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A WEEKLY OPEN-SOURCE NEWS UPDATE ACROSS THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION AND THE WORLD

ASIA-PACIFIC

South Korea and New York Deliver Great Journeys in Little League World Series Championship



<http://www.llbws.org/>

North Korea's 'Biggest' Nuclear Test Sparks Global Outrage, Claims Successful Test Of Nuclear Warhead



<http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/08/asia/north-korea-seismic-activity/>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-37317782>

North Korea Nuclear Test: 'Warhead Explosion' Confirmed By Pyongyang – As It Happened



<https://www.theguardian.com/world/live/2016/sep/09/north-korea-nuclear-test-suspected-after-huge-seismic-explosion-detected-live#img-1>

North Korea Says It Is Now Capable Of Mounting Nuclear Warheads Onto Its Arsenal Of Ballistic Missiles

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/warning-after-north-korea-sets-off-biggest-atomic-blast-20160909-grd0zk.html>

North Korea Sends A Nuclear Note To The World



<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Foreign-Policy/2016/0909/North-Korea-sends-a-nuclear-note-to-the-world>

Paying Attention Helps: Pondering North Korean Signals

In large part, it has been the failure since 2001 to apply that same, careful approach to interpreting Pyongyang's signals that has led us to the dangerous situation we are in today. The language the North employs, especially in high-level statements, matters. In effect, it represents a form of action, policy formulation at the highest levels of the regime. Windows of opportunity have always regularly opened and closed for dealing with the North. When they are open, it is crucial to be ready to move quickly. Looking carefully at North Korean signals at such times is not being gullible, but dismissing them out of hand is as dangerous as it is foolish.

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Why North Korea Needs Nukes

<https://www.strategypage.com/qnd/korea/articles/20160909.aspx>

North Korea's Nuke Miniaturization Faster Than Expected, NIS Admits

<https://www.nknews.org/2016/09/n-koreas-nuke-miniaturization-faster-than-expected-nis-admits/>

Analysis of North Korea's Fifth Nuclear Test: Stratfor

<https://www.stratfor.com/analysis/north-korea-fifth-nuclear-test>

12 Lessons from Kim Jong-un's Latest Challenge



<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-skeptics/north-koreas-nuclear-weapons-test-12-lessons-kim-jong-uns-17655>

New Activity Seen Near All Three Portals at the Punggye-ri Nuclear Test Site Weeks Prior To Detonation



<http://38north.org/2016/09/punggye090816/>

North Korea's Fifth Nuclear Test Prompts U.S. Calls For More Sanctions

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-nuclear-idUSKCN11F02N>

North Korea's Nuclear Test: Why Now? What Should The World Expect Next?

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/09/north-koreas-nuclear-test-what-should-the-world-expect-next>

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North Korea Fires Three Missiles Into Sea As G20 Leaders Meet In China



<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/05/north-korea-fires-three-ballistic-missiles-into-sea-reports>

North Korea Launches Three Missiles Off A Major Highway Near Concealment Tunnels, Plays Hide-and-Seek with Opponents' Spy Satellites



http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/09/09/2016090901365.html

Japan Calls North Korea Ballistic Missile Launches A 'Serious Threat'



<http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/05/asia/north-korea-ballistic-missiles/index.html>

North Korea Showed Off a Previously Unseen Missile During the G20



<http://thediplomat.com/2016/09/north-korea-showed-off-a-previously-unseen-missile-during-the-g20/>

Analysts: North Korea to Build New Ballistic Missile Submarine



<http://www.voanews.com/a/analysts-north-korea-to-build-new-ballistic-missile-submarine/3486125.html>

Significant Defensive And Offensive Upgrades Are Underway Along The North Korean Coast



<https://sofrep.com/63146/63146/>

<http://www.stripes.com/news/north-korea-s-naval-forces-get-serious-upgrades-1.426806>

KPA Navy Upgrades in the East Sea: 38 North



Although international attention has focused on continued developments in North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs, commercial satellite imagery indicates that Pyongyang is also improving its conventional military forces. Notably, serious resources have been channeled into upgrading the North's naval capabilities. Analyzing these improvements will help sharpen understanding of the North's military strategy under Kim Jong Un. The primary objective of the Korean People's Navy (KPN) is coastal defense of the nation. Its secondary missions include supporting special operations forces and Korean People's Army (KPA) wartime operations.

<http://38north.org/2016/09/munchon090116/>

UN Security Council Unanimously Condemns N. Korea Missile Launch



<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/06/grave-violation-un-strongly-condemns-north-korean-missile-launches>

<http://www.voanews.com/a/security-council-mute-again-north-korea-missile-launch/3482373.html>

UN To Begin Work On New North Korea Sanctions

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/un-to-begin-work-on-new-north-korea-sanctions/3115034.html>

North Korea Denounces UN Condemnation of Its Missile Launches, Warns U.S. of Action

<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/north-korea-vows-respond-condemnation-power-41720760>

North Korea Against The World

You have to credit the North Koreans with chutzpah — the Yiddish word for "nerve," brazen arrogance or insolence, all in untranslatable exclamation. The leaders of the world's 20 strongest, most powerful nations were gathered in a solemn conclave in China, and in Pyongyang North Korea's Supreme Leader did more than thumb his nose at them by ordering still more missile tests.

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/09/353_213755.html

Kim Jong-Un Declares North Korea Must Keep Up Drive For Nuclear Weapons

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/06/kim-jong-un-declares-north-korea-must-keep-up-drive-for-nuclear-weapons>

Kim Jong-Un's Growing Nuclear Arsenal Could Force US Back To Negotiating Table

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/09/north-koreas-growing-ambition-nuclear-arsenal-force-us-negotiating-table>

Timeline: North Korea's Nuclear Weapons Development

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jan/06/north-korea-nuclear-weapons-development-timeline>

With 5th Nuclear Test, North Korea Exposes World's Limited Policy Options



<http://thediplomat.com/2016/09/with-5th-nuclear-test-north-korea-exposes-worlds-limited-policy-options/>

North Korea's Big Nuclear Test: What Do We Do Now?

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/north-koreas-big-nuclear-test-what-do-we-do-now-17638>

Sanctions Alone Can't Change North Korea

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2016/08/485_212981.html

Sanctions Against North Korea Have Failed, End Them Now

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/sep/09/north-korea-nuclear-test-sanctions-embargo>

Japan Warns Of Growing North Korea Threat After Fifth Nuclear Test

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/09/09/asia-pacific/usgs-reports-m5-3-seismic-explosion-near-north-korea-nuke-test-site/>

China Condemns North Korea's Latest Nuclear Test But Is Unlikely To Do Much

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/09/09/asia-pacific/china-responds-strongly-north-korean-nuclear-test-unlikely-much/>

<http://wdr.com/2016/09/09/china-condemns-north-koreas-latest-nuclear-test/>

China Could Have Provided N. Korea With Submarine Missile, 'KN-11 A Carbon Copy Of China's JL-1 Missile': U.S. Expert



<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/09/02/0401000000AEN20160902000400315.html>

Why China Wants To Squeeze North Korea A Little, But Not Too Much

<http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2016/09/09/493266057/why-china-wants-to-squeeze-north-korea-a-little-but-not-too-much>

Is China Totally Impotent On North Korea?

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China Worries Over North Korea Collapse Complicate Nuke Response

<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/china-worries-over-north-korea-collapse-complicate-nuke-response-1.428099>

Inside The Secret U.S.-North Korea 'Track 2' Diplomacy



https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/global-opinions/inside-the-secret-us-north-korea-track-2-diplomacy/2016/08/28/ef33b2d4-6bc0-11e6-ba32-5a4bf5aad4fa_story.html?utm_term=.3b76ce94daf4

Obama Submits Plans for Getting Info to North Koreans

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If Kim Jong-Un's Regime Collapses, How Will China, The U.S., And South Korea React?

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/09/what-happens-if-north-korea-collapses/>

South Korean Embassy In China Warns Against Possible North Korea Terror Attacks, Abduction

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/08/29/42/0301000000AEN20160829003400315F.html>

Russia-Based North Korean Diplomat from Vladivostok Defects With Family And Huge Holdings Of Foreign Currency To South Korea: Source

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/09/01/4/0401000000AEN20160901010800315F.html>

North Korea Reportedly Executes Two Senior Officials

<http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2016-08-30/north-korea-executes-two-officials-with-anti-aircraft-gun-report-says>

North Korea Reportedly Dispatching Assassins To Deal With Defector Dilemma

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/08/24/north-korea-dispatches-assassins-to-deal-with-defector-dilemma/>

What Does It Mean When A North Korean Diplomat Defects?



<http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2016/08/28/491456804/what-does-it-mean-when-a-north-korean-diplomat-defects>

Laos: A Remote Battleground For North And South Korea

<http://redriverradio.org/post/laos-remote-battleground-north-and-south-korea>

CNO Richardson: U.S. Navy is Focusing on Enemy Submarine Threat

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/chief-naval-operations-richardson-us-navy-focusing-enemy-17522>

Confirmed: Russia's Pacific Fleet to Receive 6 New Attack Submarines



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China, Eager to Host Elite Club, Prims for G-20 Meeting

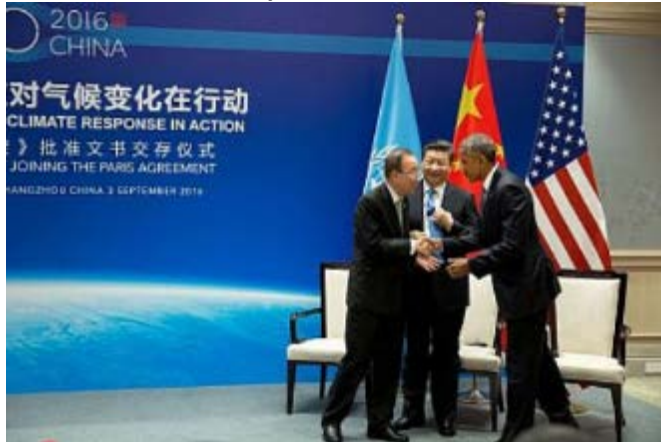
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/31/world/asia/china-g20-summit-hangzhou.html? r=0>

'Paradise On Earth': China's Hangzhou Gets Propaganda Facelift For G20 Summit



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The G20: Another Step Down China's Road to Global Leadership



<http://thediplomat.com/2016/09/the-g20-another-step-down-chinas-road-to-global-leadership/>

President Obama Faces Challenges On Trip To Asia



<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/editorial/bal-president-obama-faces-challenges-on-trip-to-asia-20160908-embeddedvideo.html>

President Obama's Trip to Asia Ends with a North Korean Nuclear Bang

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/president-obamas-trip-asia-ends-north-korean-nuclear-bang-17639>

Duterte Attacks U.S., Praises China In Indonesia



<http://www.rappler.com/world/regions/asia-pacific/indonesia/bahasa/englishedition/145706-china-united-states-duterte-massacre>

Obama Administration Faces Setback In Asia If TPP Trade Deal Doesn't Pass, Pacific Pact Painted As Counterweight To China's Rise

China, not part of the Trans-Pacific deal, is negotiating a separate Asia pact without the U.S. China is also pledging more regional loans through a new bank and a \$40 billion Silk Road fund.

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-faces-setback-in-asia-if-tpp-trade-deal-doesnt-pass-1471814373>

Is The TPP Falling Apart? A Look At Where The 12 Nations Are At

<http://www.alternet.org/economy/tpp-falling-apart>

Vietnam's Economy Expected To Do Well Whether 12-Nation TPP Succeeds Or Fails

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/08/vietnam-doubtful-trans-pacific-partnership-sign-160821072024996.html>

Vietnam Poised To Be Asia's Next Economic Tiger



<http://www.forbes.com/sites/edfuller/2016/09/07/vietnam-poised-to-be-asias-next-economic-tiger/#3f9ce1316dc1>

Vietnam Could Be Biggest Loser If TPP Fails

<http://foreignpolicy.com/2016/05/23/vietnam-could-be-the-biggest-loser-if-obama-cant-deliver-tpp/>

Eyeing the Risks of the TPP for Vietnam

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/07/far-from-a-slam-dunk-eyeing-the-risks-of-the-tpp-for-vietnam/>

Devastating Impacts of the TPP Trade Deal on Vietnam

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/te-devastating-impacts-of-the-tpp-trade-deal-on-vietnam/5487939>

Make or Break for Vietnam in the TPP Era?

<http://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/make-or-break-for-vietnam-in-the-tpp-era>

The Failure Of The TPP Matters, But Not For Economic Reasons

As everyone knows, the TPP is not really about economics, at least for the Obama Administration. Since 2011 the TPP has been seen, and sold, primarily as an element of the Administration's 'pivot' to Asia. The idea is that the TPP will help protect US political and strategic primacy in Asia by restoring the regional economic leadership which America had enjoyed for so long, and which China has been so successfully taking over in recent years.

<http://www.lowyinterpreter.org/post/2015/06/18/The-failure-of-the-TPP-matters-but-not-for-economic-reasons.aspx>

Modi's Visit to Vietnam: A New Push to India's Act East Policy

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As Ties With Vietnam Grow, France Must Tread Carefully With China

<http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/19874/as-ties-with-vietnam-grow-france-must-tread-carefully-with-china>

Why Vietnam Is Failing to Unite Its Neighbors Against China

http://www.newsweek.com/vietnams-struggle-against-china-496588?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%20DFN%209.9.16&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

China Exploiting Weakness In The South China Sea With Its Deceptive 'Second Navy'

<http://www.businessinsider.com/china-formed-second-navy-south-china-sea-2016-9>

China, Singapore to Hold Second-Ever Naval Exercise



<http://thediplomat.com/2016/09/china-singapore-to-hold-second-ever-naval-exercise/>

ASEAN, China Agree on Unplanned Encounters Code

<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/asean-china-agree-on-unplanned-encounters-code>

ASEAN: Further Apart, Not Closer Together

<https://www.stratfor.com/geopolitical-diary/asean-further-apart-not-closer-together>

Why America and China Today Are Like Pre-World War I Europe

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-skeptics/why-america-china-today-are-pre%E2%80%93world-war-i-europe-17615>

East Asia's Politics Go West



<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/donald-trump-perfect-candidate%E2%80%94east-asia-17496>

Floating Nuclear Plants And Safety Zones: Another Looming Problem In The South China Sea?



<http://www.lowinterpreter.org/post/2016/08/26/Floating-nuclear-plants-and-safety-zones-another-looming-problem-in-the-South-China-Sea.aspx>

SE Asia: ISIS Scoring Victories In Newest Battlefield, Far From The Middle East



How ISIS manifests itself in the region tends to vary from country to country. “ISIS has a regional strategy, but there are country-specific factors which affect ISIS activity across nations,” Pavlik told TheDCNF.

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/09/09/obama-admin-relying-on-common-sense-violates-title-ix/>

Southeast Asia Could Be Haven For ISIS

This Southeast Asian contingent is far larger than the number who traveled to Afghanistan to join al-Qaeda before Sept. 11, 2001. And in Iraq and Syria, the volunteers have fought and killed. “We haven’t yet seen the worst” in Southeast Asia.

<http://english.aawsat.com/2016/08/article55357019/southeast-asia-haven-isis>

ISIS Group's Southeast Asia Expansion



Perhaps even more worrisome for Southeast Asian governments, Abu Sayyaf, once derided by some Philippine defense officials as a ragtag group of bandits, appears to be linking up with Islamic State (ISIS), the jihadist group based in Syria and Iraq, and possibly attracting new recruits from other parts of the world.

<http://www.rappler.com/world/regions/asia-pacific/144293-us-fears-isis-southeast-asia-expansion>

<http://www.cfr.org/terrorist-organizations-and-networks/democratic-backsliding-reach-isis-southeast-asia/p38247>

PHILIPPINES

Philippines Military Prepares For 'Possible But Not Likely' Abu Sayyaf Attacks In Metro Manila, Major Cities

<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/579661/news/nation/afp-braces-for-possible-abu-sayyaf-attacks-in-metro-manila-major-cities>

Deadly Blast Friday Kills 12, Injures 60 in Davao City, Philippines: Ministry of Defense Blames Abu Sayyaf



<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/579981/news/nation/dnd-tags-abu-sayyaf-group-in-davao-city-blast>
<http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/02/asia/philippines-explosion-davao-city/>

15 Soldiers, At Least 4 Abu Sayyaf Members Killed In A Day



President Duterte ordered troops to eradicate Abu Sayyaf militants last week after they beheaded a kidnapped villager whose family was too impoverished to pay a ransom.

Officials said Monday's troop losses came after the army killed about 21 Abu Sayyaf gunmen, including an influential commander, on Friday and Saturday in fighting triggered by the beheading.

<http://cnnphilippines.com/regional/2016/08/30/Soldiers-Abu-Sayyaf-killed-in-Sulu.html>
http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/31/world/asia/philippines-abu-sayyaf-jolo.html?_r=0

Eight Islamic Militants Linked To So-Called Islamic State Were Freed From Jail

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-37214635>

Abu Sayyaf Ready For Fierce Battle As Duterte Sends In More Forces



(Soldiers carry onto a C130 military plane the caskets of their comrades killed after a battle against Islamist militant group Abu Sayyaf in Jolo, Sulu province)

<http://atimes.com/2016/09/abu-sayyaf-ready-for-fierce-battle-as-duterte-sends-in-more-forces/>

'I'll Eat You Alive,' Duterte Warns Abu Sayyaf

<http://thestandard.com.ph/news/-main-stories/top-stories/215457/-i-ll-eat-you-alive-duterte-warns-abu-sayyaf.html>

Abu Sayyaf Ready For 'Last War'



<http://www.thestar.com.my/news/regional/2016/09/02/army-pours-troops-into-pursuit-abus-ready-for-last-war/>

Filipinos Divided over Duterte's War on Drugs: What Will The Future Hold?

Speaking to reporters on August 21, Duterte took issue with the United Nations calling on him to stop the extrajudicial executions and killings. He says he will not only uphold human rights in his fight against drugs, but also ordered investigations into alleged abuses. Duterte called the U.N. irresponsible for relying on unnamed sources without conducting adequate investigations.

<http://www.voanews.com/a/philippines-drug-war/3481764.html>

Duterte's Threat To Democracy as Drug-War Death Toll Nears 2,000

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/opinion/2016/08/28/editorials/dutertes-threat-democracy/>

Philippines Peace Process: Duterte Playing For High Stakes



<http://www.lowyinterpreter.org/post/2016/08/30/Philippines-peace-proces-Duterte-playing-for-high-stakes.aspx>

Barack Obama Cancels Meeting After Philippines President Insults Him



<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/05/philippines-president-rodrido-duterte-barack-obama-son-whore>

Philippines' Duterte Says His Comment Was Not A Personal Attack On Obama

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/09/06/philippines-duterte-expresses-regret-over-obama-son-of-a-whore-s/>

Obama And Duterte 'Exchange Pleasantries' After Insult

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Duterte: Insists On Time-Honored Principle Of Sovereignty, 'Philippines To Pursue Independent Foreign Policy'



<http://www.rappler.com/nation/145759-duterte-philippines-independent-foreign-policy>

VIETNAM

Vietnam's Three Strategic Options



<http://www.forbes.com/sites/anderscorr/2016/08/29/vietnams-three-strategic-options/#4ef0d8832104>

CAMBODIA

Cambodia's Anti-Vietnam Obsession

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/09/cambodias-anti-vietnam-obsession/>

THAILAND

Thai Military Plans Three-Pronged Economic Overhaul



<http://www.straitstimes.com/asia/se-asia/thai-military-plans-three-pronged-economic-overhaul>

The Truth About Thailand's 2017 Defense Budget 'Hike'

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/09/the-truth-about-thailands-2017-defense-budget-hike/>

Thailand Names New Army Chief From Outside Dominant Faction

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asiapacific/thailand-names-new-army-chief-from-outside-dominant-faction/3114738.html>

Deepening Fractures: Thailand Faces Two Legitimacy Crises At Its Peripheries — And The Junta Is Only Making Them Worse

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Thailand, Malaysia Consider Border Wall To Boost Security

<http://atimes.com/2016/09/thailand-malaysia-consider-border-wall-to-boost-security/>

MALAYSIA

Malacca-Born IS Militant Is Still The Most Wanted, Says Counter Terrorism Chief

<http://news.asiaone.com/news/malaysia/malacca-born-militant-still-most-wanted-says-counter-terrorism-chief>

SINGAPORE

Singapore Slams Calls For 'Soft Approach' To Drugs At U.N. Meeting



<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-un-drugs-idUSKCN0XH2IS>

INDONESIA

Indonesian, Philippine Leaders Agree Tougher Line on Piracy, Islamist Extremism



<http://www.wsj.com/articles/indonesian-philippine-leaders-agree-tougher-line-on-piracy-islamist-extremism-1473433334>

Failed Suicide Bomber Carrying 'ISIS Flag' Knifes Catholic Priest Before Trying To Blow Himself Up In Terror Attack



<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3762288/Catholic-priest-stabbed-ISIS-knifeman-tries-kill-hundreds-setting-bomb-Indonesian-mass.html>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/asia/indonesia-church-attack-isis-suicide-bomber-attempt-attacks-priest-axe-a7214436.html>

Indonesian Hostage Swims to Freedom From ISIS-Linked Abu Sayyaf in Philippines

<http://www.newsweek.com/indonesian-hostage-swims-freedom-isis-linked-abu-sayyaf-philippines-491028>

Indonesia Locked And Loaded For Brutal Drug War

Indonesia's narcotics agency is stocking up on weapons and tools for a potentially brutal war on the country's severe drug problem, reports the Jakarta Post.

<http://dailycaller.com/2016/09/08/indonesia-locked-and-loaded-for-brutal-drug-war/>

AUSTRALIA

Pacific Grim: Australia Torn Between U.S. and China



<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-37211357>

JAPAN

Mr. Abe Goes to Vladivostok

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In Fresh Isle Talks, Abe And Putin Agree To Japan Summit, Economic Deal In December



<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/09/02/national/politics-diplomacy/putin-sees-opening-japan-world-war-ii-era-island-dispute/>

Shinzo Abe Going All In on Improving Japan-Russia Ties

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In the Shadow of Mount Fuji, Japan Flexes Its Military Muscles



<http://www.popularmechanics.com/military/weapons/a22728/fuji-firepower-japan/>

Japan's Defense Minister Inada and the American 'Thought Police'



The U.S., instead of attacking her views on history, should help her succeed and also stop insisting that Japanese politicians, officials and even citizens should think a certain way.

<http://atimes.com/2016/09/japans-defense-minister-inada-and-the-american-thought-police/>

26 Okinawa Mayors Demand U.S. Base Reductions Amid Increased Tensions

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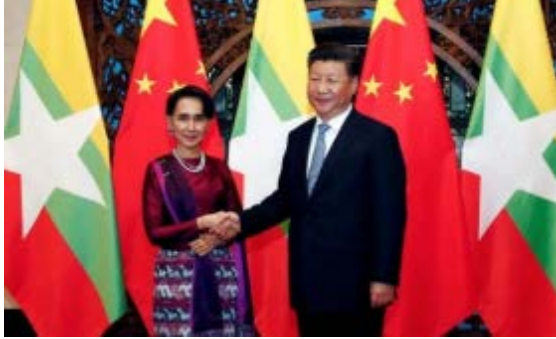
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improving conditions in the poorer and more volatile regions of the world. That thinking continued past President George W. Bush and Blair into the Barack Obama and David Cameron administrations. Both endorsed their own regime change operations in Libya after the Arab Spring. And both made the same discovery – intervening is complicated, and sending large numbers of Western troops on theoretically time-limited missions inevitably achieves less than the planners hoped.

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Heritage Foundation's Recommendations for U.S. Military Force Levels



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Why China Should Fear the U.S. Military's Third Offset Strategy

The concern is that the US is losing its “near-monopoly” in “reconnaissance-precision strike,” as potential adversaries are now capable of fielding their own reconnaissance-strike networks to challenge US power projection. As such, the US military is increasingly vulnerable to long-range strike, modern integrated air-defense systems, more capable underwater systems, and attacks in the space and cyber domains. The third offset strategy is both about developing new capabilities and about exploiting state-of-the-art enabling technologies.

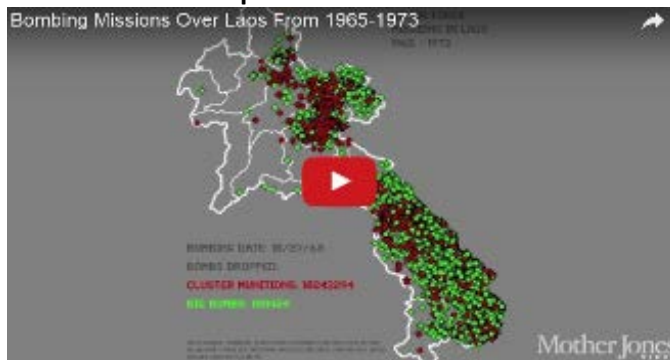
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China May Become The Biggest Hotel Operator at Ko Olina, Hawaii

The land purchase, if completed as scheduled by Sept. 15, will give China Oceanwide control over the four remaining undeveloped hotel sites fronting the master-planned resort’s four oceanfront lagoons, and possibly make the company the biggest hotel operator at Ko Olina. Chinese investors will be participating in the Hawaii Tourism Conference at the Convention Center in Honolulu September 26-30.

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Air Force To Launch Investigation Into Veteran's Removal From Ceremony For Speech Invoking God



"That the Air Force would do this to myself as this was my retirement – I was very embarrassed and humiliated in front of my family and friends."

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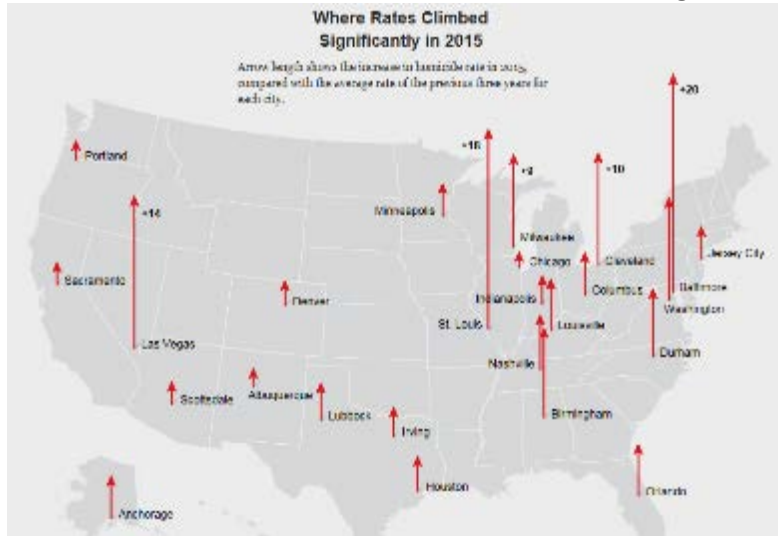
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1. There's roughly one gun for every person in America
2. Gun crime is more prevalent in the US than in other rich countries
3. Gun homicides (like all homicides) are declining
4. Places with more guns have more homicides
5. There are more gun suicides than gun homicides in America
6. Suicide is more common in places with more guns
7. Living in a house with a gun increases your odds of death
8. Guns contribute to domestic violence
9. Mass shootings represent a tiny share of all shooting deaths
10. A tiny fraction of gun violence is committed by the mentally ill
11. Gun control is popular, but less so than in the 1990s

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Active-Shooter Response Training Surging Across The Country: You Must Have At Least A 'Seed' Of A Plan 'Before' A Shooting Occurs



(Chicago and Kansas City news reports on active-shooter training)

(Hawaii) "If you're formulating (what to do) as things evolve (when a shooting occurs), it's too late," Lt. Shopay with the Honolulu Police Department said prior to the presentation. It's essential, he said, to have at least a seed of a plan, so those in an active shooter situation can react in a way that maximizes their chances of survival. As soon as the first shots go off, he said, bystanders need to be ready to act. "If we stand there in disbelief, we're wasting time," he told the audience. But as important as it is to know what to do during an active shooter incident, Shopay also stressed the importance of knowing what to do once it's over. That includes knowing how law enforcement will respond after a shooting.

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All the Ways Your Wi-Fi Router Can Spy on You



As people move through a space with a Wi-Fi signal, their bodies affect it, absorbing some waves and reflecting others in various directions. By analyzing the exact ways that a Wi-Fi signal is altered when a human moves through it, researchers can "see" what someone writes with their finger in the air,

identify a particular person by the way that they walk, and even read a person's lips with startling accuracy—in some cases even if a router isn't in the same room as the person performing the actions.
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