

# ASIA-PACIFIC & GLOBAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS UPDATE

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

## ASIA-PACIFIC

### President Obama to Make Historic Visit to Hiroshima, May Bring a Mixed Nuclear Message



Compared with today's nuclear warheads, the two bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were insignificant. In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb in the Arctic with an explosive force of 50 megatons — more than 3,000 times the power of the bomb the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima only 16 years earlier. Such a weapon would kill millions. Currently, nine nations own more than 15,000 nuclear weapons, most of them far more powerful than the World War II bombs.

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/05/obama-to-make-historic-visit-to-hiroshima/>

<http://time.com/4325382/hiroshima-barack-obama-nuclear-weapons/>

<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/obama-to-pay-historic-visit-to-hiroshima-this-month-1.408857>

### What Obama Really Needs To Say In Hiroshima

<http://gulfnnews.com/opinion/thinkers/what-obama-really-needs-to-say-in-hiroshima-1.1826722>

### Japanese Welcome Obama To Hiroshima, Apology Or Not

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/rest-of-world/Japanese-welcome-Obama-to-Hiroshima-apology-or-not/articleshow/52227057.cms>

### The Horrors of Hiroshima in Context

<http://townhall.com/columnists/victordavishanson/2016/04/21/draft-n2151484>

### Hiroshima & Nagasaki: 70 Years On, Survivors and Their Families Still Gravely Affected



**190,000** bomb survivors or "hibakusha" still alive and  
**200,000** "second generation" survivors (born to hibakusha).

<https://www.icrc.org/en/hiroshima-nagasaki>

### Russia Developing New Nuclear Missiles Capable Of Penetrating U.S. Defenses: To Modernize 70% Of Its ICBM Arsenal By 2018

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/05/russia-developing-new-nuclear-missiles-capable-of-penetrating-us-defenses/>

**First Ruling Party Congress In 36 Years Offers No Clear Policy Changes: Inside The Rare Meeting Of North Korea's Communist Elite**



<http://time.com/4318957/everything-you-need-to-know-about-north-koreas-workers-party-congress/>  
<http://www.wsj.com/articles/north-korea-bolsters-kim-jong-un-with-party-chairman-title-1462811333>

**North Korea Bolsters Kim Jong Un With Party Chairman Title**



<http://www.wsj.com/articles/north-korea-bolsters-kim-jong-un-with-party-chairman-title-1462811333>

**China's Xi Jinping Congratulates North Korea's Kim Jong-Un On New Title**

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/china/Chinas-Xi-congratulates-North-Koreas-Kim-on-new-title/articleshow/52200610.cms>

**Cuba Congratulates Kim Jong-un After Party Congress**

[https://www.nknews.org/2016/05/cuba-congratulates-kim-jong-un-after-party-congress/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+nknewsorg+%28nknews.org+%27Daily+Update%27%29](https://www.nknews.org/2016/05/cuba-congratulates-kim-jong-un-after-party-congress/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+nknewsorg+%28nknews.org+%27Daily+Update%27%29)



**North Korea Puts On Once-In-A-Generation Political Event**



*'Leader Kim Jung-un is our Father, just like our father and just like our mother.'*

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/05/asia/north-korea-congress/>

**North Korea Puts On Mass Rally In North Korea After Congress Bolsters Leader**



<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/mass-rally-in-north-korea-after-congress-bolsters-leader-1.408697>

<http://www.reuters.com/news/picture/editors-choice?articleId=USRTX2DSKE>

**North Korea Regime is Stable: Former South Korean Intelligence Official:**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/north-korea-regime-stable-says-former-intelligence-official/3326827.html>

**Kim Jong Un Says North Korea Won't Use Nukes Unless Threatened**



<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2016/05/09/kim-jong-un-says-north-korea-wont-use-nuclear-weapons-unless-threatened.html>

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2016/05/08/north-korea-wont-use-nukes-first-kim-jong-un/84107470/>

**Japan Relaxes Missile Defense Posture As North Korea Missile Threat Abates**

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/05/12/national/politics-diplomacy/japan-interceptors-stand-north-korea-missile-threat-abates/>

**North Korea To Strengthen Nuclear Arsenal**



<http://www.reuters.com/video/2016/05/09/north-korea-to-strengthen-nuclear-arsena?videoid=368413656>

**No Indications That A Nuclear Test Is Imminent: 38 North**

[http://38north.org/2016/05/punggye051016/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+38North+%2838+North%3A+Informed+Analysis+of+North+Korea%29](http://38north.org/2016/05/punggye051016/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+38North+%2838+North%3A+Informed+Analysis+of+North+Korea%29)



## North Korea Wants Economic And Nuclear Expansion, But One Undercuts The Other



<http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2016/05/09/477294136/n-korea-wants-economic-and-nuclear-expansion-but-one-undercuts-the-other>

## North Korea May Be Trying To Entice Obama Or Successor Into Bogus Nuclear Negotiations: Ex-U.S. Ambassador

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/05/12/26/030100000AEN20160512000200315F.html>

## After KWP Congress, South Korea Continues To View North Korea's Proposal For Military Talks Insincere



### CALLS FOR MILITARY TALKS

Seoul views Pyongyang's proposal for military talks insincere

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[http://www.arirang.co.kr/news/News\\_View.asp?nseq=191099](http://www.arirang.co.kr/news/News_View.asp?nseq=191099)

## N. Korea's Triumphant Congress Does Little To Win Over A Frustrated China



<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Asia-Pacific/2016/0511/N.-Korea-s-triumphal-congress-does-little-to-win-over-a-frustrated-China-video>

### **To Stop North Korea, The U.S. Should Talk About Putting Nukes In South Korea**

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/readersreact/la-le-0508-sunday-north-korea-nuclear-weapons-20160508-story.html>

### **How To Freeze North Korea's Nuclear Program**

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-littwak-daly-north-korea-nuclear-freeze-20160506-story.html>

### **Sanctions Will Hurt Everyone But North Korea's Leaders**

[https://www.nknews.org/2016/05/sanctions-will-hurt-everyone-but-north-koreas-leaders/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+nknewsorg+%28nknews.org+%27Daily+Update%27%29](https://www.nknews.org/2016/05/sanctions-will-hurt-everyone-but-north-koreas-leaders/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+nknewsorg+%28nknews.org+%27Daily+Update%27%29)

### **North Korea Might Respond Better To A Less Confrontational West**



<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/may/09/north-korea-expulsion-bbc-pyongyang>

### **Hang In There, Take It Day At A Time, Freed Missionary Urges U.S. Pair Held By Pyongyang**



<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/05/12/asia-pacific/hang-take-day-time-freed-missionary-urges-u-s-pair-held-pyongyang/>

### Asia Risks Repeating Europe's Errors



<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/e35b0cfa-176a-11e6-b197-a4af20d5575e.html>

### Moscow Seeks Guarantees U.S. Missiles In Asia Not To Target Russia

[http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Moscow\\_seeks\\_guarantees\\_US\\_missiles\\_in\\_Asia\\_not\\_to\\_target\\_Russia\\_999.html](http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Moscow_seeks_guarantees_US_missiles_in_Asia_not_to_target_Russia_999.html)

### China, India And What A New 'Red Telephone' Would Mean For The World



<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-india-commentary-idUSKCN0Y02AW>

### Strategic Maritime Balancing in Sino-Indian Foreign Policy



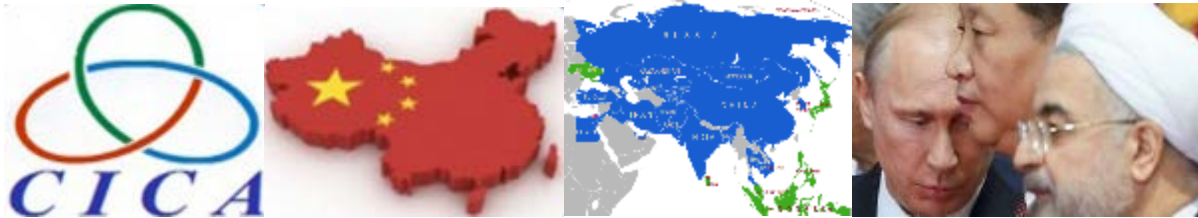
<http://cimsec.org/potential-enemy-frenemy-may-friend-strategic-maritime-balancing-sino-indian-foreign-policy/24741>

### Russia and China in the Arctic



<http://warontherocks.com/2016/05/friends-if-we-must-russia-and-chinas-relations-in-the-arctic/>

## What is Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) and Why Does China Care about It?



<http://thediomat.com/2014/05/what-is-cica-and-why-does-china-care-about-it/>

<http://www.s-cica.org/page.php>

## Taiwan Accepts WHO Invitation Despite Political Caveat From China

<http://www.voanews.com/content/taiwan-accepts-who-invitation-despite-political-caveat-from-china/3326892.html>

## China Says Taiwan To Blame For Any Crisis



<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/china/China-says-Taiwan-to-blame-for-any-crisis/articleshow/52216714.cms>

## Taiwan Eyeing U.S. Navy Passage In Disputed Waters

<http://youngherald.com/2016/05/taiwan-eyeing-us-navy-passage-in-disputed-waters/>

## Japan Efforts To Claim Exclusive Economic Zone Are Making Taiwan And China Unlikely Allies

<https://www.stratfor.com/analysis/okinotori-odd-place-maritime-dispute>

## China Tells Japan To Avoid Militarism While It Uses Militarism Against Its Neighbors

<http://www.rokdrop.net/2016/05/china-tells-japan-to-avoid-militarism-while-it-uses-militarism-against-its-neighbors/>

## Japan Should Steal a Strategy from China's Playbook

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/japan-should-steal-strategy-chinas-playbook-16159>

## Commercial Airlines and Soon Commercial Shipping May Have to Comply with China's SCS Claims: Playing to Win, Regardless of What the World Thinks

In May 2016 Chinese warships in the South China Sea were seen practicing detailed exercises for halting merchant ships and boarding them. China claims to control all of the South China Sea but the rest of the world does not agree with that. The May exercises are another sign that China does not care what the world thinks. In one part of the exercise the intercepting destroyer fired its guns, as it would to force a



ship that refused orders to halt and be boarded. This is all part of a trend that is not going anywhere good. Already commercial airlines are complying with Chinese demands (which have no legal standing) that aircraft check in with Chinese air control before entering formerly international airspace now claimed by China. Now it is feared China will demand the same compliance from commercial shipping. <http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htsurf/articles/20160510.aspx>

### **China Scrambles Fighters as U.S. Sails Warship Near Island in South China Sea, Challenging Chinese Claims**



<https://news.usni.org/2016/05/10/u-s-destroyer-passes-near-chinese-artificial-island-in-south-china-sea-freedom-of-navigation-operation>  
<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/us-warship-sails-near-chinese-claimed-reef>  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-southchinasea-usa-china-idUSKCN0Y10DM>

### **China Scrambles Fighters Against U.S. Warship From Its South China Sea Air Base For The First Time**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/china-scrambles-fighters-against-us-201500626.html>

### **China Criticizes U.S. Navy Operation in South China Sea**

<http://learningenglish.voanews.com/content/china-criticizes-us-for-sending-navy-ship-to-south-china-sea/3323980.html>

### **China Says U.S. Patrols Justify Defense Facilities In Contested Waters**

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/05/11/asia-pacific/beijing-says-u-s-patrols-justify-defense-facilities-in-contested-south-china-sea/>

### **Beijing Vows to Increase South China Sea Defenses, Calls U.S. 'Greatest Threat' in Region**



<https://news.usni.org/2016/05/11/beijing-vows-to-increase-south-china-sea-defenses-calls-u-s-greatest-threat-in-region>

### **Australia Defends U.S. Freedom of Navigation operation in South China Sea**

<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/south-china-sea-australia-defends-us>  
<http://atimes.com/2016/05/australia-defends-us-in-latest-south-china-sea-dispute/>

### **Next Philippine Leader Could Change S. China Sea Policy**

<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/next-philippine-leader-could-change-stance-on-china>

### **With China Pressing South, U.S. Ships Return To The Philippines' Subic Bay**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/with-china-pressing-south-us-ships-return-to-the-philippines-subic-bay/2016/05/05/6ce6750a-1139-11e6-a9b5-bf703a5a7191\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/with-china-pressing-south-us-ships-return-to-the-philippines-subic-bay/2016/05/05/6ce6750a-1139-11e6-a9b5-bf703a5a7191_story.html)

### **Philippines Relying On Global Support In S. China Sea Dispute**

<http://www.voanews.com/content/philippines-relying-on-global-support-in-south-china-sea-dispute/3285447.html>

### **Quietly, Vietnam hosts arms gathering attended by U.S. companies**

<http://atimes.com/2016/05/quietly-vietnam-hosts-arms-gathering-attended-by-us-companies/>

### **How America Picks Its Next Move in the South China Sea**

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/how-america-picks-its-next-move-the-south-china-sea-16153>

### **U.S. Misjudgment On South China Sea Will Be Costly: Singapore Scholar**

<http://atimes.com/2016/05/us-misjudgment-on-south-china-sea-will-be-costly-singapore-scholar/>

### **Chinese Missiles Dubbed 'Guam Killer' Pose Increasing Threat To US Island, Report Says**



<http://www.stripes.com/news/pacific/chinese-missiles-dubbed-guam-killer-pose-increasing-threat-to-us-island-report-says-1.409090>

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-china-missile-guam-killer-20160511-story.html>

### **China's Jewel in the Heart of the Indian Ocean**

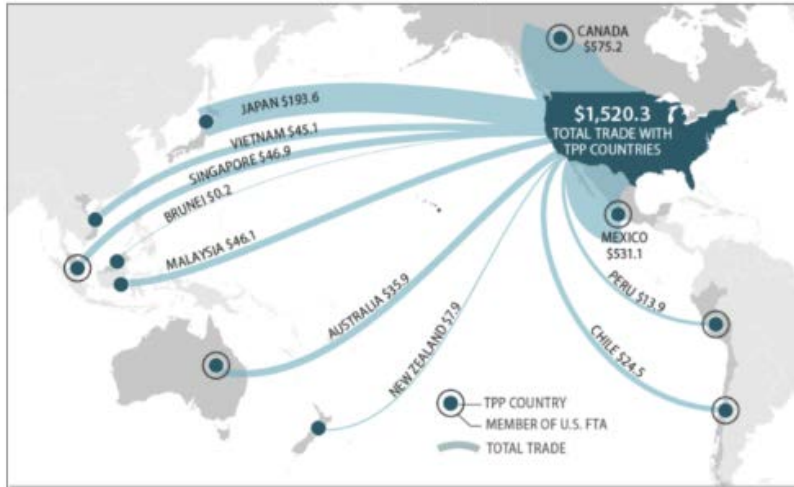


The Colombo Port City project was conceived by Sri Lanka, but is now an almost 100 percent Chinese undertaking.

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/05/chinas-jewel-in-the-heart-of-the-indian-ocean/>

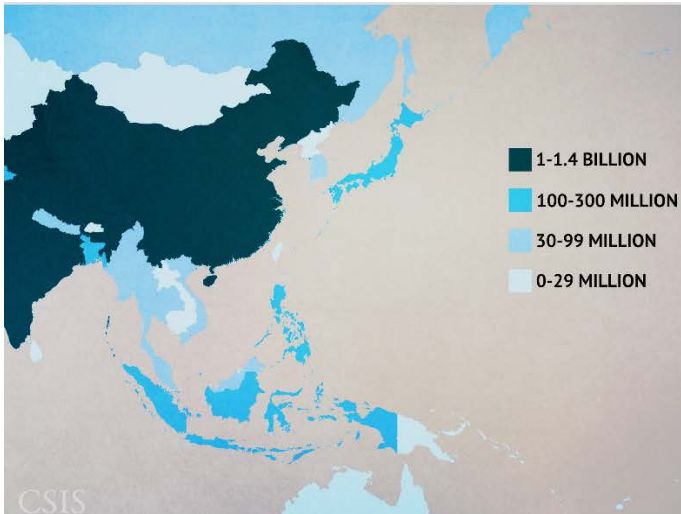
## Report to Congress on Trans-Pacific Partnership

Figure I. Trans-Pacific Partnership Countries  
(in billions of dollars)



<https://news.usni.org/2016/05/11/document-report-to-congress-on-trans-pacific-partnership>

## 18 Maps That Explain Maritime Security in Asia



### Population in Asia

Asia is a vibrant and dynamic region with 4.3 billion inhabitants -- 60% of the global population. China is the most populous state in the region with 1.4 billion people. India is projected to pass China's population in about 15 years, becoming the world's most populous nation with 1.5 billion inhabitants.

<http://amti.csis.org/atlas/>

## Fault Lines in a Rising Asia



<http://carnegieendowment.org/2016/04/20/fault-lines-in-rising-asia/ixcb>



## An Alternate Past/Future For Mekong River Dams Under The UN Watercourses Convention: Parts 1-3



<http://www.eastbysoutheast.com/an-alternate-pastfuture-for-mekong-river-dams-under-the-un-watercourses-convention-part-3/>

<http://www.eastbysoutheast.com/an-alternate-pastfuture-for-mekong-river-dams-under-the-un-watercourses-convention-part-2/>

<http://www.eastbysoutheast.com/an-alternate-pastfuture-for-mekong-river-dams-under-the-un-watercourses-convention-part-1/>

### Vietnam's Mekong Delta Hit With Worst Drought In 90 Years

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2016/04/21/vietnams-mekong-delta-hit-worst-drought-90-years/83231314/>

### **Lifeflood Of SE Asia: Dams, Drought And Disaster Along The Mekong River**



<https://www.irinnews.org/news/2016/05/10/dams-drought-and-disaster-along-mekong-river>

### **Thanks—and Caution—as China Releases Water From Mekong Dam**

<http://www.voacambodia.com/a/thanks-and-caution-as-china-releases-water-from-mekong-dam/3243501.html>

### **China’s Water Hegemony In Asia: Guns, Not Geography, Established China’s Chokehold On Major Transnational River Systems In Asia**

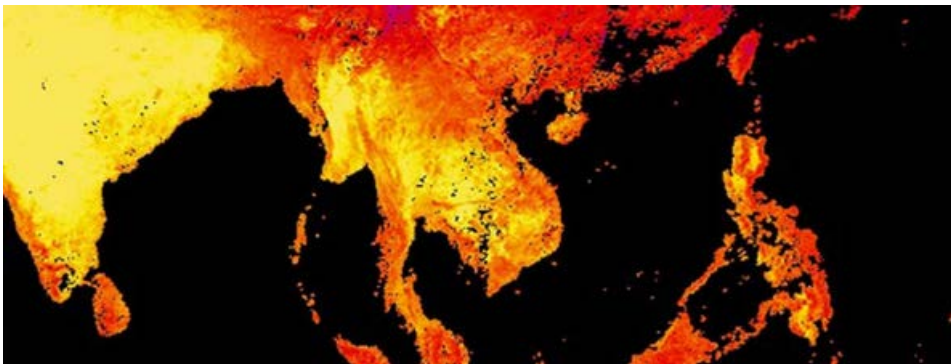
<http://www.livemint.com/Opinion/1qM2LdMPsMd0fLNrDUVjRK/Chinas-water-hegemony-in-Asia.html>

### **Japan Announces \$7 Billion Plan to Develop Mekong Region**



<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/japan-announces-billion-plan-develop-mekong-region-38808646>

### **Extreme Heat Sear Southeast Asia With All-Time Records**



<https://weather.com/news/weather/news/thailand-southeast-asia-extreme-record-heat>

## THAILAND

Thailand Sets Record For Longest Heat Wave In 65 Years

<http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2016/04/29/news/national/954098.txt>

## SINGAPORE

Singapore Detains 8 Bangladeshis Suspected Of Islamic State Group Links

[http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2016/05/03/world/asia/ap-as-singapore-detained-bangladeshis.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2016/05/03/world/asia/ap-as-singapore-detained-bangladeshis.html?_r=0)

Singapore Releases Kill-List Found With Bangladeshis

### Target of Enemies Forces Need to Kill

1. Border Guard of Bangladesh (BGB)
2. Rapid Action Batalian (RAB)
3. Police
4. Civil Information Defence (CID)
5. Air Force
6. Navy Forces
7. MP
8. Minister
9. Chairman
10. Government Officer (General & Secretary Level)
11. Leaders of Government Republic
12. Media Peoples
13. Disbelievers (Hindu, Christian, Buddhists, Nastiks, Munafiks, etc.)

<http://www.thedailystar.net/world/singapore-releases-kill-list-found-bangladeshis-1217968>

## INDONESIA

4 Indonesian Hostages Released By Abu Sayyaf Group in the Philippines



<http://www.rappler.com/world/regions/asia-pacific/indonesia/bahasa/englishedition/132722-hostages-released-abu-sayyaf>



## PHILIPPINES

'Philippines' Trump' Confident Of Victory As Country Goes To The Polls



<http://www.cnn.com/2016/05/09/asia/philippines-election/index.html>

### Crime-Busting Mayor Claims Philippine Presidential Victory

Born in Southern Leyte province in the central Philippines, Duterte, whose lawyer-father was governor of the old Davao province, worked as a prosecutor in Davao for nine years before becoming vice-mayor in 1986. Two years later he took over as mayor, a post he has since held seven times. Once notorious as the nation's murder capital, Davao is now one of the country's safest and more prosperous cities.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-05-09/philippines-firebrand-mayor-set-to-win-vote-with-16-point-lead>

### Duterte Sweeps Metro Manila

<http://www.rappler.com/newsbreak/in-depth/132561-rodrico-duterte-winner-metro-manila-2016-elections>

### Rodrigo Duterte: A New Era In The Philippines, What New Direction Lies Ahead?

<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2016/05/rodrico-duterte-era-philippines-160511101236269.html>

### The 3 Leadership Traits I Want From a Philippine President

<http://www.rappler.com/views/imho/131945-leadership-traits-i-want-my-president>

### Philippines' Duterte Open To Territory-Row Talks With China

[http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Philippines\\_Duterte\\_open\\_to\\_territory-row\\_talks\\_with\\_China\\_999.html](http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Philippines_Duterte_open_to_territory-row_talks_with_China_999.html)

### U.S. Looking Forward to Working with New Philippine President

<http://www.rappler.com/world/regions/us-canada/132645-us-keen-work-with-next-philippine-leader>



## First Of Japan's F-35s Will Be Airborne By Year's End



<http://www.stripes.com/news/first-of-japan-s-f-35s-will-be-airborne-by-year-s-end-1.409180>

## Japan Backs Homegrown Stealth Jet In Aerospace Industry Revival

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/03/21/reference/japan-backs-homegrown-stealth-jet-aerospace-industry-revival/>

## NORTH KOREA

### North Korean General, Thought to Be Executed, Resurfaces



[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2016/05/11/2016051101264.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/11/2016051101264.html)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/11/world/asia/north-korea-execution.html?ribbon-ad-idx=4&rref=world/asia>

### False North Korean Official Execution Report Backfires On Seoul

[https://www.nknews.org/2016/05/false-n-korean-official-execution-report-backfires-on-seoul/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+nknewsorg+%28nknews.org+%27Daily+Update%27%29](https://www.nknews.org/2016/05/false-n-korean-official-execution-report-backfires-on-seoul/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+nknewsorg+%28nknews.org+%27Daily+Update%27%29)

### A Rare Congress and Mixed Signals in North Korea



<https://www.stratfor.com/analysis/rare-congress-and-mixed-signals-north-korea>



### **Key Things We Learned From The North Korea Party Congress**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-36258431>

<http://theconversation.com/what-weve-learned-from-north-koreas-party-congress-57773>

### **Kim Jong-un's Sister Further Consolidates Power**

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2016/05/11/2016051100912.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/11/2016051100912.html)

### **New Party Central Auditing Commission inaugurated**

[http://www.nkeconwatch.com/2016/05/11/new-party-central-auditing-commission-inaugurated/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+NorthKoreanEconomyWatch+%28North+Korean+Economy+Watch%29](http://www.nkeconwatch.com/2016/05/11/new-party-central-auditing-commission-inaugurated/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+NorthKoreanEconomyWatch+%28North+Korean+Economy+Watch%29)

### **North Korea's Five-Year Plan Could Backfire, Analyst Says**

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/World-News/2016/05/12/North-Koreas-five-year-plan-could-backfire-analyst-says/7421463059665/?spt=sec&or=tn](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/05/12/North-Koreas-five-year-plan-could-backfire-analyst-says/7421463059665/?spt=sec&or=tn)

### **North Korea Poised To Stage Yet Another Campaign Of Hard Work**



<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/northkorea/2016/05/11/0401000000AEN20160511010300315.html>

[http://www.arirang.co.kr/news/News\\_View.asp?nseq=191114](http://www.arirang.co.kr/news/News_View.asp?nseq=191114)

### **The Most Overlooked Story from North Korea's Party Congress**



<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/the-most-overlooked-story-north-koreas-party-congress-16162>

**North Korea's Kim Caps Rare Congress With Colorful Mass Rally**



<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-congress-idUSKCN0Y02MH>

**Inside North Korea: 5 Days in Pyongyang**



<http://abcnews.go.com/International/inside-north-korea-days-pyongyang/story?id=38987891>

## I Went To North Korea And Was Told I Ask Too Many Questions



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## A North Korea Press Trip Moments: Kim Personality Cult, Stop-and-Stare



<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-05-10/north-korea-spins-creepy-communist-fantasy-with-newborn-triplets>

## BBC's Rupert Wingfield-Hayes And Team Expelled From North Korea



<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-36244994>



**A Rare Look Inside North Korea's Kim Il Sung University**



<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-36199683>

**North Korea Inching Open Door With Nobel Laureates' Visit**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-36176772>

**Inside North Korea's Children's Palace, A Reporter Finds Children Turning Into Robotic Grown-Ups**



<http://www.latimes.com/world/asia/la-fg-north-korea-propaganda-20160505-snap-htmstory.html>

### Inside North Korea's Surreal Restaurant Empire

At one franchise in Yangon, Myanmar, waitresses perform an instrumental version of Frank Sinatra's "I Did It My Way" on dueling flutes. Later, they bring up an all-female rock band to crank out "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da" by The Beatles.

During a Bangkok performance, waitresses summon men from their seats to do the waltz. Their finale: a conga line in which foreigners and staff clutch hands and parade around the room.

"I have a feeling that everything [inside the restaurants] is videotaped," Lee said. "I would be stunned if North Korean restaurants were not bugged."

Pyongyang has a good reason to spy on its far-flung staff. Over the years, several women have run off to seek asylum. And the regime is now reeling from one of its most embarrassing mass defections in recent history — 12 waitresses who fled en-masse from an outlet in China.

Following that April defection, more than a dozen North Korean franchises have abruptly locked their doors. South Korea's government, which is now ordering its citizens to stay away from these restaurants, takes partial credit for the shutdown. Other experts speculate that an alarmed Pyongyang is simply tightening security.

In Bangkok — home to two North Korean restaurants — one is "closed for renovation," according to a sign posted by the entrance. The other is run by a skeleton crew. All singing and dancing is temporarily canceled.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2016/05/09/inside-north-koreas-surreal-restaurant-empire/84129576/>

### North Korea Keeps Importing Banned Components From China, Analyst Says

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### Why Headlines About DPRK Agricultural Production Miss the Point

Figure 2. Food Need and Food Production



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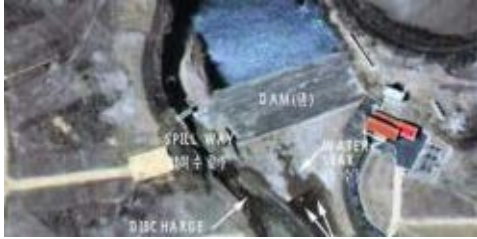
### **New Power Plants Operational Before KWP Congress**

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### **Dam at North Korea power plant partly collapsed, source says**

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/World-News/2016/05/10/Dam-at-North-Korea-power-plant-partly-collapsed-source-says/4311462931805/?spt=mps&or=2&sn=tn](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/05/10/Dam-at-North-Korea-power-plant-partly-collapsed-source-says/4311462931805/?spt=mps&or=2&sn=tn)

### **N. Korean Hydropower Dam Leaking Shortly After Completion**



<http://www.koreatimesus.com/n-korean-hydropower-dam-leaking-shortly-after-completion-sources/>

## **SOUTH KOREA**

### **South Korea To Build More K-2 Black Panther Tanks, As North Korea Has Reportedly Been Stepping Up Production Of Its Armored Fighting Vehicles**



[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/World-News/2016/05/11/South-Korea-to-build-more-K-2-Black-Panther-tanks/7051463022367/?spt=sec&or=tn](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2016/05/11/South-Korea-to-build-more-K-2-Black-Panther-tanks/7051463022367/?spt=sec&or=tn)

### **100 More Battle Tanks to Be Stationed Along DMZ**

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2016/05/12/2016051201334.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/12/2016051201334.html)

### **President Park Visits Kuwait**



<http://www.rokdrop.net/2016/05/picture-of-the-day-president-park-visits-kuwait/>



**President Park Calls For Efforts To Sign Formal Deals With Mexico And Iran**

<http://www.koreatimesus.com/park-calls-for-efforts-to-sign-formal-deals-with-mexico-and-iran/>

**President Park Embarks On Another Round Of Foreign Trips, Will Deliver Speech At 54-Member African Union's Headquarters In Ethiopia**

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2016/05/12/2016051201468.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2016/05/12/2016051201468.html)

**South Korea To Adopt Face Recognition System For Gov't Offices**

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2016/05/12/0302000000AEN20160512004100315.html>

**As Korean Shipyards Founder, Central Bank Dragged Into Rescue Bid**

<http://gcaptain.com/as-korean-shipyards-founder-central-bank-dragged-into-rescue-bid/>

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**China Sends New Wave of Anti-Corruption Inspectors into and Across Its Military Departments**



It is the first time the supreme military command has established a standing anti-corruption force directly under its control in its units, the newspaper said, and comes as Xi -- who is also CMC chairman -- seeks to increase his control over the PLA, a significant power center in China. Ten teams of inspectors newly appointed by the Central Military Commission (CMC) will work among its 15 departments and the PLA's five regional headquarters, the China Daily reported.

[http://www.sinodaily.com/reports/China\\_sends\\_more\\_anti-graft\\_inspectors\\_into\\_military\\_999.html](http://www.sinodaily.com/reports/China_sends_more_anti-graft_inspectors_into_military_999.html)

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## How Far Is China From Another Cultural Revolution?



<http://thediplomat.com/2016/05/how-far-is-china-from-another-cultural-revolution/>

## MYANMAR/BURMA

**Myanmar Wants U.S. To Stop Calling Minority Group 'Rohingya'**

<http://learningenglish.voanews.com/content/myanmar-calls-on-us-to-stop-using-term-rohingya/3315604.html>

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**Bangladesh Braces For Violence After Islamic Opposition Leader Is Executed**

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said Motiur Rahman Nizami, the 73-year-old leader of the Jamaat-e-Islami party, was hung at 12:10 a.m. Wednesday inside Dhaka central jail amid tight security.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/home-minister-bangladesh-executes-leader-of-islamist-party/2016/05/10/961a5f50-16e2-11e6-971a-dadf9ab18869\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/home-minister-bangladesh-executes-leader-of-islamist-party/2016/05/10/961a5f50-16e2-11e6-971a-dadf9ab18869_story.html)

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**Bangladesh Hangs, Executes Islamist Leader Motiur Rahman Nizami for War Crimes**



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## Bangladesh Hangs Jamaat Chief For 1971 War Crimes, Nation On Edge



<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/south-asia/Bangladesh-hangs-Jamaat-chief-for-1971-war-crimes-nation-on-edge/articleshow/52215343.cms>

## Execution Of Alleged War Criminal In Bangladesh Exposes Divisions In The Country

<https://www.stratfor.com/geopolitical-diary/bangladeshs-history-will-haunt-its-future>

## Pir Spiritual Leader Hacked To Death In Rajshahi



The northern division has been plagued by at least 14 untoward incidents for the past seven months that relate to militancy and resulted in death of at least six people including a foreigner.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/country/pir-hacked-death-rajshahi-1220059>

## Slain Bangladesh Couple Killed In California Couple Opposed Elder Son's Sexual Orientation



Hasib allegedly shot Golam, his father more than a dozen times before shooting his mother one time in the head, according to police, reports ABC7 according to Washington Post.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/world/slain-california-couple-opposed-sons-sexual-orientation-1217950>



## Motion Timeline: 29 Militant Killings In 4 Years



<http://www.thedailystar.net/country/pir-hacked-death-rajshahi-1220059>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJeOx93TkJU>

## Open Campaign To Kill Bangladesh Professor, Apparently Over Professor's Request A Female Student In Class Unveil Her Face So He Could Identify Her

<http://www.thedailystar.net/backpage/open-campaign-kill-professor-1220299>

## For Bangladesh, Denying Islamic State's Presence Will not Help

<http://www.thequint.com/opinion/2016/05/06/bangladeshi-isis-arrest-in-singapore-denial-would-no-longer-help-sheikh-hasina-blogger-killed-jamat-e-islami>

## INDIA

### 5 Reasons Why India Agreed to a Logistics Agreement With the United States

<http://thediplomat.com/2016/05/5-reasons-why-india-agreed-to-a-logistics-agreement-with-the-united-states/>

### Indian Navy Bids Farewell Sea Harrier Jets, Replacing Them with Russian MiG-29Ks



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### Indian Teen Raped By Her Father. Village Elders Had Her Whipped

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### India's Worst Drought In Decades (photos)



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### RUSSIA-UKRAINE

Putin Issues A Warning To The West And NATO Over Their 'Double Standards' As Russia Displays Its Military Might In Victory Day Parade



<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3580718/Putin-issues-warning-West-Nato-double-standards-Russia-displays-military-Victory-Day-parade.html>

### **Russia Says U.S. Missile System Breaches Nuclear INF Treaty**



<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36269734>

### **Russia in Europe**

Russia continued to aggressively posture against NATO in the Baltic and Black Sea regions while presenting itself as a responsible regional actor and victim of alleged western provocation. The first meeting of the NATO-Russia Council since June 2014 failed to make concrete progress, and the Russian Minister of Defense accused NATO of provocative troop deployments in Eastern Europe. - See more at: <http://www.understandingwar.org/#sthash.yK3wbRiL.dpuf>

<http://www.understandingwar.org/backgrounder/russia-europe-april-30-2016>

### **Russian Navy Resumes Shipbuilding in Crimea**

<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/russian-navy-resumes-shipbuilding-in-crimea>

### **The Russian Air Force Was Always Behind the West in One Key Area, Until Now**

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### **Putin Declines World Humanitarian Summit Invitation As Russia Cries Foul**

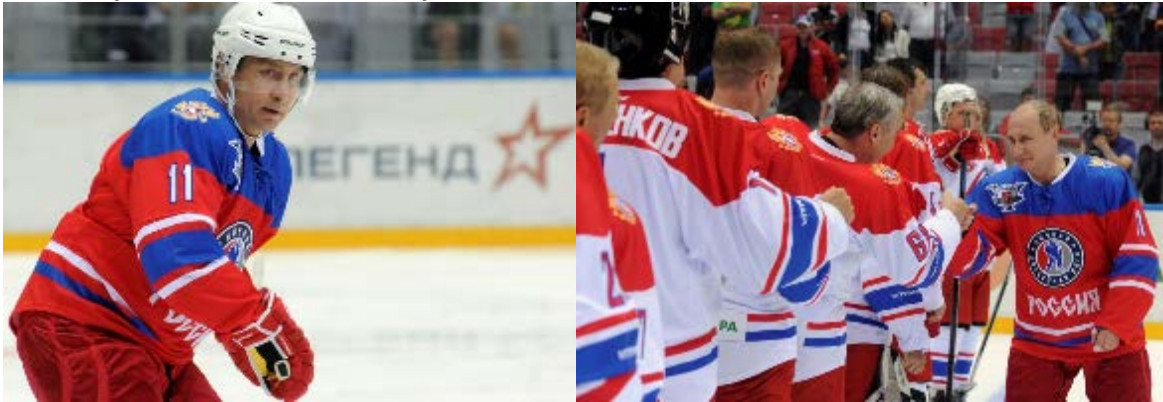


Russian President Vladimir Putin will not be attending the upcoming World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul and Russia is refusing to be bound by the results of a process it says failed to include its views.

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## Putin Plays in Exhibition Ice Hockey Match



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### Ukraine, Russia Agree Some Security Measures: Germany

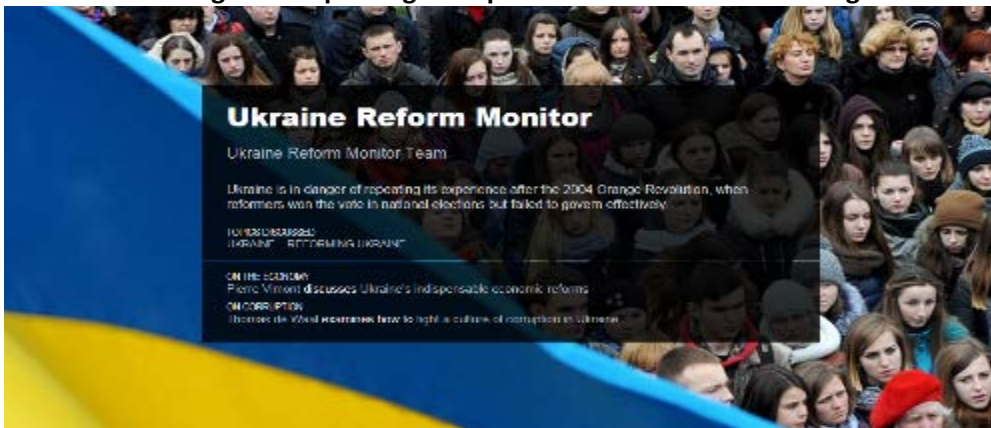


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### Four-Way Talks On Ukraine War Fail To Win Breakthrough

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### Ukraine Is In Danger Of Repeating Its Experience After The 2004 Orange Revolution



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### Why Ukraine's NATO Membership Is Not In America's Interests

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## EUROPE

### The Bear in the Room: The U.S.-Nordic Summit and Dealing with Russia



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### Nordic Countries Sign Joint Procurement Agreement

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### Russia Angry Over Georgia Military Drills With US, Britain



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### 'NATO Aims to Destabilize Caucasus with Georgia Drills': Moscow



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## **NATO Ratchets Up Missile Defense Despite Russian Criticism**



<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-southchinesea-usa-china-idUSKCN0Y10DM>

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## **U.S. Heralds Romania Missile Defense System As Step Forward**

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/us-heralds-romania-missile-defence-system-step-forward-212403614.html?nhp=1>

## **U.S. Activates Romanian Missile Defense Site, Angering Russia**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-nato-shield-idUSKCN0Y30JX>

## **Romania's U.S. Missile Defense System Has Only 'Symbolic' Function: Moscow**

[http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Romanias\\_US\\_missile\\_defense\\_system\\_has\\_only\\_symbolic\\_function\\_999.html](http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Romanias_US_missile_defense_system_has_only_symbolic_function_999.html)

## **Germany To Increase Troops For First Time Since Cold War Ended**

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## **The Case for Nuclear Consultation with NATO**

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## **NATO Has and Incurable Disease**

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## Territorial Defense and the Twilight of Postmodern Europe



*The price of greatness is responsibility. If the people of the United States had continued in a mediocre station, struggling with the wilderness, absorbed in their own affairs, and a factor of no consequence in the movement of the world, they might have remained forgotten and undisturbed beyond their protecting oceans: but one cannot rise to be in many ways the leading community in the civilized world without being involved in its problems, without being convulsed by its agonies and inspired by its causes.*

**–Winston S. Churchill**

<http://warontherocks.com/2016/05/rage-against-the-dying-of-the-light-territorial-defense-and-the-twilight-of-postmodern-europe/>

## Ex-NATO Heads, US Defense Chiefs Fire Brexit Warning: 'Britain Leaving The EU Would Damage Western Security And Dangerously Weaken Europe'



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**Knife Attacker Stabs 4, Killing One, Near Munich**

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**'Staggering Number' Of Europeans Embraced Jihad, Many Returning Home, EU Claims**



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**Data and Dangers with Some Muslims Inside the Military and Police in Europe**

France has long been more open with this data. But France recently admitted that since early 2015 the number of suspected Islamic terrorists in general had risen 50 percent to 8,250. Worse, the French admitted they had problems with some Moslems in their own security forces. France had identified 17 Moslem policemen who had been radicalized since 2012. It was already public knowledge that by early 2015 at least ten Moslem French soldiers had deserted and joined ISIL in Syria. Some of these deserters have since been identified as training other terrorists in skills they learned in the French military. One of these deserters had risen to a leadership position in ISIL. The problems with radicalized police were worse because police have access to police databases containing information about terrorism suspects, counter-terrorism tactics and ongoing counter-terrorism operations.

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htterr/articles/20160506.aspx>

**'You Mustn't Touch Me, You Mustn't Touch Me': New Footage Of Cologne New Year Sex Attacks Shows Screaming Woman As Overwhelmed Police Struggle To Control Crowds Of Migrant Men**

**'You mustn't touch me, you mustn't touch me': New footage of Cologne New Year sex attacks shows screaming woman as overwhelmed police struggle to control crowds of migrant men**



<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3581199/New-footage-Cologne-New-Year-sex-attacks-shows-woman-screaming-mustn-t-touch-mustn-t-touch-overwhelmed-police-struggling-control-crowds-migrant-men.html>

**Migrant Crisis Claims Its Latest Victim As Austria's Nationalist Party Gains Momentum**

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**Austrian Chancellor Quits Following Huge Election Wins For The Country's Anti-Immigration Party**

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**Turkey Refuses To Reform Anti-Terror Laws To EU Specifications**



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**EU: Parliament Suspends Work On Turkey Visa Liberalization**

<https://www.stratfor.com/sample/situation-report/eu-parliament-suspends-work-turkey-visa-liberalization>



## Turkey 'Losing Hope' For EU Visa-Free Deal

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-36272677>

## 'Dangerous Moment' For EU Migrant Deal: Turkish Minister



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## The Tempting Trap of Fortress Europe



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## The Refugee Policy the EU Needs Today



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**Chinese Paper Says British Media Full Of 'Barbarians' After Queen Called Chinese Officials Rude**

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2016/05/12/asia-pacific/chinese-paper-says-british-media-full-barbarians-queen-called-chinese-officials-rude/>

**Queen's Remarks May Hit UK-China Relations Ahead Of Brexit**

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/china/Queens-remarks-may-hit-UK-China-relations-ahead-of-Brexit/articleshow/52228230.cms?>

**Britain's David Cameron Calls Nigeria and Afghanistan 'Fantastically Corrupt'**



Nigeria, Afghanistan, possibly the two most corrupt countries in the world."

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-36260193>

**Britain's Iraq War Inquiry To Be Published July 6**

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**COSCO Pacific Buys Into Rotterdam Container Terminal**



<http://gcaptain.com/cosco-pacific-buys-into-rotterdam-container-terminal/>

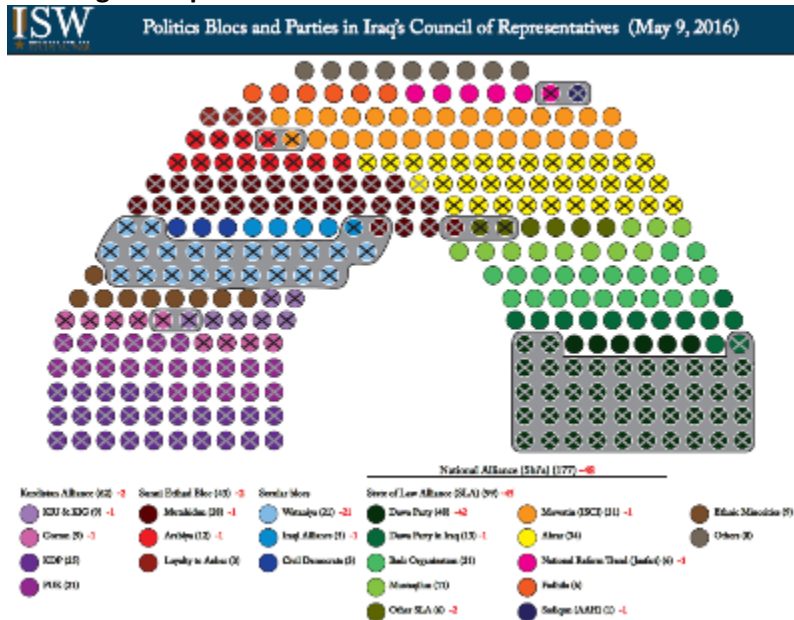
## MIDDLE EAST

### U.S. On Verge of 'Losing Iraq Completely to Iran': Lt. Gen. McInerney

Escalating protests in Baghdad threaten the Iraqi government as Shiite Muslim factions battle for control for the country, and retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Tom McInerney says Iran could soon wield all the power in Iraq unless the U.S. changes course in significant ways. Al-Sadr is loyal to Iran. He and his forces are responsible for the deaths of many American troops during the sectarian uprising in Iraq. Al-Sadr then fled to Iran when U.S. forces gained a decisive edge. McInerney said all of this upheaval can be traced to the Obama administration's decision to wash its hands of Iraq. "When we pulled out, this administration fundamentally gave Iraq to Iran," McInerney said.

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Cutting off ISIL from much of its financing has done real damage to ISIL combat capabilities. Desertions are way up since late 2015, with many of the deserters reporting they left mainly because they weren't being paid. ISIL also can't buy needed supplies. Not just weapons and ammo but also food, medical supplies, vehicles and bomb making materials. Cash is also needed for the occasional bribe. The fact is that every armed resistance on the planet can trace its origins, and continued existence, to someone who knows how to get the needed cash.

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Reports received of unarmed civilians, including women and children, being deliberately shot by snipers, or by gunfire from tanks and other military vehicles. "There also appears to have been massive, and seemingly highly disproportionate, destruction of property and key communal infrastructure," he said, also pointing to "allegations of arbitrary arrests and of torture and other forms of ill-treatment." "Most disturbing of all," he said, "are reports quoting witnesses and relatives in Cizre which suggest that more than 100 people were burned to death as they sheltered in three different basements that had been surrounded by security forces."

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### 2 Romanian Soldiers Killed In Insider Attack In Afghanistan



Two Romanian soldiers were killed and another was wounded today in an insider or “green-on-blue” attack, where Afghan security personnel turn their weapons on coalition forces. The Romanian troops were ambushed on a base in Kandahar as they were training Afghan forces. The assault is the first of its kind recorded in Afghanistan in more than a year.

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### **Pakistan Official: Why We Won't Go After Afghan Taliban**



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<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/pakistan-to-execute-5-hardcore-al-qaeda-terrorists-for-bus-attack/articleshow/52244109.cms>

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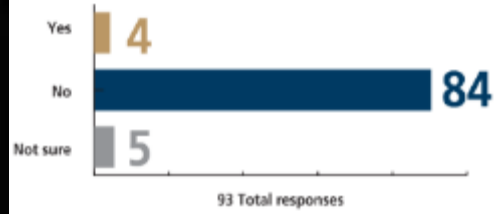
### **The \$46 Billion Tie That Binds China and Pakistan**



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Marine veteran Amir Hekmati was brutally tortured during the 4½ years that the Iranian government held him as a hostage, he says in a lawsuit. Hekmati was arrested in August 2011 after he traveled to Iran to visit his grandmother. He was released in January and now is suing the Iranian government in the hopes of getting compensation for the litany of abuses he says he endured.

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### **Iran threatens to sink U.S. warships with secret weapons arsenal, 'U.S. Presence in Persian Gulf Absolute Evil'**



“We have informed Americans that their presence in the Persian Gulf is an absolute evil,” Rear Admiral Ali Fadavi stated to state media. “Americans are aware that Iran would destroy their warships if they take a wrong measure in the region.”

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### **Saudi Aramco Preparing for Initial Public Offering**



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### **Iranian Oil May Be Headed To Europe Soon**



<http://atimes.com/2016/05/iranian-oil-may-be-headed-to-europe-soon/>

### **Top Russian Oil Executive Tells Reuters: OPEC Has Effectively ‘Stopped Existing’**

Internal differences are killing OPEC and its ability to influence the markets has all but evaporated, top Russian oil executive Igor Sechin told Reuters in some of his harshest remarks ever about the oil cartel.

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### **Head Of The Islamic State’s Sahara Branch Threatens to Attack Morocco**



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**After Murder of 17-Year-Old Girl, Brazilian Football Legend Rivaldo Urges People To Stay Away From This Summer's Rio Olympics In His Crime-Ridden Country, 'You Are Putting Your Life At Risk Here'**



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**Russian Tank Deal with Nicaragua 'Back to the Future' Moment for U.S. as First 20 of 50 Tanks are Shipped**



In late April Russia shipped the first 20 of 50 T-72B tanks ordered by Nicaragua—causing a Cold War *Back to the Future* moment for Latin America watchers.

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**Canadian Forest Fire Still Burning Out Of Control After Scorching Almost 900 Square Miles**

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### Frank Levingston, Oldest Living American and Oldest U.S. World War II Veteran, Passes On At 110, 'I'm One of the Blessed Ones'



Frank Levingston, the oldest American and oldest World War II veteran, was one of seven children. Frank was born on November 13, 1905 in north Louisiana and last fall celebrated his 110<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was an Army private and served in the Naples-Foggia Campaign, when the Allies invaded Italy, which lasted from September 1943 to January 1944. He was honorably discharged following the campaign in 1945. He said he can remember the day he joined the Army and the day he was discharged. "I've been through so many dangerous things and I'm still here. I'm thankful to the almighty God for it," he said. He didn't go a day now without being thankful for his long life, "I think I'm one of the blessed ones."

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## Neller: Marines Need To Shift Training Now To Prepare For Naval Info-Warfare Battle, Environment Poised for Higher Casualties



“What’s the next fight going to be?” Neller asked. “Inevitably we’ll guess wrong, but I think there’s some things we can say about what that next fight’s going to be. I think it’s going to be based on a maritime campaign: we’re going to fight with the Navy, we’re going to come from the sea, we’re going to seize some sort of naval base or maybe forward operating base. We may have to defend it against an enemy maritime threat. There may be eventually on that lodgment ... sustained combat ashore. But I think our enemy is going to be different, I think it’s going to be a near-peer enemy. The enemy’s going to be networked, they’re going to jam our comms.” Neller said that while operating in Iraq and Afghanistan, anything less than perfect communications, intelligence and airspace access was an anomaly that drew surprise and irritation. In the future, jamming and area denial will be a given, as will the presence of enemy UAVs to counter. And, he said, the conditions will be ripe for “much higher” casualties.

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## Chinese Generals: A New Generation of Unrestricted Warfare, That Might Not Even Involve the Military at All



In 1999, two Chinese colonels wrote a book called *Unrestricted Warfare*, about warfare in the age of globalization. Their main argument: Warfare in the modern world will no longer be primarily a struggle defined by military means — or even involve the military at all. They were about a decade and a half before their time.

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## A Cyber-Information Operations Offset Strategy For Countering The Surge Of Chinese Power Pt. 2



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## U.S. Role In Afghanistan Turns To Combat Again, With A Tragic Error



The [Taliban](#) attacked the Afghan police compound at first light, coming from all sides at the American Green Berets holed up inside. The insurgents fired assault rifles, heavy machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. They came in what a soldier called “human waves.” Not even strafing runs by American F-16 fighters stopped the assault. The elite American soldiers — whose mission was only to train and advise Afghan troops — had never seen a firefight as intense. Holding the compound, another soldier said, took an “Alamo defense.” On the morning of Oct. 1, about 30 soldiers were in close-quarters combat against Taliban fighters — even though White House and Pentagon officials have repeatedly insisted that American troops no longer play that role.

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<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htmurph/articles/20160506.aspx>

**Map Shows How Many More Military Aircraft The U.S. Has Than Every Other Country On Earth**

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**Pew: Greater Percentage Of Americans Want To Increase Defense Spending Than At Any Point Since 9/11**



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**Observations on Global Military Posture**



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**Citadel Military College Says Prospective Student Can't Wear Hijab, Family May Seek Legal Action**

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**Army Secretary Nominee Speaks of Need for the Military to ‘See’ Itself More Diverse During LGBT Event in Washington DC**

Fanning spoke at the annual American Military Partner Association (AMPA) gala in Washington, D.C. early this month. An all volunteer-run LGBT military family organization 45,000 strong, AMPA works to help gay families in the constantly changing but still not *that* diverse military world. To me, it’s not so much that the military isn’t diverse already. It’s that we have a habit of not acknowledging it, and of expecting everyone to behave and look like that 1950’s family when they simply don’t.

<http://www.spousebuzz.com/blog/2016/05/army-secretary-nominee-diverse-military-families-matter.html>

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<http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/americas-144-trillion-infrastructure-gap>

**France Pulls CGM Benjamin Franklin from Trans-Pacific Market, Ending U.S. West Ports’ Mega-Ship Plans**



French container shipping company has pulled the 18,000 TEU *CMA CGM Benjamin Franklin* from the trans-pacific market, officially ending – or at least postponing – U.S. west coast ports’ plans to host so-called mega-ships.

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## SECURITY-SAFETY

### Dining Off-Duty Police Officer Stops Fatal Stabbing Rampage in Massachusetts Mall

On Tuesday evening, when he started stabbing people at the restaurant, Creed "displayed his badge" and "gave multiple demands for DaRosa to drop the knife" before shooting him once in the abdomen, Quinn said. It is unlikely that Creed knew that Bertucci's was the third stop in DaRosa's alleged spree that night. The violence reportedly began after he was involved in a car crash at around 7:00 p.m.

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### Lessons From Istanbul Shooting: Failed Assassination Attempt In Turkey Provides Potent Reminders About Security Risks And The Best Ways To Avoid Or Mitigate Them



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### Improve Your Tornado IQ (And Know What To Do)

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### **Your Phone Number Is All a Hacker Needs to Snoop**



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### **Air Pollution In South Korea Linked to Birth Defects**

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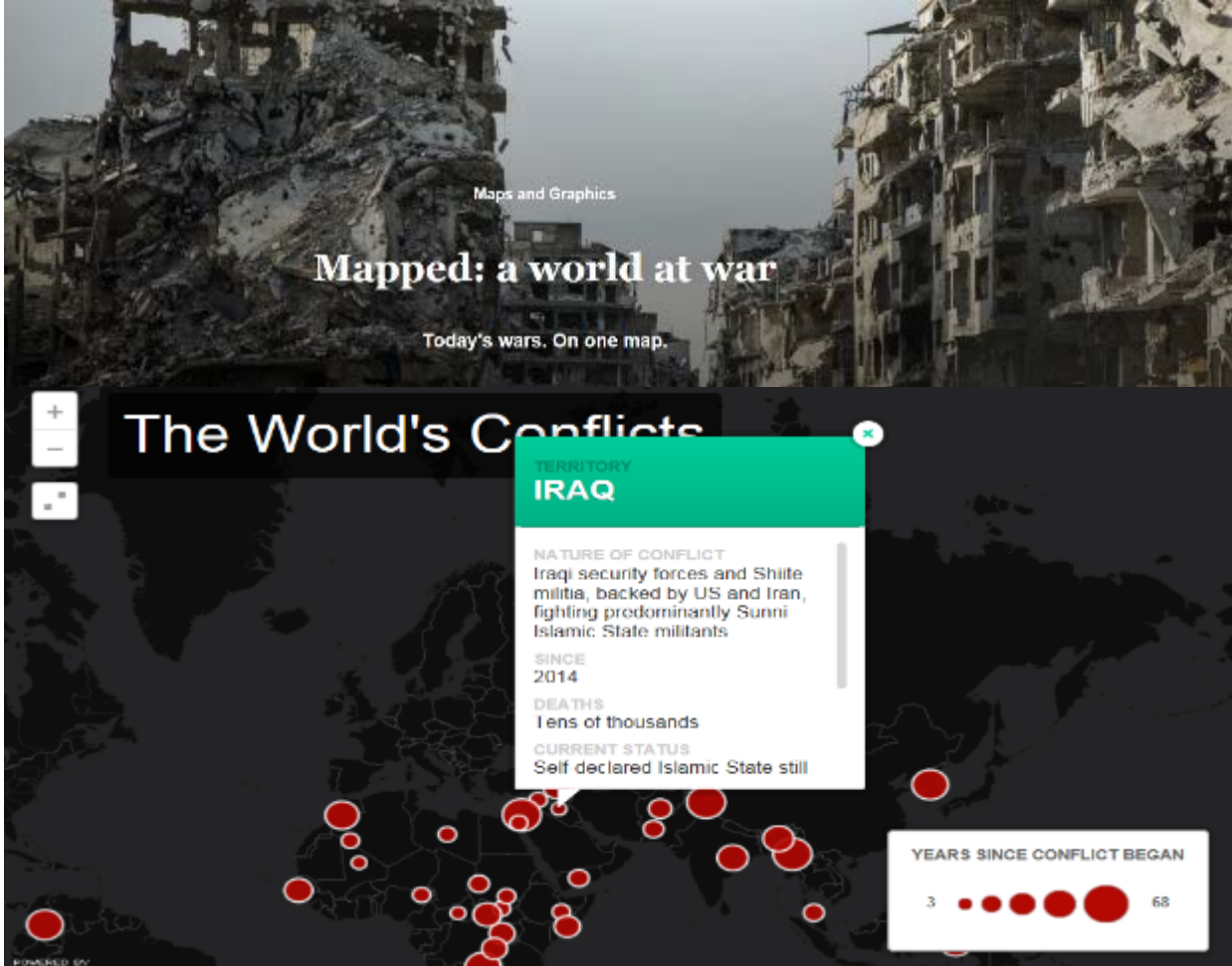


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