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Cyber

 China's Cyber & Al Tech Rattles The U.S.; Intel Report Warns Of Growing Military Threat & Pressure On Taiwan (EurAsian Times, 28 MAR, Sumit Ahlawat)

China's rise as a global power has brought it into sharp focus as the principal military and cyber threat to the United States, according to a recent U.S. intelligence assessment.

2. Google confirms cyber 'espionage' attacks on Chrome users from 'highly sophisticated malware' (NY Post, 26 MAR, Brooke Kato)

Think before clicking on these links.

After cybersecurity experts discovered an influx of malware infecting Chrome users, Google has since confirmed the attacks and announced a security patch that will accompany the latest browser update.

3. <u>Fake DeepSeek ads spotted on Google: all you'll find are malware infections</u> (Cybernews, 26 MAR, Ernestas Naprys)

Clicking on sponsored results in a Google search can lead to a trojan infection and other scams. In the latest campaign, cybercriminals are impersonating DeepSeek, a popular artificial intelligence model, Malwarebytes researchers warn.

4. <u>Threat Actors Abuse Trust in Cloud Collaboration Platforms</u> (Infosecurity Magazine, 26 MAR, Alessandro Mascellino)

A growing number of phishing campaigns have been observed leveraging trusted online document platforms to evade secure email gateways (SEGs) and steal credentials.

5. <u>Is a hacker logged into your Google account? Here's how to check</u> (PC Word, 26 MAR, Alaina Yee)

Make sure you recognize the devices with active access to your email, photos, and other files.

6. North Korean Kimsuky Hackers New Tactics & Malicious Scripts in Latest Attacks (Cyber Security News, 26 MAR, Tushar Subhra Dutta)

A sophisticated cyberattack campaign attributed to the North Korean Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) group Kimsuky has been observed utilizing new tactics and malicious scripts.

7. Phishing campaign seeks to siphon Ukraine war intelligence from defense contractors (NextGov/FCW, 25 MAR, David DiMolfetta)

A large-scale phishing campaign has been targeting defense, aerospace and IT companies that support Ukraine's military in its war against Russia, likely seeking to harvest credentials and sensitive intelligence about the nation's war effort, according to findings made public Tuesday.

8. FBI Warning For All iPhone, Android Users—Hang Up Now, Use This Code (Forbes, 22 MAR, Davey Winder)

Update, March 22, 2025: This story, originally published March 20, has been updated with details of a new law enforcement from Europol about the changing DNA of criminality and the use of AI attacks, along with further information with regard to the ongoing AI cyber threats that Gmail users are facing and the FBI warning to use a secret code that has been issued in response.



9. <u>Cybercriminals target federal employee credentials with National Finance Center scam</u> (Fed Scoop, 21 MAR, Rebecca Heilweil)

The scam looks to trick federal workers searching for National Finance Center services through search engines into sharing their sensitive information.

10. <u>New Al Attack Compromises Google Chrome's Password Manager</u> (Forbes, 21 MAR, Davey Winder)

Update, March 21, 2025: This story, originally published March 19, has been updated with highlights from a new report into the AI threat landscape as well as a statement from OpenAI regarding the LLM jailbreak threat to Chrome password manager users.

11. FBI urges Gmail and Outlook users to act now against vicious cyberattack (Mirror, 18 MAR, Alex Shipman)

Security officials warned people to protect their accounts from Medusa, a program which holds users' emails and sensitive data hostage unless a ransom is paid

12. <u>Tackling the threat of cyber risk during Al adoption</u> (Information Security Buzz, 17 MAR, Andrew Smith)

Ever since Al's meteoric rise to prominence following the release of ChatGPT in November 2022, the technology has been at the centre of international debate. For every application in healthcare, education, and workplace efficiency, reports of abuse by cybercriminals for phishing campaigns, automating attacks, and ransomware have made mainstream news.



Electromagnetic Warfare

1. After Russia, China & India, N.Korea Becomes 4th Country To Get 'Eye-In-The-Sky' Mounted On II-76 Aircraft (EurAsian Times, 27 MAR, Ritu Sharma)

North Korea is modernizing its forces at a feverish pace. A new video has confirmed that the country has at least one 'Eye in the Sky' and is also working on Al-equipped kamikaze drones.

2. <u>Celebrating the Next Generation of EW Leaders (Podcast)</u> (AOC, 26 MAR)

Each year, the AOC Educational Foundation honors five exceptional young professionals through its Future 5 program, recognizing individuals who represent the future of the EW field through innovation, leadership, and impact. In this episode of From the Crows' Nest, host Ken Miller speaks with four of the 2024 Future 5 award recipients: Imani Davis, Matthew Copeland, Paul Kennedy, and Michael Gutierrez.

3. First North Korean Airborne Early Warning Jet Flies, Kim Shows Off Interior (TWZ, 26 MAR, Joseph Trevithick)

North Korea's radar plane, based on an II-76 cargo jet, has been taking shape for more than a year.

4. <u>Are Israel's GPS Attacks Impacting India As It Records 465 Incidents</u>
Of "GPS Spoofing" In Last 15 Months? (EurAsian Times, 24 MAR)

India recorded 465 incidents of interference with aircraft navigation systems between November 2023 and February 2025, mostly in the border regions of Amritsar and Jammu, both near the Pakistan border.

5. <u>India Unveils 'Powerful' D4 Anti-Drone System; IAF Expert Explains</u>
<u>How It Will Be A Game Changer For Military</u> (EurAsian Times, 23 MAR,
MJ Augustine Vinod)

"In today's battlespace, the first strike may not come from a fighter jet screaming across the skies—it could be a drone the size of a shoebox. And India is ready."

6. DOD turns its focus to 6G with concept that could help sense drones (Defense Scoop, 19 MAR, Billy Michell)

An early use case for 6G could give the Pentagon improved capabilities to sense drones in the environment surrounding a network.



Information Advantage

1. <u>China's Military Reportedly Deploys DeepSeek AI for Non-Combat Duties</u> (FDD, 27 MAR, Jack Burnham)

Though battlefield deployment may be a distant ambition, China's military is putting AI into service behind the front lines. The South China Morning Post reported on March 23 that the People's Liberation Army (PLA) has begun using DeepSeek's latest models in a range of non-combat roles while probing whether its AI could be applicable to combat scenarios.

2. How vulnerable is battlefield artificial intelligence (AI) to cyber and electronic warfare (EW) attack? (Military & Aerospace Electronics, 27 MAR, John Keller)

Military Al can be vulnerable to data poisoning, physically constrained adversarial patches for evasion, and model stealing attacks.

3. China is now using Al to supercharge censorship and repression (Cryptopolitan, 26 MAR, Shummas Humayun)

Leaked data shows China is using large language models to boost its censorship machine.

A recent leak reveals that a sophisticated AI system, built on 133,000 examples of user content, is designed to flag any material deemed sensitive by the government.

4. China-Taiwan War: Taipei Faces "Existential Threat" From Its Own People As Beijing Uses Diverse Tactics To Beat Taipei (EurAsian Times, 21 MAR)

Taiwan faces a growing existential threat from its own people spying for China, experts warn, as the government seeks to toughen measures to stop Beijing's infiltration efforts and deter Taiwanese turncoats.

5. Trump's cuts to Voice of America may be welcomed by China's government (AP News, 18 MAR, Ken Moritsugu & Huizhong Wu)

The recent move by U.S. President Donald Trump to make cuts at Voice of America and other U.S. government-run media may be welcome news for China's ruling Communist Party.

6. China's Al war heats up as Baidu releases DeepSeek rival (Cyptopolitan, 16 MAR, Jai Hamid)

Baidu launched its newest artificial intelligence models, Wenxin Big Model 4.5 and Wenxin Big Model X1, intensifying China's Al battle. The company made the announcement on Sunday, confirming that both models are now live on the Wenxin Yiyan platform and available for free use.



Signal

1. Report: China worried about Starlink, might provoke US in space (Cyber News, 27 MAR, Gintaras Radauskas)

The US satellite constellation Starlink, owned by Elon Musk's SpaceX, could be targeted by China, which is building its own equivalent system, an influential US think tank has warned in a new report.

2. <u>6G is expected to change the way global citizens interact – What does it entail?</u> (Cryptopolitan, 26 MAR, Florence Muchai)

The next generation of wireless technology, 6G, is expected to change how people interact with technology and the world, adding more improvements to its predecessor, 5G. Tech companies are reportedly working on its development, and international discussions on regulatory standards for its commercial deployment are underway.

3. <u>Pentagon's use of commercial telecoms draw scrutiny after Chinese breaches</u> (NextGov/FCW, 25 MAR, Bradley Peniston)

The Pentagon's inspector general is launching a three-pronged investigation into the department's "failure to secure its unclassified telephone communications from foreign espionage," a top IG official has informed lawmakers.

4. Chinese Military Views of Low Earth Orbit (RAND, 24 MAR, Howard Wang, Jackson Smith & Cristina L. Garafola)

Proliferated constellations in low earth orbit (LEO) have demonstrated significant battlefield utility in the Russia-Ukraine war and are likely to continue serving as an important component of space power in wartime. How Chinese leaders view these continued developments will have important implications for managing military escalation in space.

5. China Admits It Has Tech To Sabotage Undersea Cables; Unveils Powerful Deep-Sea Cable Cutter That Can Disrupt World Order (EurAsian Times, 24 MAR, Sakshi Tiwari)

China has been suspected of deliberately snapping undersea cables on at least two occasions in the past two years—a charge that it has consistently denied. However, in a rather uncanny development, a Chinese scientific body has now publicly unveiled a device that could be used to sever undersea cables.

6. <u>UK cyber agency suggests 2035 deadline to move to quantum-safe encryption, warns of threats</u> (CSO, 20 MAR, Aby Thomas)

The UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has warned that future quantum computers could break today's encryption, urging businesses and government agencies to start preparing for a post-quantum era before it's too late.



Items of Interest

 Bodies of 3 US Soldiers Recovered from Swamp in Lithuania; Search for Last Missing Soldier Ongoing (Military.com, 31 MAR, Steve Beynon)

The bodies of three American soldiers who had been missing since last week after their armored vehicle became trapped in deep mud during a military exercise in Lithuania have been recovered, the U.S. Army said Monday. A search for the fourth soldier remained underway.

2. <u>Lithuania recovers US army vehicle, soldiers' fate unknown</u> (DW, 31 MAR, Dmytro Hubenko)

Rescuers in Lithuania have pulled a US military vehicle out of a swamp after it sank during a training exercise. The fate of four missing US soldiers remains unknown.

3. <u>"Attack On The World": Russia's Deployment Of Nuclear Weapons In Space Could Wreak Havoc On Global Infra, U.S. Warns</u> (EurAsian Times, 28 MAR, Shubhangi Palve)

The United States has once again sounded an alarm over Russia's development of a satellite designed to carry nuclear weapons for anti-satellite operations, a move that could have catastrophic global consequences.

4. China-Taiwan Weekly Update, March 27, 2025 (ISW, 21 MAR, Daniel Shats, Alison O'Neil, Karina Wugang, Grant Morgan, Alex Chou & Katherine Wells)

Key Takeaways

- Taiwan: Taiwanese President William Lai Ching-te announced new nominees to the Constitutional Court to fill positions necessary to reach quorum for constitutional review. The court is the last institutional recourse to block oppositionsupported budget cuts that would significantly undermine the Taiwanese ability to resist PRC coercion and attack.
- Taiwan. The PRC is continuing to develop its ability to cut undersea cables, which
 it could use to coerce and isolate Taiwan. A likely PRC-operated vessel entered
 Taiwanese waters likely in order to refuel other PRC vessels, including those
 involved in cable-cutting around Taiwan. The PRC is also developing additional
 technologies for cable-cutting, including some that are compatible with
 submarines.
- Taiwan: The Taiwanese coast guard expelled PRC fishing vessels illegally operating around Taiwan's Pratas Island. The PRC likely used the vessels to assert its jurisdiction there. Pratas Island has strategic value, as it lies in the northern South China Sea and hosts an airfield and a Taiwanese coast guard base.
- Japan: The PRC deployed coast guard ships around the disputed Senkaku Islands for the longest continuous period to date. The operation coincided with PRC Foreign Affairs Minister Wang Yi visiting Tokyo for a trilateral Japan-South Korea-PRC summit, highlighting how the PRC combines diplomacy with coercion in its foreign policy.



5. <u>4 American soldiers are missing from a training area near Lithuania's capital, the US military says</u> (AP News, 26 MAR)

Four U.S. Army soldiers have gone missing at a training area outside of Lithuania's capital, and a search is underway, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

6. <u>Iran Shows Off Underground 'Missile City'</u> (TWZ, 25 MAR, Howard Altman)

The facility holds some of Iran's most advanced weapons, but there appears to be a glaring vulnerability in how it is constructed.

7. China's "Ukraine": Another Mineral-Rich Region Is Fast Emerging
New Flashpoint As Beijing Faces The Heat In CPEC Zone! (EurAsian
Times, 22 MAR, Shubhangi Palve)

Nestled in Pakistan's southwest and heavily invested by China, Balochistan is a land of contradictions—immensely rich in resources yet deeply impoverished.

8. <u>China-Taiwan Weekly Update, March 21, 2025</u> (ISW, 21 MAR, Daniel Shats, Alison O'Neil, Karina Wugang, Nathan Blustajin, Alexis Turek, Yeji Chung & Alex Chou)

Key Takeaways

- Taiwan. Taiwanese President William Lai Ching-te announced 17 measures to counter PRC coercion and malign influence targeting the Taiwanese government, military, and people. His political opponents criticized these measures and downplayed the threat that the PRC poses.
- Taiwan. The Taiwanese legislature rejected a motion from the executive branch to reconsider major government budget cuts. These cuts would severely undermine Taiwan's ability to resist PRC threats and coercion.
- China. The PRC is developing barges with extendable piers, highlighting its growing amphibious military capabilities. These barges are similar to the "mulberries" that Allied forces used in the amphibious assault on Normandy in World War II.
- North Korea. North Korea is trying to increase its economic and media cooperation
 with the PRC. This comes as Russia and Ukraine may agree to a ceasefire, which
 could, in turn, reduce how much military assistance Russia is buying from North
 Korea.
- Latin America. PRC state media condemned a Hong Kong-based firm's sale of ports around the Panama Canal to a US company. The PRC may view the port sales as weakening its influence around Panama and Latin America by extension.
- Iran. The PRC, Russia, and Iran issued a joint statement effectively condemning
 the US "maximum pressure" policy vis-a-vis Iran. The statement reflects the PRC
 effort to internationally frame the United States as an aggressor and itself as a
 peaceful mediator.
- Yemen. A conflict monitoring group found PRC-made hydrogen fuel cells en route to the Houthis in Yemen. These fuel cells could be used to enhance Houthi drone capabilities, which would further increase the threat that the Houthis pose to international shipping.



9. China To Execute Ex-Engineer For Leaking State Secrets To A Foreign Agency, Jeopardizing National Security (EurAsian Times, 19 MAR)

A former Chinese engineer has been sentenced to death for leaking state secrets to a foreign power, Beijing's spy agency said Wednesday.

10. China demonstrated 'satellite dogfighting,' Space Force general says (Defense News, 18 MAR, Courtney Albon)

A top Space Force general said Tuesday that commercial systems have observed Chinese satellites rehearsing "dogfighting" maneuvers in low Earth orbit — the U.S. adversary's latest show of tactical and technological advancement in space capabilities.

11. Record thefts boost North Korea to third-largest bitcoin holder (The Times, 18 MAR, Richard Lloyd Parry)

A record-breaking cyber-hack last month puts Pyongyang's bitcoin reserves behind only the US and Britain, offering Kim Jong-un a financial lifeline

12. China's Xi Is Angered by Panama Port Deal That Trump Touted as a Win (WSJ, 18 MAR, Lingling Wei, Rebecca Feng & Raffaele Huang)

Beijing leader's displeasure finds outlet in critical commentaries, but his tools to block sale by Hong Kong company are limited

 North Korea Makes New US Military Demands of Trump (Newsweek, 17 MAR, Ryan Chan)

North Korea warned that the United States "war reinforcements" will be "contained and wiped out" after additional American stealth fighter jets were sent to Northeast Asia



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. <u>B-2 Bombers: Iran Official Threatens To Bomb British Military Facility</u> <u>That US Air Force Could Use To Hit Iran</u> (EurAsian Times, 31 MAR, Sakshi Tiwari)

US President Donald Trump threatened Iran with bombing and secondary tariff hikes if the Islamic country did not make a deal with Washington over its nuclear program. The threats coincided with a rapid military build-up of the US military in and around the Middle East.

3. <u>Iran rejects direct nuke talks as Trump threatens 'bombing'</u> (DW, 30 MAR, Wesley Dockery)

Iran is skeptical of US President Donald Trump's push for a nuclear deal, after he pulled the US out of the Joint Comprehension Plan of Action during his first term in 2018.

4. Syria's dictator gone — but his drug dealers are still busy (DW, 25 MAR, Cathrin Schaer)

Syria's new interim government pledged to crack down on the illicit drug trade that the country's former dictator enriched himself with. But somehow large shipments of Captagon pills are still being found.

5. <u>Give in or escalate? What to expect as Trump warns Iran</u> (DW, 18 MAR, Shabnam von Hein)

Tensions between the US and Iran are on the rise, with Washington saying Tehran will face consequences if it keeps supporting its regional proxies and continues its nuclear program.

6. <u>Trump, Putin on same page about Iran's nuclear weapon capabilities, White House says</u> (Fox News, 18 MAR, Diana Stacy)

Trump and Putin agreed that Iran must not obtain access to nuclear weapons



7. <u>Is the war starting again in Gaza?</u> (BBC, 18 MAR, Raffi Berg)

A ceasefire which had halted fighting between Israel and Hamas for two months appears to be over following an intense wave of air strikes by Israel on what it said were Hamas targets in the Gaza Strip.

8. <u>Israel resumes airstrikes on Gaza as hostage talks stall (Video)</u> (DW, 18 MAR, Karin Helmstaedt)

More than 300 people were reported killed in Israel's most intense assault on Gaza since a ceasefire with the militant group Hamas took effect in January.

9. Trump warns Iran will face 'dire' consequences unless Houthi attacks stop (BBC, 18 MAR, Max Matza)

US President Donald Trump has warned Iran that it will face "dire" consequences if Yemen's Houthis continue to attack international shipping lanes.

10. How many hostages are left in Gaza? (AP News, 18 MAR)

Israel unleashed a new wave of strikes on Gaza, ending a break in fighting during which 33 Israeli hostages were returned in return for the release of nearly 1,800 Palestinian prisoners.

China Calls For Dialogue As F/A-18 Super Hornets Strike Key Targets
 In Yemen & Houthis Attack USS Harry S. Truman (EurAsian Times, 17 MAR)

The United States conducted a series of airstrikes on March 15, targeting Houthi-controlled sites in Yemen. The strikes, carried out by F/A-18E/F Super Hornets launched from the USS Harry S. Truman, focused on demolishing weapons storage facilities and command centers linked to recent Houthi assaults on commercial and military vessels in the Red Sea.

12. What to know about Yemen's Houthi rebels as the US steps up attacks on Iran-backed group (AP News, 17 MAR, Jon Gambrell)

The United States under President Donald Trump has launched a new campaign of intense airstrikes targeting Yemen's Houthi rebels.

13. <u>Kurdish-Israel Alliance May Redefine Power Politics In The Middle East, Challenge Turkish Dominance</u> (EurAsian Times, 17 MAR, KN Pandita)

For a century, Turkey has systematically denied Kurds even the most basic democratic rights and autonomy within its borders.



Russia-Ukraine Conflict

1. Institute for The Study of War

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2. <u>Putin suggests putting Ukraine under U.N.-sponsored external governance, boasts battlefield gains</u> (AP News, 28 MAR)

Russian President Vladimir Putin proposed Friday to put Ukraine under external governance under the U.N. aegis as part of efforts to reach a peaceful settlement, a blustery statement that reflected the Kremlin leader's determination to achieve his war goals.

3. How Will Russia Reconstitute Its Military After the Ukraine Conflict? (RAND, 27 MAR, Michelle Grisé, Mark Cozad, Anna M. Dowd, John Kennedy, Marta Kepe, Clara de Lataillade, Krystyna Marcinek & David Woodworth)

The timing and nature of any resolution to the Russia-Ukraine war remain unclear. However, what is certain is that Russia will face a considerable challenge in reconstituting its forces once the fighting ends. The process of reconstitution will provide an opportunity for Russia's leadership to make choices—perhaps different choices from those made—about the design, organization, training, and equipping of Russia's future force.

4. <u>Latest Poll Shows Russia & Ukraine Public Ready To End The War;</u> 76% Of Russians Would Support Putin's Plan (EurAsian Times, 26 MAR, Prakash Nanda)

With U.S. President Donald Trump playing an active role in accordance with his electoral promise of ending the War in Ukraine and American negotiators meeting their Ukrainian and Russian counterparts in the Saudi capital Riyadh, the common people of both warring countries seem ready for an immediate ceasefire that could lead to a peace agreement, if recent opinion polls by respected agencies are any indication.



5. How strong is Hamas after nearly 18 months of war in Gaza? (Video) (DW, 25 MAR, Ralph Martin)

How much of a threat does the Hamas militant group still pose to Israel after nearly 18 months of war in Gaza?

6. Russia and Ukraine agree naval ceasefire in Black Sea (BBC, 25 MAR, lan Aikman)

Russia and Ukraine have agreed to a naval ceasefire in the Black Sea in separate deals with the US, after three days of peace talks in Saudi Arabia.

7. Putin is Still Stealing Ukrainian Children (ISW, 24 MAR, Karoline Hird)

Russian President Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine over three years ago with the intent, among other things, of stealing its children. Putin launched his imperial conquest to first and foremost dominate the Ukrainian people, and he recognized that to deprive Ukraine of its children would be to deprive it of its multigenerational potential.

8. <u>Is war between Yemen's Houthis and the US inevitable?</u> (DW, 21 MAR, Jennifer Holleis)

Houthi rebels have resumed their attacks on Israel, after the US targeted rebel strongholds in Yemen. The renewed conflict comes amid a deteriorating humanitarian crisis, made worse by sanctions and US foreign aid cuts.

9. <u>Putin-Trump Limited Ceasefire Deal Reached, Ukraine Now Has To Agree</u> (TWZ, 19 MAR, Howard Altman)

Ukraine Situation Report: The first-step agreement is narrow in scope and calls for a 30-day pause on power infrastructure attacks.

10. <u>IDF starts fresh ground operation in Gaza (Video)</u> (DW, 19 MAR, Aaron Tilton)

Israel's military has confirmed it has started what it's calling "limited ground operations" in the Gaza strip. Footage provided by the IDF purportedly shows its troops expanding their control of the Netzarim Corridor, which it had abandoned as part of a ceasefire deal. Warning: This report contains distressing images.

11. <u>South Korea and Ukraine discuss what to do with North Korean prisoners of war (Independent, 18 MAR, Shweta Sharma)</u>

South Korea told Ukraine it was ready to accept North Korean soldiers captured by Kyiv if they were willing to move to the country, state news agency Yonhap reported.

12. <u>'Everything is finished': Ukrainian troops relive retreat from Kursk</u> (BBC, 17 MAR, Jonathan Beale & Anastasiia Levchenko)

Ukrainian soldiers fighting in Russia's Kursk region have described scenes "like a horror movie" as they retreated from the front lines.

13. <u>Ukraine in maps: Tracking the war with Russia</u> (BBC, 17 MAR)

Fighting has raged in Ukraine since Russia launched a full-scale invasion three years ago. Russian forces have slowly expanded the amount of territory they control over the past year, mostly in the east of Ukraine. US President Donald Trump has been pushing for an end to the war since taking office in January - Ukraine says it has agreed to a 30-day ceasefire and Russian President Vladimir Putin says he supports a ceasefire in principle but that there are "issues that we need to discuss".