

DAILY TRACKERNUCLEAR ISSUES

1. There are conflicting interpretations of the news that China has tested a specialised new long range missile capable of carrying a nuclear weapon around Earth us officials claimed it was part of a fractional orbital bombardments system or the fbs which could travel in Earth orbit and then released a maneuvering vehicle-to-grid towards a Terrestrial takat China's Foreign ministry objected to the description calling the launch simply a test of reusable space Technology

Source: <https://www.ft.com/content/e30c0402-32a1-4c96-846d-48f2a2da7276>

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Source: <https://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory/hiroshima-atomic-bombing-survivor-sunao-tsuboi-dies-96-80808274>

3. Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison on Wednesday sought understanding from Southeast Asian nations on a security pact, known as AUKUS, under which Canberra will obtain nuclear submarines, stressing that it does not aim to acquire nuclear weapons. Speaking at the virtual summit between Australia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Morrison attempted to allay concerns that the AUKUS security partnership of Australia, Britain and the United States could spark a nuclear arms race in the region. “AUKUS does not change Australia’s deep, long-standing commitment to nuclear non-proliferation — Australia does not want and will not seek nuclear weapons, as I’ve assured all ASEAN members,” Morrison told the leaders of the group.

Source: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2021/10/27/asia-pacific/australia-aukus-asean/>

NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

1. Two F-35As launched realistic test versions of the B61-12 for the first time on an unspecified date earlier this year at the Tonopah Test Range in Nevada, the Air Force said Oct. 6. Past versions of the B61 have relied on gravity to drop onto their targets, but the newest design can also hit coordinates using digital guidance.

Source: <https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/your-air-force/2021/10/27/the-f-35-is-one-step-closer-to-carrying-nuclear-bombs-whats-next/>

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Source: <https://www.kob.com/news/hiroshima-atomic-bombing-survivor-sunao-tsuboi-dies-at-96/6281772/?cat=644>

MISSILES/BIO WEAPONS

1. India successfully test-fired surface-to-surface ballistic missile Agni-5, the Ministry of Defence informed on Wednesday. The missile, which uses a 3-stage solid-fuelled engine, is capable of striking targets at ranges up to 5,000 km with very high degree of accuracy.

Source: <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/india-successfully-test-fires-surface-to-surface-ballistic-missile-agni5-11635346830291.html>

2. Ahead of the delivery by Russia of the S-400 Triumf missiles towards the end of this year, two US Senators have President Joe Biden not to impose the “Countering America’s Adversaries Through

Sanctions' Act (CAATSA) sanctions against India, saying it could derail the deepening cooperation with New Delhi.

Source: <http://www.uniindia.com/ahead-of-s-400-missiles-delivery-two-us-senators-urge-biden-to-waive-caatsa-curbs-on-india/world/news/2545876.html>

3. Russia is concerned over the US' aspiration to deploy short-and intermediate-range missiles in Europe and the Asia-Pacific, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said at a press conference following talks with his South Korean counterpart Chung Eui-yong on Wednesday. According to him, the subject of the potential deployment of the US' land-based short-and intermediate-range missiles in the Republic of Korea was not discussed during the talks today. "For a very simple reason that we are very well aware of the principled position of the president and the government of the Republic of Korea against such a deployment," the Russian top diplomat noted.

Source: <https://tass.com/world/1354703>

UN REFORMS

1. As nations head into the crucial climate summit in Glasgow, India has said that the conference should not be just "promises and pledges" and the world needs rapid and deep emission cuts in this decade rather than distant targets. "Science has time and again clearly stated the urgency of accelerated climate action. Recent incidents of extreme weather events across the world corroborate what science is telling us," Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav said.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/let-cop26-be-cop-of-actions-in-finance-technology-support-not-just-promises-pledges-india-at-un/articleshow/87313812.cms>

2. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on jobs has been harder than previously expected, and a worrying two-speed recovery is emerging between richer and poorer nations, the UN's International Labour Organization warned Wednesday. "The current trajectory of labour markets is of a stalled recovery, with major downside risks appearing, and a great divergence between developed and developing economies," said ILO chief Guy Ryder.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/europe/pandemic-hit-on-jobs-worse-than-thought-un/articleshow/87306561.cms>

3. China has again said that Taiwan has “no right” to join the United Nations, a day after the United States voiced support for the island’s “meaningful participation” at the organisation. The back-and-forth comes days after Taiwanese officials spoke with US officials about Taiwan’s desire to have a role at the UN.

Source: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/10/27/china-says-taiwan-has-no-right-to-join-un-after-us-nod>