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## ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAM SPECIFICS

### **U.S. Poorly Integrates CCMDs, Hasn't Figured Out Hybrid, Hyten Says**

March 10, 2021 | By John A. Tirpak

### **Biden, lawmakers take step to limit president's authority to go to war**

[https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/mar/7/joe-biden-moves-limit-presidential-authority-go-wa/?utm\\_source=Boomtrain&utm\\_medium=manual&utm\\_campaign=newsalert&utm\\_content=newsalert&utm\\_term=newsalert&bt\\_ee=JB7IVwGZPTktwz3lqN8jXcSszTdOYK1ZuBz7qgEy2GelFja%2B%2Fg2R%2BeJqilFROnfl&bt\\_ts=1615162999658](https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/mar/7/joe-biden-moves-limit-presidential-authority-go-wa/?utm_source=Boomtrain&utm_medium=manual&utm_campaign=newsalert&utm_content=newsalert&utm_term=newsalert&bt_ee=JB7IVwGZPTktwz3lqN8jXcSszTdOYK1ZuBz7qgEy2GelFja%2B%2Fg2R%2BeJqilFROnfl&bt_ts=1615162999658)

By Ben Wolfgang to The Washington Times // Updated: 7:03 p.m. on Sunday, March 7, 2021

### **USAF: All-female alert crews posted to dispatch on International Women's Day**

ArkLaTex.com (KTAL/KMSS), 8 Mar 21 Nancy Cook

### **USAF Planning Boss Pushes for Flexible Budgets to Keep Up with New Tech**

Air Force Magazine March 5, 2021 | By Rachel S. Cohen

### **Top Pentagon strategist said Iran nukes 'probable'**

[https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=fb73c3e26a7ee7810c999bd3d4442cdc\\_6048dfd9\\_d3019ac&selDate=20210310](https://washingtontimes-dc.newsmemory.com/?token=fb73c3e26a7ee7810c999bd3d4442cdc_6048dfd9_d3019ac&selDate=20210310)

## News & Opinion

### **America's Dangerous Nuclear Weapons Game**

Critics of the U.S. modernization effort—begun in earnest under the Obama administration and robustly continued under the Trump administration—are trying to unilaterally eliminate whole sections of U.S. nuclear forces National Interest Online, 6 Mar 21 Peter Huessy

### **Research, procurement could get squeezed in Biden budget**

Defense News Online, 10 Mar 21

Aaron Mehta and Joe Gould

### **Why the Air Force Worries About Long-Term Commitment Missile Plans**

Several senior Air Force leaders have expressed growing concern about a potential “missile gap” occurring prior to the arrival of larger numbers of Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent. National Interest Online, 7 Mar 21 Kris Osborn

### **Hits and Misses In Biden's Interim National Security Guidance**

“Seemingly gone is the naivety of the Obama era” about Russia and China, writes the Heritage Foundation’s Tom Spoehr in this op-ed. But the retired three-star general still sees some worrying woolly-mindedness BreakingDefense.com, 5 Mar 21 Thomas Spoehr

### **Of Bitcoins, Tulips, and Electric Grid Insecurity**

<https://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/541385-bitcoins-tulipmania-and-electric-grid-insecurity>

BY Dr. PETER VINCENT PRY, CONTRIBUTOR to THE HILL // 03/05/21 02:30 PM EST \_

### **The Mullahs' Nuclear Weapons Game**

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/17129/iran-nuclear-weapon-game>

By: [Majid Rafizadeh](#) to the Gatestone Institute // March 9, 2021 at 4:00 am

### **How to Conduct the Biden Administration's Korea Policy Review**

[https://nationalinterest.org/blog/korea-watch/how-conduct-biden-administrations-korea-policy-review-179595?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=EBB%20DN%203.10.21&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://nationalinterest.org/blog/korea-watch/how-conduct-biden-administrations-korea-policy-review-179595?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%20DN%203.10.21&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

The way ahead is deterrence, defense, denuclearization, human rights upfront, and solving the “Korea question” (e.g., unification) with the understanding that denuclearization of the north will only happen when we

resolve that “Korea question.”

By: David Maxwell for The National Interest // 10 March 2021

### **What US war with China about Taiwan would look like**

[What US war with China about Taiwan would look like \(msn.com\)](#)

By: Jamie McIntyre for the Washington Examiner to MSN // 8 hrs ago

# ARTICLES AGAINST CREDIBLE, CAPABLE NUCLEAR DETERRENCE

## **The Missile Trap**

*Congress's ICBM caucus is taking aim at the White House*

Slate.com, 10 Mar 21 Fred Kaplan

## **Cold war-era weapon': \$100bn US plan to build new nuclear missile sparks concern**

*Scientists say the GBSB project is outdated and the result of lobbying rather than a clear sense of what it will achieve*

The Guardian Online (UK), 10 Mar 21 Julian Borger

## CONGRESSIONAL

*By Susan Cornwell*

### **FY22 BUDGET:**

### **HASC**

### **SASC**

## **Biden, lawmakers take step to limit president's authority to go to war**

[https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/mar/7/joe-biden-moves-limit-presidential-authority-go-wa/?utm\\_source=Boomtrain&utm\\_medium=manual&utm\\_campaign=newsalert&utm\\_content=newsalert&utm\\_term=newsalert&bt\\_ec=JB7IVwGZPTktwz3lqN8jXcSszTdOYK1ZuBz7qgEy2GelFja%2B%2Fg2R%2BeJqjIFRONfl&bt\\_ts=1615162999658](https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/mar/7/joe-biden-moves-limit-presidential-authority-go-wa/?utm_source=Boomtrain&utm_medium=manual&utm_campaign=newsalert&utm_content=newsalert&utm_term=newsalert&bt_ec=JB7IVwGZPTktwz3lqN8jXcSszTdOYK1ZuBz7qgEy2GelFja%2B%2Fg2R%2BeJqjIFRONfl&bt_ts=1615162999658)

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## **Republicans join Democrats to urge Biden make 'comprehensive' deal with Iran**

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/republicans-join-democrats-urge-biden-make-comprehensive-deal/story?id=76326175>

*A bipartisan letter is a rare moment of unity on a foreign policy challenge.*

By: [Conor Finnegan](#) for ABC News // March 9, 2021, 9:37 AM

## **Lawmakers gird for spending battle over nuclear weapons**

[Lawmakers gird for spending battle over nuclear weapons \(msn.com\)](#)

By: Rebecca Kheel for THE HILL // 10 hrs ago

## **New House Task Force to Examine Defense Supply Chain Threats**

Air Force Magazine March 5, 2021 | By [Rachel S. Cohen](#)

# AROUND THE WORLD



## RUSSIA:

### **Russia to test 'Item 70' air-launched hypersonic missile in 2023**

[BBC Monitoring Former Soviet Union](#) [London] 23 Feb 2021.

Izvestia website in Russian 0309 gmt 22 Feb 21/BBC Monitoring/© BBC

### **Russia Warns Against U.S. Retaliation for SolarWinds Amid Fears of Cyberwar**

Russia Warns Against U.S. Retaliation for SolarWinds Amid Fears of Cyberwar (msn.com)

By: Paul D. Shinkman for US News & World Report

### **Russia to test 'Item 70' air-launched hypersonic missile in 2023**

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## CHINA:

### **Chinese foreign minister takes firm tone, calls for 'non-interference' between China and the U.S.**

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/03/07/chinese-foreign-minister-calls-for-non-interference-between-china-us.html>

By: [Evelyn Cheng@CHENGVELYN](#) for CNN News // PUBLISHED SUN, MAR 7 2021 5:54 AM EST

### **Dragon Ships: China's Naval Threat**

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/17159/china-naval-threat>

By: [Peter Schweizer](#) to the Gatestone Institute // March 8, 2021 at 5:00 am

### **China's Nuclear Weapons Build Up Has the U.S. Military Worried**

Fact: The Chinese have plans to at least double their arsenal by the end of the decade

National Interest Online, 5 Mar 21 Kris Osborn

### **China boosts defense budget again, exceeding \$208 billion**

DefenseNews By: [Mike Yeo](#)

## **How the US Military is preparing for a war with China**

Juicy targets include artificial islands in the South China Sea

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Opinion/How-the-US-military-is-preparing-for-a-war-with-China>

By: Adm. James Stavridis, Guest Writer for Nikkei // March 7, 2021 05:00 JST

## **China warns Biden to reverse 'dangerous practice' of supporting Taiwan**

[China warns Biden to reverse 'dangerous practice' of supporting Taiwan \(msn.com\)](#)

From the Associated Press to Market Watch and Microsoft New // 21 hrs ago

## **China's Desert Storm Education**

[https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2021/march/chinas-desert-storm-](https://www.usni.org/magazines/proceedings/2021/march/chinas-desert-storm-education#:~:text=China%27s%20Desert%20Storm%20Education%20China%20took%20lessons%20from,ambitions.%20By%20Commander%20Michael%20Dahm%2C%20U.S.%20Navy%20%28Retired%29)

[education#:~:text=China%27s%20Desert%20Storm%20Education%20China%20took%20lessons%20from,ambitions.%20By%20Commander%20Michael%20Dahm%2C%20U.S.%20Navy%20%28Retired%29](#)

*China took lessons from Operation Desert Storm and remade itself with foreign technology to build a formidable joint military force with expeditionary ambitions.*

By: Commander Michael Dahm, U.S. Navy (Retired) for the Proceedings // March 2021

## **Pacific Commander Warns China Likely To Move On Taiwan; Guam A Target**

Taiwan may be targeted for annexation by 2027, Adm. Phil Davidson said, and Guam will have to be vigorously defended in a Pacific War.

Breaking Defense By [PAUL MCLEARY](#) on March 09, 2021 at 1:59 PM

## **China's moves to strengthen its atomic arsenal**

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/china-moves-strengthen-atomic-arsenal/>

*Silo-based missile capabilities increase the odds of survivability for China's small arsenal and are integral to Beijing's nuclear modernisation effort.*

By: [HARSH V. PANT](#) and [KARTIK BOMMAKANTI](#) for the ORF // MAR 09 2021

## **China's defense budget signals will to outmatch US**

[China's defense budget signals will to outmatch US - Asia Times](#)

*Beijing has been clear about its desire to vanquish US and has the capacity for near limitless domestic defense spending*

By: [Grant Newsham](#) for Asia Times // March 8, 2021



## **NORTH KOREA:**

### **North Korea lacks means for nuclear strike on US: Experts**

[North Korea lacks means for nuclear strike on US: Experts - International - World - Ahram Online](#)

*Western officials claim that Pyongyang's threat to launch a war against the United States will never happen*

From: [Reuters](#) to Ahram // Friday 5 Apr 2013

## **U.S. commander: North Korea posing 'persistent challenges' with weapons**

U.S. commander: North Korea posing 'persistent challenges' with weapons - UPI.com

By: Elizabeth Shim for UPI // MARCH 11, 2021 / 9:33 AM

### **THREE'S COMPANY? PRIORITIZING TRILATERAL DETERRENCE AGAINST NORTH KOREA**

[https://warontherocks.com/2021/03/threes-company-prioritizing-trilateral-deterrence-against-north-korea/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=EBB%2003.11.21&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://warontherocks.com/2021/03/threes-company-prioritizing-trilateral-deterrence-against-north-korea/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2003.11.21&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

By: SHANE SMITH AND BRAD GLOSSERMAN to War On The Rocks // MARCH 10, 2021



## **SOUTH KOREA:**

### **US and South Korea scale back military drills over virus, North Korea diplomacy**

US and South Korea scale back military drills over virus, North Korea diplomacy (armytimes.com)

By: Hyung-Jin Kim, The Associated Press to the Army Times



## **IRAN:**

### **Iran enriching with new set of advanced machines at Natanz: IAEA**

[Iran enriching with new set of advanced machines at Natanz: IAEA \(msn.com\)](#)

By: Francois Murphy for Microsoft News // 24 mins ago

### **The Mullahs' Nuclear Weapons Game**

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/17129/iran-nuclear-weapon-game>

By: Majid Rafizadeh to the Gatestone Institute // March 9, 2021 at 4:00 am

### **Iran Will 'Raze' Tel Aviv If Israel Attacks, Defense Minister Warns Amid Nuclear Standoff**

Iran Will 'Raze' Tel Aviv If Israel Attacks, Defense Minister Warns Amid Nuclear Standoff (msn.com)

By: David Brennan for Microsoft News



## **INDIA:**

### **India on alert as Pakistan showcases terrifying nuclear breakthrough in menacing threat**

[India-Pakistan news: Islamabad step closer to nuclear superiority, spark World War 3 fears | World | News | Express.co.uk](#)

*PAKISTAN'S latest military test has sparked fear in India as the nuclear-armed country's Air Force shows off its military capabilities.*

By: [GERRARD KAONGA](#) to the UK Express // PUBLISHED: 07:15, Wed, Feb 19, 2020 | UPDATED: 11:10, Wed, Feb 19, 2020



## PAKISTAN:



## UNITED KINGDOM:

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## GERMANY:

### **German Ministry of Defense warns of threat from Russia, China**

<https://pledgetimes.com/armaments-ministry-of-defense-warns-of-threat-from-china/>

By: [Bhavi Mandalia](#) for Pledge Times // [March 7, 2021](#)



## ISRAEL:

### Israeli jets escort American B-52s during flyby, in show of force to Iran

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israeli-jets-escort-american-b-52-during-flyby-in-show-of-force-to-iran/>

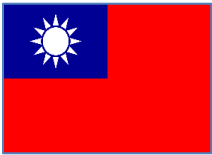
*Move comes amid tensions between US, Israel, and Tehran, with Iran tied to missile strikes on US bases and an attack on an Israeli-owned ship in Gulf of Oman*

By: JUDAH ARI GROSS for the Times of Israel // Today, 8:24 pm



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