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Cyber



1. <u>IDF computer chief: 3 billion cyber attacks against Israel since</u> <u>beginning of war</u> (Times of Israel, 13 JUL, Toi Staff)

All attacks were intercepted, and no computer systems were compromised, says Mamram commander Col. Racheli Dembinsky

2. <u>Apple Issues Urgent Cyberattack Guidelines for iPhone Users</u> (Greek Reporter, 13 JUL, Nisha Zahid)

Apple has issued a new alert for iPhone users following a recent cyberattack affecting over a billion devices. The hackers are using various tricks, including impersonating Apple employees, to get personal information such as passwords, security codes, and financial details.

3. <u>Cybersecurity Agencies Warn of China-linked APT40's Rapid Exploit</u> <u>Adaptation</u> (The Hacker News, 09 JUL, Newsroom)

Cybersecurity agencies from Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, the U.K., and the U.S. have released a joint advisory about a China-linked cyber espionage group called APT40, warning about its ability to co-opt exploits for newly disclosed security flaws within hours or days of public release.

4. <u>NSA Joins in Releasing Case Studies Showing PRC Tradecraft in</u> <u>Action</u> (NSA, 08 JUL)

The National Security Agency (NSA) is joining the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) and other agencies to publish a Cybersecurity Advisory (CSA) detailing the tradecraft used by a cyber actor group associated with the People's Republic of China (PRC) Ministry of State Security (MSS). "PRC MSS Tradecraft in Action" helps cybersecurity practitioners prevent, identify, and remediate intrusions against their own networks by sharing significant case studies of the adversary's tactics and techniques.

5. <u>Amazon's Asian rival Shein wants to be supply chain giant, but some</u> <u>fear Chinese cyber spying inside global trade links</u> (CNBC, 08 JUL, Lori Ann LaRocco)

KEY POINTS

- Shein has plans to sell supply chain technology to companies around the world, but fears are rising that sensitive logistics and customer information covering U.S. citizens could be seized by the Chinese government.
- Shein has already faced political blowback in the U.S. for ties to China and a failed U.S. IPO listing effort.
- In 2022, Shein moved its corporate headquarters from China to Singapore, where TikTok is based, to lessen regulatory scrutiny, a practice critics call "Singapore washing."

6. <u>Japan and Korea join Australian-led pushback on Chinese hacking</u> (ABC News AU, 08 JUL, Andrew Greene

Australia and key regional partners are accusing a Chinese spy agency of cyber espionage, targeting government and business networks, in a large-scale operation that involves stealing hundreds of usernames and passwords.





7. <u>Man-In-The-Middle Attacks are Still a Serious Security Threat</u> (Security Boulevard, 03 JUL, Kristina Rodopska)

Man-in-the-middle attacks, a type of cybersecurity threat where a malicious actor intercepts communication between two entities, were mentioned much more when Wi-Fi security was not as robust as it is today. However, these types of attacks are still common. They have increased in the age of digital connectivity and remote work, forcing companies to develop strategies to mitigate them.

8. <u>Hackers Attacking Users with Apple IDs Via Malicious SMS</u> (Cyber Security News, 03 JUL, Dhivya)

Cybercriminals have intensified their efforts to exploit Apple ID users through a new wave of malicious SMS campaigns.

These phishing attacks, commonly known as "smishing," are designed to deceive users into revealing their Apple ID credentials, granting hackers access to a treasure trove of personal and financial information.

9. <u>The Most Dangerous Cybergangs and Their Weapons</u> (Baseline, 02 JUL, Howie Jones)

Cybercriminals are dangerous, even individually. However, when they combine their efforts in a cybergang, not even government facilities are safe. But not only big players are in danger. You might also become a target if you own a business or startup. Here is what you should know about ransomware attacks and how to bolster your cybersecurity to avoid the devastating consequences.

10. <u>Spies, not crooks: Report says Chinese espionage hacks posing as</u> <u>ransomware attacks</u> (Washington Times, 02 JUL, Ryan Lovelace)

Suspected Chinese government cyberattackers are seeking to disguise their hacking and digital spying efforts as ransomware activity, according to a new analysis from the security firms SentinelOne and Recorded Future.

11. <u>"Dirty stream" attack: Discovering and mitigating a common</u> <u>vulnerability pattern in Android apps</u> (Microsoft, 01 May, Microsoft Threat Intelligence)

Microsoft discovered a path traversal-affiliated vulnerability pattern in multiple popular Android applications that could enable a malicious application to overwrite files in the vulnerable application's home directory. The implications of this vulnerability pattern include arbitrary code execution and token theft, depending on an application's implementation. Arbitrary code execution can provide a threat actor with full control over an application's behavior. Meanwhile, token theft can provide a threat actor with access to the user's accounts and sensitive data.





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- 2. <u>N. Korea's Digital Battleground: Inside the army's electronic warfare</u> <u>drills</u> (Daily NK, 12 JUL, Joeng Tae Joo)

The Korean People's Army (KPA) has launched an intensive specialized command exercise for its electronic warfare units, coinciding with the start of the army's summer training, Daily NK has learned.

3. <u>Russia Develops Counter-Drone 'Umbrella' System After FPV</u> <u>Losses</u> (The Defense Post, 12 JUL, Inder Singh Bisht)

Russia has developed an electronic warfare system capable of disabling a first person view drone (FPV) within a radius of 500 meters (1,640 feet).

4. <u>Ukrainian intelligence targets Russian logistics and electronic</u> <u>warfare in occupied Donetsk</u> (Euromaidan, 07 JUL, Maria Tril)

A logistics center storing tank equipment and ammunition in occupied Debaltseve was among the targets hit by Ukrainian forces on 6 July, the GUR reports.

5. <u>Army's High-Flying Balloon Surveillance Vision Grows With Call For</u> <u>New Radars, Other Sensors</u> (TWZ, 02 JUL, Joseph Trevithick)

The Army sees networked fleets of high-altitude balloons providing critical persistent surveillance coverage even in heavily contested areas.

6. <u>US soldiers will get electronic warfare backpacks later this year</u> (Defense One, 01 JUL, Sam Skove)

The Army will buy hundreds of portable electronic warfare attack and scanner systems, the service said Monday—a type of tool used frequently by both Ukraine and Russia.

7. <u>Quantum sensing: the quantum technology you've never heard of</u> (COSMOS, 02 JUL, Erin Grant)

Quantum physics has become ubiquitous across science over the past few years, often in connection to advances and investment in quantum computing research.

8. <u>New Electronic Warfare Pod Turns Marine MQ-9 Reaper Into "A Black</u> <u>Hole"</u> (TWZ, 02 JUL, Howard Altman, Tyler Rogoway)

The new electronic warfare and intelligence collection pod enables MQ-9 Reapers to be "mostly undetectable," according to the Marine Corps Commandant.





Information Advantage

1. <u>Houthis drive power through disinformation campaign, research</u> <u>reveals</u> (Iran international, 14 JUL)

A team at the Washington Institute has revealed a campaign of misinformation which is emboldening the Iran-backed Houthi militia amid its Red Sea blockade that has disrupted international shipping.

2. <u>How the U.S. government is trying to crack down on Russian</u> <u>disinformation online</u> (PBS, 13 JUL, John Yang, Kaisha Young & Andrew Chambers)

Earlier this week, the Justice Department said that for the first time, it had disrupted a Russian propaganda campaign that attempted to use artificial intelligence to inflame election-year divisions in U.S. society. John Yang speaks with Nina Jankowicz, co-founder and CEO of the American Sunlight Project, to learn more about how U.S. officials are fighting foreign propaganda on social media.

3. U.S. Seizes Domains Used by Al-Powered Russian Bot Farm for Disinformation (The Hacker News, 12 JUL)

The U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ) said it seized two internet domains and searched nearly 1,000 social media accounts that Russian threat actors allegedly used to covertly spread pro-Kremlin disinformation in the country and abroad on a large scale.

4. <u>Canada warns Russian Al-powered bot farm spreading</u> <u>misinformation</u> (Vancouver Island Free Daily, 10 JUL, The Canadian Press)

Feds say fake social-media users created to spread disinformation aligned with Russian goals abroad

5. <u>US dismantles Russian government-backed AI disinformation</u> <u>campaign</u> (AP News, 09 JUL, Eric Turcker)

A Russian propaganda campaign backed by the Kremlin that spread online disinformation in the United States and was boosted by artificial intelligence has been disrupted, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

6. <u>Chinese AI firms showcase resilience, innovations at AI event</u> <u>despite US sanctions</u> (Reuters, 05 JUL, Casey Hall in Shanghai)

Powerful artificial intelligence systems require huge amounts of data. But some researchers and executives say the need for high-quality text data could exceed the supply within two years. WSJ reporter Deepa Seetharaman tells Alex Ossola how Al companies are preparing for the potential data shortage. Plus, the race is on to build new chip-making facilities. WSJ reporter Belle Lin explains why one Brooklyn-based startup is betting on smaller, modular chip plants that are designed to be shipped anywhere



Signal



1. <u>Germany to Phase Out Core 5G Components by Huawei and ZTE</u> <u>Within 5 Years</u> (NTD, 15 JUL, NTD Newsroom)

Berlin will ban critical components made by Chinese tech companies Huawei and ZTE from Germany's 5G network in two steps over the next five years, the nation's top security official said on July 11.

2. <u>Cellular Starlink Satellites Are Much Brighter Than Expected</u> (Extreme Tech, 12 JUL, Adrianna Nine)

SpaceX's satellite-internet devices are ending up in the hands of American adversaries and accused war criminals. WSJ's Thomas Grove and Micah Maidenberg explain how the technology is being used illegally in multiple conflicts around the world.

3. <u>AT&T: 'Nearly All' Customer Phone, Text Records Leaked, One</u> <u>Arrest Made</u> (PC Mag, 12 JUL, Kate Irwin)

AT&T reveals details about a massive data breach where customer records were 'illegally downloaded' from cloud platform Snowflake this year.

4. <u>Quantum Computing in US-China Competition</u> (GMF, 09 JUL, Bonnie S. Slaser & Sam Howell)

A conversation between Bonnie Glaser and Sam Howell discussing the quantum computing, its applications, and its place in US-China competition. (**Audio at the bottom of the page**.)

5. <u>See The Future Data Center At The Israeli Quantum Computing</u> Center (Forbes, 08 JUL, GIL Press)

The new Israeli Quantum Computing Center (IQCC) is a first of its kind globally. It integrates different types of quantum computers with traditional supercomputers using the NVIDIA DGX Quantum system for ultra-fast communication. In addition, the center also features the world's best-equipped testbed for developing new quantum computing technologies, offering broad access to academia and industry.

6. <u>How to secure your home network against online threats</u> (XDA-Developers, 07 JUL, Samuel Contreras)

Your home network keeps all of your connected technology online, so it makes sense to take a few precautions to keep it secure. For the most part, keeping your home network secure is about making sure you've got all the right settings selected and making sure your software is up-to-date. Still, there are also a few extra steps you could take, such as setting up a firewall or signing up for additional security with your router.





Iran's President-elect Masoud Pezeshkian on Sunday reiterated the Islamic Republic's support for the Palestinian Hamas militant group as well as Yemen's Tehran-backed Houthis.

2. <u>China Begins Audacious Military Muscle Flexing Amid NATO</u> <u>Rebuke; Drills With Russia, UAE, Belarus Etc. To Counter USA</u> (The EurAsian Times, 13 JUL, Sakshi Tiwari)

China and Russia have commenced military drills shortly after NATO denounced Beijing for playing a major role in the Ukraine War.

3. <u>Concern over Belarus-China military drills, near NATO border</u> (DW, 13 JUL, Elena Doronina)

Belarus recently joined the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and is hosting joint military drills with China. What do the renewed ties mean?

4. <u>Just 40 Miles Off NATO Border, Chinese Military Flexes Muscles In</u> <u>Belarus; Allies Blast Beijing For Helping Russia</u> (The EurAsian Times, 11 JUL, Ashish Dangwal)

As tensions rise between the United States and China, the Chinese military is extending its reach beyond its borders by partnering with allied countries, causing concern among Western nations.

5. <u>China-Taiwan Weekly Update, July 12, 2024</u> (ISW, 11 JUL, Matthew Sperzel, Daniel Shats & Alexis Turek)

Key Takeaways

- The PLA significantly increased its daily incursions into Taiwan's Air Defense Identification Zone in July to expand the PRC's coercive pressure on the ROC as "punishment" for the election of ROC President Lai Ching-te.
- The PRC is using cross-strait events such as the Cross-Strait Youth Summit to legitimize the Kuomintang as a negotiating partner on behalf of Taiwan and promote its pro-unification message.
- The PRC framed collaboration between NATO and Indo-Pacific states as a threat to regional security.
- CCP General Secretary Xi Jinping welcomed Belarus to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and advocated for Turkey to join the organization. Xi seeks to use the SCO to legitimize PRC-led institutions and undermine Western-led security frameworks.
- The PRC's cyber defense agency issued disinformation about the US Intelligence Community and denied that the Volt Typhoon cyber threat actor is a PRC state-sponsored group.
- The CCG anchored its largest ship in the Philippines' Exclusive Economic Zone as an intimidation tactic following reports of Philippine Coast Guard base construction in Sabina Shoal.









6. <u>Masoud Pezeshkian: The reformist former heart surgeon now Iran's</u> <u>president-elect</u> (BBC, 07 JUL, Tom Bennett & BBC Persian)

Wildcard candidate Masoud Pezeshkian will become Iran's first reformist president in almost two decades, after he defeated hardliner Saeed Jalili in a run-off election on Friday.

7. <u>China Begins "Assault USA" Military Drills In Belarus Near NATO</u> <u>State; Experts Decode Beijing's New Move</u> (The EurAsian Times, 08 JUL, EurAsian Times Desk)

Weeks after the NATO chief accused China of aiding Russia in the Ukraine conflict and fueling the biggest war in Europe, China may have moved the game up a notch by admitting Belarus to the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) and holding military drills with the country.

8. <u>China-Taiwan Weekly Update, July 3, 2024</u> (ISW, 03 JUL, Matthew Sperzel & Daniel Shats)

Key Takeaways

- The PRC's Taiwan Affairs Office downplayed the risk that the PRC will prosecute ordinary Taiwanese citizens after the PRC released legal guidelines that threaten advocates of Taiwanese independence with criminal penalties up to the death penalty.
- Chinese Coast Guard ships boarded a Taiwanese fishing boat for illegally fishing in PRC waters and escorted it to a naval port in Fujian province on July 2.
- PRC officials and media framed the ongoing RIMPAC exercises as provoking "bloc confrontation" in the Asia-Pacific and attempting to intimidate the PRC in support of Taiwan.
- The Philippines stated that the PRC interfered in the rescue of Philippine fishermen whose boat exploded near Scarborough Shoal. The PRC framed the role of the CCG positively to portray itself as the legitimate authority in the waters near the shoal.
- The PRC accused the Philippines of "undermining peace and stability" by resupplying a Philippine Coast Guard vessel "illegally stationed" on Sabina Shoal.

9. <u>As Iran faces a rare runoff presidential election, disenchanted voters</u> <u>are staying away</u> (AP News, 02 JUL, Nasser Karimi & Jon Gambrell)

Over 20 years ago, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei stood before a crowd at Friday prayers to denounce the United States for its disenchanted electorate.

10. <u>Satellite Images Show Expansion of Suspected Chinese Spy Bases</u> in Cuba (WSJ, 02 JUL, Warren P Strobel)

Analysts identified four electronic eavesdropping stations, including a previously unreported site near a U.S. naval base

11. <u>Russia Jumps Into Purpose-Built Drone-Hunting Drone Weapons</u> <u>Space</u> (TWZ, 02 JUL, Thomas Newdick)

The kamikaze drone is billed as the latest Russian effort to try and counter Ukrainian uncrewed aerial vehicles on the battlefield.





12. <u>Russia 'Threatens' China's Taiwan & South China Sea Ambitions;</u> <u>Kim-Putin Pact A Strategic Headache For Beijing</u> (The EurAsian Times, 02 JUL, Prakash Nanda)

Is North Korea China's friend or Foe?

At first glance, this question looks very odd, given the traditional fraternal ties between China and North Korea and the depth of diplomatic and economic help that the former has provided to the latter.

13. <u>Beijing and Moscow Go From 'No Limits' Friendship to Frenemies in</u> <u>Russia's Backyard</u> (WSJ, 02 JUL, Sha Hua)

Central Asia moves further into China's orbit as Ukraine war loosens Russia's grip on former Soviet republics

14. <u>NATO Boss Says China Is Fueling The Biggest Conflict In Europe</u> <u>Since WW-II; Russia Condemns Allegations</u> (The EurAsian Times, 01 JUL)

Coming to the defense of one of its closest allies, the Kremlin said that it was unhappy about the NATO Chief's statement suggesting China was fueling the biggest-ever war in Europe.





Israel-Hamas Conflict

1. Institute for The Study of War Iran Update:

The Iran Update provides insights into Iranian and Iranian-sponsored activities abroad that undermine regional stability and threaten US forces and interests. It also covers events and trends that affect the stability and decision-making of the Iranian regime.

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2. <u>Hamas says Gaza cease-fire talks haven't paused and claims military</u> <u>chief survived Israeli strike</u> (AP News, 14 JUL, Wafaa Shurafa & Melanie Lidman)

Hamas said Sunday that Gaza cease-fire talks were ongoing and the group's military commander was in good health, a day after the Israeli military targeted Mohammed Deif with a massive airstrike that local health officials said killed at least 90 people, including children.

3. <u>US says Gaza's floating aid pier to shut down soon</u> (BBC News, 11 JUL, Paul Adams)

The US says the floating pier designed to increase the amount of aid getting into the Gaza Strip will "soon cease operations", less than two months after it was installed.

4. <u>Oil tanker held by Iran for over a year heads reaches international</u> <u>waters, tracking data shows</u> (AP News, 11 JUL, Nasser Karimi & Jon Gambrell)

An oil tanker held by Iran for over a year after being seized amid tensions between Tehran and the United States reached international waters on Thursday, tracking data showed.

5. Israeli Troops Return to Gaza City (WSJ, 08 JUL, Stephen Kalin)

Israel launched airstrikes and sent ground troops back into Gaza City, where it said militants continued to operate months after heavy fighting concluded there, underlining how the war in Gaza is dragging on nine months after it started.





6. <u>Israeli forces bombard Gaza City as tanks re-enter central areas</u> (BBC, 08 JUL, Sebastian Usher & Rushdi Aboualouf)

Palestinians in Gaza City say they have experienced one of the most intense Israeli bombardments since Israel launched its war on Hamas after the group's unprecedented 7 October attack.

7. <u>Israel Tightens Grip on Rafah Amid Search for Hamas Tunnels</u> (WSJ, 07 JUL)

Israel says that Hamas has smuggled arms into Gaza using tunnels underneath its border with Egypt. WSJ's Dov Lieber reports from Rafah, where the Israeli military has tightened control. Photo: The Wall Street Journal

8. <u>Israel conducts military operation in the area of the West Bank city</u> of Jenin; 5 Palestinians killed (AP News, 05 JUL)

The Israeli military said Friday it was conducting counterterrorism activity that included an airstrike in the area of the West Bank city of Jenin. Palestinian authorities said five people were killed.

9. <u>'Breakthrough' heightens hopes of Gaza ceasefire deal</u> (BBC, 05 JUL, Sebastian Usher)

The head of Israel's spy agency Mossad, David Barnea, is reported to have travelled alone to Doha to meet Qatar's Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani as momentum is again building over a possible ceasefire and hostage deal between Israel and Hamas.

10. <u>Hezbollah fires over 200 rockets into Israel after killing of senior</u> <u>commander</u> (AP News, 04 JUL, Kareem Chehayeb)

The Lebanese Hezbollah group said it launched over 200 rockets on Thursday at several military bases in Israel in retaliation for a strike that killed one of its senior commanders.

11. <u>Insight: Israel's next headache: who will run post-war Gaza?</u> (Reuters, 03 JUL, Nidal Al-Mughrabi, Emily Rose & Matt Spetalnick)

The plan for post-war Gaza that Israel pitched to U.S. allies is to run the strip in cooperation with powerful local families. But there's a problem: in a place where Hamas still wields ruthless influence, none want to be seen talking to the enemy.

12. <u>Israelis near Lebanese border fear fires and full-scale war</u> (DW, 03 JUL, Tania Krämer)

Israeli firefighters and civilians report signs of mounting cross-border strikes between the IDF and the Lebanese Hezbollah militia. Tensions between Israel's military and the Iranbacked Islamist militant group have been simmering since the onset of the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza.

13. <u>Hezbollah's deputy leader says group would stop fighting with Israel</u> <u>after Gaza cease-fire</u> (AP News, 02 JUL, Abby Sewell & Sarah El Deeb)

The deputy leader of the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah said Tuesday the only sure path to a cease-fire on the Lebanon-Israel border is a full cease-fire in Gaza





14. <u>Israeli airstrikes hit central, southern Gaza as Palestinians seek</u> <u>shelter</u> (VOW, 02 JUL)

Israeli forces carried out attacks Wednesday in the central and southern Gaza Strip as Palestinian civilians sought new areas of shelter after the latest Israeli evacuation order.

15. <u>Shadow of war with Israel looms over anxious Lebanese</u> (BBC, 01 JUL, Hugo Bachega)

Fears are rising over the fate of the remaining hostages held in Gaza after Hamas said it was unsure whether it could bring forth 40 Israeli civilian captives as part of a U.S.backed cease-fire proposal, according to officials familiar with the negotiations.

16. <u>Gaza Militants Regroup and Rearm, Raising Threat of a Long War.</u> (WSJ, 01 JUL, Jared Malsin, Anat Peled & Fatima Abdul Karim)

Barrage of missiles into Israel and fight for Gaza City neighborhood point to a protracted conflict



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2. <u>Ukraine updates: Kremlin warns of risk to European capitals</u> (DW, 13 JUL)

US missile deployment in Germany could make European capitals targets for Russian missiles, Kremlin spokesman warns. Meanwhile, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy arrives in Ireland. DW has more.

3. <u>Ukraine Situation Report: Russian Strategic Missile Testing Facility</u> <u>Attacked</u> (TWZ, 11 JUL, Howard Altman)

The attack on the Kapustin Yar site 400 miles from the front lines appears to be another in a string of Ukrainian strikes on Russian strategic military assets.

4. <u>Russia 'Turns Off' GPS Signal Of UAVs But Hits Ukrainian Targets</u> <u>With Pin Point Accuracy: Kyiv Explains How</u> (The EurAsian Times, 09 JUL, Ashish Dangwal)

The Russian military has begun employing a new tactic involving reconnaissance drones without active navigation, according to Yuriy Ignat, the representative of the Air Force of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

5. <u>Ukraine Situation Report: Plot To Steal A Tu-22M3 Backfire Thwarted</u> <u>Russia Claims</u> (TWZ, 08 JUL, Howard Altman)

Tu-22M Backfire bombers, which have played a key role in Russian missile attacks on Ukrainian cities, have been the target of a previous Ukrainian plot.

6. <u>Ukraine's army retreats from positions as Russia gets closer to</u> <u>seizing strategically important town</u> (AP News, 04 JUL, Hanna Arhirova)

Ukraine's army has retreated from a neighborhood in the outskirts of Chasiv Yar, a strategically important town in the eastern Donetsk region that has been reduced to rubble under a monthslong Russian assault, a military spokesperson said Thursday.







7. <u>Ukrainian air base under frequent fire as Russia aims at F-16 arrivals</u> (Reuters, 02 JUL, Dan Peleschuk)

Explosions reverberated across the pre-dawn sky as Ukrainian air defences fended off a Russian attack on this small city in western Ukraine, home to an important air base and a frequent target of Moscow's strikes.

8. <u>Ukraine Situation Report: Russia Strikes Airbase In Drone-Directed</u> <u>Missile Attack</u> (TWZ, 01 JUL, Howard Altman)

While both sides confirm that an attack took place at the Mirgorod Air Base in central Ukraine, the extent of the damage is in dispute.

9. <u>Ukraine is releasing thousands of prisoners so they can join the fight</u> <u>against Russia</u> (AP News, 01 JUL, Vasilisa Stepanenko, Evgeniy Maloletka & Derek Gatopoulos)

At a rural penal colony in southeast Ukraine, several convicts stand assembled under barbed wire to hear an army recruiter offer them a shot at parole. In return, they must join the grueling fight against Russia.

10. <u>For Ukraine and Russia, a Deadly Summer Lies Ahead With Little</u> <u>Hope of Big Gains</u> (WSJ, 01 JUL, James Marson & Daniel Michaels)

Thousands likely to die as warring forces seek openings along a largely static front line.

11. <u>Exasperated By Starlink-Controlled Drone Boats, Russia "Develops"</u> <u>Antidote To Check Ukraine's USVs</u> (The EurAsian Times, 01 JUL, Ashish Dangwal)

In response to the growing threat posed by Starlink-controlled unmanned boats in the ongoing conflict with Ukraine, Russia has developed a sophisticated long-range radio monitoring complex designed to detect these elusive targets. Ukraine, meanwhile, is in the process of constructing drone squads that will mimic the abilities of a single warship.