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## ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAM SPECIFICS

### **90th OG welcomes new commander**

90th Missile Wing Public Affairs, June 26 | Senior Airman Braydon Williams

### **We Don't Have Enough Cash to Build New Nuclear Weapons, Says Air Force Chief**

Defense One, 1 July 20 | Marcus Weisgerber

**Tactical nuclear arms among issues discussed by Russia, US in Vienna — Pentagon official**

*On June 22, Russia and the United States held talks on strategic stability and arms control behind closed doors in Vienna*

From Russia Today (RT), Military News TASS // 24 Jun, 21:09

**Pentagon releases 'initial' list of Chinese military-linked companies operating in US**

by Jerry Dunleavy | June 29, 2020 05:03 PM

**U.S. eyes nuclear tests in show of force reaction to latest Russia, China moves**

*Tom Cotton amendment would prepare for first test in decades*

By Ben Wolfgang - The Washington Times // Sunday, June 28, 2020

**A New Superpower Competition Between Beijing and Washington: China's Nuclear Buildup**

The Trump administration is portraying the small but increasingly potent Chinese arsenal — still only one-fifth the size of the United States' or Russia's — as the big new threat. New York Times Online, June 30 | David E. Sanger and William J. Broad

## News & Opinion

**China Has 'First-Strike' Capability To Melt U.S. Power Grid With Electromagnetic Pulse Weapon**

By: [James Conca](#), Contributor to FORBES Magazine // Jun 25, 2020, 11:00am EDT

**CHINA STRATEGIC PERSPECTIVES** (PDF Atch'd above, 66 pgs)

*System Overload: Can China's Military Be Distracted in a War over Taiwan?*

Center for the Study of Chinese Military Affairs Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University

by Joel Wuthnow for INSS // June 2020

**U.S. debates resuming nuclear tests on American soil**

*Tom Cotton amendment would prepare for first test in decades*

By [Ben Wolfgang](#) - The Washington Times June 28, 2020

**WW3: China and India tensions 'volatile' - Fears grow over nuclear security after clash**

*China: Expert warns of escalation leading to conflict with India -- SOARING tensions between China and India at the disputed border have sparked fears over the world's nuclear security amid growing threats of further violence between the two Asian powers.*

By [Luke Hawker](#) for the UK Express // PUBLISHED: PUBLISHED: 07:00, Sat, Jun 27, 2020

**The Military We Have Vs. The Military We Need**

BY GREGORY D. FOSTER PROFESSOR, NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY  
JUNE 28, 2020

### **The Retrenchment Syndrome**

A Response to “Come Home, America?” By H. R. McMaster July/August 2020

### **At moment of crisis, far left threatens to slash Defense budget**

*Independence Day is a time to affirm that America must stay strong to preserve peace*

By Kay C. James for the Washington Times // 30 June 2020

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## CONGRESSIONAL

*By Susan Cornwell*

### **HASC**

**July 1: HASC Completed Markup of FY21 HASC Bill (SEE UPDATED FUNDING CHART IN SEPARATE ATTACHMENT)**

- **ALL ICBM PEs at PB**
- **Total of \$731.6 B**

### **SASC**

**June 11:** SASC completed markup of FY21 SASC Bill

- **ALL ICBM PEs at PB**
- Total of \$740.5 Billion.**

### **Pentagon to increase control over nuclear weapons funding under Senate proposal**

By: [Aaron Mehta](#) for Defense News // 19 hours ago

### **Next-gen ICBM program nukes defunding attempt in House panel**

Defense News Online, 2 July 20 Joe Gould

### **HASC Funds Nuclear Modernization, With a Few Questions**

Air Force Magazine Online, June 26 | Rachel S. Cohen

### **US Can't Be Negligent or Irresponsible in Military Funding Decisions**

The Daily Signal, 30 June 20 Vicky Hartzler

### **Senate nixes proposal limiting Energy Department's control on nuclear agency budget**

By [Rachel Frazin](#) for THE HILL // 07/02/20 02:29 PM EDT

## AROUND THE WORLD



### **RUSSIA:**

#### **Russia's opposition flounders as Putin changes constitution**

By: Anna SMOLCHENKO for Yahoo News by [AFP](#) // June 29, 2020

#### **Russia's Newest Submarine Spotted Heading Out for 'Combat Training'**

The Knyaz Vladimir was seen leaving the harbor where it was built.

by [Caleb Larson](#) for The National Interest // July 1, 2020

#### **Russia's priority is to involve UK, France in future nuclear arms control talks – diplomat**

The two states are the US closest NATO allies that possess nuclear weapons, the senior diplomat explained  
TASS (Russia), June 26 | Not Attributed

#### **US refuses to ratify CTBT, lays groundwork for resuming nuclear tests, Russia says**

*Moscow calls on states which did not ratify or sign the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty to reconsider their stance*  
From Russia RT military news service TASS // 30 Jun, 05:00

#### **Russia Denies Nuclear Incident After International Body Detects Isotopes**

By Anastasia Teterevleva and Anna Ringstrom // [Reuters](#), Wire Service Content June 29, 2020, at 6:15 a.m.



## CHINA:

### China Threatens In Paracels

*Three American carrier strike groups are moving in the Philippine Sea while China shuts down sea traffic in the South China Sea*

By Paul McLeary for Breaking Defense // on June 29, 2020 at 4:34 PM



## NORTH KOREA:

### North Korea says only option is to 'counter nuclear with nuclear' against US

By [Mark Moore](#) for the NY Post // June 25, 2020 | 1:07pm | [Updated June 25, 2020 | 1:50pm](#)

### North Korea Threatens U.S.: Nuclear Attack 'The Only Option Left'

*N. Korea Threatens U.S. With Nuclear Attack. -- A collapse in negotiations between the Trump administration and Kim Jong Un has left Pyongyang with one option, it says: 'To counter nuke with nuke.'*

By Paul D. Shinkman, Senior Writer, National Security June 26, 2020, at 10:14 a.m.



## SOUTH KOREA:

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## IRAN:

### Iran reports 'accident' at nuclear site, warns enemies

From the [AFP](#) // July 2, 2020

## **Iran issues arrest warrant for President Trump**

*Tehran vows Trump will be prosecuted for ordering killing of Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani*  
By [Ben Wolfgang](#) - The Washington Times - Updated: 7:19 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2020

## **Iranian Missile Facility Blows Up, Conspiracy Theories in Tehran**

Satellite photographs show the explosion happened at a missile production facility. Iran said the episode was a gas explosion at a different military base. By [David E. Sanger](#), [Ronen Bergman](#) and Farnaz Fassihi // June 29, 2020

## **New Iranian Missile Could Strike Central Europe**

By Ralph Savelsberg for Breaking Defense // on June 29, 2020 at 12:09 PM



## **INDIA:**

### **India will 'never compromise' on its strategic interests, minister says**

[Saheli Roy Choudhury@sahelirc](#) // Published Wed, Jul 1 2020 3:29 AM EDT -- Updated 3 Hours Ago

#### **Key Points**

- India will not compromise on its strategic interest even as New Delhi and Beijing seek to defuse tensions after last month's border clash, said India's minister for coal, mines, and parliamentary affairs.
- Top military commanders from India and China started a third round of talks to ease tensions along the Line of Actual Control — the de facto border — this week while Indian forces have stepped up deployment along the border, local media reports said.



## **PAKISTAN:**

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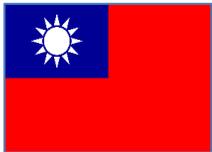
### Netanyahu: 'Iran continues secret program to develop nuclear weapons'

Netanyahu says Iran mislead the world on its nuclear ambitions, commends US for pressuring Tehran  
i24NEWS (Israel), June 30 | Not Attributed



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