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Cyber

1. [**Russian APT Chained Firefox and Windows Zero-Days Against US and European Targets \(Security Week, 27 NOV, Ionut Arghire\)**](#)

The Russia-linked RomCom APT has been observed chaining two zero-days in Firefox and Windows for backdoor delivery.

2. [**'Adversary in the middle attacks' are becoming hackers' go-to method to bypass MFA \(IT Pro, 25 NOV, Solomon Klappholz\)**](#)

Microsoft has warned businesses to be wary of an industry-wide shift in phishing tactics to get around MFA

3. [**North Korea Deploying Fake IT Workers in China, Russia, Other Countries \(Security Week, 25 NOV, Ionut Arghire\)**](#)

The North Korean fake IT workers have infiltrated businesses in China, Russia, and other countries aside from the US.

4. [**Ransomware and exploits surge: Urgent cyber threat insights and critical moves for 2025 \(SC Media, 25 NOV\)**](#)

Cybersecurity leaders face a high-stakes environment where the speed and sophistication of threats continue to rise, demanding more proactive and refined approaches. The latest data shows that, across sectors, threat actors are evolving their tactics, testing new avenues for attack and targeting industries with critical data assets. Organizations, in response, must stay informed and agile, tailoring defenses to meet the unique risks of their operating landscape.

5. [**Russian Cyberspies Hacked Building Across Street From Target for Wi-Fi Attack \(Security Week, 25 NOV, Eduard Kovacs\)**](#)

Russian cyberspy group APT28 conducted a Nearest Neighbor Attack, where it hacked into the building across the street from the victim for a Wi-Fi attack.

6. [**NATO in 'Hidden Cyber War' With Russia: UK Minister \(Newsweek, 25 NOV, Brendan Cole\)**](#)

Russia is planning cyberattacks on the United Kingdom and other NATO allies over their support for Ukraine, according to a British politician.

7. [**Why you should power off your phone once a week - according to the NSA \(ZDNet, 25 NOV, Lance Whitney\)**](#)

This simple action can make it more difficult for hackers to steal information from your phone. Here's why and what else to know.

8. [**North Korea hackers behind 2019 \\$42 mln Ethereum heist, South Korea police say \(Reuters, 21 NOV, Jack Kim\)**](#)

South Korean police said on Thursday an investigation confirmed that hackers linked to North Korea's military intelligence agency were responsible for an Ethereum cryptocurrency heist in 2019, worth 58 billion won (\$41.5 million) at the time.

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9. [APT41 expands cyberespionage to target Windows](#) (SC Media, 18 NOV, SC Staff)

Windows systems have been targeted by Chinese state-sponsored hacking operation APT41, also known as Winnti, Barium, Bronze Atlas, Wicked Panda, and Brass Typhoon, in a new cyberespionage campaign involving DeepData surveillance framework after targeting iOS systems with the LightSpy malware, SecurityWeek reports.

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Electronic Warfare

1. [France to Modernize Infantry with Advanced Electronic Warfare to Counter Enemy Jamming.](#) (Army Recognition, 29 NOV)

During the 2024 edition of the "Présentation de l'armée de Terre" (PRAT), the French Army introduced the ISIS project, an initiative aimed at equipping infantry regiments with electronic warfare capabilities. This project, which responds to evolving operational needs observed in recent conflicts such as in Ukraine, marks an important step in expanding these capabilities beyond specialized units.

2. [Q: What has been learned recently about GNSS RF jamming and spoofing events? What tools are available online to track and investigate these events?](#) (Inside GNSS, 22 NOV)

A: Radio frequency interference (RFI) events have grown in frequency and scope to become a paramount concern for commercial, military and (especially) safety-of-life critical applications of GNSS since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the Hamas attack on Israel in October 2023.

3. [China's EW Capabilities 'Significant Challenge' to US in Taiwan Conflict: Report](#) (The Defense Post, 20 NOV, Joe Saballa)

China's expanding electronic warfare (EW) capabilities would pose a "significant challenge" to the US if a full-scale conflict breaks out across the Taiwan Strait, according to a new report submitted to the US Congress.

4. [Video Shows China Spy Ship Watching US Aircraft Carrier](#) (Newsweek, 25 NOV, Ryan Chan)

A Chinese spy ship was spotted shadowing an American aircraft carrier during a trilateral exercise between the United States and two of its allies in Northeast Asian waters.

Information Advantage

1. [Impact Of Artificial Intelligence on Global Security](#) (Modern Diplomacy, 22 NOV, Eman Afroz)

The relationship between artificial intelligence (AI) and global security has become a significant and intricate issue in an era of rapid technological advancement.

2. [A former staffer exposes how Russia's disinformation machine worked in Central African Republic](#) (AP News, 21 NOV, Monika Pronczuk)

When Ephrem Yalike-Ngonzo was first approached in 2019 by a Russian who suggested he help promote the activities of the Central African Republic's army and Russian forces in the country, the journalist believed that he was doing the right thing.

3. [Terrorists Exploit AI for Propaganda and Operations, Exposing Critical Gaps in Tech Safeguards](#) (The Media Line, 21 NOV)

Experts warn generative AI tools like chatbots and deepfake technology are transforming cyber threats, from spreading disinformation to enhancing terrorist capabilities, as governments and tech companies struggle to keep up.

4. [About 20% of Americans regularly get their news from influencers on social media, report says](#) (AP News, 18 NOV, Haleluya Hadero)

About one in five Americans – and a virtually identical share of Republicans and Democrats – regularly get their news from digital influencers who are more likely to be found on the social media platform X, according to a report released Monday by the Pew Research Center.

5. [As China cracks down on bookstores at home, Chinese-language booksellers are flourishing overseas](#) (AP News, 18 NOV, Fu Ting)

Yu Miao smiles as he stands among the 10,000 books crowded on rows of bamboo shelves in his newly reopened bookstore. It's in Washington's vibrant Dupont Circle neighborhood, far from its last location in Shanghai, where the Chinese government forced him out of business six years ago.

Signal

1. [**NTS-3: Expanding Concepts of Operations in a Contested World \(Inside GNSS, 26 NOV, Richard Thomas\)**](#)

Set to launch in late 2024, the NTS-3 satellite system developed by L3Harris together with the Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) is the Department of Defense's first experimental, integrated navigation satellite system in 50 years.

2. [**As GPS 'Succumbs' To EW Attacks, U.S. Air Force Seeks Alt. Positioning, Navigation & Timing System \(EurAsian Times, 26 NOV, Ritu Sharma\)**](#)

Militaries worldwide expect pinpoint accuracy in positioning, even in the most volatile battlefields, when using the Global Positioning System (GPS). While the US has been leading in the Global Navigation Satellite System for a long time, China's and the European Union's systems are evolving very strongly and may have even better coverage now.

3. [**Suspected China-linked hack on US telecoms worst in nation's history, senator says \(Reuters, 22 NOV, Costas Pitas\)**](#)

A breach of telecoms companies that the United States said was linked to China was the "worst telecom hack in our nation's history - by far," the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee told the Washington Post on Thursday.

5. [**Russia Suspected as Baltic Undersea Cables Cut in Apparent Sabotage \(WSJ, 20 NOV, Bojan Pancevski\)**](#)

Russia is suspected of orchestrating another major act of sabotage in Europe after two key fiber-optic data cables running below the Baltic Sea were cut off in quick succession earlier this week, government officials said.

6. [**Finnish authorities open probe into ruptured undersea cable between Finland and Germany \(AP News, 20 NOV\)**](#)

Finnish authorities said Wednesday they have opened an investigation into the rupture of a data cable under the Baltic Sea, adding to a Swedish probe into the possible sabotage of that link and another cable.

7. [**It Isn't Just Data Centers—AI's Plumbing Needs an Upgrade \(WSJ, 19 NOV, Belle Lin\)**](#)

Greater usage of artificial-intelligence chatbots and agents will stress the country's existing network capacity

8. [**Two undersea cables in Baltic Sea cut, Germany and Finland fear sabotage \(Reuters, 18 NOV, Johan Ahlander, Essi Lehtio & Andrius Sytas\)**](#)

Two undersea fibre-optic communications cables in the Baltic Sea, including one linking Finland and Germany, were severed, raising suspicions of sabotage by bad actors, countries and companies involved said on Monday.

Items of Interest

1. [China's Third Defense Minister Under Probe For Corruption? Is Xi Jinping's "Personal Ambitions" Hurting PLA?](#) (EurAsian Times, 29 NOV, Shubhangi Palve)

Chinese Defence Minister Dong Jun is under investigation for corruption, as reported by the British newspaper The Financial Times. This makes him the third consecutive Chinese defense minister to face corruption allegations, dealing a significant blow to President Xi Jinping's military modernization ambitions.

2. [After U.S. & Germany, 'Mystery UAVs' Hover Over Military Facilities In The UK; Is Russia Behind The Act?](#) (EurAsian Times, 25 NOV, Sakshi Tiwari)

After the US and Germany reported the appearance of mystery drones over their military facilities, some unidentified drones have been spotted over military bases in the United Kingdom— a worrying trend that poses a massive threat to security.

3. [5th Generation War: A War Without Borders and its Impact on Global Security](#) (Modern Diplomacy, 25 NOV, Hafsa Nawaz)

Early risers in North Carolina in 2016 awoke to a chilly morning and a harsh new fact: petrol stations were running out, and panic was setting in.

4. [North Korea's Kim accuses US of stoking tension, warns of nuclear war](#) (Reuters, 22 NOV, Hyonhee Shin)

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has accused the United States of ramping up tension and provocations, saying the Korean peninsula has never faced a greater risk of nuclear war, state media KCNA said on Friday.

5. [China-Taiwan Weekly Update, November 21, 2024](#) (ISW, 21 NOV, Matthew Sperzel, Daniel Shats, Alison O'Neil, Karina Wugang,, Will Pickering and Alexis Turek)

Key Takeaways

- ROC President Lai Ching-te may plan to transit through Hawaii and possibly Guam during a trip to Taiwan's South Pacific allies in late November or early December.
- The PRC released the captain of a Taiwanese fishing vessel whom it had detained since July following a visit by Taiwanese officials from Penghu County.
- Xi's and Biden's agreement not to integrate artificial intelligence (AI) into nuclear weapons control systems signals Beijing's willingness to implement guardrails in areas that it has previously been noncommittal about cooperating in.
- The PRC debuted its J-35A stealth fighter at Airshow China 2024. The fighter is the PRC's second stealth plane and reportedly greatly expands China's power projection capability into the Pacific.
- Xi's and Biden's agreement not to integrate artificial intelligence (AI) into nuclear weapons control systems signals Beijing's willingness to discuss AI safety despite previously withholding nuclear talks to punish the US for supporting Taiwan.
- The PRC did not interfere with a Philippine resupply mission to the Sierra Madre in Second Thomas Shoal. It is continuing to abide by a provisional agreement it reached with the Philippines in July 2024 despite continuing tensions over the



two countries' territorial disputes.

- The PRC warned the United States and the Philippines against increasing regional tensions following the signing of a US-Philippines intelligence sharing agreement.
- Anonymous European Union diplomats said that the EU has “conclusive” and “credible” evidence that a factory in the PRC’s Xinjiang region is producing and exporting drones for Russia.

6. **[ICBM Reentry Vehicle Capability Still Unproven By North Korea, U.S. Military Says](#)** (TWZ, 20 NOV, Joseph Trevithick)

North Korea is actively working on reentry vehicle technology that is especially critical for fielding functional ICBMs.

7. **[Joe Biden’s “Parting Shot” At China! U.S. Signs Key Military Intelligence Pact – GSOMIA – With Philippines](#)** (EurAsian Times, 18 NOV, Ashish Dangwal)

The United States and the Philippines have taken a crucial step in bolstering their military partnership, signing a General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) to facilitate the secure exchange of classified intelligence and advanced defense technologies.

8. **[Kim Jong Un calls for nuclear arsenal expansion 'without limit'](#)** (UPI, 18 NOV, Thomas Maresca)

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called for strengthening the country's nuclear weapons capacity "without limit" and completing war preparations against what he claimed was a "frantic" military buildup led by the United States, state media reported Monday.

9. **[North Korea Getting New Air Defenses In Return For Supporting Russia In Ukraine: Official](#)** (TWZ Times, 22 NOV, Thomas Newdick)

Advanced surface-to-air missiles may be the first major Russian arms headed to North Korea in return for its support in the war in Ukraine.



Middle East Conflicts

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. [Here's where ceasefire talks in the war between Israel and Hezbollah have been stuck](#) (AP News, 25 NOV, Abby Sewell & Tia Goldenberg)

Diplomats and other officials say there have been several sticking points in ceasefire talks to end the war between Israel and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, even as conditions for an agreement appear to be ripe.

3. [Hezbollah Believed to Be Using Copy of Israeli Missile Against Israel](#) (NY Times, 23 NOV, Lara Jakes & Ronen Bergman)

The Lebanese militant group Hezbollah has been using an advanced missile against Israel that was reverse-engineered from an Israeli weapon it captured in a past war, according to Israeli defense officials.

4. [The Cost of Inaction in Yemen](#) (ISW, 22 NOV, Brian Carter)

The Houthis now pose a strategic threat with global implications for the United States and its allies. The United States and its allies have failed to prevent Iran from strengthening the Houthis' military capabilities since 2015.

5. [UN Resolution 1701, cornerstone of any Israel-Hezbollah truce](#) (Reuters, 21 NOV, Jana Choukeir)

A United Nations resolution that ended the last round of deadly conflict between Hezbollah and Israel in 2006 is seen as the cornerstone of a new ceasefire being negotiated by the United States.

6. [Understanding Israel's Campaign to Defeat Hezbollah in Lebanon](#) (ISW, 21 NOV, Johanna Moore)

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) campaign into Lebanon is degrading Hezbollah and

destroying its military capabilities and infrastructure in southern Lebanon. The IDF campaign is a response to Hezbollah's rocket and drone attacks into Israel since October 2023, which forced thousands of civilians to evacuate their homes in northern Israel.

7. [Hezbollah's Rockets Remain a Threat Despite Israel's Crushing Offensive](#) (NY Times, 20 NOV, Eric Schmitt, Julian E. Barnes & Isabel Kershner)

Israel's failure to tamp down the short-range rocket threat has put pressure on its government to embrace a cease-fire.

8. [Iran Vows to Carry Out Attack Against Israel](#) (Newsweek, 19 NOV, Jordan King)

Iran's Foreign Minister has vowed to attack Israel in response to its October strike "at the right time," saying: "We have not given up our right to react to the Zionists."

9. [Suspected attacks by Houthi rebels in Yemen target a ship in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden](#) (AP News, 18 NOV, Jon Gambrell)

Suspected attacks by Yemen's Houthi rebels targeted a Panama-flagged bulk carrier traveling through the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, though no damage or injuries were reported, authorities said Monday.

Russia-Ukraine Conflict

1. Institute for The Study of War

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2. [Ukraine's Top Commander Wants New Counteroffensive, Says It's The Only Path To Victory](#) (TWZ, 27 NOV, Howard Altman)

Ukraine would face serious challenges and take on significant risks pulling off another counteroffensive.

3. [Ukraine says Russian attack sets a new record for the number of drones used](#) (AP News, 26 NOV, Hanna Arhirova)

Russia launched 188 drones against most regions of Ukraine in a nighttime blitz, the Ukrainian air force said Tuesday, describing it as a record number of drones deployed in a single attack.

4. [Lethal Salvo Of ATACMS Hits Russian Military Airfield For The Very First Time; How Will Moscow Respond?](#) (EurAsian Times, 26 NOV, Ashish Dangwal)

On November 25, Ukraine, for the first time, reportedly attacked a military airfield in Russia using the US-supplied Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS).

5. [Russia warns South Korea against supplying weapons to Ukraine](#) (UPI, 25 NOV, Thomas Maresca)

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko issued a warning to South Korea against supplying lethal aid to Ukraine, saying that the move would "fully destroy relations" between the two countries.

6. [Ukraine War Map Reveals Russia's Rapid Front Line Advances](#) (Newsweek, 25 NOV, Brendan Cole & John Feng)

Russian forces have been advancing far more quickly in Donetsk region in recent weeks than they did for the whole of last year, according to the Institute for the Study of War (ISW), whose map shows the state of play on the front line.

7. [**Ukraine Lost Nearly Half The Territory It Captured In Russia: Report \(TWZ, 24 NOV, Howard Altman\)**](#)

Ukraine Situation Report: Ukraine's President Zelensky said Russia is trying to push his forces out of Kursk before Trump returns to the White House.

8. [**Ukraine War: 1st Use Of MIRV In Combat: Why “Non-Nuclear” MIRV Missile Has Shocked The World? \(Eurasian Times, 23 NOV, Sakshi Tiwari\)**](#)

In a significant escalation in the ongoing Ukraine War, Russia launched a ballistic missile using Multiple Independent Re-entry Vehicles (MIRVs) against a Ukrainian city on November 21. This marks the first-ever use of MIRV in combat and has sent shockwaves across the world.

9. [**North Korean Troops Deployed to New Russian Frontline Region \(Newsweek, 23 NOV, Rachel Dobkin\)**](#)

North Korean troops have been deployed to a new Russian frontline region, a Ukrainian official said Friday.

10. [**USSR “Rescues” Russia In Ukraine War! Soviet-Era Stockpiles Sustain Kremlin’s Ops Despite ‘Heavy Losses’: UK MoD \(Eurasian Times, 23 NOV, Ashish Dangwal\)**](#)

As the war in Ukraine drags on for over 1,000 days, Russia’s military has found itself increasingly reliant on a crucial resource from its past—Soviet-era stockpiles—to sustain its war effort.

11. [**Russia’s Experimental Ballistic Missile Used To Strike Ukraine Is Based On The RS-26 Rubezh \(TWZ, 21 NOV, Joseph Trevithick\)**](#)

Details are emerging about Russia's new 'Oreshnik' ballistic missile and its genesis.

12. [**North Korea sent more conventional weapons to Russia, South Korea says \(AP News, 20 NOV, Hyung-Jin Kim & Kim Tong-Hyung\)**](#)

North Korea recently supplied additional artillery systems to Russia to support its war efforts against Ukraine, while some of the thousands of North Korean troops deployed in Russia have begun engaging in combat, South Korea’s spy agency told lawmakers Wednesday.

13. [**Russia Slams ATACMS Attack On Bryansk Region; FM Lavrov Says It Appears ‘West Wants Escalation’ \(EurAsian Times, 19 NOV, Ashish Dangwal\)**](#)

Ukraine launched a significant strike on a Russian weapons depot in the town of Karachev, located in the Bryansk region, over 110 kilometers from its border.

14. [**U.S.-Supplied ATACMS Missile Strike Inside Russia Have Begun \(TWZ, 19 NOV, Thomas Newdick\)**](#)

Ukraine has struck a weapons depot in Russia with ATACMS short-range ballistic missiles.

15. [**Ukraine fires ATACMS missiles into Russia, officials say \(DW, 19 NOV\)**](#)

It is the first time Kyiv has used the US-supplied longer-range missiles to strike Russia. After 1,000 days of fighting, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has called on the EU to



press for a just peace. DW has more.

16. [**Ukraine Now Allowed To Use Long-Range Missiles Deep Into Russia: Reports**](#) (TWZ, 17 NOV, Howard Altman)

This represents a major policy change two months before Donald Trump takes office.

17. [**The Ukrainian Defense of Pokrovsk Has Compelled Russia to Change Its Approach in Eastern Ukraine**](#) (ISW, 17 NOV, Angelica Evans)

Russian forces launched offensive operations intended to seize Pokrovsk in Donetsk Oblast during Spring 2024 at the moment of greatest constraints on Ukraine's manpower and materiel following the suspension of US assistance in Fall 2023.