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## ADMINISTRATION/PROGRAM SPECIFICS

### **Black Airmen Talk Race in the Air Force**

Air Force Magazine, 2 July 20 Rachel S. Cohen

### **Command changes at 20th Air Force; both former commanders at Minot AFB**

Minot Daily News, 8 July 20

### **VanHerck Nominated to Lead NORTHCOM**

July 6, 2020 | By Brian W. Everstine

### **Clark Nominated to Lead Air Force Academy**

July 5, 2020 | By Jennifer-Leigh Oprihory

### **Energy Secretary Dan Brouillette fights to retain NNSA budget reins**

By Colin Demarest [cdemarest@aikenstandard.com](mailto:cdemarest@aikenstandard.com) // Jul 3, 2020 Updated Jul 3, 2020

## News & Opinion

### **Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles Still Matter**

RealClear Defense, 4 July 20 Adam Lowther, William Murphy and Gerald Goodfellow

### **AFA's Air, Space & Cyber Conference Will Be Virtual**

July 6, 2020 | By [Jennifer-Leigh Oprihory](#)

### **USAF Tackles 900 Action Items To Strengthen Security Forces**

July 9, 2020 | By Rachel S. Cohen

### **How the Coronavirus Has Changed the Way America Prepares for Nuclear War**

The threat of the virus forced the Air Force to take new measures to adapt the crews overseeing U.S. arsenals of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

By Paul D. Shinkman, Senior Writer, National Security July 9, 2020

U.S. News & World Report

### **China rejects new US invite to join nuclear talks**

Agence France-Presse, 10 July 20

### **The message in Russia's new nuclear weapons strategy: Don't mess with us, but let's talk**

BusinessInsider.com, 5 July 20 Richard Weitz

### **Future Missile War Needs New Kind of Command**

Integrating missile defense – shooting down incoming missiles – with missile offense – destroying the launchers before they fire again – requires major changes in how the military fights.

By [Sydney J. Freedberg Jr.](#) for Breaking Defense // on July 07, 2020 at 4:00 AM

### **Arms Control, the ICBM Force, and Ballistic Missile Defense**

By [Mark B. Schneider](#) for Real Clear Defense // July 11, 2020

### **Trump Plan to Build Nuclear Bombs**

By [Ari Natter](#) and [Charlie McGee](#) for Bloomberg News // July 9, 2020, 4:00 AM EDT

### **The Chinese Communist Party's ideology and global ambitions**

*Under Trump, Chinese intellectual property theft and security breaches aren't tolerated*

By Robert C. O'Brien for the WT // 09 July, 2020

### **Air Force Bases Need Space-Based Missile Defenses As Soon as Possible**

By [Norman M. Haller](#) & [Peter Pry](#) for Real Clear Defense // July 07, 2020

**FBI chief reveals broad Chinese spy campaign**

*Wray sees overt, covert mission to subvert U.S. policies, power*

BY BILL GERTZ for THE WASHINGTON TIMES // 8 July, 2020

**The Next Five Months Will Be The Most Dangerous in Generations**

By Vago Muradian VAGO'S NOTEBOOK // 06 July 2020

## CONGRESSIONAL

*By Susan Cornwell*

**HASC**

**July 1:** HASC Completed Markup of FY21 HASC Bill

**SASC**

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

**HAC**

**July 8:** HAC-D Marked up the FY21 Defense Bill

**Appropriations Committee Releases Fiscal Year 2021 Defense Funding Bill**

July 7, 2020 Press Release

**Bill Summary:**

**Senate, House Set To Rumble Over Who Controls Nuke Budget**

*The provision seeks to prevent the Nuclear Weapons Council "from further encroaching on the development of the NNSA budget," Kingston Reif, director of arms control and threat reduction policy at the Arms Control Association, told Breaking Defense.*

By [Theresa Hitchens](#) for Breaking Defense // on July 08, 2020 at 5:11 PM

**Senate, House Set to Rumble Over Who Controls Nuke Budget**

BreakingDefense.com, 8 July 20 Theresa Hitchens

## AROUND THE WORLD



## **RUSSIA:**

### **Situation Report – After 20 years in power, Putin makes himself president-for-life**

By: [Morgan Wirthlin](#) for CSP // [July 7, 2020](#)

### **Putin says Russia pursuing ‘velvet glove’ policy on global arena**

*Touching on the canvassing campaign in the United States and another round of anti-Russian rhetoric, the Russian President noted that it is regrettable because it tells on the entire system of international relations and has adverse impacts on the Russian-US relations*

From: Russia Today RT – TASS-- // 12 JUL, 10:23

### **Powerful Russian Submarine Seen Entering Baltic Sea**

[H I Sutton](#) Contributor, [Aerospace & Defense](#) 10 July 2020



## **CHINA:**

### **China urges US to reduce nuclear arsenal**

By [John Bowden](#) for THE HILL // 07/08/20 09:38 AM EDT

### **China calls U.S. invite to nuclear talks a ploy to derail them**

Associated Press, 8 July 20

### **China 'happy to' join arms control talks with US and Russia — if US cuts its nuclear arsenal down to China's level**

Reuters, 8 July 20 Yew Lun Tian, Christian Schmollinger, Lincoln Feast

### **This Chinese Submarine Could Drop a Nuclear Weapon on America**

By: Caleb Larson for The National Interest // July 5, 2020



## **NORTH KOREA:**

### **North Korean leader's sister says another summit unlikely but 'a surprise thing may still happen'**

Reuters, 9 July 20 Sangmi Cha and Josh Smith

### **North Korea: sidelining economic development to prioritise strategic weapons?**

*Is Pyongyang readjusting its defence policy priorities? Haena Jo examines defence spending to show the subtle indicators that nuclear weapons development will again take precedence over general economic development in North Korea.*

By: Haena Jo Research Analyst for Defence and Military Analysis for IISS // 10th July 2020

### **NK poised to test submarine-launched ballistic missile: think tank**

By [Choi Si-young](#) for the Kores Herald // Published : Jul 8, 2020 - 15:40 Updated : Jul 8, 2020 - 18:02



## **SOUTH KOREA:**

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## **IRAN:**

### **Iran explosion: Panic erupts as huge third blast in three weeks rocks capital**

*EXPLOSIONS have rocked the Iranian capital of Tehran, according to online reports. This marks the third blast in three weeks for the country.*

By [Edward Browne](#) for the UK Express // PUBLISHED: 00:02, Sat, Jul 11, 2020 | UPDATED: 00:13, Sat, Jul 11, 2020

### **Iran Says It Is Negotiating 25-Year Bilateral Deal With China**

By [RFE/RL](#) // July 06, 2020 05:19 GMT

### **Iran: Suspicions Mount Of Foreign Hand In Fire At Sensitive Natanz Nuclear Site**

By [Golnaz Esfandiari](#) for RFE/RL // July 08, 2020 17:52 GMT



## INDIA:

**Indian, Chinese forces reportedly pull back from area of deadly clash**

BY AIJAZ HUSSEIN, EMILY S CHMALL AND SAM MCNEIL ASSOCIATED PRESS for the WT // 8 July, 2020



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## UNITED KINGDOM:

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## FRANCE:

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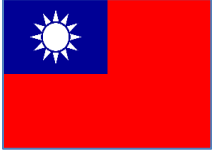
## ISRAEL:

**Israel launches spy satellite, hints at role in Iranian nuclear fire**



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