

## DAILY TRACKER

### NUCLEAR ISSUES

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1. EnergySolutions and Radiation Safety & Control Services (RSCS) will form a joint venture to decommission the world's first nuclear-powered merchant ship, the NS Savannah. The work will involve removing the ship's reactor system so that the vessel can be used as a museum.

Source: <https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/EnergySolutions-and-RSCS-to-decommission-NS-Savann>

2. Holtec International of the USA and Hyundai Engineering & Construction (HDEC) of South Korea have agreed to cooperate in the area of nuclear plant decommissioning. Last year, the two companies finalised an agreement for the turnkey supply of Holtec's SMR-160 small modular reactor plant worldwide.

Source: <https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Holtec-and-HDEC-expand-cooperation-into-decommis>

3. The director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has said during a visit to the South Ukraine nuclear power plant that "nothing that happens here will be unnoticed, because the IAEA will be here to support you and say whenever there is a problem".

Source: <https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/IAEA%E2%80%99s-Grossi-to-Ukraine-nuclear-workers-We%E2%80%99re-her>

4. The governments of Ontario, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and Alberta have released a joint strategic plan setting out a path for developing and deploying small modular reactors (SMRs). The plan builds on a feasibility study released by provincial power utilities in 2021.

Source: <https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Canadian-provinces-release-strategic-plan-for-SMRs>

5. Using Electron Beam Welding (EBW), the company weld-joined two 200mm-thick, 3-metre diameter vessel sections in UK small modular reactor nuclear grade steel, describing it as a breakthrough in the industrialisation of EBW for thick-section materials.

Source: <https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Sheffield-Forgemasters-claim-welding-breakthrough>

## MISSILES/ BIO WEAPONS

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1. Washington on Wednesday imposed sanctions on a procurement agent in Iran and his companies and accused them of helping to support Tehran's ballistic missile program following missile attacks by suspected Iran-backed proxies against countries in the region.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/us-issues-sanctions-over-iran-ballistic-missiles-treasury-2022-03-30/>

2. In a statement on Wednesday, the US Treasury Department said the sanctions target an Iran-based procurement agent, Mohammad Ali Hosseini, and his network of companies that it accused of procuring "ballistic missile propellant-related materials".

Source: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/3/30/us-imposes-sanctions-over-irans-ballistic-missile-programme>

3. The Ukrainian forces may have struck a target inside Russia, multiple publications reported. The Russia-Ukraine war has been going on for more than a month and so far, with numerically superior Russia penetrating deep inside the Ukrainian territory.

Source: <https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/ukrainian-missile-hits-military-camp-inside-russia-report-2851545>

4. After North Korea announced it had launched the Hwasong-17 intercontinental ballistic missile, South Korea's military however claimed it "faked" the launch of the "monster missile".

Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/did-north-korea-fake-missile-launch-466998>

5. North Korea faked the launch of what analysts have dubbed its "monster missile" last week, Seoul's military said Wednesday, adding that the test was, in reality, likely the same intercontinental ballistic missile Pyongyang fired in 2017.

Source: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/south-says-north-korea-faked-launch-of-so-called-monster-missile-101648616865683.html>

## NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

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1. Troubling reports are emerging from the nuclear talks in Vienna that the Biden administration is on the verge of removing Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) from the list of designated foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs).

Source: <https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/iran-nuclear-talks-biden-terrorism-nathan-sales>

2. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Wednesday it could take a few days or maybe weeks to reach agreement on reviving the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, RIA news agency reported.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/iran-nuclear-deal-could-take-days-maybe-weeks-russian-official-says-2022-03-30/>



## UN REFORMS

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1. The Vietnamese Federation of Democracy (IMD) has said that Vietnam is producing raw materials related to Uyghur forced labor, including clothing for well-known brands such as Levis, Adidas, American Eagle, Calvin-Klein.  
Source: <https://www.rfa.org/uyghur/xewerler/mejburiy-emgek-03302022202645.html>
  
2. A Uyghur woman who escaped from a hospital in northwestern China's Xinjiang region to avoid a forced abortion in 2014 has died in prison, a Uyghur who lives in exile and a village police officer said.  
Source: <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/zeynebhan-memtimin-03292022165020.html>
  
3. "Uyghur Policy Act will push back the PRC human rights challenges in Xinjiang. I will continue to fight for Uyghurs and hold PRC accountable for the atrocities" said Young Kim at the reception for policy makers leading the response to genocide.  
Source: [https://twitter.com/RFA\\_UyghurNews/status/1509290062986596358](https://twitter.com/RFA_UyghurNews/status/1509290062986596358)
  
4. Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan praised the Chinese government during a meeting in Islamabad: "The Chinese government has lifted 700 million people out of poverty. This is exactly the style of governing the country that he has used in Russia."  
Source: <https://www.rfa.org/uyghur/xewerler/afghanistan-xitay-03292022182944.html>
  
5. "My mother died in the hands of the CCP and my brothers are detained in prison. But this hasn't stop me from my advocacy work. I want to thank all of you for supporting the Uyghur people" Dolkun Isa remarked at the reception for policy makers leading the response to genocide.  
Source: [https://twitter.com/RFA\\_UyghurNews/status/1509298302440849419](https://twitter.com/RFA_UyghurNews/status/1509298302440849419)
  
6. With the specter of a revived Iran nuclear deal approaching, Israel hosted a summit on Monday that took place in Sde Boker in the Negev desert, which included the foreign ministers of the Abraham Accords countries and Egypt, together with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.  
Source: <https://www.jpost.com/opinion/article-702667>
  
7. "I was sanctioned by the CCP for showing support and standing up for the Uyghur people. I believe they are aiming to isolate us, but they failed. This event is a huge reminder that China is failing at keeping the Uyghur Genocide" added Nus Ghani  
Source: [https://twitter.com/RFA\\_UyghurNews/status/1509306193424101382](https://twitter.com/RFA_UyghurNews/status/1509306193424101382)
  
8. Niger has announced a plan to recruit 5,000 soldiers to boost its fight against various Islamists militants groups that the army is battling. It shows the seriousness of the situation

the military faces - and is 3,000 more recruits than the army's usual annual intake.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world>

9. In a huge blow to President Uhuru Kenyatta, Kenya's judges have once again blocked a government-backed plan to make fundamental changes to the constitution. Supreme Court judges said the president had acted unlawfully when spearheading the reforms, known as the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI).

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-60941860>

10. A Russian TV anchor and the managing director of state-backed news channel RT are among the latest figures to be sanctioned by the UK government.

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-60939144>

11. "When I was looking at the Chinese documents from Xinjiang back in 2016 I never expected to be known to anybody. For research it's so unique. Why do we do what we do? To make a difference for people who can not speak for themselves. It's my privilege to do this." Adrian Zenz remarked.

Source: [https://twitter.com/RFA\\_UyghurNews/status/1509316777288908803](https://twitter.com/RFA_UyghurNews/status/1509316777288908803)

12. A United Nations General Assembly budget committee is due to vote Thursday on an Ethiopian push to block funding for an independent investigation into abuses in the country's conflict, diplomats said.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/ethiopia-pushes-block-un-funding-abuse-inquiry-2022-03-30/>

13. Uganda's military has killed 309 people in an eight-month-old operation against cattle rustling in a northeast region rich in minerals including gold, limestone and potentially oil, the armed forces said.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/uganda-says-military-kills-309-security-push-mineral-rich-region-2022-03-30/>

14. Dozens of civil society activists from across Afghanistan gathered in Kabul to discuss vital issues including education and employment rights for Afghan women, saying the Islamic Emirate must hear the voice of citizens.

Source: <https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177348>

15. China hosted the first day of the third foreign ministers' meeting of Afghanistan's neighboring countries. A trilateral meeting was held between Amir Khan Muttaqi, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and the Foreign Minister of Pakistan Shah Mahmood Qureshi, where they exchanged views on regional cooperation.

Source: <https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177334>

16. Britain on Wednesday pledged an additional 286 million pounds (\$374 million) for life-saving food and other aid in Afghanistan, a day ahead of an international conference



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seeking \$4.4 billion for addressing the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan.

Source: <https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-177333>

17. A top US diplomat will meet this week in China to discuss issues in Afghanistan with his Chinese, Russian and Pakistani counterparts, the Chinese foreign ministry and the State Department said on Tuesday.

Source: <https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-177332>

18. The United Nation's peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo lost contact with a helicopter on Tuesday flying over an area in the east of the country where fighting has broken out between M23 rebels and the army, it said on Twitter.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/un-loses-contact-with-helicopter-east-congo-amid-rebel-army-fighting-2022-03-29/>