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Cyber

1. [Navigating AI-powered cyber threats in 2025: 4 expert security tips for businesses](#) (ZD Net, 13 MAR, Dan Patterson)

AI-powered cyber threats are reshaping security landscapes. Businesses that don't evolve will be vulnerable to increasingly sophisticated attacks - here's how to stay ahead.

2. [Types of Cyber Attacks Explained \[2025\]](#) (Simplilearn, 11 MAR, Kusum Saini)

Life today is significantly more convenient, thanks to the seamless integration of digital devices and the internet. However, with every technological advancement comes a downside, and the digital world is no exception. While the internet has revolutionized how we work, communicate, and live, it has also introduced a critical challenge—data security.

3. [Zero-Days Put Tens of 1,000s of Orgs at Risk for VM Escape Attacks](#) (Dark Reading, 07 MAR, Rob Wright)

More than 41,000 ESXi instances remain vulnerable to a critical VMware vulnerability, one of three that Broadcom disclosed earlier this week.

4. [Malvertising campaign leads to info stealers hosted on GitHub](#) (Microsoft, 06 MAR, Microsoft Threat intelligence)

In early December 2024, Microsoft Threat Intelligence detected a large-scale malvertising campaign that impacted nearly one million devices globally in an opportunistic attack to steal information. The attack originated from illegal streaming websites embedded with malvertising redirectors, leading to an intermediary website where the user was then redirected to GitHub and two other platforms. The campaign impacted a wide range of organizations and industries, including both consumer and enterprise devices, highlighting the indiscriminate nature of the attack.

5. [US charges Chinese hackers and government officials in a broad cybercrime campaign](#) (AP News, 06 MAR, Eric Tucker & Dake Kang)

Twelve Chinese nationals — including mercenary hackers, law enforcement officers and employees of a private hacking company — have been charged in connection with global cybercrime campaigns targeting dissidents, news organizations, U.S. agencies and universities, the Justice Department says.

6. [US says China operating 'hacker for hire' network available for cyberattacks worldwide](#) (SCMP, 06 MAR, Khushboo Razdan, Igor Patrick & Bochen Bochen Han)

Justice Department charges 12 Chinese contract hackers and law enforcement officials in global computer intrusion campaigns

7. [Chinese APT Lotus Panda Targets Governments With New Sagerunex Backdoor Variants](#) (The Hacker News, 05 MAR, Ravie Lakshmanan)

The threat actor known as Lotus Panda has been observed targeting government, manufacturing, telecommunications, and media sectors in the Philippines, Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Taiwan with updated versions of a known backdoor called Sagerunex.

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8. [**Silk Typhoon targeting IT supply chain \(Microsoft, 05 MAR, Microsoft Threat intelligence\)**](#)

Microsoft Threat Intelligence identified a shift in tactics by Silk Typhoon, a Chinese espionage group, now targeting common IT solutions like remote management tools and cloud applications to gain initial access. While they haven't been observed directly targeting Microsoft cloud services, they do exploit unpatched applications that allow them to elevate their access in targeted organizations and conduct further malicious activities. After successfully compromising a victim, Silk Typhoon uses the stolen keys and credentials to infiltrate customer networks where they can then abuse a variety of deployed applications, including Microsoft services and others, to achieve their espionage objectives. Our latest blog explains how Microsoft security solutions detect these threats and offers mitigation guidance, aiming to raise awareness and strengthen defenses against Silk Typhoon's activities.

9. [**Cyber Threat Intelligence Explained \(CrowdStrike, 04 MAR, Kurt Baker\)**](#)

Threat intelligence refers to the collection, processing, and analysis of data to understand a threat actor's motives, targets, and attack methods. It transforms raw data into actionable insights, enabling security teams to make informed, data-driven decisions. This shifts organizations from a reactive to a proactive stance in defending against cyber threats.

10. [**Web DDoS attacks see major surge as AI allows more powerful attacks \(Tech Radar, 04 MAR, Sead Fadilpašić\)**](#)

Layer 7 Web DDoS attacks increased five-fold in the span of a year

11. [**Web DDoS attacks increased 6x in 2024 thanks to AI! \(Android Headlines, 04 MAR, Akshay Kumar\)**](#)

Radware has released its 2025 Global Threat Analysis report. In it, the firm claims that last year saw a noticeable surge in Web Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks, mostly thanks to AI lowering the security barrier. Radware's latest report is based on the intelligence provided by 2024 network and app attack activity from its cloud and managed services and the threat intelligence research team. Furthermore, the report included information found on Telegram, an insanely popular messaging platform among cyber threat actors.

12. [**Threat Actors Exploiting AES Encryption for Stealthy Payload Protection \(gbHackers, 03 MAR, Aman Mishra\)**](#)

Cybersecurity researchers have uncovered a surge in the use of Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) encryption by threat actors to shield malicious payloads from detection.

13. [**260 Domains Hosting 5,000 Malicious PDFs to Steal Credit Card Data \(gbHackers, 28 FEB, Divya\)**](#)

Netskope Threat Labs uncovered a sprawling phishing operation involving 260 domains hosting approximately 5,000 malicious PDF files.

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Electromagnetic Warfare

1. [**Our Best Look At North Korea's New Early-Warning Radar Plane**](#) (TWZ, 14 MAR, Thomas Newdick)

North Korea's mysterious airborne early warning and control aircraft continues to take shape and has now received its radome.

2. [**Ukrainian startup supplies secure radios to US Air Force**](#) (Defence Blog, 12 MAR, Dylan Malyasov)

Ukrainian defence-tech startup Himera, known for producing radio-electronic warfare (EW)-resistant radios, has announced the delivery of its communication systems to the U.S. Air Force.

3. [**Space Force Chief "Enamored By Systems That Deny, Disrupt, And Degrade" Satellites**](#) (TWZ, 11 MAR, Thomas Newdick)

Chief of Space Operations Gen. Chance Saltzman alluded to the kinds of counter-space capabilities that the U.S. Space Force is now prioritizing.

4. [**Study shows GNSS interference in the Baltic Sea**](#) (Safety 4 Sea, 04 MAR)

Gdynia Maritime University and GPSPATRON have conducted a study regarding GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) interference at ground level in the Baltic Sea which can affect maritime navigation, port security, and vessel operations.

5. [**China's New Electronic Warfare Can Instantly Cripple Enemy Weapons—Is the U.S. Falling Behind?**](#) (Indian Defense Review, 03 MAR, Djamila Lazri)

Electronic warfare is no longer science fiction—AI-driven EMP and microwave weapons can silently disable military systems in seconds. As China surges ahead, the U.S. faces a critical battle to catch up.

6. [**DE 101: Directed Energy Weapons: A Technology in Transition**](#) (JED, 01 MAR, David C. Stoudt. Ph.D.)

It is not often that one sees a new weapon emerge on the battlefield that significantly changes how targets are neutralized or destroyed. The invention of gunpowder in China in the 9th century, followed by harnessing its power to propel projectiles in the 12th century, led to the end of spears, arrows, and catapults as wartime weapons of choice. Since then, nearly all weapon systems impact targets through kinetic effects that are produced either directly by a projectile, such as a bullet or Missile Defense Agency (MDA) hit-to-kill interceptor, or by shrapnel combined with blast overpressure effects, as with a 155 mm artillery shell or a Standard Missile block 2 fired from a Navy surface combatant. Although we have increased the rate of fire, range, accuracy, agility and area coverage, in the end, we are still, except for nuclear weapons, delivering kinetic effects. Nuclear weapons are clearly an outlier in that they primarily produce blast overpressure with a large fireball and heavy radiation close to the detonation point.

7. [**From the JED Archives: Russia Developing More Sophisticated Approach to EW**](#) (JED, 01 MAR, Hope Swedeen)

At a January 2018 panel discussion hosted by The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Roger McDermott, senior fellow in Eurasian military studies at King's College in London, spoke to his report, "Russia's Electronic Warfare Capabilities to 2025: Challenging NATO in the Electromagnetic Spectrum."

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Information Advantage

1. [How disinformation intensified Syria's weekend of violence](#) (DW, 11 MAR, Cathrin Schaer)
Over the weekend, Syria saw its worst violence since the end of the dictatorship — along with significant social media disinformation. AI fakes and manipulated historical images online inflamed the real-life fighting.
2. [China has a new 'completely autonomous' AI agent. Here's what to know about Manus](#) (Quartz, 10 MAR, Britney Nguyen)
Manus AI says its general AI agent can autonomously perform tasks such as planning trips and analyzing stocks
3. [China emphasizes cognitive warfare against Taiwan during 'two sessions'](#) (Taipei Times, 05 MAR, Su Yung-yao & Sam Garcia)
China is stepping up cognitive warfare against Taiwan, as its United Front Work Department develops a specialized misinformation task force, a national security official said.
4. [Maps showing China's growing influence in Africa distort reality – but some risks are real](#) (The Conversation, 04 MAR, Naomi Schalit)
Global power dynamics in Africa are shifting, with China eclipsing the influence of the US and France. China has become Africa's single largest trading partner.
5. [US-China engagement in Africa: A crossroads](#) (Brookings, 03 MAR, Yun Sun)
Since the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, China has gradually but steadfastly resumed its economic engagement with Africa.¹ However, this reengagement has taken on new features, the most distinct being the prominence of Chinese investment in acquiring mining and critical mineral assets in Africa.

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Signal

1. [Europe's telecoms sector under increased threat from cyber spies, warns Denmark](#) (The Record, 14 MAR, Alexander Martin)
Denmark's cybersecurity agency published a threat assessment on Thursday warning of an increase in state-sponsored cyber espionage activities targeting the telecommunications sector in Europe.
2. [FCC Launches Inquiry on Alternative PNT Technologies Inside](#) (GNSS, 07 MAR)
The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a draft Notice of Inquiry (NOI) that, if adopted, will seek input on the development of alternative Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) technologies to complement GPS.
3. [Researchers Turn to "Sidewalk Matching" to Fix the GPS Urban Canyon Problem, Improve Accuracy](#) (Hackser, 07 MAR, Gareth Halfacree)
A new approach to GNSS location calculations in urban areas delivers a major gain in accuracy — using existing smartphone technology.
4. [All-band GNSS receiver enables affordable cm-level precision](#) (EE News Europe, 06 MAR, Jean-Pierre Joosting)
U-blox has launched the ZED-X20P all-band GNSS receiver module, which delivers global, centimeter-level location precision to the mass market at a total cost of up to 90% less than traditional options.
5. [Army surveys industry for companies able to provide zero trust cyber security to protect tactical networks](#) (Military Aerospace, 06 MAR, John Keller)
Solutions should implement zero-trust, and operate amid denied, degraded, intermittent, or limited contested communications and information.
6. [Big Tech is starry-eyed over quantum computers, but scientists say major breakthroughs are years away](#) (Business Insider, 04 MAR, Katherine Tangalakis-Lippart)
The field of quantum computing has become increasingly prominent after recent announcements of new quantum chip prototypes from Google, Microsoft, and Amazon. Still, some industry insiders remain skeptical that the technology has advanced as far as the companies claim.
7. [Chinese Team Officially Report on Zuchongzhi 3.0, Claims Million Times Speedup Over Google's Sycamore](#) (Quantum Insider, 04 MAR, Matt Swayne)
A Chinese research team has officially published findings that their quantum processor, Zuchongzhi 3.0, outperforms Google's latest quantum computing efforts by a factor of one million. The study, released in Physical Review Letters and detailed previously on arXiv, reinforces China's growing influence in the race for quantum computational advantage, a milestone where quantum computers outperform classical machines in specific tasks.

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8. [Massive Iran-linked botnet launches DDoS attacks against telecom, gaming platforms](#) (Cyber Security Dive, 03 MAR, David Jones)

Researchers from Nokia Deepfield and GreyNoise warn the botnet has grown to more than 30,000 devices.

9. [Russian telecom Beeline facing outages after cyberattack](#) (The Record, 03 MAR, Daryna Antoniuk)

Some Russians had their internet disrupted on Monday due to a targeted distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack on the telecom Beeline — the second major attack on the Moscow-based company in recent weeks.

10. [Routers Under Attack as Scanning Attacks on IoT and Networks Surge to Record Highs](#) (gbHackers, 03 MAR, Aman Mishra)

In a concerning trend, the frequency of scanning attacks targeting Internet of Things (IoT) devices and network routers has surged dramatically, reaching unprecedented levels.

11. [Planes are having their GPS hacked. Could new clocks keep them safe?](#) (BBC, 02 MAR, Pallab Ghosh)

As a Ryanair flight from London approached Vilnius, Lithuania, on 17 January, its descent was suddenly aborted. Just minutes from touching down, the aircraft's essential Global Positioning System (GPS) suffered an unexplained interference, triggering an emergency diversion.

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Items of Interest

1. [China-Taiwan Weekly Update, March 14, 2025](#) (ISW, 14 MAR, Matthew Sperzel, Daniel Shats, Alison O'Neil, Karina Wugang, Kiley Pittman, Alexis Turek & Yeji Chung)

Key Takeaways

- Taiwan. The People's Republic of China (PRC) is trying to leverage its influence in friendly countries to persecute pro-independence Taiwanese nationals who live or travel there, according to an internal Taiwanese government memo.
- Taiwan. Taiwanese celebrities circulated PRC propaganda that framed Taiwan as a PRC province, demonstrating how the PRC coopts media and prominent personalities to conduct information operations, especially targeting the international community and Taiwanese people.
- Taiwan. The PRC sent 11 high-altitude balloons into the Taiwanese ADIZ, marking a record high of balloon intrusions in a single day. The PRC likely uses the balloons to collect intelligence on items of military significance around Taiwan and to degrade Taiwan's threat awareness.
- PRC. The US Justice Department unsealed indictments against 12 PRC nationals for their involvement in "global computer intrusion campaigns" targeting US public and private entities. These indictments highlight the PRC practice of contracting hackers to access and steal private data.
- Australia. PLA Navy vessels circumnavigated Australia following unprecedented and provocative exercises in the Tasman Sea. The PRC is likely trying to intimidate Australia while expanding its naval presence in the South Pacific. The PRC may have also conducted intelligence gathering operations during the transit.
- Russia. The PRC is trying to present itself to Europe as a reasonable alternative to the United States in negotiations to end the war in Ukraine. The PRC effort to play a key mediating role is unlikely to succeed due to Beijing's continued support for Russia, however.

2. [Taiwan calls China 'foreign hostile force' and vows tough measures](#) (BBC, 14 MAR, Koh Ewe)

In some of his strongest rhetoric yet amid worsening cross-strait ties, Taiwan leader Lai Ching-te has labelled China a "foreign hostile force".

He said Taiwan had "no choice but to take even more proactive measures" as a result, as he announced a raft of new national security measures, including reinstating a military court system and tightening the residency criteria for those from China, Hong Kong and Macau.

3. [Our Best Look Yet At China's New 'Invasion Barges'](#) (TWZ, 13 MAR, Thomas Newdick)

The interconnected jack-up barges form a temporary pier that could be highly useful in an invasion of Taiwan.

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4. [What we know about Duterte's ICC arrest warrant... in 92 seconds \(Video\)](#) (BBC, 12 MAR, Ian Casey & Gabriela Boccaccio)

The former president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, has arrived in the Netherlands after the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant over his deadly "war on drugs".

During Duterte's time in office, thousands of small-time drug dealers, users and others were killed without trial.

5. [China Is Waging a 'Gray Zone' Campaign to Cement Power. Here's How It Looks.](#) (WSJ, 09 MAR, Niharika Mandhana & Camille Bressange)

Years of ship-tracking data, flight paths and satellite images show a clear intensification of Beijing's tactics across a swath of Asia

6. [China-Taiwan Weekly Update, March 7, 2025](#) (ISW, 07 MAR, Matthew Sperzel, Alison O'Neil, Karina Wugang, Alexis Turek & Yeji Chung)

Key Takeaways

- Taiwan. Recall campaigns against 32 legislators in the KMT opposition advanced to the next stage. Successful recalls could shift the balance of power in the Taiwanese legislature to favor the ruling DPP.
- Taiwan. The PRC launched a sudden military exercise south of Taiwan likely as a coercive show of force. This follows similarly provocative PRC exercises near Vietnam, Australia, and New Zealand.
- South Korea. Anti-PRC sentiments have surged in South Korea, following President Yoon Suk-yeol mentioning PRC espionage repeatedly in his impeachment trial. A leading presidential candidate reversed his pro-PRC position in response to this public frustration.
- The Philippines. The Philippines arrested PRC nationals for espionage targeting military and government sites, including the presidential palace. This alleged espionage is part of the PRC's and United Front's clandestine activities in the Philippines.
- Russia. PRC President Xi Jinping met Russian Security Council Secretary Sergei Shoigu in Beijing. The PRC in the meeting reaffirmed its strategic cooperation with Russia while trying to project an image of neutrality in the Russia-Ukraine War.

7. [China's Defense Budget Soars To \\$246 Billion; IAF Veteran Says The Real Number Could Be "Much Higher"](#) (EurAsian Times, 06 MAR, Sakshi Tiwari)

Amid intensifying rivalry with the United States and persisting tensions in the Taiwan Strait, China has decided to hike its 2025 defense budget by a whopping 7.2% to US\$246 billion.

8. [Norway 'Red Flags' China's Increasing Footprints In Its Backyard! Warns Against Russia-China Arctic Alliance](#) (EurAsian Times, 05 MAR, Sakshi Tiwari)

Once a frozen landmass, the Arctic is turning into a centre of geopolitical competition between the West and its rivals. After Russia, the expansion of Chinese presence in the high north has purportedly rattled NATO members, particularly Norway and the United States.

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9. [Dealing with North Korea as It Deepens Military Cooperation with Russia](#) (RAND, 04 MAR, Naoko Aoki)

North Korea's growing friendship with Russia could yield benefits that empower the Kim Jong-un regime to pursue its strategic objectives more aggressively. To prevent that from happening, the United States needs to signal that its commitment to contribute to South Korea's self-defense remains unchanged. The following discussion assesses the current state of military cooperation between North Korea and Russia and considers options for the United States and South Korea to counter the potential benefits of such cooperation.

10. [Emerging Technology and Risk Analysis](#) (Rand, 04 MAR, Daniel M. Gerstein & Erin N Leidy)

This report is one in a series on analyses of the effects that emerging technologies could have on U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) missions and capabilities. As part of this research, the authors were charged with developing a technology and risk assessment methodology for evaluating emerging technologies and understanding their implications within a homeland security context. The methodology and analyses provide a basis for DHS to better understand the emerging technologies and the risks they present.

11. [Another mystery disease outbreak in DR Congo: What we know](#) (DW, 03 MAR, Matthew Ward Agius)

Is a new virus causing a disease outbreak and deaths in the Democratic Republic of Congo, or is the cause already known to science?

12. [Front-Line NATO Member Issues Warning About China's Ambitions in Arctic](#) (Newsweek, 03 MAR, Ryan Chan)

Norway, a NATO member located on the Arctic front line, has said that China's presence in the region is "limited but growing" as it increases cooperation with its quasi-ally Russia.

13. [War in Sudan - The forgotten crisis](#) (DW, 02 MAR)

The worst humanitarian and displacement crisis in the world right now is in Sudan. The World Food Programme says nearly 25 million people are facing acute food shortages - all driven by a war that has received little international attention.

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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. [Russia's Air Base In Syria Has Become Refuge From Fierce Sectarian Violence](#) (TWZ, 10`MAR, Howard Altman)

Syrians flocked to Khmeimim Air Base after hundreds were reportedly executed during fighting between Assad loyalists and the new government.

3. [Syria's government signs a breakthrough deal with Kurdish-led authorities in the northeast](#) (AP News, 10 MAR, Bassem Mroue, Kareem Chehayeb & Omar Albam)

Syria's interim government signed a deal Monday with the Kurdish-led authority that controls the country's northeast, including a ceasefire and the merging of the main U.S.-backed force there into the Syrian army.

4. [Understanding Syria's Emerging Insurgency](#) (ISW, 10 MAR, Brian Carter)

The new Syrian interim government faces a nascent insurgency across the country. The most organized insurgents are Alawites in the coastal areas. These Alawites are likely supported by Hezbollah smuggling networks, given these networks' overlapping activities around the Lebanon-Syria border.

5. [Iran says it is open to talks about concerns about militarization of its nuclear program](#) (AP News, 10 MAR)

Iran said Sunday it would consider negotiations with the United States if the talks were confined to concerns about the militarization of its nuclear program.

6. [Worst Fighting In Syria Since Fall Of Assad Regime](#) (TWZ, 08 MAR, Thomas Newdick)

Fighters loyal to the former Assad regime have risen against government forces in the volatile coastal region of northwest Syria.

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7. [**The West Must Offer Syria's Interim Government Tightly Conditioned Aid against an Emerging Assadist Insurgency**](#) (ISW, 07 MAR, Brian Carter)

An Assadist insurgency has emerged in western Syria and stands to help US adversaries expand their influence there. The insurgency has developed slowly since early January 2025. Insurgent activity involved hit-and-run attacks at first and has evolved gradually into overt civil conflict.

8. [**Houthi Weapons Arsenal Remains A Mystery To The U.S.**](#) (TWZ, 06 MAR, Howard Altman)

Despite 18 months of attacks by the Houthis, the U.S. does not have a clear idea of how many standoff weapons they possess or how they get all of them.

9. [**Houthis React to U.S. Sanctions**](#) (Newsweek, 06 MAR, Amira El-Fekki)

A senior member of the Iran-backed Houthi militant group, Ansar Allah, has responded after the United States took new measures against it, saying its operations against shipping in the Red Sea are a legitimate response to Israel blocking aid to Gaza.

10. [**Russia Is Chasing a Deal to Keep Its Military Bases in Syria**](#) (WSJ, 05 MAR, Benoit Faucon & Thomas Grove)

Days before the fall of President Bashar al-Assad, Russia said the Syrian rebels advancing on Damascus were terrorists. Now, with those rebels in power, Moscow senses an opportunity to both expand its economic footprint in Syria and hold on to its military bases there.

11. [**Arab leaders gather to discuss Gaza reconstruction**](#) (DW, 04 MAR, Mahima Kapoor)

Egypt, Jordan, Qatar and Saudi Arabia are seeking to come up with a plan to rebuild Gaza and counter Donald Trump's "riviera" proposal.

12. [**Israel: First fatal attack since Gaza ceasefire began**](#) (DW, 03 MAR, Emmy Sasipornkarn)

The stabbing at a transport station left at least one person dead and four injured. The alleged perpetrator — who held German citizenship — was killed in what police called a "terror attack."

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2. [Putin Open To Ceasefire Deal But Says “Nuances” Must Be Addressed First](#) (TWZ, 13 MAR, Joseph Trevithick)

Putin raised questions about Ukraine's ability to receive Western weapons and mobilize and train soldiers during any ceasefire.

3. [US, Ukraine agree on 30-day ceasefire proposal](#) (DW, 12 MAR, John Silk)

After intense talks in Saudi Arabia, US and Ukraine representatives have reached several agreements. The US said it will resume military aid and intelligence sharing to Ukraine.

4. [Ukraine On Verge Of Losing Key City In Russia’s Kursk Region](#) (TWZ, 12 MAR, Howard Altman)

The fall of Sudzha would represent a huge blow to Ukraine's efforts to hold onto its Kursk salient.

5. [Ukraine Hits Moscow With Biggest Ever Drone Attack](#) (WSJ, 11 MAR, Georgi Kantchev & Isabel Coles)

Strikes come hours before Ukrainian and U.S. officials are set to meet in Saudi Arabia

6. [Russian Raiders Crawled For Miles Through Gas Pipeline To Attack Ukrainians In Kursk](#) (TWZ, 10 MAR, Thomas Newdick)

The attempted Russian incursion into Ukrainian-held territory comes as Kyiv faces increasing pressure as it attempts to retain a foothold in the Kursk region.

7. [Russia’s Air Base In Syria Has Become Refuge From Fierce Sectarian Violence](#) (TWZ, 10 MAR, Howard Altman)

Syrians flocked to Khmeimim Air Base after hundreds were reportedly executed during fighting between Assad loyalists and the new government.

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8. [**Russia claims advances in Kursk region \(Video\)**](#) (DW, 08 MAR, Cynthis Cave)
Russia said its troops had retaken three villages seized by Ukraine in its Kursk border region in a fresh setback for Kyiv as the prospect of peace negotiations appeared to be increasing.
9. [**Russia reacts to shifts in US, EU policies on Ukraine \(Video\)**](#) (DW, 07 MAR, Sergei Satanovskii)
European leaders have agreed to dramatically boost their military spending after the US froze all military and intelligence assistance to Ukraine. In Russia, Kremlin propaganda has celebrated the shift in White House policy. Simultaneously, Europe's plans to boost its own military forces have sparked anger.
10. [**NATO Operations Chief's Five Lessons Learned From War In Ukraine**](#) (TWZ, 06 MAR, Howard Altman)
NATO is taking note of opportunities and glaring deficiencies in its ability to wage war, some of which are harder to capitalize on than others.
11. [**How Ukraine uses drones against Russia, transforming warfare \(Video\)**](#) (DW, 06 MAR, Nicholas Welsh)
Drones are not only shaping the war in Ukraine, but also how wars of the future will be fought. As Ukraine's fight against Russia's full-scale invasion enters its third year, drones are the most common weapon in the air and at sea.
12. [**The North Korean Defector Who's Been Called a 'Hero of Ukraine'**](#) (WSJ, 05 MAR, Dasl Yoon)
Lee Seongmin has become key to Kyiv's efforts to get inside the minds of soldiers sent by Kim Jong Un to fight for Russia
13. [**No Boots On The Ground! Ukraine To Get More Abrams MBTs; No Aussie Peacekeeping Troops: Reports**](#) (EurAsian Times, 04 MAR, Sakshi Tiwari)
As global support for Ukraine builds up and many countries consider sending peacekeeping troops in the event of a ceasefire between Moscow and Kyiv, one important country has already backed out from committing boots on the ground, promising more Abrams tanks instead.
14. [**Ukraine Confirms Mass Casualty Russian Missile Strike on Military Range**](#) (Newsweek, 03 MAR, Isabel van Brugen)
A Ukrainian general confirmed Monday that Russia's military carried out a missile strike on a training ground in the Ukraine's central Dnipropetrovsk region.

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15. [Russia is Cautiously Optimistic Following the Zelensky-Trump Meeting \(ISW, 03 MAR, Kateryna Stepanenko\)](#)

Key Takeaways:

- The Kremlin is falsely portraying US peace efforts in Ukraine as aligned with Russia's objective of destroying Ukraine's sovereignty.
- Russian state media and officials are misrepresenting US policy to suggest a shift toward supporting Russian goals, despite no official change from the Trump Administration.
- Some Russian officials express optimism that the United States will soon cut military aid to Ukraine, believing it would enable Russia's victory.
- Russian officials falsely claim that peace in Ukraine requires a Russian victory, misrepresenting US policy to their domestic audience.
- The Kremlin is using the Zelensky-Trump meeting to rally domestic support for the war, falsely framing it as a defense of Russian sovereignty.
- Russian officials are promoting baseless claims that the United States will remove Zelensky from office and are suggesting a shift in US policy that undermines European security.

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