



The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114) conducts routine underway operations in the Taiwan Strait, on Sept. 9, 2023. (Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jamaal Liddell/U.S. Navy via AP)

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NEWS ARTICLES

- China releases plan to integrate Taiwan.
- Philippine vessels conduct successful resupply mission in spite of interference by China.

- Strategy Bridge published another essay on Chinese gray zone tactics, this week on information laundering.
- LA Police test new taser with a 45 foot range.
- Pentagon announces strategy for defense in space.
- Soft kill technologies are more effective against drones than more expensive hard kill devices.
- Iranian drones continue to proliferate and have an increased role in gray zone conflict.
- Bill Chen published an editorial on the utility of Taiwan joining the UN to counter Chinese expansionism.
- U.S. Navy announced that they are seeking unmanned technologies mated with electronic warfare. Seeking TRL 2-5 systems for demonstration and experimentation at Crane IN.

GRAY ZONE COMPETITION

CHINA

China unveils ‘blueprint’ for Taiwan integration while sending warships around the self-ruled island

By Nectar Gan and Eric Cheung, CNN, 14 September 2023

China on Tuesday unveiled a plan to deepen integration between the coastal province of Fujian and self-governing Taiwan, touting the benefits of closer cross-strait cooperation while sending warships around the island in a show of military might.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/09/13/china/china-fujian-integration-taiwan-intl-hnk/index.html>

Swarm of Chinese Vessels Tries - And Fails - to Block Philippine Convoy

By Maritime Executive, 10 September 2023

The Philippine Coast Guard has completed a resupply mission to Second Thomas Shoal despite determined opposition from Chinese forces.

<https://www.maritime-executive.com/article/swarm-of-chinese-vessels-tries-and-fails-to-block-philippine-convoy>

Countering China's Use of Information Laundering Via Minds and Media

By Sakeena S. Siddiqi, Strategy Bridge, 7 September 2023

China's influence operations have evolved to employ “information laundering” to shape global narratives. Information laundering—the process of introducing disinformation into the Internet ecosystem and legitimizing it through transitions from fringe sites to public discourse—is the next generation of information operations.

<https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2023/9/7/countering-chinas-use-of-information-laundering-via-minds-and-media>

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE/DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Pentagon to build space weapons, new strategy reveals

By Bill Gertz, Washinton Times, 15 September 2023

The Pentagon will develop and deploy new space weapons to battle Chinese and Russian space forces in a future conflict, according to a strategy report.

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2023/sep/15/pentagon-build-space-weapons-new-strategy-reveals/>

NATO/ALLIED

Why a hard-kill strategy doesn't work against combat drones

By Oleg Vornik, The Strategist, 13 September 2023

The drone threat is finally being taken seriously. Following the relentless devastation they have caused on the battlefield, combined with the endless ways they can threaten or disrupt civilian life—at airports, public events and jails, to name a few—defence agencies and authorities around the world are now evaluating their stance on what just a few years ago were discounted as harmless consumer gadgets.

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/why-a-hard-kill-strategy-doesnt-work-against-combat-drones/>

OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES

IRANIAN DRONE PROLIFERATION IS SCALING UP AND TURNING MORE LETHAL

By NAKISSA JAHANBANI, MUHAMMAD NAJJAR, BENJAMIN JOHNSON, CALEB BENJAMIN, AND MUHAMMAD AL-UBAYDI, War on the Rocks, 8 September 2023

This attack occurs in a broader context of Iranian-Russian drone collaboration, amid recent reports of Russia building thousands of drones with Iranian assistance. The attack also demonstrates a now undeniable fact: Drones are increasingly part of the gray-zone conflict between Iran and the United States. This conflict has now also expanded beyond the Middle East, where the two countries have long existed in a state somewhere between war and peace, to theaters further afield, including Ukraine.

<https://warontherocks.com/2023/09/iranian-drone-proliferation-is-scaling-up-and-turning-more-lethal/>

DOMESTIC

LAPD officers to test next-gen Taser with 45-foot range

By Libor Jany, Los Angeles Times, 12 September 2023

The Los Angeles Police Department will test a new generation of Tasers that have greater range, which LAPD officials say could help officers more easily control uncooperative people and prevent the use of deadly force.

https://thebrunswicknews.com/news/business/lapd-officers-to-test-next-gen-taser-with-45-foot-range/article_07f42b58-e5a7-5649-af06-79260cfc8eb.html

Related Article: <https://www.policemag.com/weapons/news/15634240/lapd-to-test-axons-nextgeneration-taser>

Here's How The Military And Police Use Sound As A Weapon

By Nadeem Sarwar, Slashgear, 10 September 2023

Sonic weapons known as Long Range Acoustic Devices (LRAD), are used by law enforcement officials as a non-traditional method of crowd control and dispersal in multiple countries across the world.

<https://www.slashgear.com/1388271/military-police-lrad-sound-cannon/>

OPINION/EDITORIAL

'We must unite against China's expansionism by including Taiwan in the UN'

By Richard Chen, New Indian Express, 11 September 2023

On 29 August, China published its so-called "2023 standard map" showing all of Arunachal Pradesh, Aksai Chin and other parts of Indian territories within its border. The map was released just days after Chinese President Xi Jinping had met with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussing resolving the boundary situation during the BRICS summit in South Africa. India's Ministry of External Affairs has lodged a strong protest over the Chinese territorial claims through diplomatic channels.

<https://www.newindianexpress.com/web-only/2023/sep/11/we-must-unite-against-chinas-expansionism-by-including-taiwan-in-the-un-2613812.html>

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES / SOLICITATIONS

'Silent Swarm': US Navy seeking electromagnetic spectrum tech crossed with unmanned

By Justin Katz, Breaking Defense, 11 September 2023

A US Navy surface warfare center is seeking industry and government agencies to participate in a July 2024 exercise focused on demonstrating early-stage unmanned systems' capabilities to fight on the electromagnetic battlefield.

<https://breakingdefense.com/2023/09/silent-swarm-us-navy-seeking-electromagnetic-spectrum-tech-crossed-with-unmanned/>

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