

# 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

**State Department Issues Philippines Travel Warning**

<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/philippines-travel-warning.html>

**Russia To Permanently Station Military Unit In The Arctic 300 Miles From U.S., Unit Created and Armed by 2018**



Moscow also revealed blueprints for a new army base on the disputed Kurile Islands - some of which are situated less than 20 miles from Japan

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/10/22/russia-to-have-military-unit-stationed-in-arctic-by-2018/?intcmp=trending>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/613902/Vladimir-Putin-massive-Arctic-military-base-expansion>

**Undersea Data Cables: How Russia Targets the West's Soft Underbelly**



<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/undersea-cables-how-russia-targets-the-wests-soft-underbelly/>

[http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/26/world/europe/russian-presence-near-undersea-cables-concerns-us.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/26/world/europe/russian-presence-near-undersea-cables-concerns-us.html?_r=0)

**'Ultimate Russian Hack' Could Ravage The Internet By Severing Undersea Cables**

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/oct/26/ultimate-russian-hack-could-ravage-the-internet-by/>

**Russia's 1815 Attempt To Conquer Hawaii**

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/russias-pacific-paradise/>

**South Korea Fires Shots At North Korean Boat**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-34630408>

**U.S. Blocks Korean Trainer Jet Sale to Uzbekistan**

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2015/10/26/2015102600981.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2015/10/26/2015102600981.html)

**South Korea's Park Geun-hye's Visit and the U.S.-ROK Alliance**



<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/park-geun-hyes-visit-and-the-us-rok-alliance/>

**North Korea Returns Remains Of U.S. Soldier Who Went Missing Over Six Decades Ago**

<http://time.com/4086726/robert-witt-korea-remains/>

**China Turns Over Remains Of U.S. World War II Fliers**

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/world-news/china-turns-over-remains-of-us-world-war-ii-fliers/>

**South Korea's President Park to Meet Abe After All**

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2015/10/26/2015102601172.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2015/10/26/2015102601172.html)

**South Korea's Defense Ministry in Deepening Mire Over Japanese Troops**

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2015/10/23/2015102301394.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2015/10/23/2015102301394.html)

**It's Official: China's Premier Li to Attend the China-Japan-South Korea Trilateral**



<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/its-official-chinas-premier-li-to-attend-the-china-japan-south-korea-trilateral/>

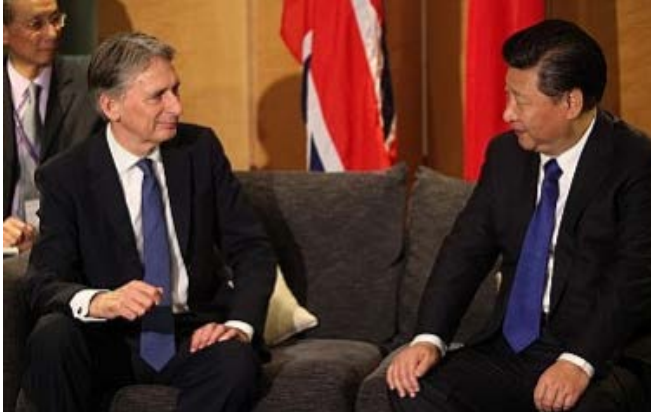
### China Learns Valuable Lessons From Russia

<http://www.strategypage.com/dls/articles/China-Learns-Valuable-Lessons-From-Russia-10-17-2015.asp>

### Russia and China: Beware the Budding Eurasian Colossus?

<http://www.nationalinterest.org/feature/russia-china-beware-the-budding-eurasian-colossus-14163>

### Should the West Be Worried About Britain As China's 'Advocate'?



<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/should-the-west-be-worried-about-britain-as-chinas-advocate/>

### Has The United States Lost Its Best Friend To Its Biggest Rival?



<http://blogs.reuters.com/great-debate/2015/10/26/has-the-united-states-lost-its-best-friend-to-its-biggest-rival/>

### What Canada's Leadership Change Means for Asia



<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/what-canadas-leadership-change-means-for-asia/>

### **Unofficial Lobbying In Canada Highlights Battle Over South China Sea**

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/asia+pacific+unofficial+lobbying+canada+highlights+battle+over+south+china/11466573/story.html>

### **Obama Runs Out Of Patience With Beijing: Nikkei Asian Review**

<http://asia.nikkei.com/Politics-Economy/International-Relations/Obama-runs-out-of-patience-with-Beijing>

### **U.S. Navy To Send Destroyer Within 12 Miles Of Chinese Islands**



<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/26/us-southchinasea-usa-idUSKCN0SK2AC20151026>

### **U.S. Patrols To Raise Stakes With Beijing In South China Sea**

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/24/us-patrols-to-raise-stakes-with-beijing-in-south-china-sea.html>

### **The Tipping Point: Has The U.S.-China Relationship Passed The Point Of No Return?**



<http://www.nationalinterest.org/feature/the-tipping-point-has-the-us-china-relationship-passed-the-14168>

### **China Waits For The Americans To Come And Go**

The Philippines and its closest neighbors are slowly losing control of their offshore waters to increasingly aggressive Chinese claims. The Philippines faces losing control of 80 percent of its waters in the West Philippine Sea while Malaysia loses 80 percent of its coastal waters off Sabah and Sarawak. Vietnam loses half its coastal waters while Brunei loses 90 percent. Even Indonesia loses 30 percent of its coastal waters facing the South China Sea. These losses include several known offshore oil and natural gas fields and a number of areas that have not been explored yet plus lucrative fishing grounds and control over vital shipping routes. China is going all this by ignoring the 1994 Law of the Sea treaty (as well as at least two other similar treaties).

<http://www.stratpage.com/qnd/phillip/articles/20151026.aspx>

### **No Guns as China's Coast Guard Chases Boats in South China Sea**



<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-10-25/no-guns-as-china-s-coast-guard-chases-boats-in-south-china-sea>

### **The Tougher U.S. Stance In The South China Sea Could Make It A Crisis Zone**

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-tougher-us-stance-in-the-south-china-sea-could-make-it-a-crisis-zone/2015/10/22/c6a0fd46-78d6-11e5-bc80-9091021aeb69\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-tougher-us-stance-in-the-south-china-sea-could-make-it-a-crisis-zone/2015/10/22/c6a0fd46-78d6-11e5-bc80-9091021aeb69_story.html)

### **The Legal Significance Of China's Lighthouse Construction In The Spratlys**

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/chinas-lighthouses-in-the-spratlys/>

### **Top U.S. Admiral: 'Nobody Owns' the South China Sea**

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/top-us-admiral-nobody-owns-the-south-china-sea/>

### **Stratfor: Great Power Politics in the South China**

<https://www.stratfor.com/analysis/great-power-politics-south-china-sea>

### **Why Business Should Care About The South China Sea Dispute**

<http://www.afr.com/news/world/asia/why-business-should-care-about-the-south-china-sea-dispute-20151023-gkhg6p>

### **China's Maritime Trap**

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/chinas-maritime-trap/>

### **Get Ready, Asia: China's Military Is Rapidly Catching Up to America**



With a slowing economy, and with structural economic and social tensions becoming worse rather than better, China is a large but fragile power ruled by a vulnerable party that can't afford any economic or foreign policy disasters, let alone war with the U.S. Its economy is fundamentally interdependent with that of free international trade and global supply chains. War for China would be an economic and social disaster.

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/get-ready-asia-chinas-military-rapidly-catching-america-14147>

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/not-so-scary-why-chinas-military-paper-tiger-14085>

### China's Lethal J-20 vs. Taiwan's F-16: Who Wins?



<http://www.nationalinterest.org/feature/chinas-lethal-j-20-vs-taiwans-f-16-who-wins-14161>

### Should the U.S. Fear China's New Space Weapons?



<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/should-the-us-fear-chinas-new-space-weapons/>

### China Builds A Light Transport Helicopter For Its Special Forces

<http://www.strategypage.com/htmw/htsf/articles/20151023.aspx>

### Chinese Kept Hacking After Pact With U.S.: Researchers

<http://phys.org/news/2015-10-chinese-hacking-pact.html>

### Malaysia Detains China, Singapore Ships

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/malaysia-detains-china-singapore-ships/>

### Vietnam, Philippines Near New Strategic Partnership

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/vietnam-philippines-near-new-strategic-partnership/>

### Japan Stands Up: Leveraging CSD and the TPP

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/japan-stands-up-leveraging-csd-and-the-tpp/>

### Could the TPP Actually Divide Asia?



<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/could-the-tpp-actually-divide-asia/>

### **Thailand and the TPP: Exports at Risk**

<http://globalriskinsights.com/2015/10/thailand-tpp-exports-risk/>

### **Islamic State's Influence Felt In Far-Off Asia-Pacific**

[http://www.salon.com/2015/10/15/islamic\\_states\\_influence\\_felt\\_in\\_far\\_off\\_asia\\_pacific/](http://www.salon.com/2015/10/15/islamic_states_influence_felt_in_far_off_asia_pacific/)

## **PHILIPPINES**

### **New President Won't Slow Philippines**

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/new-president-wont-slow-philippines/>

## **THAILAND**

### **Thailand's Growing Links With Qatar**

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/thailands-growing-links-with-qatar/>

### **Tougher Penalties For People Who Overstay Visas In Thailand**

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/nri/visa-and-immigration/tougher-penalties-for-people-who-overstay-visas-in-thailand/articleshow/49540647.cms>

## **VIETNAM**

### **Vietnam Between China and the United States: The Next Balancing Test Beckons**

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/vietnam-between-china-and-the-united-states-the-next-balancing-test-beckons/>

## **INDONESIA**

### **Obama To Host Indonesia Leader For Talks On Islamic Extremism, South China Sea**

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/obama-to-host-indonesia-leader-for-talks-on-islamic-extremism-south-china-sea-1.2628226>

### **Waiting for Widodo: The Limits of Security Assistance and the U.S. Rebalance to Asia**

<http://warontherocks.com/2015/10/waiting-for-widodo-the-limits-of-security-assistance-and-the-u-s-rebalance-to-asia/>

## **AUSTRALIA**

### **Australia's Enduring Security Problem With Islamic Radicalization**



<http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/comment/australias-enduring-security-problem-with-islamic-radicalisation-20151025-gkhuny.html>

## 'Everyone Wants To Die For Allah': Teen Tells Inside Story Of Australia's Most-Watched Islamic State Group



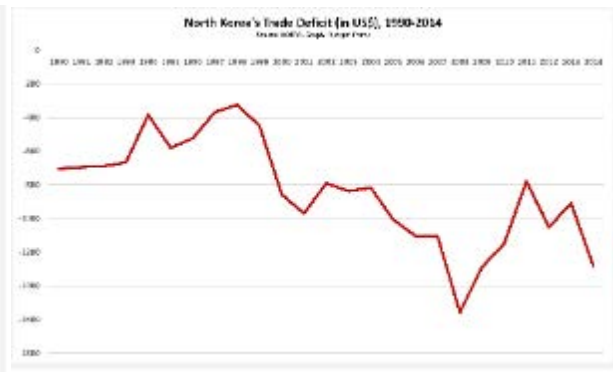
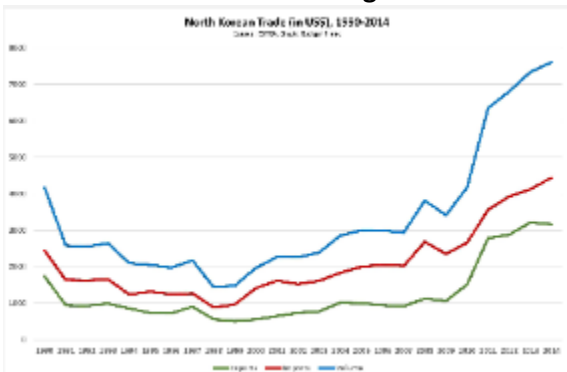
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## NORTH KOREA

### North Korean Officials Defect from Key Positions Overseas

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### 38 North: North Korea's Foreign Trade



<http://38north.org/2015/10/rfrank102215/>

### Markets Increase Rapidly in North Korea

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2015/10/26/2015102601722.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2015/10/26/2015102601722.html)

### Understanding Kim Jong Un, The World's Most Enigmatic and Unpredictable Dictator



<http://www.vanityfair.com/news/2015/02/kim-jong-un-north-korea-understanding>



### North Korea 'Willing to Arrange Regular Family Reunions'

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2015/10/26/2015102601635.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2015/10/26/2015102601635.html)

### 38 North: Nuclear North Korea: How Will It Behave?



<http://38north.org/2015/10/nukefuture102115/>

### 'We Shake Up The North Korean Regime And That's Why They Hate Us': Defector

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/oct/26/north-korean-defector-the-regime-hate-us>

## SOUTH KOREA

### The Sad Side Of The Korean Family Reunions: Political Sensitivities Prevent Real Conversation

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/the-dark-side-of-the-korean-family-reunions/>

### South Korea Unveils Unmanned Combat Helicopter



<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/south-korea-unveils-unmanned-combat-helicopter/>

### Multicultural Korea and Its Discontents

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/multicultural-korea-and-its-discontents/>

### Chinese Tourists Discover New Seoul Hotspots

[http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2015/10/24/2015102400562.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2015/10/24/2015102400562.html)

## CHINA

### China, Inside and Out: Understanding Philosophies That Guide China

[http://www.rand.org/pubs/corporate\\_pubs/CP797.html](http://www.rand.org/pubs/corporate_pubs/CP797.html)

### What To Expect At China's Upcoming Fifth Plenum: Preparing Economic Path Through 2020

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/what-to-expect-at-chinas-upcoming-fifth-plenum/>

**Be Careful What You Wish For From China Reforms**

<http://blogs.reuters.com/breakingviews/2015/10/26/be-careful-what-you-wish-for-from-china-reforms/>

## **MYUNMAR/BURMA**

**Kachin: Hardly a Ceasefire**

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/kachin-hardly-a-ceasefire/>

**Washington's Flawed Myanmar Policy, Disillusioned With U.S. And May Turn To China (2014)**

<http://thediplomat.com/2014/04/washingtons-flawed-myanmar-policy/>

## **BANGLADESH**

**1 Killed, More Than 100 Hurt In Bangladesh Bomb Attacks Rip Through Shiite Procession In Bangladesh, ISIS Claims Responsibility**



[http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/25/world/asia/isis-claims-responsibility-for-attack-in-bangladesh-targeting-shias.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/25/world/asia/isis-claims-responsibility-for-attack-in-bangladesh-targeting-shias.html?_r=0)

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/at-least-1-dead-more-than-100-hurt-in-bangladesh-bomb-attacks/>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/world-news/1-killed-as-bombs-rip-through-shiite-procession-in-bangladesh-isis-claims-responsibility/>

**Bangladesh Rejects Islamic State Claim Of Attack On Shiites**



It was the third time the Islamic State group claimed responsibility for an attack in Bangladesh, after it said it was behind the recent killing of two foreigners. <http://indianexpress.com/article/world/world-news/bangladesh-rejects-islamic-state-claim-of-attack-on-shiites/>

## RUSSIA-UKRAINE

**Most Of Russia's Military Still 'Rubbish' Despite Ukraine, Syria Deployments**

<http://blogs.reuters.com/great-debate/2015/10/20/most-of-russias-military-still-rubbish-despite-ukraine-syria-deployments/>

**Exit Polls In Ukraine Local Elections Show East-West Split, Government Retaining Its Hold**

<http://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2015/10/26/exit-polls-in-ukraine-local-elections-show-east-west-split>

**'No Margin For Error': Dangerous Work For Ukraine's Rebel EOD Teams**



<http://news.yahoo.com/no-margin-error-dangerous-ukraines-rebel-deminers-064516143.html>

## EUROPE

**Western Europe Is Missing the Boat on China's Silk Road**

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/western-europe-is-missing-the-boat-on-chinas-silk-road/>

**Conservative Party Roars Back in Polish Elections**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/26/world/europe/poland-parliamentary-elections.html?ribbon-ad-idx=7&rref=world/europe>

**Stratfor: Polish Elections, The Right Exceeds Expectations, Marks End Of And Era**

<https://www.stratfor.com/analysis/poland-elections-mark-end-era>

**Great Migrant March To The West: Thousands On The Way As EU Nears Brink**



<http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/614663/Migrant-crisis-march-Slovenia-Europe>

### **Fly, Don't Walk, EU Will Urge Balkan Migrants**

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/26/us-europe-migrants-action-idUSKCN0SK20H20151026>

### **Why A Deal To Help Turkey Deal With Migrants Is Good For Europe – Not Migrants**

<http://blogs.reuters.com/great-debate/2015/10/22/why-a-deal-to-help-turkeys-migrant-crisis-may-be-good-for-turkey-and-do-nothing-for-migrants/>

### **Two Turkish Police Officers Killed in Raid on Suspected Islamic State Militants**



<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/26/us-mideast-crisis-turkey-syria-idUSKCN0SK0F420151026>

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/two-turkish-police-officers-killed-in-raid-on-suspected-islamic-state-militants-1445848012>

### **The Acute Jihadist Threat in Europe**

<https://www.stratfor.com/weekly/acute-jihadist-threat-europe>

### **Tony Blair Says Iraq War Helped Give Rise to ISIS**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/26/world/europe/tony-blair-says-iraq-war-helped-give-rise-to-isis.html?ribbon-ad-idx=7&rref=world/europe>

### **Iraq Invasion: Tony Blair's Apology That Isn't**



<http://indianexpress.com/article/explained/iraq-invasion-tony-blairs-apology-that-isnt/>

## MIDDLE EAST

### 7.5 Earthquake Rocks Afghanistan, Pakistan, North India, At Least 215 Dead, Many Injured



A strong earthquake in northern Afghanistan shook buildings from Kabul to Delhi, cut power and communications in some areas and caused more than 150 deaths, mainly in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Pakistani officials said that at least 147 people were killed and nearly 600 others wounded across the country, while Afghan officials said 33 people were killed and more than 200 wounded.

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/huge-quake-jolts-northern-afghanistan-as-tremors-felt-across-the-region/2015/10/26/b5d5d10e-7bc8-11e5-beba-927fd8634498\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/huge-quake-jolts-northern-afghanistan-as-tremors-felt-across-the-region/2015/10/26/b5d5d10e-7bc8-11e5-beba-927fd8634498_story.html)

[http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/us10003re5#general\\_summary](http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/us10003re5#general_summary)

### Taliban Kill Afghan Official, Gunned-Down District Manager and His Body Guard

<http://www.voanews.com/content/taliban-kill-afghan-official/3018219.html>

### Investing in Afghanistan, 14 Years Later



<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/investing-in-afghanistan-14-years-later/>

### Taliban, Warlords Keeps Afghanistan's Vast Wealth From Hands Of Kabul



<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2015/10/21/taliban-warlords-keeps-afghanistans-vast-wealth-from-hands-kabul/>

### **U.S. And Its NATO Allies Don't Have Much Of A Choice**

<http://gulfnews.com/opinion/thinkers/us-and-its-nato-allies-don-t-have-much-of-a-choice-1.1605340>

### **Statement Of Islamic Emirate Regarding Prolonging Stay Of American Invaders In Afghanistan, 'Invaders Revising Their Failed Strategy'**

<http://shahamat-english.com/statement-by-the-military-commission-of-islamic-emirate-concerning-intelligence-tv-networks-of-tolo-and-1-tv/>

<http://shahamat-english.com/invaders-are-revising-their-fail-military-strategy/>

### **Pakistan Shouldn't Discriminate Between Terrorists: Barack Obama Told Sharif**



<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/world-news/obama-told-sharif-pakistan-shouldnt-discriminate-between-terrorists/>

### **After Obama-Sharif Meet, US Categorically Rules Out Nuclear Deal With Pakistan**

<http://indianexpress.com/article/world/world-news/after-obama-sharif-meet-us-denies-india-type-civil-nuclear-deal-with-pakistan/>

### **U.S. Will Sell 8 F-16 Fighter Jets to Pakistan**

<http://thediplomat.com/2015/10/us-will-sell-8-f-16-fighter-jets-to-pakistan/>

### **Kabul University To Offer Afghanistan's First Gender, Women's Studies Program**

<http://www.universityherald.com/articles/24989/20151018/kabul-university-to-offer-afghanistans-first-gender-womens-studies-program.htm>

### **U.S. State Dept-Funded TV Networks in Afghanistan Criticized**

These networks with the complete backing of the Americans ridicule our religious and cultural norms, encourage obscenity and lewdness, inject the minds of youth with dangerous substances such as irreligiousness, immorality, violence, gambling, intermixing and profanity and specifically spread propaganda filled with hate and open enmity against Jihad and Mujahideen.

<http://shahamat-english.com/statement-by-the-military-commission-of-islamic-emirate-concerning-intelligence-tv-networks-of-tolo-and-1-tv/>

## Women And Children Fleeing ISIS Killers In Syria Then Raped In Refugee Camps



<http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/613612/Refugee-crisis-sexual-violence-Syria-migrant-camps>

## ISIS Attacks Soared in Past 3 Months: IHS Jane's Database



<http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/isis-terror/isis-attacks-soared-past-3-months-ihs-janes-database-n448401>

## Iraq: ISIL Retreats

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/iraq/articles/20151022.aspx>

## Kurds Say Turkey Shot at Its Forces in Northern Syria

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/kurds-turkey-shot-forces-northern-syria-34736869>

## Syrian MP: Putin Has Achieved More Against ISIS In A Fortnight Than US Did In A Whole Year



<http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/612978/Islamic-State-ISIS-Vladimir-Putin-airstrikes-ISIS-Syria-US-coalition-Assad>

## Putin Slams U.S. Over Syria As He Claims They Aren't Interested In Destroying ISIS

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/614059/Vladimir-Putin-Bashaar-al-Assad-Syria-ISIS-Washington-Barack-Obama-Pentagon-Damascus>

## Putin Says Obama Created ISIS, Trained Them and Armed them



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbZDyr2LkdI>

## Russia: Putting Some Heat On Saudi Arabia

<http://www.strategypage.com/qnd/russia/articles/20151021.aspx>

## Russia's Bombing Campaign In Syria

<http://www.reuters.com/news/picture/russias-bombing-campaign-in-syria?articleId=USRTX1TAHW>

## Russia Outguns U.S. In Syria: Unguided Bombs Kill Civilians Indiscriminately, 'Intimidate' Rebels



<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/oct/25/russian-airstrikes-in-syria-target-assad-foes-not/>

## Syrian Rebels To Russia: 'Stop Bombing Us'

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/26/us-mideast-crisis-syria-idUSKCN0SKOQR20151026>

## This Is How Iran Just Raised the Stakes in Syria

<http://www.nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/how-iran-just-raised-the-stakes-syria-14157>

## The World Converges on Syria: A Chronology

<https://www.stratfor.com/analysis/world-converges-syria-chronology>



### **Making Sense of a Syrian Proxy War Gone Amok**



<http://www.nationalinterest.org/feature/making-sense-syrian-proxy-war-gone-amok-14167>

### **Deconstructing the Syria Nightmare**



<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/deconstructing-the-syria-nightmare-14108>

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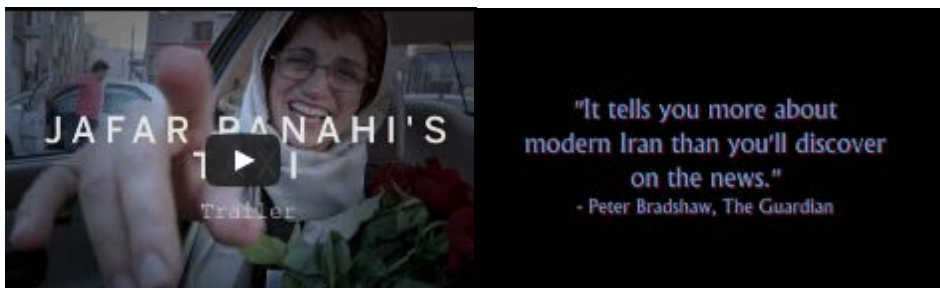
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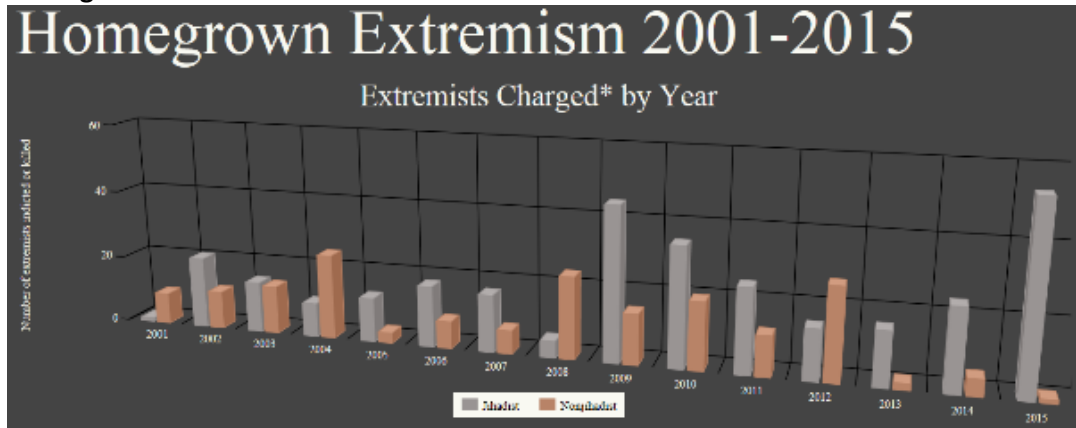
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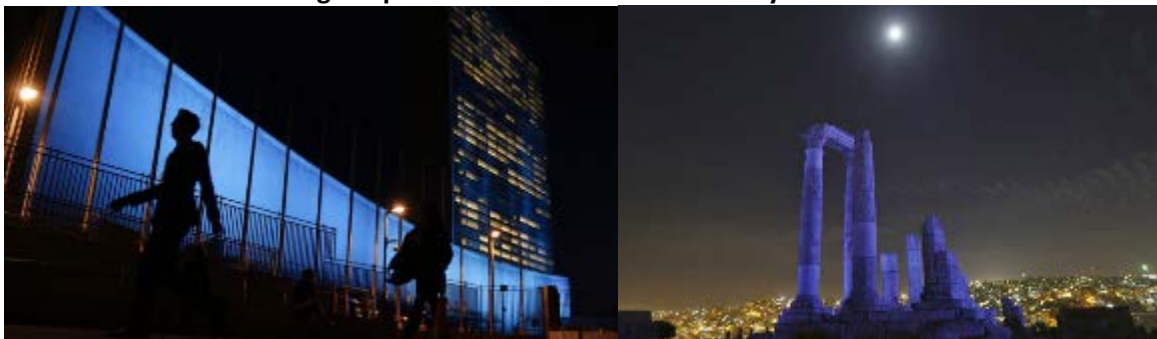
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