charter Should Be Rejected at August Vote**

Jatuporn Prompan, leader of the "red shirt" movement loyal to ousted former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, said the military-backed constitution would damage the country and he would urge his activists to vote 'no' in the referendum. "The red shirts will show their strength again on August 7," Jatuporn told Reuters in an interview. "If the constitution passes it will be devastating for both politics and the economy," he said. "We need to overthrow this constitution." The junta discarded the previous constitution and has defended the new draft saying it wants to promote stability and good government, not prolong its power.

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/thai-opposition-leader-sa/2686108.html>

### **Thailand's Junta Digs In**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/04/thailands-junta-digs-in/>

## **SINGAPORE**

### **Singapore, Myanmar To Mark 50 Years Of Diplomatic Ties On Tuesday**

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/singapore-myanmar-to-mark/2686746.html>

## **MALAYSIA**

### **Heatwave Closes 259 Schools in Malaysia**

A heatwave brought on by the El Nino weather phenomenon brings high temps to Malaysia.

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/259-malaysian-schools/2684868.html>

### **Gunmen Storm Tug in Malaysia**

<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/gunmen-storm-tug-in-malaysia>

## **INDONESIA**

### **U.S. Navy Joins China, Other Nations For Komodo Sea Exercise In Indonesia**

<http://www.stripes.com/news/us-navy-joins-china-other-nations-for-komodo-sea-exercise-in-indonesia-1.404056>

### **Indonesia's Naval Power in the Spotlight with Exercise, Fleet Review and Symposium**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/04/indonesias-naval-power-in-the-spotlight-with-exercise-fleet-review-and-symposium/>

## **PHILIPPINES**

### **Philippines: Local ISIL Franchise Runs Out of Allies And Cash**

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/phillip/articles/20160405.aspx>

### **United Front Needed To Counter ISIS' Growing Campaign In South-East Asia**

<http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/united-front-needed-to-counter-isis-growing-campaign-in-south-east-asia>

## **AUSTRALIA**

### **Australia Needs Soft Power as Asia's Strategic Balances Shift**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/04/australia-needs-soft-power-as-asias-strategic-balances-shift/>

**Australian Veteran Injured By Islamic Radical Cellmate**

<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/australian-veteran-injured-by-islamic-radical-cellmate-1.403768>

**JAPAN**

**Will President Obama Visit Hiroshima? White House Confirms Obama Weighing Visit During G-7 Trip**

<http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2016/04/11/473790973/will-president-obama-visit-hiroshima>

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/04/13/national/history/white-house-confirms-obama-weighing-visit-hiroshima-g-7-trip/>

**Secretary Kerry 'Deeply Moved' by Visit to Hiroshima Memorial**



<http://www.voanews.com/content/secretary-kerry-visits-hiroshima-peace-park/3279203.html>

**Japan's Nuclear Weapons Conundrum**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/04/japans-nuclear-weapons-conundrum/>

**Japan Prepares For Release Of Tritium From Fukushima Plant**

<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/japan-prepares-for-release-of-tritium-from-fukushima-plant-1.404041>

**Japan's Military to Get New Assault Amphibious Vehicles**

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/04/japans-military-to-get-new-assault-amphibious-vehicles/>

**Ghost Ships With Corpses From North Korea Mystify Japan**



<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/ghost-ships-from-north-korea-mystify-japan-1.404022>

## NORTH KOREA

How North Korea Became The World's Longest-Lasting Totalitarian State



<http://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/04/11/books-great-leader-fighter-pilot>

Inside The North Korean Military (Photos)



<http://www.reuters.com/news/picture/inside-the-north-korean-military?articleId=USRTX29LSR>

<http://www.businessinsider.com/inside-the-north-korea-military-2016-4>

**North Korea Works Around The Clock To Prepare For Kim Jong Un's '70-Day Campaign'**

North Korea is holding the first congress of its ruling Workers' Party in 36 years next month, and all hands are on deck. Literally all hands.

Kim Jong Un's regime has mobilized people around the nation for a "70-day campaign" to prepare for the Communist shindig, at which the Great Successor is expected to announce major policy directives and personnel changes.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2016/04/07/north-korea-is-conducting-a-70-day-campaign-whats-that-all-about/>

**Rumors, Reports Of Kim Jung-Un Death And Assassination Attempt Are Possibly Attempts To Try And Strengthen Kim's Position Prior To May's KWP Congress**

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### **What North Korea Really Fears**

North Korea is constantly talking of American aggression against them but the North Koreans rarely go into details. The truth is that what North Korea is really complaining about is American (and South Korean and Japanese) culture, customs and cash getting into the country and undermining loyalty to the communist dictatorship that has been running North Korea into the ground since the late 1940s. This became much worse after the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991 and Russia halted its massive annual contributions of cash, fuel and food. The socialist dictatorship did not quite know how to handle it.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htintel/articles/20160406.aspx>

### **Kim Jong-un Appears to Be Gaining Weight as North Korea Faces Famine**

Kim, who at 33 walks with a cane and reportedly suffers from gout, won't miss any meals. Last September, South Korea disclosed that Kim appeared to have added nearly 70 pounds to his 5-foot, 9-inch frame over the previous five years, reaching an estimated weight of 290 pounds.

<http://nypost.com/2016/03/31/kim-jong-un-weighs-nearly-300-pounds/>

### **North Korean Media Says Freight Rail Suffering From 'Acute Shortage'**



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### **The 2016 North Korean Budget Report: 12 Observations**



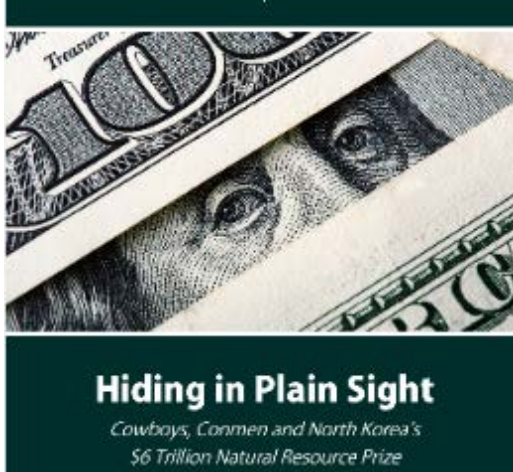
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### **North Korean University Facing Financial Difficulties**



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## Hiding in Plain Sight: Cowboys, Conmen and North Korea's \$6 Trillion Natural Resource Prize



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## More North Korean-Run Restaurants Forced To Close

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## Inside The World Of North Korea's Restaurants Overseas



At current count, there are more than 100 North Korean restaurants around the world, mostly branded under the Pyongyang restaurant chain (Okryugwan, a famous restaurant from Pyongyang, also operates branches abroad). These restaurants first existed in China for decades, but after the 1990s they gradually spread throughout much of Southeast Asia. Nowadays, they can be found in surprisingly far-flung places: There's a Pyongyang restaurant in Dubai, for example, and one opened in Amsterdam, though it later renamed itself and eventually closed.

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## Deforestation In North Korea Continues, New Data Shows

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### South Korea's Deadly Infantry Fighting Vehicle Is a Terror on the Battlefield



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### People Flee North Korea, Only To Be Adrift In The South, 'In North Korea, People Were Afraid Of Me, They Knew I Could Just Drag Them Away'

A middle-aged man is walking through a quiet Seoul neighborhood when he suddenly stops. He lights a cigarette, cupping his hands to shield the flame from the winter wind, and takes a deep draw, remembering how things used to be. He's a former policeman, a broad-shouldered man with a growling voice and a crushing handshake. Back where he came from, he says, he was someone who mattered. "In North Korea, people were afraid of me," he says. He says it wistfully, almost sadly, like a boy talking about a dog he once had. "They knew I could just drag them away."

When they do get jobs, seemingly simple things - such as knowing they need to arrive at work on time — can leave them flummoxed, their pride badly battered. "It has happened so many times: They show up for work for one or two days, then get into a fight with their colleagues and quit," says Ahn Kyung-su, a Seoul-based researcher who has spent years working with exiles.

<http://www.dailynews.com/general-news/20160404/they-flee-north-korea-only-to-be-adrift-in-the-south>

### In South Korea, You're Free To Express Your Opinion On Most Topics — Except North Korea: North Korea Threat Keeps Cold-War Era Security Law Around

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### Kenya Deporting More Taiwanese Citizens to China

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### Taiwan Accuses Kenya of Illegal Deportations as More Are Sent to China

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### Taiwan Denies Role in Spy Case Involving U.S. Navy Officer

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### Taiwan Air Defense Analysis: Rand Report



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### Taiwan Moves Forward on Sub Upgrades

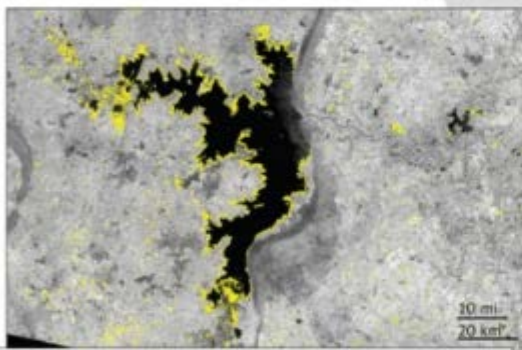


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### Map: Drought Gives China Options in Southeast Asia

#### Drought in the Mekong



Ubolratana Reservoir | Mar. 2, 2015 vs. Mar. 4, 2016



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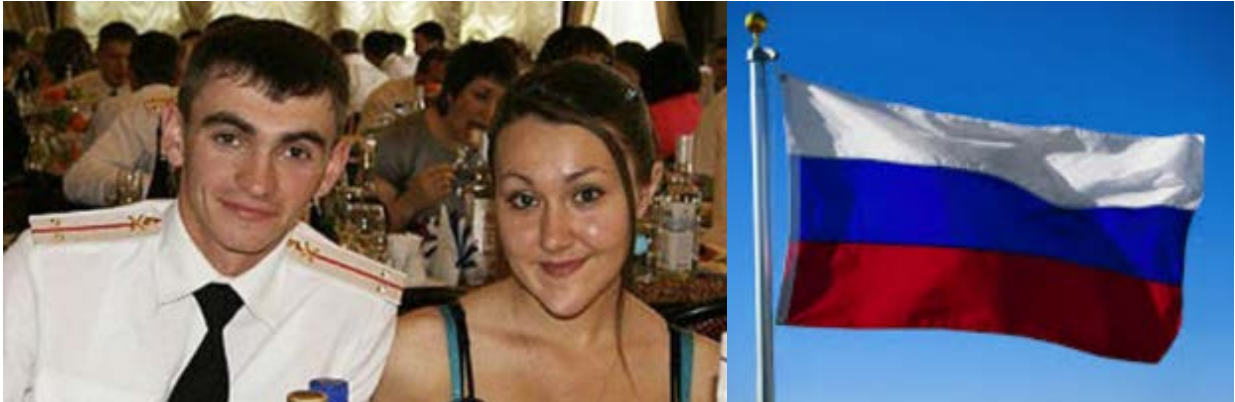
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### Russian Officer and Hero: 'Tell My Family I Love Them' Last Words Before Blitzing ISIS



"I am surrounded, they are outside, I don't want them to take me and parade me, conduct the airstrike, they will make a mockery of me and this uniform. I want to die with dignity and take all these bastards with me. please my last wish, conduct the airstrike, they will kill me either way." In his last communication he said: "This is the end commander, thank you, tell my family and my country I love them. Tell them I was brave and I fought until I could no longer. Please take care of my family, avenge my death, goodbye commander, tell my family I love them."

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### What's Behind the Creation of Russia's New National Guard?

In a sweeping reorganization of the Russian internal security apparatus, President Vladimir Putin has announced the creation of the National Guard – a powerful new paramilitary unit charged with combating terrorism and organized crime and maintaining social order. Why did the president decide to create the new unit now?

### Putin Puts An Army At His Command

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## Russia's Next Two Submarine Projects Feature Some Very Exotic Tech



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### A Softer Iron Curtain Falls in Ukraine

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### A Pivotal Time for Ukraine: The U.S. Should Redouble Its Support

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**Is It Time for America to Quit NATO?**

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**Buchanan: Is Presidential Candidate Donald Trump Right About NATO?**



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"How is it that people who were born here in Brussels, in Paris, can call heroes the people who commit violence and terror?"

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In the months following the Paris attacks, Belgian intelligence and security were unable to track Salah Abdeslam — believed to be the sole surviving participant of the Paris attacks — and his aides, who had sought shelter in Molenbeek, the very neighborhood where Abdeslam grew up. The sense of frustration among the general public about the perceived effectiveness of, and coordination among, the Belgian intelligence and security authorities is even more prevalent now.

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### Europe Must Address Roots Of Extremism

A political deal in Syria will focus efforts to conquer Raqqa and rid most of the country of Daesh fighters. While much more difficult, the liberation of Mosul will effectively end the terrorist organisation's presence in Iraq as well. But it is too early to say that the war against Daesh has been won. But while Daesh's strength in the Middle East is diminishing, its worldwide threat continues to rise. The challenge for Europe is different from that of Syria and Iraq. In these countries an equitable political settlement that will satisfy ethnic and sectarian groups will certainly contain and reduce the threat of religious militancy. The major political players in Iraq now realise that and are pushing for a new deal that will bring the country's Sunnis back into the political fold.

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## Suicide Bomber Kills at Least 12 Afghan Army Recruits on Bus



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Children are very vulnerable in conflict-ridden areas such as Afghanistan and need to be protected. The use of children as soldiers causes significant psychological and physical development challenges. Many of these children mostly aged less than 18 years old are used to do hard physical labor or are sexually abused. These children are both taken by force or are recruited by the Taliban and Afghan police forces as fighters.

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More than 50 Afghan women volunteered for intensive anti-terrorism training in the Herat camp, hoping to bring an end to the horrific scenes witnessed on Easter Saturday. Women in Afghanistan are told not to mingle with men outside of their family.

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## 'It Was A Children's Soccer Game. Of Course He Knew He Was Going To Kill Children.'



ASRIYA, Iraq — The suicide bomber who blew up a youth soccer match late last month left barely a dent in the hard, dry earth, a faint scorch on a concrete wall nearby. But he gouged a chasm of grief in the heart of the small community that lost more than two dozen of its sons in a single moment, at 6:15 on the evening of March 25. A total of 43 people died in the bombing at the game, according to figures provided by the local government. Of them, 29 were boys younger than 17 who had either been participating in the match or were watching their friends play.

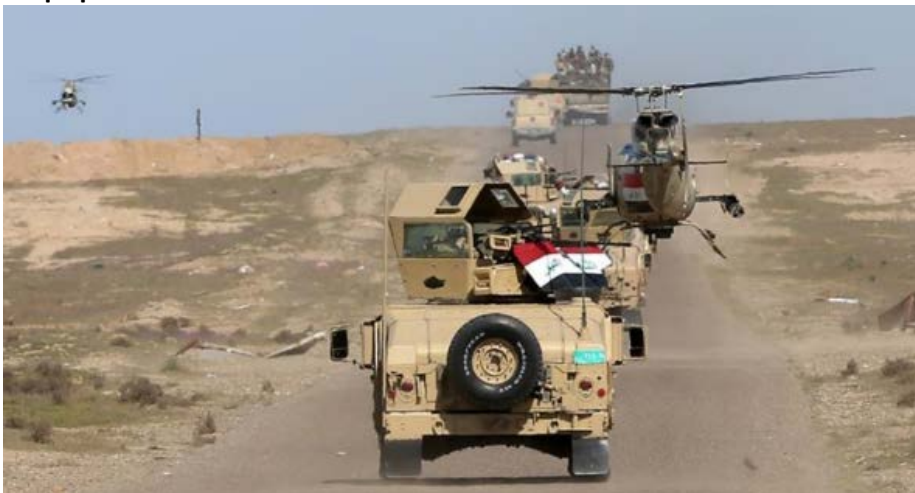
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<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/iraqi-soldiers-celebrate-after-foiling-7663118>



### **Iraq Christian militia fighting Islamic State**



<http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-35998716>

### **Iraq: People Remember**

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### **Chances Of Shia Uprising Against The Baghdad Government Are Increasing**

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### **Obama to Ask Gulf Nations to Help Finance Iraq's Rebuilding**

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### **Syria Civil War: ISIL Kidnaps 300 Factory Workers Then Agrees To Free Abducted Workers**



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### **Palmyra's Liberation Proves Assad is the Lesser Evil**

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**Palmyra Must Not Be Fixed. History Would Never Forgive Us**



A Russian army sapper works at the historic part of Palmyra

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### Syrian Fighter Jet Downed In Aleppo Province



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### Why Russia's Air War in Syria Could Make Its Military Even Stronger



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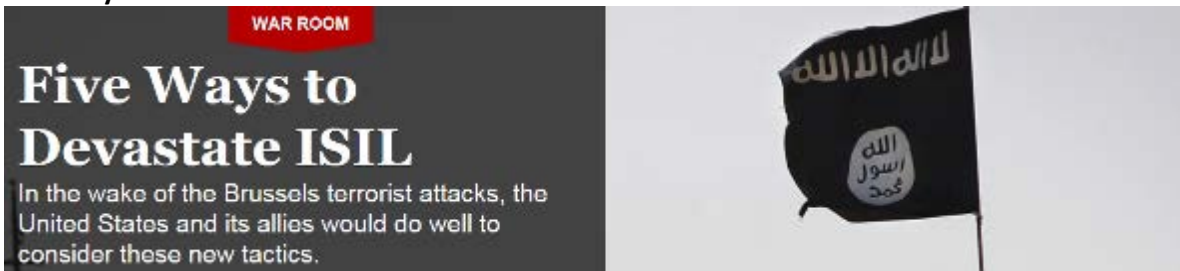
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### **Time for Common Sense About ISIS**

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### **Women and Preventing Violent Extremism at the Grassroots Level**



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### **What Factors Cause Youth to Reject Violent Extremism?**

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### **The Cure For Islamic Terrorism**

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### **Is ISIS Faithful to Islam?**

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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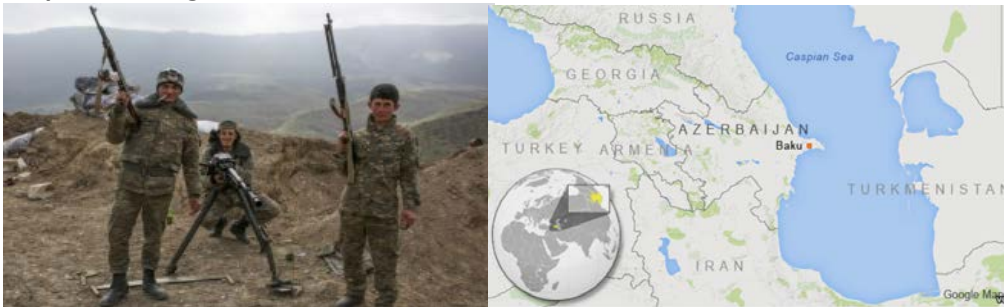
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### **The Presidents Of Russia, Iran And Azerbaijan Planning To Hold Talks On Security Cooperation In The Caspian Sea Region**



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## The Difference Between Israel's 1948 Generation and Today's



Yesterday we buried my uncle. I loved him very much. He was my boyhood hero. I admired him for being the coach of the Israeli handball team and for having fought in 1948. As a child in front of the mirror, I'd buckle on the military belt he kept from 1948. A belt that had belonged to his best friend who was killed, and after whom I was named.

Only towards the end of his life did his beliefs begin to crack. This was not easy. Like many of his generation he began to ask if this was the state he had dreamt of and fought for. For years I thought his opinions were medieval. Now that he has died, I miss their innocence, an innocence no longer seen in this cursed place, the establishment of which my uncle fought for in 1948.

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## The Salman Doctrine: The U.S. Abandoned The Arab World, Riyadh Is Picking Up The Slack



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## The Myth Of Saudi Power: The 'Salman Doctrine' Can't Back Up Its Tough Talk



<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/the-myth-saudi-power-15727>

### **Rheinmetall Denel Mmunition Factory Opens In Saudi Arabia**



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### **Saudi King Announces Bridge Over Red Sea To Egypt**



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### **Egypt Hands Saudi Arabia Two Islands In Gratitude, Egyptians Are Outraged**

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### **Saudi King Visits Turkey in Sign of Improving Relations**



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### **Why India and Saudi Arabia Continue to Grow Closer**

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### **U.S. Considering Moving Sinai Troops, Partly Due to ISIS Threat**

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### **Egypt, France To Sign Arms Deal Mid-April**



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### **World's Largest Maritime Exercise Underway in Middle East**



The International Mine Countermeasures Exercise, the largest maritime exercise in the world, kicked off April 4, with international naval and civilian maritime forces from more than 30 nations spanning six continents training together across the Middle East. The exercise is organized and led by U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, which leads U.S. Navy and afloat Marine Corps forces across the more than 2.5 million square miles of ocean in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

"These participating nations are united by a common thread -- the need to protect the free flow of commerce from a range of maritime threats including piracy, terrorism and mines,"

<http://www.knoxvilledailysun.com/news/2016/april/worlds-largest-maritime-exercise.html>

### **U.S. Leads Mideast Anti-Mines Maritime Exercise**

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### **Nigerian Army Clears Boko Haram Out Of Two Of The Remaining Three Large Areas Boko Haram Still Controlled**

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### **Islamic State West Africa Reaffirms Loyalty To Al Baghdadi**



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### **French Soldier Killed By Landmine In Northern Mali**

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### **The Sun Sets on Libya Dawn**



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### **Ex al-Shabab Official Executed by Somali Government for Journalists' Killings**

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### The World Looks Away As Blood Flows In Burundi



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### Drought Leaves 6 Million Ethiopian Children Hungry

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### Remembering Rwanda: Capturing A Vision Of Hell



But it was the parish church that conveyed the full incomprehensible horror. Amid overturned pews, a discarded crucifix and an altar caked in blood, were the bodies - some limbless, others headless - piled on top of one another. The stench of death was unbearable. I vomited. There were so many bodies that it was almost impossible to walk between them as I documented the aftermath of the carnage. I inadvertently stepped on one and felt the decomposing flesh fall away beneath my feet. It is something I regret and which continues to haunt and disturb me to this day.

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**U.S. Transfers 2 Guantanamo Detainees To The Republic Of Senegal**



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<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-canada-aboriginal-suicides-idUSKCN0X927D>

### Canadian Group Meets Pastor Detained In North Korea; Family Fears For His Health

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### Rail Mega-Deal Pushed All The Wrong Buttons



Canadian Pacific Railway's \$28 billion bid for rival Norfolk Southern pushed all the wrong deal buttons. The now-abandoned, unsolicited offer managed to alienate nearly every ally the railway needed: U.S. regulators, the target's board, customers, lawmakers – even the American military.

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### American Ground Troops Return To Iraq



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### In Case You Missed It, The U.S. Is Solidly Back In Iraq

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### I Made The Journey Home From Afghanistan My Fallen Husband Never Could



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### 2 Veterans Embark On Epic Mission To Be The First Combat Amputees To Climb Everest



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### U.S. Navy Officer Charged With Spying, Possibly For China, Taiwan

Lin "speaks fluent Mandarin and had been a department head for the Hawaii-based Special Projects Patrol Squadron Two 'Wizards' (VPU-2) that flew EP3-E Aries II signals intelligence aircraft," USNI News reports, adding that his job was to manage the collection of electronic signals.

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**Obama Says Hillary Clinton’s Private Server Did Not Endanger National Security: ‘There’s Classified, And Then There’s Classified’**



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**Shrinking the Tactical Civilian–Military Divide**



<http://warontherocks.com/2016/04/shrinking-the-tactical-civilian-military-divide/>

**Weathering the Storm: Civil-Military Tension During Presidential Transitions**



As a former senior civil servant and political appointee who weathered several administration transitions, I offer four observations on how to ease unproductive civil-military friction at the end of an administration’s term.

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## President Obama: Libya Aftermath 'Worst Mistake' Of Presidency



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## How The National Security Council Hijacked U.S. Foreign Policy: The Next President Must Unleash America's Diplomats

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## The End Of The American Empire: Retired Senior Diplomat Addresses U.S. Approach To Strategy And Foreign Affairs



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## U.S. National Security Decisionmaking Processes Need Streamlining



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## Terrorism and Presidential Messaging

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## America's Major Alliances Date Back Six To Seven Decades, Should We Reevaluate Cost-Sharing?

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/americas-free-riders-must-fight-their-own-battles-15759>

## Why a General Should Be President

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## Five Military Leaders Republicans Could Draft For A Run For President

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## Thinking About General James Mattis' Presidential Prospects



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## How Mattis Could Actually Become President

<http://taskandpurpose.com/mattis-actually-become-president/>

## A Three-Star Marine Corps General Is Running for Congress



Retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Jack Bergman announced Tuesday that he is officially running for Congress in Michigan.

## Presidential Candidate Donald Trump on Nuclear Weapons, East Asia and Implications for Australia

Trump has been misreported somewhat. He doesn't want to see nuclear weapons proliferate, and he'd rather these countries reimburse the U.S. and maintain the status quo. It's just that Trump won't abide the threat of proliferation being used to force the U.S. to bear security burdens that are patently unreasonable. And again, there is some legitimacy to these complaints.

Japan hates nuclear weapons, but is willing to incur great sacrifice if they're ever used – fighting to the very last American.

Of course there are serious risks if Korea and Japan do go nuclear. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty would be destroyed and efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons to other parts of the world could be terminally eroded. Moreover, the US is often a constraining influence on allies, reducing the risk of crisis escalation and moderating responses to low-level provocations – this could be complicated if nuclear armed allies are exerting greater independence. Trump's prescription is a radical departure from the longstanding norm but does reflect one school of thought in American defense circles.

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**America Can Afford To Reduce Its Global Military Presence: In Europe And In Asia, America Must Take Better Advantage Of Its Security Structure And Change The Status Quo Of Being The World's First Line Of Defense**

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**Why Pentagon Priorities Will Soon Change No Matter Who Becomes President**

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<http://www.defensenews.com/story/defense/2016/04/05/dod-forging-strategy-joint-staff-revamp-complex-fights/82475484/>

**The Approaching Modernization 'Bow Wave' and Military Balance**



The U.S. Military will encounter the modernization “bow wave” beginning in the early 2020s. “A modernization bow wave typically forms as the overall defense budget declines and modernization programs are delayed or stretched in the future.”

<http://warontherocks.com/2016/04/the-bow-wave-and-the-military-balance/>

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### In the Midst of Military Personnel Reform Pentagon Still Struggling How to Define Talent

<https://news.usni.org/2016/04/12/in-the-midst-of-military-personnel-reform-pentagon-still-struggling-how-to-define-talent>

### How Chinese PLA Training Stacks Up Against Its U.S. Counterpart



<http://thediplomat.com/2016/04/chinese-pla-training-a-window-on-military-culture/>

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<http://thediplomat.com/2016/04/will-this-weapon-change-infantry-warfare-forever/>

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<http://www.rand.org/capabilities/solutions/lightning-body-armor.html>



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## Fort Stewart General: Women in Combat Jobs Will Improve Army

<http://www.military.com/daily-news/2016/04/04/fort-stewart-general-women-in-combat-jobs-will-improve-army.html>

## 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.

<https://sddc.aep.army.mil/sites/599th/Default.aspx>

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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 Told 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>

## **Can You Pass The Navy SEAL Physical Fitness Screening Test?**



<https://sofrep.com/50958/can-pass-navy-seal-physical-screening-test/>

## **Why We Still Need the Draft**

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## **Tricare Is About To Make It Easier For Families To Get Urgent Care**

<http://taskandpurpose.com/tricare-make-easier-families-get-urgent-care/>

## **Military Takes Cues from Colleges for Sex Assault Prevention**

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## **Lawmakers View Push For Tolerance As A Threat**

<http://www.stripes.com/opinion/lawmakers-view-push-for-tolerance-as-a-threat-1.403925>

## **Why Student Vets Using The GI Bill Aren't Immune To Debt**

<http://taskandpurpose.com/gi-bill-expert-know/>

# TECHNOLOGY

Inside the Artificial Intelligence Revolution: A Rolling Stone Special Report, Pt. 2



*We may be on the verge of creating a new life form, one that could mark not only an evolutionary breakthrough, but a potential threat to our survival as a species.*

<http://www.rollingstone.com/culture/features/inside-the-artificial-intelligence-revolution-a-special-report-pt-2-20160309>

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**To Avoid Disaster, We Must Also Teach Robots To Disobey Us: Explaining Morality And Law To Robots**

**To handle these complications of human instructions, robots need to be able to reason through consequences of actions.**

<http://qz.com/658413/to-avoid-disaster-we-must-teach-robots-to-disobey-us/>

**Stealth Spray-on Technology is Immanent**

<https://sofrep.com/51073/spray-stealth-technology-way/>

**Tiny Terrors Of The Deep**

<https://www.strategypage.com/htmlw/htsub/articles/20160411.aspx>



## SECURITY-SAFETY

### Do Significant Terrorist Attacks Increase the Risk of Further Attacks?

Using the Global Terrorism Database, the researchers find an absence of clustering for terrorist events around trigger events since 1994, no increases in terrorism on significant dates, and a decline of terrorism in the West since the 1970s, suggesting that the threat of terrorism should not affect individuals' behavior and decisions in the United States and Western Europe — not even in the wake of a significant terrorist event. However, heightened security may be justified.

<http://www.rand.org/pubs/perspectives/PE173.html>

### Ex-FBI Agent Was Gunman in Texas Base Shooting

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### Brussels Terror Attacks Are Symptoms Of A Larger Problem



RUSSELS RESIDENTS MOURN AFTER TERROR ATTACKS  
RENEWED SECURITY CONCERNS AT AIRPORTS AND TRAIN STATIONS

Deaths from jihadist assaults rose from an annual average of roughly 2,500 innocents per year from 2001 to 2006, to an average of 3,300 per year in 2007-2011, to 9,000 per year in 2012-2013 and more than tripled to an average of more than 28,000 in 2014-2015. Frightening scenarios will unfold over the coming months and years should current trends advance unchecked.”

<http://www.examiner.com/article/brussels-terror-attacks-are-symptoms-of-a-larger-problem>

### Ten Years After the Safe Port Act, Are America's Ports Secure?



COMMENTARY (The Cipher Brief)

April 6, 2016

**Ten Years After the Safe Port Act, Are America's Ports Secure?**

<http://www.rand.org/blog/2016/04>

### **Dozens Punished by T.S.A. for Whistle-Blowing Are Later Exonerated**

Since its creation after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, the T.S.A., which employs 55,000 people at 440 domestic airports and at embassies and consulates in more than 20 countries, has been rocked by leadership changes, high turnover and low morale.

Even those workers who were reinstated after their complaints were found to have merit have had to spend thousands of dollars fighting the T.S.A. in court or in complaints before whistle-blower agencies, resulting in a chilling effect.

“These workers look around and see what’s happening with those who report security violations, and remain silent because they have kids to feed and a mortgage to pay,” said Robert J. MacLean, a federal air marshal who last year won a case against the agency for wrongful firing that went all the way to the Supreme Court.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/09/us/politics/dozens-punished-by-tsa-for-whistle-blowing-are-later-exonerated.html>

### **Sen. Boxer Asks FBI To Explain Its Response To Ransomware As Hospitals Across the Country Fall Victim To Cybercriminals**

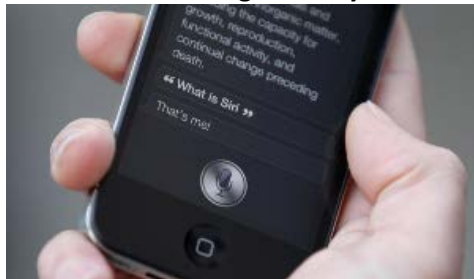
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/apr/11/sen-boxer-asks-fbi-explain-its-response-ransomware/>

### **Ransomware Hackers Are Coming for Your Health Records**



<http://www.rand.org/blog/2016/04/ransomware-hackers-are-coming-for-your-health-records.html>

### **iPhone iOS 9.3.1 Bug Lets Anyone See iPhone’s Photos And Contacts Using Siri**



<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/iphone-bug-ios-931-photos-contacts-siri-workaround-passcode-a6969331.html>

## WORLD

### The Unruled World: The Case for Good Enough Global Governance



While campaigning for president in 2008, Barack Obama pledged to renovate the dilapidated multilateral edifice the United States had erected after World War II. He lionized the generation of Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and George Marshall for creating the United Nations, the Bretton Woods institutions, and NATO. Their genius, he said, was to recognize that “instead of constraining our power, these institutions magnified it.” But the aging pillars of the postwar order were creaking and crumbling, Obama suggested, and so “to keep pace with the fast-moving threats we face,” the world needed a new era of global institution building.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2013-12-06/unruled-world>

### U.S. President To Travel The Globe In 2016 To Seal Foreign Policy Legacy



<http://www.politico.com/story/2015/12/obama-travel-world-217180>

### Obama Has A Perfect Chance To Push Bold Reform Of Global Illegal Drug Policy: To Steer It Away From Its Historic Reliance On Prohibition And Incarceration



[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/united-nations-drug-policy-ungass\\_us\\_56e19763e4b0860f99d7fcd1](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/united-nations-drug-policy-ungass_us_56e19763e4b0860f99d7fcd1)



## What Is Davos? A Glimpse Into The Future World: Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Smart Cities, Future Of Energy, Space Travel, Digital Currency, Shared Economy, Big Data, And The Internet Of Things

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kirkanthony-hamilton/what-is-davos-a-glimpse-into-world-future\\_b\\_9518268.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kirkanthony-hamilton/what-is-davos-a-glimpse-into-world-future_b_9518268.html)

### Who will be the next UN Secretary-General?



**How will Ban Ki-moon's successor be chosen?** The background is that the successor to Ban Ki-moon, the current UN Secretary-General, will be decided over the course of 2016. The formal decision is taken by the UN General Assembly – but it always based on a recommendation by the smaller and more powerful, UN Security Council. The new Secretary-General will probably be chosen in September and will take office in January – coincidentally, the same month that a new US president will be sworn in. Inevitably, the politicking has already begun – which is where the Bulgarian primary comes in. By tradition, the UN operates an informal system of regional “rotation”, when it comes to choosing its next Secretary-General (SG). This time around, it is deemed to be the turn of Eastern Europe. There has also never been a female SG – and most countries seem to agree that it is high time that this should change.

<http://blogs.ft.com/the-world/2016/01/who-will-be-the-next-un-secretary-general/>

### The Guardian View On The Next UN Secretary General: Let's Appoint Only On Talent



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### Obama's Bid For U.N. Secretary-General Has Begun



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<http://spectator.org/articles/65145/obama-could-become-president-whole-world>

<http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/nilegardiner/100052454/does-barack-obama-dream-of-becoming-un-secretary-general/>

<http://nation.foxnews.com/2016/01/10/report-obama-wants-become-un-secretary-general-netanyahu-doing-everything-he-can-stop-him>

## A Strong Push To See A Woman As The Next U.N. Secretary-General



<http://www.humanosphere.org/world-politics/2016/02/a-strong-push-to-see-a-woman-as-the-next-u-n-secretary-general/>

## It's Time For A Woman To Lead The United Nations

<http://www.thestar.com/opinion/editorials/2016/03/28/its-time-for-a-woman-to-lead-the-united-nations-editorial.html>

## Is the U.N. Ready for a Female Secretary General?

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/u-n-ready-female-secretary-general-n545731>

## 'Panama Papers' Disclose A Colossal Financial Scandal

<http://www.sacbee.com/opinion/editorials/article70105872.html>

## Panama Papers Release Makes Waves On 40th Anniversary Of Oscar-Winner 'All The President's Men'



<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2016/04/07/panama-papers-watergate-lessons-column/82744152/>

## U.S. President Obama Calls For International Tax Reform Amid Panama Papers Revelations



In an unscheduled appearance in the White House briefing room, Obama described the revelations from the leaks as “important stuff” and said the issue of global tax avoidance was a “huge problem”. Obama’s intervention came as the leak of 11.5m files from the Panama-based Mossack Fonseca continued to create uproar and upheaval around the world.

<http://www.theguardian.com/news/2016/apr/05/justice-department-panama-papers-mossack-fonseca-us-investigation>

### **Iceland's Prime Minister Steps Down Amid Panama Papers Scandal**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/06/world/europe/panama-papers-iceland.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/06/world/europe/panama-papers-iceland.html?_r=0)

### **British Prime Minister David Cameron Acknowledges Profiting From Offshore Trust**

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### **Panama Papers: Putin Rejects Corruption Allegations**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35989560>

### **Putin: Panama Papers Leak Is An American Plot To Undermine Russia**

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### **China Was Largest Market for Panama Papers Law Firm**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/panama-papers-china-disclosures-keep-coming/3274285.html>

### **'Panama Papers'-Style Secret Money Is U.S. Problem Too**

<http://www.stripes.com/opinion/panama-papers-style-secret-money-is-us-problem-too-1.403324>

### **Panama Papers: 10 Things We've Learned**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-35979313>

### **Tax Haven Expert: Panama Papers, Is Modern Way Of Doing Business, A Lot Of It Is Legal**

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/Opinion/2016/04/07/Six-things-a-tax-haven-expert-learned-from-the-Panama-Papers/6131460044014/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/Opinion/2016/04/07/Six-things-a-tax-haven-expert-learned-from-the-Panama-Papers/6131460044014/)

### **Panama Papers: Why Some Of This Is Perfectly Legal, Difference Between Tax Avoidance And Tax Evasion**

<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2016/04/panama-papers-perfectly-legal-160404113825480.html>

### **Don't Blame Panama: Tax Evasion Is a Global Problem**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/11/opinion/dont-blame-panama-tax-evasion-is-a-global-problem.html?ref=opinion&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/11/opinion/dont-blame-panama-tax-evasion-is-a-global-problem.html?ref=opinion&_r=0)

### **Panama Papers Explained With a Piggy Bank (Video)**



<http://www.vox.com/2016/4/11/11369400/panama-papers-guide-biggest-findings>

### **Why The Wealthy Have to Hide Their Earned Money From Ravenous Government Taxation**

If the rich have to resort to secrecy to hide their wealth, then who are they hiding it from and why? They are hiding it from ravenous, rapacious governments that want that wealth. Cut it any way you want to but a man's money is his money and nobody has the right to take it from him; governments, most of all. Money, income and yes, wealth have to be earned and this principle also applies to governments and other highwaymen who demand your hard-earned money by putting a gun to your head and say "Your money or your life". Taxation is a primitive, medieval, soul sucking practice exercised by those who want to impose their will by force on defenseless victims. Governments should realize that the days of abject serfdom are over and we will defend what's ours with sticks and stones if we have to. So keep your damn hands out of our cookie jars or the next time you dip your hands in, there will be scorpion waiting for you.

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### **Hypocrisy: World Plagued By Elites Who Ask Citizens To Tighten Their Belts While They Live Lavish Lifestyles**

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### **Geography Of Financial Secrecy: What Panama Papers Don't Reveal May Be More Important Than What They Do**

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### **What Makes Panama a Tax Haven?**



<http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2016/04/panama-tax-haven/476766/>



**Don't Ignore The Threat Of Nuclear Terrorism: Beware Of The Ploy To Use A Small 'False Flag' Nuclear Device Detonated For The Purpose Of Providing Excuse To Start A Nuclear War**



<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/dont-ignore-the-threat-nuclear-terrorism-15598>

[http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical\\_reports/TR391.html](http://www.rand.org/pubs/technical_reports/TR391.html)

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<http://www.militarytimes.com/story/military/pentagon/2015/12/29/former-pentagon-chief-perry-nuclear-dangers-growing/78015460/>

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<http://thebulletin.org/multimedia/william-perrys-nuclear-nightmare>

<http://thebulletin.org/william-j-perry-nuclear-war-and-nuclear-terrorism8961>

**The Difficulty of Talking About Nuclear Attacks: The Atlantic**

<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2016/01/the-difficulty-of-talking-about-doomsday/431676/>

**Women at Sea: Is Sea-Blindness Gendered?**



Statistics from the International Transport Workers' Federation indicate that as little as two percent of the maritime workforce is made up of women. According to data published by the International Labor Organization in 2003 the vast majority of these women, 94 percent, work on passenger ships such as

ferries and cruise liners, often in the service roles that are also available on land. It is only the remaining six percent who are employed as crew of cargo vessels.

<http://maritime-executive.com/blog/women-at-sea-is-sea-blindness-gendered>

### **Global Military Spending Grows For First Time Since 2011**

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Defense Department <http://www.defense.gov>

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>

Yahoo <http://news.yahoo.com/asia>

Maritime News <http://www.maritime-executive.com/news>

## **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>

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NASA Storm Tracking [http://www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/hurricanes/main/index.html](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/>