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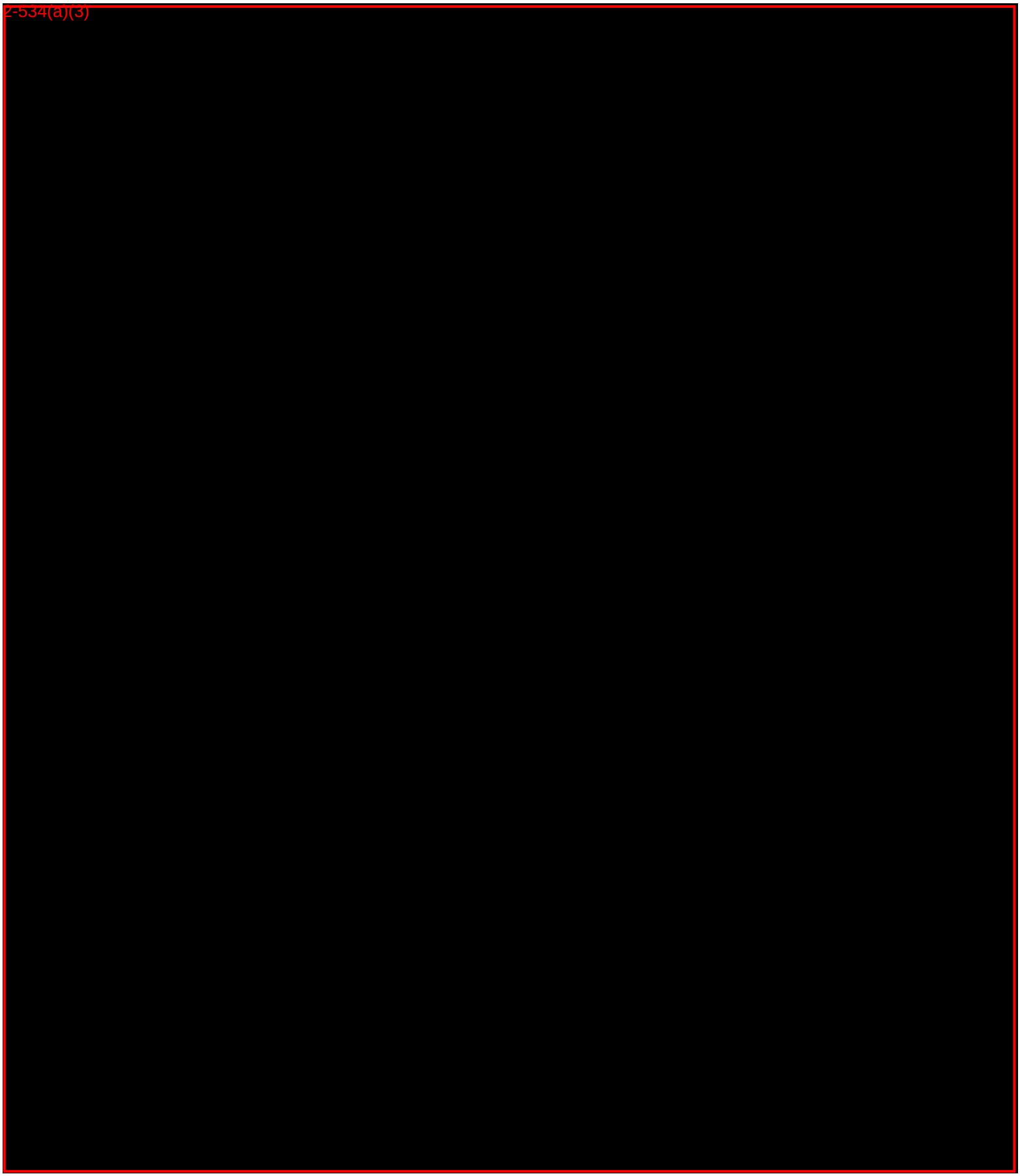

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CISA

SolarWinds Provides Update on Major Hack Amid New CISA Venture < Caution-https://governmentciomedia.com/solarwinds-provides-update-major-hack-amid-new-cisa-venture > **(01/19) GovernmentCIOMedia**
In a new blog post, SolarWinds said the company first noticed "suspicious activity" on its Orion platform in September 2019 — more than a year before discovering the malicious code now referred to as SUNBURST, which induced the December 2020 cyberattack. According to SolarWinds, the SUNSPOT malware inserted the SUNBURST backdoor "into software builds of the SolarWinds Orion IT management product." In other words, the malware mimicked SolarWinds' own IT product, slipping in during the development process.

CISA's Kolasky unveils 'Systemic Cyber Risk Reduction Venture' for critical infrastructure < Caution-https://insidecybersecurity.com/daily-news/cisa%E2%80%99s-kolasky-unveils-%E2%80%98systemic-cyber-risk-reduction-venture%E2%80%99-critical-infrastructure > **(01/19) Inside Cybersecurity**
CISA's National Risk Management Center is launching a multifaceted "risk reduction venture" to help organize efforts around analyzing, measuring and providing tools to address cybersecurity risks faced by critical infrastructure. "Using enterprise risk management best practices will be a focus for CISA in 2021, and today the National Risk Management Center (NRMC) is launching a Systemic Cyber Risk Reduction Venture to organize our work to reduce shared risk to the Nation's security and economic security," NRMC Director Bob Kolasky said Thursday in a blog post.

SolarWinds Hack Costs 'Growing Every Day,' CISA Official Says < Caution-https://www.meritalk.com/articles/solarwinds-hack-costs-growing-cisa-orion/ > **(01/19) MeriTalk**
The costs and consequences of the Russia-backed hack of government and private sector networks via a breach of SolarWinds Orion products are continuing to grow more than a month after the exploit was publicly disclosed, a senior official with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) said today. "There is no bigger risk" facing critical infrastructure sectors than attacks on their supply chains, said Bob Kolasky, who heads the National Risk Management Center (NRMC) at CISA, at an online event organized by FCW. "We are all living and dealing with the

consequences of perhaps the most significant software supply chain attack" in history, Kolasky said referring to the SolarWinds breach.

COVID-19

Pfizer responds to Cuomo, says HHS approval needed to sell COVID vaccine to NY < Caution-https://nypost.com/2021/01/19/pfizer-hhs-approval-needed-to-sell-covid-19-vaccine-to-ny/ > **(01/19) The New York Post**

Pfizer says it would need federal approval to sell its coronavirus vaccine to New York, dashing Gov. Andrew Cuomo's hopes of buying the shots directly. Cuomo asked the Manhattan-based drugmaker about placing a COVID-19 vaccine order on Monday as he complained that the feds had left the state facing a shortage. But Pfizer said the US Department of Health and Human Services would have to approve such an arrangement based on the emergency use authorization that the Food and Drug Administration granted for the groundbreaking vaccine.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Can Joe Biden Get Infrastructure Done In 2021? < Caution-https://www.benzinga.com/government/21/01/19213829/can-joe-biden-get-infrastructure-done-in-2021 > **(01/19) Benzinga**

Next month before a joint session of Congress, President-elect Joe Biden plans to lay out his Build Back Better recovery plan that he claims will make "historic" investments in infrastructure. "It's time to stop talking about infrastructure and finally start building infrastructure," Biden said while unveiling his $1.9 trillion COVID relief plan Thursday. "Millions of good-paying jobs putting Americans to work rebuilding our roads, our bridges, our ports to make them more climate resilient, to make them faster, cheaper, cleaner to transport American-made goods across our country and around the world, that's how we compete. Failure to do so will cost us dearly," Biden said.

SOLARWINDS

Fourth malware strain discovered in SolarWinds incident < Caution-https://www.zdnet.com/article/fourth-malware-strain-discovered-in-solarwinds-incident/ > **(01/19) ZD Net**

Cyber-security firm Symantec said it identified another malware strain that was used during the SolarWinds supply chain attack, bringing the total number to four, after the likes of Sunspot, Sunburst (Solorigate), and Teardrop. Named Raindrop, Symantec said the malware was used only during the very last stages of an intrusion, deployed only on the networks of very few selected targets.

New Raindrop Tool Tied to SolarWinds Attackers < Caution-https://duo.com/decipher/new-raindrop-tool-tied-to-solarwinds-attackers > **(01/19)Duo**

Researchers have uncovered another piece of malware used by the SolarWinds attackers to help them move across networks after an initial compromise. The tool is known as Raindrop and while it shares a number of similarities with the Teardrop malware used by the same group, it has some unique capabilities and has only been found on a small number of computers.

Biden DHS, Intel picks stress need to prioritize cybersecurity after SolarWinds Hack < Caution-https://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/534889-biden-dhs-intel-nominees-stress-need-to-prioritize-cybersecurity-after > **(01/19) The Hill**

President-elect Joe Biden's nominees to serve as secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and as director of national intelligence (DNI) both said Tuesday that if confirmed they will make a priority out of bolstering the nation's cybersecurity. DHS nominee Alejandro Mayorkas and DNI nominee Avril Haines each pointed to the specific need to secure the federal government against cyber threats following the recently discovered Russian hack of IT group SolarWinds, which compromised many key federal agencies and potentially thousands of businesses.

SolarWinds hack blights the Trump administration's cybersecurity record < Caution-https://fcw.com/articles/2021/01/19/trump-mixed-cyber-legacy.aspx > **(01/19) FCW**
The SolarWinds hack, first detected in December 2020, colors any assessment of the cybersecurity legacy of the administration of President Donald Trump. During Trump's last days in office, as the president pressed to overturn the results of the November election, the federal government scrambled to contain the fallout from an ongoing intelligence operation believed to be the worst intrusion in the country's history.

Symantec connects another hacking tool to SolarWinds campaign < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/solarwinds-symantec-raindrop-russia-hacking/ > **(01/19) CyberScoop**
Private sector analysts uncovered a new hacking tool thought to be used in a suspected Russian spying operation in the latest example of how, as the investigation into the SolarWinds breach continues, the plot only thickens. Security firm Symantec on Tuesday said it had found previously undocumented malicious code that the attackers used to move through victim networks and then transmit additional malware onto specific computers. The attackers installed the malicious code, dubbed Raindrop, on a handful of carefully chosen computers in an effort to spy on them, according to the latest findings.

FireEye releases tool for auditing networks for techniques used by SolarWinds hackers < Caution-https://www.zdnet.com/article/fireeye-releases-tool-for-auditing-networks-for-techniques-used-by-solarwinds-hackers/ > **(01/19) ZDNet**
Cybersecurity firm FireEye has released today a report detailing the techniques used by the SolarWinds hackers inside the networks of companies they breached. Together with the report, FireEye researchers have also released a free tool on GitHub named Azure AD Investigator that they say can help companies determine if the SolarWinds hackers (also known as UNC2452) used any of these techniques inside their networks.

The big cyber issues Joe Biden will face his first day in office < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/biden-cybersecurity-russia-solarwinds/ > **(01/19) Cyberscoop**
Joe Biden has his work cut out for him. Biden will be sworn into office on Jan. 20 with a long list of challenges ranging from the coronavirus pandemic to re-considering America's place on the world stage. There's also the fallout from a far-reaching hacking campaign that the U.S. has suggested is the work of the Russian government.Yet the next American president has also chosen top advisers, including his picks to lead the Department of Homeland Security and the CIA, who appear to view digital security as an integral part of policymaking. Their thinking on these issues, and whether they succeed or fail in the face of deep-seated challenges to internet security, could affect the trajectory of Biden's presidency.

CYBERSECURITY

Protective DNS aims to protect remote workers from malware attack < Caution-https://www.zdnet.com/article/protective-dns-aims-to-protect-remote-workers-from-malware-attack/ > **(01/19) ZDNet**
Remote working has put people at risk of being targeted by cyber criminals because home networks are rarely set up with enterprise-level security in mind. But a new tool could give home workers the same protections against cyberattacks as they're used to in the office. The UK's National Cyber Security Centre's (NCSC) Protective Domain Name Service (PDNS) has been active since 2017, helping to keep public sector workers as safe as possible from cyberattacks – and now there's a version for remote workers.

Mayorkas calls for review of Einstein, CDM < Caution-https://fcw.com/articles/2021/01/19/mayorkas-dhs-confirm-cyber.aspx > **(01/19) FCW**
Alejandro Mayorkas, at his Senate confirmation hearing to lead the Department of Homeland Security, said he will review the federal government's two major cybersecurity programs in the wake of the SolarWinds breach. Mayorkas said he would conduct "a thorough review of Einstein and Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation [programs] to

understand whether Einstein and CDM … are appropriately designed and appropriately and effectively executed" to stop a threat such as SolarWinds. "And if not, what other defenses need we develop in the federal government to best protect our very valuable equities and resources?" he added in response to a question from Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) during his confirmation hearing before the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Healthcare security challenge: How cyberattacks are evolving < Caution-https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/94381-healthcare-security-challenge-how-cyberattacks-are-evolving > **(01/19) Security Magazine**
First, it goes without saying that hospitals and frontline workers should be applauded for doing their utmost to ensure staff and patient safety under extraordinary circumstances. Hospitals are under unprecedented stress — and, sadly, it appears that the pandemic will get worse before it gets better. The vaccines are a light at the end of the tunnel, but until they have been widely distributed, hospitals will remain over-extended, making them even more vulnerable to cyberattacks.

Michael Sulmeyer, who held cyber posts under Trump and Obama, gets Biden White House gig < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/michael-sulmeyer-senior-director-cyber-biden/ > **(01/19) CyberScoop**
Michael Sulmeyer, a senior adviser to National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command leader Gen. Paul Nakasone, will take the position of senior director for cyber in the Biden White House. Sulmeyer's selection came with no formal announcement. Instead, the transition website posted his position Monday evening. Sulmeyer is a cybersecurity veteran with broad experience, one of many to join the Biden administration. He's also one of several whose tenures have included roles in the Trump administration.

Will Your Airliner Get Hacked? < Caution-https://urldefense.us/v3/__https:/Caution-www.airspacemag.com/flight-today/will-your-airliner-get-hacked-180976752/__;!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!Weh9VpUbtPWdaUH1UlsnfryZwdSogd2E3TiG-ZoETT1n-8ny_c__Xtz97Q4_IIeUYMlTgiU$ > **(01/19) AirSpaceMag**
Modern aircraft have sometimes been called computers with wings, and as far back as 1994, long before hacking became high on society's list of everyday worries, Boeing engineers were having discussions about how to keep malicious software from being introduced into the data network of their newest marvel, the 777 airliner. So far, the protections devised by those engineers—and the ones who came after them—have worked. No hacker has ever penetrated the computers of an airliner's flight control system or any part of its avionics. The not-so-shocking news is that hackers have tried. Mike Vanguardia is one of an army of engineers who work to keep them out.

Microsoft Additional Steps to Address Zerologon Flaw < Caution-https://www.govinfosecurity.com/microsoft-taking-additional-steps-to-address-zerologon-flaw-a-15796 > **(01/19) GovInfoSecurity**
Microsoft is alerting customers that starting Feb. 9, it will enforce domain controller settings within Active Directory to block connections that could exploit the unpatched Zerologon vulnerability in Windows Server. The software giant, along with the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, has been warning about the urgency of patching the Zerologon vulnerability, which is tracked as CVE-2020-1472, for months. The flaw affects Windows Server's Netlogon Remote Protocol, or MS-NRPC - an authentication component of Active Directory that organizations deploy to manage user accounts, including authentication and access (see: Microsoft Issues Updated Patching Directions for 'Zerologon').

ELECTION SECURITY

Democrats race to push Biden's agenda after transition delays, GOP infighting < Caution-https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/democrats-race-push-biden-s-agenda-after-transition-delays-gop-n1254692 > **(01/19) NBC News**
WASHINGTON — After weeks of Republican infighting over President-elect Joe Biden's victory, which culminated in the deadly siege of the Capitol two weeks ago by supporters of President Donald Trump, Democrats are now racing to help Biden get to work on day one. Democrats will officially capture the Senate on Wednesday when, according to two sources, three new members will be sworn in during the afternoon: Georgia winners Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock, and California's Alex Padilla, the appointee to replace Kamala Harris, who resigned on Monday two days before her vice presidential inauguration.

"MyPillow guy" Mike Lindell says he'd welcome suit from voting machines maker Dominion < Caution-https://www.cbsnews.com/news/mike-lindell-dominion-lawsuit-mypillow-ceo/ > **(01/19) CBS News**

MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell — an ardent supporter of President Trump — says he would "welcome" a threatened lawsuit from voting machines manufacturer Dominion. Lindell told CBS News a suit would enable him to show the world the recent presidential election was rigged. However, the Justice Department found no evidence of widespread voter fraud and Trump administration national security and election officials have called it the "most secure election in American history." In a letter dated December 23, attorneys for Dominion asserted that Lindell has "participated in the vast and concerted misinformation campaign to slander Dominion."

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

Congress Highlights Agencies' 2020 Cyber Struggles and Need for Reform < Caution-https://governmentciomedia.com/congress-highlights-agencies-2020-cyber-struggles-and-need-reform > **(01/19) GovernmentCIOMedia**

Legislators are calling for Congress to push IT modernization efforts across federal agencies following the 2020 spike in cybercrime due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Republicans on the House Financial Services Committee say cybercrime increased with the shift to remote work since March 2020 and also with the passage of the CARES Act in April. “Financial institutions were put in a position to balance the government’s interest in disbursing money quickly against their long-standing interest in implementing a robust system to prevent cyberattacks and scams,” according to the committee's report.

5G SECURITY

NTIA releases national strategy to secure 5G implementation plan < Caution-https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/94379-ntia-releases-national-strategy-to-secure-5g-implementation-plan > **(01/19) Security Magazine**

Fifth generation wireless technology, or 5G, will be a primary driver of the U.S. prosperity and security in the 21st century, says the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the agency that is principally responsible for advising the President on telecommunications and information policy issues. The newly released National Strategy to Secure 5G plan by the NTIA details how the United States will lead global development, deployment, and management of secure and reliable 5G infrastructure.

RANSOMWARE

560 Healthcare Providers Fell Victim to Ransomware Attacks in 2020 < Caution-https://healthitsecurity.com/news/560-healthcare-providers-fell-victim-to-ransomware-attacks-in-2020 > **(01/19) HealthITSecurity**

January 19, 2021 - In the midst of responding to COVID-19, the healthcare sector faced a significant number of ransomware attacks in 2020 with 560 healthcare provider facilities falling victim to the malware variant, according to the latest Emsisoft State of Ransomware report. The last quarter of 2019 saw an unprecedented number of ransomware incidents in the healthcare sector. And while the number of reported successful attacks petered off during the first half of 2020, those numbers drastically increased through a coordinated ransomware wave that began in September.

Scottish Environmental Protection Agency confirms ‘ongoing’ ransomware attack < Caution-https://www.computing.co.uk/news/4025963/sepa-ongoing-ransomware-attack > **(01/19) Computing UK**

The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) is still responding to an ongoing ransomware attack it identified on Christmas Eve, which has knocked many of its critical IT systems offline. According to SEPA, an initial investigation suggests that a highly organised, international cyber-crime group is behind the attack, intending to disrupt SEPA's public services and extort public funds. The Agency's email system is still down almost a month after the initial attack, and some internal systems and external data products will remain offline in the short term.

SUPPLY CHAIN

Rising Supply Chain Risk Requires Proactive Management (Opinion < Caution-https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/opinions/rising-supply-chain-risk-proactive/ >) **(01/19) Infosecurity-Magazine**

As the roughly 18,000 organizations, government agencies and educational institutions continue to recover from last year's SolarWinds nation-state attack, one of the biggest takeaways from this event is that organizations need to be better educated on how to manage their third-party cyber-risks. Currently, the SolarWinds victims are experiencing the effects of what is known as a "supply chain" attack, which means that the attacker targeted a supplier (or "third-party") of an organization instead of directly attacking their target(s). Supply chain attacks are becoming more prevalent because they are an effective way of distributing malware to a large group of targets.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

DHS Awards $1.5M to Small Business for First Responder Emergency Alerts Technology Development < Caution-https://www.newswise.com/articles/dhs-awards-1-5m-to-small-business-for-first-responder-emergency-alerts-technology-development > **(01/19) Newswise**

Newswise — WASHINGTON – As emergency communications technologies adapt to an increasingly interconnected nation, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) today announced it awarded more than $1.5 million to develop an Alerts, Warnings, and Notifications (AWN) Guidance Tool. The program planning app, which will be available through a portal at FEMA's website, is expected to provide customized resources, best practices and program templates to address the most pressing challenges of alert originators, helping public safety agencies at the federal, state, local, tribal and territorial levels disseminate emergency and life-saving information.

Motorola (MSI) Teams Up with PRP to Revamp Public Safety in Canada < Caution-https://www.nasdaq.com/articles/motorola-msi-teams-up-with-prp-to-revamp-public-safety-in-canada-2021-01-19 > **(01/19) Nasdaq**

In a dedicated effort to strengthen the public safety infrastructure, Motorola Solutions, Inc. MSI recently collaborated with Canada's third largest municipal police service — Peel Regional Police ("PRP"). Notably, the policing services provider has been sharing an active working relationship with Motorola for quite some time now on the back of the latter's integrated software technologies, such as LTE data communications and public safety radio. As part of the recent deal, PRP will capitalize on Motorola's avant-garde CommandCentral software, which will enhance the overall public safety ecosystem with centralized data access and render fast response times to mitigate operating risks.

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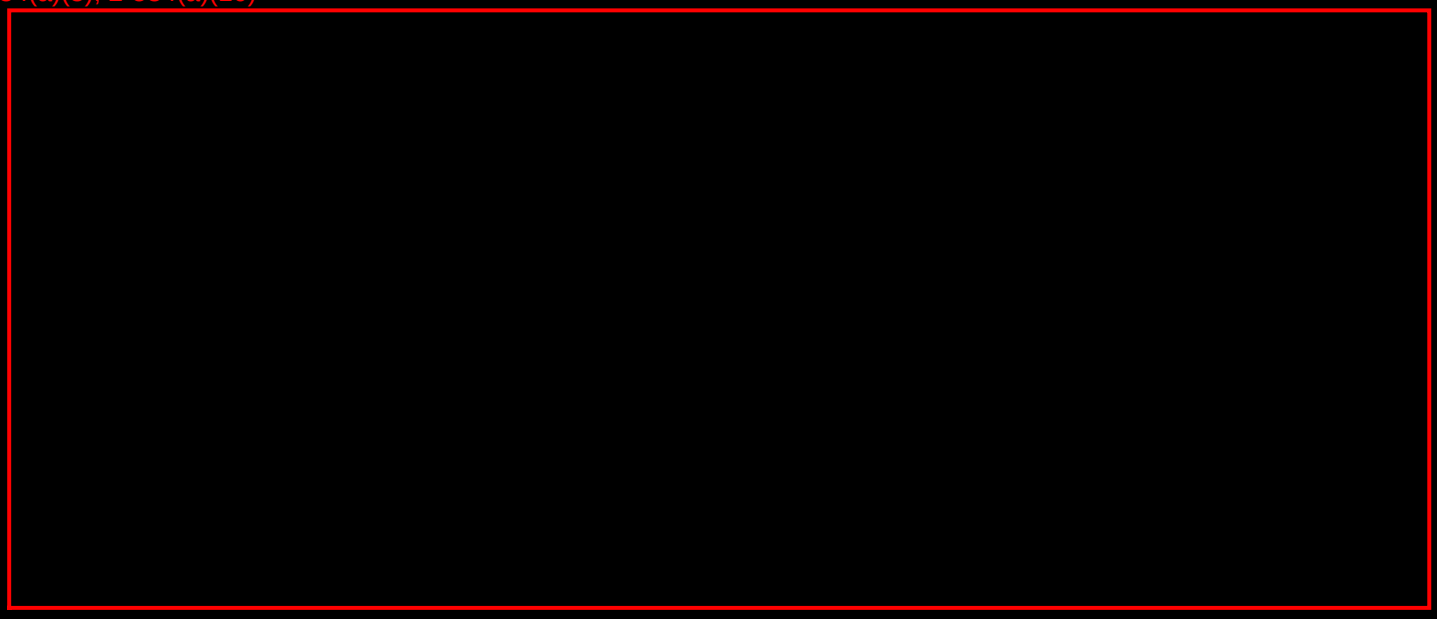

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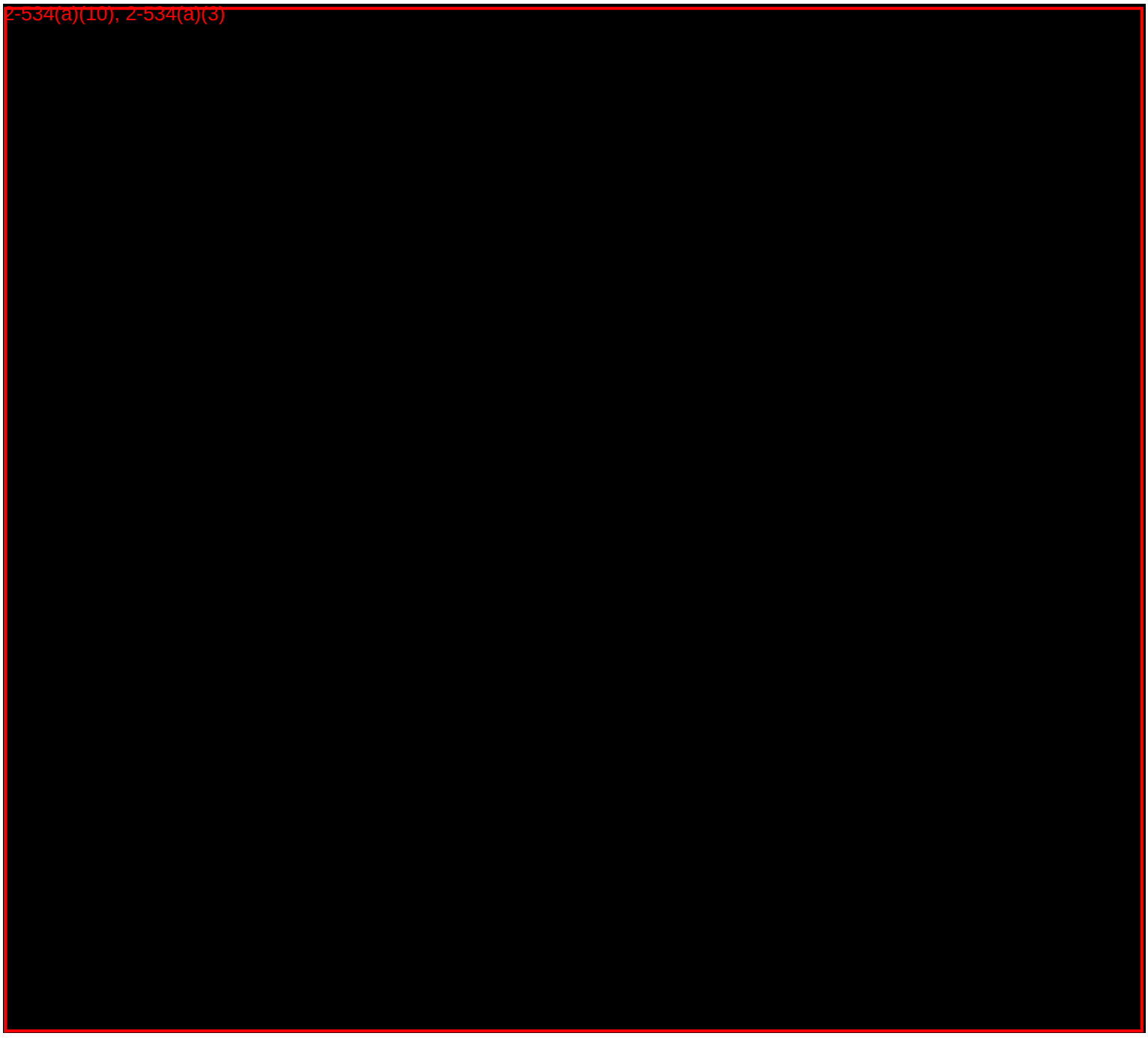

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VIRTUAL Country Chapter Meeting: Shanghai, China (January 28)

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VIRTUAL Country Chapter Meeting: Ljubljana, Slovenia (January 27)

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VIRTUAL Country Chapter Meeting: London, United Kingdom (January 21)

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Women in Security Webinar: Learning the Language of Business (January 27)

Europe Regional Committee Winter Webinar (January 28)

Private Sector Security Overseas Seminar (PSOS): VIRTUAL Arlington, VA (April 14-16, 2021)

International Organizations/Non-Governmental Organizations Security Overseas Seminar (IO/NGO SOS):VIRTUAL (May 13-14)

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VIRTUAL Country Chapter Meeting: Caracas, Venezuela (January 21)

External News

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Thank you,

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Please see the attached rollup of Suspicious Activity Reports involving fraudulent credentials and probing security between 15 and 18 January, as well as NTIC's 1300 SitRep for those who have not yet received it.

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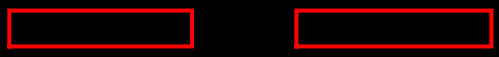

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Please see the attached Officer Awareness Information from the NTIC on 01-19.

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Please see attached bulletin from Anne Arundel County PD regarding stolen military uniforms for your awareness.

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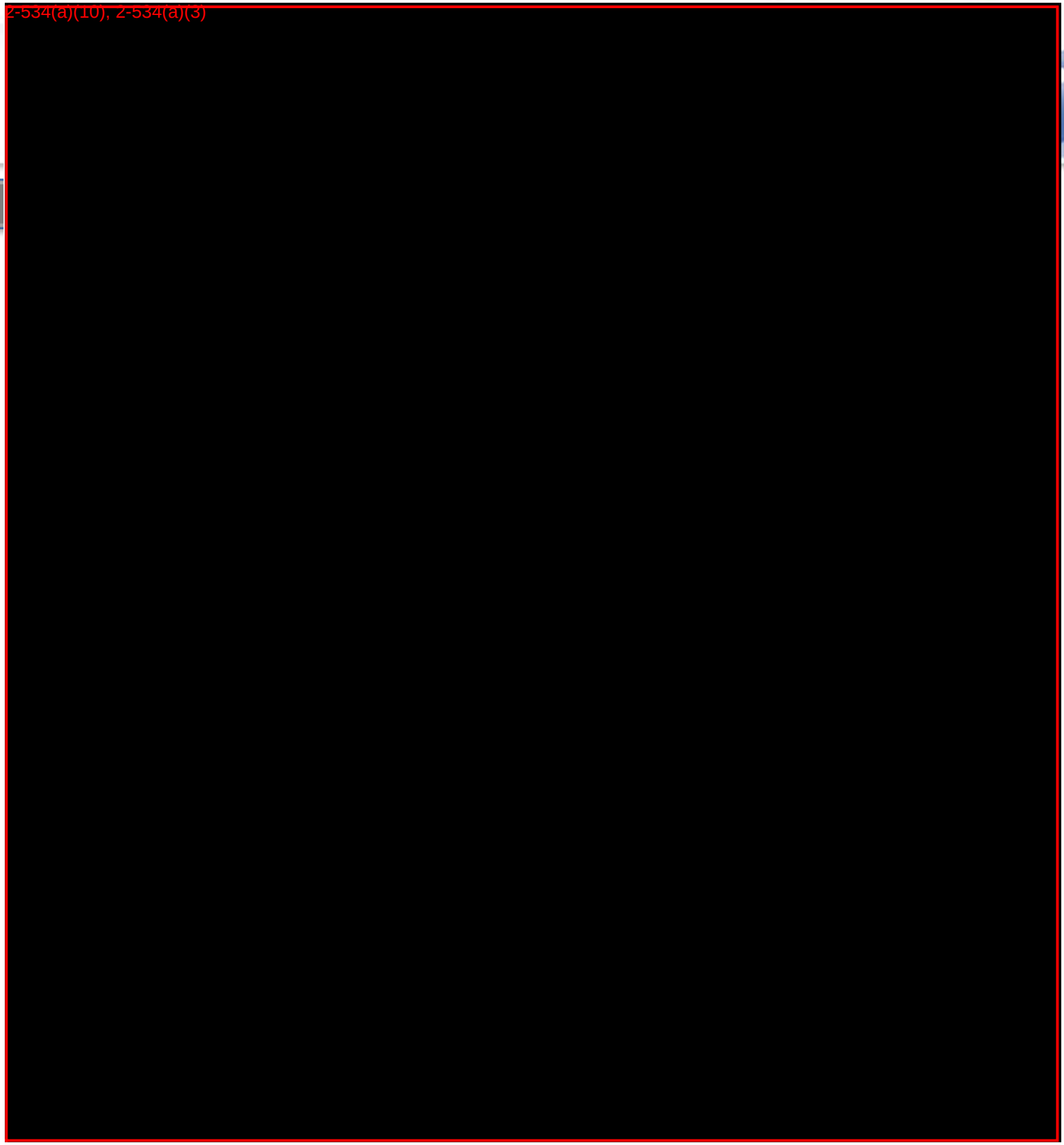

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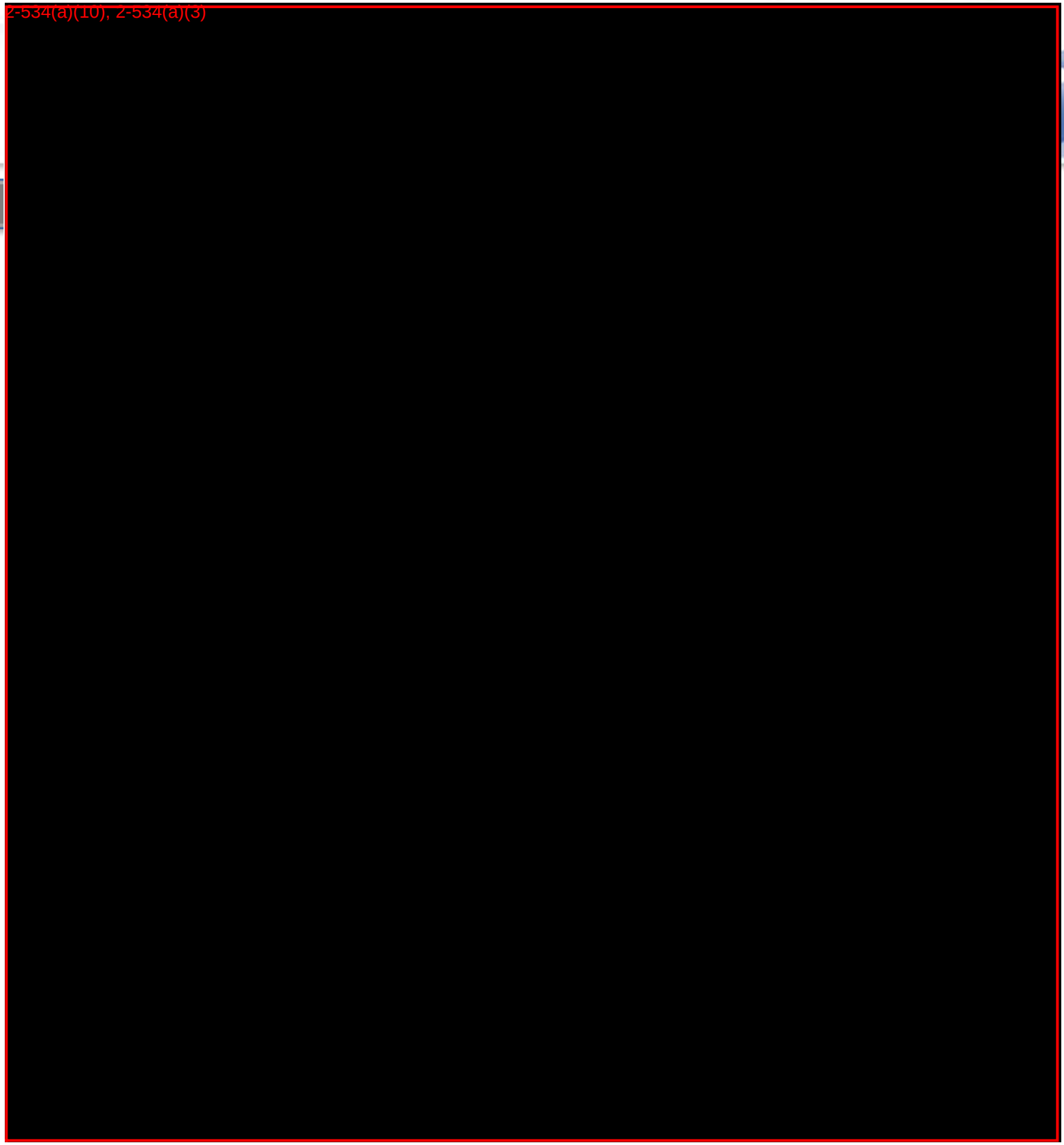

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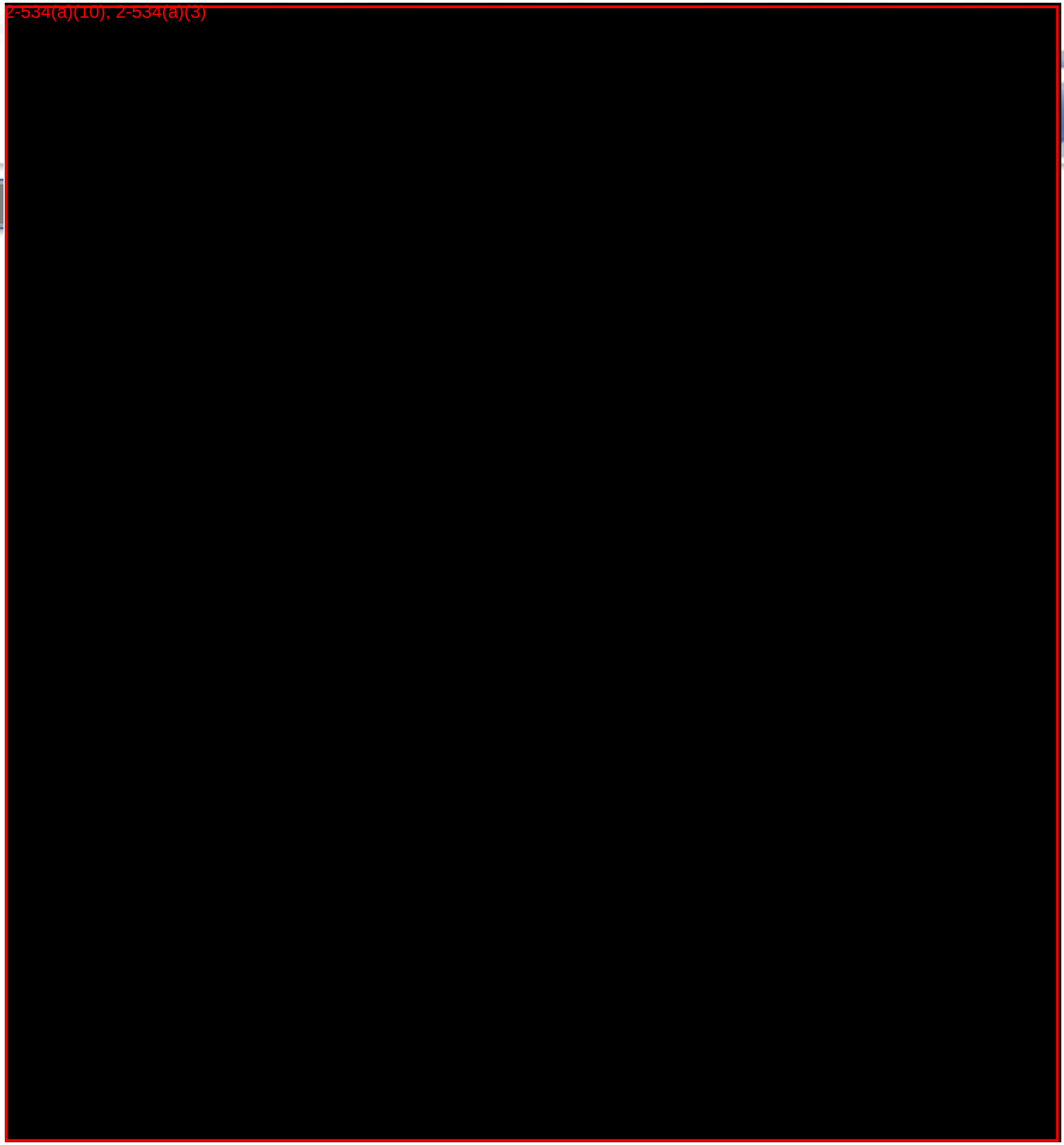

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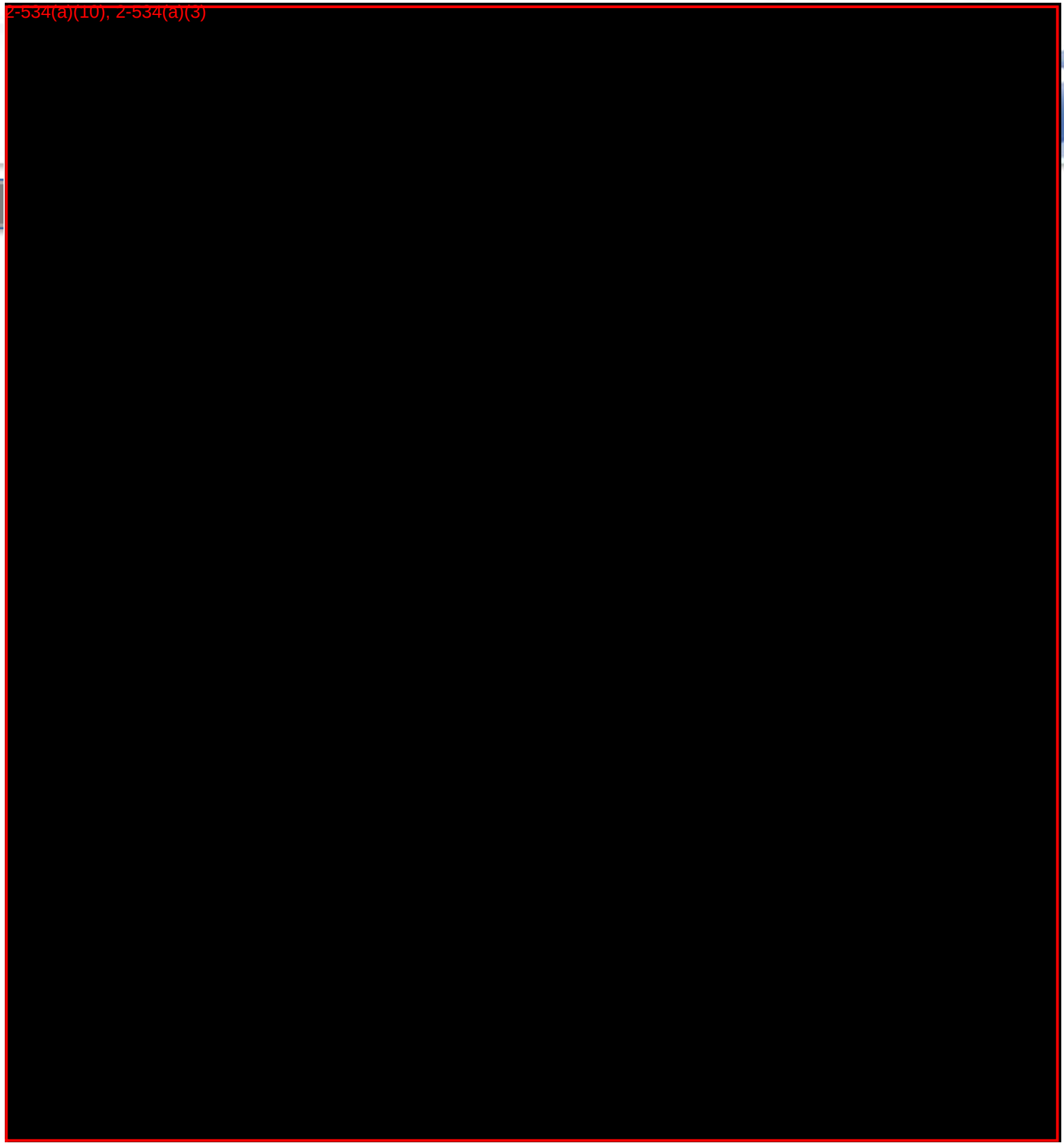

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CISA

SolarWinds Provides Update on Major Hack Amid New CISA Venture < Caution-https://governmentciomedia.com/solarwinds-provides-update-major-hack-amid-new-cisa-venture > **(01/19) GovernmentCIOMedia**
In a new blog post, SolarWinds said the company first noticed "suspicious activity" on its Orion platform in September 2019 — more than a year before discovering the malicious code now referred to as SUNBURST, which induced the December 2020 cyberattack. According to SolarWinds, the SUNSPOT malware inserted the SUNBURST backdoor "into software builds of the SolarWinds Orion IT management product." In other words, the malware mimicked SolarWinds' own IT product, slipping in during the development process.

CISA's Kolasky unveils 'Systemic Cyber Risk Reduction Venture' for critical infrastructure < Caution-https://insidecybersecurity.com/daily-news/cisa%E2%80%99s-kolasky-unveils-%E2%80%98systemic-cyber-risk-reduction-venture%E2%80%99-critical-infrastructure > **(01/19) Inside Cybersecurity**
CISA's National Risk Management Center is launching a multifaceted "risk reduction venture" to help organize efforts around analyzing, measuring and providing tools to address cybersecurity risks faced by critical infrastructure. "Using enterprise risk management best practices will be a focus for CISA in 2021, and today the National Risk Management Center (NRMC) is launching a Systemic Cyber Risk Reduction Venture to organize our work to reduce shared risk to the Nation's security and economic security," NRMC Director Bob Kolasky said Thursday in a blog post.

SolarWinds Hack Costs 'Growing Every Day,' CISA Official Says < Caution-https://www.meritalk.com/articles/solarwinds-hack-costs-growing-cisa-orion/ > **(01/19) MeriTalk**
The costs and consequences of the Russia-backed hack of government and private sector networks via a breach of SolarWinds Orion products are continuing to grow more than a month after the exploit was publicly disclosed, a senior official with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) said today. "There is no bigger risk" facing critical infrastructure sectors than attacks on their supply chains, said Bob Kolasky, who heads the National Risk Management Center (NRMC) at CISA, at an online event organized by FCW. "We are all living and dealing with the

consequences of perhaps the most significant software supply chain attack" in history, Kolasky said referring to the SolarWinds breach.

COVID-19

Pfizer responds to Cuomo, says HHS approval needed to sell COVID vaccine to NY < Caution-https://nypost.com/2021/01/19/pfizer-hhs-approval-needed-to-sell-covid-19-vaccine-to-ny/ > **(01/19) The New York Post**

Pfizer says it would need federal approval to sell its coronavirus vaccine to New York, dashing Gov. Andrew Cuomo's hopes of buying the shots directly. Cuomo asked the Manhattan-based drugmaker about placing a COVID-19 vaccine order on Monday as he complained that the feds had left the state facing a shortage. But Pfizer said the US Department of Health and Human Services would have to approve such an arrangement based on the emergency use authorization that the Food and Drug Administration granted for the groundbreaking vaccine.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Can Joe Biden Get Infrastructure Done In 2021? < Caution-https://www.benzinga.com/government/21/01/19213829/can-joe-biden-get-infrastructure-done-in-2021 > **(01/19) Benzinga**

Next month before a joint session of Congress, President-elect Joe Biden plans to lay out his Build Back Better recovery plan that he claims will make "historic" investments in infrastructure. "It's time to stop talking about infrastructure and finally start building infrastructure," Biden said while unveiling his $1.9 trillion COVID relief plan Thursday. "Millions of good-paying jobs putting Americans to work rebuilding our roads, our bridges, our ports to make them more climate resilient, to make them faster, cheaper, cleaner to transport American-made goods across our country and around the world, that's how we compete. Failure to do so will cost us dearly," Biden said.

SOLARWINDS

Fourth malware strain discovered in SolarWinds incident < Caution-https://www.zdnet.com/article/fourth-malware-strain-discovered-in-solarwinds-incident/ > **(01/19) ZD Net**

Cyber-security firm Symantec said it identified another malware strain that was used during the SolarWinds supply chain attack, bringing the total number to four, after the likes of Sunspot, Sunburst (Solorigate), and Teardrop. Named Raindrop, Symantec said the malware was used only during the very last stages of an intrusion, deployed only on the networks of very few selected targets.

New Raindrop Tool Tied to SolarWinds Attackers < Caution-https://duo.com/decipher/new-raindrop-tool-tied-to-solarwinds-attackers > **(01/19)Duo**

Researchers have uncovered another piece of malware used by the SolarWinds attackers to help them move across networks after an initial compromise. The tool is known as Raindrop and while it shares a number of similarities with the Teardrop malware used by the same group, it has some unique capabilities and has only been found on a small number of computers.

Biden DHS, Intel picks stress need to prioritize cybersecurity after SolarWinds Hack < Caution-https://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/534889-biden-dhs-intel-nominees-stress-need-to-prioritize-cybersecurity-after > **(01/19) The Hill**

President-elect Joe Biden's nominees to serve as secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and as director of national intelligence (DNI) both said Tuesday that if confirmed they will make a priority out of bolstering the nation's cybersecurity. DHS nominee Alejandro Mayorkas and DNI nominee Avril Haines each pointed to the specific need to secure the federal government against cyber threats following the recently discovered Russian hack of IT group SolarWinds, which compromised many key federal agencies and potentially thousands of businesses.

SolarWinds hack blights the Trump administration's cybersecurity record < Caution-https://fcw.com/articles/2021/01/19/trump-mixed-cyber-legacy.aspx > **(01/19) FCW**
The SolarWinds hack, first detected in December 2020, colors any assessment of the cybersecurity legacy of the administration of President Donald Trump. During Trump's last days in office, as the president pressed to overturn the results of the November election, the federal government scrambled to contain the fallout from an ongoing intelligence operation believed to be the worst intrusion in the country's history.

Symantec connects another hacking tool to SolarWinds campaign < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/solarwinds-symantec-raindrop-russia-hacking/ > **(01/19) CyberScoop**
Private sector analysts uncovered a new hacking tool thought to be used in a suspected Russian spying operation in the latest example of how, as the investigation into the SolarWinds breach continues, the plot only thickens. Security firm Symantec on Tuesday said it had found previously undocumented malicious code that the attackers used to move through victim networks and then transmit additional malware onto specific computers. The attackers installed the malicious code, dubbed Raindrop, on a handful of carefully chosen computers in an effort to spy on them, according to the latest findings.

FireEye releases tool for auditing networks for techniques used by SolarWinds hackers < Caution-https://www.zdnet.com/article/fireeye-releases-tool-for-auditing-networks-for-techniques-used-by-solarwinds-hackers/ > **(01/19) ZDNet**
Cybersecurity firm FireEye has released today a report detailing the techniques used by the SolarWinds hackers inside the networks of companies they breached. Together with the report, FireEye researchers have also released a free tool on GitHub named Azure AD Investigator that they say can help companies determine if the SolarWinds hackers (also known as UNC2452) used any of these techniques inside their networks.

The big cyber issues Joe Biden will face his first day in office < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/biden-cybersecurity-russia-solarwinds/ > **(01/19) Cyberscoop**
Joe Biden has his work cut out for him. Biden will be sworn into office on Jan. 20 with a long list of challenges ranging from the coronavirus pandemic to re-considering America's place on the world stage. There's also the fallout from a far-reaching hacking campaign that the U.S. has suggested is the work of the Russian government.Yet the next American president has also chosen top advisers, including his picks to lead the Department of Homeland Security and the CIA, who appear to view digital security as an integral part of policymaking. Their thinking on these issues, and whether they succeed or fail in the face of deep-seated challenges to internet security, could affect the trajectory of Biden's presidency.

CYBERSECURITY

Protective DNS aims to protect remote workers from malware attack < Caution-https://www.zdnet.com/article/protective-dns-aims-to-protect-remote-workers-from-malware-attack/ > **(01/19) ZDNet**
Remote working has put people at risk of being targeted by cyber criminals because home networks are rarely set up with enterprise-level security in mind. But a new tool could give home workers the same protections against cyberattacks as they're used to in the office. The UK's National Cyber Security Centre's (NCSC) Protective Domain Name Service (PDNS) has been active since 2017, helping to keep public sector workers as safe as possible from cyberattacks – and now there's a version for remote workers.

Mayorkas calls for review of Einstein, CDM < Caution-https://fcw.com/articles/2021/01/19/mayorkas-dhs-confirm-cyber.aspx > **(01/19) FCW**
Alejandro Mayorkas, at his Senate confirmation hearing to lead the Department of Homeland Security, said he will review the federal government's two major cybersecurity programs in the wake of the SolarWinds breach. Mayorkas said he would conduct "a thorough review of Einstein and Continuous Diagnostics and Mitigation [programs] to

understand whether Einstein and CDM … are appropriately designed and appropriately and effectively executed" to stop a threat such as SolarWinds. "And if not, what other defenses need we develop in the federal government to best protect our very valuable equities and resources?" he added in response to a question from Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) during his confirmation hearing before the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Healthcare security challenge: How cyberattacks are evolving < Caution-https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/94381-healthcare-security-challenge-how-cyberattacks-are-evolving > **(01/19) Security Magazine**
First, it goes without saying that hospitals and frontline workers should be applauded for doing their utmost to ensure staff and patient safety under extraordinary circumstances. Hospitals are under unprecedented stress — and, sadly, it appears that the pandemic will get worse before it gets better. The vaccines are a light at the end of the tunnel, but until they have been widely distributed, hospitals will remain over-extended, making them even more vulnerable to cyberattacks.

Michael Sulmeyer, who held cyber posts under Trump and Obama, gets Biden White House gig < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/michael-sulmeyer-senior-director-cyber-biden/ > **(01/19) CyberScoop**
Michael Sulmeyer, a senior adviser to National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command leader Gen. Paul Nakasone, will take the position of senior director for cyber in the Biden White House. Sulmeyer's selection came with no formal announcement. Instead, the transition website posted his position Monday evening. Sulmeyer is a cybersecurity veteran with broad experience, one of many to join the Biden administration. He's also one of several whose tenures have included roles in the Trump administration.

Will Your Airliner Get Hacked? < Caution-https://urldefense.us/v3/__https:/Caution-www.airspacemag.com/flight-today/will-your-airliner-get-hacked-180976752/__;!!BClRuOV5cvtbuNI!Weh9VpUbtPWdaUH1UlsnfryZwdSogd2E3TiG-ZoETT1n-8ny_c__Xtz97Q4_IIeUYMlTgiU$ > **(01/19) AirSpaceMag**
Modern aircraft have sometimes been called computers with wings, and as far back as 1994, long before hacking became high on society's list of everyday worries, Boeing engineers were having discussions about how to keep malicious software from being introduced into the data network of their newest marvel, the 777 airliner. So far, the protections devised by those engineers—and the ones who came after them—have worked. No hacker has ever penetrated the computers of an airliner's flight control system or any part of its avionics. The not-so-shocking news is that hackers have tried. Mike Vanguardia is one of an army of engineers who work to keep them out.

Microsoft Additional Steps to Address Zerologon Flaw < Caution-https://www.govinfosecurity.com/microsoft-taking-additional-steps-to-address-zerologon-flaw-a-15796 > **(01/19) GovInfoSecurity**
Microsoft is alerting customers that starting Feb. 9, it will enforce domain controller settings within Active Directory to block connections that could exploit the unpatched Zerologon vulnerability in Windows Server. The software giant, along with the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, has been warning about the urgency of patching the Zerologon vulnerability, which is tracked as CVE-2020-1472, for months. The flaw affects Windows Server's Netlogon Remote Protocol, or MS-NRPC - an authentication component of Active Directory that organizations deploy to manage user accounts, including authentication and access (see: Microsoft Issues Updated Patching Directions for 'Zerologon').

ELECTION SECURITY

Democrats race to push Biden's agenda after transition delays, GOP infighting < Caution-https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/democrats-race-push-biden-s-agenda-after-transition-delays-gop-n1254692 > **(01/19) NBC News**
WASHINGTON — After weeks of Republican infighting over President-elect Joe Biden's victory, which culminated in the deadly siege of the Capitol two weeks ago by supporters of President Donald Trump, Democrats are now racing to help Biden get to work on day one. Democrats will officially capture the Senate on Wednesday when, according to two sources, three new members will be sworn in during the afternoon: Georgia winners Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock, and California's Alex Padilla, the appointee to replace Kamala Harris, who resigned on Monday two days before her vice presidential inauguration.

"MyPillow guy" Mike Lindell says he'd welcome suit from voting machines maker Dominion < Caution-https://www.cbsnews.com/news/mike-lindell-dominion-lawsuit-mypillow-ceo/ > **(01/19) CBS News**

MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell — an ardent supporter of President Trump — says he would "welcome" a threatened lawsuit from voting machines manufacturer Dominion. Lindell told CBS News a suit would enable him to show the world the recent presidential election was rigged. However, the Justice Department found no evidence of widespread voter fraud and Trump administration national security and election officials have called it the "most secure election in American history." In a letter dated December 23, attorneys for Dominion asserted that Lindell has "participated in the vast and concerted misinformation campaign to slander Dominion."

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

Congress Highlights Agencies' 2020 Cyber Struggles and Need for Reform < Caution-https://governmentciomedia.com/congress-highlights-agencies-2020-cyber-struggles-and-need-reform > **(01/19) GovernmentCIOMedia**

Legislators are calling for Congress to push IT modernization efforts across federal agencies following the 2020 spike in cybercrime due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Republicans on the House Financial Services Committee say cybercrime increased with the shift to remote work since March 2020 and also with the passage of the CARES Act in April. “Financial institutions were put in a position to balance the government’s interest in disbursing money quickly against their long-standing interest in implementing a robust system to prevent cyberattacks and scams,” according to the committee's report.

5G SECURITY

NTIA releases national strategy to secure 5G implementation plan < Caution-https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/94379-ntia-releases-national-strategy-to-secure-5g-implementation-plan > **(01/19) Security Magazine**

Fifth generation wireless technology, or 5G, will be a primary driver of the U.S. prosperity and security in the 21st century, says the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the agency that is principally responsible for advising the President on telecommunications and information policy issues. The newly released National Strategy to Secure 5G plan by the NTIA details how the United States will lead global development, deployment, and management of secure and reliable 5G infrastructure.

RANSOMWARE

560 Healthcare Providers Fell Victim to Ransomware Attacks in 2020 < Caution-https://healthitsecurity.com/news/560-healthcare-providers-fell-victim-to-ransomware-attacks-in-2020 > **(01/19) HealthITSecurity**

January 19, 2021 - In the midst of responding to COVID-19, the healthcare sector faced a significant number of ransomware attacks in 2020 with 560 healthcare provider facilities falling victim to the malware variant, according to the latest Emsisoft State of Ransomware report. The last quarter of 2019 saw an unprecedented number of ransomware incidents in the healthcare sector. And while the number of reported successful attacks petered off during the first half of 2020, those numbers drastically increased through a coordinated ransomware wave that began in September.

Scottish Environmental Protection Agency confirms ‘ongoing’ ransomware attack < Caution-https://www.computing.co.uk/news/4025963/sepa-ongoing-ransomware-attack > **(01/19) Computing UK**

The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) is still responding to an ongoing ransomware attack it identified on Christmas Eve, which has knocked many of its critical IT systems offline. According to SEPA, an initial investigation suggests that a highly organised, international cyber-crime group is behind the attack, intending to disrupt SEPA's public services and extort public funds. The Agency's email system is still down almost a month after the initial attack, and some internal systems and external data products will remain offline in the short term.

SUPPLY CHAIN

Rising Supply Chain Risk Requires Proactive Management (Opinion < Caution-https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/opinions/rising-supply-chain-risk-proactive/ >) **(01/19) Infosecurity-Magazine**

As the roughly 18,000 organizations, government agencies and educational institutions continue to recover from last year's SolarWinds nation-state attack, one of the biggest takeaways from this event is that organizations need to be better educated on how to manage their third-party cyber-risks. Currently, the SolarWinds victims are experiencing the effects of what is known as a "supply chain" attack, which means that the attacker targeted a supplier (or "third-party") of an organization instead of directly attacking their target(s). Supply chain attacks are becoming more prevalent because they are an effective way of distributing malware to a large group of targets.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

DHS Awards $1.5M to Small Business for First Responder Emergency Alerts Technology Development < Caution-https://www.newswise.com/articles/dhs-awards-1-5m-to-small-business-for-first-responder-emergency-alerts-technology-development > **(01/19) Newswise**

Newswise — WASHINGTON – As emergency communications technologies adapt to an increasingly interconnected nation, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) today announced it awarded more than $1.5 million to develop an Alerts, Warnings, and Notifications (AWN) Guidance Tool. The program planning app, which will be available through a portal at FEMA's website, is expected to provide customized resources, best practices and program templates to address the most pressing challenges of alert originators, helping public safety agencies at the federal, state, local, tribal and territorial levels disseminate emergency and life-saving information.

Motorola (MSI) Teams Up with PRP to Revamp Public Safety in Canada < Caution-https://www.nasdaq.com/articles/motorola-msi-teams-up-with-prp-to-revamp-public-safety-in-canada-2021-01-19 > **(01/19) Nasdaq**

In a dedicated effort to strengthen the public safety infrastructure, Motorola Solutions, Inc. MSI recently collaborated with Canada's third largest municipal police service — Peel Regional Police ("PRP"). Notably, the policing services provider has been sharing an active working relationship with Motorola for quite some time now on the back of the latter's integrated software technologies, such as LTE data communications and public safety radio. As part of the recent deal, PRP will capitalize on Motorola's avant-garde CommandCentral software, which will enhance the overall public safety ecosystem with centralized data access and render fast response times to mitigate operating risks.

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January 20, 2021

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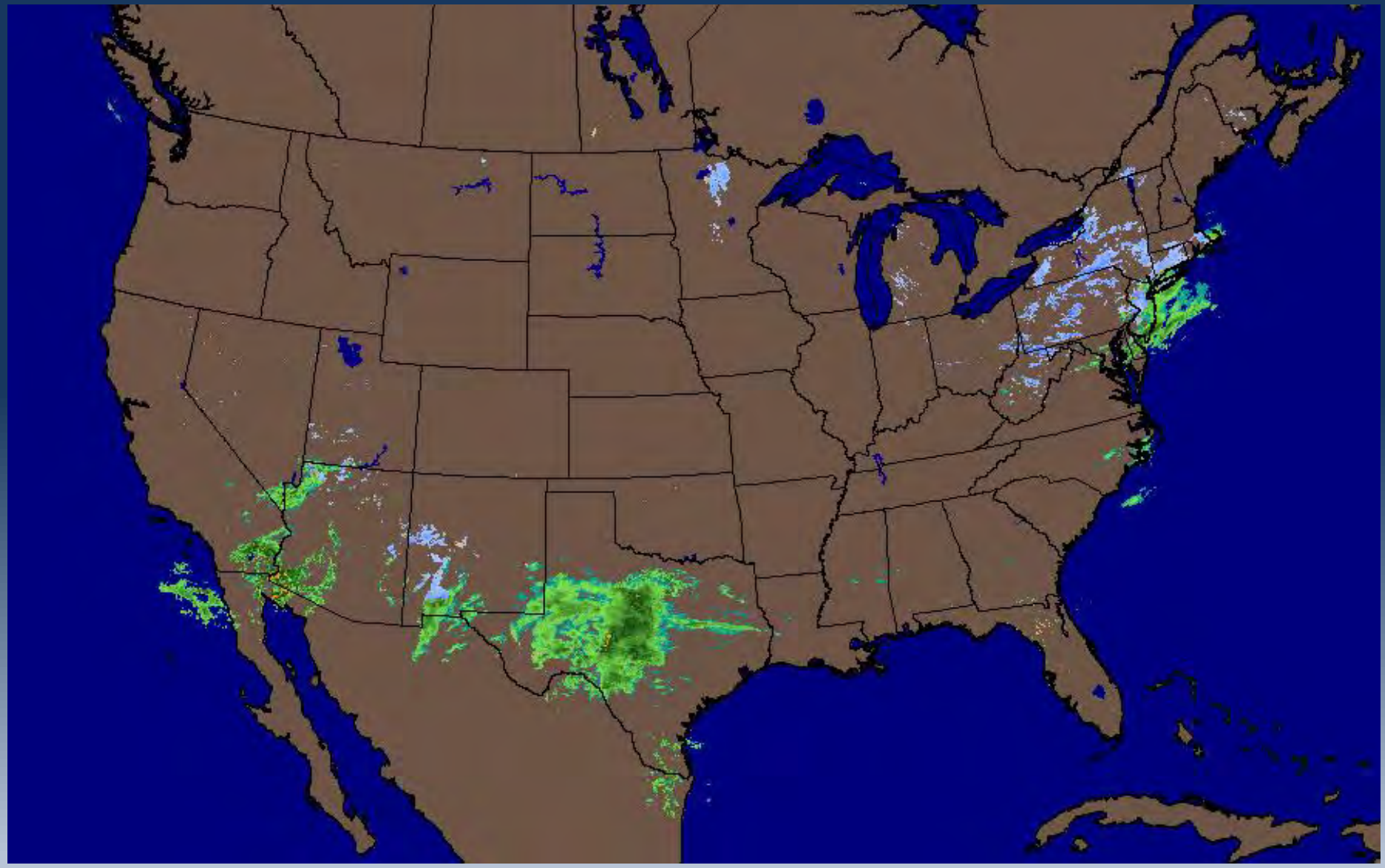

Watches, Warnings and Advisories

Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

- High Wind Warning Pop: 13,745,644
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- Red Flag Warning Pop: 414,913
- Winter Weather Advisory Pop: 721,272
- Lakeshore Flood Advisory Pop: 655,977
- High Surf Advisory Pop: 840,065
- Small Craft Advisory Pop: 517,010
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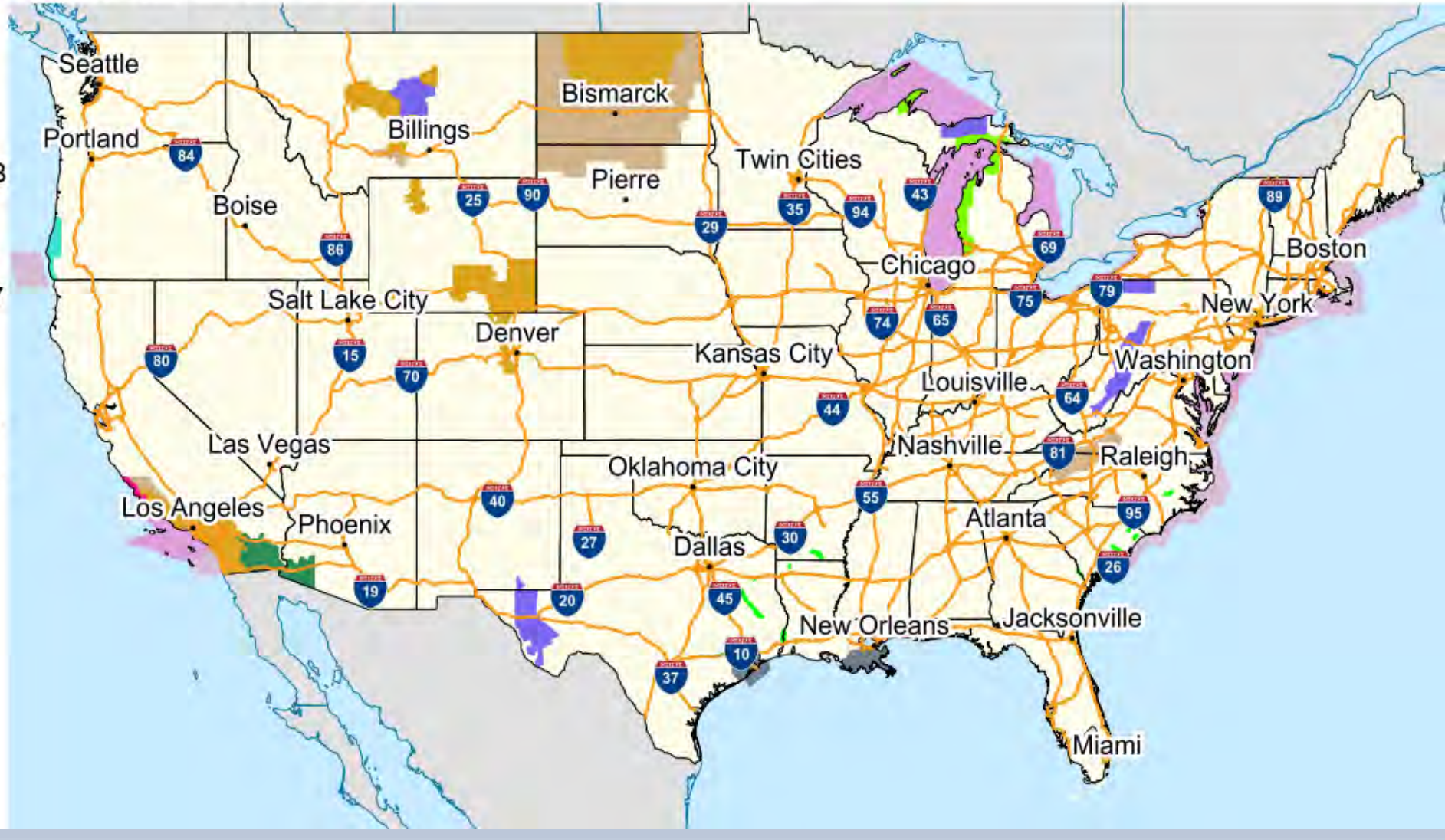
- Flash Flood Watch Pop: 805,582



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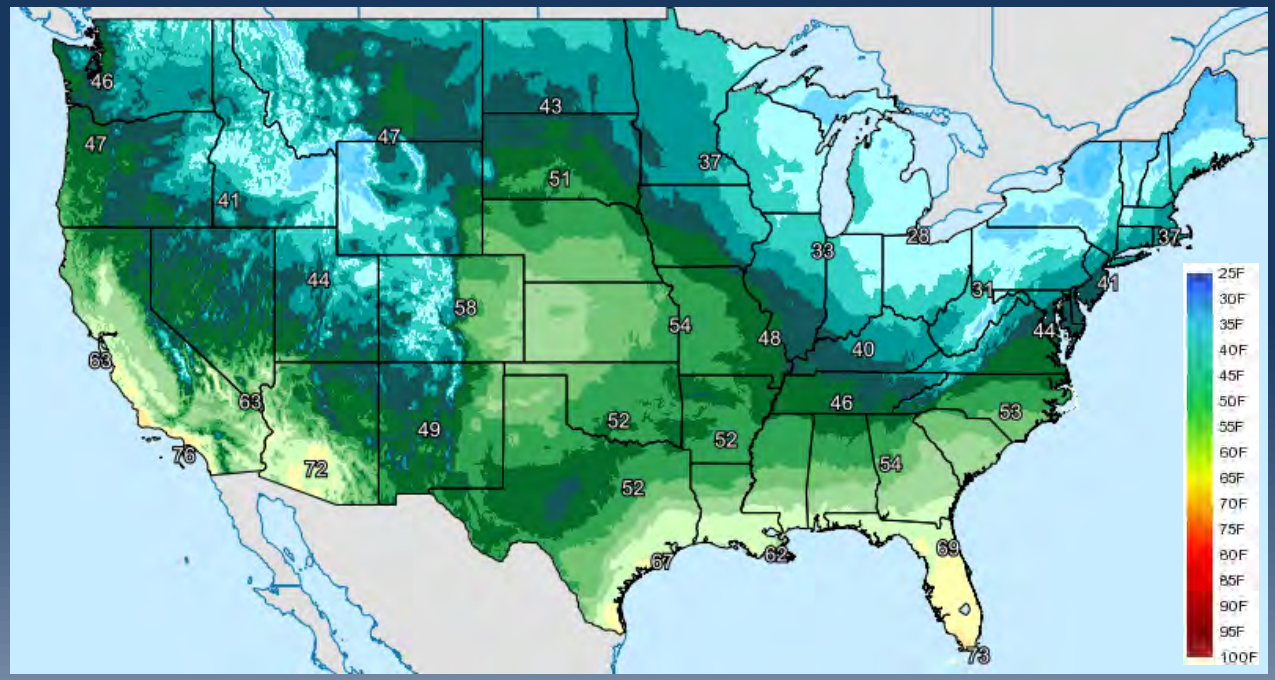

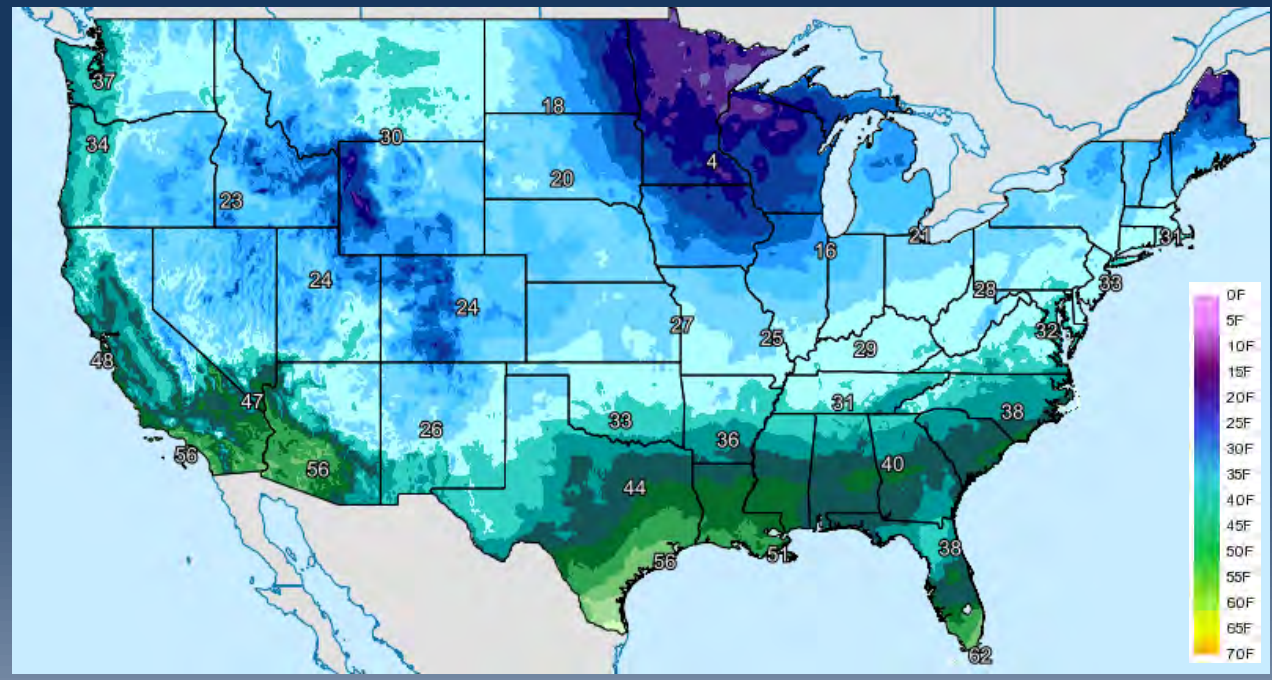

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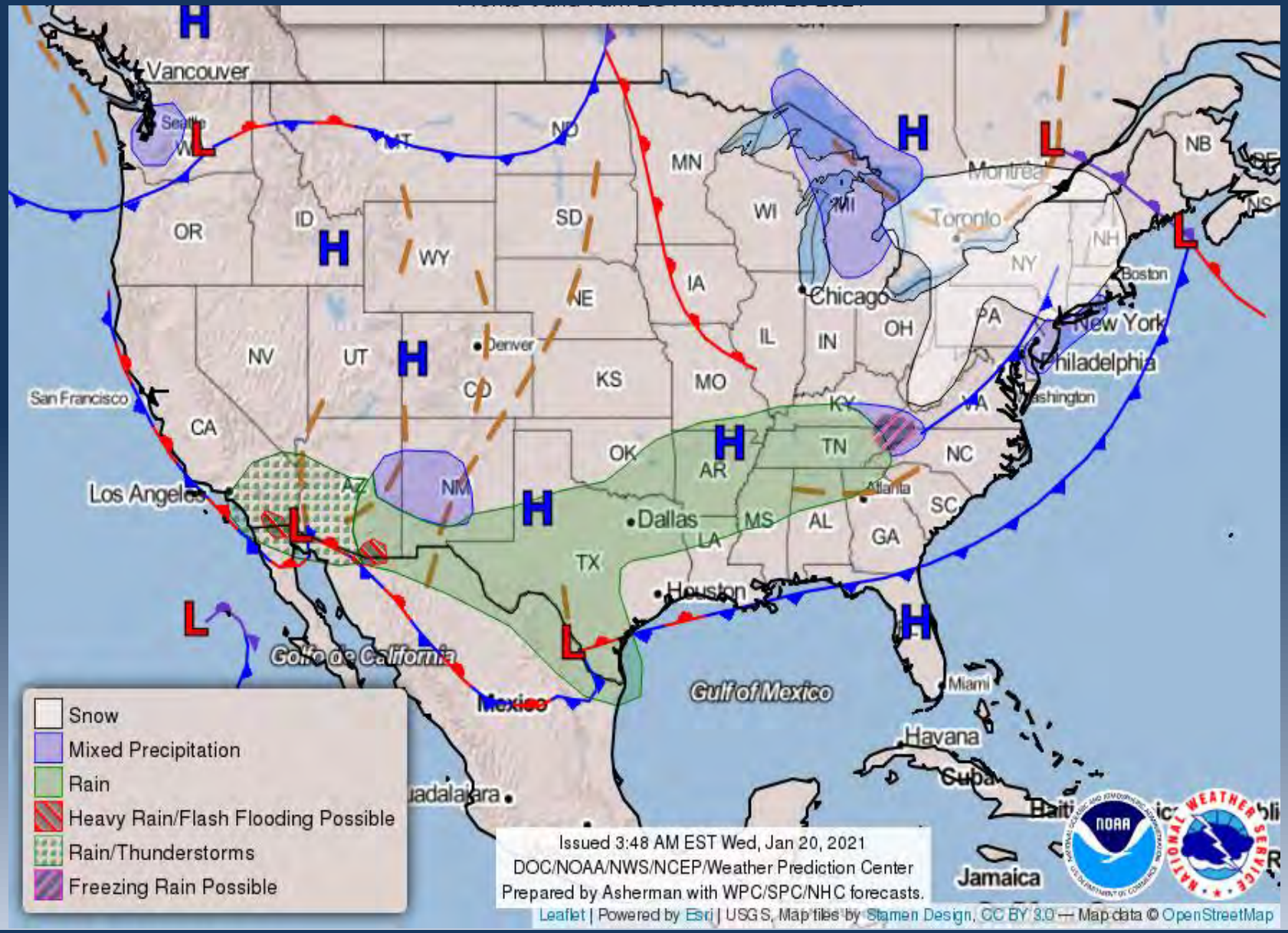

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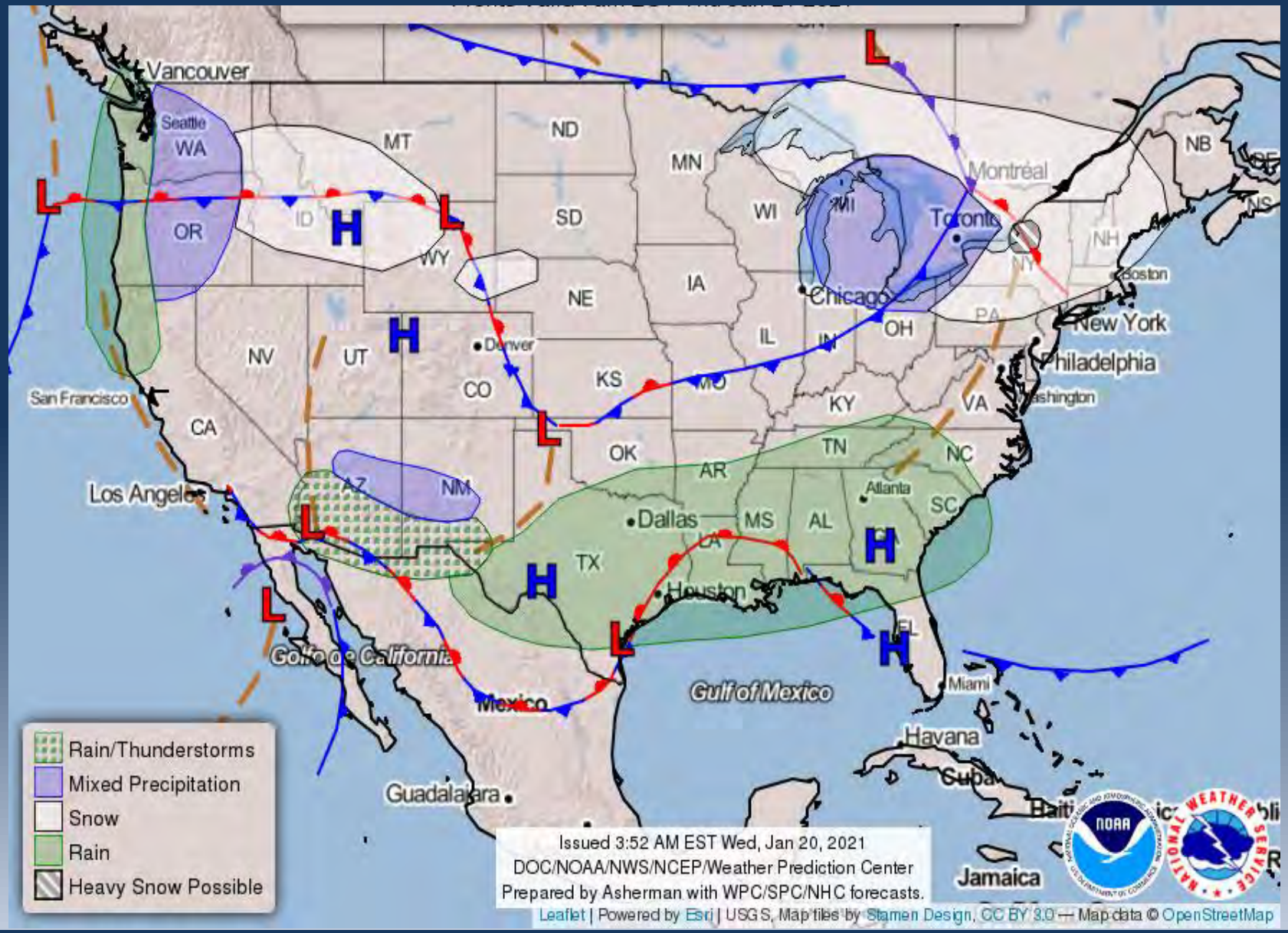

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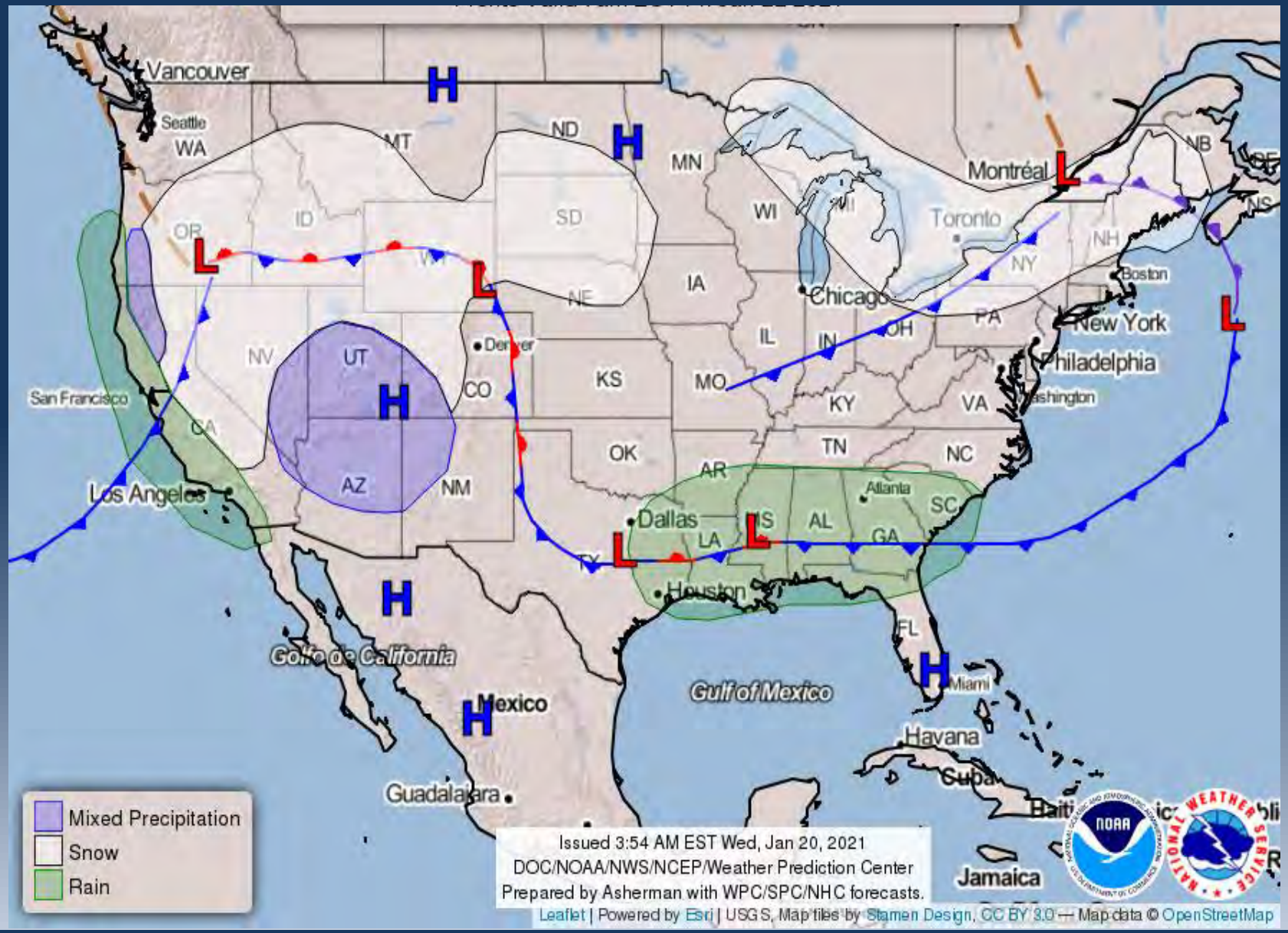

Fire Weather Outlooks

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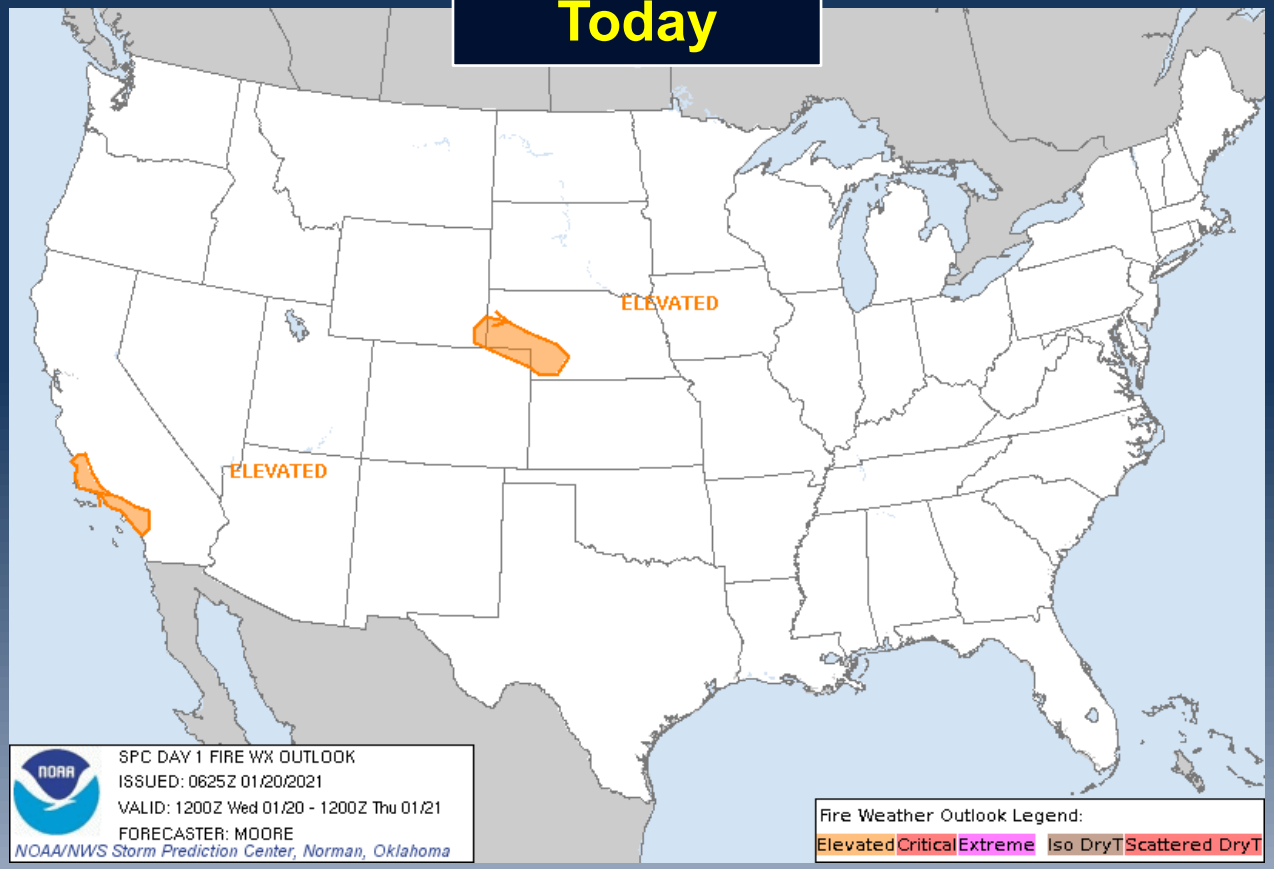

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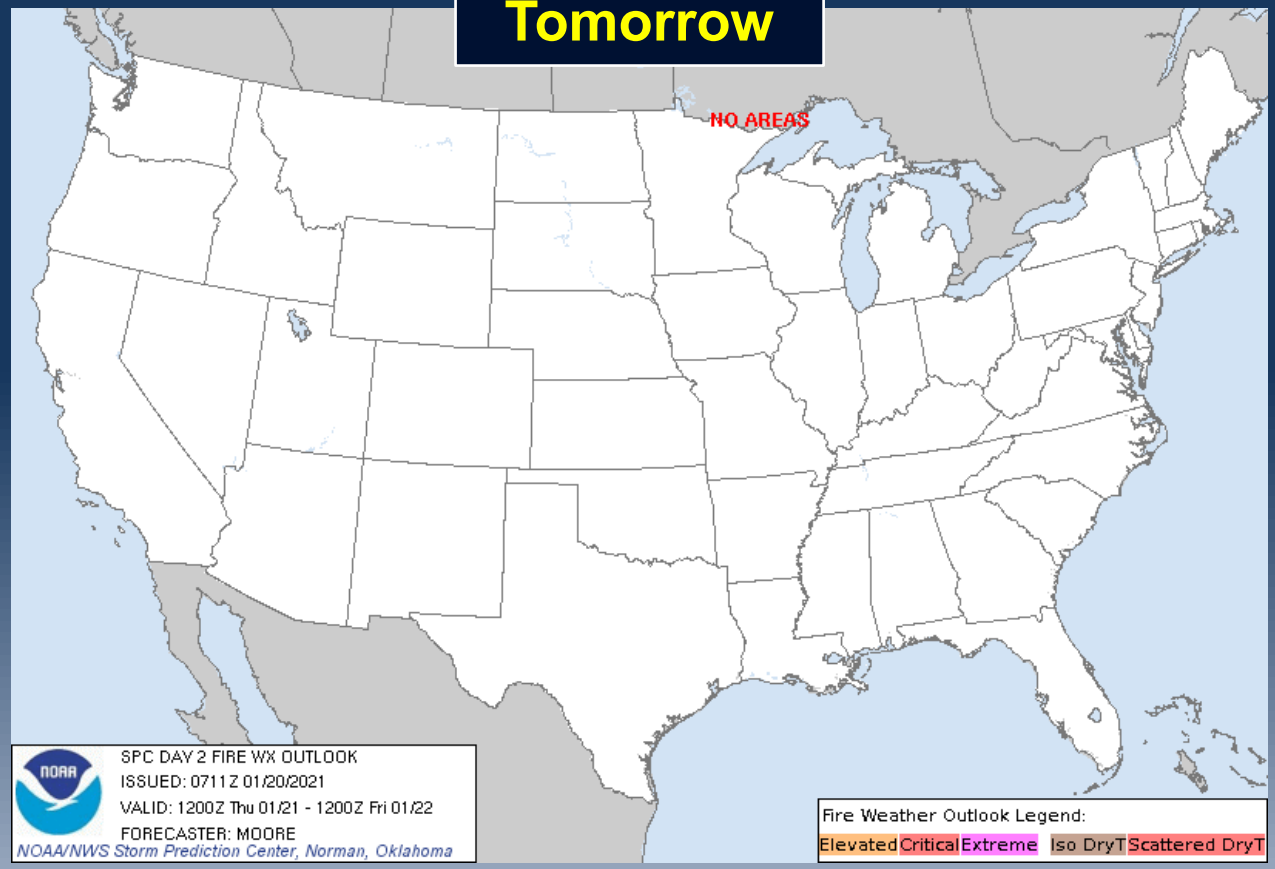

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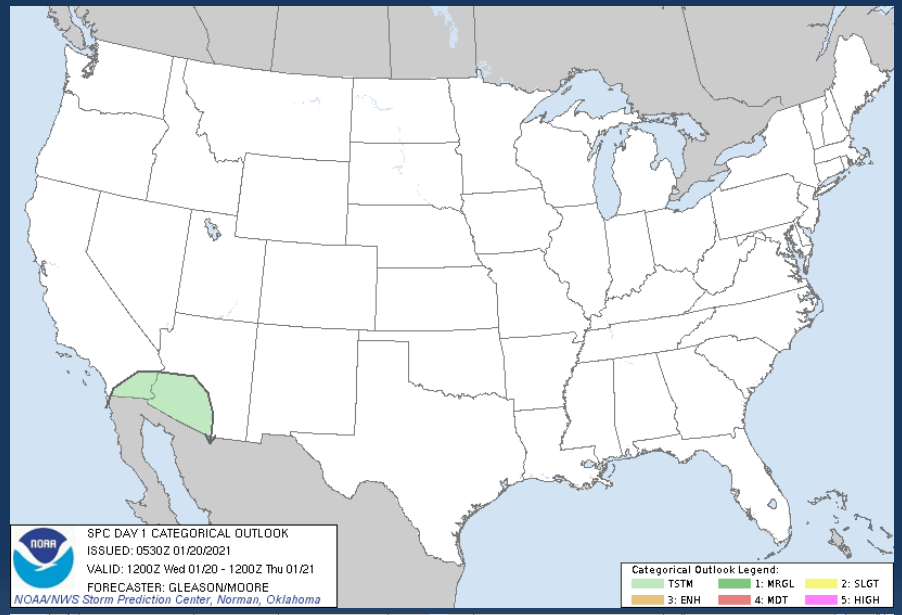
Today's Convective Outlooks

Categorical

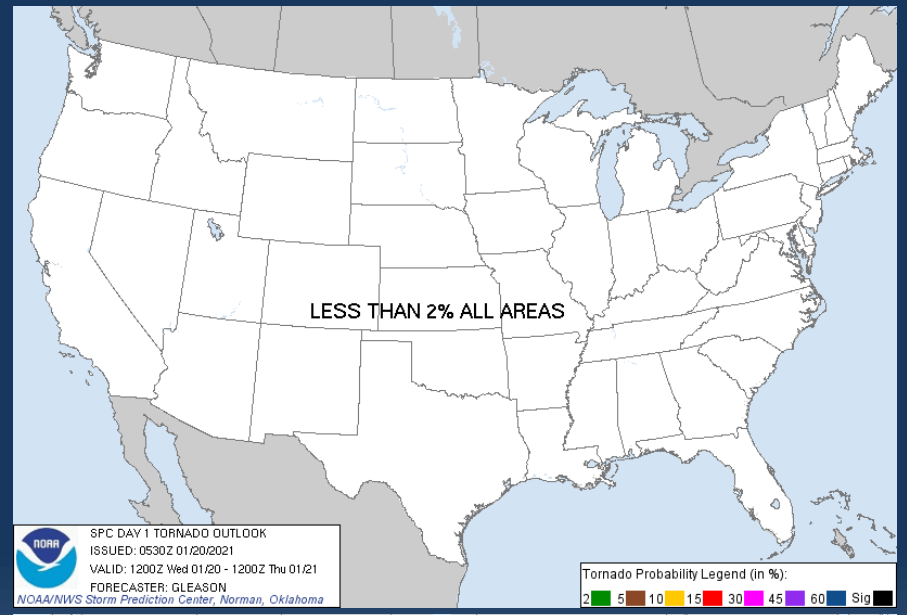
- Thunderstorms
- Marginal Risk
- Slight Risk
- Enhanced Risk
- Moderate Risk
- High Risk



Tornado

within 25 mi. of a point

- 2% any tornado
- 5%
- 10%
- 15%
- 30%
- 45%
- 60%
- 10% EF2+ tornado



Large Hail

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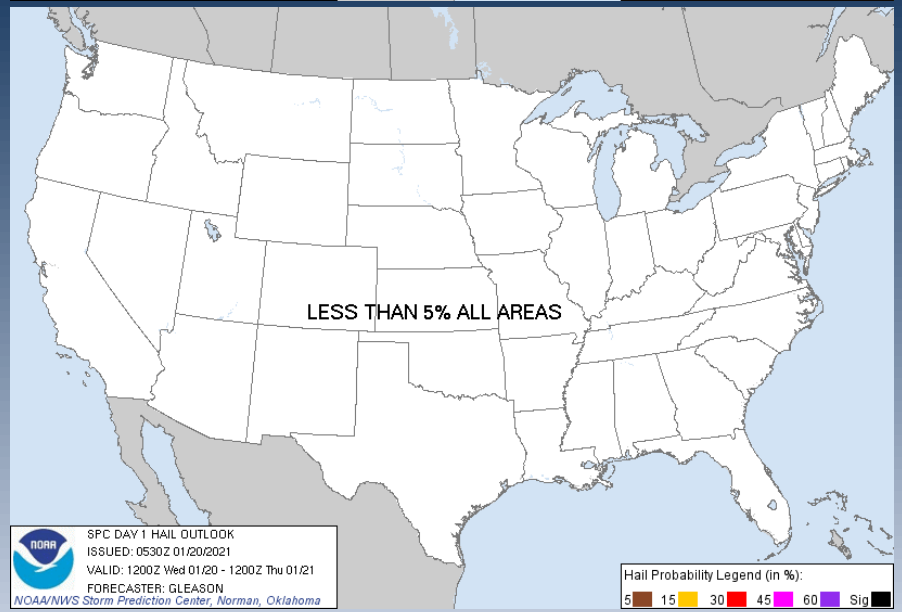
- 10% 2+ inch dia.



Damaging Wind

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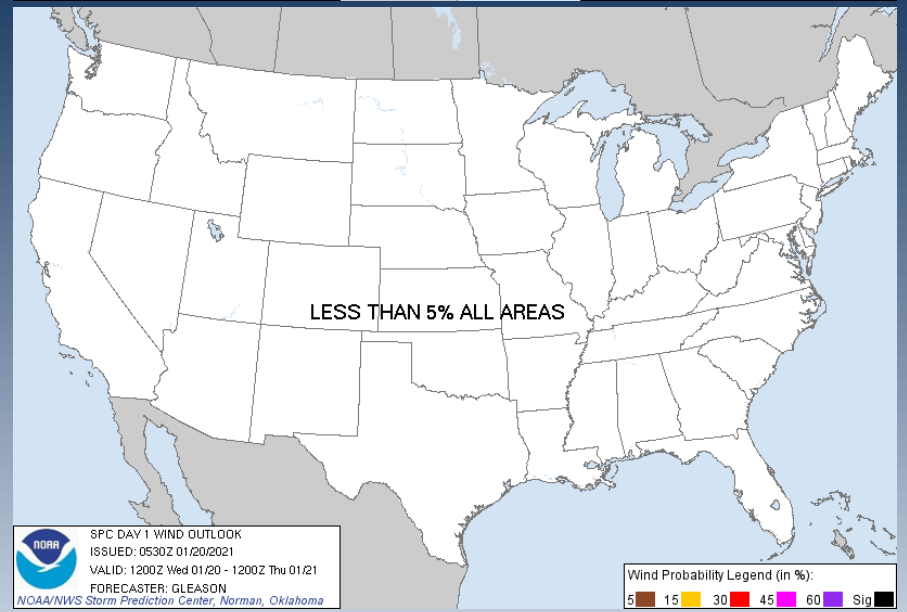
- 10% 65+ kts



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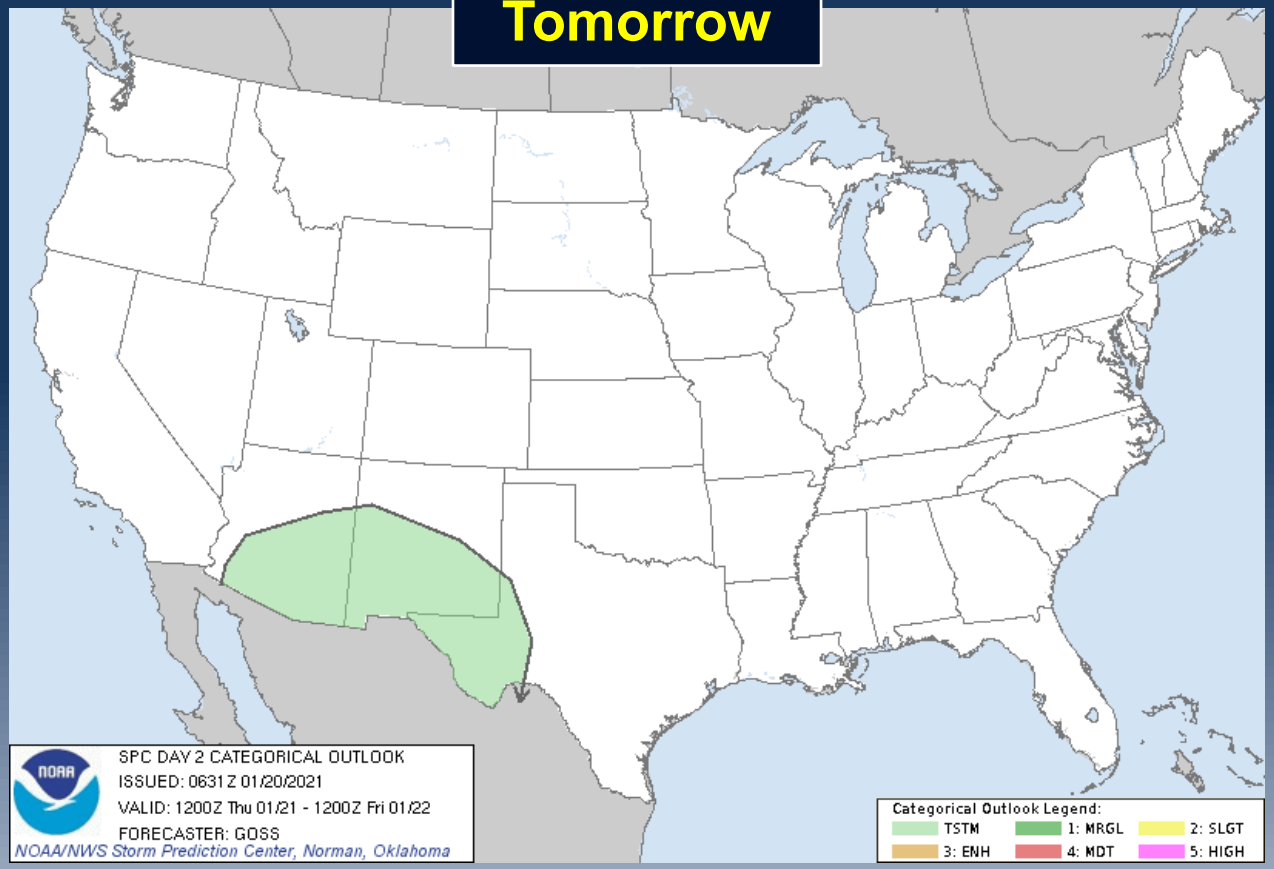

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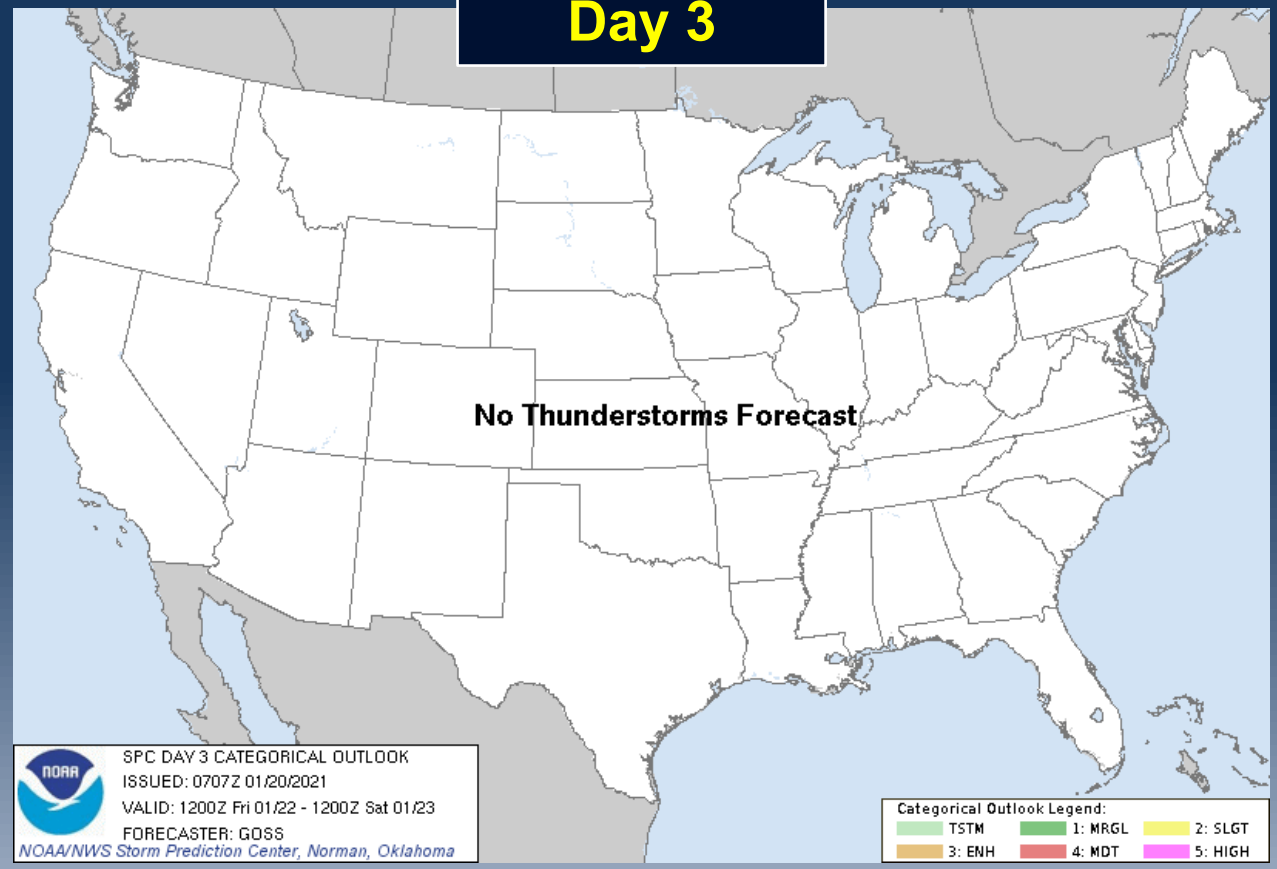

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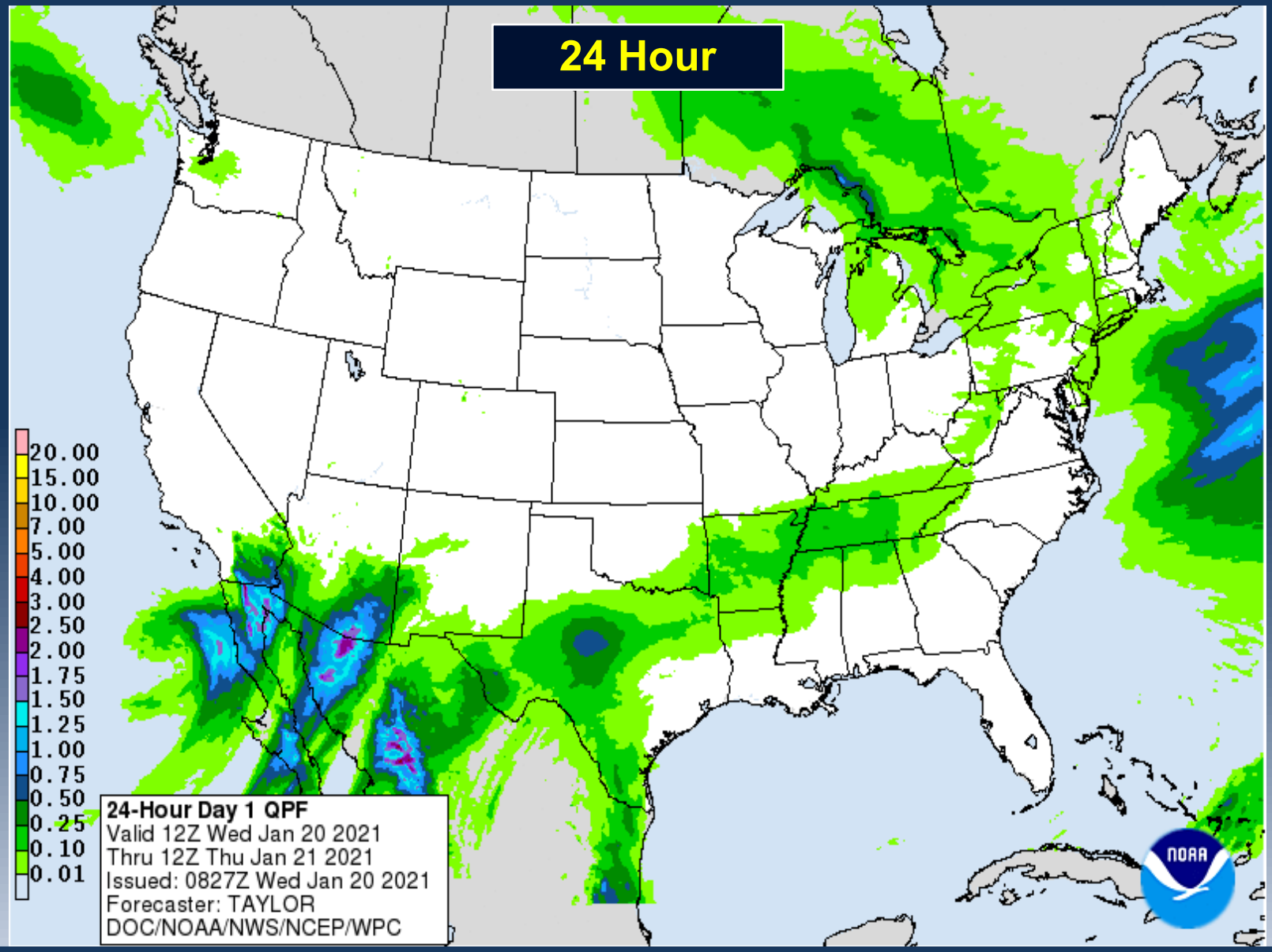

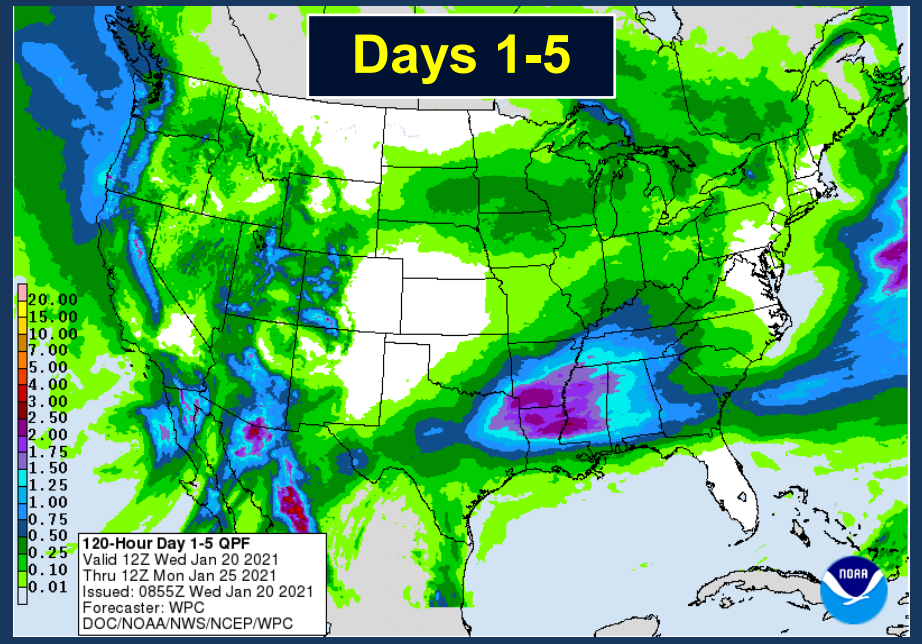

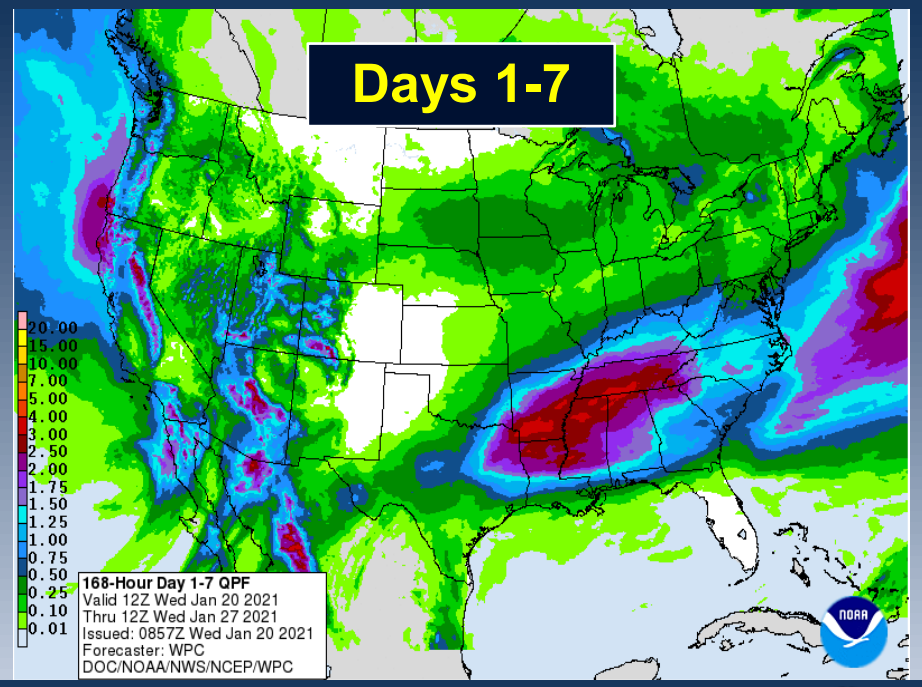

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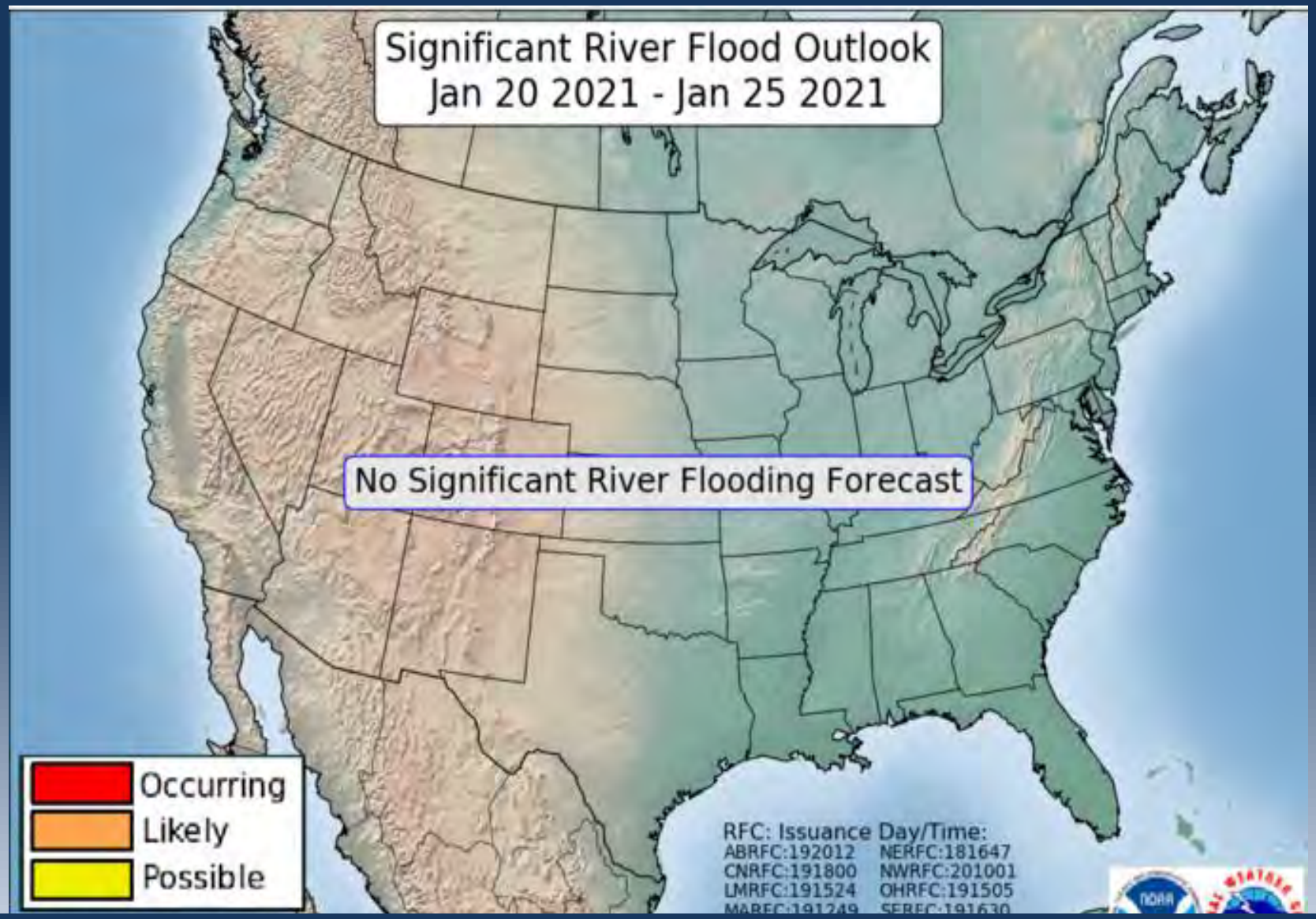

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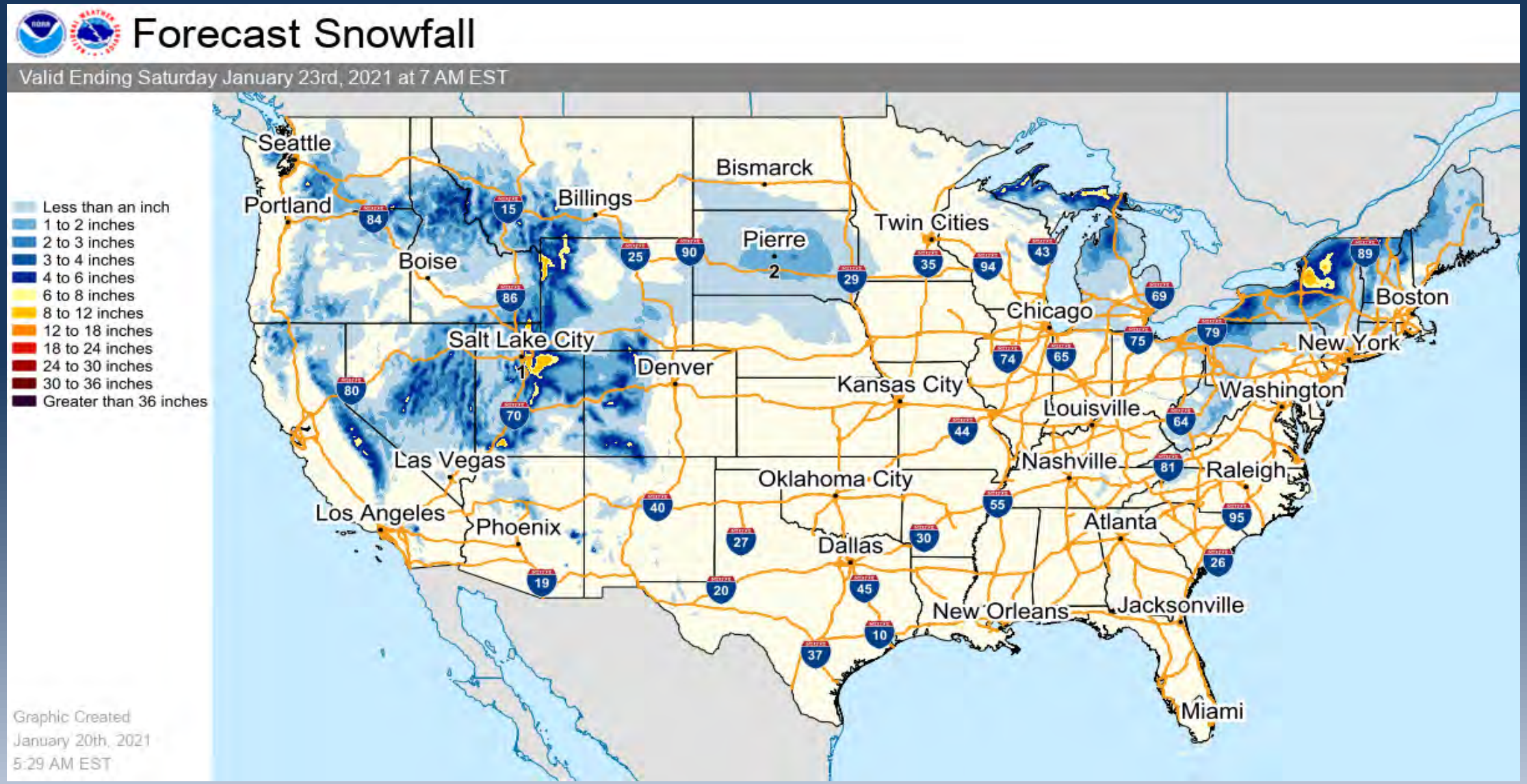

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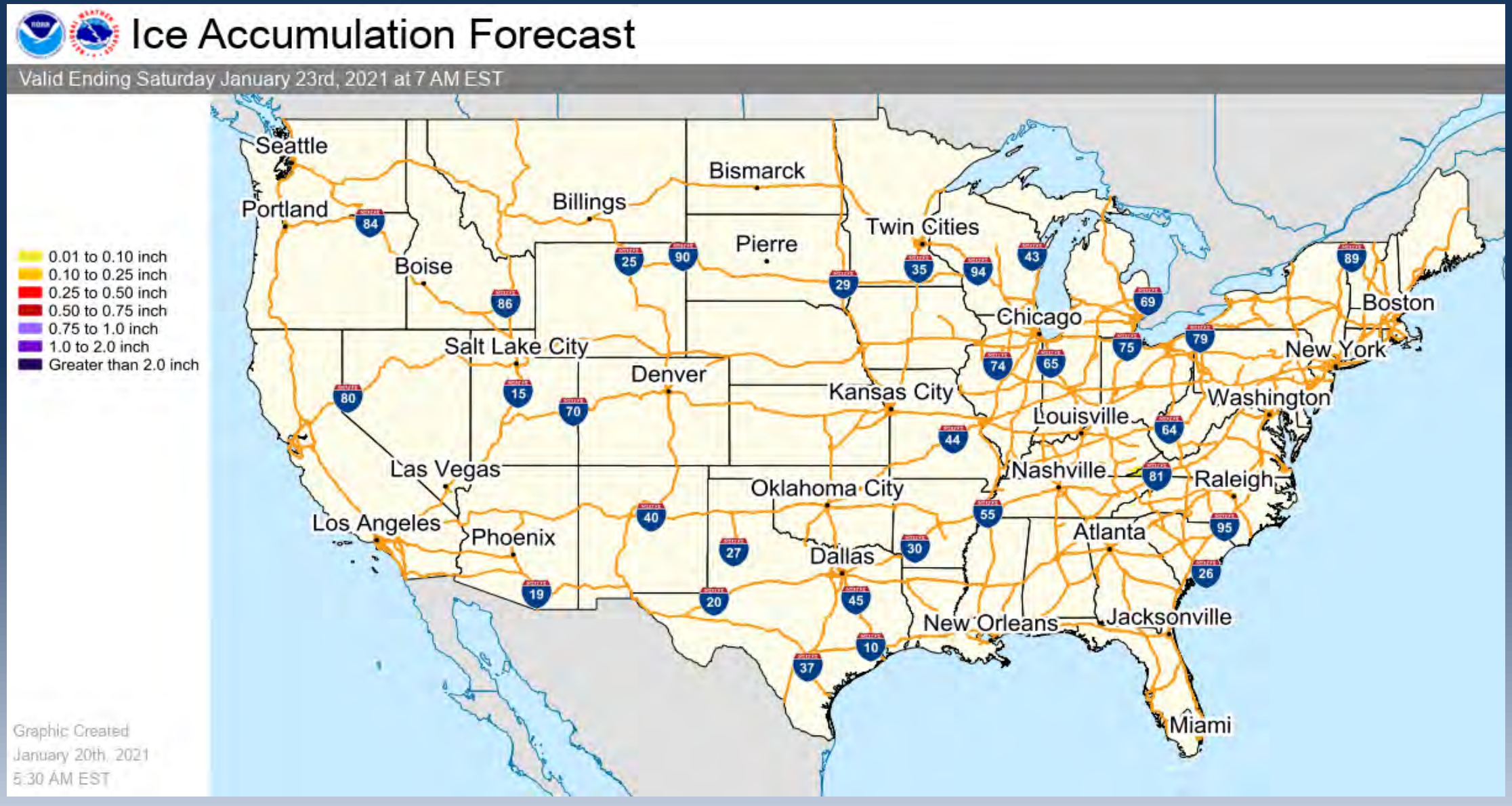

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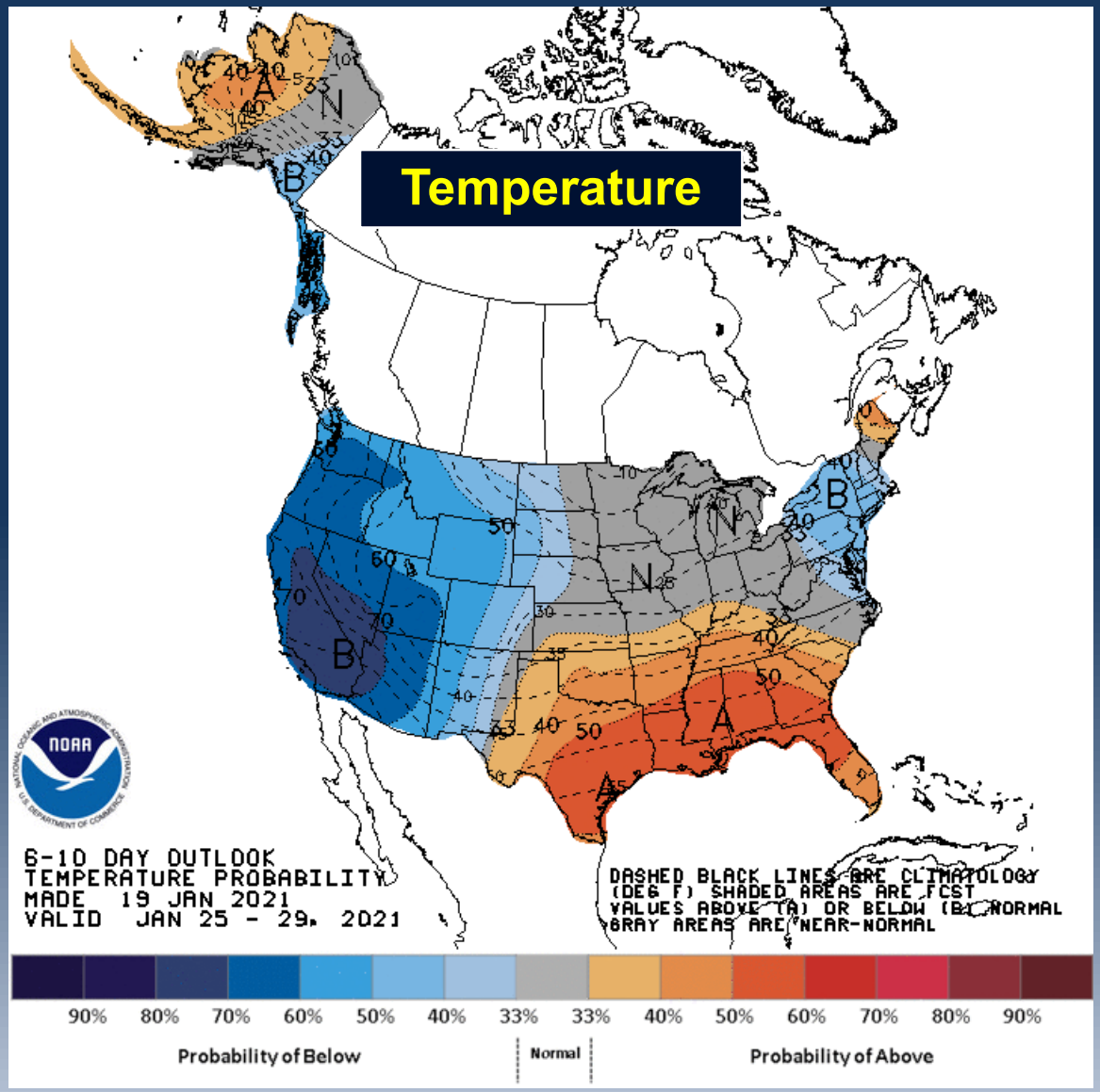

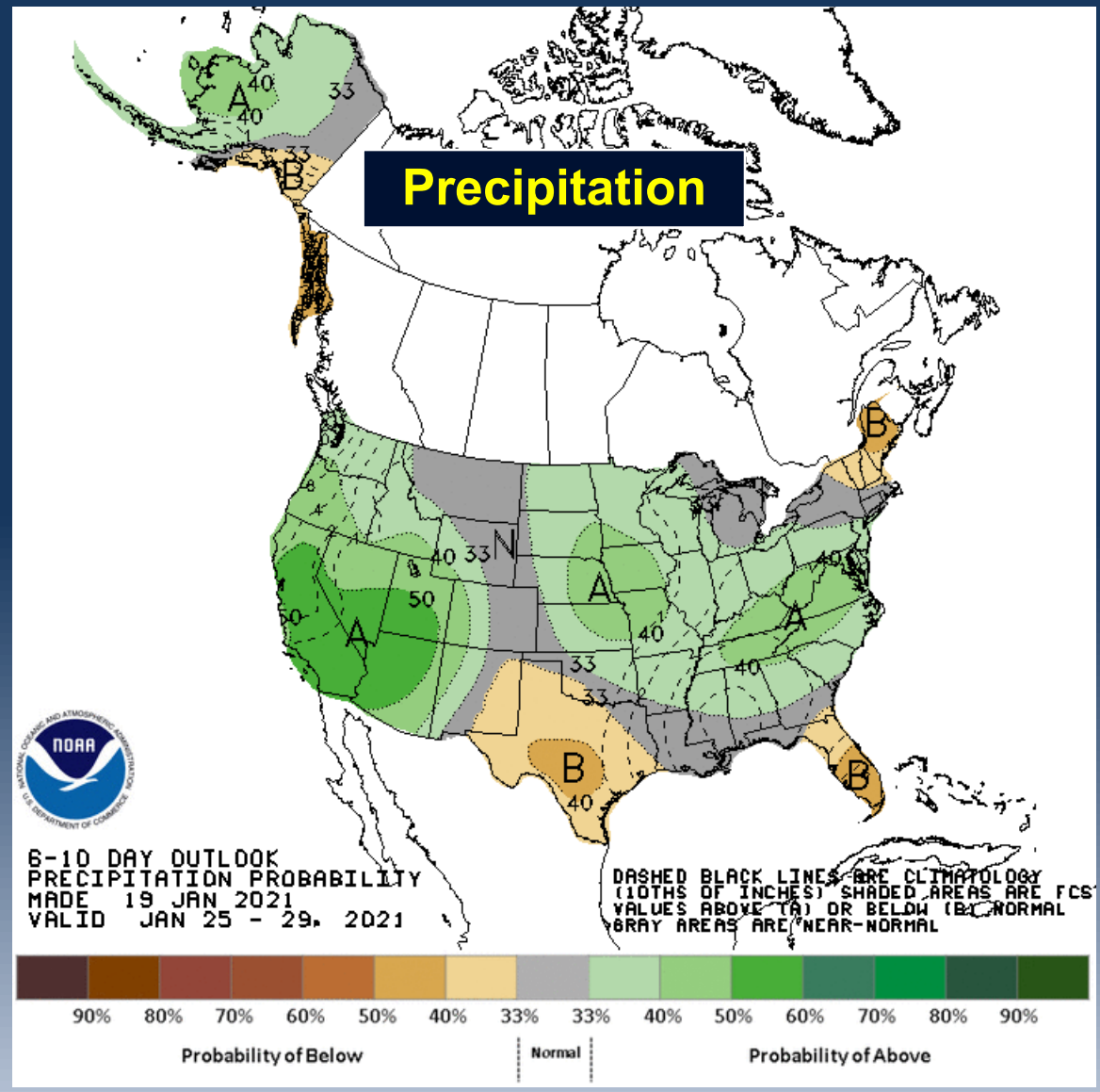

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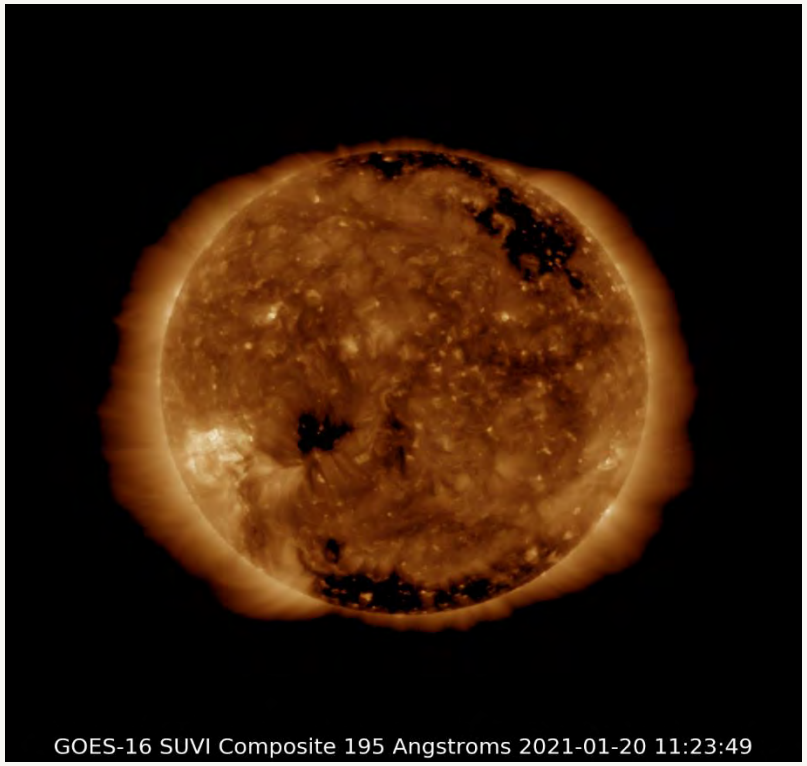

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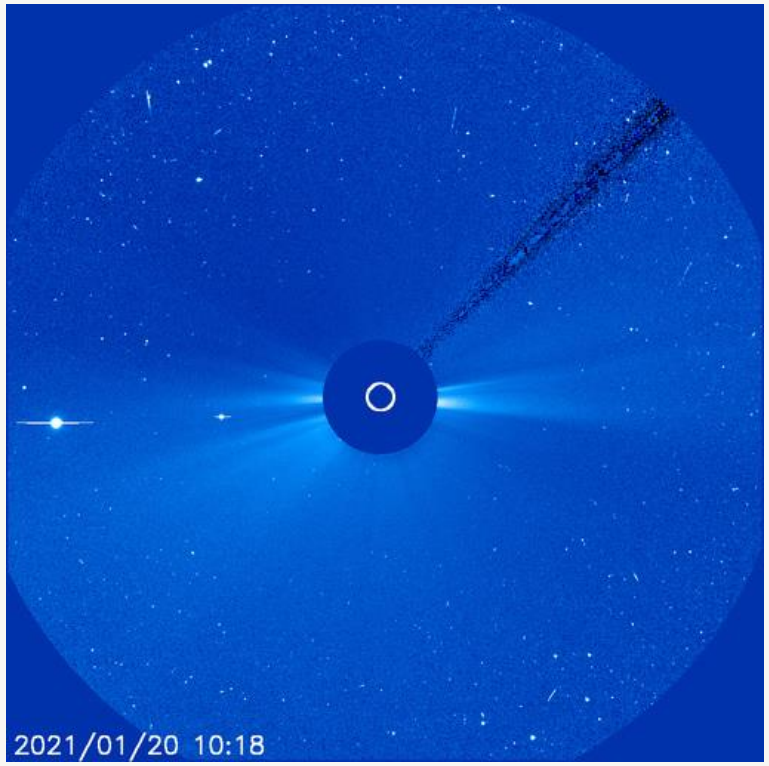

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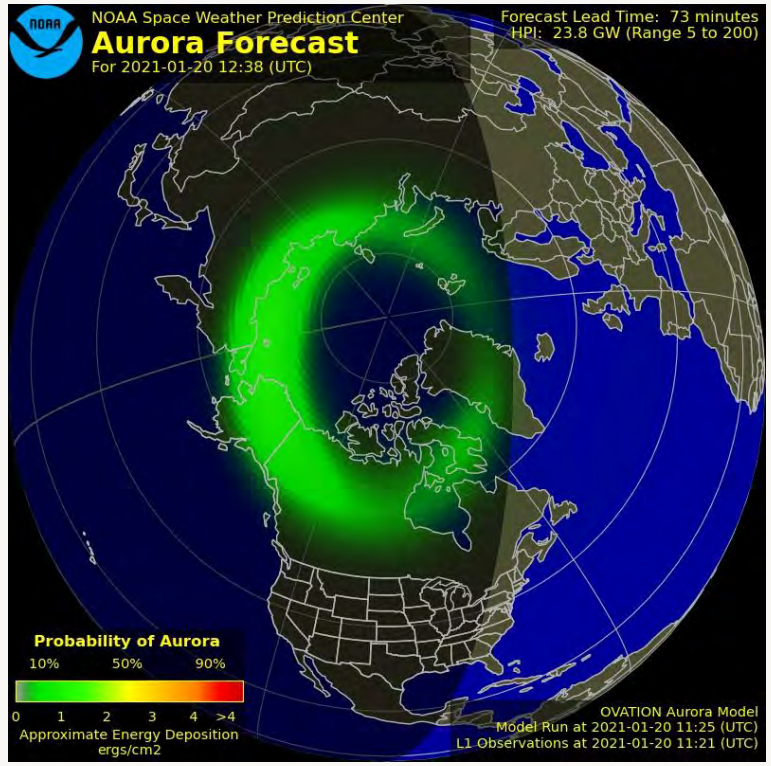

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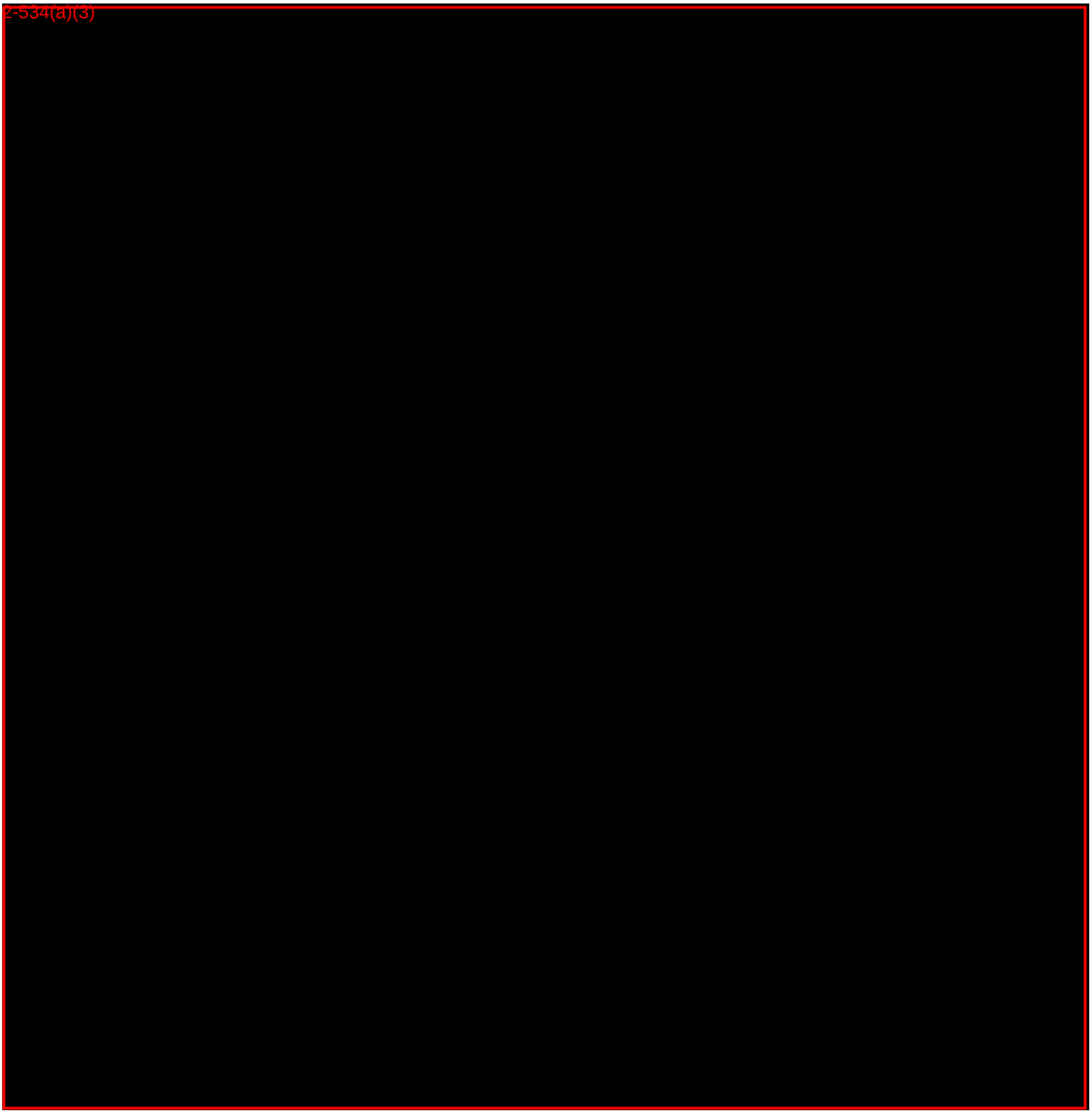

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WORLD NEWS

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At least two dead after blast brings down building in central Madrid

By Nathan Allen, Michael Gore

Slideshow (3 images)

MADRID (Reuters) - At least two people died and several were injured when a building in a central Madrid belonging to the Catholic Church collapsed on Wednesday after an explosion, Mayor Jose Luis Martinez-Almeida told reporters.

Initial investigations suggested that the blast in Calle de Toledo, a street leading out from the city centre, had been caused by a gas leak, he said.

Smoke billowed out of the collapsed building and rescue workers evacuated elderly people from a nearby nursing home.

A Church official said one church volunteer was missing.

The building was a complex that provided residential training for priests and also gave meals to homeless people, a neighbour said.

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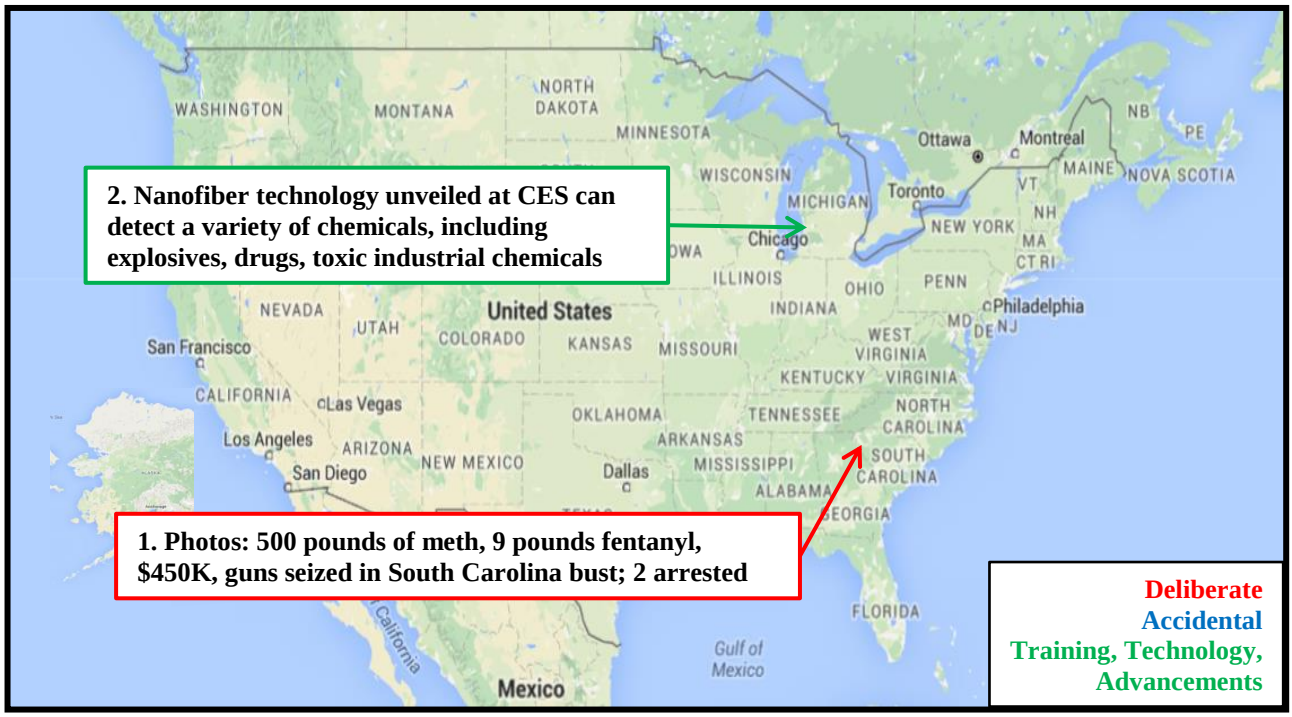

1. Photos: 500 pounds of meth, 9 pounds fentanyl, $450K, guns seized in South Carolina bust; 2 arrested. January 16, 2021 (WBTW 13). Cherokee County, SC–The Cherokee County Sheriff's Office announced its largest methamphetamine seizures in the county's history Friday. Investigators said officers from numerous local and federal agencies executed three search warrants on the properties close to the North Carolina state line. According to the sheriff's office, more than 500 pounds of methamphetamine was found in properties on Ross Road in Blacksburg during searches Thursday afternoon. In addition to the methamphetamine, officers also found nine pounds of fentanyl, pills, marijuana, cocaine, several weapons, and more than $415,000 in cash. The street value of the drugs is estimated to be around $8 million, according to the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office. Deputies said two people were arrested during the bust: 22-year-old Christian Eduerdo Tinejero Pena and 37-year-old Jairo Martinez Covarrobias. Both are charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine more than 400 grams, Trafficking Fentanyl more than 1500 Grams, Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime and Possession of a Firearm by an Illegal Alien. https://www.wbtw.com/news/photos-500-pounds-of-meth-9-pounds-fentanyl-450k-guns-seized-in-south-carolina-bust-2-arrested/

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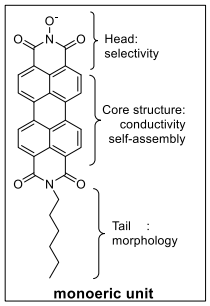
2. Nanofiber technology unveiled at CES can detect a variety of chemicals, including explosives, drugs, toxic industrial chemicals. January 12, 2020 (Security Infowatch). Zeeland, Mich. Gentex today announced the acquisition of the Utah-based startup, Vaporsens, which was founded by University of Utah professor Dr. Ling Zang. Gentex's new nanofiber technology can detect a wide variety of chemicals, including explosives, drugs, VOCs, toxic industrial chemicals, amines, and more. The technology and patents were included in Gentex's 2020 acquisition of Vaporsens. The core of Vaporsens' chemical sensor technology is a net of nanofibers approximately one thousand times smaller in size than human hair. Large surface areas and highly porous structures enable nanofiber sensors to deliver rapid response (seconds) and high sensitivity, in the parts per billion and parts per trillion ranges. A sensor array of different nanofibers creates a fingerprint for target chemicals of interest. By customizing the rapid-response sensor arrays to detect specific chemical targets. Vaporsens can provide highly sensitive and selective chemical sensor capable of detecting a wide variety of chemicals, including industrial chemicals, explosives, drugs, VOCs, TICs, amines and more. https://www.securityinfowatch.com/perimeter-security/threat-detection-imaging-inspection/product/21205750/gentex-corporation-vaporsens-from-gentex



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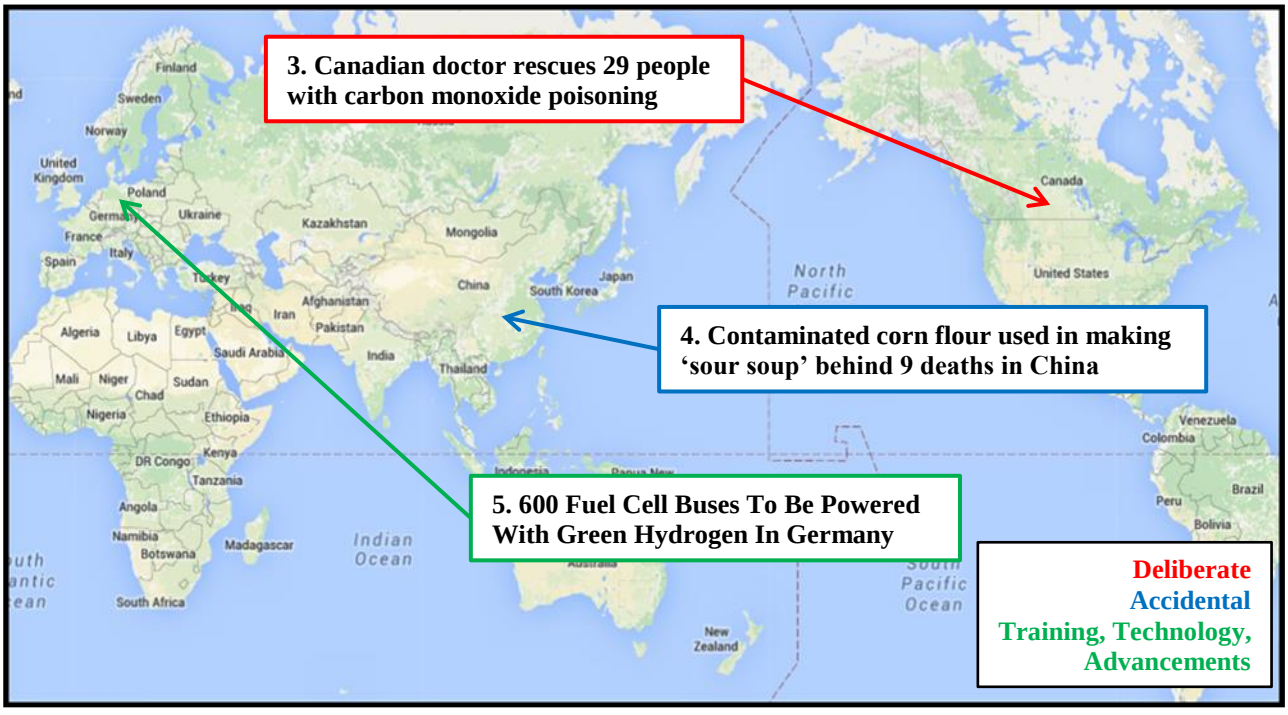

3. Canadian doctor rescues 29 people with carbon monoxide poisoning. January 17, 2021(Daily News). According to the CBC, Mark Wahba, an emergency room doctor at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon, was treating a patient on Thursday night and became concerned they had carbon monoxide poisoning. Dr. Wahba called the fire department to report his suspicion so they would check the patient's residence. When firefighters arrived at the patient's apartment building, they found dangerous levels of

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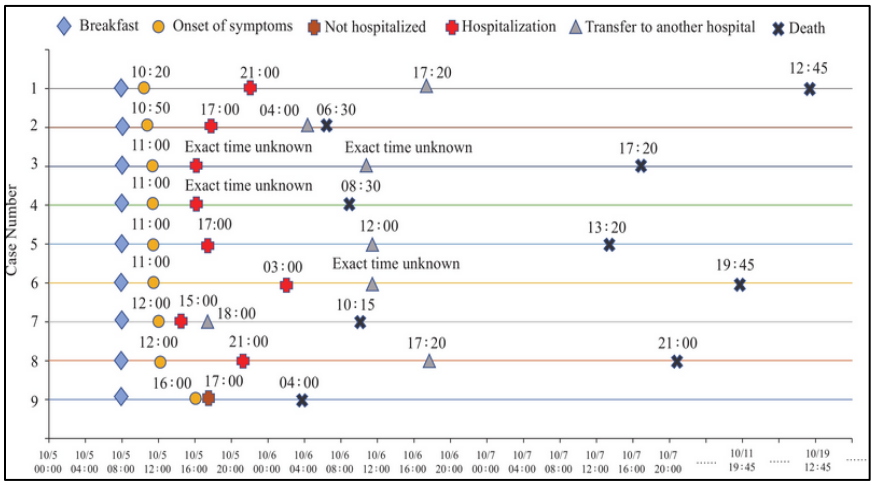
carbon monoxide and began hurriedly evacuating the building. More than two dozen people needed to be transported to nearby hospitals, but none of the residents died. An inspection later found that the building did not have a carbon monoxide detector and the boiler was most likely the source of the leak. At least 430 people die in the U.S. from accidental carbon monoxide poisoning every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, approximately 50,000 people in the U.S. are hospitalized every year because of accidental carbon monoxide exposure.
https://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/ny-canada-doctor-rescue-carbon-monoxide-poisoning-20210117-e6mdj7qgvrbojc6xgclzsj3wge-story.html

4. Contaminated corn flour used in making 'sour soup' behind 9 deaths in China. January 16, 2020 (Food Safety News). In October 2020, nine people in Jidong County, Heilongjiang Province died after consuming a homemade fermented corn flour product called sour soup for breakfast. The food was contaminated by Burkholderia cocovenenans, which can produce bongkrekic acid. In China, B. cocovenenans is often called Pseudomonas cocovenenans. Bongkrekic acid was detected in food and biological samples at 330 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) and 3 milligrams per liter (mg/L), respectively. The amount of bongkrekic acid consumed by the cases was 22 to 33 times the lethal dose for humans, according to the study published in China CDC Weekly.



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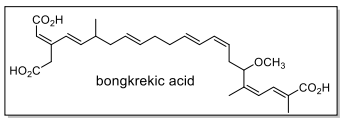
Bongkrekic acid (BA), is a mitochondrial toxin produced by the bacterium *Burkholderia gladioli*. Human illness from BA results from consumption of contaminated food, particularly fermented coconut and corn products. Toxicity arises due to its inhibition of ADP/ATP translocase, a transporter protein that shuttles ATP out of the mitochondria and into the cytoplasm. ATP is our body's energy currency, and bongkrekic acid is literally robbing it of fuel. In a previous case in Mozambique, analyses performed by the US Food and Drug Administration on samples of the beer, fatal concentrations of bongkrekic acid was confirmed. Analysis of the corn flour used to prepare the beer found the bacteria *Burkholderia cocovenenans*, suggesting the mechanism by which the bongkrekic acid made its way into the beer. The intriguing thing about this mass poisoning in Mozambique is that prior, intoxications were isolated to south-east Asia. The arrival in Africa is new and likely the result of increased trade world-wide, allowing microorganisms to be jet setters. https://naturespoisons.com/2018/03/15/crocodile-bile-pombe-bongkrekic-acid-death/



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5. 600 Fuel Cell Buses To Be Powered With Green Hydrogen In Germany. January 18, 2021 (Clean Technica). Last week the Linde Group announced that it will build, own, and operate the "world's

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largest" electrolyzer for renewable hydrogen, at the Leuna Chemical Complex in Germany. The 24 megawatt facility is capable of fueling 600 fuel cell electric buses for a year as Linde estimates. Linde will distribute liquefied green hydrogen to refueling stations and other industrial customers in the region, explains the company. On a per-bus basis, they hit pretty close to the average annual mileage for a transit bus in the US. Until recently it looked like battery technology would hold exclusive title to decarbonizing the transportation sector. However, hydrogen fuel cells have been getting a foothold in heavy-duty applications such as long-haul trucking. Companies like Linde also see application in buses and local delivery, at least in areas where routes and scheduling give the advantage to fuel cells. In terms of accelerating global decarbonization, a thriving green hydrogen transportation sector would help offset any bottlenecks in the battery supply chain, and vice versa. https://cleantechnica.com/2021/01/18/600-fuel-cell-buses-to-be-powered-with-green-hydrogen-in-germany/

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BRIEFING

EU Legislation in Progress

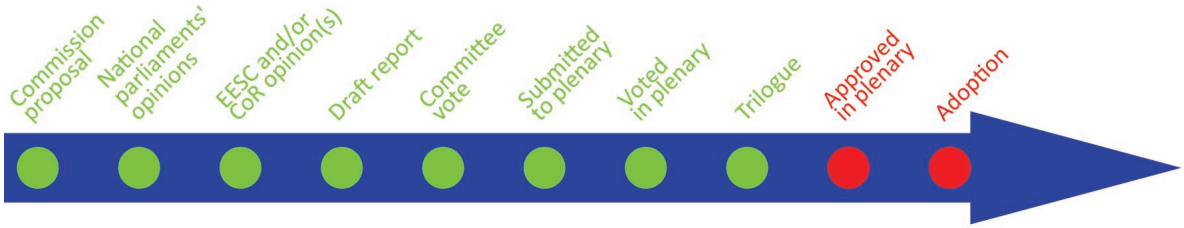
Review of dual-use export controls

OVERVIEW

Certain goods and technologies have legitimate civilian applications but can also be used for military purposes; so-called 'dual-use' goods are subject to the European Union's export control regime. The regime has just been revised, mainly to take account of significant technological developments, increase transparency and create a more level playing field among EU Member States. The proposed regulation will recast the regulation in force since 2009. Among other elements, the proposal explicitly defines cyber-surveillance technology as dual-use technology and introduces human rights violations as an explicit justification for export control. It also includes provisions to control emerging technologies. The proposed regulation introduces greater transparency into dual-use export control by increasing the level of detail Member States will have to provide on exports, licences, licence denials and prohibitions.

On 17 January 2018, based on the INTA committee's report on the legislative proposal, the European Parliament adopted its position for trilogue negotiations. For its part, the Council adopted its negotiating mandate on 5 June 2019, and on the basis of this mandate, the Council Presidency began negotiations with the European Parliament's delegation on 21 October 2019. Trilogue negotiations ended on 9 November 2020, with agreement on a final compromise text. Endorsed by the INTA committee on 30 November, the Parliament is expected to vote in plenary on the text in early 2021.

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, technical assistance and transit of dual-use items (recast).		
Committee responsible:	International Trade (INTA)	COM(2016) 616 28.9.2016
Rapporteur:	Klaus Buchner (Greens/EFA, Germany) Sven Simon (EPP, Germany)	2016/0295(COD)
Shadow rapporteurs:	Bernd Lange (S&D, Germany) Liesje Schreinemacher (Renew Europe, the Netherlands) Geert Bourgeois (ECR, Belgium) Martina Anderson (GUE/NGL, United Kingdom)	Ordinary legislative procedure (COD) (Parliament and Council on equal footing – formerly 'co-decision')
Next steps expected:	Final first-reading vote in plenary	



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Introduction

The high-tech nature of dual-use goods and technologies, and the sizeable volume of trade in them, means that the dual-use sector is a very important part of the EU economy. When controlling exports in these goods and technologies, careful attention needs to be paid to striking the right balance between security considerations and imposing unnecessary restrictions on business activities. This close link between security and trade is at the core of dual-use export controls. It also creates particular challenges for implementation within the European Union. On 28 September 2016, the European Commission published a proposal for a regulation setting up a Union regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering, technical assistance and transit of dual-use items ('the proposed regulation') (and its Annexes), to replace Regulation (EC) No 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items (Regulation 428/2009), which came into force in 2009.

Parliament, Council and Commission joint statement (2014)

In April 2014, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission published a joint statement on the review of the dual-use export control regime, which recognised the importance of 'continuously enhancing the effectiveness and coherence of the EU's strategic export controls regime, while ensuring a high level of security and adequate transparency without impeding competitiveness and legitimate trade in dual-use items'. The three institutions considered that modernisation and further convergence of the system were needed in order to keep up with new threats and rapid technological changes, to reduce distortions and to create a genuine common market for dual-use items. The statement recognised that controls were needed on the export of certain information and communication technologies (ICT) that can be used in connection with human rights violations and to undermine the EU's security.

Context

The EU export control system was set up in the 1990s under Regulation (EC) No 3381/94, setting up a Community regime for the control of exports of dual-use goods, and Council Decision 94/942/CFSP, concerning the control of exports of dual-use goods, and was considerably strengthened with the adoption of Regulation (EC) No 1334/2000 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports of dual-use items and technology. Regulation 428/2009 introduced significant improvements to the EU export control regime, in particular in response to the EU strategy against the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction of December 2003 and in light of reports from exporters and industry. Regulation 428/2009 provides for the free circulation of dual-use items – with some exceptions – within the single market and lays down basic principles and common rules for the control of the export, brokering, transit and transfer of dual-use items, in the framework of common commercial policy. It also provides for administrative cooperation and harmonised policies and tools for implementation and enforcement. The regulation is directly applicable to exporters but requires some additional implementing measures by EU Member States under a mixed system under which national competent authorities are responsible for licensing decisions, for instance.

Existing situation

International level

Regulation 428/2009 implements international commitments under United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1540 (2004), international agreements such as the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), and multilateral export control regimes such as the Wassenaar Arrangement, the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), the Australia Group and the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR).

European level

The impact assessment that was published alongside the proposal on 28 September 2016 noted that the current EU export control system was not fully geared up to keep up with 'today's evolving and new security risks, rapid technological and scientific developments as well as transformations in trade and economic processes'. The current system is described as not taking clearly into consideration the emerging trade in cyber-surveillance technology and the risks it creates for international security and human rights. From an economic perspective, the system is seen as imposing a heavy administrative burden on industry and authorities alike, and as occasionally lacking legal clarity. It is seen as problematic that divergent interpretations and applications among Member States result in asymmetrical implementation and distort competition within the Single Market. The problem is believed to affect a variety of economic operators across numerous industries, including SMEs.

The changes the Commission's proposal would bring

Human rights and cyber-surveillance items

Traditionally, export control seeks to mitigate military risks, especially the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. The Commission proposal marks a fundamental shift in this respect, as it introduces the protection of human rights as a 'normative justification'[1] for export control. Moreover, the proposal seeks to set new standards for the control of cyber-surveillance items that go beyond existing multilateral controls.[2] In doing so, the Commission responds to calls from the European Parliament and Council to address concerns about the proliferation of cyber-surveillance technologies and software that have in the past been misused in violation of human rights and could threaten the EU's digital infrastructure.

Cyber-surveillance items

First, the Commission proposes to expand the definition of dual-use items to include 'cyber-surveillance technologies'. By explicitly including the term 'cyber-surveillance technology' in the definition of dual-use items, the Commission proposal would bring any such item within the catch-all controls, even if it is not explicitly listed among the items subject to control (Annex I).

Second, the Commission is proposing to create a new EU autonomous list of cyber-surveillance technology subject to export control. Three types of cyber-surveillance technologies – namely mobile telecommunications interception or jamming equipment, intrusion software, and internet protocol (IP) network communications surveillance systems – are already covered by internationally agreed dual-use controls and already appear in Annex IA of the existing regulation. The Commission is proposing to create a new category of controlled items, entitled 'Other items of cyber-surveillance technology', that would comprise two additional items of cyber-surveillance technology, namely monitoring centres and data retention systems or devices. These two types of cyber-surveillance technology are not yet covered by internationally agreed dual-use controls. However, one EU Member State – Germany – has made those two types of surveillance technology subject to export control under national legislation.

Human rights considerations

The EU has a record of invoking human rights as a ground for restricting exports of technologies, including cyber-surveillance technologies. Nevertheless, according to experts, the Commission proposal still marks a significant change, situating considerations of human rights 'not as a marginal consideration, but as one of the key normative grounds for controlling the export of sensitive items'.[3]

The Commission is proposing to expand the catch-all provision and make it obligatory to obtain an authorisation for the export of dual-use items not included in the control list destined 'for use by persons complicit in or responsible for directing or committing serious violations of human rights or international humanitarian law in situations of armed conflict or internal repression in the country of final destination' (Article 4(1)(d)). In October 2012, the European Parliament already proposed a similar catch-all provision, but this was not reflected in the final legislative act adopted at the time.

The obligation to discover whether items are intended for abuse in the manner described above is to be shared by both the competent authorities *and* the exporter. The latter's obligation to conduct 'due diligence' is stated explicitly in the proposal (Article 4(2)).

Moreover, in deciding whether or not to grant an individual or global export authorisation, competent authorities are henceforth to take into account 'respect for human rights in the country of final destination, as well as respect by that country of international humanitarian law (Article 14(1)(b))', 'the internal situation in the country of final destination' (Article 14(1)(c)), 'preservation of regional peace, security and stability' (Article 14(1)(d)), 'considerations of national foreign and security policy, including security of Member States' (Article 14(1)(e)) and 'considerations about intended end use and the risk of diversion' (Article 14(1)(f)).

It should be noted that Article 8 of the current regulation already allows Member States to prohibit or impose an authorisation requirement on the export of non-listed dual use items for reasons of public security or for human rights considerations. It should also be noted in this context that Article 12 of the existing Regulation 428/2009 already requires competent authorities to take into account 'considerations of national foreign and security policy, including those covered by Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP defining common rules governing control of exports of military technology and equipment. Criterion Two of Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP requires EU Member States to deny an export licence if the country of final destination fails to respect human rights and international humanitarian law, including if the technology or equipment to be exported might be used for internal repression.

Nevertheless, fears have been voiced that the Commission's proposal to expand the catch-all provision to include human-rights considerations could lead to a greater administrative burden for operators and authorities, at both national and EU level, since a new layer of control is added to the export of such items. This could imply several additional licensing procedures, owing in particular to the lack of experience in implementing these provisions. Critics of the provision also argue that it may also to give rise to distortions of competition at global level, as it cannot be ensured that other key technology suppliers (China, US) would introduce similar controls.[4]

Addition of controls on brokering and technical assistance and harmonisation at EU level

The proposal seeks to amend certain control provisions relating to technology transfer, in order to provide greater clarity with regard to the application of controls on software and technology. In doing so, the Commission is addressing confusion that has arisen in the past over how controls apply when technology is stored and shared via cloud computing, for example. The provision of 'technical assistance' involving a cross-border movement became an EU competence with the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty. Therefore, the proposal adds a definition for 'technical assistance' and clarifies applicable controls. The proposal also provides clarification on 'brokering' and 'brokering services', by extending the definition of 'broker' to subsidiaries of EU companies located outside the EU, and to 'brokering services' supplied by third-country nationals from within the EU territory. The proposal also extends the application of brokering to non-listed items and military end-uses, and extends their violation to terrorism and human rights violations. Controls on brokering and technical assistance are to apply throughout the EU jurisdiction, thus establishing an EU-wide legal basis for the prosecution of export control violations. EU persons located in third countries will become subject to control, and the proposal introduces anti-circumvention clauses.

Optimisation of the EU licensing architecture

The proposal seeks further harmonisation of the licensing processes with the aim of reducing the administrative burden associated with obtaining export licences. Importantly, the draft regulation proposes to introduce new EU general export authorisations (EUGEA) for encryption, low value shipments and intra-company transmissions of software and technology and for 'other dual-use items' on an ad-hoc, as-needed basis. As a pre-requisite for a more harmonised approach, it attempts to harmonise the definitions of a number of the regulation's key concepts, such as, for instance, those of 'exporter', 'export' and 'broker'. The proposal also introduces a new authorisation for 'large projects', where one licence covers export operations related to one project, e.g. the construction of a nuclear power plant, for the entire duration of the project. The Commission also proposes to further harmonise the validity period of licences and to promote e-licensing systems by Member States. Enhancing the exchange of information on licensing decisions, notably denials, is another important element of the Commission proposal.

Intra-EU transfers

In order to take account of technological and commercial developments, the proposal revises the list of items that are subject to control within the EU. Controls are limited to the most sensitive items, in order to minimise the administrative burden and disruption of EU trade.

Enhanced cooperation on implementation and enforcement

In an effort to improve the exchange of information between national authorities and the Commission, the proposal envisages the introduction of electronic licensing systems that are interconnected through the dual-use electronic system (DUES). The proposal also calls for the setting up of 'technical expert groups', bringing together key industry and government experts to determine the technical parameters for controls. The Commission also proposed to develop guidance to support interagency cooperation between licensing and customs authorities. Most importantly, the Commission proposes to create an Enforcement Coordination Mechanism with a view to establishing direct cooperation and exchange of information between competent licensing and enforcement authorities.

Catch-all controls

Catch-all controls allow for the control of exports of non-listed dual-use items or technologies in certain situations, where there is evidence that they may be misused. The proposal clarifies and harmonises the definition and scope of catch-all controls to ensure their uniform application across the EU (Article 4).

Anti-circumvention clause

The Commission proposes to make it illegal to participate 'knowingly and intentionally' in activities the object or effect is to circumvent the licensing and/or catch-all provisions set out in Articles 4 to 7 of the regulation.

Legislative process

European Parliament

The legislative proposal was submitted to the European Parliament on 6 October 2016. The Committee for International Trade (INTA), which is responsible for the file, appointed Klaus Buchner (Greens/EFA, Germany) as rapporteur on 12 October 2016. The rapporteur published his draft report on 4 April 2017. Following adoption of the report by the INTA committee on 23 November 2017, the Parliament voted in plenary on 17 January 2018 to adopt amendments to the proposal, with an

overwhelming majority in favour of the positions set out in the INTA report. 571 MEPs voted in favour, 29 against, and 29 abstained. Parliament also voted to open interinstitutional negotiations with the Council.

Cyber-surveillance technology

Parliament supports the Commission's proposal to classify certain cyber-surveillance technology as 'dual-use items'. However, Parliament's definition of the kind of cyber-surveillance technology to be covered by the regulation is slightly more comprehensive than that proposed by the Commission (*additions in italics*). The European Parliament's definition comprises 'cyber-surveillance *items including hardware, software and* technology, *which are specially designed to enable the covert intrusion into information and telecommunication systems and/or the monitoring, exfiltrating, collecting and analysing of data and/or incapacitating or damaging the targeted system without the specific, informed and unambiguous authorisation of the owner of the data, and which can be used in connection with the violation of human rights, including the right to privacy, the right to free speech and the freedom of assembly and association, or* which can be used for the commission of serious violations of human rights *law* or international humanitarian law, or can pose a threat to international security or the essential security of the Union and its *Members* (Article 2(1)(1)(b)).

Human rights

Parliament also supports the Commission's proposal to include a 'catch-all' provision that would require an authorisation for the export of dual-use items not included in the control list destined for use in connection with human rights violations (Article 4(1)d)). However, as a compromise, Parliament suggested limiting the human rights catch-all provision to cyber-surveillance items.

The Commission's proposal expanded the list of criteria that competent authorities have to take into account in deciding whether or not to grant an individual or global export authorisation. Parliament proposes to strengthen further the requirement to check the human rights situation in the country of final destination by adding a list of further elements to be taken into account in the licensing decision as assessment criteria (Article 14(1)(ba). These comprise looking at 'the *behaviour of the country of destination with regard to the international community, as regards in particular its attitude to terrorism, the nature of its alliances and respect for international law' (Article 14(1)(da), and looking at 'the compatibility of the exports of the items with regard to the technical and economic capacity of the recipient country*' (Article 14(1)(db).

Guidance

Parliament has called on the Commission to publish a handbook before the entry into force of the new rules, to assist EU businesses with the interpretation of the new rules, especially more guidance for companies on how to go through the process of due-diligence. Parliament is also calling for better acknowledgment of fundamental rights as licensing criteria, notably for cyber-surveillance.

A level playing field

MEPs are also calling for the creation of a level playing field among Member States, by, for example, introducing similar penalties for non-compliance, along with greater transparency of national authorities' export control decisions.

Encryption

MEPs voted to delete encryption technologies from the list of cyber-surveillance products, as they consider these vital for the self-defence of human rights defenders.

Council

The Council adopted its negotiating mandate on 5 July 2019. The Council rejected many of the amendments to the regulation proposed by the Commission and endorsed by Parliament, reflecting a desire for a rather limited update to the existing Dual Use Regulation.

Human rights and cyber surveillance technology

Essentially, the Council mandate sought to remove the substantive provisions relating to cyber-surveillance technology and human rights. Notably, it rejected the idea of an EU-autonomous list for controlling cyber-surveillance technology, and did not want to add any explicit references to human rights (while leaving the implicit human rights catch-all through the reference to the Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP of 8 December intact).

Cyber-surveillance technology

Council was opposed to the idea of introducing unilateral dual use controls for cyber-surveillance technology at EU level. Currently, Member States can take national measures to introduce such controls, and one EU Member State – Germany – is already controlling the cyber-surveillance items that the Commission has proposed for an EU autonomous control list.

The Council advocated that the EU simply revert to transposing the control lists of international regimes into EU legislation, and forgoing the opportunity to set up EU-wide control for certain additional cyber-surveillance items.

The Council mandate dropped 'cyber-surveillance technology' from the definition of 'dual use items'. By explicitly including the term 'cyber-surveillance technology' in the definition of dual-use items, the Commission proposal would have brought any such item – even if it was not explicitly on the list of dual-use items subject to control – within the catch-all controls (see below). As such, the Council removed 'cyber-surveillance technology' from the list of technologies that the regulation explicitly defines as 'dual-use items' in Article 2(1)(b) of the Commission's proposal. The Council also removed the list of technologies that the Commission proposed to define specifically as 'cyber-surveillance technology' for the purpose of the regulation, namely mobile telecommunications interception equipment; intrusion software; monitoring centres; lawful interception systems and data-retention systems; and digital forensics (Article 2(21)).

Moreover, the Council mandate removed the suggested Category 10 to Annex I ('other items of cyber-surveillance technology') covering surveillance systems, equipment, and components for information and communication technology. The Council thus rejected the proposal to create an EU autonomous list that would have added 'monitoring centres' and 'retention systems' to the list of dual-use items subject to control.

Human rights

The Council mandate also disagrees with adding new categories to expand the catch-all provision contained in Article 4, which applies to non-listed dual use items. The Council removed a 'catch-all' provision that would require an authorisation for the export of dual-use items destined for use in connection with human rights or international law violations (no Article 4(1)d)).

The Council does not agree with the Commission's proposal to expand the list of criteria that competent authorities have to take into account in deciding whether or not to grant an individual or global export authorisation (which are listed in Article 14 of the Commission proposal). Instead, the Council refers to the common rules already governing control of exports of military technology and equipment laid down in Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP, and proposing an Article 14(2) that requires Member States to take into consideration the implementation by the exporter of an internal compliance programme when assessing an application for a global export authorisation.

Addition of controls on brokering and technical assistance and harmonisation at EU level

The Council mandate would limit the harmonisation of brokering and technical assistance controls to listed-items (Article 7).

Optimisation of the EU licensing architecture

The Council mandate proposes to drop two out of four EUGEAs, namely those for 'low value shipments' and 'other dual use items'. Moreover, the Council mandate proposes to introduce stricter licensing conditions with respect to the EUGEA for encryption. It also reduces the number of permitted countries under the 'intra-company' EUGEA. The Council mandate keeps the concept of a 'large project authorisation' (LPA), but dilutes the definition.

Enhanced cooperation on implementation and enforcement

The Council mandate calls only for voluntary exchange of information on enforcement and implementation (Article 20(2)). Moreover, the Council mandate proposes not to require national authorities to share information with the Commission on the average times for processing applications for authorisations. (Article 10(5)). As regards the Commission's proposal to develop guidance on interagency cooperation, the Council mandate asks for this to remain voluntary (Article 18.5).

Anti-circumvention clause

The Council mandate deletes the anti-circumvention clause that the Commission proposed in a new Article 23.[5]

Trilogue agreement

In October 2019, following the European elections, the INTA committee voted to open negotiations with the Council on the basis of the previous Parliament's position. Following trilogue negotiations, the Council and Parliament negotiators agreed on a compromise text, on 9 November 2020. The Ambassadors of the Member States meeting in Coreper endorsed it on 18 November, and the INTA committee did so on 30 November. Parliament is expected to vote in plenary on adopting the agreed text at first reading early in 2021.

Cyber-surveillance items

The Commission's and Parliament's views on the importance of further limiting the export of cyber-surveillance items prevailed during trilogue negotiations. Parliament and Council agreed to expand the definition of dual-use items to include 'cyber-surveillance items' (Article 2.21). By explicitly including the term 'cyber-surveillance items' in the definition of dual-use items, the proposed regulation brings any such item within the catch-all controls, even if it is not explicitly listed among the items subject to control (which appear in Annex I to the regulation). There is no agreed definition of 'cyber-surveillance items', but experts have in the past defined these 'as lying at the intersection of the information and communications technology (ICT) sector and the surveillance sector. Hence, cyber-surveillance goods, services and technologies are ICTs that are specifically designed, in whole or in part, for surveillance purposes'.

The proposed regulation notes that cyber-surveillance items that are particularly problematic include those that are 'specially designed to enable intrusion or deep packet inspection into information and telecommunications systems in order to conduct covert surveillance of natural persons by monitoring, extracting, collecting or analysing data, including biometrics data, from these systems' (Recital 5). The proposed regulation does not change the list of cyber-surveillance items listed in Annex IA, and does not add any additional items to this list (beyond the regular

update that brings the EU control list into line with the decisions taken within the framework of the international non-proliferation regimes and export control arrangements). The Commission had originally proposed to create a new category of controlled items, entitled 'Other items of cyber-surveillance technology', that would have comprised two additional items of cyber-surveillance technology, namely monitoring centres and data retention systems or devices. The compromise text agreed between the European Parliament and the Council did not retain this proposition.

Human rights considerations

The Commission's and Parliament's views on strengthening human rights considerations also prevailed over the Council's reluctance to do so. As previously stated, the EU has a record of invoking human rights as a ground for controlling the export of technologies, including cyber-surveillance technologies. However, the proposed regulation expands the catch-all provision and makes it obligatory to obtain an authorisation for the export of dual-use items not included in the control list 'if the items in question are or may be intended ... for use in connection with internal repression and/or the commission of serious violations of international human rights and international humanitarian law (Article 4(a)(1)). In doing so, the proposed regulation explicitly introduces specific human-rights related end-use controls for non-listed cyber-surveillance items.

The obligation to discover whether items are intended for abuse in the manner described above is to be shared by both the competent authorities *and* the exporter. The latter's obligation to conduct 'due diligence' is stated explicitly in the proposal (Article 4(a)(2)). Accordingly, an exporter's internal compliance programme, intended to verify end-use and end-user, has to include human rights considerations and a risk assessment to that effect.

Introducing a coordination mechanism at EU level for controls of non-listed cyber-surveillance items

Parliament and Council agreed to introduce a formal procedure that Member States can invoke to maintain an EU level playing field in the trade of specific non-listed cyber-surveillance items that give rise to concerns (Article 4(a)(4)-(11). A Member State that identifies and places under control the export of a non-listed cyber-surveillance item can now, under the new mechanism, initiate formal proceedings that aim to make the export of this item subject to licensing requirements across the EU. All other Member States are asked, within a defined time frame, to assess the information and provide their position. If all Member States agree that an authorisation requirement should be imposed for essentially identical transactions, the Commission is to publish in the Official Journal of the European Union information regarding the cyber-surveillance items and, where appropriate, destinations subject to authorisation requirements as notified by the Member States for this purpose. This procedure allows the Member States to create an autonomous list of cyber-surveillance items that are not covered by the international non-proliferation regimes or export control arrangements, with a view to their inclusion in such regimes and arrangements in due course.

Emerging technologies

An issue of increasing importance for dual-use export controls are emerging technologies such as biotechnology, advanced surveillance technologies, position, timing and navigation technology (PNT), additive manufacturing, artificial intelligence and robotics. Competition in technology has become a crucial element of the relationship between powerful international actors. One of the most visible manifestations of this is the rising relevance of technological supremacy in the competition between the USA and China. China's ambition to be a world leader in certain technologies, as laid out in its Made in China 2025 (MIC2025) industrial policy and its civil-military fusion policy, has led to concerns, including about the potential erosion of Western norms governing the use of emerging technologies.

Regulation 428/2009 already granted Member States the right to introduce national legislation to control the export of any non-listed dual-use item for reasons of public security or for human rights considerations. The proposed regulation maintains this possibility, but adds a new legal basis for all other Member States to implement equal controls on the basis of the first Member State's national legislation (Article 8(a) read in combination with Article 8). Referred to as 'a system of transmissible application of national measures', the new mechanism is designed to maintain a level playing field among Member States in an area of technology that is evolving very rapidly. National control lists that control items that do not feature on the EU's control list will be published in the Official Journal of the EU.

Increasing transparency

Parliament and Council agreed to introduce greater transparency as regards the export of dual-use goods, by increasing Member States' reporting obligations (Article 24). Since 2013, the European Commission has compiled an annual report on the implementation of Regulation 428/2009, which it submits to the European Parliament and the Council. The report is public. According to the 2019 report, in 2018, the Regulation primarily applied to the export of about 1 846 dual-use 'items' listed in Annex I (the 'EU Control List) and classified in 10 categories (Figure 1).

The proposed regulation introduces additional reporting requirements, including on authorisations (in particular number and value by types of items and by destinations at EU and Member State levels), denials and prohibitions, as well as on the administration (in particular staffing, compliance and outreach activities, dedicated licensing or classification tools), and on the enforcement of controls (in particular number of infringements and penalties) (Article 24(2)).

Moreover, with regard to cyber-surveillance items, Member States will be required to provide dedicated information per 'item', including on authorisations, in particular the number of applications received by items, the issuing Member State and the destinations concerned by these applications, and on the decisions taken on these applications. By requiring information at the 'items level', the proposed regulation is following the example of the 2019 Anti-Torture Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2019/125 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 concerning trade in certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment).

Terrorism

Despite initial reservations, Parliament and Council agreed to follow the Commission's proposal to extend the catch-all provision to prohibit or impose an authorisation requirement on the export of dual-use items for reasons of public security, 'including the prevention of acts of terrorism' (Article 8(1)).

Addition of controls on brokering and technical assistance and harmonisation at EU level

Parliament and Council agreed to follow the Commission's proposal to amend certain control provisions relating to technology transfer, to provide greater clarity with regard to the application of controls on software and technology. Confusion arose in the past over how controls apply when technology is stored and shared via cloud computing, for example. Therefore, the proposed regulation adds a definition for 'technical assistance' and clarifies applicable controls (Article 2(8) and Article 7). The proposal also provides clarification on 'brokering' and 'brokering services', by extending the definition of 'broker' to subsidiaries of EU companies located outside the EU, and to 'brokering services' supplied by third-country nationals from within the EU territory. The proposal also extends the application of brokering to non-listed items and military end-uses, and extends their violation to terrorism and human rights violations. Controls on brokering and technical assistance are to apply throughout the EU jurisdiction, thus establishing an EU-wide legal basis for

the prosecution of export control violations. EU persons located in third countries will become subject to control, and the proposal introduces anti-circumvention clauses.

Optimisation of the EU licensing architecture

Parliament and Council agreed to introduce new EU general export authorisations (EUGEA) for 'intra-group exports of software and technology' (Annex II G) and for 'encryption'. As a pre-requisite for a more streamlined approach, the proposed regulation attempts to harmonise the definitions of a number of the regulation's key concepts, such as, for instance, those of 'exporter', 'export' and 'broker'. The proposal also introduces a new individual export authorisation for 'large projects', where one licence covers export operations related to one project, e.g. the construction of a nuclear power plant, for the entire duration of the project. Enhancing the exchange of information on licensing decisions, notably denials and prohibitions, is another important element of the proposed regulation.

Enhanced cooperation on implementation and enforcement

Parliament and Council agreed to the Commission's proposal to introduce electronic licensing systems that are interconnected through the dual-use electronic system (Article 20(5)), to improve the exchange of information between national authorities and, where appropriate, the Commission. They also agreed that the regulation would include provisions for setting up 'technical expert groups', bringing together key industry and government experts to determine the technical parameters for controls. They also retained the Commission proposal to develop guidance to support inter-agency cooperation between licensing and customs authorities. Most importantly, the Commission proposes to create an Enforcement Coordination Mechanism with a view to establishing direct cooperation and exchange of information between competent licensing and enforcement authorities, and the Commission.

Guidelines

Following calls by Parliament for greater assistance for EU businesses with the interpretation of the new rules, Parliament and Council agreed that the proposed regulation would invite competent authorities to issue guidelines for internal compliance programmes (ICPs), to contribute to the level playing field between exporters and to enhance the effective application of controls. These guidelines should take into account the differences in sizes, resources, fields of activity and other features and conditions of exporters and subsidiaries such as intra-group compliance structures and standards, thus helping each exporter to find its own solutions for compliance and competitiveness. Exporters using global export authorisations should implement an ICP unless that is considered unnecessary by the competent authority due to other circumstances it has taken into account when processing the application for a global export authorisation submitted by the exporter.

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U.S. ARMY SOLDIER ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO ASSIST ISIS TO CONDUCT DEADLY AMBUSH ON U.S. TROOPS

Provided Tactical Guidance in Attempt to Help ISIS to Attack U.S. Forces in the Middle East

The Justice Department, along with the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and U.S. Army Counterintelligence, announced today the arrest of a private first class in the U.S. Army, on federal terrorism charges based on Bridges' alleged efforts to assist ISIS to attack and kill U.S. soldiers in the Middle East.

Cole James Bridges, aka Cole Gonzales, 20, of Stowe, Ohio, was charged by complaint with attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization and attempting to murder U.S. military service members. The FBI and U.S. Army Counterintelligence arrested Bridges today, and he will be presented later today in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

"Bridges is charged with giving military advice and guidance on how to kill fellow soldiers to individuals he thought were part of ISIS," said Assistant Attorney General for National Security John C. Demers. "This alleged personal and professional betrayal of comrades and country is terrible to contemplate, but fortunately, the FBI was able to identify the threat posed by Bridges, and today's charges are the first step in holding him accountable for his crimes. ISIS ideology continues to infect those who would threaten the nation's security from within and without, and we will continue to fight this threat."

"As alleged, Cole Bridges betrayed the oath he swore to defend the United States by attempting to provide ISIS with tactical military advice to ambush and kill his fellow service members," said Acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Audrey Strauss. "Our troops risk their lives for our country, but they should never face such peril at the hands of one of their own. Today, thanks to the efforts of the agents and detectives of the JTTF, and our partners in the Department of Defense, Bridges is in custody and facing federal terrorism charges for his alleged crimes."

"As we allege today, Bridges, a private in the U.S. Army, betrayed our country and his unit when he plotted with someone he believed was an ISIS sympathizer to help ISIS attack and kill U.S. soldiers in the Middle East," said FBI Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Office William F. Sweeney Jr. "Fortunately, the person with

whom he communicated was an FBI employee, and we were able to prevent his evil desires from coming to fruition. Bridges could have chosen a life of honorable service, but instead he traded it for the possibility of life in prison. This case should serve as a reminder that the FBI's New York JTTF will never quit in its commitment to protect our Nation from all those who seek to do it harm."

"Army Counterintelligence's top priority is protecting the force so it can remain committed to fighting and winning our nation's wars," said Army Counterintelligence Coordinating Authority Director Roy T. Cochran. "The results of this investigation show the efforts of Army Counterintelligence agents working alongside our partners in the FBI. We are dedicated to protecting our soldiers, civilians, and families from terrorist acts and insider threats."

According to the criminal complaint charging Bridges, which was unsealed today in Manhattan federal court:

Bridges joined the U.S. Army in approximately September 2019 and was assigned as a cavalry scout in the 3rd Infantry Division based in Fort Stewart, Georgia. Beginning in at least 2019, Bridges began researching and consuming online propaganda promoting jihadists and their violent ideology. Bridges also expressed his support for the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) and jihad on social media. In or about October 2020, Bridges began communicating with an FBI online covert employee (the "OCE"), who was posing as an ISIS supporter in contact with ISIS fighters in the Middle East. During these communications, Bridges expressed his frustration with the U.S. military and his desire to aid ISIS. Bridges then provided training and guidance to purported ISIS fighters who were planning attacks, including advice about potential targets in New York City, such as the 9/11 Memorial. Bridges also provided the OCE with portions of a U.S. Army training manual and guidance about military combat tactics, for use by ISIS.

In or about December 2020, Bridges began to supply the OCE with instructions for the purported ISIS fighters on how to attack U.S. forces in the Middle East. Among other things, Bridges diagrammed specific military maneuvers intended to help ISIS fighters maximize the lethality of attacks on U.S. troops. Bridges further provided advice about the best way to fortify an ISIS encampment to repel an attack by U.S. Special Forces, including by wiring certain buildings with explosives to kill the U.S. troops. Then, in January 2021, Bridges provided the OCE with a video of himself in body armor standing before a flag often used by ISIS fighters and making a gesture symbolic of support for ISIS. Approximately a week later, Bridges sent a second video in which Bridges, using a voice manipulator, narrated a propaganda speech in support of the anticipated ambush by ISIS on U.S. troops.

Bridges is charged in the complaint with (1) attempting to provide material support to ISIS, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2339B, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; and (2) attempting to murder U.S. military service members, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1114, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in

prison. The statutory penalties are prescribed by Congress and are provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendant would be determined by the judge.

The Justice Department praised the outstanding efforts of the FBI's New York Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), which consists of agents and analysts from the FBI, the NYPD, and over 50 other federal, state, and local agencies, U.S. Army Counterintelligence, the FBI Washington Field Office, the FBI Atlanta Field Office and its Savannah Resident Agency, the FBI Cleveland Field Office, the FBI's Counterterrorism Division, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, and the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division.

This prosecution is being handled by the Office's Terrorism and International Narcotics Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Sam Adelsberg, Matthew Hellman, and Sidhardha Kamaraju are in charge of the prosecution, with assistance from Trial Attorneys Michael Dittoe and Lauren Goddard of the Counterterrorism Section of the Department of Justice's National Security Division.

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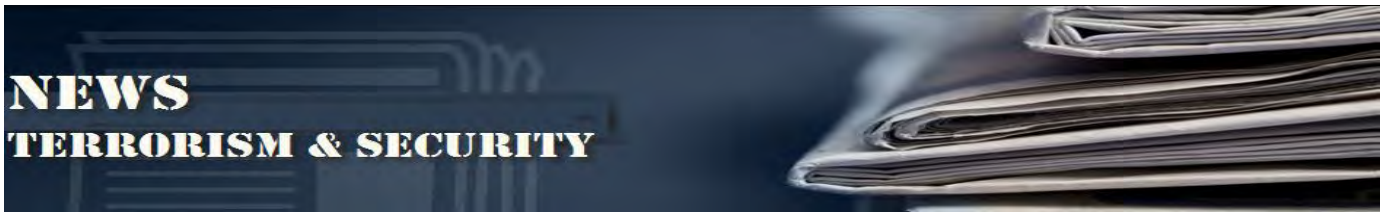

Regional News:
January 19, 2021
New York, NY

TSA officers at LaGuardia detect ammunition concealed in chewing gum case

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers at LaGuardia Airport detected 13 bullets concealed inside a container of chewing gum along with several pieces of gum at one of the security checkpoints.

The incident happened on Jan. 14. Officials say the Miami-bound traveler's carry-on duffle bag contained two large containers of chewing gum and upon closer examination, it was determined that one container was filled with gum and the other was mixed with gum and the ammunition.

The bullets were spotted by a TSA officer as the traveler's belongings passed through the checkpoint X-ray machine. The man, a resident of the Bronx, told officials that the bag belonged to his son, and he claimed he did not know that the containers of gum were in the duffle bag.
TSA officers alerted Port Authority police who confiscated the bullets and cited the man.

https://hudsonvalley.news12.com/tsa-officers-at-laguardia-detect-ammunition-concealed-in-chewing-gum-case

January 19, 2021
New York, NY

New York state court employee charged after allegedly threatening to kill several Democratic Congress members

A New York state court employee was charged with threatening to murder a US official after he made online posts threatening to kill several high-level Democratic members of Congress, according to a complaint from the US Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of New York.

Brendan Hunt, who goes by "X-Ray Ultra" on social media and his personal website, posted several times on various social media sites since December saying that Speaker Nancy Pelosi, US Sen. Charles Schumer and US Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez should be killed, and even called for a public execution, according to the complaint.

"And if you dont do it, the citizenry will," Hunt allegedly said in a Facebook post on December 6. "We're not voting in another rigged election. Start up the firing squads, mow down these commies, and lets (sic) take america back!"

The complaint identifies Hunt as a part-time actor and filmmaker and a full-time employee of the New York State Office of Court Administration.

New York State Unified Court spokesman Lucian Chalfen confirmed to CNN that Hunt worked as an assistant court analyst in the Attorney Registration Unit. He will be suspended without pay pending further administrative action, Chalfen said.

Hunt, of Queens, New York, is also the son of New York City Family Court Judge John M. Hunt, Chalfen said.

The complaint does not say if Brendan Hunt attended the Capitol riot on January 6.
He was arrested Tuesday morning and in federal court was ordered to be detained until trial due to the "nature and circumstance of the offense," a magistrate judge ruled.

The charge comes amid heightened security in Washington, DC and at state capitols across the country as law enforcement officials have warned of the potential for violent unrest leading up to and on Inauguration Day, particularly among some hard-right extremists who falsely believe Joe Biden's election is illegitimate.

Hunt allegedly advocated for just that. On January 8, two days after the takeover at the Capitol, he allegedly posted a video to the website BitChute titled "KILL YOUR SENATORS" that allegedly shows him speaking to the camera.

"We need to go back to the U.S. Capitol when all of the Senators and a lot of the Representatives are back there" and "slaughter these m*therf**kers," Hunt said, according to the complaint.

"[O]ur government at this point is basically a handful of traitors ... So what you need to do is take up arms, get to D.C., probably the inauguration ... so called inauguration of this m*therf**king communist Joe Biden ... [T]hat's probably the best time to do this, get your guns, show up to D.C., and literally just spray these m*therf**kers ... like, that's the only option."

In federal court Tuesday, Assistant U.S. Attorney David Kessler argued as reasons for his detainment that Hunt is a flight risk and has limited ties to the community, as well as a history of mental illness.

His attorney Leticia Olivera said he has no criminal record and is not a member of any militias or paramilitary groups.

"Without seeking to undermine the seriousness of the allegations in the complaint, there is no allegation here that Mr. Hunt has a history of abuse or ownership of weapons," Olivera said. "He has no plans to travel to Washington, DC, to purchase weapons or to actually even come into contact with any federal officials much less anything that could cause them physical harm."

Olivera declined to comment any further to CNN on the case.

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National News:
January 19, 2021
Washington, DC

FBI searching for seven rioters who savagely beat cop during insurrection on the Capitol

The FBI released photos Tuesday of seven men suspected of beating a Washington, D.C., officer during the Jan. 6 raid on the nation's Capitol.

Metropolitan Police Department Officer Michael Fanone was dragged out of the Capitol, slammed to the ground, tased and stripped of his service weapon by a gang of pro-Trump rioters who threatened to leave him for dead, the cop said in an interview on CNN.

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"Some guys started getting a hold of my gun and they were screaming out, you know, 'Kill him with his own gun,' " said Fanone, 40.

"At that point, you know, it's just self preservation — how do I survive this situation?"

Pleading for his life, the veteran cop said several people in the crowd responded to his cries for mercy when he yelled that he had four children. They ultimately ushered his safe removal from the crowd of bloodthirsty rioters.

"A lot of people have asked me my thoughts on the individuals in the crowd that helped me or tried to offer some assistance. I think kind of the conclusion I've come to is, Thank you — but f--k you for being there."

The seven suspects are accused of unlawful entry into the Capitol and assaulting law

enforcement personnel.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324).

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January 19, 2021
Washington, DC

TWELVE National Guardsmen are removed from inauguration security over 'ties to fringe right group militias or extremist online posts'

Twelve National Guardsmen have now been removed from the presidential inauguration security mission after they were found to have ties with right-wing militia groups or posted extremist views online, officials say.

The officials, a senior intelligence official and an Army official briefed on the matter, did not say which fringe group the Guard members belonged to or what unit they served in.

They did say, however, that here was no threat to Joe Biden.

Neither the National Guard or Secret Service would comment on the removal of the Guardsmen.

Their removal from the massive security presence at the nation's capital comes as the FBI worked to vet all of the 25,000 National Guard troops headed to the area for Biden's inauguration amid concerns of insider threats in the wake of the Capitol riots.

It comes after the National Guard chief, General Daniel Hokanson, said earlier on Tuesday that the 25,000 armed troops protecting DC were 'trained and ready for anything' and he wasn't concerned about the potential for insider threat.

The National Guard said troops from all 50 states are supporting law enforcement for the inauguration.

Gen. Hokanson said the vetting of his troops was standard practice but was heightened given the large number of Guardsman brought in to fortify DC in the wake of the insurrection at Capitol by pro-Trump rioters.

In addition to the 25,000 National Guardsman, the Pentagon also authorized 750 active-duty troops with expertise in chemical, biological, nuclear, radiological and explosive weapons to provide additional security in the capital.

'We've done a lot of work. We're making sure that our folks are trained and ready for anything they're going to be asked to do. Our folks are always trained in deescalation techniques,' Gen Hokanson told NBC's **Today** on Tuesday.

He said the decision to arm his troops during the inauguration was made by the Secret Service amid the ongoing threats.

National Guard General Daniel Hokanson said the 25,000 armed troops that are now protecting Washington DC are 'trained and ready for anything'

Gen Hokanson said he wasn't concerned about the potential for an insider attack from service members involved in securing the inauguration after defense officials raised concerns.

'It's not a threat for me, I'm not concerned about that at all. If you look at our National Guardsman, we vet them throughout the process. We don't allow extremism of any type in our organization,' he said.

'As we look at this as a national special security event... this type of vetting is standard.'

Gen Hokanson has been meeting with Guard troops as they arrive in DC and as they gather downtown. He said he believes there are good processes in place to identify any potential threats.

It comes after Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy told The Associated Press that officials are conscious of the potential threat and he warned commanders to be on the lookout for any problems within their ranks as the inauguration approaches.

So far, however, he and other leaders say they have seen no evidence of any threats, and officials said the vetting hadn't flagged any issues that they were aware of.

'We're continually going through the process, and taking second, third looks at every one of the individuals assigned to this operation,' McCarthy said.

He said Guard members are also getting training on how to identify potential insider threats.

About 25,000 members of the National Guard are streaming into Washington from across the country - at least two and a half times the number for previous inaugurals.

While the military routinely reviews service members for extremist connections, the FBI screening is in addition to any previous monitoring.

As security continues to intensify in DC ahead of the inauguration, defense officials told **Politico** that 750 active-duty troops had been deployed this week to the capital.

Those personnel are experts in handling chemical and nuclear weapons, as well as experience disposing of explosives.

Among the active-duty personnel are medical teams trained in responding to trauma.

It comes as the Capitol complex temporarily locked down on Monday during an inauguration rehearsal after a fire in a homeless encampment roughly a mile away sent a plume of smoke into the air and caused security concerns in the already on-edge city.

Military personnel and staffers could be seen running from the temporary seating on the Capitol Building's West Front as an evacuation warning played in the background.

Law enforcement officials later confirmed there was no threat to the public and the fire was not believed to be a threat to the inauguration.

The evacuation of some participants and the lockdown were ordered by the acting chief of Capitol Police in an abundance of caution.

But the fast decision to lock down underscores the fear that has gripped Washington since the deadly January 6 insurrection at the Capitol by pro-Trump rioters.

Attempts to fortify Washington have been ongoing ever since with the city now an armed fortress fenced off with razor wire.

Armed protests planned for this past weekend around the country were mostly a bust, but anxiety is still skyrocketing.

The major security concern for the inauguration is an attack by armed groups of individuals, as well as planted explosives and other devices.

McCarthy said intelligence reports suggest that groups are organizing armed rallies leading up to Inauguration Day and possibly after that.

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January 19, 2021
Florida
Florida deputy arrested after threatening to kill 'the feds'

A Florida deputy who allegedly told a colleague he wanted to kill federal officials on the same day of the US Capitol riot was arrested Tuesday.

Peter Heneen, a deputy with the Polk County Sheriff's Office, sent explicit Facebook messages to a coworker detailing how he would shoot and kill federal officials, the sheriff's office said Tuesday.

Heneen, 29, who has been with the department for more than six years, was suspended pending his termination.

In the messages, Heneen says his goal was to shoot "the feds" and make sure "the streets of DC run red with the blood of these tyrants," according to the sheriff's office.

Heneen also texted, "Should have [dragged] those tyrants out into the streets and executed them," and "I will slit their throats if they touch my family. I will make them suffer."

Heneen's co-worker reported him on Jan. 8 as the messages continued to get more violent, Polk Sheriff Grady Judd said.

He's been charged with making written threats to kill, conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism.

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January 19, 2021
Washington, DC
U.S. Classifies China's Policies toward Uighurs as "Genocide"

The United States Tuesday formally labeled the Chinese government's policies targeting ethnic Uighur Muslims and other minorities in the northwest region of Xinjiang as "genocide." The United States has for years criticized China's detention and reeducation policies in Xinjiang but has held off formally declaring the policies as a genocide.

In the final hours of the President Donald Trump's administration, the United States Tuesday formally labeled the Chinese government's policies targeting ethnic Uighur Muslims and other minorities in the northwest region of Xinjiang as "genocide."

"After careful examination of the available facts, I have determined that the PRC [People's Republic of China], under the direction and control of the CCP [Chinese Communist Party], has committed genocide against the predominantly Muslim Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious minority groups in Xinjiang," said Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in a statement Tuesday.

The United States has for years criticized China's detention and reeducation policies in Xinjiang but has held off formally declaring the policies as a genocide.

Reports from non-government organizations, journalists and former detainees have documented a wide-ranging campaign of repression against Uighurs. The United Nations estimated at least one million Muslim Uighurs are held in internment camps.

Chinese officials describe them as "vocational education centers" for job training, rejecting any claim that authorities are engaged in human rights abuses in Xinjiang.

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International News:
January 19, 2021
Afghanistan

40 Security Force Members Killed in Fighting in Past 24 Hours

Over 40 Afghan security force members have been killed in fighting with the Taliban over the past 24 hours, with the majority of casualties reported in volatile areas in Kunduz, Baghlan and Nimroz province.

Meanwhile, the Afghan Ministry of Defense (MoD) said that the Afghan security forces have made major advances against the Taliban in Kunduz province and have dealt a major human toll to the group.

Over 40 Taliban have been killed in recent clashes in Kunduz, according to the MoD.

The Dash-e-Arshi and Imam Sahib districts in Kunduz and some areas in the suburbs of Kunduz city have seen fierce fighting in the past two days.

In Baghlan province, the Baghlan-e-Markazi district and suburbs of the provincial capital Pul-e-Khumri have seen a fresh spate of violence between the Afghan security forces and the Taliban.

In the southern province of Kandahar, Panjwai and Arghandab have witnessed recent battles between the Afghan security forces and the Taliban.

Khashrud district in Nimroz province also witnessed deadly fighting.

“There is no government rule there,” said Ajmal, a resident in Baghlan.

“There is no good leadership, there is only brutality and oppression,” said Juma Khan, a resident in Baghlan.

On Monday alone, over 10 security force members were killed in Baghlan during the battles.

“It's now two or three nights that ten or twelve of our soldiers are killed or become hostages,” said Safdar Mohseni, the head of Baghlan's provincial council.

“The opponents have a clear address in Baghlan, if they increased their activities, there is fear that the highway to the north will be closed,” said MP Atiq Ramin.

Meanwhile, in Kunduz, the local administration has said that over 20 security force members have been killed in battles with the Taliban in Dasht-e-Archi district and other areas of the province in the past 24 hours.

“There is war every moment,” said Mohammad Daud, a resident in Imam Sahib district.

“The situation has become worse, Imam Sahib will fall if action not taken,” said Gulbuddin, a resident in Imam Sahib.

“The Afghan Security and Defense Forces have dealt a major blow to the Taliban, their key commanders have been eliminated,” said Fawad Aman, a deputy spokesman at the Ministry of Defense.

“The enemy launched some attacks on Kandahar city and some district of Kandahar, they wanted to take over these areas,” said Farid Mashal, the head of the security department of the Kandahar police department.

Typically fighting decreases in the the winter, but this year several provinces of the country have seen continued fighting, and analysts say it is related to the peace talks in Doha.

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January 19, 2021
Central Africa

U.N. peacekeepers killed in Central African Republic; 2021 toll rises to 9

The United Nations said Tuesday that an armed group in the Central African Republic has killed two peacekeepers, making January an even deadlier month for its forces.

The deaths were the eighth and ninth for U.N. peacekeepers so far in 2021. Officials said the new deaths occurred following an ambush that was blamed on the militant group UPC and anti-Balaka members.

Stephane Dujarric, a spokesperson for U.N. Secretary-general Antonio Guterres, expressed sorrow for the peacekeepers, who were from Gabon and Morocco.

"[Guterres] recalls that attacks against United Nations peacekeepers may constitute a war crime, and appeals to national authorities to investigate these incidents and bring the perpetrators to justice," Dujarric said in a statement.

The ambush happened near the southeastern city of Bangassou. Violence in the Central African Republic has increased since officials rejected the candidacy of former President Francois Bozize's for national elections late last month.

Bozize took power in a 2003 coup and was removed in a 2013 rebellion. Militia groups, some supporting Bozize, have attacked civilians and peacekeepers in the process.

"The secretary-general ... calls on all parties to immediately cease hostilities and engage in dialogue to advance the political process, preserve fragile gains and fulfill the country's aspiration for lasting peace," Dujarric added.

https://www.upi.com/Top_News/World-News/2021/01/19/UN-peacekeepers-killed-in-Central-African-Republic-2021-toll-rises-to-9/1081611077994/

********** **Significant Dates in History** **********

January 20, 1981
Teheran, Iran
Iran Hostage Crisis Ends

Brief Description: On this day in 1981, minutes after Ronald Reagan's inauguration as the 40th president of the United States, the 52 U.S. captives held at the U.S. embassy in Teheran, Iran, are released, ending the 444-day Iran Hostage Crisis.

On November 4, 1979, the crisis began when militant Iranian students, outraged that the U.S. government had allowed the ousted shah of Iran to travel to New York City for medical treatment, seized the U.S. embassy in Teheran.

The Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's political and religious leader, took over the hostage situation, refusing all appeals to release the hostages, even after the U.N. Security Council demanded an end to the crisis in an unanimous vote. However, two weeks after the storming of the embassy, the Ayatollah began to release all non-U.S. captives, and all female and minority Americans, citing these groups as among the people oppressed by the government of the United States. The remaining 52 captives remained at the mercy of the Ayatollah for the next 14 months.

President Jimmy Carter was unable to diplomatically resolve the crisis, and on April 24, 1980, he ordered a disastrous rescue mission in which eight U.S. military personnel were killed and no hostages rescued.

Three months later, the former shah died of cancer in Egypt, but the crisis continued. In November 1980, Carter lost the presidential election to Republican Ronald Reagan.

Soon after, with the assistance of Algerian intermediaries, successful negotiations began between the United States and Iran. On the day of Reagan's inauguration, the United States freed almost $8 billion in frozen Iranian assets, and the hostages were released 444 days. The next day, Jimmy Carter flew to West Germany to greet the Americans on their way home.

**********Significant Terrorist Attack Dates**********

January 20, 2016

Attack at Bacha Khan University in Pakistan

On Wednesday, January 20, at least four gunmen attacked the Bacha Khan University in Charsadda, Pakistan.

- The gunmen entered the University around 9:00 a.m. local time and opened fire, killing 22 and wounding at least 19 others. Victims included students, guards, and faculty members.
- The attackers were wearing suicide vests, but were killed by security forces prior to detonating. A senior leader of the Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility for the attack

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January 20, 2005
Boston, Massachusetts, United States
Radiological Bomb Plot Had Al-Qaeda Connection

Brief Description: The tip providing information of smuggled Mexican and Chinese nationals aiding in the planning of a radiological terrorist attack in Boston, Massachusetts was dismissed; however, new information links the aircraft used in the smuggling, to a person who owns a San Antonio flight school used in the past by an Al-Qaeda terrorist, Abdul Hakim Murad. **Type of Attack**: Hoax **Intended Target**: Boston, Massachusetts, United States **Ultimate Target**: none **Killed**: 0 **Injured**: 0 **Attack Group**

Attribution (primary):Unknown **Attack Group Attribution (secondary)**:None **Attack Group Attribution (tertiary)**: None **External Aid**: None **Property Damaged**: None **Law Enforcement Response**: Governor Mitt Romney informed Massachusetts' Emergency Management Agency and other law enforcement agencies of the possible activity and suggested they remain at a heightened state of alert. **International Response**: Chinese officials did not offer to verify or deny involvement in the plot. **Lessons Learned**: None **Terrorist Individuals Involved**: None **Victims**: None **Resolution**: Boston Mayor Thomas Menino specifically dismissed reports of a plot involving a radiological "dirty bomb" or fuel tankers. He called on the public to remain calm amid "much misinformation circulating." Among the 10 identified people wanted for questioning, FBI agents arrested a Mexican national and four Chinese nationals on January 24 at an airport in San Antonio, Texas believed to be linked with the radiological terrorist attack plot in Boston. **Historical Implications**: The 1985 single engine Cessna plane owned by Hameed Afzal, the co-owner of the Alpha Tango Flying School in San Antonio, is believed to have carried the smuggled aliens. The Alpha Tango Flying School was used by Abdul Hakim Murad, a co-conspirator in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and linked by US intelligence to the Philippines-based Al-Qaeda plot to fly a bomb-filled aircraft into CIA headquarters.

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January 20, 2004
Bacoor, Cavite province, Philippines
US businessman abducted

Brief Description: Alastair Joseph Onglingswan, a businessman from Los Angeles, was thinking of investing in an IT venture in the Philippines when he was abducted in Manila, en route to a gym in a taxi. His abductor posed as a taxi driver and issued a US$600,000 ransom to his family. His abduction was not reported. **Type of Attack**: Kidnapping **Intended Target**: American citizen **Ultimate Target**: Alastair Joseph Onglingswan **Killed**:0 **Injured**:0 **Attack Group Attribution (primary)**: None **Attack Group Attribution (secondary)**:None **Attack Group Attribution (tertiary)**:None **External Aid**: None **Property Damaged**: None **Law Enforcement Response**: The lone kidnapper, a Hong Kong national named George Yao, was arrested. Yao, confessing to participating in six other kidnappings, said that he was paid by a group to care for Onglingswan. **International Response**: The US Embassy commented that the resolution showed that the Philippine government could "enforce and maintain the country's internal security…We commend the efforts of the (task force) and the Philippine national police, who worked diligently, professionally and highly effectively not only in securing Mr. Onglingswan's rescue, but also in apprehending a key suspect in this kidnap-for-ransom activity." **Lessons Learned**: None **Terrorist Individuals Involved**: George Yao **Victims**: Alastair Joseph Onglingswan, 35 **Resolution**: The Philippine anti-kidnap forces and military intelligence agents rescued him on February 11, 2004. He had been chained by his neck and feet for 22 days. **Historical Implications**: President Gloria Arroyo has issued a hard crackdown on kidnappings in her country. Most are perpetrated by organized groups, like

the Abu Sayyaf or the MILF, rather than lone actors. Arroyo has also lifted a moratorium on the death penalty for convicted kidnappers.

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Umm al Fahm, Israel
Car bomb discovered and dismantled on Israeli border

Brief Description: Israeli border patrol spotted a suspicious car near Umm al Fahm. As they approached, 4 Palestinians escaped. Car was found to be loaded with explosives. **Type of Attack**: Failed attack **Intended Target**: Israeli civilians **Ultimate Target**: Israeli government **Killed**: 0 **Injured**: 0 **Attack Group Attribution (primary)**: Unknown **Attack Group Attribution (secondary)**: None **Attack Group Attribution (tertiary)**: None **External Aid**: None **Property Damaged**: None **Law Enforcement Response**: Border Patrol spotted the car and thwarted the attack. They did, however, fail to capture any of the 4 car bomb passengers. **International Response**: None **Lessons Learned**: None **Terrorist Individuals Involved**: None **Victims**: None **Resolution**: Attack averted. **Historical Implications**: None **Bibliography**: Explosives-laden car is seized near Umm al FahmBy Jalal Bana and Arnon Regular, Haaretz Daily, Jan 21, 2003

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Date: Jan 20, 2001 **Organization:** Unknown **Attack Type:** Bombing

Target Type:	Civilian	**Location:**	Dhaka, Bangladesh	**Casualties:** **Killed:** 6 **Injured:** 50	**Number of Terrorists Involved:** 2

Details: At least six people were killed and some 50 others injured Saturday when a bomb exploded during a rally of the Bangladeshi Communist Party (CPB). A second bomb detonated near the headquarters of the ruling Awami League office, killing two men who were apparently preparing the bomb. According to the police, there was no immediate indication the two blasts were related.

January 20, 2000
Long Island, New York
Long Island furriers vandalized
Fur stores vandalized (seven incidents): Garden City—Barbusul Furs—Store and van windows; Elwood—Furs by Demitri—Paint and glue; Westbury—Fur Factory Outlet—Paint, glue, and vandalism; Jericho—Furs by Franklin—Paint, glue, and electric panel smashed; Huntington—Bayshore Furriers—Logs thrown through windows; Westbury—Two fur outlet billboards vandalized; and Cold Spring Hills—Furs of Cold Spring Hills—windows broken.

Date: Jan 20, 1997 **Organization:** Unknown **Attack Type:** Bombing

Target Type: Businessperson **Location:** Bosnia and Herzegovina **Casualties:** **Killed:** 1 **Injured:** 0

Details: A Bosnian-Croatian businessman died after he tripped a booby-trap explosive attached to the front door of his apartment.

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Sen. Hawley moves to block swift confirmation for Biden's homeland security pick (Washington Post)
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Homeland security nominee Alejandro Mayorkas told senators he would carry out President-elect Joe Biden's immigration overhaul while intensifying efforts to combat domestic extremism, during a hearing Tuesday that highlighted Republican opposition to his confirmation.

Testifying before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Mayorkas wore a blue mask and listened impassively to questions about his management style and involvement in a visa program for wealthy investors.

Mayorkas, 61, is expected to win confirmation since the Democrats picked up two additional Senate seats this month in Georgia. But legislative aides from both parties said it is unclear how quickly that will occur.

Democrats are pushing for Mayorkas's rapid confirmation, saying it is crucial to have top national security officials in place given the recent siege on the U.S. Capitol, cyberattacks on federal agencies, and the coronavirus pandemic.

But Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), the focus of deep resentment for challenging Biden's election and, critics say, helping to incite the violent mob who attacked the Capitol, moved later Tuesday to block the fast-track confirmation process, saying he was dissatisfied with Mayorkas's responses to questions about the Biden immigration agenda. Hawley is a member of the homeland security committee.

A spokesman for Mayorkas, Sean Savett, called Hawley's move "dangerous, especially in this time of overlapping crises when there is not a moment to waste." And Democrats on the House Homeland Security Committee responded bitterly, tweeting, "His games are, AGAIN, putting our national security at risk."

Some Senate Republicans raised concerns about a 2015 Inspector General report that said Mayorkas intervened in a visa program for wealthy investors at the behest of politically connected Democrats. The report found that Mayorkas, then head of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, did not break any laws but created the appearance of "special access" because he got involved in three projects that were headed for rejection, and all were approved.

Mayorkas told senators that he fixed problems in a troubled government agency that was supposed to create American jobs, and that the cases were among "hundreds" he examined at the request of lawmakers from both political parties.

Amid questioning from the committee's top Republican, Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, Mayorkas said he took issue with the term "intervene," because he said it was his job to get involved.

"I don't drive to be a government servant and serve the American public to cut ribbons around the country and have fun," Mayorkas said. "I work really hard. And I worked really, really, hard throughout my nearly 20 years of government service to bring honor to the office that I have been privileged to occupy."

Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah) also raised the report as a concern, saying he wondered why Mayorkas, when approached by politically connected people, did not say to himself, "Holy cow, I've got to step back."

Mayorkas told Romney that he had learned from the episode. "I did in fact learn, Senator, how to better guard against the perception" of favoritism, he said.

Mayorkas also testified on the issue in 2013 before he was confirmed for the No. 2 job at Homeland Security; Republicans boycotted that hearing and voted against him that year.

Immigration enforcement was the other major theme of the hearing. Asked whether he thought the U.S.-Mexico border needed more barriers, Mayorkas told senators border security is "not a monolithic challenge," quoting the late Republican Sen. John McCain, whom he called "an American hero."

"The border is varied," he said, and enforcement should be determined by "geography, the venue and conduct of individuals around it."

Mayorkas was pressed repeatedly by GOP senators about whether he believed migrants seeking better economic opportunities were eligible for asylum in the United States. The law does not cover applicants seeking humanitarian protections on those grounds, Mayorkas said.

"We are a nation of immigrants," Mayorkas said. "We are also a nation of laws. I intend to apply the law."

Mayorkas said he did not support "defunding" U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which has become a target of liberal Democrats upset by the agency's aggressive approach under President Trump. But Mayorkas deferred questions about whether he supported the emergency enforcement measures the Trump administration implemented at the border during the coronavirus pandemic that allow U.S. agents to rapidly "expel" most illegal crossers to Mexico.

"Our highest priority is to protect the health and well-being of the American public," said Mayorkas, adding he needed more time to study the emergency measures.

When Romney asked about a large caravan of Honduran migrants who have been attempting to travel north in recent days, telling some reporters they believe Biden will allow them to enter the United States, Mayorkas declined to say whether U.S. authorities should help try to stop them. Guatemalan riot police have blocked the migrants along the highway, clubbing and arresting them.

"If people qualify under the law to remain in the United States, we will apply the law," Mayorkas said. "If they do not qualify, then they won't."

Sen. Jacky Rosen (Nev.) was one of several Democrats who expressed concerns about the Jan. 6 mob attack on the Capitol and the growing threat of anti-Semitic and white supremacist groups.

"I am profoundly aware of the threat and existence of anti-Semitism in our country and the world," said Mayorkas, whose Romanian-born mother's relatives were killed in the Holocaust. "I have dedicated a considerable amount of my career to battling anti-Semitism and discrimination in all forms."

Mayorkas called the Capitol siege "horrifying," vowing to senators that the "terror" they and staffers felt "will not happen again."

Romney said at the hearing that the United States is "woefully unprepared" on cybersecurity, and urged Mayorkas to bring a "whole different level of expertise" to confront such attackers. Authorities said in recent weeks that cyberspies, probably the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service, breached networks at the departments of Homeland Security, Justice, Treasury, Commerce, State and Energy.

Mayorkas said cybersecurity has long been a priority for him, including when he served as the deputy to then-Secretary Jeh Johnson during the Obama administration.

"The threat has only evolved and only grown since then," Mayorkas said. "I can assure you that the cybersecurity of our nation will be one of my highest priorities because I concur with you that the threat is real and the threat is every day, and we have to do a much better job than we are doing now."

DHS has not had a Senate-confirmed leader in nearly two years, a striking vacuum in an agency created after the 9/11 attacks to combat terrorism. DHS is the third-largest federal agency, with 240,000 employees, a $50 billion budget and a broad national security mandate to safeguard ports and borders, enforce immigration laws, and defend against attacks on U.S. cyber networks.

Senate Committee Holds Hearing for DHS Nominee Alejandro Mayorkas (Breitbart)
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Former Obama administration official Alejandro Mayorkas is speaking before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on Tuesday.

Mayorkas was nominated to be the Secretary for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) by President-Elect Joe Biden after serving in the agency during the Obama administration.

Homeland Security nominee Alejandro Mayorkas gives opening statement (Washington Post)
Washington Post [1/19/2021 11:10 AM, Staff, 13480K] Video: HERE
Alejandro Mayorkas, the nominee to head the Department of Homeland Security, spoke before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on Jan. 19.

Senators vet Mayorkas to take lead at DHS (The Hill)

The Hill [1/19/2021 4:36 PM, Rebecca Beitsch, 2343K]
Senators on Tuesday spent the last full day of the Trump administration vetting Alejandro Mayorkas, President-elect Joe Biden's pick to lead a major turnaround at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

A Cuban immigrant whose mother fled the Holocaust, Mayorkas has often said his family's journey to America influences his drive for service in an agency with responsibilities for both securing the border and managing immigration.

If confirmed, he would come to the job with substantial experience in the department, having served as deputy DHS secretary during the Obama administration and the head of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

"The principles of homeland and security have been tremendously important in shaping my life. My father and mother brought me to this country to escape communism, and to provide me with the security, opportunity, and pride that American citizenship brings to each of us," Mayorkas told the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. "I was raised to appreciate each day what this country has meant for our family, and the blessing it is to know it is our homeland."

Mayorkas appeared before senators on Tuesday along with a slate of officials tapped to head national security positions within the Biden administration, with lawmakers on other committees weighing the nominations of director for national intelligence pick Avril Haines, Tony Blinken to lead the State Department and retired Gen. Lloyd Austin to head up the Pentagon.

But his nomination has already hit a rocky path, with Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) placing a hold on it, arguing that Mayorkas "has not adequately explained how he will enforce federal law and secure the southern border."

His hold could stall a nomination otherwise expected to advance once Democrats gain control of the Senate on Wednesday. Defeating the hold will require a 50-vote threshold cloture vote and eats up days of floor time, complicating the process.

Homeland Security is one of several agencies that has faced criticism in the days after the deadly riots at the Capitol, one of many factors that Biden and Democrats argue makes the DHS post a top priority.

"We've seen this department [in] turmoil over the last four years," said Sen. John Tester (D-Mont.).

"Ali Mayorkas will bring the kind of steady hand that this department needs," Tester added, using a nickname as he introduced Mayorkas. "I would hope this committee would ... get him to the Senate floor so we can get confirmed. Because honestly, after the events on Jan. 6, we have no time to waste."

Mayorkas vowed to protect the Capitol and deal with threats ranging from cyberattacks to the dangers of extremism and domestic terrorism, along with assisting with the coronavirus pandemic and climate change.

"If I should have the honor of being confirmed, I will do everything I can to ensure that the tragic loss of life, the assault on law enforcement, the desecration of the building that stands as one of the three pillars of our democracy, and the terror felt by you, your colleagues, staff, and everyone present, will not happen again," he said.

Mayorkas would take over the reins at DHS after the department has churned through six leaders under the Trump administration and separated more than 600 immigrant children from their parents as they crossed the border.

He has won accolades from Democrats for spearheading the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, a program that allows children brought into the U.S. by their parents the chance to get a work visa.

Mayorkas has most recently worked at law firm WilmerHale and was previously a federal prosecutor before working his way up the ranks at DHS.

He has not embraced calls from the left to abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement, an agency overseen by DHS that was accused of being too aggressive during the Trump years.

But Mayorkas said he would resist efforts to expand President Trump's border wall and said he does not view a lack of opportunity as a reason for immigrant hopefuls to claim asylum.

"It's not a monolithic challenge, the border. The border is varied depending on the geography, depending on the specific venue, and depending on the conduct of individuals around it. We don't need, nor should we have a monolithic answer to that varied and diverse challenge," he said, adding that he sees aid to other nations to improve their own economies as part of the U.S. strategy to address immigration.

But many Republicans in the hearing focused on a 2015 inspector general report that found that Mayorkas got involved in immigration cases with ties to Democrats.

The report concerns the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Visa Program, which gives visas to those expected to make major investments in the U.S.

The report highlights three cases where Mayorkas intervened, each tied to high-ranking Democrats: a Las Vegas casino pushed by then-Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.), a film project tied to former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell (D), and an electric car company connected to former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) and Anthony Rodham, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's brother. The report notes investor visas tied to each project would have been unlikely to be approved without Mayorkas's involvement.

The inspector general report concluded that Mayorkas's action gave the "appearance of favoritism and special access," but that the then-USCIS leader's decisions were "legitimately within his purview." It also noted that Mayorkas declined to become involved in matters where he did not think his influence would be appropriate.

In response to questions from multiple Republican lawmakers, Mayorkas said on Tuesday that he stepped into a visa program that was "plagued by problems," adding that it is the responsibility of leaders to step in and fix problems within their agency.

"I fixed problems through the cases that the agency handled. The cases that you mentioned, the three cases that are cited in the inspector general's report, are three of hundreds and hundreds of cases that I became involved in at the request of senators and members of the House of Representatives on both sides of the aisle," he said.

The nearly 100-page inspector general report includes a roughly 30-page rebuttal by Mayorkas, outlining his rationale for involvement.

Sen. Mitt Romney (R-Utah) asked Mayorkas if he had learned anything from the episode.

"Looking back on these circumstances, should you have not said 'Because I had been called by a leading Democrat' whether Gov. Rendell, or others of that nature, but in a circumstance like this 'because of my political connection I should recuse myself and let others take that responsibility.' Is that not the appropriate action to take when something has the very distinct appearance of political favoritism?" Romney asked Mayorkas.

Mayorkas credited the report with helping to establish better guardrails for involvement in such cases.

"I did, in fact, learn, senator, how to better guard against a perception, and I agree with you, 100 percent that it is our obligation to guard against that perception, so that there is trust and confidence in the decisionmaking of government leaders," he replied.

Some Democrats pushed back on Republicans' focus on the report.

"To allow these unfounded allegations to cloud @AliMayorkas' unblemished career in public service — at a time when the Department so critically needs a qualified and capable leader — is irresponsible at best, and dangerous at worst," Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.) said of his Republican colleagues on Twitter.

From Border Wall To Capitol Riot, Homeland Security Nominee Takes Senate Questions (NPR)

NPR [1/19/2021 3:49 PM, Brian Naylor and Barbara Sprunt, 5227K]

President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to head the Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, appeared before a Senate panel Tuesday to begin his confirmation process, vowing to do everything he can so that an attack on the Capitol like the one on Jan. 6 "will not happen again."

Mayorkas, who would be the first Latino and first immigrant to lead that department, was previously the head of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a DHS agency, during the Obama administration. He then served as deputy secretary of DHS.

Mayorkas also faced questions on immigration and the border wall, cybersecurity and his prior actions as head of USCIS.

In announcing his nominee in November, Biden said Mayorkas "will play a critical role in fixing our broken immigration system and understands that living up to our values and protecting our nation's security aren't mutually exclusive — and under his leadership, they'll go hand-in-hand."

Biden has pushed for swift confirmation of his nominees. He is on pace to have few, if any, Cabinet members confirmed on Inauguration Day.

After the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, however, there's been increased pressure to get national security officials confirmed quickly to prevent any gap during the transfer of power.

In his opening statement Tuesday, Mayorkas called the events of Jan. 6 "horrifying" and said that if confirmed, he will do "everything I can to ensure that the tragic loss of life, the assault on law enforcement, the desecration of the building that stands as one of the three pillars of our democracy, and the terror felt by you, your colleagues, staff, and everyone present, will not happen again."

On immigration, senators asked Mayorkas if he believed the border wall constructed by the Trump administration should be taken down. Mayorkas said that he agreed with the late Sen. John McCain, whom he called "an American hero," that the border is not a "monolithic challenge."

Mayorkas said the border "is varied, depending on the geography, depending on the specific venue, and depending on the conduct of individuals around it." He said that "we don't need nor should we have a monolithic answer to that varied and diverse challenge."

And he said he would be studying the legal authority the incoming administration has to end construction of the barrier wall, something the president-elect has pledged to do, and which Mayorkas said he would implement.

Mayorkas was also pressed on what he would do if confirmed about a caravan of Honduran refugees now said to be headed toward the southern border. He said the Biden administration would be committed to following asylum laws and that if the refugees were found to qualify "under the law to remain in the United States, then we will apply the law accordingly. If they do not qualify to remain in the United States," Mayorkas said, "then they won't."

Mayorkas said he did not support defunding Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, as some progressive Democrats have called for.

He said he also supported a comprehensive immigration reform plan that President-elect Biden is expected to announce soon after he's inaugurated and said the U.S. has to focus more resources toward providing economic assistance to countries such as Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador.

Asked about the cybersecurity challenge facing the U.S., Mayorkas told senators that "the cybersecurity of our nation will be one of my highest priorities," adding that he concurs that "the threat is real and the threat is every day, and we have to do a much better job than we are doing now."

Several Republicans on the committee called on Mayorkas to explain his actions as USCIS chief, after in inspector general's report found he intervened to help prominent Democrats, including then-Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's

brother, with a visa program.

"These weren't the only three cases I was involved in," Mayorkas said. "There were dozens and dozens, whether they involved the rich or the poor, the enfranchised or disenfranchised. I became involved to be sure that our agency improved each day, that I learned of the problems we were confronted with and that I did everything to fix them."

Most senators, however, seemed to have a favorable view of the nominee — several on both sides of the aisle telling him they looked forward to working with him in the new administration.

But the prospects for a quick confirmation for Mayorkas disappeared when after the hearing, Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., said he would object to fast-tracking the nomination because of Biden's immigration proposal.

Biden's nominee for secretary of defense, retired Army Gen. Lloyd Austin, and others in his security team also have Senate hearings Tuesday.

Biden's Homeland Security secretary pick faces range of questions before lawmakers (ABC News)

ABC News [1/19/2021 7:28 PM, Quinn Owen, 29K]

Lawmakers evaluated Alejandro Mayorkas to lead the Department of Homeland Security on Tuesday and grilled the hopeful future secretary on a range of issues focused on immigration enforcement and his time at the highest ranks of the department in 2015.

Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, asked about the caravan of migrants reportedly heading north from the southern border of Guatemala.

In 2019, immigration authorities at the border were overwhelmed by an influx of migrant families fleeing dangerous conditions of Central America's Northern Triangle -- Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. And according to the International Organization for Migration, thousands of migrants from Honduras fleeing violence, devastation caused in the aftermath of two devastating hurricanes and economic hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic were in Guatemala and moving towards Mexico, hoping to ultimately reach the U.S. Depending on how this situation develops, it may turn into one of the earlier immigration issues the Biden administration faces.

Border Patrol has seen spikes in unauthorized border crossing attempts in recent months and Senate Republicans at the hearing appeared to cast the primary drivers of migration in economic terms.

Mayorkas confirmed that they, along with anyone approaching the U.S. border, would be processed on a case-by-case basis. "Senator, we are a nation of immigrants, we are also a nation of laws," Myorkas said.

Immigration enforcement has come under deep scrutiny as President Donald Trump instituted hard-line policies which limited access to humanitarian and refugee protections. As a principal agency in these efforts, Immigration and Customs Enforcement became a lightning rod for backlash among Democrats and immigrant advocates with lawmakers including Sen. Elizabeth Warren and a handful of House members calling for its

dismantlement.

Mayorkas maintained on Tuesday that ICE should not be de-funded and that it would require further study to determine whether additional ICE resources are necessary.

Republican Sen. Ron Johnson aggressively questioned the nominee about the southern border.

After avoiding explicitly answering whether a person seeking financial gain presents a qualifying asylum claim, Mayorkas generally acknowledged that searching for employment advancement is not grounds for asylum under current law.

"Senator, the asylum laws are well established and they provide that an individual who is fleeing persecution by reason of his or her member in a particular social group is deserving of protection," Mayorkas said.

Asked whether any of the barriers on the southern border should be dismantled, Mayorkas also said it would require further examination to determine how the administration is legally required to use money previously allocated by Congress to construct a "border-wall system."

Asked to address the recent mob attack on the U.S. Capitol and ongoing domestic terrorism threats, Mayorkas said DHS had room for improvement with information dissemination to aid front-line officers. He was supportive an inter-agency terror intelligence commission as a way to bolster the department's lead role in responding to domestic terror threats.

"I think that we can do a lot better in the distribution of that information to our brave first responders in local communities throughout the country," Mayorkas said.

Mayorkas was also asked about a federal watchdog report from 2015 in which he was accused of improperly meddling with visa applications for wealthy business people. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services employees cited in the report said the then-deputy homeland security secretary was in touch with applicants outside of normal channels.

The Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General review, which relies on accounts from more than a dozen Homeland Security employees, found that Mayorkas' actions "created an appearance of favoritism and special access."

In response, Mayorkas said senators and House members asked for his intervention and he maintained that his involvement was aimed at improving the applications process.

"When a leader enters federal service with the authority to fix problems, that leader has the responsibility to fix problems," Mayorkas said.

He pointed out his involvement in "dozens and dozens" more cases beyond the those mentioned in the report. The inspector general was tasked with reviewing just three of the thousands of high-profile visas issued each year and did not conclude that anything improper occurred in the handling of the applications.

'Will Not Happen Again': Mayorkas Vows to Keep Capitol Safe (New York Times)

New York Times [1/19/2021 4:34 PM, Staff, 28290K]
Alejandro N. Mayorkas, the secretary of homeland security nominee, said he would work to ensure that the U.S is protected from domestic threats and another attack on the Capitol.

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GOP senators question Biden's DHS nominee Alejandro Mayorkas over immigration enforcement, visas (USA Today)
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Senate Republicans asked pointed questions about immigration Tuesday to Alejandro Mayorkas, President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to lead the Department of Homeland Security, but didn't hint at outright opposition to his nomination during a confirmation hearing Tuesday..

The harshest questions focused on an inspector general's report found that an "appearance of favoritism" in how Mayorkas settled disputes in a visa program during a previous stint with the department. Members of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee also posed contentious questions about how to combat illegal immigration, always a divisive subject between Republicans and Democrats.

Mayorkas said in response to the visa questions that he fixed a broken program during his previous term as director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. He openly contrasted Biden's positions seeking to overhaul immigration law with creating a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

"I would be privileged to work with Congress to pass immigration reform legislation that provides that path and provides a clear solution to what is clearly a broken system," Mayorkas said.

Biden has asked for swift confirmation of his Homeland Security, Defense, State and Treasury nominees when his term begins Wednesday. Senate panels held five confirmation hearings Tuesday. Democrats argued that stable, Senate-confirmed leadership was needed atop DHS after years of turnover and temporary officials during the Trump administration.

"Over the last four years, the department has endured some chaos, mismanagement and instability," said Sen. Gary Peters of Michigan, the top Democrat on the panel.

But Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Neb., said in a statement after the hearing he would block fast-tracking of the nomination because of his concerns about how Mayorkas will enforce immigration law and border security measures. Hawley said "so many questions remain unanswered."

If confirmed, Mayorkas would become the first immigrant and first Latino to lead the department. He arrived with his parents from Cuba as refugees from Fidel Castro's regime in 1960. He has been deputy secretary of the department and headed its citizenship agency.

The visa dispute dealt with the EB-5 program that encourage business investment to create jobs. The committee chairman, Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, cited an inspector general's report that found Mayorkas communicated with stakeholders outside the normal process

and without his intervention cases "would have been decided differently."

Portman noted that the stakeholders involved included former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.; former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe and former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell. The process "created an appearance of favoritism and special access," the report said.

But the report also said that Mayorkas's actions were legal and "legitimately within his purview" as director. Mayorkas said it was his job to resolve disputes in a complex bureaucracy. He said he dealt with hundreds of cases, responding to requests from lawmakers of both parties.

"I fixed problems through the cases that the agency handled," Mayorkas said. "I do, I must say, senator, take issue with the use of the term intervene. It is my job to become involved, to learn the problems that an agency confronts and to fix them."

He helped create a new office to oversee EB-5 reviews, revamped the evaluation process and enhanced the program's fraud and security safeguards.

Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., who previously headed the committee, called the inspector general's report part of an effort "to smear" Mayorkas. He said the issues were fully discussed and litigated seven years ago.

"It's easy to get things messed up," Carper said of the bureaucracy. "We're expected as representatives from our states to stand up for people and try to straighten things out."

After some liberals called for defunding Immigration and Customs Enforcement, several Republican senators asked whether Mayorkas would do that. He said he wouldn't abolish ICE or Customs and Border Protection.

"I would not abolish them," Mayorkas said.

Hawley asked whether Mayorkas would spend $1.4 billion on the southern border wall system that Congress recently appropriated.

Biden has committed to cease funding for further construction of the wall. Mayorkas said he would explore ways to discontinue spending money on the wall, if allowed under the law.

Hawley also asked whether Mayorkas would continue a Trump administration program that processes asylum applications along the southern border while refugees remain in Mexico.

Biden has said he would end the program and Mayorkas agreed.

Hawley also asked whether Mayorkas supported amnesty for an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants already in the United States.

"Do you support mass amnesty on that scale?" Hawley asked.

Biden has said he would propose an overhaul of immigration law on his first day in office for Congress to debate. Mayorkas said he would pursue a path to citizenship for

undocumented immigrants, based on previous bipartisan legislation in the Senate.

Mayorkas now awaits votes in the committee and on the Senate floor to determine whether he will be confirmed, but the timing of those votes hasn't been announced.

Biden DHS, Intel picks stress need to prioritize cybersecurity after SolarWinds hack (The Hill)

The Hill [1/19/2021 5:03 PM, Maggie Miller, 2343K]

President-elect Joe Biden's nominees to serve as secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and as director of national intelligence (DNI) both said Tuesday that if confirmed they will make a priority out of bolstering the nation's cybersecurity.

DHS nominee Alejandro Mayorkas and DNI nominee Avril Haines each pointed to the specific need to secure the federal government against cyber threats following the recently discovered Russian hack of IT group SolarWinds, which compromised many key federal agencies and potentially thousands of businesses.

"I can assure you that the cybersecurity of our nation will be one of my highest priorities because I concur with you that the threat is real and the threat is every day and we have to do a better job than we are doing now," Mayorkas said during his nomination hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Haines in her testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee also described the SolarWinds hack as a "major concern," but noted that she had not yet received a classified briefing on the incident, which is so far confirmed to have compromised agencies including the Commerce, Defense, Justice, Homeland Security and Treasury departments.

"I think the Department of Homeland Security already indicated publicly that this is a grave risk," Haines said. "This an area where we obviously have to focus."

If confirmed, Mayorkas will head a sprawling department that includes the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the main federal group responsible for securing the nation's critical infrastructure, including elections.

CISA has been without most of its top leaders since November, when President Trump fired former CISA Director Christopher Krebs and three other senior leaders stepped down following pressure from the White House.

Those moves came after CISA put out a joint statement with other election officials describing the 2020 election as the "most secure in American history," and after it stood up a "rumor control" webpage to debunk election disinformation and misinformation, much of which came from the president's supporters.

When asked by Sen. Rob Portman (R-Ohio), soon to take over as ranking member of the committee, about CISA's failure to detect the SolarWinds breach's impact on federal systems, Mayorkas stressed that he would work, if confirmed, to strengthen the agency.

"CISA must improve the cyber hygiene of the federal government, the many departments and agencies throughout it, it must strengthen the public-private partnership, not only for the benefit of course of the federal government, but the benefit of the private sector itself," he

testified.

"I think this is going to require an all-of-government approach, and there is a great amount that will rest on the shoulders of CISA, and I hope I have the privilege to lead the department and support CISA in meeting those obligations," he added.

Mayorkas also promised to review legislation that would create a grant program to help state and local governments fund cybersecurity improvements, with officials increasingly begging for assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic as hackers took advantage of overstressed and vulnerable systems.

While Mayorkas's confirmation may be slowed down due to an objection lodged over an immigration-related issue by Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) on Tuesday afternoon, Politico reported in December that he had been endorsed by almost three dozen top cybersecurity leaders, including former CISA leadership.

Haines was no less strong on her stance to ensure that cybersecurity-related intelligence issues would be prioritized, and in particular argued in favor of exploring ways to ensure adversaries including Russia would be less tempted to attack the U.S. in cyberspace in the future.

"I think one of the great challenges that we face in the United States in particular is the asymmetry of the threat in cyber," Haines testified. "I think it is relatively easy for adversaries to hold at risk what are high value assets to the United States, given how much we rely on cyber to work for our economy, security, for so many different issues, at relatively low risk to them."

Biden has described the SolarWinds breach as a "grave threat to national security," and earlier this month gave a speech calling for the modernization of the nation's defenses to respond to growing threats. He also included more than $10 billion in cyber and information technology funds for the federal government in his $1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief proposal, announced last week.

Haines voiced support for Biden's comments last month calling for the U.S. and allied nations to work together to create rules of the road in cyberspace, noting the need for an "imposition of costs" and promising to provide intelligence around attributing cyberattacks if confirmed as DNI.

"I think that working with allies and partners in order to impose costs can actually raise the cost essentially, and therefore help to promote deterrence and pushback," she testified.

Joe Biden's DHS Nominee Won't Promise to Exclude Caravan Job-Seekers (Breitbart)
Breitbart [1/19/2021 3:21 PM, Neil Munro, 1912K]
Joe Biden's nominee to run the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) refused to tell senators that he would exclude caravans of economic migrants from getting asylum and taking wages from American citizens.

Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) asked the nominee, Alejandro Mayorkas, during the January 19 nomination hearing, "Do you believe coming into this country illegally for economic improvement, is that a valid asylum claim? "

Mayorkas responded, "Senator, the asylum laws are well established, and they provide that an individual who's fleeing persecution by reason of his or her membership in a particular social group is deserving of protection."

"Okay, but coming here for economic gain is not a valid asylum claim: Would you agree with that?" Johnson shot back.

"I believe I articulated the legal theory in it," Mayorkas dodged.

Mayorkas did not mention that administration officials have much legal authority to expand or narrow asylum rules.

For example, President Barack Obama's deputies widened the definitions to create a new asylum-ready "particular social group" for women who claimed they were beaten by their husbands. President Donald Trump's deputies removed that definition. Similarly, Trump's deputies narrowed Obama's asylum rules to end the catch and release of roughly 3 million migrants into Americans' labor and housing markets. That Trump decision helped raise blue-collar wages and boosted his support among blacks, Latinos, and other blue-c0llar voters.

"Biden, he's going to help all of us," one English-speaking Honduran in the caravan told CNN on Sunday. "He's given us 100 days to get to the U.S. and give us legal [unintelligible] paper so we can get a better life for our kids and family."

Sen. James Lankford (R-OK) followed up on Johnson's question by asking, "As a leader of DHS, it's pretty likely you're going to have 1000s of people coming across the border and a migrant caravan from Honduras pretty rapidly. What message would you want to give to those folks right now that are traveling north in that migrant caravan?"

Mayorkas told Lankford he would allow the caravan of Honduran economic migrants into the United States for "humanitarian relief," including jobs. He said:

President-elect Biden and people who will be joining us in the incoming administration have spoken about the fact that there's a commitment to follow our asylum laws, to enforce our asylum laws, and that means to provide humanitarian relief for those individuals who qualify for it under the law.

Mayorkas also hinted the administration would try to minimize the political blowback from Americans by delaying the inflow of foreign workers, saying, "That cannot be accomplished with just a flick of a switch and turned on on Day One [January 20]. That it will take time to build the infrastructure and capacity so that we can enforce our laws as Congress intended."

A unified, pro-American GOP likely has the ability to block Mayorkas' conformation, even though Sen. Kamala Harris will hold the swing vote in a 50-50 Senate once she is confirmed as vice president. Under Senate rules, 60 votes are needed to move forward with debates, allowing just 41 of the 50 GOP senators to block a final vote on Mayorkas.

Sen. Mitt Romney (R-UT) tried to get an answer from Mayorkas. "What is your intention with

regards to that caravan that is coming to our border? Is your intention to allow them to come into the country? Will they be stopped? What's the plan?" The exchange continued:

Mayorkas: We are a nation of immigrants, and we are also a nation of laws, and I intend to apply the law in the execution of my responsibilities as the Secretary of Homeland Security should I have that privilege.

Romney: What does that mean in this regard? Does it mean that the [caravan migrants] will be interdicted and rejected from coming into the country, evaluated one by one? What's the plan?

Mayorkas: When people present themselves at our border, we apply the laws of our nation to determine whether they qualify for relief under our humanitarian laws or whether they don't.

Romney: Kind of uncertain there, but I presume that means that they will not be allowed just to come into the country, that these people will be stopped at the border and processed one by one. Is that correct?

Mayorkas: I apologize if I was uncertain. If people qualify under the law to remain in the United States, then we will apply the law accordingly. If they do not qualify to remain in the United States, they won't.

Lankford prodded Mayorkas about his welcome for economic migrants:

You and Senator Johnson had an interchange back and forth on this very straightforward question: Is economic opportunity a valid reason for asylum? You quoted the asylum statute on that, but I guess the yes-or-no question on that is economic opportunity doesn't seem to be in the statute, as a valid reason for asylum, so I guess the question I have for you still is: "Is economic opportunity a reason that should be added to it?" It is not there. Do you believe it's there?

Mayorkas continued to muddy the legal waters:

I'm a lawyer by profession. So I take a look at the laws and I enforce them as both a lawyer and as a law enforcement officer for nearly 20 years of my career. When one speaks of economic opportunity, what does one mean? Just generally an opportunity to make a better living? If that is what you are referring to that, my understanding is that that is not a legitimate asylum claim make.

Lankford responded:

That's our understanding of the law as well, and it seems a pretty plain reading of it that if someone is coming to increase their economic opportunity. Obviously, almost any country in the world, any city you live in in the world, there's improved opportunities in the United States and we're grateful for that in the United States. But just saying hey you don't have a lot of economic opportunities where you live doesn't mean you open up our borders for asylum claims or say we're gonna somehow release you into the United States and debate it.

Two GOP senators were absent from the hearing, Sen. Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY).

Many pollsters show Americans' deep and broad opposition to cheap-labor migration — and the inflow of temporary contract workers, into the jobs needed by young and old Americans.

The multi-racial, cross-sex, non-racist, class-based opposition to cheap-labor migration co-exists with generally favorable personal feelings toward legal immigrants and toward immigration in theory — despite the media magnification of many skewed polls and articles which still push the 1950's "Nation of Immigrants" claim.

Migration moves money from employees to employers, from families to investors, from young to old, from children to their parents, from homebuyers to real estate investors, and from the central states to the coastal states.

Mayorkas has argued that Americans' wages will rise once an amnesty means employers' illegal workers become Americans with full legal rights.

So far, he has not explained why the flood of legalized labor — and the subsequent flood of more illegal and legal labor — will help raise wages for marginalized Americans, including mothers with small children, older people with disabilities, alienated drug addicts, and ex-convicts.

The population of marginalized Americans also includes the tens of millions of Americans stranded in the heartland states that get little funding from coastal investors who prefer to hire legal immigrants as they arrive at LAX or Newark airport.

In 2016, the voters' understandable solidarity with their fellow Americans carried Donald Trump's pro-American policies into the White House. Those policies helped shrink American unemployment, raise Americans' wages, and — if Democratic analysts are to be believed — can bring the GOP back into power in 2024.

Biden's DHS pick on migrant caravan: 'There is a commitment to follow our asylum laws' (FOX News)

FOX News [1/19/2021 4:01 PM, Adam Shaw, 10362K]

President-elect Joe Biden's nominee for homeland security secretary said Tuesday that the Biden administration has a "commitment to follow our asylum laws," when asked about a caravan of thousands of migrants moving north to the U.S. border.

"I think President-elect Biden and people who will be joining his incoming administration have spoken about the fact that there is a commitment to follow our asylum laws, to enforce our asylum laws, and that means to provide humanitarian relief to those individuals who qualify for it under the law," Alejandro Mayorkas said at his confirmation hearing.

"That cannot be accomplished with just a flick of a switch and turned on day one, it will take time to build the infrastructure and capacity so we can enforce our laws as Congress intended," he said.

Mayorkas was asked about a caravan of migrants coming north from Honduras that reportedly consisted or approximately 6,000 migrants at one point. The Associated Press

reported Tuesday that the caravan was broken up by authorities in Guatemala, but that small groups were still pressing north toward Mexico.

Trump administration officials have accused Biden of encouraging such migration with its more liberal language on migration and asylum. Biden is proposing a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants in the country, but in a nod to fears of a border surge, it would reportedly only apply to those in the country at the beginning of the year.

The caravan had demanded the Biden administration "honors its commitments" in a statement last week, but Biden officials have warned that the situation at the border won't change right away -- with policies such as the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) expected to take a while to reverse.

Mayorkas downplayed the threat from the caravan, saying "this is not the first caravan that has approached the border over the last four years or 12 years."

"The phenomenon of a caravan is something we've confronted in DHS for many years, the former U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) director said.

Grilled later by Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, on the caravan and what his plans were for how to handle it, he said: "We are a nation of immigrants, we are also a nation of laws and I intend to apply the law in the execution in my responsibilities as the secretary of Homeland Security if i have that privilege."

Asked to be more specific about whether people will be let in or not, Mayorkas said that when people present themselves at the border "we apply the laws of our nation to determine whether they qualify for relief under our humanitarian laws or whether they don't."

"If people qualify under the law, then we will apply the law accordingly. If they do not qualify then they won't," he said.

DHS nominee rejects defunding ICE (Washington Times)
Washington Times [1/19/2021 6:27 AM, Stephen Dinan, 459K]
President-elect Joseph R. Biden's pick to lead Homeland Security flatly rejected defunding ICE, telling senators on Tuesday he is committed to enforcing the laws on the books.

But Alejandro Mayorkas, the prospective nominee, would not commit to expanding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, saying instead that he needs "to study the condition" of the agency and how it's using its resources.

He said he's not yet ready to commit to a position on President Trump's border wall construction, nor whether he would recommend taking down some of the more than 450 miles of new wall erected under Mr. Trump.

"I haven't looked at that," he said, adding that he doesn't see the border as "monolithic" and said solutions may differ across the 1,950-mile boundary with Mexico.

He also sidestepped questions about a new migrant caravan heading north toward the U.S., saying only that the laws will be applied to them and those who qualify for a place in the U.S. will be admitted.

Mr. Mayorkas was testifying to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee ahead of his expected nomination when Mr. Biden takes office on Wednesday.

If confirmed, Mr. Mayorkas will be under intense pressure from immigrant-rights groups to reel in the immigration enforcement agencies he would oversee, including ICE.

Some of those groups, who are challenging in court the funding Mr. Trump has used to erect some of his border wall, have said if they prevail in those cases they will ask that wall built with that money be torn down.

That could put Mr. Biden and his team in a tricky position.

The president-elect has said he won't build any more wall, but suggested he doesn't want to erase existing barriers.

Biden's DHS Nominee Mayorkas Does Not Say if E-Verify Should Be Mandatory (Breitbart)

Breitbart [1/19/2021 3:58 PM, John Binder, 1912K]

President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to lead the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Alejandro Mayorkas, will not say if he supports mandatory E-Verify to prohibit businesses from hiring illegal aliens over American citizens.

During his confirmation hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on Tuesday, Mayorkas would not answer whether he supports making E-Verify mandatory. The federal program allows businesses to screen whether their hires are legal residents in the United States so as not to force illegal labor market competition against America's working and middle class.

The exchange went as follows:

ROMNEY: Do you support the E-Verify program? Is it an important tool? Should it be mandatory? Should it be permanent? Is this an essential element of protecting our nation and the opportunities of employment for so many of our people today who've been put out of work because of the COVID crisis? [Emphasis added]

MAYORKAS: Senator, when I was the director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, under my leadership we made tremendous improvements through the E-Verify program, and under my leadership, enrollment, voluntary enrollment … increased dramatically. I would look forward to studying the utilization now of the E-Verify program, its effectiveness in the business community, its effectiveness in achieving its intended purposes and I would look forward to working with you as I study the effectiveness of that program. [Emphasis added]

Similarly, when asked if economic migrants have a valid asylum claim — though U.S. makes explicitly clear that they do not — Mayorkas tiptoed around the question.

"Do you believe coming into this country illegally for economic improvement, is that a valid asylum claim?" Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) asked.

"Senator, the asylum laws are well established, and they provide that an individual who's fleeing persecution by reason of his or her membership in a particular social group is deserving of protection," Mayorkas said.

Mayorkas' unwillingness to support mandatory E-Verify comes even as the overwhelming majority of Americans have supported the program. The most recent polling on the issue, from July 2019, found that 75 percent of voters in swing states support banning employers from hiring illegal aliens over Americans.

In states where mandatory E-Verify has been implemented, the program is widely effective in protecting those states' labor markets, the most recent study has shown.

Since 2012, Alabama, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia have all implemented one form or another of mandatory E-Verify. In some of these states, such as Alabama, all public and private employers must screen potential employees to weed out illegal alien applicants. In other states, such as North Carolina, all public employers and government contractors are required to use E-Verify.

All of these states, except for Tennessee, saw their unemployment rate decline a year after implementing mandatory E-Verify. Likewise, when Florida, Louisiana, and Indiana implemented forms of mandatory E-Verify, all three states saw a decline in unemployment at a greater rate than the national average at the time.

Biden's Choice for U.S. Homeland Security Chief Pledges to Confront 'Domestic Extremism' (Reuters)

Reuters [1/19/2021 1:20 PM, Mica Rosenberg and Kristina Cooke, 3498K]

President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to lead the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, said on Tuesday he would empower intelligence staff at the agency to gather information on extremist threats in "an apolitical, nonpartisan way" following a violent attack on the U.S. Congress.

"The threat of domestic extremism is one of the greatest challenges that the Department of Homeland Security confronts," Mayorkas told the Senate Homeland Security Committee in a confirmation hearing before Biden is set to take office on Wednesday.

If confirmed, Mayorkas, who served as deputy secretary at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under President Barack Obama, will start the job days after the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol staged by supporters of outgoing Republican President Donald Trump.

He also would take the helm of the sprawling agency - with 240,000 employees responsible for border security, immigration enforcement, cybersecurity, and disaster readiness and relief - in the midst of a raging coronavirus pandemic and on the heels of a massive hack of government agencies.

One of the first major challenges for Mayorkas would be delivering on Biden's promises to reverse many of the restrictionist immigration policies put in place by Trump. He also faces the prospect of thousands of migrants traveling in caravans through Central America arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Complicating his confirmation, however, Republican Senator Josh Hawley - who sits on the committee - said he objected to fast-tracking Mayorkas' confirmation, citing concerns about Biden's immigration plans.

Mayorkas needs a majority of the committee to approve his nomination, which then moves on to a full Senate vote where there is effectively a 50-50 split Democrats and Republicans. Vice President-elect Kamala Harris would hold the tie-breaking vote.

At the hearing, Mayorkas said changes to Trump's border policies "cannot be accomplished with just the flick of a switch on day one, it will take time to build the infrastructure capacity so we can enforce our laws."

He said he would not do away with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency. "Abolish ICE" has been a rallying cry for some immigrant advocates.

Mayorkas said he would study sweeping pandemic-era restrictions put in place by Trump that currently allow officials to expel most migrants arriving at the Southwest border.

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If approved, Mayorkas, 61, would become the first Latino and first foreign-born leader of the department created in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. He highlighted his heritage as a Cuban immigrant in his opening statement to the Senate committee.

"My father and mother brought me to this country to escape communism," he said. "I was raised to appreciate each day what this country has meant for our family." He also invoked his family history in a pledge to fight anti-Semitism, saying his mother lost relatives in the Holocaust during World War Two.

Mayorkas, a former federal prosecutor in California, faced questioning from Republican lawmakers over his handling of an investor visa program during his time leading the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services agency under Obama.

A 2015 DHS Inspector General report found that certain applicants to the EB-5 program, which grants green cards to foreigners promising to invest in U.S. businesses, received special access and preferential treatment in the handling of their applications under Mayorkas' leadership.

Mayorkas said he learned a lot from the report and that his efforts were a good faith effort to improve a program that had long been plagued by problems.

Republicans grill Biden DHS nominee Mayorkas on migrants fleeing economic hardship (Washington Examiner)
Washington Examiner [1/19/2021 1:29 PM, Anna Giaritelli, 394K]
Senate Republicans pushed President-elect Joe Biden's nominee for the Department of Homeland Security to state whether he would ease asylum policies to cater to migrants seeking economic help as thousands caravan from Central America to the United States.

Republicans on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

repeatedly questioned Alejandro Mayorkas during his confirmation hearing Tuesday in an attempt to see if he will detain illegal immigrants who are encountered at the U.S.-Mexico border or allow families to be released into the country.

Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin asked Mayorkas if he believed that "coming into this country illegally for economic improvement" was a valid reason to ask for asylum.

"The asylum laws are well-established, and they provide that an individual who's fleeing persecution by reason of his or her membership in a particular social group is deserving of protection," said Mayorkas.

"Is economic opportunity a valid reason for asylum?" asked Sen. James Lankford, an Oklahoma Republican.

"My understanding is that that is not a legitimate assignment," said Mayorkas, referring to the reasons outlined by the U.S. government as legitimate reasons to claim asylum after fleeing one's country.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services policy states that refugees who have fled their country may see asylum at a port of entry or once they are in custody if they have "suffered persecution or fear that they will suffer persecution due to race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion."

"I would hope that we wouldn't have different rules for people flying in from Honduras than we have illegally traveling from Honduras, because right now, we have pretty strict travel restrictions coming in if you're flying in legally, and if somehow we have a different set of rules (it's lax if you're traveling, you're illegally [entering]) that would be quite a quandary for us to be able to explain to everyone," said Lankford.

Sen. Mitt Romney, a Utah Republican, pushed the former Obama-era DHS official on whether Border Patrol would detain or release into the U.S. people who are arrested after illegally crossing the border, but Mayorkas spoke vaguely, not making promises.

"[If] people qualify under the law to remain in the United States, then we will apply the law accordingly," Mayorkas said. "If they do not qualify to remain in the United States, then they won't stay here."

The Republican senators' concerns come in the midst of rising arrests at the southern border and a 9,000-person caravan traversing Central America on its way to Mexico before reaching the U.S. Johnson, the previous committee chairman, tried to push Mayorkas to give the specific point at which the number of people arrested daily by Border Patrol would be considered a "crisis."

"Secretary [Jeh] Johnson, who you served under, said that 1,000 people per day was a bad day. We have been consistently over 2,000 a day for the last number of years, over 4,000 a day in March 2019. Right now, we're back over 2,000 per day," said Sen. Ron Johnson. "Do you consider that a problem what is going to be a bad day if you're secretary?"

He then asked Mayorkas to state for the record that the Obama administration erected a massive Border Patrol detention facility in McAllen, Texas. Mayorkas confirmed that the

facility, lamented by congressional Democrats during the Trump administration, was put up before Trump.

"That's the same facility that has the chain-link fences that people on the other side of the aisle have referred to as putting children in cages, correct?" Johnson asked.

Mayorkas agreed, and Johnson asked if the facility was created because a rising number of families and children were coming over the southern border in the early and mid-2010s. Mayorkas defended it and said federal law enforcement "existed long before" the one building was stood up.

Of the 475,000 people who were arrested at the southern border with a family member during the government's fiscal 2019 year, roughly three-quarters did not seek asylum and were released into the U.S.

Biden has vowed to end a slew of asylum reforms that the Trump administration implemented in an effort to deter the number of people who come to the U.S. border.

Homeland Security nominee pressed on past favoritism claims (Roll Call)
Roll Call [1/19/2021 12:03 PM, Camila DeChalus, 87K]
Senate Republicans on Tuesday grilled President-elect Joe Biden's pick to head the Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, over "troubling issues" in how he handled the visa program for wealthy foreign investors during the Obama administration.

At the confirmation hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Ohio Sen. Rob Portman asked about a Homeland Security inspector general report issued in 2015, when Mayorkas served as deputy Homeland Security secretary.

The report concluded that Mayorkas "exerted improper influence in the normal processing and adjudication" of EB-5 visas in cases that involved high-profile individuals, including Harry Reid, the Senate majority leader at the time.

"These were politically connected individuals, where you were in direct contact with them, going around the typical judicatory process," Portman said. "Did you have concerns that your actions might be viewed as favoritism and special access?"

Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson, the panel's outgoing chairman, chimed in about "some pretty troubling issues" raised in a letter at the time by Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, about the way Mayorkas handled the EB-5 investor program, which offers visa holders and their families the chance to seek permanent residency in exchange for investing heavily in U.S.-based job-creating enterprises.

"[Grassley's] main issue in writing the letter to you is that you have not been forthright, you've not answered questions dating back to his oversight letters 2013," Johnson said to Mayorkas.

Utah Republican Mitt Romney also questioned whether Mayorkas would recuse himself in future cases that may cast the appearance of favoritism in the investor program.

Mayorkas defended his actions, saying the EB-5 program had been "plagued by problems"

when he originally took the helm of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the DHS agency responsible for adjudicating immigration benefits.

“I became involved in a lot of cases because, as I said, the work of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services is casework. And I did my job. And I learned of problems, and I fixed it,” said Mayorkas, a Cuban refugee who would be the first Latino to lead the Homeland Security Department if confirmed.

Mayorkas said he had gotten involved in handling certain cases to ensure that the cases were being dealt with properly.

Senate Democrats, including Delaware’s Thomas R. Carper, defended the nominee.

“Mr. Mayorkas was found to be guilty of one thing, and that’s creating an appearance of favoritism,” Carper said. “If we will be honest with one another, every single member of this committee and in the Senate could be accused of the same thing at one time or another.”

The last time Mayorkas faced a Senate confirmation hearing — in 2013, to become deputy Homeland Security secretary — not one Republican voted in favor of his nomination because of the active investigation into his handling of the EB-5 program.

Mayorkas was previously confirmed by the Senate to become director of the USCIS, where he served from 2009 to 2013. In that role, he led the implementation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program that has allowed immigrants who came to the U.S. unlawfully as children to live and work in the country without fear of deportation.

The Senate also confirmed Mayorkas as U.S. attorney for the Central District of California earlier in his career.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle peppered Mayorkas with questions on border security and how he would handle asylum-seeking migrants reportedly heading in caravans to the U.S.-Mexico border.

Mayorkas said his plans include investing in more technology rather than spending money on border wall construction.

“The use of technology and use of air and marine assets would be most effective and I look forward to studying the challenges at the border and developing a sophisticated approach to meet those challenges to be sure that we’re harnessing innovation and technology to the best of our abilities,” he said.

Congress has appropriated nearly $1.4 billion in the current fiscal year for President Donald Trump’s border wall. Mayorkas said he would need to research laws about discontinuing funds allocated for a specific purpose.

On asylum, Mayorkas remained firm on upholding Biden’s commitment to ensuring that asylum seekers are humanely processed at the border.

“That means to provide humanitarian relief for those individuals who qualify for under the law, and that could not be accomplished with just a flick of a switch and turned on in Day

One. … It will take time to build the infrastructure and capacity so that we can enforce our laws as Congress intended," he said.

Incoming Senate Homeland Security Chairman Gary Peters urged his colleagues to immediately confirm Mayorkas because of ongoing threats the U.S. faces both at the border and within the country.

"There is no question, we need strong and stable leadership at the Department of Homeland Security, now more than ever," the Michigan Democrat said. "Certainly, the threats that we face across all these borders happen daily, which is why his appointment to this position is absolutely critical to do it as quickly as possible."

It was not immediately clear when the committee planned to hold a confirmation vote and send Mayorkas' nomination to the full Senate.

In addition to Mayorkas, other Biden picks receiving Senate hearings Tuesday included Defense Secretary nominee Lloyd Austin; Secretary of State nominee Antony Blinken; and Avril Haines, the nominee for director of national intelligence.

Biden DHS nominee Alejandro Mayorkas challenged by Republicans over allegations of abuse (Washington Examiner)
Washington Examiner [1/19/2021 4:44 PM, Anna Giaritelli, 394K]
President-elect Joe Biden's nominee for secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, defended himself from Senate Republicans' questions about allegations that he abused his power while at the DHS during the Obama administration.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Chairman Rob Portman, an Ohio Republican, opened the hearing with questions into multiple findings by the DHS inspector general that he said were "concerning."

The DHS inspector general found that in three incidents, Mayorkas communicated with applicants or their sponsors in a way that was not normal and "intervened" in career United States Citizenship and Immigration Services staff's reviews of applications, Portman said.

The report stated that Mayorkas did not follow normal procedures for deciding the cases and personally redecided cases that had been decided unfavorably. When asked by Republicans about the three incidents, Mayorkas admitted to getting involved in "hundreds" of cases that had been denied. He later said he looked over "dozens and dozens" of denied cases.

"The case that you mentioned and three cases that are cited in the inspector general's report are three of hundreds and hundreds of cases that I became involved in at the request of senators and members of the House of Representatives on both sides of the aisle," Mayorkas said. "I must say, senator, [I] take issue with the use of the term 'intervene.' It is my job to become involved."

Mayorkas, 61, was USCIS director from 2009 to 2013 and then DHS deputy director until resigning in 2016. While there, the DHS Office of Inspector General accused Mayorkas of creating the appearance of "favoritism and special access" by ordering staff to fast-track visa applications that benefited Democratic sponsors, including former Sen. Harry Reid of

Nevada, Gov. Terry McAuliffe of Virginia, and Hillary Clinton's brother Anthony. Mayorkas stepped down from his post in October 2016, months shy of former President Barack Obama's departure.

The EB-5 program was created in 1990 to give immigrants a pathway to citizenship if they agree to create 10 full-time jobs for U.S. workers. The investor, as well as his or her immediate family, is eligible for a green card, which allows him or her to reside permanently in the country for several years before applying for citizenship. The program is overseen by the USCIS within the DHS. Portman inquired why Mayorkas had created a review board to reconsider certain cases that had been denied by agency staff.

"This board did not previously exist and was never used again after it voted to reverse the adjudicators' proposed denials," Portman said. "Remarkably, there's no record of the proceedings of this board."

"When the agency made a decision in an EB-5 investor visa case and millions and millions of dollars of investor capital and the creation of jobs for U.S. workers was dependent upon that decision, was it fair for the agency to, later in the adjudicative process, change its mind and kill the business development?" Mayorkas replied. "I created the deference review board as one fix to the many problems that we encountered in that agency."

Sen. Mitt Romney, a Utah Republican, was unsatisfied with Mayorkas's repeated statements that he had "learned" from the incident.

"I would have anticipated that when Sen. Portman asked you what have you learned from this process, that you might say, 'I have learned from the process that when something appears to be political, I should recuse myself.' Is that not a lesson you learned?" Romney asked.

Mayorkas said he "prided himself" in his "responsiveness" when working one-on-one with lawmakers who referred cases to him and that USCIS established "guardrails" to protect "against the appearance of favoritism," though he did not reveal those procedures.

Sen. Tom Carper, a Delaware Democrat, was chairman in 2013 when Mayorkas was being considered by the same committee for DHS deputy secretary.

"I remember very well the effort to smear this man's character based on the 2013 inspector general investigation, which was leaked to the press again before his confirmation here," Carper said. "The claims made were fully investigated by a subsequent inspector general, and Mr. Mayorkas was found to be guilty of one thing: that's creating an appearance of favoritism."

Carper added that the government official who initiated the investigation was responsible for the leak, resigned under allegations of misconduct, and was charged last year with fraud.

Portman pushed back, stating that the third-largest federal department needed a person of the "utmost integrity" as its leader and that DHS whistleblowers had reported him for other problems.

"One witness stated that encounters with Mr. Mayorkas 'were uncomfortable, aggressive,

unusual, and unsettling,'" Portman said. "The [inspector general] noted that the variety of witnesses that came forward was unusual. Individuals who raised concerns were 'throughout the ranks of USCIS in different locations engaged in different functions with different experience levels.'"

After Homeland Security nominee's hearing, Hawley slows down process (Los Angeles Times)

Los Angeles Times [1/19/2021 5:16 PM, Brian Contreras, 1825K]

In the wake of a largely cordial confirmation hearing for Alejandro Mayorkas, President-elect Joe Biden's nominee for secretary of Homeland Security, Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) announced Tuesday that he was putting a hold on a procedure that would have bypassed full committee consideration of Mayorkas' nomination.

"I cannot consent to skip the standard vetting process and fast-track this nomination when so many questions remain unanswered," Hawley said in a statement.

The move is a break from practice in recent years, during which Homeland Security leadership was typically approved at the start of a new president's term.

At the tail end of the Tuesday morning hearing, in which Mayorkas spoke before the Senate's Homeland Security Committee as part of his confirmation process, Hawley asked him where money Congress has already appropriated for President Trump's border wall would go. The nominee responded that he would follow the law if he became department leader, but would also need to understand what that law allowed for with respect to discontinuing the funding.

Hawley also asked about Biden's plans to pursue legal status for an estimated 11 million immigrants in the country illegally.

Mayorkas replied that the president-elect "has spoken of the need for a path to citizenship for the individuals who have been in this country for many years, who have contributed to our communities and to this nation's economic prosperity."

"I would be privileged to work with Congress to pass immigration reform legislation that provides that path and provides a permanent solution," Mayorkas said.

Concerns about these immigration policies seemed to be at the root of Hawley's procedural block.

"Mr. Mayorkas has not adequately explained how he will enforce federal law and secure the southern border given President-elect Biden's promise to roll back major enforcement and security measures," Hawley said in his statement. "Just today, he declined to say he would enforce the laws Congress has already passed to secure the border wall system."

Mayorkas' hearing came in the wake of the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, while a pandemic rages on and the impact of an enormous federal hack continues to reverberate through Washington — all crises Mayorkas will have a hand in dealing with if approved as Biden's Homeland Security secretary.

The hearing emphasized immigration policy but also explored counter-terrorism, emergency

management and cybersecurity, all of which are within the Department of Homeland Security's broad portfolio.

Born in Havana, Mayorkas grew up in Los Angeles and graduated from UC Berkeley. He would be the first Latino and first immigrant to serve as Homeland Security secretary, and already has been confirmed by the Senate three times for prior positions.

The Cuban American and former federal prosecutor was named by Biden in November. If confirmed, he would oversee the federal government's third-largest department, where he almost certainly would roll back parts of Trump's multi-pronged campaign to restrict both legal and illegal immigration.

Under skeptical questioning from Hawley and other committee Republicans critical of Biden's immigration plans, Mayorkas maintained support for key aspects of the president-elect's immigration agenda, while affirming that he would implement them within the bounds of the law.

"President-elect Biden has committed to presenting Congress on Day One with a permanent solution, an immigration reform bill, and I would be privileged to … work with Congress in passing legislation to fix our much-broken immigration system," Mayorkas said.

One initial action will probably be to reinstate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which shields immigrants brought to America as children from deportation. Trump tried to end the policy, which Biden promises to fully restore. Mayorkas helped implement DACA when he served as the director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services during the Obama administration.

Mayorkas also reiterated Biden's plans to cease further funding for Trump's border wall and to create a path to citizenship for immigrants already in America, and emphasized the importance of addressing "push factors" — violence, corruption, extreme poverty, persecution — that compel immigrants to leave their homelands in the first place.

"We must address the root causes to solve the problem," Mayorkas said. "That is what President-elect Biden's vision does, and I hope I have the privilege to execute it."

If Mayorkas is confirmed as department leader, his wide purview would extend well beyond immigration and border security.

To that point, Mayorkas cited the department's "significant capabilities" to execute Biden's coronavirus response through the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to play a "leadership role" in collecting and disseminating information about foreign and domestic terrorism through the Office of Intelligence and Analysis; and to strengthen American cybersecurity through the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

"The threat is real, and the threat is everyday, and we have to do a much better job than we are doing now," he said of cybersecurity concerns.

The hearing contained few rhetorical fireworks, although several Republicans raised concerns about allegations that Mayorkas "exerted improper influence" over an employment visa program while working as director of USCIS, the Homeland Security agency in charge

of legal immigration, a charge that Mayorkas disputes.

In addition to smoothing the pathway to citizenship for immigrants who are in the country illegally, Biden has called for a shift in focus from Trump's border wall to security enhancement at ports of entry, and more oversight of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Border Patrol. Biden's incoming Chief of Staff Ron Klain has said the president-elect will move to end Trump's restrictions on immigration from several Muslim-majority countries on Inauguration Day, and will quickly move to accelerate the reunification of families separated at the southern border under Trump.

Hawley delays quick confirmation of Biden's DHS nominee (The Hill)
The Hill [1/19/2021 5:04 PM, Rebecca Beitsch, 2343K]
Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) announced on Tuesday he would place a hold on Alejandro Mayorkas, President-elect Joe Biden's choice to lead the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Hawley, who has come under fire recently amid allegations that he played a role in the Capitol riot early this month, made the announcement just hours after the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs wrapped its hearing with Mayorkas. The move delays the nomination of a post Democrats have argued is critical to fill immediately to protect national security.

"Mr. Mayorkas has not adequately explained how he will enforce federal law and secure the southern border given President-elect Biden's promise to roll back major enforcement and security measures," Hawley said in a statement.

"Just today, he declined to say he would enforce the laws Congress has already passed to secure the border wall system. Given this, I cannot consent to skip the standard vetting process and fast-track this nomination when so many questions remain unanswered," he added.

Hawley's opposition comes as Biden and Democrats argue the attacks on the Capitol make the post a top priority. Hawley was the first senator to announce he would vote against certification of the 2020 election results.
His hold could stall a nomination otherwise expected to advance once Democrats gain control of the Senate on Wednesday. Defeating the hold will require a 50 vote threshold cloture vote and eats up days of floor time, complicating the process.

Mayorkas, who previously served as the deputy secretary of DHS under the Obama administration, did not earn any Republican votes when he was confirmed in 2013.

"We are facing unprecedented challenges and threats to our national security, and our country urgently need a confirmed Secretary of Homeland Security in place on day one to protect the American people. Alejandro Mayorkas is one of the most knowledgeable homeland security experts in the country," Biden transition spokesman Sean Savett said in a statement to The Hill.

"The Senate held swift confirmation votes for the DHS Secretary nominee in 2009 and 2017 in order for them to start on day one for good reason. Senator Hawley's threat to disrupt historical practice and try to leave this vital position vacant is dangerous, especially in this

time of overlapping crises when there is not a moment to waste."

Hawley's opposition stems from an exchange where the lawmaker asked Mayorkas if he would obligate $1.4 billion in funds set aside for Trump's border wall.

"If I may strike at the fundamental point that I believe you were inquiring of, which is will I follow the law and the execution of my responsibilities should I have the privilege of serving as the Secretary of Homeland Security. And the answer is yes I will follow the law. And what I would need to do is to understand what the law provides with respect to the obligation of funds to construct a border wall, and then see what the opportunities are to discontinue any such obligations," Mayorkas said.

Hawley then thanked Mayorkas for getting "right to the nub" of his question.

He also asked Mayorkas about Biden's plans to give legal status to 11 million people residing in the U.S., something Hawley said concerned him "especially in this time of severe economic distress that has fallen disproportionately on working class Americans."

Mayorkas called the move a "path to citizenship for the individuals who have been in this country for many years, who have contributed to our communities, and to this nation's economic prosperity."

"I would be privileged to work with Congress to pass immigration reform legislation that provides that path, and provides a permanent solution to what is clearly a broken system," he added.

Hawley blocks quick consideration of Biden DHS nominee, citing 'amnesty' plan (FOX News)

FOX News [1/19/2021 6:17 PM, Adam Shaw, 10362K]

Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., blocked quick consideration of President-elect Joe Biden's pick to lead the Department of Homeland Security, citing Biden's proposals for "amnesty" for illegal immigrants and answers about border security.

Alejandro Mayorkas had answered questions earlier in the day at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Homeland Security Committee. When committee members moved to bypass full committee consideration to speed up his confirmation, Hawley objected.

"On Day 1 of his administration, President-elect Biden has said he plans to unveil an amnesty plan for 11 million immigrants in this nation illegally," the populist senator said in a statement. "This comes at a time when millions of American citizens remain out of work and a new migrant caravan has been attempting to reach the United States. Mr. Mayorkas has not adequately explained how he will enforce federal law and secure the southern border given President-elect Biden's promise to roll back major enforcement and security measures."

Hawley was referring to Biden's plan to provide a pathway to citizenship for those in the country illegally. Expected to be unveiled on Wednesday, the plan reportedly includes an eight-year path to citizenship, along with other measures, including green cards for recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) programs.

Simon & Schuster cancels book deal with Sen. Josh Hawley after Capitol Hill riots

The Washington Post reported that the bill also includes expanded forms of legal immigration, provisions to address "push" factors south of the border, and some border security measures.

At the hearing, Mayorkas spoke positively about the legislation and told Hawley it would fix a "broken immigration system."

"I would be privileged to work with Congress to pass immigration reform legislation that provides that path and provides a permanent solution to what is clearly a broken system," he said.

Hawley had asked Mayorkas whether he would allow funding that had already been designated for the wall at the southern border to be used. President Trump's administration built approximately 450 miles of wall, and officials say there are approximately 350 extra miles funded.

Mayorkas noted that Biden has promised not to allow any more wall to be built under his administration.

"I would execute President-elect Biden's commitment in adherence to the laws that guide us," he said. He later said he would follow the law, and he would need to see if DHS was permitted to stop the funding and what the options were.

Hawley was not impressed with his answers.

"Just today, he declined to say he would enforce the laws Congress has already passed to secure the border wall system," Hawley said in his statement. "Given this, I cannot consent to skip the standard vetting process and fast-track this nomination when so many questions remain unanswered."

The block means it will take longer to get Mayorkas' confirmation out of the Homeland Security Committee onto the Senate floor for a confirmation vote.

Four years ago, the Senate confirmed President Trump's first DHS secretary, John Kelly, on Inauguration Day -- he was one of two cabinet secretaries confirmed that day.

Sen Josh Hawley Blocks Quick Consideration Of Biden's Homeland Security Nominee (Daily Caller)
Daily Caller [1/19/2021 4:23 PM, Andrew Trunsky, 321K]
Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley said that he would object to the expedited consideration of Alejandro Mayorkas, President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to lead the Department of Homeland Security.

Hawley's announcement came hours after Mayorkas's confirmation hearing Tuesday morning, and will delay the confirmation of a post that Democrats have argued is absolutely imperative to fill as soon as possible given the heightened risks to national security.

"Mr. Mayorkas has not adequately explained how he will enforce federal law and secure the

southern border given President-elect Biden's promise to roll back major enforcement and security measures," Hawley said in a statement.

"Just today, he declined to say he would enforce the laws Congress has already passed to secure the border wall system. Given this, I cannot consent to skip the standard vetting process and fast-track this nomination when so many questions remain unanswered," Hawley said.

Hawley has come under fire from Democrats and fellow Republicans in the wake of the Capitol riot after leading the Senate effort to object to Pennsylvania's election results. His latest move could temporarily stall Mayorkas's confirmation since defeating the hold would require 60 votes, meaning that 10 Republicans would have to join Democrats after they officially take control of the chamber on Wednesday.

During the hearing Tuesday, Hawley pressed Mayorkas over how he would allocate $1.4 billion in congressionally-appropriated funds towards President Donald Trump's border wall. While Mayorkas said that he would "follow the law," he declined to say whether the funds would ultimately go towards the wall's further construction.

The two also discussed Biden's proposed pathway to citizenship for the approximately 11 million unauthorized immigrants living in the country.

While Hawley said that the plan was "especially" concerning given the increased hardship millions of Americans are facing, Mayorkas said that he would be "privileged to work with Congress to pass immigration reform legislation that provides that path, and provides a permanent solution to what is clearly a broken system."

Director of national intelligence nominee Avril Haines's opening statement (Washington Post)
Washington Post [1/19/2021 12:12 PM, Staff, 13480K]
President-elect Biden's nominee for director of national intelligence Avril D. Haines delivered her opening statement to the Senate Intelligence Committee on Jan. 19.

[Editorial note: consult video at source link]

Haines pledges to 'speak truth to power' if confirmed as Biden's intel chief (Politico)
Politico [1/19/2021 2:44 PM, Martin Matishak, 2751K]
Avril Haines, President-elect Joe Biden's pick to be the nation's top intelligence official, promised Tuesday to "speak truth to power" and resist any effort to politicize the work of the country's intelligence agencies.

"To safeguard the integrity of our intelligence community, the DNI must insist that, when it comes to intelligence, there is simply no place for politics — ever," said Haines, a former CIA deputy director and former deputy national security adviser in the Obama administration, in her confirmation hearing to become the first female director of national intelligence.

The hearing was just one in a slew of proceedings held Tuesday for Biden's incoming Cabinet the day before his inauguration as the 46th president, including his picks to lead the

Homeland Security, State and Defense departments.

Much of the session dwelt on bipartisan concerns that Haines would be sufficiently independent and serve as an apolitical provider of intelligence following the turbulent Trump era, as well as issues like domestic terrorism and the rise of China.

The outgoing administration saw the last two top intelligence chiefs get their jobs not because of their experience but due to their loyalty to President Donald Trump.

Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) asked Haines if she would commit to publishing analytic products in the president's daily brief — a summary of high-level national security intelligence — even if they didn't align with the new administration's policies.

"I do. Absolutely, senator," Haines replied, adding she has witnessed the practice in the past. She later said Biden has "just about" ordered her to tell him the truth on intelligence matters.

Sen. Angus King (I-Maine), who attended the hearing virtually from his car, asked Haines if she planned to make any changes "structurally" to rid the nation's 18 intelligence agencies of politicization.

Haines acknowledged she didn't have "specific" recommendations at the stage but said one of her first acts would be to send a clear message to the rank-and-file that they are "expected to produce apolitical, unvarnished" intelligence products. She suggested it might be useful to conduct a "climate survey" to understand the experiences and pressures analysts have faced recently.

Haines said she has a "number of questions" about a recent report by the intelligence community's ombudsman that found that current DNI John Ratcliffe and other political appointees had clashed with career intelligence analysts over the scope of Russia and China's interference, or attempted interference, in the 2020 election.

Lawmakers repeatedly asked Haines to weigh in on domestic terrorism in light of the Jan. 6 deadly assault on the Capitol by a throng of the president's supporters. She called that day's events "truly disturbing" but noted the primary responsibility for U.S.-based threats belong to the FBI and DHS, though the intelligence community would "support their work and look at connections" between people who took part in the insurrection and foreign extremists.

Haines later committed to working with the FBI and DHS to produce a public threat assessment on the dangers of QAnon, the online conspiracy theory popular with many Trump backers.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle asked Haines how the U.S. should address the growing global power of China, with some admitting that their hopes that Beijing would become a more open government are a thing of the past.

"I'll be the first to acknowledge that I was part of that consensus and I think I was wrong," said Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, the panel's top Democrat. He will receive the Intelligence committee gavel later this week after Democrats retake the Senate majority.

Haines noted she hasn't had an in-depth classified hearing on China, but said the two countries are "adversarial on some issues" while cooperating on others, like climate change. She framed China, as Biden himself has, as a "global competitor."

She committed to Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) — who complained that the intelligence community has been "way too slow to pivot" in addressing Beijing's behavior — to deliver a strategic plan to boost the spy community's hiring pipeline for people such as Mandarin speakers.

Pressed by Republicans about the Iran nuclear deal, Haines initially said the U.S. is a "long ways" from rejoining the agreement and needs to look at Tehran's ballistic missile program and other destabilizing activities.

"Do you believe Iran should ever be allowed to get nuclear weapons?" Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) asked her.

"No, senator, I do not believe Iran should ever be allowed to get a nuclear weapon," she replied.

Cornyn also asked Haines to commit to releasing the last three years of her tax returns. He asked whether any of Haines' income came from foreign sources, noting she was a "principal" when she worked for WestExec, a D.C.-based consulting firm that has provided a home to much of Biden's national security team.

"It's just a title," she said, adding she worked maybe one day a month for the firm as a consultant.

Haines also committed to complying with a law requiring an unclassified report on who is responsible for the murder of the Saudi dissident and journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which the CIA has reportedly concluded was ordered by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

She also said she would work to better understand the full impact of the SolarWinds breach, a mammoth hacking campaign that has affected a number of federal agencies and which the intelligence community has tentatively linked to Russian operatives.

"This is the greatest cyber intrusion, perhaps, in the history of the world," said Sen. Jack Reed (R.I.), who will become chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee this week.

"This is a major concern," Haines said, adding it was "pretty alarming" the compromise was discovered thanks to a private cybersecurity company rather than being detected by the U.S. government.

Haines also vowed to appear before the committee for its annual Worldwide Threats hearing. The session had been a source of tension throughout 2020 between Congress and the security agencies after the previous year's installment drew public rebukes from Trump for contradicting his positions on Iran, North Korea, Russia and other national security issues.

POLITICO first reported last year that ODNI was pushing for the hearing, which features

both public and classified sessions, to be moved entirely behind closed doors over fears their bosses might provoke Trump's ire.

The massive spending and coronavirus relief bill signed into law last month made the session a requirement for intelligence leaders.

Biden Pick For Intel Chief: 'Biggest Challenge Is Building Trust And Confidence' (NPR)

NPR [1/19/2021 1:03 PM, Mark Katkov, 5227K]

Avril Haines, President-elect Joe Biden's nominee for director of national intelligence, opened her confirmation hearing Tuesday morning with an implicit criticism of President Trump's management of the country's vast intelligence network.

"When it comes to intelligence," Haines said in her opening statement, "there is simply no place for politics, ever."

Haines, if confirmed, will assume control of an intelligence community that Trump viewed with suspicion from his first days in office, frequently dismissing its work or even accusing it of being part of a "deep state" cabal intent on destroying his presidency. Trump's departing director of national intelligence, John Ratcliffe, is a fierce ally of the president who as a Republican congressman from Texas had served on the contentious House Intelligence Committee but otherwise had scant relevant experience.

Unlike its House counterpart, the Senate Intelligence Committee is known for largely bipartisan, cooperative oversight of U.S. spy agencies, and the questioning of Haines reflected that.

Both the Republican acting chairman, Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, and the Democratic vice chairman, Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, said they viewed China as the key geopolitical adversary of the United States. Warner said the country had for decades embraced a "bipartisan consensus" that engagement with China would lead to its integration into the West. "I was part of that consensus," Warner said, "and I was wrong."

Haines promised an "aggressive response" to China and to counter its "illegal and unfair practices." But she said the U.S. should try to cooperate with Beijing on areas such as climate change.

Sen. Angus King, independent of Maine, said the U.S. operates at a disadvantage because of a short-term view of world affairs versus China's 25- or 50-year approach. Haines agreed.

"China is capable and focused on a long-term horizon and the United States is not," she said in response to King. "No place else other than the [intelligence community] is well-positioned to [provide that perspective] for the president and his advisers and I hope to do this."

Haines is a veteran of the Obama administration who is widely described as professional and nonpartisan, and her appearance in open session was without controversy. The hearing continued in closed session in the afternoon to discuss classified matters.

The nominee's journey to this moment in her career has been circuitous. Haines grew up an only child in Manhattan, caring for an ailing mother who died when Haines was 15. After high school she spent a year in Tokyo studying judo, then received an undergraduate degree in physics at the University of Chicago. In her 20s she learned to fly, and with her husband ran an independent bookstore in Baltimore. Haines earned a law degree from Georgetown when she was 31.

When Biden introduced Haines as his nominee in November, he noted her unusual background.

"Brilliant, humble. Can talk literature and theoretical physics, fixing cars, flying planes, running a bookstore-cafe, all in a single conversation, because she's done all that," Biden said.

Her ascent in government was rapid. She began in the State Department's Office of the Legal Adviser, then moved to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where she came to know Biden. Haines followed Biden to the White House when he became vice president, working on the National Security Council. In 2013, despite her never having worked at the agency, Barack Obama named Haines deputy CIA director, making her the first woman to hold the No. 2 job.

"I think all of us probably had a bit of a question mark because [Haines] didn't have a background in the agency," Jeanne Tisinger, a senior CIA official, told NPR when Haines was appointed.

That changed quickly.

"I became a fan within weeks," Tisinger said.

Haines does have critics, particularly over her role in Obama's aggressive use of assassination-by-drone abroad. She also was at the CIA when it was found to have hacked the computers of Senate Intelligence Committee staffers. She recommended no disciplinary action be taken.

Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon asked whether she agreed with the CIA inspector general's conclusion that the hack was wrong. Haines said she agreed with the IG's apology.

Haines kept a low public profile during her years in government. But when nominated by Biden, she pledged to be a powerful internal voice for unbiased intelligence.

"Mr. President-elect, you know I've never shied away from speaking truth to power," she said. "I accept this nomination knowing that you would never want me to do otherwise ... even when what I have to say may be inconvenient or difficult, and I assure you, there will be those times."

Biden's DNI pick vows to help investigate any foreign role in Capitol siege, warns of China's rise (ABC News)
ABC News [1/19/2021 2:31 PM, Mike Levine, 29K]
President-elect Joe Biden's choice to lead the U.S. intelligence community vowed Tuesday

to help the FBI uncover any role that foreign nations like Russia may have played in radicalizing the violent mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol two weeks ago, even as she assured lawmakers that politics would have no place in her office.

"I've certainly seen Russia's use of active measures and a variety of influence campaigns to exacerbate some of the divisions in this country and to promote extremism," Avril Haines, the nominee to become director of national intelligence who served as a senior national security adviser in the Obama administration, told the Senate Intelligence Committee during her confirmation hearing on Tuesday.

Haines was pressed over concerns that the DNI's office had at times become too political, with the committee's top Democrat and soon-to-be chairman, Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., saying that most recently the U.S. intelligence community had been "unfairly maligned" and questioned by President Donald Trump.

Haines said any effective DNI "must never shy away from speaking truth to power -- even, especially, when doing so may be inconvenient or difficult."

"To safeguard the integrity of our intelligence community, the DNI must insist that, when it comes to intelligence, there is simply no place for politics -- ever," she added.

Politics, though, drove the violent Trump supporters who attacked the Capitol and assaulted law enforcement officers on Jan 6. They were motivated by unfounded claims -- made by Trump himself -- that the 2020 presidential election was illegitimate and stolen from him.

Haines said that, if confirmed, she hopes the U.S. intelligence community can play "an important role" in supporting investigations by the FBI and Department of Homeland Security into whether any foreign actors may have helped inject those unfounded claims into the American bloodstream, and whether there may be any other "connections" between those who participated in the siege and individuals abroad.

Warner said the Capitol had been overrun by "insurrections [from] a whole series of violent right-wing extremist groups -- Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, Three Percenters, other so-called militia groups."

But Warner noted such right-ring extremism is "not a problem that is unique to America," saying, "We've seen similar right-wing groups spring up across many European nations, and some level of networking between what's happening in Europe and what's happening in this country."

In fact, the FBI has identified several cases of white supremacists in America who have been in contact with like-minded extremists overseas, with some of the Americans even traveling to Europe to train with right-wing radicals there.

"This is a major issue for the country," Haines said of domestic terrorism coming from the fringes of the right and left.

Both Republican and Democratic senators on the committee expressed concern over what the committee's outgoing chairman, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Florida, called "the challenge" of preventing foreign countries from trying "to get us to fight with each other."

"Not that we don't do a pretty good job of it on our own," Rubio quipped.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said he wants the FBI to brief the committee on what it's found so far about foreign influence in the Jan. 6 siege, which left five Americans dead, including a U.S. Capitol Police officer.

In an intelligence assessment issued last week, several federal law enforcement agencies noted that since the Capitol assault, "Russian, Iranian, and Chinese influence actors have seized the opportunity to amplify narratives in furtherance of their policy interest."

In at least one instance, a "Russian proxy" claimed that members of the radical left-wing group antifa had "disguised themselves as supporters of President Trump, and were responsible for storming the Capitol building," the intelligence assessment said.

Similarly, "Iranian state media has continued to stoke claims that President Trump encouraged and incited the violence," while Chinese media "have seized the story to denigrate US democratic governance—casting the United States as broadly in decline," according to the intelligence assessment.

Haines and the lawmakers on the committee agreed that China poses one of the greatest overall threats to U.S. national security, with Haines describing China as an "adversary" when it comes to espionage and protecting America's secrets.

Warner said government officials and the public need to be "clear-eyed about China."

"Perhaps the greatest challenge facing you as DNI will be a rising China that is committed to surpassing and eclipsing the U.S. militarily, economically, and technologically," Warner told Haines during Tuesday's hearing.

With the array of threats to U.S. interests emanating from around the world, "You'll not have an easy job," Warner warned Haines.

Still, Haines said the fact that she could sit before the lawmakers after the events of the past two weeks was "truly remarkable."

"I just want to say how eerie it was even coming here today to see how, uh, to see the National Guard out across Washington and in these halls," she said, referring to massive security measures put in place ahead of Wednesday's inauguration. "And my first reaction in watching the events was really concern and obviously empathy for all of you ... and how truly disturbing it was to see what was done to these sacred halls, frankly, and sort of the heart of our democracy."

But, she told the lawmakers, she was "proud to be part of a country where I saw all of you not let it affect your work, not let you miss a beat, and come back in and do the work of the American people."

For the last two years of President Barack Obama's presidency, Haines, 51, served as the White House's deputy national security adviser. Before that, she served as the CIA's deputy director and in other senior national security roles.

Director of National Intelligence nominee Avril Haines vows to keep politics out of intelligence (CBS News)

CBS News [1/19/2021 5:23 PM, Olivia Gazis, 2540K]

President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to lead the U.S. intelligence community vowed to keep politics out of intelligence and to focus on building "trust and confidence" in the 18 agencies that would fall under her purview, according to her public testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee on Tuesday.

Avril Haines, 51, told the panel that there was "no place for politics" in intelligence.

"To be effective, the DNI must never shy away from speaking truth to power," she said in her opening statement." "[E]ven, especially, when doing so may be inconvenient or difficult."

Haines' confirmation hearing was one of five that took place in the Senate on Tuesday, as the Biden administration pushed to assemble key cabinet officials before the president-elect's inauguration Wednesday.

Biden Cabinet Haines

If confirmed, Haines will make history as the first woman to serve as director of national intelligence. She set a similar precedent in 2013, when President Obama named her deputy director of the CIA – and she became the first woman to hold that role.

During Tuesday's hearing, Senators pressed Haines on how the intelligence community would address the threat of domestic extremists – including far-right conspiracy groups like QAnon, some of whose followers took part in the attack on the Capitol on January 6.

Haines said U.S. intelligence agencies would be prepared to identify links between domestic and international terrorists, but that the FBI and Department of Homeland Security would otherwise lead on investigations of domestic matters. She committed to producing, alongside FBI and DHS, a public, written assessment of the threat from QAnon.

Haines also promised to appear publicly at an annual Worldwide Threats hearing, a seminal congressional event that for years was held annually but which failed to take place in 2020 under DNI Ratcliffe or his acting predecessors, Richard Grenell and Joseph Maguire.

She told Oregon Senator Ron Wyden that she would release a public, unclassified report on the killing of Saudi dissident Jamal Khashoggi, which has been stymied for months by Trump administration officials.

Haines also told the panel her top three priorities would be "institutional" in nature, and that she would start by rebuilding trust in and among intelligence ranks; aligning the community's resources to counter traditional and non-traditional threats; and building partnerships across the public and private sector.

A career national security official, Haines served as a Senate Foreign Relations Committee staffer, where she worked with its then-chairman Joe Biden. She served as the White House Deputy National Security Advisor from 2015 to 2017.

A flight enthusiast and former independent bookstore owner, Haines' eclectic interests were affectionately outlined at the beginning of the hearing by former DNI Dan Coats, himself

once a Republican member of the Senate panel. In his introduction, Coats called Haines an "exceptional choice" for the role.

"After several conversations with Avril, there is no doubt in my mind that President-elect Biden has chosen someone who has all the capabilities and qualities, experience, and leadership to be the next director of national intelligence," said Coats, who served as the Trump administration's first DNI. Coats ran afoul of President Trump after publicly offering national security assessments that Mr. Trump did not like, and he was replaced in 2019.

Democratic Senator Mark Warner, who is set to assume the chairmanship of the committee, urged a swift confirmation for Haines, who is not expected to encounter meaningful opposition from either party.

"Ms. Haines demonstrated professionalism, commitment to the men and women of the Intelligence Community, and a keen grasp of the challenges facing our national security," Warner said in a statement following Tuesday's hearing. "The Intelligence Community needs a strong, Senate-confirmed leader and Ms. Haines will be that leader."

Sen. Durbin And Bipartisan Lawmakers Reintroduce Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act (Northern Public Radio)
Northern Public Radio [1/19/2021 5:29 PM, Chase Cavanaugh, 3K]
A group of U.S. lawmakers announced the reintroduction Tuesday of the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act.

The bill was originally authored by Senator Dick Durbin. It passed in the House but failed in the Senate. In the wake of the recent attack on the Capitol, Durbin said addressing the hazards of domestic terrorism is a bipartisan issue.

"We can no longer take it for granted that we're safe in the United States and just have to watch the incoming people," he said. "There are dangers within. Let's take them seriously and pass this legislation as quickly as possible."

Representative Brad Schneider of Illinois concurred.

"Combating the threat of domestic terrorism and racially motivated violence, including specific threats by white supremacists, is not a Democratic or Republican issue. Not a left versus right or urban versus rural issue. It is an American issue."

The bill has multiple measures to track and combat domestic terrorism. Some include the creation of dedicated offices in the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice and the FBI -- and an executive committee that would promote information and coordination among agencies. There would also be a task force to root out white supremacy in the uniformed services.

ACLU sues feds over withholding records in immigration cases (AP)
AP [1/19/2021 1:21 PM, Staff, 2481K]
The federal government routinely denies access to records that may help defendants in immigration cases, putting immigrants facing court action at a disadvantage from the start, the American Civil Liberties Union said in a lawsuit filed in Boston.

The organization's Massachusetts chapter argues in the suit filed Friday that the Department of Homeland Security systematically withholds records of immigrants facing detention, deportation and other actions.

The agency's nondisclosure policy violates federal law and forces immigration lawyers to defend their clients with incomplete information, the ACLU said.

The organization also argued the coronavirus pandemic has only exacerbated the problem in Boston. It said a court order currently prevents immigrants and attorneys who appear by teleconference from examining any documents or evidence introduced by DHS in court.

The ACLU argues that oftentimes the records sought are not confidential and could bolster a defendant's case, yet DHS requires defendants to file Freedom of Information Act requests.

Such public records requests take so long that the immigrants can be deported long before the information is provided, the organization said.

Spokespersons for DHS didn't respond to a message seeking comment Tuesday. The lawsuit has been filed on behalf Greater Boston Legal Services and other immigration law firms and lawyers.

US passes 400,000 coronavirus deaths (The Hill)
The Hill [1/19/2021 2:41 PM, Peter Sullivan, 2343K]
The United States on Tuesday passed 400,000 deaths from COVID-19, a stunning total that is only climbing as the crisis deepens.

The country is now averaging more than 3,000 coronavirus deaths every day, according to Johns Hopkins University data, more than the number of people killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, and the daily death toll has been rising. The effects of a surge in gatherings and travel over the holidays are now coming into focus.

The grim milestone of 400,000 deaths came on the last full day in office for President Trump, who has long rejected criticism of his handling of the pandemic.

The situation threatens to get even worse as a new, more contagious variant of the virus becomes more prevalent. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warned last week that one of the new variants, first discovered in the United Kingdom, could be the predominant strain in the U.S. by March.

Vaccines offer hope, but it is crucial for the inoculation campaign to progress as quickly as possible to get as many people protected before the new variant takes greater hold.

The U.S. vaccination campaign has started slowly, though there are signs it is beginning to pick up some speed. President-elect Joe Biden has pledged a more aggressive federal role in the vaccination effort, including using the National Guard and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to set up more vaccination sites.

In the short term, however, the country is in for a bleak period.

Biden's incoming CDC director, Rochelle Walensky, said Sunday on CBS's "Face the Nation" that she expects 500,000 COVID-19 deaths by the middle of February.

"I think we still have some dark weeks ahead," she said.

The country passed 300,000 deaths in mid-December.

At the end of March, as the crisis was beginning, Trump said that if deaths were limited to between 100,000 and 200,000 "we all, together, have done a very good job." The country has long ago exceeded those numbers.

The U.S. has by far the most COVID-19 deaths of any country in the world. Brazil follows with around 210,000, and India and Mexico are around 150,000, according to Johns Hopkins University.

More than 124,000 people are in the hospital with coronavirus in the U.S., according to the COVID Tracking Project, though the number is starting to decline somewhat from a peak of more than 130,000 about a week ago.

The spread of the more contagious variant, however, threatens to send that number spiking again.

U.S. Coronavirus Death Toll Tops 400,000 Day Before Biden's Inauguration (US News & World Report)

US News & World Report [1/19/2021 2:47 PM, Cecelia Smith-Schoenwalder, 3498K]

On the last full day of President Donald Trump's administration and the day before President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, the death toll from the coronavirus hit 400,000 in the U.S.

The grave milestone comes roughly a year after the first case of the virus was identified in the U.S. Now the country has the most cases and deaths of any nation by far, according to Johns Hopkins University.

A post-holiday surge in the U.S. has overwhelmed some hospitals, and experts expect the outbreak to get worse before vaccinations can offer some relief.

Biden has promised that the pandemic will be his top priority once he takes office. He plans to ask every American to wear a mask for his first 100 days in office and will deploy the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Guard to assist in vaccination efforts.

The former vice president will spend the night before his inauguration leading a ceremony to remember the lives lost from the virus. Four-hundred lights – each meant to represent roughly 1,000 Americans who have died – will be illuminated at the Lincoln Memorial, according to The New York Times.

While vaccinations in the U.S. got off to a slow start, Biden's incoming administration has said it is still possible to reach the president-elect's goal of 100 million vaccinations during his first roughly three months in office. According to a database from the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, over 10.5 million people have received their first dose of the vaccine.

Trump on Monday lifted a travel ban on Europe and Brazil that was intended to slow the spread of the virus, but an official for the incoming Biden administration said the order would be rescinded.

"With the pandemic worsening, and more contagious variants emerging around the world, this is not the time to be lifting restrictions on international travel," Jennifer Psaki, who will be Biden's White House Press Secretary, tweeted on Monday.

Cornyn presses Psaki on coronavirus rules for migrant caravan after transition resists ending travel limits (FOX News)

FOX News [1/19/2021 10:06 PM, Tyler Olson, 10362K]

Sen. John Cornyn on Tuesday pressed incoming White House press secretary Jen Psaki on how the Biden administration will handle the migrant caravan headed to the U.S. from Central America after she announced the new president would tighten international travel limits on the pandemic.

The exchange came after President Trump in an executive order Monday said that the U.S. would roll back travel restrictions imposed last year for air passengers who recently were in the United Kingdom, Europe and Brazil.

The restrictions would be lifted on Jan. 26, the same date as a new requirement for a negative coronavirus test for air travelers into the United States would go into effect. The reasoning behind the lifting of the earlier restrictions, according to Trump's order, was that the U.S. can expect those jurisdictions to comply with the new requirement for a negative test.

But Psaki quickly said that President-elect Biden, rather than loosening travel restrictions for foreign countries, will clamp down.

"With the pandemic worsening, and more contagious variants emerging around the world, this is not the time to be lifting restrictions on international travel," she said. "On the advice of our medical team, the Administration does not intend to lift these restrictions on 1/26. In fact, we plan to strengthen public health measures around international travel in order to further mitigate the spread of COVID-19."

Cornyn responded Tuesday: "Does that include caravans of migrants from Central America?"

One of the first major challenges the Biden administration will face is a massive migrant caravan currently making its way to the U.S. from Central America.

Friday, two groups of more than 3,000 Honduran migrants each pushed their way into Guatemala without registering as part of a larger caravan headed to the United States, the Associated Press reported. A third group entered Guatemala on Saturday. The migrants aim to reach Mexico, which is north of Guatemala, and eventually make their way to the United States border.

Republicans have blamed the Biden campaign's rhetoric for attracting the caravan. Biden promised a pathway for citizenship for 11 million people during his campaign and the organization Pueblos Sin Fronteras, on behalf of the caravan, called on the incoming Biden administration to "honor its commitments."

Videos show that the caravan is traveling in tightly-packed crowds with sparse mask-wearing.

Biden's planned nominee for secretary of Homeland Security, the agency that oversees border security, is Alejandro Mayorkas. At a Senate hearing Tuesday, Mayorkas was pressed on how he would handle the caravan by Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah.

"What is your intention with regards to that caravan, that is coming to our border. Is your intention to allow them just to come into our country? Will they be stopped?" Romney asked.

"When people present themselves at our border, we apply the laws of our nation and determine whether they qualify for relief under our humanitarian laws or whether they don't," Mayorkas said.

Romney responded that his answer appeared "uncertain."

"I apologize if I was uncertain. If people qualify under the law to remain in the united states, then we will apply the law accordingly. If they do not qualify to remain in the United States, then they won't," Mayorkas said.

Romney didn't specifically push Mayorkas on how he would handle the potential coronavirus threat from the caravan.

The Biden transition team did not respond to questions from Fox News Monday about whether it thinks Biden's campaign rhetoric caused the caravan and whether Biden plans to allow those in the caravan into the U.S. It also didn't say whether those entering the U.S. from the caravan will be subject to the same coronavirus protocols as air travelers.

Biden plans 'dozens' of executive actions in first days (ABC News)
ABC News [1/19/2021 4:48 PM, Devin Dwyer, 29K]
Not long after he takes the presidential oath Wednesday, Joe Biden will use the power of his pen to begin a sweeping transformation of U.S. policy through dozens of executive orders, presidential memoranda and other official directives.

The wave of executive action will unfold over Biden's first 10 days, according to incoming administration officials. If the plan plays out as expected, the number, scope and impact of the new president's early moves would exceed those undertaken by his three most recent predecessors.

"On Inauguration Day, President-elect Biden will sign roughly a dozen actions," incoming White House chief of staff Ron Klain wrote in a memo to senior staff last week. "While the policy objectives in these executive actions are bold, I want to be clear: the legal theory behind them is well-founded and represents a restoration of an appropriate, constitutional role for the President."

Donald Trump on his first day in office in 2017 signed a single executive order to begin rolling back the Affordable Care Act. He signed four more orders and 8 presidential memoranda in his first week, according to a review of the Federal Register. By the 100 day mark, Trump had signed 33 executive orders.

Neither Barack Obama nor George W. Bush signed any executive orders or other presidential directives on their first day on the job. Obama signed 11 executive actions in his first week while Bush did none, according to the Federal Register.

“We’re going to act. On Day One, we’re going to act to get COVID under control,” Biden declared in November ahead of Election Day.

Aides to the president-elect say unprecedented and urgent action is justified in the face of four concurrent national crises: the pandemic, a historic recession, climate change and deep racial inequality.

“We’re gonna get to work on Day One. We’re gonna reverse Trump’s rollbacks of 100 public health and environmental rules,” Biden said in July of his plans.

One of the first Biden orders will be a nationwide mask mandate for all federal property and interstate travel that will last for 100 days, aides say.

“Federal buildings, interstate travel on planes, trains and buses,” Biden said in December of where it will be enforced. “Wear a mask for just 100 days. It’s the easiest thing you can do to reduce COVID cases, hospitalizations and death.”

As the nation’s testing and vaccination system continues to falter, Biden also plans to immediately activate emergency resources to establish thousands of community vaccination centers.

"On my first day in office, I will instruct the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, to begin setting up the first of these centers," the president-elect said last week.

Klain said Biden would also unveil new, consistent federal guidelines for safely reopening schools and businesses by "establishing clear public health standards."

With widespread financial hardship from the pandemic, the administration plans to quickly extend a federal moratorium on evictions and foreclosures and an Education Department suspension of payments for federal student loan debt.

A number of actions will dramatically overhaul the government’s approach to immigration.

Biden will immediately end the national emergency declaration at the southern border, freezing new construction of the wall and ceasing the use of Pentagon funds to pay for it.

He will reauthorize the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program for young undocumented immigrants; pause all deportations; and, reverse a travel ban on visitors from 13 predominantly-Muslim countries, Klain explained in the memo.

"On Day One, I'll end Trump's unconstitutional Muslim ban. I'll push Congress to pass hate crimes legislation," Biden said in October.

Two years after Trump ended the controversial child separation policy on the border, Biden has also vowed to create a task force to reunite hundreds of children and parents and help heal families still broken apart.

"Immediately on Day One, I'm setting up a special commission," Biden said late last year.

Sources say President Biden on Day One will reaffirm global alliances, like NATO and the United Nations, which Trump openly criticized. He plans to immediately rejoin America to the World Health Organization and re-sign the Paris climate agreement.

On civil rights, Biden will reinstate protections for transgender Americans which Trump rolled back in health care, education and the military.

Some of Biden's biggest campaign promises won't come quickly or easily.

New gun controls, elimination of the 2017 Trump tax cuts, forgiveness of student loans, and a pathway to citizenship for millions of undocumented immigrants will all require approval from a narrowly-divided Congress.

Biden says he will send a comprehensive draft immigration reform bill to Congress on Wednesday.

"The Democrats only control the Senate 50-50 with the tie breaking vote going to Vice President elect Kamala Harris. So, the question of whether they can do everything they want to do is very much up in the air. And in fact, they probably can't do everything they want to do," said Nathaniel Rakich, an elections analyst with FiveThirtyEight.

And first, Biden will need his nominees for the Cabinet confirmed by the Senate. The confirmation process is already lagging behind, delayed by runoff elections in Georgia and a changeover in party control to Democrats.

Biden will likely be the first president in decades to have none of his Cabinet picks confirmed on Day One. The Senate confirmed Trump's defense and homeland security secretaries on his first day in office; Obama saw seven of his cabinet picks installed on Inauguration Day.

"President-elect Biden will really work to try to turn the page on the divisiveness and the hatred over the last four years and really lay out a positive, optimistic vision for the country, and lay out a way, lay out a path forward that really calls on all of us to work together," incoming White House communications director Kate Bedingfield said on ABC's "This Week" of Biden's inaugural message.

After his inaugural address, Biden will take a symbolic step toward setting a new tone, joining the Obamas, Bushes and Clintons for a tribute at Arlington National Cemetery.

Biden's first day as president will commence with a salute to the service and sacrifice that make this country great before quickly pivoting to an ambitious agenda for his first term.

Biden charts new US direction, promises many Trump reversals (AP)
AP [1/20/2021 12:16 AM, Bill Barrow, 422K]
Stop. Stabilize. Then move — but in a vastly different direction.

President-elect Joe Biden is pledging a new path for the nation after Donald Trump's four years in office. That starts with confronting a pandemic that has killed 400,000 Americans and extends to sweeping plans on health care, education, immigration and more.

The 78-year-old Democrat has pledged immediate executive actions that would reverse Trump's decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate agreement and rescind the outgoing president's ban on immigration from certain Muslim nations.

His first legislative priority is a $1.9 trillion pandemic response package, but there are plans to send an immigration overhaul to Capitol Hill out of the gate, as well.

He's also pledged an aggressive outreach to American allies around the world who had strained relationships with Trump. And though one key initiative has been overshadowed as the pandemic has worsened, Biden hasn't backed away from his call to expand the 2010 Affordable Care Act with a public option, a government-insurance plan to compete alongside private insurers.

It's an unapologetically liberal program reflecting Biden's argument that the federal government exists to help solve big problems. Persuading enough voters and members of Congress to go along will test another core Biden belief: that he can unify the country into a governing consensus.

What a Biden presidency could look like:

ECONOMY, TAXES AND THE DEBT

Biden argues the economy cannot fully recover until the coronavirus is contained.

He argues that his $1.9 trillion response plan is necessary to avoid extended recession. Among other provisions, it would send Americans $1,400 relief checks, extend more generous unemployment benefits and moratoriums on evictions and foreclosures, and boost businesses. Biden also wants expanded child tax credits, child care assistance and a $15-an-hour minimum wage — a provision sure to draw fierce Republican opposition.

Biden acknowledges his call for deficit spending but says higher deficits in the near term will prevent damage that would not only harm individuals but also weaken the economy in ways that would be even worse for the national balance sheet.

He also calls his plan a down payment on his pledge to address wealth inequality that disproportionately affects nonwhite Americans. He plans a second major economic package later in 2021; that's when he'd likely ask Congress to consider his promised tax overhauls to roll back parts of the 2017 GOP tax rewrite benefiting corporations and the wealthy.

Biden wants a corporate income tax rate of 28% — lower than before but higher than now — and broad income and payroll tax increases for individuals with more than $400,000 of annual taxable income. That would generate an estimated $4 trillion or more over 10 years,

money Biden would want steered toward his infrastructure, health care and energy programs.

Before Biden proposed his pandemic relief bill, an analysis from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget estimated that Biden's campaign proposals would increase the national debt by about $5.6 trillion over 10 years, though that would be a significantly slower rate of increase than what occurred under Trump.

The national debt now stands at more than $25 trillion.

CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Biden promises a more robust national coronavirus vaccination system. Ditching Trump's strategy of putting most of the pandemic response on governors' desks, Biden says he'll marshal the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the National Guard to distribute vaccines while using the nation's network of private pharmacies.

As he said as a candidate, Biden plans to invoke the Defense Production Act, aimed at the private sector, to increase vaccine supplies and related materials. The wartime law allows a president to direct the manufacture of critical goods.

Much of Biden's plans depend on Congress approving financing, such as $130 billion to help schools reopen safely.

Beyond legislation, Biden will require masks on all federal property, urge governors and mayors to use their authority to impose mask mandates and ask Americans for 100 days of mask-wearing in an effort to curb the virus.

Biden also promises to deviate from Trump by putting science and medical advisers front and center to project a consistent message. Meanwhile, Biden will immediately have the U.S. rejoin the World Health Organization.

The incoming White House has tried to manage expectations. Biden said several times in recent weeks that the pandemic would likely get worse before any changes in policy and public health practices show up in COVID-19 statistics.

HEALTH CARE

Biden wants to build on President Barack Obama's signature health care law through a "Medicare-like public option" to compete alongside private insurance markets for working-age Americans. He'd also increase premium subsidies many people already use.

Biden's approach could get a kick-start in the pandemic response bill by expanding subsidies for consumers using existing ACA exchanges. The big prize, a "public option," remains a heavy lift in a closely divided Congress. Biden has not detailed when he'd ask Congress to consider the matter.

Biden estimates his public option would cost about $750 billion over 10 years. It still stops short of progressives' call for a government-run system to replace private insurance altogether.

The administration also must await a Supreme Court decision on the latest case challenging the 2010 health care law known as "Obamacare."

On prescription drugs, Biden supports allowing Medicare to negotiate prices for government programs and private payers. He'd prohibit drug companies from raising prices faster than inflation for people covered by Medicare and other federal programs; and he'd cap initial prices for "specialty drugs" to treat serious illnesses.

Biden would limit annual out-of-pocket drug costs for Medicare enrollees, a change Trump sought unsuccessfully in Congress. And Biden also wants to allow importation of prescription drugs, subject to safety checks.

IMMIGRATION

Biden plans to immediately reinstate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which allowed people brought to the U.S. illegally as children to remain as legal residents. He's also planning an Inauguration Day executive order rolling back Trump's ban on certain Muslim immigrants and has pledged to rescind Trump's limits on asylum slots.

Additionally, Biden will send Congress, out of the gate, a complex immigration bill offering an eight-year path to citizenship for the estimated 11 million people living in the U.S. without legal status.

As a candidate, Biden called Trump's hard-line policies on immigration an "unrelenting assault" on American values and promised to "undo the damage" while maintaining border enforcement. Notably, the outline of Biden's immigration bill doesn't deal much, if at all, with border enforcement. But his opening maneuver sets a flank with plenty of room to negotiate with Republicans.

Biden also pledged to end the Trump's "public charge rule," which would deny visas or permanent residency to people who use public-aid programs. Biden has called for a 100-day freeze on deportations while considering long-term policies. Still, Biden would eventually restore an Obama-era policy of prioritizing removal of immigrants who have come to the U.S. illegally and have been convicted of crimes or pose a national security threat. Biden has said he would halt all funding for construction of new walls along the U.S.-Mexico border.

[Editorial note: consult source link for extended commentary]

Trump grants clemency to 143 people in late-night pardon blast (Washington Post)
Washington Post [1/20/2021 5:05 AM, Rosalind S. Helderman, Josh Dawsey and Beth Reinhard, 13480K]
President Trump on Tuesday granted clemency to 143 people, using a final act of presidential power to extend mercy to former White House strategist Stephen K. Bannon, well-connected celebrities and nonviolent drug offenders — but did not preemptively pardon himself or his family.

Among those who were pardoned or who had their sentences commuted on Trump's final full day in office were the rapper Lil Wayne and former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, who

has been serving a 28-year prison sentence on corruption charges.

Trump also pardoned two former Republican members of Congress, Rick Renzi of Arizona and Randall "Duke" Cunningham of California. Both had completed prison terms that stemmed from corruption convictions. A third, Robert "Robin" Hayes of North Carolina, was also pardoned after finishing a probation sentence for making a false statement during a federal investigation.

Before finally signing the paperwork shortly before midnight, the president spent part of Tuesday consumed with indecision over whether to pardon Bannon, according to two aides. The former Trump adviser was charged last year with defrauding donors to a charity established to privately fund the building of a wall on the southern border.

Some inside the White House believed Monday that Bannon would not get a pardon, but Trump continued to weigh the matter — balancing Bannon's previous help to him, and potential to help him in the future, versus what he viewed as disloyal behavior at times.

Bannon, 67, and three others were accused of making fraudulent representations as they solicited more than $25 million in donations for a fundraising campaign called "We Build the Wall," much of it from Trump's supporters.

The former Breitbart News chairman had served as chief executive of Trump's 2016 campaign and then White House chief strategist until he was ousted in August 2017 amid clashes with other aides. In recent months, Bannon had reestablished ties with Trump, vocally supporting his reelection and attempts to overturn the November results and speaking to him in recent weeks, officials said.

The last-minute clemency extended to Bannon underscores how Trump has used his presidential power to benefit allies and political backers. He had previously pardoned or commuted the sentences of his former campaign chairman, former national security adviser and a former campaign foreign policy adviser.

On Tuesday, Trump also granted a pardon to GOP megadonor Elliott Broidy, 64, who pleaded guilty in October to acting as an unregistered foreign agent and lobbying the Trump administration on behalf of Malaysian and Chinese interests. A Los Angeles-based investor, Broidy helped raise millions for Trump's campaign before serving as the Republican National Committee's national deputy finance chairman.

"Even Nixon didn't pardon his cronies on the way out," Noah Bookbinder, executive director of the government watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, said in a statement. "Amazingly, in his final 24 hours in office, Donald Trump found one more way to fail to live up to the ethical standard of Richard Nixon."

Many of those who received clemency Tuesday had the backing of an ally of the president, such as former adviser Kellyanne Conway, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), former House Speaker Newt Gingrich or newly elected Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R - Al.), who were among those cited in the White House statement as supporters of various pardons.

Advocates for criminal justice reform lamented that many deserving people were overlooked in the clemency process because the president appeared focused on handing out political

favors.

“They all had something Trump wanted or benefited him in some kind of way,” Nichole Forde, 40, who hand-wrote her clemency petition in 2016 and is serving a 27-year sentence for nonviolent drug crimes, wrote in an email from federal prison in Pekin, Ill. “I am not part of the Trump elite.”

While Trump in recent weeks had been strongly considering extending preemptive pardons to his adult children or even to himself in the wake of the attack on the U.S. Capitol, White House counsel Pat Cipollone and other advisers persuaded him that doing so would amount to an unnecessary admission of guilt, given that none has been charged with any crime or is known to be under federal investigation.

Trump’s lawyers argued to him that he could not pardon people without naming the potential crimes for which they were being pardoned and that preemptively granting people mercy before they were formally accused of a crime would set a bad precedent, a senior administration official said.

Advisers had been particularly opposed to Trump attempting to become the first president in history to pardon himself, believing the move might be unconstitutional and could further tarnish his legacy as he leaves office. They feared it could also antagonize Senate Republicans before they vote at his upcoming impeachment trial for allegedly inciting the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol.

A Washington Post-ABC poll released this week found significant public opposition to the move as well, with 68 percent of adults — including 34 percent of Republicans — opposed to a presidential self-pardon.

The president’s pardon power does not extend to investigations by state authorities, such as one underway by the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office into the business practices of the Trump Organization.

Trump ultimately decided against a series of other controversial pardons that he had also been considering, including for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, ex-NSA contractor Edward Snowden and the president’s own personal attorney, Rudolph W. Giuliani, who has not been charged with a crime but whose consulting business has come under scrutiny as part of an investigation by federal prosecutors in Manhattan.

Trump had also contemplated pardoning Sheldon Silver, the powerful former Democratic speaker of the New York State Assembly who was convicted of corruption. But the final list did not include his name.

And the president decided against a pardon for the star of the Netflix reality show “Tiger King,” known as “Joe Exotic,” despite high optimism from the zookeeper’s camp. On Tuesday, his supporters stationed a stretch limo near the prison where he is incarcerated to squire him home had his pardon been granted.

For weeks, Trump had queried aides, friends and associates about whether they would like a pardon, reasoning that his political enemies are likely to investigate anyone associated with his administration after he leaves office.

The process by which the final list came together was scattershot but ostensibly led by Cipollone, his White House counsel, who repeatedly sought to talk the president out of some of pardons he considered particularly problematic, aides said. Many of the acts of clemency that Trump did grant were recommended by his daughter Ivanka Trump, her husband Jared Kushner and Alice Johnson, the woman whose own sentence for a drug conviction was commuted by Trump in 2018 following lobbying by the celebrity Kim Kardashian West.

Trump relished his pardon powers and in recent days, as his term came to a close, appeared to use lengthy discussions about who deserved clemency as a distraction from thinking about his election loss, officials said.

Aides described a last-minute scramble Tuesday, with the mercurial president still weighing individual cases and lawyers racing to prepare the paperwork as the night grew late. Officials were still prepping a news release about potential pardons after 11 p.m., trying to discern which ones Trump had signed. The final list was released after 1 a.m. Wednesday.

Among those who received a full pardon was Dwayne Carter Jr., better known as the rapper Lil Wayne, who pleaded guilty in December to carrying a loaded gold-plated .45 caliber Glock handgun from California to Florida on his private jet. He was barred from owning the gun due to a past felony conviction. He had not yet been sentenced.

Trump also granted clemency to Casey Urlacher, brother of former NFL star Brian Urlacher, who pleaded not guilty in March to charges that he helped run an illegal offshore gambling ring.

Trump also commuted the sentence of Salomon Melgen, a West Palm Beach eye doctor who was sentenced in 2018 to 17 years in prison, accused of stealing $73 million from Medicare by persuading elderly patients to undergo unnecessary procedures.

Separately, Melgen had been accused of bribing Sen. Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) to intercede on his behalf in the Medicare investigation. Menendez, who denied the charges, was indicted on corruption charges but his 2017 trial resulted in a hung jury and the Justice Department dropped the case. Menendez supported clemency for Melgen, the White House said.

Another commutation went to Sholam Weiss, 66, who was serving an 835-year prison sentence stemming from his 2000 conviction in Florida for racketeering, wire fraud and money fraud related to his role in the collapse of the National Heritage Life Insurance Company. Weiss' sentence was believed to be the longest ever given to a defendent convicted of white-collar crime.

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Trump pardons dozens, including Steve Bannon, as he exits White House (Politico)
Politico [1/20/2021 3:12 AM, Josh Gerstein and Kyle Cheney, 2751K]
Steve Bannon, the alt-right provocateur and former White House aide who spent recent weeks amplifying President Donald Trump's false claims that the 2020 election was stolen, headlined a final, parting-shot pardon spree that Trump issued just hours before he leaves

the White House.

The last-minute clemency grant to Bannon, a right-wing firebrand and former Trump strategist facing trial on charges of swindling donors to a private group raising money for border wall construction, may prove to be the most controversial of the 73 pardons and 70 commutations Trump granted late Tuesday.

Trump's pardon of Bannon may also have an unintended effect on his upcoming impeachment trial in the Senate on a charge of inciting the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol. While Trump did not issue a self-pardon covering his own actions that day, and he turned aside pardon requests from others accused of inciting or participating in the assault on Congress, Bannon was also among those who stoked anger in advance of the riots.

"All hell will break loose tomorrow. It will be quite extraordinarily different. All I can say is strap in," Bannon said on his "War Room" podcast on Jan. 5. "Tomorrow is game day. So many people said, man, if I was in revolution I would be in Washington. Well, this is your time in history."

Bannon frequently used similar wartime imagery to urge Trump supporters to contest the 2020 election results. He has also been a frequent antagonist of Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), the Republican leader, most notably when he helped propel the doomed candidacy of Republican Roy Moore — derailed by sexual assault allegations — over McConnell's preferred candidate Luther Strange in an Alabama special election.

With Trump's impeachment trial looming, the Bannon pardon could push some Republican senators toward convicting Trump and potentially banning him from running for president again, but will probably be seen as less provocative than would a self-pardon or pardons for his closest family members.

Trump's wave of clemency included a broad range of beneficiaries, from nonviolent drug offenders sentenced to lengthy jail terms, to the man whose relationship with Russian spy Maria Butina ignited a Washington firestorm, to the wealthy doctor accused of paying bribes to Sen. Bob Menendez (D-N.J.). The grants of clemency mark an extended run of post-election pardons and commutations that have skewed heavily toward protecting or rewarding Trump's political allies.

For Bannon, the pardon represents his full return into the Trump fold after a bitter falling-out in 2018. Bannon gave incendiary and damaging interviews to author Michael Wolff about the Trump family. He also provided testimony to special counsel Robert Mueller that fueled some of the obstruction of justice claims against the president during the Russia investigation.

Bannon becomes the second 2016 Trump campaign chairman to receive a pardon. Paul Manafort, who was convicted of multiple financial crimes in 2018, received clemency last month.

The clemency grants late Tuesday also included a pardon for Elliott Broidy, the GOP donor and Trump inaugural organizer who was awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty in October to conspiring to violate foreign lobbying laws on behalf of Chinese and Malaysian interests.

While passing up the chance to attempt a legally dubious self-pardon, Trump also omitted from the clemency list his family members, as well as officials at the Trump Organization whose activities have been closely scrutinized by federal prosecutors. There was also no preemptive pardon for Trump's personal attorney Rudy Giuliani, who gave an inflammatory speech before the Capitol riot and has also been investigated by the feds in connection with his work for overseas interests.

Trump did sign commutations for former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick of Detroit, a Democrat serving a 28-year term for corruption, and the rapper Kodak Black, who was doing nearly four years in prison on weapons charges. Another rapper, Lil Wayne, received a full pardon on the gun charge on which he was to face sentencing soon.

Among other notable grants: pardons for former Rep. Rick Renzi (R-Ariz.) and former Rep. Duke Cunningham (R-Calif.), both of whom had completed prison sentences; a commutation for professional gambler Billy Walters, who was sentenced to five years in prison for insider trading; and pardons for Fashion Cafe founder Tommaso Buti, who has never returned to New York to face fraud charges filed back in 2000, and D.C. developer Doug Jemal, who was convicted of wire fraud in 2006.

Trump also granted an outright pardon to Bob Zangrillo, a Miami developer awaiting trial on charges stemming from the Varsity Blues investigation into bribery and fraud in the college admissions process. He allegedly paid $250,000 to have his daughter falsely designated as a competitive crew recruit at the University of Southern California.

Zangrillo's "daughter did not have others take standardized tests for her and she is currently earning a 3.9 GPA" at USC, the White House's explanation of the pardon said.

Trump also rewarded some of his congressional allies who joined his challenges to the 2020 election, like Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.). The newly elected senator sought and won a pardon for former Alabama state Rep. Ed Henry, who pleaded guilty to theft of government property last year. The presidnet also pardoned Johnny Phillips, convicted in 2016, along with nine others, for perpetrating a $14 million Ponzi scheme.

But some grants went to allies of Trump's political opponents. He commuted the 17-year sentence of Salomon Melgen, a South Florida eye doctor who was convicted of extensive health care fraud. Melgen is a close friend of Sen. Bob Menendez (D-N.J), and the two men were co-defendants in a bribery case that prosecutors eventually dropped.

Trump did not grant pardons to three men charged alongside Bannon in the same criminal case stemming from their role in the "We Build the Wall" group. Some legal experts said that while Bannon has now slipped through the hands of federal prosecutors, his actions could still face scrutiny and potential charges from state prosecutors. A presidential pardon does not preclude state charges.

While Trump did issue dozens of commutations to drug convicts serving long sentences whose cases were highlighted by criminal justice reform groups, the tally of such cases will account for just a tiny fraction of such grants by President Barack Obama, whose administration actively solicited commutation requests from prisoners.

Other presidents have similarly saved a wave of pardons and commutations for the final moments of their presidency — including Bill Clinton pardoning his half brother, Roger, for a 1985 cocaine conviction — though Trump has shown a particular zeal for doling out executive clemencies to his political allies and those with influential cheerleaders who have the president's ear. Trump has largely circumvented the formal Justice Department process to evaluate these cases, leading many clemency-seekers to take their pitch directly to the president.

Past Trump clemencies included nearly all figures caught up in former special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election. They included former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, Trump confidant Roger Stone and former national security adviser Michael Flynn, as well as corrupt politicians like former Gov. Rod Blagojevich of Illinois and ex-Reps. Chris Collins (R-N.Y.) and Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) — Trump's first backers in Congress.

One figure loosely connected to the Russia probe won a full pardon in Trump's final batch: the GOP consultant and gun-rights activist Paul Erickson. Erickson's girlfriend, Maria Butina, pleaded guilty to acting as an unregistered foreign agent for her efforts to court the National Rifle Association on behalf of her native Russia. Erickson was never charged in that case, but he was hit with unrelated fraud charges and wound up being sentenced to seven years in prison.

Erickson's pardon was supported by former Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway, according to a statement from the White House. "This pardon helps right the wrongs of what has been revealed to be perhaps the greatest witch hunt in American History," the statement said.

Tuesday night's final wave brings Trump's total pardons granted to 143 and his commutations to 95. President Barack Obama granted 212 pardons and more than 1,700 commutations, and President George W. Bush issued 200 combined acts of clemency, though both men had two terms, compared with just one for Trump.

Donald Trump Announces Pardons and Commutations for 143 People in Last Hours of Presidency (Breitbart)

Breitbart [1/20/2021 1:48 AM, Charlie Spiering, 1912K]

President Donald Trump announced late Tuesday night that he had pardoned and commuted the sentences of 143 people in the final hours of his presidency.

The president issued 73 pardons and 70 commutations.

The list included pop culture figures including rapper Lil Wayne, who was pardoned, and Kodak Black, whose sentence was commuted.

The president also pardoned several Republicans, including former Deputy National Finance Chair of the Republican National Committee Elliott Broidy, former Rep. Duke Cunningham of California, and former Rep. Rick Renzi of Arizona.

He also issued a pardon for his former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon, who was charged with fraud for his work on the "We Build the Wall" crowdfunding campaign fueled by Trump supporters to build a wall on the Southern border.

Trump also commuted the sentence of wealthy Democrat donor Dr. Salomon Melgen, who was convicted on 67 felony counts of Medicaid fraud in April 2017. The White House cited support for the pardon by Sen. Bob Menendez and Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart. Melgen was sentenced to 17 years in prison in 2018.

The president also commuted the sentence of former Mayor of Detroit Kwame Malik Kilpatrick, a Democrat, citing strong support by members of the Detroit Community as well as Alveda King, Alice Johnson, and Diamond and Silk. Kilpatrick served seven years of a 28-year sentence for his role in a major corruption scandal, convicted of racketeering, mail fraud, wire fraud, and other charges.

Trump also issued a full pardon to former Google engineer Anthony Levandowski, sentenced to 18 months in prison in August 2020 for stealing a trade secret from Google related to self-driving cars before changing jobs to work at Uber.

The president also commuted the prison sentence of William Walters, a professional gambler who was convicted in 2017 for insider trading and sentenced to five years in prison.

Trump's list also included many nonviolent drug offenders sentenced to prison.

The long-awaited final list of pardons and commutations in Trump's presidency was released early Wednesday morning just hours before he planned to leave the White House to his post-presidency home in Florida.

The president did not pardon Julian Assange or Edward Snowden, two whistleblowers who illegally shared America's intelligence and national security secrets. The two individuals enjoyed bipartisan support for a pardon as their supporters had hoped that the president would ignore the intelligence community elites and prominent members of Congress in Washington who were deeply opposed to a pardon.

Trump also did not issue preemptive pardons for himself, members of his family, or even some of his staff for future crimes if they face persecution as a result of their connection to the Trump administration. He also did not issue a preemptive pardon for his personal lawyer and ally former Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

Read the full list below:

Todd Boulanger – President Trump granted a full pardon to Todd Boulanger. Mr. Boulanger's pardon is supported by numerous friends, as well as by past and present business associates. In 2008, Mr. Boulanger pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit honest services fraud. He has taken full responsibility for his conduct. Mr. Boulanger is a veteran of the United States Army Reserves and was honorably discharged. He has also received an award from the City of the District of Columbia for heroism for stopping and apprehending an individual who assaulted an elderly woman with a deadly weapon on Capitol Hill. Mr. Boulanger is known as a model member of his community. In addition, he is remorseful for his actions and would like to leave his mistakes behind him.

Abel Holtz – President Trump granted a full pardon to Abel Holtz. This pardon is supported by Representative Mario Diaz-Balart and friends and business colleagues in his community. Mr. Holtz is currently 86 years old. In 1995, he pled guilty to one count of impeding a grand

jury investigation and was sentenced to 45 days in prison. Before his conviction, Mr. Holtz, who was the Chairman of a local bank, never had any legal issues and has had no other legal issues since his conviction. Mr. Holtz has devoted extensive time and resources to supporting charitable causes in South Florida, including substantial donations to the City of Miami Beach.

Representative Rick Renzi – President Trump granted a full pardon to Representative Rick Renzi of Arizona. Mr. Renzi's pardon is supported by Representative Paul Gosar, Representative Tom Cole, former Representative Tom DeLay, former Representative Jack Kingston, former Representative Todd Tiahrt, former Representative John Doolittle, former Representative Duncan Hunter Sr., former Representative Richard Pombo, former Representative Charles Taylor, former Representative Dan Burton, Larry Weitzner, National Institute of Family and Life Advocates, and numerous other members of his community. In 2013, Mr. Renzi was convicted of extortion, bribery, insurance fraud, money laundering, and racketeering. He was sentenced to 2 years in Federal prison, 2 years of supervised release, and paid a $25,000 fine. Before his conviction, Mr. Renzi served three terms in the House of Representatives. His constituents considered him a strong advocate for better housing, quality education, and improved healthcare—especially for the underprivileged and Native Americans. He is the father of 12 children and a loving and devoted husband.

Kenneth Kurson – President Trump granted a full pardon to Kenneth Kurson. Prosecutors have charged Mr. Kurson with cyberstalking related to his divorce from his ex-wife in 2015. In a powerful letter to the prosecutors, Mr. Kurson's ex-wife wrote on his behalf that she never wanted this investigation or arrest and, 'repeatedly asked for the FBI to drop it… I hired a lawyer to protect me from being forced into yet another round of questioning. My disgust with this arrest and the subsequent articles is bottomless…' This investigation only began because Mr. Kurson was nominated to a role within the Trump Administration. He has been a community leader in New York and New Jersey for decades. In addition, Mr. Kurson is a certified foster parent, a successful business owner, and is passionate about various charitable causes. Mr. Kurson is an upstanding citizen and father to five beautiful children.

Casey Urlacher – President Trump granted a full pardon to Casey Urlacher. This pardon is supported by his friends and family, and countless members of his community. Mr. Urlacher has been charged with conspiracy to engage in illegal gambling. Throughout his life, Mr. Urlacher has been committed to public service and has consistently given back to his community. Currently, Mr. Urlacher serves as the unpaid Mayor of Mettawa, Illinois. He is a devoted husband to his wife and a loving father to his 17-month old daughter.

Carl Andrews Boggs – President Trump granted a full pardon to Carl Andrews Boggs. This pardon is supported by the Honorable David Lee and South Carolina Department of Transportation Chairman Tony Cox. In 2013, Mr. Boggs pled guilty to two counts of conspiracy. Since his release, Mr. Boggs has rebuilt his company, has employed hundreds of people, and has dedicated countless hours and financial resources to his community.

Jaime A. Davidson – President Trump commuted the sentence of Jaime A. Davidson. This commutation is supported by Mr. Davidson's family and friends, Alice Johnson, and numerous others. In 1993, Mr. Davidson was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in relation to the murder of an undercover officer. Notably, witnesses who testified against Mr. Davidson later recanted their testimony in sworn affidavits and further attested that Mr.

Davidson had no involvement. Although Mr. Davidson has been incarcerated for nearly 29 years, the admitted shooter has already been released from prison. Following the commutation of his sentence, Mr. Davidson will continue legal efforts to clear his name. In addition, while incarcerated, Mr. Davidson mentored and tutored over 1,000 prisoners to help them achieve their GED certificates. Mr. Davidson has earned praise from prison officials for his dedication to helping others.

James E. Johnson, Jr. – President Trump granted a full pardon to James E. Johnson, Jr. In 2008, Mr. Johnson pled guilty to charges related to migratory birds. Mr. Johnson received 1 year probation, was barred from hunting during that period, and a $7,500 fine was imposed. Throughout his life, Mr. Johnson has made numerous contributions for the conservation of wildlife.

Tommaso Buti – President Trump granted a full pardon to Tommaso Buti. Mr. Buti is an Italian citizen and a respected businessman. He is the Chief Operating Officer of a large Italian company and has started a successful charitable initiative to raise funds for UNICEF. More than 20 years ago, Mr. Buti was charged with financial fraud involving a chain of restaurants. He has not, however, been convicted in the United States.

Bill K. Kapri – President Trump granted a commutation to Bill Kapri, more commonly known as Kodak Black. Kodak Black is a prominent artist and community leader. This commutation is supported by numerous religious leaders, including Pastor Darrell Scott and Rabbi Schneur Kaplan. Additional supporters include Bernie Kerik, Hunter Pollack, Gucci Mane, Lil Pump, Lil Yachty, Lamar Jackson of the Baltimore Ravens, Jack Brewer formerly of the National Football League, and numerous other notable community leaders. Kodak Black was sentenced to 46 months in prison for making a false statement on a Federal document. He has served nearly half of his sentence. Before his conviction and after reaching success as a recording artist, Kodak Black became deeply involved in numerous philanthropic efforts. In fact, he has committed to supporting a variety of charitable efforts, such as providing educational resources to students and families of fallen law enforcement officers and the underprivileged. In addition to these efforts, he has paid for the notebooks of school children, provided funding and supplies to daycare centers, provided food for the hungry, and annually provides for underprivileged children during Christmas. Most recently while still incarcerated, Kodak Black donated $50,000 to David Portnoy's Barstool Fund, which provides funds to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Kodak Black's only request was that his donation go toward restaurants in his hometown.

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Trump grants clemency to more than 100 people, including Bannon (The Hill)
The Hill [1/20/2021 12:57 AM, Brett Samuels, 2343K]
President Trump on Wednesday granted clemency to more than 100 people in one of his final acts as commander-in-chief, including his former chief strategist, Stephen Bannon.

Trump announced a wave of pardons and commutations shortly after midnight on Wednesday. Bannon, rapper Lil Wayne, GOP fundraiser Elliot Broidy and former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick were among the notable figures to receive clemency, along with dozens of lower profile individuals whose cases were raised by criminal justice reform advocates.

Trump granted clemency to 143 individuals in total, just hours before leaving office: 73 received pardons, while 70 were granted commutations.

The Bannon pardon was perhaps the most surprising of the batch, given the former Breitbart News editor had a high-profile falling out with the Trump family after denigrating Donald Trump Jr. in Michael Wolff's 2018 book, "Fire and Fury."

"Mr. Bannon has been an important leader in the conservative movement and is known for his political acumen," press secretary Kayleigh McEnany said in announcing Bannon's pardon.

Bannon was a top adviser on Trump's 2016 campaign and served as the chief White House strategist for roughly seven months. He was arrested and charged last August with defrauding hundreds of thousands of donors who contributed to a fundraising campaign for a private border wall.

The president reportedly went back and forth over whether to grant clemency to Bannon before deciding to do so.

Trump, who had branded Bannon as "sloppy Steve" upon the release of Wolff's book, distanced himself from his former adviser upon news of the charges.

"I don't like that project. I thought it was being done for showboating reasons," Trump said at the time. "It was something that I very much felt was inappropriate to be doing."

Trump also pardoned Broidy, a former top Republican National Committee (RNC) fundraiser, who was charged last year with conspiring to act as an unregistered foreign agent as part of a back channel effort to lobby the Justice Department.

Kilpatrick, the former Democratic mayor of Detroit, was convicted in 2008 of perjury and obstruction of justice.

And Lil Wayne faces prison time after pleading guilty to federal gun charges. The rapper, whose birth name is Dwayne Michael Carter Jr., met with Trump on the campaign trail in a meeting the campaign later touted as it courted Black voters.

Trump also commuted the sentence of Bill Kapri, better known as the rapper Kodak Black, who sentenced to 46 months in prison for making a false statement on a federal document. He had served less than half of his sentence.

The president issued pardons to several individuals who were charged with non-violent drug offenses, including Tena Logan, MaryAnne Locke and Caroline Yeats and. Alice Johnson, who Trump pardoned and who became a face of the White House's criminal justice reform efforts, advocated for several of the individuals granted clemency on Wednesday.

Johnson was among those who advocated for clemency for Kilpatrick as well.

Trump has come under scrutiny for favoring political allies and well connected individuals in doling out pardons and commutations. Past recipients of clemency include ex-Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, longtime Trump associate Roger Stone and ex-Trump

national security adviser Michael Flynn.

Following his election loss, Trump issued two sizable patches of pardons last month, including those for ex-Republican lawmakers Chris Collins and Duncan Hunter; his former campaign chairman Paul Manafort; longtime friend and adviser Roger Stone; and Charles Kushner, his son-in-law Jared Kushner's father. He also pardoned Michael Flynn, his onetime national security adviser who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI in connection with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

There had been much speculation leading up to Tuesday's announcement about who Trump would ultimately choose to grant clemency in his waning hours as president. Some Republicans had pushed for Trump to pardon WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange or former National Security Agency official Edward Snowden, but neither was given clemency.

Presidents typically issue a flurry of pardons or commutations in their final day in office. There was speculation in recent weeks that Trump would move to preemptively pardon himself or his adult children to shield them from federal charges after leaving office. Trump opted against doing so, though he still faces a Senate impeachment trial in the coming weeks and the prospect of state investigations.

Trump is slated to leave Washington, D.C., Wednesday morning, foregoing the usual practice of attending the incoming president's inauguration. Trump will be sent off with a ceremony at Joint Base Andrews outside the district. Meanwhile, Joe Biden will be sworn in as the 46th president of the United States around noon during a pared-down ceremony at the U.S. Capitol.

[DC] 12 members of the National Guard removed from inauguration duty (Washington Post)

Washington Post [1/19/2021 2:04 PM, Dan Lamothe, Alex Horton and Paul Sonne, 13480K]
A dozen members of the National Guard have been removed from inauguration duty as the federal government screens troops involved for security concerns, senior U.S. defense officials said Tuesday, one day before President-elect Joe Biden is set to take over as commander in chief.

The troops include at least two with possible sympathies for -anti-government groups, said two U.S. officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. Ten were removed for reasons that defense officials declined to detail but said did not involve extremism.

"These are vetting efforts that identify any questionable behavior in the past, or any potential link to questionable behavior not just related to extremism," said Jonathan Rath Hoffman, chief Pentagon spokesman. He said that the Defense Department is proactively removing people "out of an abundance of caution."

"There is going to be a continued look at this," Hoffman said. "Whether that is an internal DOD look within their chain of command or an investigation by others is something that is being determined."

Army Gen. Daniel Hokanson, the chief of the National Guard Bureau, declined to provide specifics about the troops alleged to have expressed common cause with anti-government

groups but said they had made “inappropriate comments.” One of them was flagged because of concern within his unit, while the other was reported anonymously, defense officials said. The other 10 guardsmen were identified by the FBI, Hokanson said.

The 12 represent a tiny fraction of the 25,000 guardsmen deployed in Washington for the inauguration following the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol by a mob that sought to stop the certification of Biden as the next president. The group, supporting President Trump, launched an attack that led to the death of a Capitol Police officer, a woman who was shot by police, and three people who suffered medical emergencies.

An additional 2,000 active-duty service members are involved in the inauguration in ceremonial roles, said Army Maj. Gen. Omar Jones, the commander of the Military District of Washington. Those troops are credentialed by the Secret Service and have been reduced in number by about 3,500 over a typical inauguration because of the pandemic, he said.

Democratic lawmakers have sought vetting of National Guard members deployed for the inauguration since the riot, citing the arrest of numerous veterans in the mob, including a current member of the Virginia National Guard and an Army reservist. The names of guardsmen supporting the inauguration were sent to the FBI for screening as an additional precaution.

The scrutiny over extremist group activity within the ranks has helped generate leads from alert citizens, city officials said.

A passerby at the D.C. Armory parking lot noticed a truck bearing a sticker for the Three Percenters, a right-wing anti-government group, and alerted Charles Allen, a District councilman.

Allen referred the matter to city security officials and a senior D.C. Guard official, and it appeared law enforcement was now involved, he said. The Three Percenters “has no home in the District of Columbia,” Allen said.

It is unclear whether the driver, whose truck bears Virginia plates, was one of the troops removed from duty. Cotton Puryear, a spokesman for the Virginia National Guard, declined to comment, citing cooperation with law enforcement.

For years, defense officials have said that they do not tolerate extremism in the ranks — a point that senior defense officials repeated Tuesday.

After racial justice protests last summer, the Pentagon established a new Department of Defense Board on Diversity and Inclusion, which found in its initial report in December that more research is needed to address the infiltration of extremist ideologies in the U.S. military.

During the inauguration, the guardsmen will play a key role in forming a fenced outer security perimeter that stretches for miles and includes the Capitol and White House.

Most of the guardsmen — triple the number deployed during Trump’s inauguration four years ago — are armed with rifles, with magazines of ammunition on hand but not in the

weapon as a safety precaution. Inside the perimeter, the Secret Service and other authorities will serve as additional layers of security.

Guardsmen closer to the inner workings of the inauguration, like those overseeing access points, may receive higher levels of screening, said Michael Taheri, a retired Air Force major general and former director of staff for the National Guard Bureau.

Background checks for service members have broadened in recent years to include social media activity and more frequent monitoring, Taheri said, mirroring how private companies comb online behavior for prospective hires.

“My guess is there is a lot of open stuff out there,” he said.

The removal of the guardsmen comes after some leaders have taken exception to the additional vetting.

Gov. Greg Abbott (R-Tex.) tweeted Monday that the screening of National Guard members for extremist ties is “the most offensive thing I’ve ever heard.”

“I authorized more than 1,000 to go to DC,” he tweeted. “I’ll never do it again if they are disrespected like this.”

But other lawmakers have questioned whether having the National Guard involved is safe.

Rep. Steve Cohen (D-Tenn.) said in an interview on CNN on Monday that guardsmen who did not vote for Biden are in “the large class of people who might want to do something” threatening at the inauguration. Facing a backlash, Cohen said Tuesday in a statement that he appreciated the assurance the National Guard’s presence “provides that we will have a successful inauguration.”

Jim Golby, an Army veteran who studies civil-military affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, said he is confident that the National Guard will perform professionally and admirably on Inauguration Day. The military, he said, “understands what is at stake and remains committed to carrying out its duties in a nonpartisan manner.”

Golby said that service members are accustomed to carrying out orders they may not personally like.

“There are always risks, and there is always the potential for individuals to make terrible choices,” he said. “But I’m confident members of the National Guard are taking their duties seriously and doing all they can to mitigate potential risks.”

[DC] Pentagon Removes 12 From Capitol Duty After Background Checks (Bloomberg)

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The National Guard has removed 12 people from duty protecting the U.S. Capitol after background checks found links to extremists or other issues that raised concerns.

“We’re not taking any chances. Anything that’s flagged is brought to the attention of the command,” Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Rath Hoffman told reporters at a briefing.

"We're not even asking what the flag was, we're just removing them."

The two National Guard troops with links to extremism were flagged to the military by law enforcement and an anonymous tip about inappropriate text messages and comments. Hoffman declined to characterize the communications or say if they represented threats against President-elect Joe Biden or other dignitaries.

The other 10 were flagged by law enforcement as they underwent background checks and their removal from service doesn't necessarily mean the troops were suspected of committing a crime or otherwise unfit for future duty, Hoffman said.

He declined to specify what caught the attention of law enforcement in those cases.

The soldiers were among 25,000 National Guard members sent to secure Wednesday's inauguration following a Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol and fears of more violence.

[DC] 12 National Guard members removed from Biden inauguration duties (The Hill)
The Hill [1/19/2021 5:49 PM, Ellen Mitchell, 2343K]
The Army National Guard has removed 12 members from their role in President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration security, according to National Guard Bureau Chief Army Gen. Daniel Hokanson.

Two individuals were flagged for "inappropriate comments or texts" — one identified through their chain of command and another through anonymous reporting — while an additional 10 were identified by the FBI through "standard" vetting done on participants before all inaugurations, Hokanson told reporters on Tuesday.

"If there's any identification or anything whatsoever that needs to be looked into, out of an abundance of caution, we automatically pull those personnel off the line and make sure that they're not part of the mission set, and in certain cases, we make sure that we get them sent home," Hokanson said.

The Associated Press reported earlier on Tuesday that the two Guardsmen were being sent home after they were found to have ties to fringe right group militias, though no plot against Biden was found.

Top Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Hoffman said the group of 10 other individuals were flagged during the FBI vetting process "for a number of different reasons unrelated to the events here."

"These are vetting efforts that identify any questionable behavior in the past or any potential link to questionable behavior not just related to extremism," Hoffman said alongside Hokanson. "It's a lot of looking back at anything that could potentially flag in a criminal history check, anything that could come up in a civilian database that's being scrubbed by our partners. We're not taking any chances. Anything flagged, if there's any reason that somebody's name is brought to the attention of the command, they're being removed from the line."

Hoffman added that the Pentagon will "ask questions later and ascertain whether any action needs to be taken" by law enforcement or the individual's chain of command.

The two officials would not say what criteria would flag a Guardsman deployed for the inauguration.

There's no "handbook on what are our thresholds [are] for inappropriateness at this point," Hoffman said.

"If our law enforcement partners flag an individual ... we're not even asking what the flag was, we're just removing them."

About 25,000 National Guard service members have been deployed to D.C. to assist with security ahead of the Wednesday inauguration following the violent insurrection on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. A pro-Trump mob overwhelmed police and broke into the Capitol building after Trump encouraged rallygoers to march to the building while lawmakers met to certify Biden's Electoral College win.

The attack resulted in five deaths and more than 100 arrests thus far, with a handful of current or former military personnel linked to the riot and charged, including Jacob Fracker, an off-duty police officer who was a corporal in the Virginia National Guard.

The FBI has since begun to run background checks on the Guardsmen activated for the inauguration, a move stemming from fears among defense officials that those responsible for security at the event could participate in an insider attack.

Hoffman said that information that would mark an individual for inauguration duty removal would not necessarily get them booted from the service.

"It's a piece of information and at this point of time we don't have the timeframe in which to run down every single piece of information and determine that an individual should not be a part of the military or not," he said.

The officials could not say how many of the 25,000 Guardsmen had been investigated by the FBI thus far, though the Bureau has assured the Pentagon it would complete all vetting prior to the Wednesday event.

[DC] 12 National Guard members removed from inauguration security mission (ABC News)

ABC News [1/19/2021 5:11 PM, Luis Martinez, 29K]

A dozen Army National Guard members have been removed from the inauguration security mission, including two who were sent home after vetting for extremist links found an "inappropriate" text and comment, the Pentagon said oTuesday.

Each of the 25,000 National Guardsmen now in Washington assisting with security at Wednesday's presidential inauguration is being vetted by the FBI.

Each of the dozen Guard members has been sent back to his or her home state for later investigation either by their chain of command or law enforcement, officials said.

Two of the Guard members had made what Pentagon officials called an "inappropriate" text and comment, presumably of a political nature, while the other 10, officials said, had

engaged in questionable behavior unrelated to extremism.

One of the Guard members was reported through the chain of command, the other was reported through an anonymous tip line, according to Jonathan Hoffman, the chief Pentagon spokesman.

The other 10 Guard members were flagged by the FBI's broad vetting process that looks at more than just whether there are ties to extremism.

"These are vetting efforts that identify any questionable behavior in the past or any potential link to questionable behavior, not just related to extremism," Hoffman said.

"If there's any identification, or anything whatsoever that needs to be looked into, out of an abundance of caution we automatically pull those personnel off the line, and make sure that they're not part of the mission set," said Gen. Daniel Hokanson, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, at a Pentagon news conference. "And in certain cases we make sure that we get them sent home."

Hoffman said that Guard commanders are immediately removing any members who are reported to have engaged in questionable behavior and worry about follow-on action later .

"We're not even asking what the flag was we're just removing them," said Hoffman.

"We're not taking any chances," said Hoffman. "We'll ask questions later and we will ascertain whether any action needs to be taken by the law enforcement or by their chain of command."

No details were immediately available about which state Guard units the dozen members belonged to or about the nature of of the alleged ties.

[DC] 12 Army National Guard members removed from inauguration duty (CNN)
CNN [1/19/2021 3:31 PM, Barbara Starr, Oren Liebermann and Zachary Cohen]
Twelve Army National Guard members have been removed from inauguration duty in Washington, DC, as part of the security vetting process initiated, in part, to ensure troops tasked with securing Wednesday's ceremony in the nation's capital do not have ties to extremist groups, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau said Tuesday.

Two of the individuals were flagged due to "inappropriate" comments and texts, Army Gen. Daniel Hokanson told reporters after a defense official told CNN earlier Tuesday that they were removed over possible links to extremists.

The other 10 Guard members were removed for questionable behavior found in the vetting process, Hokanson said, emphasizing that this does not necessarily mean they have ties to extremists, but simply that they were "identified" and removed from service "out of an abundance of caution."

"I'm not concerned as a large part of our organization, if you look at 25,000, we've had 12 identified and some of those they are just looking into, it may be unrelated to this, but we want to make sure out of an abundance of caution as I stated earlier that we do the right thing until that gets cleared up," he told reporters.

The news comes as there are now approximately 25,000 National Guard troops on the ground in Washington, DC, according to spokesman Major Aaron Thacker.

The nation's capital is on edge ahead of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration. While much of Washington has been shut down following the deadly riot at the US Capitol on January 6, defense officials have sought to reassure the public that the troops sent to protect the inauguration are being fully vetted.

Pentagon spokesman Jonathon Hoffman reiterated that the vetting process is in place. "What the partner organizations have found, but much of the information is, as the general mentioned, unrelated to the events taking place at the Capitol or to concerns that many people on extremism. These are vetting efforts that identify any questionable behavior in the past, or any potential link to questionable behavior, not just related to extremism," he said.

Earlier Tuesday, a defense official confirmed to CNN that two Army National Guard members were removed from inauguration duty as part of the security vetting process.

When asked to comment on the decision, the National Guard responded: "Due to operational security, we do not discuss the process nor the outcome of the vetting process for military members supporting the inauguration," and referred future questions to the Secret Service.

The Associated Press was the first to report the two guards had been removed.

Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller said Monday that there is "no intelligence indicating an insider threat" to the inauguration.

Miller's statement came hours after the head of the DC National Guard said that the FBI is vetting troops involved in securing the US Capitol to prevent any insider threats.

"As is normal for military support to large security events, the Department will vet National Guardsmen who are in Washington, DC. While we have no intelligence indicating an insider threat, we are leaving no stone unturned in securing the capital," Miller wrote. "This type of vetting often takes place by law enforcement for significant security events. However, in this case the scope of military participation is unique."

Miller also thanked the FBI for its assistance in vetting members of the National Guard.

Long standing concerns about extremism within military

Efforts to find and eliminate extremism within the military's ranks, particularly among those who espouse White supremacist beliefs, began long before this month's riot at the Capitol but have taken on increased urgency in the days since.

The enhanced screening measures come as tens of thousands of National Guard members are patrolling the streets of the nation's capital ahead of Inauguration Day.

The 25,000 National Guard members currently in the nation's capital is the maximum number authorized by the Pentagon for security around the inauguration.

The numbers have been growing over the past several days as troops have arrived from other parts of the country.

"What happens is they're screened before they leave their state and what it is is a credentialing process so they're screened and they're repeatedly screened until they are actually put on the street," Major Gen. William Walker told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday.

Walker did not say that the screening included specific questions about the members' beliefs surrounding the legitimacy of the election, but they are carrying out enhanced background screening.

"No, it's all about the background. So, a regular background check is enhanced with more screening, more details and it's layered so the FBI is part of it, the Secret Service is part of it and once they are certain that there's no insider threat then that soldier, guardsman or airman is given a credential," he said.

Walker stressed that members of National Guard are screened upon their entry to the service and this is adding another layer.

The DC National Guard is also providing additional training to service members as they arrive in the nation's capital that if they see or hear something that is not appropriate, they should report it to their chain of command, an Army spokesperson said in a written statement to CNN last week.

"There is no place for extremism in the military and we will investigate each report individually and take appropriate action," the statement said.

"The Army is committed to working closely with the FBI as they identify people who participated in the violent attack on the Capitol to determine if the individuals have any connection to the Army," the statement added, noting any type of activity that "involves violence, civil disobedience, or a breach of peace," may be punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or under state and federal law.

Current Defense Department policy requires all service members be trained annually under a program that requires department personnel to report "any information regarding known or suspected extremist behavior that could be a threat to the department or the United States," the statement said.

"We don't know the size and scale of the problem," Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy told CNN on Monday. "We are working with federal law enforcement to vet our people, obviously ones in particular supporting this operation. But you would do that in most cases."

"We're taking the extremist threats very seriously. And we're vetting all of our soldiers. We're going to continue to look at the entire army as a whole and how we can ensure that these threats are not in our formation. And if they are, we'll find them and we'll get rid of them," he added.

[Editorial note: consult video at source link]

[DC] National Guardsmen removed from U.S. capital ahead of inauguration (FOX News)

FOX News [1/19/2021 4:55 PM, Caitlin McFall, 10362K]

Chief of the National Guard Bureau announced Tuesday that 12 Guardsmen have been removed from the U.S. capital ahead of the presidential inauguration, in part because of suspected far-right extremist ties.

Gen. Daniel Hokanson told reporters that at least two of the security officials deployed to protect the presidential inauguration were removed from duty because of "inappropriate comments or texts."

One of the Guardsman was reportedly flagged through the chain of command, while another individual was identified through an anonymous tip on a law enforcement tip-line.

Hokanson did not explain what constituted "inappropriate" language, but said the removal of 12 Guardsmen was "out of an abundance of caution."

"We've had 12 identified and some of those, they're just looking into,"Hokanson said Tuesday, adding that their questionable behavior could be completely unrelated to extremist connections. "But we want to make sure out of an abundance of caution…that we do the right thing," he added.

The Department of Defense has deployed 25,000 National Guards troops to Washington, D.C. to aid in securing the capital during the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, following the attacks earlier this month by pro-Trump supporters on the U.S. Capitol building, which left five dead.

While 21,500 National Guard personnel have been stationed throughout the U.S. capital as of Monday, Fox News confirmed an additional 2,750 active duty troops will support the security of the event.

Though the presence of over 20,000 National Guard in D.C. for Inauguration Day is unusual, roughly 750 of the active duty troops will serve in traditional asset support roles, capable of extracting chemical, biological, and explosive devices in case of an emergency.

There will also be trauma support officials and medical personnel – all standard precautions for an event of this magnitude officials told Fox News.

"As is normal for military support to large security events, the Department will vet National Guardsmen who are in Washington, D.C.," Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller said Monday before he announced that the FBI would be vetting all security personnel in the U.S. capital. "While we have no intelligence indicating an insider threat, we are leaving no stone unturned in securing the capital."

Miller said that vetting by law enforcement of security officials was not also an atypical procedure for "significant security events," but noted that unique scope of the task in the number of National Guardsmen called for Wednesday's event.

[DC] 12 Army National Guard troops dropped from Capitol security mission, including 2 for ties to right-wing militias (USA Today)

USA Today [1/19/2021 6:39 PM, John Bacon, Jorge L. Ortiz, and tom Vanden Brook, 5823K]
Twelve National Guard troops have been removed from security duties at the U.S. Capitol after questionable behavior was detected in their past during security screening, Army Gen. Daniel Hokanson, chief of the National Guard Bureau, said Tuesday.

Two from that group had made inappropriate comments or texts about President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration, Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Hoffman said. But not all 12 have ties to extremist groups, he said.

"We're not taking any chances," said Hoffman, who characterized the comments made by the two as inappropriate texts.

Of the 12, 10 were identified by the FBI in security screening, Hokanson said. Another was flagged by commanders and the final one was identified by an anonymous tipster.

There are about 25,000 National Guard troops in Washington for Wednesday's inauguration.

The Associated Press initially reported that an investigation revealed two National Guard members had ties to fringe, right-wing militias, then increased that number to 12. No plot against Biden was found.

AP also reported that the Secret Service warned National Guard troops against posting photos or information of their operations online after noticing an increase in such online postings.

The Pentagon has been vetting the National Guard members who have been brought in to provide security for the event. The information on the 12 National Guard members comes the same day the Justice Department reported that arrests stemming from the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol surpassed 100. The riot by supporters of President Donald Trump – who believe his false claims the election was rigged – is blamed for five deaths and prompted the unprecedented security preparations ahead of Wednesday's inauguration.

[Editorial note: consult source link for extended commentary]

[DC] 12 Guard members removed from Biden inauguration (AP)
AP [1/19/2021 2:00 PM, James Laporta and Michael Balsamo]
Twelve U.S. Army National Guard members have been removed from the presidential inauguration security mission after they were found to have ties with right-wing militia groups or posted extremist views online, according to two U.S. officials. There was no threat to President-elect Joe Biden, they said.

The officials, a senior intelligence official and an Army official briefed on the matter, did not say which fringe group the Guard members belonged to or what unit they served in. The officials were not authorized to speak publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Their removal from the massive security presence at the nation's capital comes as the FBI

worked to vet all of the 25,000 National Guard troops headed to the area for Biden's inauguration Wednesday. U.S. defense officials have been worried about a potential insider attack or other threat from service members following the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol Jan. 6 by Trump supporters that shocked the nation.

Acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller said in a statement Monday that vetting of National Guard troops continues and that the Pentagon has found no intelligence so far that would indicate an insider threat.

Washington has been on edge since the deadly insurrection at the Capitol, which has prompted extraordinary security measures ahead of Biden's inauguration. A fire in a homeless camp roughly a mile from the Capitol complex prompted a lockdown Monday during a rehearsal for the inauguration.

U.S. Secret Service tightened security in and around the Capitol days earlier than usual in preparation, and the city center is essentially on lockdown with streets blocked, high fencing installed and tens of thousands of troops and law enforcement officers stationed around the area.

Federal law enforcement officials have also been wary of increased surveillance of military and law enforcement checkpoints and other positions after National Guard troops reported people taking pictures and recording them, said the law enforcement officials, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing security matters.

The Secret Service issued a bulletin over the weekend about what it sees as an "uptick" in National Guard troops posting pictures and details of their operations online.

The Associated Press obtained the "all concerned" message sent to all National Guard troops coming to Washington. Without getting into specific postings, the bulletin read: "No service members should be posting locations, pictures or descriptions online regarding current operations or the sensitive sites they are protecting" and urged them to stop immediately.

Asked about the bulletin, a spokesperson for the Secret Service issued a statement saying it "does not comment on matters of protective intelligence."

Contacted by the AP Tuesday morning, the National Guard Bureau referred questions to the U.S. Secret Service and said: "Due to operational security, we do not discuss the process nor the outcome of the vetting process for military members supporting the inauguration."

Over the summer, a man was arrested in Los Angeles for impersonating a National Guard member during protests in the city near Los Angeles City Hall. The man, Gregory Wong, was carrying a sidearm and assault rifle but was taken into custody after actual Guardsmen confronted him when they noticed things out of place on his uniform.

[DC] Pentagon confirms 12 Guard members have been removed from inauguration security (Washington Examiner)
Washington Examiner [1/19/2021 3:56 PM, Abraham Mahshie, 394K]
As President-elect Joe Biden makes his way to heavily fortified Washington, D.C., the

Defense Department confirmed 12 National Guard members have been deemed possible threats and removed from the force of more than 25,000 National Guard members now providing security in the capital city.

“If there’s any identification or anything whatsoever that that needs to be looked into out of an abundance of caution, we automatically pull those personnel off the line and make sure that they’re not part of the mission set,” the Guard bureau chief, Gen. Dan Hokanson, told reporters on Tuesday.

Hokanson declined to confirm if the 12 individuals were specifically linked to extremism. Federal officials have said there is evidence that right-wing extremist group leaders and members were among those who rioted inside and outside the legislative hall earlier this month.

Following riots that rocked the Capitol on Jan. 6, the inauguration was declared a "national special security event," and enhanced FBI vetting began for Guard members from all 50 states, three territories, and the District of Columbia charged with providing security before and during events that will include Biden being sworn in as the new commander in chief.

Two of the 12 were removed for “inappropriate” texts or social media messages, Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Hoffman said. One was reported through his chain of command, while another was reported anonymously.

“Those individuals have been removed,” said Hoffman. “They will not be at the Capitol, and if we uncover anyone else sending inappropriate messages or [who] has flags that have been identified by our law enforcement partners, they will be removed as well.”

The remaining 10 individuals were flagged as persons of concern in the FBI vetting process, which looks at criminal history and possible connections to extremist groups. Rather than launch an investigation, the Defense Department simply sent them home.

“We’re not asking questions right now,” Hoffman explained. “We’re out of an abundance of caution taking action and immediately removing them from the line of duty.”

[DC] National Guard soldiers removed from D.C. security detail over alleged militia membership (Washington Times)

Washington Times [1/19/2021 7:24 AM, Mike Glenn, 459K]

The National Guard yanked two soldiers from the massive security mission surrounding Wednesday’s inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden due to potential affiliation with “fringe right-wing militias.”

Army officials have not detected any violent plots linked to the 25,000 National Guard troops deployed to Washington, nor have they identified what militia group the two soldiers are thought to be affiliated with.

The National Guard Bureau referred questions to the Secret Service which declined to comment on the security steps being taken in the inauguration, according to the AP.

Military officials have said they routinely screen service members for any membership in extremist organizations.

The extra security measures in D.C. is a response to the Jan. 6 assault on the U.S. Capitol by supporters of outgoing President Donald Trump and his unfounded contention that the election had been stolen.

[DC] Capitol Police Reportedly Ban Reporters From Having Body Armor, Gas Masks And Helmets (Daily Caller)
Daily Caller [1/19/2021 9:46 AM, Shelby Talcott, 321K]
U.S. Capitol Police reportedly told reporters that they cannot go through security with bullet-proof vests, gas masks or helmets as Inauguration Day draws near.

Supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol and rioted Jan. 6 as lawmakers were attempting to certify the electoral college votes. As a result, fencing and security screenings have been put around the Capitol and 25,000 National Guardsmen have been sent to Washington, D.C., to secure the inauguration.

Amid the extra security, Capitol Police reportedly said that members of the press will be denied entry if they have protective equipment like a helmet, The Hill's Alex Bolton tweeted.

"Capitol Police is informing reporters that any member of the press trying to go through security screening with a bullet-proof vest will be denied entry. Reporters told they cannot wear vests, gas masks, or helmets," according to Bolton.

It is not immediately clear if this rule applies just to the Capitol building or also to the perimeter around the inauguration grounds. U.S. Capitol Police did not immediately respond to a request for comment from the Daily Caller.

The FBI has been vetting members of the National Guard leading up to Biden's inauguration, CNN reported. There is "no intelligence indicating an insider threat" to the event, Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller said Monday.

[DC] Ken Cuccinelli Claims Pelosi Asked For 'Crew-Manned Machine Guns' In Washington (Daily Caller)
Daily Caller [1/19/2021 5:22 PM, Scott Morefield, 321K]
Acting Deputy Homeland Security Secretary Ken Cuccinelli told Fox News' "The Story" Tuesday that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi asked for "crew-manned machine guns" to be a part of security forces in Washington, D.C., ahead of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration.

Cuccinelli and anchor Martha MacCallum were discussing the presence of 25,000 National Guard troops in the nation's capital after pro-Trump rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol building Jan. 6.

"A division," Cuccinelli said, responding to MacCallum's assertion that the number of troops is greater than currently exists in Afghanistan and Iraq. "You have a division. The last up of thousands of these troops was requested by the speaker through the Capitol Police. She even wanted crew-manned machine guns in Washington. That was rejected because there's simply no use for that in a security arrangement for a civilian undertaking. Just — so some of this has gone beyond any legitimate security need."

Cuccinelli defended the troops as “disciplined” and “professional” and said they will perform as expected, but added that the state capitol buildings are also important to defend.

“The world is not about Washington,” he said. “It’s supposed to be about everywhere else, which is what the Department of Homeland Security tries to keep secure.”

The acting DHS deputy secretary confirmed that threats of individual attacks in different places are also “absolutely a problem” before criticizing those who focus only on Washington D.C.

“At the same time, where was this concern for the rest of America?” he asked. “But when their own butt was on the line, all of a sudden they want every troop and soldier they can find to protect them. And we’re perfectly happy to contribute to keeping them safe. That’s part of our goal and our job, but not at the sacrifice of the rest of America.”

“Congressmen aren’t more important than any other American,” Cuccinelli added. “And everyone in this country should be kept safe and that’s what the Department of Homeland Security has endeavored to do through this entire difficult year.”

The Daily Caller has reached out to Nancy Pelosi’s office regarding Cuccinelli’s comment.

[Editorial note: consult video at source link]

[DC] Prosecutors say Oath Keepers militia members conspired in U.S. Capitol siege (Reuters)

Reuters [1/19/2021 5:51 PM, Sarah N. Lynch, 5304K]

Prosecutors on Tuesday said three people affiliated with a far-right militia group conspired to breach the U.S. Capitol, the first time they have directly accused people of organizing the violent Jan. 6 uprising that left five people dead.

Thomas Edward Caldwell, 65, of Clarke County, Virginia, whom investigators said has a leadership role in the Oath Keepers group, was named in a criminal complaint as having participated in the Capitol riots by President Donald Trump’s supporters.

His fellow members Jessica Watkins, 38, of Champaign County, Ohio, and Donovan Ray Crowl, also of Ohio, were also charged, and the three are accused of conspiring “to forcibly storm the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021,” prosecutors said.

Caldwell, Watkins and Crowl are accused of conspiring against the United States and conspiring to prevent the government from discharging its duties, among other offenses.

A federal prosecutor told a judge presiding over Caldwell’s initial court appearance on Tuesday it was “likely” additional charges could be filed as the investigation continues, including rioting and seditious conspiracy. “The weight of the evidence here is very much strong,” said Christopher Kavanaugh, the prosecutor.

Caldwell, who told the judge he is on disability after retiring from the U.S. Navy, said he looks forward to proving at trial that “every single charge is false.”

In an amended complaint filed by the government on Tuesday, investigators revealed they had collected messages suggesting the defendants extensively plotted the attack.

In one, Watkins can be heard saying: “We have a good group. We have about 30-40 of us. We are sticking together and sticking to the plan.”

Another message Caldwell received during the attack said: “All members are in the tunnels under capital seal them in. Turn on gas.”

After Caldwell apparently verified he was inside the Capitol, he received other messages which read:”Tom take that bitch over;” “Tom all legislators are down in the Tunnels 3floors down.”

In other Facebook messages, Caldwell later posted comments about the siege, writing: “Us storming the castle. Please share... I am such an instigator!”

A federal magistrate judge in the Western District of Virginia said Caldwell should be held in custody, noting the alleged conduct reflects “pure lawlessness and contempt” for the country’s laws.

Watkins and Crowl, meanwhile, appeared in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio on Tuesday where a judge ordered both will be held in custody pending detention hearings.

None of the three defendants has entered a plea yet.

Asked by a federal judge if she understood the charges against her, Watkins said: “I understand what you said. I don’t understand how I got them.”

Crowl, meanwhile, stifled a laugh when he was asked if he understood the maximum penalties he was facing.

Jon Schaffer, a guitarist for the Indiana heavy metal band Iced Earth who was photographed during the riot wearing an Oath Keepers cap, is accused of using bear spray on police officers as the crowd tried to force its way past them, but was not named in the conspiracy.

As arrests by have mounted since the riot, criminal complaints have revealed that many of the suspects have ties to fringe groups such as the Oath Keepers and the Proud Boys, another right-wing group.

Others have been characterized as white supremacists and Nazi sympathizers, or believers in QAnon - a far-right conspiracy theory that casts Trump as a savior figure and elite Democrats as a cabal of Satanist pedophiles and cannibals.

In one such case, a federal magistrate judge ordered Army Reservist and alleged Neo-Nazi sympathizer Timothy Louis Hale-Cusanelli to be held in custody pending a detention hearing for his role in the Capitol riots.

In court, the prosecutor said Hale-Cusanelli’s military and security clearance status are

under review, and that the FBI uncovered an assortment of white supremacist and extremist literature at his home, including a copy of Adolf Hitler's Mein Kampf.

Another federal prosecutor on Tuesday revealed the government expected to file new charges against Riley Williams, who is accused of stealing a laptop from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office during the siege.

[CA] California hits 3 million coronavirus cases; roughly 1 out of 13 in state have been infected (Los Angeles Times)

Los Angeles Times [1/19/2021 2:52 PM, Luke Money and Rong-Gong Lin II, 1825K]

California passed 3 million total coronavirus cases Tuesday — a mind-boggling milestone that arrived amid promising signs that the pandemic has plateaued following a months-long surge, as well as fresh concerns that recently confirmed variants could add more fuel to the viral wildfire.

The 3-million case mark, confirmed through a Times survey of county and local health departments, demonstrates just how widely the coronavirus has spread throughout the nation's most-populous state.

Clearing that threshold means roughly 1 out of every 13 Californians have been infected at some point during the pandemic.

It took roughly 10 months for the state to reach 1 million confirmed cases, which happened in mid-November. California went on to hit 2 million cumulative infections shortly before Christmas.

Now, only about four weeks later, the state has added another million cases to its total.

Dr. Tomás Aragón, the state public health officer and director of the California Department of Public Health, called the case number "a serious reminder that COVID-19 is prevalent throughout California" and said "we all need to do our part by staying home, wearing a mask, avoiding gathering, especially indoors, frequent hand washing and getting vaccinated when eligible and available."

"While we are seeing some encouraging signs as hospitalizations and case rates are decreasing, California remains relentless in its commitment in the battle against COVID-19," Aragón said. "We cannot become complacent because a vaccine is now available."

The slope and scope of the pandemic's latest wave makes California's summertime surge look like a speed bump.

Back then, the highest number of daily reported infections topped out at roughly 13,000 statewide. Over the last week, California has averaged nearly 36,000 new cases per day, according to data compiled by The Times.

As astonishing as that rate is, it's actually tumbled a bit. It wasn't long ago that the state was seeing nearly 45,000 cases a day.

While the latest numbers are likely influenced somewhat by delays in testing or data reporting over the long Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend, they are further evidence that

the coronavirus has leveled off — and that California may have avoided the kind of apocalyptic post-Christmas surge that officials had long warned could overwhelm the state's healthcare system.

California has also seen a flattening, and even a slight decline, in the number of people requiring hospitalization for COVID-19. There were 20,138 coronavirus-positive Californians hospitalized as of Sunday, which is a 7% decline from a week ago, according to the latest state data.

The number of people ill enough to require intensive care has also dipped recently, to 4,719 as of Sunday. That's down 3% from the previous week.

Though slight, any declines come as welcome news to California's beleaguered hospitals and healthcare workers, who have had to contend with sharp and sustained increases in the number of COVID-19 patients since early November.

Many ICUs remain stressed throughout the state, however — particularly in Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley, which have both reported 0% availability in their intensive care units for weeks. That doesn't mean no beds are open at all but that hospitals have had to take significant, even drastic, steps to care for the sickest patients.

Officials warn the recent progress is fragile — and that the stakes remain high. Nearly 34,000 Californians have died from COVID-19, and vaccine supplies are still not adequate. In most of Los Angeles County, senior citizens 65 and older have not been vaccinated, despite an announcement from Gov. Gavin Newsom last week that they were eligible.

"We are closer and closer to ending this pandemic, and collective action is what makes the difference in how many more people die," L.A. County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said in a statement Monday.

That's particularly the case as California grapples with the presence of new variants of the coronavirus, including one — known as B.1.1.7 — that was first identified in Britain, and which scientists believe is even more contagious.

Because of its potential to spread quickly, modeling indicates that variant "has the potential to increase the U.S. pandemic trajectory in the coming months" and could become "the predominant variant in March," according to a recent report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Another new coronavirus strain — dubbed CAL.20C — could have contributed to the significant winter surge seen throughout Southern California, according to recent research published by Cedars-Sinai.

Researchers said in a statement that the strain "was almost nonexistent in October," but "by December, 36.4% of virus samples from Cedars-Sinai patients were determined to be the strain, as were 24% of all samples from Southern California."

"The recent surge in COVID-19 positive cases in Southern California coincides with the emergence of CAL.20C," said Dr. Eric Vail, director of molecular pathology in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Cedars-Sinai.

Viral mutations are not unexpected and, in many cases, don't end up making much of a difference, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's top infectious diseases expert.

"When you have a lot of virus that's circulating in the community, it means it's infecting a lot of people, it's replicating a lot. And, when you replicate, you mutate," he said during a virtual conversation with Newsom late last month. "The overwhelming majority of mutations are irrelevant. They don't have any impact on any important function of the virus."

But, he added, "every once in a while, you get a mutation that does" — as appears to be the case with the U.K. variant. Even so, scientists believe that variant isn't more likely to be fatal or make people sicker once they are infected, and there's also no evidence that the newly developed vaccines won't be effective against it.

However, given the continued infection risk, as well as the relative scarcity of vaccines at this point, health officials emphasize that the best way to tamp down transmission of the coronavirus is through adherence to the oft-recited infection prevention protocols — such as wearing masks in public, avoiding gatherings with those outside your household, regularly washing your hands and staying home when you're sick.

"It will take a few more months before there is enough vaccine supply available and enough people vaccinated to provide us with the level of protection needed to end the pandemic," Ferrer said. "Given the emergence of variants that may be more easily transmissible, now would be the time to figure out how you should modify your current activities to reduce exposure to others, since many people who are out and about are infected with COVID-19."

[Guatemala] U.S.-bound caravan thwarted in Guatemala as pressure against migrants continues (Washington Post)

Washington Post [1/19/2021 4:57 PM, Kevin Sieff, 13480K]

Most of the thousands of migrants who left Honduras for the United States on foot last week have been turned around in Guatemala. By Tuesday morning, more than 3,000 had been detained or forcibly sent back by security forces.

Some in the caravan were aware that President-elect Joe Biden was days away from taking office in Washington, and were hopeful that he would make it easier for migrants to enter the United States. But others were oblivious to the political context.

For most, it was their own plight — poverty, security threats, the pair of hurricanes that have devastated the Central American nation — that compelled them to join the caravan.

The show of force by Guatemalan authorities was yet another sign of the crackdown on migration through Central America and Mexico that has intensified at the behest of the Trump administration.

For years, migrants saw joining a caravan as a safe and affordable alternative to paying a human smuggler, who might charge more than $10,000 for the journey north, and mistreat them along the way. But the method no longer appears viable, as caravans now run headlong into a militarized response by Central American and Mexican security forces, under pressure from Washington and fighting a pandemic.

The most recent caravan, the largest in a year, left a bus station in the city of San Pedro Sula in northern Honduras on Friday. The migrants included families whose homes were destroyed in the two hurricanes that swept through the country in November. Others had lost their jobs in hotels and restaurants on the island of Roatán, frequented by tourists until the coronavirus pandemic. Still others were fleeing acute threats from violent criminal gangs.

Lucy Cervello joined the group with her husband and three children from the city of La Lima.

“The hurricane destroyed everything we own. We’ve been homeless since November,” said Cervello, 32. “We don’t have enough to eat any more. The government has done nothing to help.”

Cervello had heard migrants talk about Biden, but she didn’t know who he was or what was supposedly changing in the United States. Her daughter, Marjorie, was mourning the family’s dog, Princess, who had drowned in one of the storms.

Conservative commentators in the United States have reduced the migrants’ motivations to a pure political calculus, suggesting that Biden’s election was the major reason for the caravan’s formation. History and interviews on the ground suggest otherwise. Before the region locked down against the coronavirus, caravans formed periodically during Trump’s presidency. While they are often organized by local activists and gain steam on social media, political awareness among the group is often limited.

The number of migrants apprehended at the U.S. border has remained relatively steady since Biden’s election, from 71,726 in October to 73,513 in December. Those numbers, which include multiple entries for migrants who are rapidly expelled under a pandemic-era policy and attempt to cross again — remain far below the recent spike of 144,116 in May 2019.

Before Marlon Wood left to join the group from Roatán, he posted a photo of his family on Facebook. The 23-year-old planned to find work in the United States to send money back to them.

“You are the reason why tomorrow I decide to leave my country to have a better life,” he wrote. “God knows my heart and knows everything I have done and suffered for you all.”

Citizens of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador normally enjoy freedom of movement among the three countries. But because Guatemala now requires a negative coronavirus test upon arrival, the Honduran migrants were stopped at the border. Still, most of the caravan pushed through the crossing.

Guatemala’s foreign minister, Pedro Brolo, said their entry “violated national sovereignty.”

Thousands made it across Guatemala’s border and continued north. But less than a hundred miles later, they were stopped at a series of military checkpoints. Photos and videos showed security personnel beating migrants back with batons.

Jordan Rodas, the human rights ombudsman in Guatemala’s attorney general’s office,

called the response "deplorable."

Authorities said 3,329 have been detained or returned to Honduras. Some smaller groups have attempted to continue north. But the chances that a substantial group could make it through not only Guatemala but also Mexico, where security forces have already deployed, remained slim.

Partly in response to threats from the Trump administration, both Guatemala and Mexico have increased their efforts to combat the transit of migrants through their countries. The Biden administration has not said whether it will continue the pressure, but incoming officials have said newly arrived migrants will not be able to immediately enter the United States to apply for asylum.

Efforts to deter caravans have also drawn domestic support in Mexico and Central America.

"Some communities had once been supportive of caravans, but reached a point where it was too much," said Maureen Meyer, vice president for programs at the Washington Office on Latin America.

"We've now had three caravans over the last year stopped either in southern Mexico or Guatemala, which suggests that it's no longer as possible as it once was to travel this way," she said. "The coordination between governments around this caravan suggests there's not a lot of appetite within these countries for these large movements of people."

Mexican officials say they are not stopping the flow of migrants merely as a favor to the United States, but in an effort to streamline their own migration system and minimize public health risks during the pandemic.

"We are going to continue acting the same way," President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said Monday.

Many of the migrants are being sent back to precarious conditions. Some of the hurricane victims are living in tents provided by foreign donors; others are squatting on the floors of local schools.

"Some days we eat one meal," said Wendy Treches, 40, the day before she left with the caravan. "Some days we eat nothing."

She was traveling with her three children after her house in the city of Santa Barbara was destroyed by the storms.

[Guatemala] Guatemala Breaks Up Migrant Caravan and Deports Thousands (Bloomberg)
Bloomberg [1/19/2021 2:45 PM, Michael D McDonald, 6400K]
Guatemalan authorities say they have deported 2,374 migrants to Honduras who were part of a caravan trying to reach the U.S.

Another 955 have been sent to immigration offices, Guatemala's immigration institute said.

A caravan of at least 6,000 people left Honduras last week in a bid to reach the U.S.,

believing that incoming President Joe Biden will improve treatment of migrants. Guatemalan soldiers and riot police blocked highways to prevent the group from advancing, beating some with sticks and launching tear gas.

Some migrants continued through Guatemala in smaller groups, while others remain stuck near the Honduran border, according to Honduran newspaper La Prensa.

[Guatemala] Guatemalan security forces break up Honduran caravan headed to US (The Hill)

The Hill [1/19/2021 5:10 PM, Jordan Williams, 2343K]

Guatemalan security forces broke up a caravan of migrants from Hondurans headed to the U.S., according to multiple reports.

The caravan pushed its way into Guatemala last week, The Associated Press reported. But Tuesday, buses carrying migrants and police patrol vehicles arrived throughout the morning at the Guatemala-Honduras border to take them back home.

Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei said last week that 2,000 police and soldiers would be sent to the country's border. A series of roadblocks set up had deploying tear gas and batons to dissolve the caravan.

Immigration authorities in Guatemala reported that more than 2,300 migrants had been returned to Honduras as of Monday, the AP reported.

Mexican authorities praised Guatemala for its response to the migrants, NPR noted, and called on Honduras to do more to stop the "irregular" flow of citizens.

The caravan was the first one in the last year that challenged the region's governments since last January, according to The New York Times.

The Trump administration has pressured Central American governments to stop such mobilizations before they reach the United States, the Times noted.

In 2019, Trump pressured Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala to crack down on migration toward the U.S. by freezing aid and threatening tariffs, the Times noted. The administration also signed deals with some Central American countries allowing the U.S. to send asylum-seekers there to apply for sanctuary.

However, some migrants are still headed to the U.S. hoping that President-elect Joe Biden will loosen the country's immigration policies. Biden reportedly plans to unveil massive immigration reform on his first day in office, an about-face from Trump's policies.

[Guatemala] Guatemalan forces clear road of migrants bound for US, some agree to return to Honduran border (FOX News)

FOX News [1/19/2021 10:40 AM, Stephen Sorace, 10362K]

Guatemalan security forces have cleared a road occupied by hundreds of U.S.-bound migrants who crossed into the country from Honduras last week.

Some members of the migrant caravan agreed to take buses back to the Honduran border

Monday after several nights stuck at a roadblock on a rural highway in Vado Hondo, about 35 miles from the Honduras and El Salvador borders.

A small number of migrants were forcefully sent back after a scuffle with Guatemalan police and soldiers, while others scattered into the mountains.

Another group of about 800 migrants was located approximately 25 miles farther north along the highway near Rio Hondo, where security forces blocked their advancement, Guatemala's immigration authorities said Monday.

During Monday's scuffle, some migrants threw rocks while authorities launched tear gas and pushed the migrants with their riot shields back down the highway. Migrants with children were more gently prodded away.

Several people were injured as the caravan attempted to push through the human barricade of security forces.

"This isn't a war. It's a caravan with women and children," Andres Gomez, a Guatemalan in the caravan, told Reuters. "The soldiers have no right to beat anyone. There are women who've been beaten, it's an act of violence."

Meanwhile, Pedro Brolo Vila, Guatemala's foreign affairs secretary, criticized the Honduran government's lack of cooperation regarding the caravan.

Brolo said Honduran security forces accompanied the migrants "toward our borders where regrettably we saw how they entered violently, violating Guatemala's territorial sovereignty."

He also said Guatemalan authorities had detected fake COVID-19 test results among the migrants who stopped to register their entrance to Guatemala.

On Sunday, Guatemala's Health Ministry reported that 21 of the migrants who sought medical attention at health centers had tested positive for the coronavirus. The department said the 12 men and nine women would not be returned to Honduras until they undergo quarantine at centers in Guatemala.

In total, some 8,000 to 9,000 Honduran migrants were believed to have entered Guatemala in the year's first caravan after departing from San Pedro Sula, Honduras early Friday, just days before President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration.

Biden has promised to take a different approach to immigration and even though immediate changes at the U.S. border are not expected, it has created some hope in Central America.

On Monday, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador urged the U.S. to address immigration.

"I believe that the time has come to follow through on the commitment to carry out immigration reform," López Obrador said.

[Guatemala] Large migrant caravan dissolves in Guatemala (San Francisco Chronicle)

AP [1/19/2021 1:44 PM, Oliver De Ros, 2481K]
A once large caravan of Honduran migrants that pushed its way into Guatemala last week had dissipated by Tuesday in the face of Guatemalan security forces. Small groups pressed on toward the Mexican border, while others accepted rides from authorities back to Honduras.

Many of the migrants were driven by an increasingly desperate situation in Honduras, where the economic ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic and two major hurricanes in November have piled atop chronic poverty and gang violence. That combined with a hope that the new U.S. administration of President-elect Joe Biden would be more welcoming gave birth to the year's first caravan.

But Tuesday, buses carrying dozens of migrants and police patrol vehicles carrying handfuls arrived sporadically through the morning at the Guatemala-Honduras border crossing of El Florido. They were passed from Guatemalan border agents to their Honduran counterparts and then boarded buses that would take them back to their hometowns.

Some 25 miles into Guatemala where hundreds of migrants had been stalled at a roadblock in Vado Hondo for several days, traffic flowed smoothly Tuesday and few migrants remained. Guatemala's immigration authorities reported that through Monday more than 2,300 migrants had been returned to Honduras.

If Guatemala's government had indeed dissolved the year's first caravan, it would be a relief to the incoming U.S. administration. Biden has promised immigration reform, but for now plans to leave Trump-era border policies in place fearing a surge of migrants when he takes office.

Guatemala's government had made clear it would stop the caravan for immigration and health reasons before it had even formed in San Pedro Sula, Honduras last week. President Alejandro Giammattei said 2,000 police and soldiers would be sent to the border.

Those forces did not stop the caravan at the border, but a series of strategically places roadblocks where forces deployed tear gas and batons dissolved the mass of people.

On Tuesday, Michael Kozak, acting assistant secretary for the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, commended Guatemala via Twitter for "carrying out its responsibilities by responding appropriately & lawfully to the recent migrant caravan."

Central American migrants began turning increasingly to caravans as a low-cost alternative to hiring a smuggler in 2018. Migrants gain a degree of safety in numbers and initially pushed successfully through Guatemala and Mexico. However, the U.S. government has led an effort to coordinate a more aggressive response from countries along the way to try to keep them from advancing far.

Caravans still represent only a fraction of the overall immigration flow that moves largely undetected.

In the past year, Guatemala has become a critical bulwark against the caravans, egged on by the more aggressive immigration policies of the Trump administration. Guatemalan forces effectively dissolved multiple migrant caravans last year.

In Tecun Uman, across the Suchiate river from Mexico, Rev. Fernando Cuevas said Tuesday there aren't more than 70 migrants in the border town. Those that arrive do so in small groups, mostly family units, and try to cross to Mexico almost immediately.

Some go to the bridge to request asylum, while others attempt to cross the river.

Where hundreds of migrants massed last January before crossing into Mexico, this time Guatemala's highway roadblocks appear to have stopped most. Most of those who have made it through carry the required proof of a negative COVID-19 test and passports, Cuevas said.

Cuevas said both sides of the river are militarized. In Tecun Uman, Guatemala deployed large numbers of National Police who made a local community center their barracks and patrol the streets for migrants. Two buses from the Mexican government sit in the central plaza in front of his church waiting to drive migrants back to the Honduras border, he said.

"We are seeing a situation a little different from other years when the migrants had access and free transit," Cuevas said. His church had prepared for the arrival of migrants like a year earlier, but now he expects few will make it. "We don't expect them in great numbers nor organized. We don't expect more than 100 at one time will be here."

Mexico had sent thousands of National Guard members and immigration agents to that border last week in preparation. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has promised to respect human rights, but also to enforce an orderly, legal migration.

One year ago, Mexican forces in riot gear rounded up hundreds of Central American migrants as they stopped to rest along a rural highway after crossing into the country.

[Guatemala] Guatemala turns more migrants back to Honduras, thinning U.S.-bound caravan (Reuters)
Reuters [1/19/2021 3:48 PM, Luis Echeverria, 5304K]
Guatemala on Tuesday pressed on with transporting migrants back to the border with Honduras, further thinning out a U.S.-bound caravan that was halted by security forces at the weekend.

Nearly 8,000 people entered Guatemala from Honduras last week, local authorities said. A Reuters witness estimated around a quarter of them, many with children, ended up stuck in the village of Vado Hondo when Guatemalan forces barred passage.

Security forces wielding batons cleared them from an impromptu camp on Monday, and buses provided by the government ferried them back to the El Florido border crossing with Honduras.

Returns of migrants by bus were ongoing on Tuesday, the government said, adding that the trips were voluntary.

Migrants also face major challenges if they make it to Mexico. Those who reach the Mexican border must present recent negative COVID-19 tests to legally enter, Maximiliano Reyes, a Mexican deputy foreign minister said on Tuesday.

Reyes told news network Milenio that 4,500-5,000 of the migrants had been sent back from Guatemala, with others still weighing their options. He estimated around 1,000 migrants had fanned out inside Guatemala.

Some migrants said they were injured as security officials forced them from the road in Vado Hondo.

“It’s not fair that they treat us like dogs, like animals,” said Andy Osorio from Honduras.

Guatemala’s human rights ombudsman, Jordan Rodas, called on the military and police to avoid the use of force. The Guatemalan army said some migrants had thrown stones at soldiers, who used “minimal and proportionate force.”

Some in the caravan fled into the mountains during the road clearance, saying they did not want to board the buses.

“We’re running,” said Rosa Alvarez, a Honduran mother traveling with children, who said they had been affected by teargas used by Guatemalan authorities. “We have no money or food.”

[Guatemala] Some in Migrant Caravan Carry Fake COVID-19 Test Results, Say Guatemalan Officials (Breitbart)

Breitbart [1/19/2021 2:35 PM, Bob Price, 1912K]

Guatemalan officials report that some of the migrants in this weekend’s caravan carried fake COVID-19 test results. Others actually tested positive for the potentially deadly virus.

Guatemalan Foreign Affairs Secretary Pedro Brolo Vila told reporters that some of the thousands of migrants who violently crossed their border from Honduras over the weekend are carrying fake COVID-19 test results indicating negative findings, according to Fox News.

Brolo’s comments came after Guatemalan security forces dealt with thousands of violent, mostly Honduran, migrants forcing their way into the country and ultimately, the United States. Officials report the violent migrant caravan threw rocks at security forces. Others pushed their way through the human barricade of security forces, Breitbart Texas reported.

Guatemalan health officials said 21 of the migrants tested positive for Coronavirus, the Fox News article continued. These 12 men and nine women are being held in quarantine before being returned to Honduras.

Brolo criticized the government of Honduras for not honoring their agreements on immigration and caravan migrants.

He charged that Honduran security forces actually accompanied the caravan “toward our borders where regrettably we saw how they entered violent, violating Guatemala’s territorial sovereignty.”

Officials estimate as many as 9,000 may have forced their way into Guatemala. That country’s security forces blocked mountain-locked roadways to keep the caravan from

proceeding north to the Mexican border.

Mexican officials praised the work of Guatemalan security forces, NPR reported. The Mexican Secretary for Foreign Affairs called upon Honduras to do more to stop the "irregular flow" of citizens through the region.

The statement from Mexico reads:

The Government of Mexico recognizes the outstanding work of the Government of Guatemala, which has acted in a firm and responsible manner in the comprehensive care of contingents of migrants who violated their sovereignty, enforcing compliance with the immigration law and its health protocols to guarantee income. orderly and regular, safeguarding the integrity and life of migrants and their population.

Likewise, it makes a respectful exhortation to the Honduran authorities to attend, in a timely manner, this irregular flow of migrants, in such a way as to prevent further displacements.

Migrant Policy Institute analyst Ariel Ruiz Soto told Fox News he doesn't believe many of these migrants will successfully make their way to the U.S. southern border.

"I suspect that if this caravan actually made it to the Guatemalan/Mexico border that there would be even the heavier presence of (Mexican) National Guard to try to detain the migrants," he explained. "We saw this again in October. That caravan really stopped in Guatemala at that time. So I don't foresee them getting to the U.S./Mexico border in large numbers."

An unidentified senior Biden transition team member told NBC News that the migrants should not come to the U.S. — at this time.

"There's help on the way, but now is not the time to make the journey," the official said.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Biden DHS nominee Mayorkas says ICE should not be defunded, despite liberal calls (FOX News)
FOX News [1/19/2021 1:47 PM, Adam Shaw, 10362K]
Alejandro Mayorkas, President-elect Joe Biden's pick to lead the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), said Tuesday that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) should not be defunded -- while not saying whether parts of the border wall should be dismantled.

During a Senate confirmation hearing, Mayorkas was asked by Sen. James Lankford, R-Okla., if he supports defunding ICE -- something that has been a rallying cry for liberal activists and some Democratic lawmakers in recent years.

"No," Mayorkas said. Later he said that ICE was one of a number of agencies that plays "critical roles" and that he would not abolish.

The comments by Mayorkas indicate that while the Biden administration intends to take a significantly different approach to the Trump administration, it will not go as far left as some

in the party have called for. Biden has, however, promised a moratorium on ICE deportations.

Activists have also called for the wall at the southern border to be deconstructed. Biden has promised that he won't allow "another foot" of the wall to be built during his administration but has not said anything about removing construction.

When asked if he would recommend dismantling the wall, Mayorkas said he hasn't looked at that specific question. He said, however, that he agreed with the approach of the late Sen. John McCain that the wall is "not a monolithic challenge."

"The border is varied depending on the geography, depending on the specific venue and depending on the conduct of individuals around it and we don't need, nor should we have a monolithic answer to that varied and diverse challenge," he said.

When asked if sees areas of the border that are in need of more technology or an expansion of barriers, he again said it was something that needed study.

"I look forward to studying that because I am aware of the challenges that the border presents, I am very well aware of the fact…that traffickers are seeing to exploit the border and not only to move people across it illegally, but to move contraband, to move fentanyl, the narco traffickers have sought to exploit the current challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic and I look forward to studying the border to make sure those challenges are repelled," Mayorkas said.

Mayorkas is a former director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and is also credited as being a key official involved in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program that gave protection to illegal immigrants who came to the country as children.

He also faced a grilling from multiple Republican senators over a scathing inspector general report that found that he intervened to help foreign investors in the EB-5 visa program who were connected to top Democrats.

In three EB-5 cases, each involving high-profile Democrats, Mayorkas intervened "outside the normal adjudicatory process" and "in ways that benefited the stakeholders," the report found.

Mayorkas defended his conduct on Tuesday, saying he had been involved in a number of cases and objected to the use of the word "intervened" to describe his behavior.

He also said the program faced a number of problems and he implemented a number of reforms to fix what was universally acknowledged as a program in need of reform.

"It is my job to become involved, to learn the problems the agency confronts, to become involved in the problems and to fix them and that's what I did in this case and the many cases that came before me that were presented to me from both sides of the aisle," he said.

Asked what he had learned from the controversy, he said: "I learned that individuals in the EB-5 investor program and in the agency may not have full visibility of all that I am involved

in and all that I do, as a leader and therefore they may take a slice of my actions and gather misperceptions of what fuels me as a leader and what drives me as a government servant."

Mayorkas is likely to be confirmed by the chamber and has received a broad range of endorsements from law enforcement groups. Former acting DHS chief Chad Wolf said recently that Mayorkas is "qualified."

"I do think he's qualified. Are his views and his policies the one that I would have picked? Probably not," he said on ABC News. "But that's not to say he's not qualified, just like I'm sure he would say, my views and policies are not his liking either."

Biden DHS Nominee Says He Does Not Support Abolishing ICE, CBP (Daily Caller)
Daily Caller [1/19/2021 4:51 PM, Varun Hukeri, 321K]
Alejandro Mayorkas, President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to lead the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), said during a Senate confirmation hearing Tuesday he does not support abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

During his confirmation hearing before the Senate Homeland Security Committee, Mayorkas was asked about his position on the two DHS agencies by multiple Republican Senators. Calls to abolish ICE and similar agencies have become more commonplace among progressive activists and even some Democratic lawmakers.

"Would you recommend that ICE be defunded?" asked Republican Oklahoma Sen. James Lankford.

"No," Mayorkas responded. He later stated he would need to "study the condition" of ICE in order to determine whether the agency would require additional funding.

Republican Florida Sen. Rick Scott also asked a similar question during the confirmation hearing. "Could you repeat your position with regard to funding border patrol and ICE, and whether you think we should continue to fund them or we should abolish them?" asked Scott.

"[CBP] and [ICE] play critical roles in the federal government and I would not abolish them," Mayorkas answered.

The comments from Mayorkas suggest that the incoming Biden administration will not implement the more radical agenda favored by some progressives, even if it takes a considerably different approach to immigration and border security than the Trump administration, according to Fox News.

Biden has called for a moratorium on deportations during the first 100 days of his presidency and is expected to reverse a number of DHS policies enacted by the Trump administration, according to The Washington Post.

Implementing reforms at DHS may be difficult given that border patrol agencies largely adopted Trump's immigration agenda and the largest border patrol union endorsed Trump in the 2020 election.

But Mayorkas has experience in the department, previously serving as director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and has received endorsements from a number of law enforcement agencies, according to Fox News. A Democratic majority in the Senate will also make his confirmation more likely.

Biden's DHS nominee says 'cages' were built on Obama's watch (Washington Times)
Washington Times [1/19/2021 6:10 AM, Stephen Dinan, 459K]
Alejandro Mayorkas, President-elect Joseph R. Biden's pick to lead Homeland Security in the new administration, acknowledged Tuesday that the so-called "cages" where migrant children were held on the border were first erected under President Barack Obama.

Mr. Mayorkas was deputy secretary at Homeland Security during the 2014 and 2015 border surges, when the chain-link enclosures were built.

Sen. Ron Johnson, Wisconsin Republican, asked him if those were the same enclosures that the Trump administration took heat for in 2018 and 2019, during a later border surge.

"Yes sir," Mr. Mayorkas said.

But he rejected Mr. Johnson's accusation that families were separated during the Obama years, saying he "explicitly rejected" that idea when he was the department deputy.

The chain-link pens were erected because of the number of children who began to arrive at the border, overwhelming facilities that weren't prepared to hold them. The fencing was built to create spaces where they could be held.

Photos of the fenced-in areas became a divisive point during the Trump-era border surge, when the president's critics claimed the children were being put in "cages."

Mr. Biden has distanced himself from the enforcement record he and Mr. Obama oversaw during their eight years in office.

He has promised to pursue a speedy legalization of nearly all illegal immigrants, including those who jumped the border during his time in office and again under President Trump.

Citizenship and Immigration Services

Trump grants Venezuelans temporary legal status on his way out (Politico)
Politico [1/19/2021 9:24 PM, Sabrina Rodriguez, 2751K]
President Donald Trump on Tuesday announced he will offer Venezuelan exiles protection from deportation, a move he has considered for years but refused to do until his last full day in office.

Trump is using the little-known Deferred Enforced Departure program, or DED, to offer temporary legal status to Venezuelans fleeing the humanitarian crisis brought on by Nicolás Maduro's regime. DED, similar to Temporary Protected Status or TPS, protects recipients from deportation and allows them to get work permits. However, it is granted directly by the president instead of the Department of Homeland Security.

"The deteriorative condition within Venezuela, which presents an ongoing national security threat to the safety and well-being of the American people, warrants the deferral of the removal of Venezuelan nationals who are present in the United States," Trump said in a memorandum released Tuesday.

Based on Trump's memo, the U.S. will defer for 18 months the removal of certain Venezuelan nationals present in the U.S. on Jan. 20. It also allows those Venezuelans to work during that period of time.

Last year, the State Department had considered using DED to protect Venezuelans, but talks stalled over resistance to including relief for exiles in Trump's Venezuela strategy. The outgoing president's strategy centered around sanctions to put maximum pressure on the Maduro regime.

The move to use DED instead of TPS stems from a long-standing concern from some Republicans that TPS will eventually become a path to permanent residency in the United States. Deferred Enforced Departure is designated by the president and gives the chief executive the ability to end it without as many procedural hurdles.

Offering DED to Venezuelans is expected to protect about 200,000 Venezuelan citizens in the U.S. from deportation — the same number it potentially would have under TPS, according to TPS estimates from the Congressional Budget Office.

Florida Republicans, such as Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, have long pushed for the Trump administration to offer temporary legal status to Venezuelans given the dire situation in the South American country. It was also long sold as a way to build more good will with South Florida's Venezuelan community.

Despite not granting TPS for Venezuelans, Trump — with his campaign's anti-socialist messaging — won in Doral, home to the largest Venezuelan community in the United States, posting significant gains from 2016.

People close to Trump's last-minute decision said White House advisers Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner were involved in moving it forward. The decision — which comes less than 16 hours before Trump's presidency ends — will likely come as welcome news in South Florida, where he, his daughter and son-in-law will soon reside.

Sen. Marco Rubio, who has been involved heavily in Trump's Latin America policy, on Sunday hinted that an announcement could be coming soon.

"Still hopeful that as I suggested over a year ago & again three months ago, the President will grant Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) to eligible Venezuelan nationals currently residing in the U.S.," Rubio (R-Fla.) wrote on Twitter.

President-elect Joe Biden has previously pledged to grant Venezuelans temporary protected status. In 2019, the Democratic-led House passed a bipartisan bill to grant TPS to Venezuelans. But the legislation was held up in the GOP-controlled Senate, despite support from Rubio.

Trump Issues 18-Month Amnesty for Thousands of Venezuelans in U.S. (Breitbart)

Breitbart [1/19/2021 11:57 PM, John Binder, 1912K]
President Donald Trump has issued an 18-month executive amnesty for tens of thousands of Venezuelan nationals living in the United States who otherwise would have been eligible for deportation.

In an executive order on his final night in the White House, Trump issued Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for at least 94,000 Venezuelan nationals — allowing them to remain in the U.S., free from deportation, for an 18-month period that is almost certain to be renewed by the incoming Biden administration.

"The deteriorative condition within Venezuela, which presents an ongoing national security threat to the safety and well-being of the American people, warrants the deferral of the removal of Venezuelan nationals who are present in the United States," Trump wrote in the order.

Trump wrote that the temporary executive amnesty "is in the foreign policy interest" of the U.S. and thus Venezuelan nationals and foreign nationals who last resided in Venezuela will no longer be subject to deportation for the next 18 months.

Most significantly, the order gives work permits to those thousands of Venezuelan nationals at a time when the nation faces a mass unemployment crisis due to the Chinese coronavirus pandenic. Today, about 18 million Americans are jobless.

Those eligible must not have been convicted of a felony or two or more misdemeanors and must be present in the U.S. as of January 20.

Trump signed the order after lobbying efforts last year by Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL), who thanked the president for the executive action.

Such DED programs are similar to the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program as they effectively keep foreign nationals in the U.S. who would have otherwise been deported. Often times, the programs are repeatedly renewed for decades and can lead to permanent amnesties.

The latest case, for instance, occurred in March 2018 when Trump ended DED for thousands of Liberian nationals. The following year, Congress slipped a permanent amnesty into a year-end spending bill, and Trump signed the legislation ensuring that those Liberians could eventually obtain green cards and apply for American citizenship.

The Liberian amnesty was the first of its kind since the year 2000.

White House approves deferred deportations for Venezuelans (The Hill)
The Hill [1/19/2021 9:09 PM, Tal Axelrod, 2343K]
The White House approved the deferral of deportations for some Venezuelans in an 11th hour decision before President Trump leaves office.

The White House said in a memo released Tuesday that it is approving Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for Venezuelans. Recipients of the deferral will be able to live and work in the U.S., similar to those protected under a temporary protected status (TPS).

The memo hammered the government of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, accusing its corruption of producing "the worst humanitarian crisis in the Western Hemisphere in recent memory."

"A catastrophic economic crisis and shortages of basic goods and medicine have forced about five million Venezuelans to flee the country, often under dangerous conditions," the White House wrote in the memo.

"The deteriorative condition within Venezuela, which presents an ongoing national security threat to the safety and well-being of the American people, warrants the deferral of the removal of Venezuelan nationals who are present in the United States."

The new policy is a final swipe against the Maduro regime from the White House, which has recognized opposition leader Juan Guaidó as the interim president since 2019 following a 2018 presidential race that Maduro won but observers say was rife was fraud.

Maduro appeared to be only narrowly holding onto power after the election as an alarming humanitarian crisis, fueled by food and medicine shortages, worsened even further, and Western nations rallied around Guaidó. However, he was ultimately able to hold onto the presidency as enthusiasm among the opposition faded and international attention was focused elsewhere.

The new policy defers deportations for "any national of Venezuela, or alien without nationality who last habitually resided in Venezuela, who is present in the United States as of January 20, 2021."

Those not protected under the program include Venezuelans who have "voluntarily returned to Venezuela or their country of last habitual residence outside the United States;" have not continuously lived in the U.S.; have been convicted of a felony or two or more misdemeanors; are subject to extradition; the secretary of Homeland Security "has determined is not in the interest of the United States or presents a danger to public safety;" the secretary of State "has reasonable grounds to believe would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States."

The move was met with applause from some Republican lawmakers who have long touted the need for the U.S. to take a stand against socialist dictatorships like Venezuela.

"We have a fundamental obligation to provide safe-haven for those fleeing tyranny and oppression. This act of solidarity provides our Venezuelan exile community with much-needed assurance during these unprecedented times," said Rep. María Elvira Salazar (R-Fla.). "I will never stop fighting for this just cause until Venezuela is freed from the murderous, socialist Maduro regime and is once again a vibrant, prosperous democracy that respects the rule of law."

Trump blocks Venezuelans' deportation in last political gift (AP)
AP [1/19/2021 11:00 PM, Scott Smith and Joshua Goodman, 13480K]
With the clock winding down on his term, U.S. President Donald Trump shielded tens of thousands of Venezuelan migrants from deportation Tuesday night, rewarding Venezuelan exiles who have been among his most loyal supporters and who fear losing the same privileged access to the White House during the Biden administration.

Trump signed an executive order deferring for 18 months the removal of more than 145,000 Venezuelans who were at risk of being sent back to their crisis-wracked homeland. He cited the "deteriorative condition" within Venezuela that constitutes a national security threat as the basis for his decision.

"America remains a beacon of hope and freedom for many, and now eligible Venezuelan nationals in the U.S. will receive much-needed temporary immigration relief," Sen. Marco Rubio, a Republican of Florida, said in a statement praising the decision.

The last-minute reprieve — in sharp contrast to Trump's hardline immigration policies the past four years — capped a busy final day in office that also saw Trump issue a sweeping new round of financial sanctions targeting the alleged front man of Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro and tighten controls to keep spying technology out of the hands of the Venezuelan military.

But ahead of Joe Biden's inauguration Wednesday, far greater attention was focused on the president-elect's choice to be secretary of state, Antony Blinken, who during his U.S. Senate confirmation hearing in Washington showed continued support for Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó.

Blinken, in his first comments on Venezuela, said he would continue recognizing Guaidó as Venezuela's interim president and indicated he has no illusions of an eventual dialogue with Maduro, who he called a "brutal dictator."

Still, the veteran diplomat expressed frustration with the results of current U.S. approach, which hasn't shaken Maduro's grip on power or led to free and fair elections. He said there is room for fine tuning sanctions and better coordination with allied nations to restore democracy to the crisis-stricken South American nation.

"The hard part is that for all these efforts, which I support, we obviously have not gotten the results that we need," Blinken said.

The Trump administration was the first of now more than 50 countries in the world to recognize Guaidó as Venezuela's president shortly after the young lawmaker rose up to challenge Maduro's rule two years ago. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo spoke Monday by phone with Guaidó, expressing his "personal respect and appreciation" to the opposition leader for his "commitment to the cause of freedom," the State Department said in a statement.

Venezuela, a once wealthy oil-producing nation, has fallen into economic and political crisis in recent years that has seen a flood of more than 5 million residents flee a breakdown in public services and shortages including a lack of running water, electricity and gasoline.

Most have migrated to other parts of Latin America. But an estimated 350,000 are believed to reside in the U.S., and about 146,000 of them have no legal status, according to the Center for Migration Studies in New York.

More than 700 Venezuelans have been removed from the U.S. since 2018, while 11,000 more are under deportation proceedings, according to the TRAC immigration data base of

Syracuse University.

For years, Venezuelans, with bipartisan support, have been clamoring for so-called temporary protected status to no effect as Trump has tried to end the program for migrants from six other countries, including Haiti, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

Trump's order provides similar protections, including protection from deportation and the right to work, but was still met by resistance by some Democrats who want Biden to introduce legislation providing additional safeguards.

"Our community will not be fooled and used for political games anymore," said Leopoldo Martinez, the first Venezuela-born member of the Democratic National Committee.

In the latest round of sanctions trying to pressure Maduro out, the U.S. Treasury Department imposed sanctions on three individuals, 14 businesses and six ships. All are accused of helping the Venezuelan state oil company PDVSA evade earlier U.S. sanctions designed to stop the president from profiting from crude sales.

The sanctions target people and businesses linked to Alex Saab, a Colombian businessman who U.S. officials say is the front man for Maduro responsible for everything from the importation of food to the export of the nation's crude. Saab was arrested on a U.S. warrant last year in the African nation of Cape Verde on what Maduro says was an official mission to Iran to purchase supplies. He is now fighting extradition to Miami, where he faces corruption charges.

Maduro's government blasted the sanctions as another act of "imperialist aggression" aimed at destroying Venezuela's ability to meet its own needs through oil sales after four years of attacks from the Trump administration.

The U.S. Department of Commerce also announced measures Tuesday to block U.S. technology from being used by military intelligence in nations including China, Cuba, Russia and Venezuela.

Such stiff measures have become an almost routine feature of the outgoing administration's hardline approach to Venezuela, which has proven popular with exile Latino voters in Florida.

Biden's immigration bill faces difficult path in Senate (Roll Call)
Roll Call [1/19/2021 4:52 PM, Michael Macagnone, 87K]
President-elect Joe Biden's plan to propose a sweeping immigration bill on his first day in office faces significant Republican opposition over a key issue: the path to citizenship for those without legal status.

Incoming White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain said in interviews over the weekend that the administration plans to "restore humanity to our immigration system" through comprehensive legislation and a series of executive actions on Day One.

Biden's nominee for Homeland Security secretary, Alejandro Mayorkas, confirmed the plan during his confirmation hearing Tuesday. If confirmed, he told members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, he would work "with Congress in

passing legislation to fix our broken immigration system."

Both Biden and, more recently, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris have said their immigration bill would provide a pathway to citizenship for millions of immigrants who lack legal status in the country.

Last week, Harris revealed that plan includes granting green cards to immigrants protected by Temporary Protected Status and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals programs, granting those individuals automatic permanent U.S. residency. The bill also would cut the wait time to obtain citizenship from the current 13 years to eight.

"We believe that it's the smarter and more humane way of approaching immigration," Harris said in an interview with Univision about the plan.

But neither Biden nor Harris nor anyone in the transition team has talked about what those immigrants specifically would need to do to ultimately receive citizenship.

Sen. Charles E. Grassley, the Iowa Republican poised to become ranking member of the Judiciary Committee —which has jurisdiction over immigration — on Tuesday blasted Biden's proposal as "mass amnesty" and called it "far more radical" that past congressional efforts that have failed.

"I've previously supported immigration proposals that would provide certainty for DACA-eligible individuals and lead to greater border security and more robust enforcement of our immigration laws. But a mass amnesty with no safeguards and no strings attached is a nonstarter. As we've seen before, that approach only encourages further violations of our immigration laws," he said in a statement.

Tough Senate path

Though Democrats will control the House and, more narrowly, the Senate following Biden's inauguration, they'll likely need Republican support to enact any bill.

Sen. Charles E. Schumer of New York, who will become majority leader once two new Georgia Democrats are sworn in and Harris is inaugurated, said in a floor speech Tuesday that immigration legislation would be "a very high priority" once Democrats take control.

"I've always felt that comprehensive immigration reform with a path to citizenship is one of the most important things a Democratic Congress can do," Schumer said.

If Democrats can't find enough Republican support to pass legislation through regular order, they could still perhaps pass it through the budget reconciliation process. But that process would limit how comprehensive the bill could be since reconciliation is primarily intended to balance revenue and spending.

But the rules of budget reconciliation would likely limit Biden's ability to pass immigration legislation on a simple majority vote. That means Senate Democrats will have to either find a handful of Republicans to support their proposals, or find the issue pressing enough to jettison the legislative filibuster.

A series of chairmanship shuffles will likely put Sen. Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill., as the leader of the Judiciary Committee in coming days. Durbin, the Democratic whip, has been the primary sponsor behind a series of proposals to provide so-called Dreamers — undocumented immigrants brought to the country as children — a path to citizenship.

Durbin has a history of working across the aisle in the committee, including on the 2018 criminal justice measure that passed the chamber under Grassley's leadership.

But Durbin's efforts on immigration legislation have demonstrated that immigration proposals frequently deadlock over the issue of how to gain citizenship — a roadblock that hasn't vanished with Biden's election.

Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., an ally of President Donald Trump who backed discredited allegations of election fraud following Biden's victory, described reports of Biden's immigration plan as "mass amnesty" during the Mayorkas hearing Tuesday. Hawley sits on both the Homeland Security and Judiciary committees.

Through a spokesperson, Durbin pledged to push for a bipartisan bill, with possibly less than some immigration advocates had hoped for.

"Bipartisan support is essential to victory in a 50-50 Senate, and Senator Durbin is working hard to advance reforms like the Dream Act, which is supported by the vast majority of Americans, including most Republicans," the spokesperson said in a statement.

Jorge Loweree, policy director for the American Immigration Council, called the path to citizenship "the operative question" when discussing any immigration proposal. Loweree, who favors a broader route to citizenship, said any bill that "creates a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, whatever the number, it is still going to be attacked by the other side as amnesty."

The most recent major push for a new immigration law, in 2018, fell apart amid disputes between Trump, Senate Republicans and Democrats over asylum, a border wall, citizenship for DACA recipients and sanctuary cities. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a Trump ally and major player in that effort, said last year he was open to a path to citizenship for Dreamers.

But the Senate has lost a handful of Republicans who backed that bipartisan bill: Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, Jeff Flake of Arizona, Cory Gardner of Colorado and Johnny Isakson of Georgia. Three of those seats are now held by Democrats.

The last effort before that, known as the "Gang of Eight" proposal in 2013, has only two Republican members left: Graham and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla. That effort actually passed the Senate on a 68-32 vote before dying in a Republican-controlled House.

Lorella Praeli, co-president of the advocacy group Community Change, said on a call with reporters Tuesday that Biden has a "moral mandate" to break sharply from Trump's immigration policies and rhetoric.

"In this moment … we have a window of opportunity to secure significant reforms on immigration," Praeli said, like a path to citizenship that extends beyond Dreamers to millions of undocumented immigrants across the country.

Biden Plans Day-One Immigration Overhaul, Testing Senate Comity (Bloomberg)
Bloomberg [1/19/2021 1:21 PM, Jordan Fabian, 6400K]
Joe Biden will propose a broad immigration overhaul on his first day as president, including a shortened pathway to U.S. citizenship for undocumented migrants -- a complete reversal from Donald Trump's immigration restrictions and crackdowns, but one that faces major roadblocks in Congress.

The new president's legislation would allow the roughly 11 million immigrants living illegally in the U.S. to gain citizenship within eight years instead of 13, according to a Biden transition official. Unlike past reform measures, it does not include an explicit trade-off of enhanced border security.

The proposal would grant work permits for the spouses and children of people with temporary visas. But it would not expand the number of high-skilled foreign workers admitted on H-1B visas, which are widely used in the U.S. technology industry but sometimes criticized by labor groups.

With the plan, Biden seeks to deliver on a major campaign promise to Latino voters and immigrant-rights groups, many of whom were alienated and outraged by Trump's restrictions on legal immigration, police raids on the homes and workplaces of undocumented people living in the U.S., and his fortification of the border with Mexico. But the bill as proposed almost certainly won't pass a narrowly divided Congress, and even if it is amended to better reflect Republican concerns, odds are long that lawmakers will finally unknot a policy that's confounded Washington for decades.

"It's a powerful message that this is a priority," said John Sandweg, former acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement under President Barack Obama. "During the Obama administration, there was a tremendous frustration that the bill wasn't offered early in the administration and so this sends a big message."

Speaking on the Senate floor Tuesday, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said getting a final comprehensive immigration bill through Congress is one of his leading goals as he takes over as majority leader. It must, he said, include a pathway to citizenship.

"To me passing comprehensive reform is a very high priority," Schumer said.

Recent efforts to comprehensively overhaul U.S. immigration law dating back to George W. Bush's presidency failed, even at a time when Republicans sought to broaden their appeal to Hispanic voters. There hasn't been a substantial revamp of American policy since 1986, when President Ronald Reagan signed a law that made 3 million undocumented workers eligible for legal status.

Ever since, immigration opponents in the Republican Party have demonized such proposals as "amnesty" for people who broke the law. In 2007, an immigration overhaul backed by Bush was blocked in the Senate and never considered in the House, despite Democrats controlling the chamber.

Six years later, under Obama, a plan negotiated by a bipartisan group of eight senators passed the Senate 68-32 -- only to die in the House, where Republican leaders refused to consider it.

The most recent attempt at an overhaul collapsed in 2018 when each of four competing plans, including a broad bipartisan plan and one that reflected Trump's priorities, were blocked from consideration on the Senate floor.

Sandweg said the bill would undoubtedly undergo changes in Congress, but praised its overall approach -- especially the measures designed to address the causes of migration from Central America and Mexico.

"If history is any guide, the Congress will put its own imprint on this bill. But I think that the provisions that the Biden administration is staking out at the outset are incredibly reasonable and make a tremendous amount of sense," he said.

Biden's Promise

During the 2020 campaign, Biden pledged he would reverse Trump's immigration policies, which he said punished immigrants and ethnic minorities, while maintaining security at the border with Mexico.

Under Biden's bill, people living in the U.S. without documentation as of Jan. 1 would have a five-year path to permanent legal status -- known as a green card -- if they pass background checks, pay taxes and meet other conditions. Then, they could apply for citizenship after another three years.

"We're going to reduce the time from what is now, has been, currently 13 years to 8 years. We are going to expand protections for Dreamers and DACA recipients," Vice President-elect Kamala Harris said in a recent interview with Univision, referring to the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Migrants Program.

"Dreamers" is the term advocates use for undocumented immigrants brought to the country as children. They and immigrants living in the U.S. under what's called "temporary protected status" would enjoy an even faster route to citizenship, qualifying for green cards almost immediately if they meet requirements including holding a job or attending school.

But Biden's decision not to pair easier paths to citizenship with enhanced border security and internal enforcement may complicate the legislation in the Senate, divided 50-50 between the parties.

Harris will cast the tie-breaking vote as vice president, giving Democrats control of the chamber. But any major legislation will require 60 votes to pass thanks to filibuster rules Democrats aren't expected to eliminate.

And four Republican senators who backed a bipartisan immigration overhaul in 2018 are no longer in office, though three of them were replaced by Democrats.

More Refugees

Biden's proposal also seeks to address the root cause of migration from Central America in order to reduce the number of people who come illegally to the U.S., calling for increased foreign aid to countries in the region. The plan also includes grants for English education

and workforce development.

In another break with Trump, Biden's proposal would expand refugee admissions and make it easier for migrants to secure the status by opening processing centers abroad. The Trump administration capped the number of refugees the U.S. will admit this year at 15,000, a historic low.

And while the bill does not condition an expanded path to citizenship on increased border security, it would direct the Department of Homeland Security to come up with a plan to use technology to enhance monitoring along the border and at points of entry.

Immigrant-rights advocates are likely to be pleased with the measure, after faulting Obama both for being too cautious about advancing an overhaul and too heavy handed with deportations and internal enforcement.

Biden is also expected to issue executive actions on immigration early in his presidency, including lifting Trump's travel ban for predominantly majority-Muslim nations.

Biden to propose sweeping immigration bill on first day in office (CNN)
CNN [1/19/2021 12:32 PM, Dan Merica, Priscilla Alvarez and Jasmine Wright, 7975K]
President-elect Joe Biden will unveil a comprehensive immigration plan on his first day in office, a source familiar with the proposal tells CNN, describing an agenda that provides a multi-year pathway to citizenship for the millions of undocumented immigrants currently in the United States.

The plan, which also would aim to address the root cause of migration from countries in Central America and improve the use of technology at the border, will be sent to Congress on Wednesday, shortly after Biden is inaugurated, the source said.

Biden promised during the campaign that he would make immigration reform a priority as president, a move that ran directly counter to the anti-immigration rhetoric and action that defined President Donald Trump's four years in office. The President-elect also received pressure from immigration groups throughout the campaign, many of whom worried that the deportation that happened during the Obama presidency would continue in the Biden administration.

The central tenet of Biden's plan is the pathway to citizenship, which would allow certain undocumented immigrants to achieve citizenship within eight years. The plan, according to the source, would give certain immigrants temporary status for five years, allow them to apply for green cards after that time and once they have met certain criteria, then allow them to apply for citizenship three years later.

For recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals -- so-called Dreamers who were protected under a program first started by President Barack Obama -- the pathway would be streamlined, allowing them to apply for a green card immediately.

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris recently described the soon-to-be released immigration plan in an interview with Univision.

"It will be about creating a pathway for people to earn citizenship. We're going to reduce the

time from what is now has been currently 13 years to eight years. We are going to expand protections for Dreamers and DACA recipients. "These are some of the things that we're going to do on our immigration bill. And we believe it is a smarter and a more humane way of approaching immigration."

The plan, which was first reported by the Washington Post, would also require immigrants to have been in the United States by the start of 2021, a decision made to stop any mass migration to the US-Mexico border.

Trump made immigration one of the central tenets of his presidential bid, pledging to build a wall along the US-Mexico border as a way to curb undocumented immigrants from coming to the United States. While some of the wall has been built, Trump's actions have failed to live up to his words and he leaves office with only a handful of immigration accomplishments to tout.

The likelihood of a sweeping immigration bill passing Congress is an open question. Previous attempts, like the concerted pushed to pass an immigration bill in 2013, failed, and the Republican Party now includes more immigration hardliners after four years under Trump.

"I would be privileged to work with Congress to pass immigration reform legislation that provides that path and provides a permanent solution to what is clearly a broken system," Alejandro Mayorkas, Biden's pick to lead the Department of Homeland Security, told senators on Tuesday.

This immigration plan will not be Biden's only action taken on the issue at the outset of his administration. Incoming chief of staff Ron Klain wrote in a memo over the weekend that Biden will begin the process of reunifying the families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border within his first ten days in office, and sources familiar with Biden's plans anticipate he will also issue an executive order aimed at halting the construction of Trump's border wall and reinstating the DACA program.

Biden immigration bill would put millions of illegal immigrants on 8-year fast-track to citizenship (FOX News)

FOX News [1/19/2021 11:33 AM, Adam Shaw, 10362K]

A radical immigration overhaul to be proposed this week by President-elect Joe Biden would include a path to citizenship that could see millions of illegal immigrants become U.S. citizens in just eight years.

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris told Univision last week that the immigration bill would be "first order of business" and will be about "creating a pathway for people to earn citizenship." She said that pathway would be eight years long.

The Washington Post reported Monday that the bill, to be unveiled on Inauguration Day Wednesday, would put illegal immigrants into protected status and a five-year pathway to a green card. If they meet certain conditions, such as payment of taxes and a background check, they could then be put on a three-year pathway to citizenship. Some estimates put the population of illegal immigrants at around 12 million as of 2015, other estimates are higher.

The Associated Press, which also reported that the eight-year path is in the bill, noted that it would be one of the fastest pathways to citizenship for illegal immigrants in recent years.

A pathway to citizenship -- not just legal status -- for illegal immigrants has been a top agenda item for liberals and immigration activists for decades and now -- with Democratic control of the White House, House and Senate -- that goal could be in sight.

It would also grant immediate green cards to hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants protected from deportation under Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) programs. President Trump had moved to abolish DACA, the 2012 Obama-era executive order that protected those who came to the U.S. as children. But he was rebuffed by the Supreme Court, and Harris said that "we are going to expand protections for Dreamers and DACA recipients."

"These are some of the things that we're going to do on our immigration bill. And we believe it is smarter and a more humane way of approaching immigration for immigrants," she said.

The Post reported that the bill would also include border security provisions at the border, and said it would see increased technology at the border -- but it is unclear what this involves. Biden has promised that "not another foot" of President Trump's border wall will be built under his administration.

The bill would also include provisions to stem the flow of migration by addressing root causes of migration from south of the border. Biden had, during the campaign, promised a $4 billion four-year plan of assistance to be linked with reforms from those countries.

On legal immigration, the Post reported that the bill would open a number of further avenues of legal immigration -- including "recapturing" unused visas from prior years, giving work permits to the spouses and children of temporary visa holders.

While the bill has a good chance of being passed in the Democrat-controlled House, it is unclear of its chances in the Senate. It would need 60 votes to pass the chamber, meaning 10 Republicans would have to vote in favor. A number of past efforts at immigration reform have failed, including a 2013 effort under President Barack Obama.

While Republicans have indicated they are open to working with Biden on his key legislative priorities, GOP lawmakers have traditionally demanded that any amnesty of illegal immigrants be accompanied by muscular enforcement at the border. Republicans are likely to face pressure from its conservative base opposed to legalizing millions of illegal immigrants.

The legislation is one of a number of radical actions on immigration that Biden has promised to take. He has promised to implement a moratorium on deportations and to end a number of Trump-era programs to stop illegal immigration, including the Migrant Protection Protocols. He has also pledged to dramatically increase the number of refugees the U.S. takes in every year.

Meanwhile, the Biden administration will face an early challenge in the form of a caravan of thousands of migrants moving toward the border from Honduras. That caravan has called on the administration to honor its "commitments" to them.

But, in a possible nod to fears of a migrant surge at the border with a new bill, the Post reported that the pathway to citizenship would only apply to those who arrived in the country before Jan. 1.

Asylum seekers call on Biden to reverse Trump immigration policies, protect 'vulnerable' populations (FOX News)

FOX News [1/19/2021 5:00 PM, Bradford Betz, 10362K]

A group of asylum seekers waiting in Mexico is calling upon the incoming Biden administration to reverse President Trump's signature policies on immigration, namely an end to the "Remain in Mexico Policy."

The group spoke Tuesday at a virtual press conference organized by Pueblo Sin Fronteras, an immigration rights group known for organizing high-profile migrant caravans in Mexico and Central America.

A four-minute video played reiterating demands outlined in an open letter to President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

"We are confident that in your new administration, many of the proposals that you have made in your campaign related to the defense of migrants, will be put into practice, as soon as possible," the letter read.

The organizers noted that thousands of families have, for more than a year, been waiting at the border in dangerous areas while their asylum requests are being processed.

The letter requested the following items be included in Biden's main agenda: open the U.S. border for asylum seekers, the elimination of Trump's "Remain in Mexico" policy, waiting lists to apply for asylum, the separation of migrant families, guaranteed legal representation for asylum seekers, and the guaranteed right to request asylum – specifically for vulnerable populations like pregnant women and unaccompanied children.

"We are also committed to complying with the sanitary measures established for the protection of health, both for ourselves and for the citizens of the United States, without this paralyzing the asylum process," the letter read. "We appreciate your attention to these requests, and we expect a favorable response within your first 100 days in office."

The press conference in Tijuana comes just one day before Biden is set to inaugurated as the nation's 47th president.

Meanwhile, a caravan of Honduran immigrants has been making its way to the United States. Some of its members have been interviewed saying their aim is to get to the U.S. to benefit from Biden's pledge on the campaign trail to suspend deportations for 100 days after he takes office.

By Tuesday, the caravan had largely dissipated in the face of security forces in Guatemala. Small groups pressed on toward the Mexican border, while others accepted rides from authorities back to Honduras.

Buses carrying dozens of migrants and police patrol vehicles carrying handfuls arrived

sporadically through the morning at the Guatemala-Honduras border crossing of El Florido. They were passed from Guatemalan border agents to their Honduran counterparts and then boarded buses that would take them back to their hometowns.

Some 25 miles into Guatemala where hundreds of migrants had been stalled at a roadblock in Vado Hondo for several days, traffic flowed smoothly Tuesday and few migrants remained. Guatemala's immigration authorities reported that through Monday more than 2,300 migrants had been returned to Honduras.

If Guatemala's government had indeed dissolved the year's first caravan, it would be a relief to the incoming U.S. administration. Biden has promised immigration reform, but for now plans to leave Trump-era border policies in place fearing a surge of migrants when he takes office.

Fox News has reached out to Biden's transition with a request for comment.

A Biden transition official told NBC News on Sunday that migrants expected a sudden change of immigration policies in the United States under a Biden administration are likely to be disappointed.

They "need to understand they're not going to be able to come into the U.S. immediately," he said.

Biden's Secretary of State nominee Anthony Blinken echoed those sentiments on Tuesday. When asked what he would say to migrants headed to the U.S. in a Caravan, he said: "I would say do not come."

Joe Biden To Propose Citizenship Plan For 11 Million Illegal Immigrants In US (Daily Caller)

Daily Caller [1/19/2021 9:43 AM, Anders Hagstrom, 321K]

President-elect Joe Biden will propose an 8-year path to citizenship for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants currently living in the U.S., the Associated Press reported Tuesday.

Biden reportedly plans to unveil the legislation on his first day in office. The plan could represent Biden's first kept campaign promise, as he vowed several times on the campaign trail to introduce a path to citizenship for the 11 million illegal immigrants within his first 100 days in office.

Under the plan, all illegal immigrants who began living in the U.S. by January 1, 2021 will have a 5-year path to temporary legal status, so long as they pay taxes and pass a background check, the AP reported. Following an additional three years, they would be able to apply for U.S. citizenship.

Dreamers will be given an expedited path to temporary legal status under the legislation. The plan does not address border security or provide any funding or strategy for improving it, instead only calling for lawmakers to come up with new strategies, according to the AP.

The bill will likely represent the first major legislative push of Biden's presidency, and it could ultimately compete for the limelight with the Senate impeachment trial of Trump.

The House of Representatives impeached Trump on one charge of "incitement of insurrection" for his role in causing a pro-Trump mob to storm the U.S. Capitol on January 6. While Biden has condemned Trump's actions, he has been hesitant to endorse the impeachment effort for fear the process could get in the way of his legislative goals.

"Last week, we saw an unprecedented assault on our democracy," Biden said in a January 13 statement. "It was carried out by political extremists and domestic terrorists, who were incited to this violence by President Trump. It was an armed insurrection against the United States of America. And those responsible must be held accountable."

"I hope that the Senate leadership will find a way to deal with their Constitutional responsibilities on impeachment while also working on the other urgent business of this nation," he added. "From confirmations to key posts … to getting our vaccine program on track, and to getting our economy going again."

Biden was more blunt in a January 8 statement.

"What Congress decides to do is for them to decide, but they're going to have to be ready to hit the ground running because when Kamala and I are sworn in we're going to be introducing immediately significant pieces of legislation," he said.

Biden looks to grant citizenship to most illegal immigrants, DHS pick says (Washington Times)

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Abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement is a nonstarter and the fate of the border wall is uncertain, but the Biden team does want to grant citizenship rights to most illegal immigrants and to pump money into Latin America as the way to discourage illegal immigration, Alejandro Mayorkas, the pick to lead the Department of Homeland Security, told senators Tuesday.

Appearing for his confirmation hearing, Mr. Mayorkas cast himself as a boundary-breaking leader ready to shake up a department that has lacked a confirmed secretary for nearly two years.

He promised an aggressive effort to overturn Trump policies focused on turning back illegal immigrants at the border and said the solution lies farther south, where nation-building in Latin America will try to keep people from leaving home in the first place.

Those plans will be coupled with the most generous amnesty in U.S. history. Illegal immigrants who arrived in the U.S. before Jan. 1 will get a chance at citizenship if they meet other requirements, Mr. Mayorkas said.

"I would be privileged to work with Congress to pass immigration reform legislation that provides that path and provides a permanent solution to what is clearly a broken system," he told the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

The panel is controlled by Republicans for now, but leadership will transfer to Democrats when Georgia's two newly elected senators take the oath of office.

That should pave Mr. Mayorkas' path to confirmation, despite a withering 2015 inspector general's report that accused him of political favoritism during his time as director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Obama administration.

That report, released after Mr. Mayorkas was elevated to deputy secretary at the Department of Homeland Security, said he intervened in cases involving major Democrats: Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe and Pennsylvania Gov. Edward G. Rendell. Mr. Mayorkas had his agency approve visa applications from wealthy foreign investors tied to projects of those three men.

He violated his own ethics rules, too, the audit found.

The inspector general's report also said Mr. Mayorkas was strident and prickly in his dealings with underlings at USCIS. Such charges in the past have derailed high-level nominations.

Mr. Mayorkas vehemently rejected the inspector general's findings at the time. He said Tuesday that he found a broken agency that was getting cases wrong and, as director, he felt he had to step in and force the right decisions.

"It is my job to become involved, to learn the problems that an agency confronts, to become involved in those problems, and to fix them. That's what I did in this case," he said.

Mr. Mayorkas spent more than four years at the helm of USCIS, then three years as deputy secretary at the full Homeland Security Department, where he served under Secretary Jeh Johnson.

Democrats said that time in office was his chief selling point because it meant he won't need to get acquainted with the issues facing Homeland Security while the sprawling department is dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, cybersecurity breaches, a potential border surge and growing threats from right-wing extremists.

"I believe Ali is uniquely qualified to face the challenges before DHS," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, the California Democrat who introduced Mr. Mayorkas to the panel.

Despite his experience, Mr. Mayorkas said at least 15 times during the hearing that he would have to study an issue before he could give an answer about how he would approach a certain matter. That included questions such as how the department has performed during the pandemic and whether ICE needs more funding or personnel.

"I will have to study the condition of Immigration Customs Enforcement, how efficiently and effectively it is using its resources, and how it is best serving the American public. That requires my study," he said.

Mr. Mayorkas also said he needs to study the newly enacted spending law to figure out whether the $1.375 billion included for border infrastructure can be siphoned away from wall-building. He did say, however, that President-elect Joseph R. Biden has made clear that he would prefer not to build another foot of wall.

The nominee also demurred when asked whether any of the more than 450 miles of wall

built under Mr. Trump should be pulled down.

“I haven’t looked at that specific question,” he said.

Mr. Mayorkas’ nomination has support from a striking range of parties.

The National Border Patrol Council, the union for Border Patrol agents that strongly backed President Trump, has endorsed Mr. Mayorkas’ nomination.

“I can tell you, Mayorkas understands the importance of not opening up the floodgates,” said Brandon Judd, president of the NBPC. “I’m looking at what Mayorkas did during the Obama administration, and he did give us resources to try to hold people pending proper proceedings.”

He said he doesn’t expect Mr. Mayorkas to maintain all of the Trump policies that were effective in stemming the 2018 and 2019 border surges, but he added that others under consideration for the post were less palatable.

Also backing Mr. Mayorkas are immigrant rights activist groups on the left, even though his time in the Obama administration included detaining and deporting families and erecting the chain-link fence enclosures at border stations used to hold children, and which critics dubbed “cages” in the Trump years.

Under questioning from Sen. Ron Johnson, Wisconsin Republican, Mr. Mayorkas acknowledged that those chain-link pens were built on his watch. Still, he vehemently rejected the accusation that families were separated during his time in office.

What the Obama administration did do was vastly expand the detention network to hold families so they could be deported.

Left-leaning activist groups have signaled that they are willing to overlook that history for the chance to get a homeland security secretary who can be confirmed by an evenly divided Senate and can erase Trump policies.

They also hope that this administration will be able to legalize most illegal immigrants.

President George W. Bush and President Obama tried but failed to get legislation through Congress.

The proposal to offer citizenship rights to as many as 11 million illegal immigrants will be presented to Congress on Wednesday, Mr. Mayorkas said.

According to news reports, it will not include any new border security or interior enforcement provisions. Past Senate proposals included hundreds of miles of border wall, thousands more immigration agents and new rules to try to block businesses from turning to illegal labor.

Sen. Marco Rubio, a Florida Republican who worked on the last major immigration push in 2013, called Mr. Biden’s plan a “nonstarter” for Republicans.

"There are many issues I think we can work cooperatively with President-elect Biden, but a blanket amnesty for people who are here unlawfully isn't going to be one of them," he said in a statement.

Biden's DHS Nominee Alejandro Mayorkas Promises to Help Pass an Amnesty for Illegal Aliens (Breitbart)

Breitbart [1/19/2021 4:46 PM, John Binder, 1912K]

President-elect Joe Biden's Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary nominee, Alejandro Mayorkas, says he "would be privileged" to help congressional Democrats and Republicans pass an amnesty for the 11 to 22 million illegal aliens living in the United States.

During his confirmation hearing before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on Tuesday, Mayorkas said he is onboard with Biden's plans to provide amnesty to millions of illegal aliens so long as they are in the U.S. by January 1, 2021.

"I would be privileged to work with Congress to pass immigration reform legislation that provides that path and provides a permanent solution to what is clearly a broken system," Mayorkas said when asked about the plan.

As part of Biden's plan, millions of illegal aliens who are enrolled and eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program would be able to immediately obtain green cards, as well as foreign nationals who are in the U.S. on Temporary Protected Status (TPS).

Mayorkas, as former head of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for the Obama administration, said he "was proud to implement" the DACA program despite its spurring a rush to the southern border.

"President-Elect Biden also has committed to reinstating the DACA program that I was proud to implement when I was head of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and President-Elect Biden also has committed to following the law and applying Temporary Protected Status … to populations who qualify for it by reason of the country conditions in their nations of origin," Mayorkas said.

"I look forward to executing the president's commitments should I have the honor of serving as the secretary of Homeland Security," Mayorkas continued.

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO), who has since said he will oppose Mayorkas' nomination, noted the negative jobs and wage impact that an amnesty would likely have on the roughly 18 million Americans who remain jobless and another 6.2 million who are underemployed. Their economic opportunities are crushed when cheaper, foreign labor in the labor market is readily available to employers.

Mayorkas also deferred to Biden's plan which seeks to end President Trump's "Remain in Mexico" policy that has drastically reduced asylum fraud and kept illegal immigration at bay.

"I would execute on that commitment should I have the privilege of serving," Mayorkas said when asked if he would throw out the Remain in Mexico policy as Biden has proposed.

Biden's amnesty plan will include a litany of giveaways to big business, the open borders lobby, and Democrats who are looking to secure their permanent political majority by importing voters. The plan includes:

Amnesty with an eight-year path to American citizenship

Green cards for DACA illegal aliens and TPS beneficiaries

A 700 percent increase in the refugee resettlement program

Reinstatement of the Central American Minors (CAM) program

Funding for technology mechanisms at the U.S.-Mexico border

Work permits for the family members of H-1B and H-2B visa holders

Additional employment-based and chain migration visas

Fast-track to the U.S. for Central American family members of citizens

Already, Biden's plan has resulted in a nearly 9,000-strong caravan of migrants vowing to arrive at the U.S.-Mexico border to seek asylum. Mayorkas would not turn down potentially allowing many of the caravan migrants into the country during the confirmation hearing.

"President-elect Biden and people who will be joining us in the incoming administration have spoken about the fact that there's a commitment to follow our asylum laws, to enforce our asylum laws, and that means to provide humanitarian relief for those individuals who qualify for it under the law," Mayorkas said when asked to send a message to the caravan migrants.

[TX] Biden's immigration plan would provide path to citizenship for 1.7 million Texans (Houston Chronicle)
Houston Chronicle [1/19/2021 5:22 PM, Benjamin Wermund, 206K]
Just after being sworn in on Wednesday, President-elect Joe Biden plans to propose a major immigration overhaul that would offer a pathway to citizenship to up to 1.7 million Texans who are in the country without legal authorization.

The proposal, which Biden is expected to send to Congress on his inauguration day, would create an eight-year path to citizenship for the estimated 11 million unauthorized immigrants in the U.S., more than 500,000 of whom live in Harris and Bexar counties, according to the Migration Policy Institute. Those who qualify would be granted a green card after five years and could apply for citizenship three years later.

The plan would create a faster track for those protected by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program — more than 106,000 Texans as of June — and with temporary protected status, who could apply immediately for a green card. A Biden transition official on Tuesday confirmed the outline of the plan, which was first reported by the Washington Post.

The move positions immigration reform as a top priority for the new president, beyond tackling the coronavirus, for which Biden has proposed a $1.9 trillion relief package.

Democrats' slim control of Congress, meanwhile, puts a spotlight on Texas Republicans, especially U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, who campaigned last year on his support for the DACA program.

Democrats control the House, where a majority could pass Biden's proposal, but they will need to build support from at least 10 Republican senators for it to get to Biden's desk.

Immigration advocates have cheered the proposal and some experts say they're more optimistic than they've been in years about the prospects of such a comprehensive overhaul.

Still, a deal on immigration has eluded Congress for decades and Biden's proposal was already drawing resistance from the Senate's most conservative members on Tuesday. U.S. Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri stopped an effort to fast-track Biden's nominee to lead the Department of Homeland Security, citing the president-elect's "amnesty plan for 11 million immigrants."

Cornyn, meanwhile, said as recently as this summer that he had given up on comprehensive reform, calling at the time for incremental action on issues such as DACA.

"In the entire time I've been in the Senate, when we try to do comprehensive immigration reform, we fail," Cornyn said in June. "We have a perfect record of failure when it comes to comprehensive immigration reform."

DACA especially may be a motivating factor for those, including Cornyn, who have called for Congress to codify the program, which he says he supports, even though he was critical of President Barack Obama's executive action to establish it.

The U.S. Supreme Court this summer blocked President Donald Trump's effort to end the program, but did not rule on whether it is constitutional. A separate Texas-led lawsuit challenging DACA is now before Andrew Hanen, a conservative federal district court judge in Houston who has said he believes the program, as enacted by Obama, is unconstitutional.

Charles Foster, an immigration attorney in Houston who advised Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama on the issue, said Biden's proposal looks a lot like those offered by both of those predecessors. But the politics around the issue have changed significantly in recent years as Trump campaigned on his administration's crackdown on immigration.

The Biden proposal is expected to also allow more refugees to come to the United States, while calling for an increased reliance on technology to protect the southern border, a shift away from Trump's signature effort to build a wall.

Foster said the path to legal status for unauthorized immigrants is the most important piece of the proposal and would have the biggest effect on Texas, home to 16 percent of the nation's unauthorized immigrant population. Though it would offer a path to citizenship for many, Foster said historically only about a third of immigrants eligible to apply for citizenship have done so.

The proposal would be a "net plus" for the state's economy, Foster said. A Rice University

study last year estimated that for every $1 the Texas government spends on people living in the state illegally, the state brings in $1.21 in tax revenue.

Foster said there is reason for some optimism about the proposal's chances. Biden spent decades in the Senate and may have better luck than most convincing some of his former colleagues to support the legislation.

Foster said he was also optimistic Cornyn would be among the Republicans who might support the effort.

Still, he said, "I've been burned many times telling people it would pass."

Critics have questioned Cornyn's commitment to passing legislation to protect so-called Dreamers, pointing out that he said Trump was right to end the program in 2017, saying at the time that Congress should act on the matter.

Cornyn voted against standalone DACA bills in 2007 and 2010. In 2018 — as Republican whip, responsible for rounding up votes for legislation — Cornyn said any citizenship concessions would have to include cuts to family migration and the diversity visa lottery in order to pass the Senate.

Other immigration advocates are less optimistic about Republican support. They say even if the full package doesn't pass, it's still a significant marker of where Biden wants to go on immigration during his term.

"It's a big deal that he's saying this is where Democrats stand, this is our goal and we're not going to stop until we achieve it," said Frank Sharry, executive director of the immigrant rights group America's Voice.

Sharry said the legislative package isn't all or nothing, however, and immigration advocates will accept piecemeal progress through whatever means Biden can achieve — whether it's slipping a path to citizenship for so-called "Dreamers" into other legislative agreements, such as coronavirus relief packages, or taking executive action to undo Trump's restrictions.

He pointed to polling showing a big majority of Americans support a path to citizenship. A 2019 Gallup poll found 81 percent support.

"We used to negotiate with Republicans on a bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform approach, but the Republicans — personified perhaps best by John Cornyn — always asked for way too much in concessions and delivered way too few in Republican votes," Sharry said. "Negotiate with Republicans. So we go down that rabbit hole again? I don't think so. We've been subjected to the Cornyn con way too many times. We're not falling for that trick again."

Among those likely to oppose the effort is U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, who Foster said is a case study in how the politics around immigration have changed. Foster worked with Cruz on Bush's immigration policies during the former president's 2000 campaign.

But Cruz has since emerged as one of the Senate's biggest immigration hawks. In July, the Texas Republican blocked an effort by Senate Democrats to pass legislation creating a

pathway to citizenship for so-called "Dreamers," which he called an attempt at offering "amnesty" to those who entered the country illegally.

"Today's Democratic Party — their priority is on people here illegally and not on American workers," Cruz said at the time.

[Tanzania] U.S. Imposes Visa Restrictions on Tanzanian Officials Over Vote (Bloomberg)
Bloomberg [1/19/2021 12:50 PM, Fumbuka Ng'wanakilala, 6400K]
U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced visa restrictions for Tanzanian officials it said were "responsible for or complicit in undermining" the East African country's October general elections.

Incumbent President John Magufuli secured a second five-year term in the vote that saw him garner more than 88% of the ballots cast. Opponents said the result was fraudulent and Tundu Lissu, the main opposition leader, has vowed to push ahead with nationwide street protests.

"Election observers and civil society noted widespread irregularities as well as human rights abuses and violations before, during, and after the election," Pompeo said in a statement released by the State Department. "Civil society leaders remain under threat in the post-election period, and opposition leaders have fled the country out of fear for their safety."

Other Western nations have also criticized the election, saying there were "credible allegations" of irregularities, including ballot stuffing and violence against civilians by security forces. Tanzanian election officials reject the allegations.

"The United States will continue to closely follow developments in Tanzania and will not hesitate to take additional actions against individuals complicit in undermining democracy and violating human rights," Pompeo said.

"We urge the Government of Tanzania to reverse course and hold accountable those responsible for the flawed election, violence, and intimidation."

[Tanzania] US puts visa restrictions on Tanzanian officials over vote (AP)
AP [1/19/2021 11:32 AM, Staff]
The United States says it has placed visa restrictions on unnamed Tanzanian officials who it says were "responsible or complicit in undermining" the country's election last year.

A statement by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo asserts that the officials contributed to the "downward trajectory of the country's democracy" and that the U.S. "will not hesitate to take additional actions."

The October election in the East African country was marred by violence against opposition leaders, internet disruptions and widespread allegations of vote-rigging, and the U.S. says the vote was "neither free nor fair."

Leading opposition presidential candidate Tundu Lissu, who had returned to Tanzania from exile to challenge populist President John Magufuli, returned to exile soon after the election,

accompanied to the airport by U.S. and other diplomats in an effort to ensure his safety.

The United Nations human rights office said at least 150 opposition leaders and members had been arrested around election day.

Magufuli was declared the overwhelming winner of a second five-year term and the Chama Cha Mapinduzi party, a version of which has ruled since independence, won enough seats to change the constitution and perhaps extend the presidency's two-term limit.

Tanzania's electoral commission called all the votes legitimate, and it denied fraud allegations ranging from ballot box-stuffing to a massive internet slowdown to the rejection of thousands of election observers from polling stations. Few international observers were allowed.

The lead-up to the vote featured intimidation of journalists and members of civil society, while some candidates were harassed and blocked from campaigning.

Customs and Border Protection

CBP acting commissioner: Biden sending 'loud and clear' message for migrants (FOX News)
FOX News [1/19/2021 2:48 PM, Talia Kaplan, 10362K] Video: HERE
President-elect Joe Biden has been sending a "loud and clear" message to migrants, who are already heading to the U.S. southern border ahead of his inauguration, Mark Morgan, acting commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said on Tuesday.

"The reason why the caravans are starting right now is because the Biden administration said our borders are open and he's creating incentives and pull factors," Morgan told "America's Newsroom."

"The rhetoric during the year-plus Biden campaign has been very clear," he added, arguing that Biden "wanted to undo [and] roll back every single effective policy and authority that President Trump gave us that allowed us to address the illegal immigration crisis, secure our borders [and] protect the American people."

Morgan pointed to Biden's pledge to place a 100-day moratorium on deportations – one of several items on his agenda that will reverse some of President Trump's signature policies.

"It's not just about stopping deportations for 100 days, it's about giving them amnesty for millions of people, it's about giving people who remain here illegally free health care," Morgan said.

He noted that "the migrants themselves are actually quoting Biden, saying we've got 100 days to get to the U.S. border."

A migrant traveling with a caravan that left Honduras on Friday was seen in an interview shared by The Hill telling a reporter that he was headed to the U.S. because soon-to-be President Biden is "giving us 100 days to get to the U.S."

When asked what he wanted for "his people," the migrant said it was "to get to the U.S. because they're having a new president."

"He's gonna help all of us," the migrant said of Biden. "He's giving us 100 days to get to the U.S." to get legal status and "get a better life for our kids and family."

Biden has promised a pathway to legal permanent residency for those in the country illegally and a suspension on deportations by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Morgan pointed out that the repercussions of Biden's statements are already happening with the number of migrants increasing.

"This caravan now of thousands is just a microcosm of what's coming," Morgan warned.

On Sunday, an unnamed Biden transition official said the migrants hoping to claim asylum in the U.S. during the first few weeks of the administration "need to understand they're not going to be able to come into the U.S. immediately," NBC News reported.

The Biden transition official told NBC News that while "there's help on the way," now "is not the time to make the journey."

[OH] Customs seizes $8 million in counterfeit Cartier bracelets, rings (FOX News)
FOX News [1/19/2021 10:06 PM, Lucas Manfredi, 10362K]
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials stopped two separate shipments from Hong Kong containing more than 800 counterfeit Cartier jewelry products valued at a total of $8.72 million.

The first shipment, halted and inspected by CBP officers in Cincinnati, Ohio on Thursday, included two parcels heading to a residence in West Palm Beach, Florida which included over 400 of Cartier's designer bracelets.

"This is a significant seizure for CBP, but unfortunately, CBP officers see counterfeit shipments like this every day," Cincinnati port director Richard Gillespie said in a statement. "I'm extremely proud of these officers determination in stopping illicit shipments, and our commitment to protecting the American economy."

Meanwhile, on the same night, a shipment containing 401 Cartier rings and bracelets was stopped and inspected in Louisville, Kentucky, determined to be from the same location in Hong Kong and headed to the same residence in West Palm Beach.

"Driven by the rise in E-commerce, the market for counterfeit goods in the United States has shifted in recent years from one in which consumers often knowingly purchased counterfeits to one in which counterfeiters try to deceive consumers into buying goods they believe are authentic," Louisville port director Thomas Mahn added. "Consumers are unaware that they're buying a dangerous product as the counterfeit is just that good."

After being reviewed by an import specialist, the items were determined to be counterfeit. If the items were real, the total manufacturer suggested retail price for Cincinnati's seizure would have been over $4.17 million, while Louisville's seizure would have been more than $4.55 million.

Customers and Border Protection seizes millions of counterfeit goods every year as part of its mission to protect U.S. businesses and consumers, including fake versions of popular products like smartphones and related accessories, electronics, apparel, shoes, cosmetics and high-end luxury goods.

In addition, CBP agents seize goods posing "significant health and safety concerns", including counterfeit pharmaceuticals, bicycle and motorcycle helmets, medical devices, supplements and other consumables.

In fiscal year 2020 alone, CBP seized 26,503 shipments nationwide which violated intellectual property rights. If the products had been genuine, their estimated value would be nearly $1.3 billion.

CBP has authority to detain, seize, forfeit and destroy merchandise seeking entry into the United States if it bears an infringing trademark or copyright that has been registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or the U.S. Copyright Office.

[TX] Migrant Body Found on Texas Ranch 90 Miles from Southern Border (Breitbart)
Breitbart [1/19/2021 2:24 PM, Bob Price, 1912K]
A South Texas sheriff's office deputy recovered the body of a recently deceased migrant on a ranch located about 90 miles from the U.S-Mexico border. The migrant appeared to die near the end of his attempt to march around the Falfurrias Border Patrol checkpoint on U.S. Highway 281.

Brooks County Sheriff's Office dispatchers received information from Falfurrias Station Border Patrol agents regarding the discovery of a deceased migrant. Dispatchers sent Deputy Jose Lemus to the ranch located west of the city of Falfurrias, Texas, according to information provided by Brooks County Sheriff's Office officials.

Deputy Lemus arrived at the entrance to the gate and met up with a U.S. Border Patrol agent who guided him and a local justice of the peace to the location of the body.

After traveling approximately two miles into the ranch, Deputy Lumas observed the body of a man lying on his back with his arms and legs spread out. The man appeared to have died very recently, perhaps from exposure to very cold temperatures.

The area where they found the body is a well-known human smuggling pickup point along Highway 285 where smugglers will pick up the migrants who successfully complete the march around the immigration checkpoint located south of Falfurrias. The march frequently takes several days. It appears this migrant was about two miles from the completion of his journey when he was abandoned by smugglers when he could not keep up.

"This is the callous nature of these smugglers," Brooks County Sheriff Benny Martinez told Breitbart Texas in a phone interview. "If you are on this march and get injured, sick, or for any other reason cannot keep up, they simply leave you behind to die."

Photos provided by the sheriff's office show the man wearing blue jeans, black shoes, a grey t-shirt, and a light hoodie-style sweatshirt.

The deputy found a bag containing a cell phone and a Honduran passport. The passport belongs to 39-year-old Miguel Enrique Martin Urbina. It is not known if the passport belongs to the decedent.

The justice of the peace made the statutory pronouncement of death and a local funeral home made arrangements to transport the body to the Webb County Medical Examiner. There, Dr. Corrine Stern and her staff will conduct an autopsy to positively identify the man and determine the cause of death. Once identified, Dr. Stern's office makes contact with the decedent's home country for notification of next-of-kin and set up the return of the body to the family.

This is the first migrant death in Brooks County this year, Sheriff Martinez told Breitbart. In 2020, Martinez's deputies assisted in the recovery of 34 migrants. This is down from 45 the year before.

Martinez said the reduction in deaths comes in spite of large numbers of migrants who continue to sneak through his county. "Border Patrol agents are doing great work to find these people before they succumb to the elements," he stated.

[CA] Border Patrol: 15 aboard boat detained in thwarted smuggling attempt (San Diego Union Tribune)
San Diego Union Tribune [1/19/2021 6:30 PM, David Hernandez, 248K]
Authorities in San Diego stopped a boat at sea and detained 15 Mexican nationals who were being smuggled into the U.S. on Saturday, including a convicted rapist, a Border Patrol official said Tuesday.

The Coast Guard stopped the personal craft-style boat about 2:45 p.m. and towed it to a Mission Bay lifeguard station. There, Border Patrol agents questioned the group onboard — four women and 11 men — and determined they were in the U.S. illegally, said Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Jeff Stephenson.

He said everyone in the group with the exception of one of them who was operating the boat had been hiding in the cabin.

They were taken to a Border Patrol station where agents checked for any criminal records. They discovered that one of the men is a convicted rapist who served three years in prison, Stephenson said.

The agents referred the 48-year-old man's case to the U.S. Attorney's Office for possible prosecution on allegations that he returned the U.S. after being deported, Stephenson said.

The 14 others in the group were returned to Mexico.

Transportation Security Administration

More than 1.6M passengers screened at airports nationwide over past 3 days (FOX News)
FOX News [1/19/2021 1:07 PM, Daniella Genovese, 10362K]
More than 1.6 million people have passed through airports nationwide over the past three

days, according to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

On Monday, more than 878,000 passengers were screened while more than 1.5 million people were screened over Saturday and Sunday, according to the agency's latest figures.

Checkpoint volume has steadily dropped since the holidays when Americans traveled in record numbers.

Just two days before Christmas, TSA screened more than 1.1 million people on one single day. A few days after New Year's Eve, the agency screened more than 1.3 million people, the highest checkpoint volume since the pandemic hit.

However, this time, travelers may notice heightened security measures, specifically at major airports around Washington, D.C.

Following the deadly riot at the Capitol, federal agencies began working to increase security measures before President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris take the oath of office.

The TSA previously said it will put more air marshals on some flights, and travelers will see a noticeable increase in police officers, bomb-detecting dogs and random screenings.

Federal officials also began investigating people who took part in the riot to determine whether they should be barred from traveling on airlines.

TSA Administrator David Pekoske said his agency is "processing hundreds of names with law enforcement agencies for a thorough risk assessment." He said TSA was working "to ensure those who may pose a threat to our aviation sector undergo enhanced screening or are prevented from boarding an aircraft."

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) also issued several warnings starting that any passenger who "disrupts or threatens the safety of a flight" may face severe penalties including $35,000 fines and 20 years in prison.

In a recent memo to employees, Delta CEO Ed Bastian also noted that any passenger who refuses "to display basic civility" to employees or fellow travelers will not be allowed to fly with the airline "ever again."

TSA investigating 'hundreds of names' linked to Capitol riots for possible inclusion on no-fly list (USA Today)

USA Today [1/19/2021 12:29 PM, Associated Press, 5823K]

Federal officials are investigating people who took part in the riot at the U.S. Capitol to determine whether they should be barred from traveling on airlines.

The assessments are one of several steps federal agencies are taking to increase security before President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration on Wednesday. The Transportation Security Administration said Friday it will put more air marshals on some flights, and travelers will see a noticeable increase in police officers, bomb-detecting dogs and random screening at all three major airports in the Washington, D.C., area.

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Another federal official said the assessments involve people who took part in the Jan. 6 siege at the Capitol, which left five people dead and forced Vice President Mike Pence and members of Congress to leave the Senate and House chambers and seek shelter for several hours.

The assessments could result in rioters being added to the federal no-fly list, the person said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details that weren't made public.

The FBI said last week it was considering adding Capitol rioters to the federal no-fly list but stopped short of saying that individuals were being scrutinized. The TSA vets airline manifests and notifies airlines when a ticketed passenger appears to be ineligible to fly.

Airlines and Washington-area airports also have promised tighter security after the Jan. 6 riot at the Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump. Each of the nation's seven largest airlines says they will temporarily prohibit passengers flying to Washington from putting guns in checked bags.

Last week, the Federal Aviation Administration announced it will take a tougher enforcement stance toward passengers accused of interfering with or assaulting airline crew members or other passengers. That decision followed a number of incidents on planes of people refusing to wear masks, yelling at other passengers, and in a few cases, harassing members of Congress at airports.

Thousands of US travelers on major airlines' no-fly lists as TSA vets Capitol rioters (Washington Examiner)

Washington Examiner [1/19/2021 3:26 PM, Jake Dima, 394K]

Nearly 3,000 travelers in the United States have been placed on no-fly lists by private airlines.

A total of 2,845 people have been barred from using at least one major carrier, Fox News found, citing data from airlines themselves. Delta had over 880 prohibited passengers, Frontier (over 500) and United (approximately 615), among others.

The companies bar certain passengers for unruly behavior and disregarding crew member instructions. Federal authorities have also begun considering adding rioters who participated in the Jan. 6 siege on the Capitol to a government no-fly list.

"As for the no-fly list, we look at all tools and techniques we can possibly use within the FBI, and that's something that we are actively looking at," FBI Washington Field Office Assistant Director in Charge Steven D'Antuono said in a news conference.

The FBI's Terrorist Screening Center is the only agency that can make a determination pertaining to a federal no-fly list. The government body receives tips from national security agencies and makes the ultimate determination on who may become a threat.

David Pekoske of the Transportation Security Administration told the Associated Press that the organization is “processing hundreds of names with law enforcement agencies for a thorough risk assessment.” Pekoske added that "those who may pose a threat" will either "undergo enhanced screening" or be barred from boarding their flight.

On Friday, the TSA announced it would be increasing the number of air marshals on flights, expanding the number of bomb-detecting K-9s and police officers, and heightening the frequency in which random screenings for travelers are deployed. The move follows the Jan. 6 Capitol riot that resulted in five deaths and the numerous threats to interrupt the Wednesday inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden.

The TSA declined to mention anything more recent pertaining to its operations to the Washington Examiner.

Viral videos from the day following the Capitol unrest appeared to show Trump supporters being barred from airlines, despite not being present on an official no-fly list. The TSA informed the Washington Examiner that the frustrated passengers "would not have been permitted to get to gate" had they been present on the government’s list.

[NY] Traveler at NYC’s LaGuardia airport had bullets inside gum container, TSA says (FOX News)

FOX News [1/19/2021 10:48 PM, Cortney Moore, 10362K]

A New York City airport traveler surprised Tranportation Security Administration officers with ammunition that was found stored inside a chewing gum container.

Thirteen bullets were stashed away in a blue Mentos gum bottle, which appears to be around the size of an adult human hand. The bullets were detected at a security checkpoint at LaGuardia airport last Thursday, according to a news release.

The man who was found to be carrying the gum container is said to be from the Bronx and was ticketed to fly to Miami.

Authorities said he carried the container in a carry-on duffle bag. There was second container found that held only gum while the other held both the ammunition and gum pieces.

The checkpoint’s X-ray machine helped TSA officers spot the bullets inside the traveler’s bag.

Officers at the scene notified police from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which operates the airport. The law enforcement agency reportedly confiscated the ammunition and cited the man on a "local charge"

Port Authority officials did not immediately provide arrest details to Fox News upon request.

However, according to the TSA’s release, the traveler claimed he was unaware he was carrying the gum containers and that the bag belonged to his son.

Ammunition is prohibited from carry-on baggage but can be packed away in checked

baggage, according to TSA travel guidelines.

Moreover, travelers must store their ammunition in a hard-sided and lockable case that is designed to hold it. It also needs to be declared to airlines upon check-in.

Violations of these packing safety requirements for ammunition can be subject to a civil penalty or fine that range between hundreds or thousands of dollars depending on the severity, according to the TSA's Civil Enforcement webpage.

For loaded firearms, the criminal referral is between $1,370 and $2,730.

[IL] Orange County man lived in Chicago airport for three months, fearing COVID-19 (Los Angeles Times)
Los Angeles Times [1/19/2021 3:07 PM, Hayley Smith, 1825K]
An Orange County man is facing criminal charges after officials discovered he had been living in Chicago O'Hare Airport for the last three months.

Aditya Singh, 36, was arrested Saturday and charged with felony criminal trespass to a restricted area of an airport and misdemeanor theft, according to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office in Illinois.

During a court hearing Sunday, prosecutors said Singh arrived at the airport on an Oct. 19 flight from Los Angeles and proceeded to live within the airport security zone undetected, the Chicago Tribune reported. He told authorities that he was afraid to fly because of the COVID-19 pandemic and said that other passengers at the airport had given him food.

When two United Airlines employees approached Singh and asked for identification Saturday, he reportedly flashed a badge that belonged to an operations manager at the airport who had reported it missing in October, Assistant State's Atty. Kathleen Hagerty said during the hearing. The employees called the police, who took Singh into custody just after 11 a.m.

According to the Tribune, Hagerty said in the hearing that Singh was "scared to go home due to COVID." He told authorities he had found the badge.

Assistant Public Defender Courtney Smallwood said in the hearing that Singh lived with roommates in Orange and does not have a criminal background. She said it was unclear why Singh came to Chicago or if he has ties to the area.

Cook County Judge Susana Ortiz was reportedly troubled by Singh's ability to remain in the airport for so long and called the circumstances "quite shocking."

The judge ruled that Singh could be released if he paid $1,000 but said he was prohibited from setting foot in the airport.

The Chicago Department of Aviation, which oversees O'Hare, said Tuesday it has "no higher priority than the safety and security of our airports."

"While this incident remains under investigation, we have been able to determine that this gentleman did not pose a security risk to the airport or to the traveling public," the

department said in an emailed statement. “We will continue to work with our law enforcement partners on a thorough investigation of this matter.”

As of Tuesday morning, Singh was in Cook County Jail. He is scheduled to return to court Jan. 27.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

FEMA denies requests by Maryland, Virginia to cover costs of Capitol riot response, inauguration security (The Hill)
The Hill [1/19/2021 1:29 PM, John Bowden - 01/19/21 01:29 PM EST, 2343K]
The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has denied requests from Maryland’s and Virginia’s governors for emergency declarations that would allow the two state governments to be reimbursed for the expense of sending law enforcement to back up Capitol Police during the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol.

The Wall Street Journal reported Monday that officials in the two states were informed that the assistance they provided during the deadly riot earlier this month at the Capitol would not be supported by the agency.

“Based on our review of all the information available, it has been determined that supplemental federal assistance under the Stafford Act is not warranted for this event,” read a letter to Virginia officials obtained by the Journal.

The decision was sharply criticized by Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) on Twitter.

"Virginia was there to defend the U.S. Capitol on January 6—and we are committed to ensuring a peaceful transfer of power tomorrow. Now, the same President who incited this terrorism has denied us support in our efforts to stop it. A slap in the face," he tweeted.

“FEMA informed the governors of both Maryland and Virginia their requests for an emergency declaration were not approved. Based on FEMA’s review of all the information available, it has been determined that supplemental federal assistance under the Stafford Act is not warranted for this event. Virginia and Maryland both requested their Emergency Declaration on January 15, 2021. The governors were notified the requests were not approved on January 17, 2021," a FEMA spokesperson told The Hill.

Both Maryland and Virginia plan to appeal the decision, The Washington Post reported, with Virginia officials making clear to the newspaper that they would wait until after President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration to make the request.

Downtown D.C. has remained under lockdown in the days leading up to Biden’s inauguration amid fears of further violence. Twenty-five thousand National Guardsmen have been deployed to the District ahead of Wednesday’s events, and officials have warned there will be "no tolerance" for disruptions at the inauguration.

FEMA denies Maryland and Virginia requests for emergency declarations (Washington Examiner)

Washington Examiner [1/19/2021 11:36 AM, Mike Brest, 394K]
The Federal Emergency Management Agency has denied emergency declarations requests from Virginia and Maryland.

The two states requested the relief in the aftermath of the Jan. 6 Capitol siege last week, and the agency rejected it on Monday, according to the Wall Street Journal.

“Based on our review of all the information available, it has been determined that supplemental federal assistance under the Stafford Act is not warranted for this event,” FEMA told Virginia officials in a letter on Sunday.

An emergency declaration would allow each state to receive federal assistance and get reimbursed for pertinent costs. President Trump approved an emergency declaration for Washington, D.C., days after the Capitol riot left a handful of people dead. Both states plan to appeal the decision.

“Virginia has approximately 2,400 National Guard troops on the ground in Washington, D.C.,” said Alena Yarmosky, a spokeswoman for Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam. “We plan on appealing this decision on Wednesday afternoon.”

"The State of Maryland will appeal this decision," said Mike Ricci, a spokesman for Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan.

Both states deployed thousands of state and local police to the district on Jan. 6 as a swath of protesters stormed the Capitol while Congress sought to affirm President-elect Joe Biden’s electoral victory. The ensuing violence resulted in five deaths and more than a hundred arrests. The rejection comes as officials prepare for additional violence that may happen nationwide in the days surrounding the inauguration. Local and federal officials in and around Washington, D.C., are increasing security efforts ahead of the event, with roughly 20,000 armed National Guardsmen on-site for the event.

Senate proposal would end COVID-19 emergency decree, rules (AP)
AP [1/19/2021 3:38 PM, Keith Ridler, 422K]
A Senate committee on Tuesday approved legislation seeking to end Republican Gov. Brad Little’s coronavirus emergency declaration and restrictions despite being told Idaho could lose millions of dollars in federal aid.

The Senate State Affairs Committee voted 7-2 to send the concurrent resolution to the full Senate despite testimony from Idaho Office of Emergency Management Director Brad Richy that at least $20 million would be in jeopardy. Republicans supported the measure while both Democrats voted against it.

“That funding would be shifted to the individual communities,” Richy told the committee. He said additional money would come from residents across the state to replace the federal aid.

Emergency declarations are needed to trigger and keep federal money coming, typically from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA. The concurrent resolution contains a clause saying federal money would not stop despite the Legislature ending the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

Republican Sen. Steve Vick, who sponsored the resolution, didn't explain how that would work.

"My goal is to restore freedom to the people of Idaho to live their lives as they see fit and make their own healthcare decisions," he told the committee.

A concurrent resolution must be passed by both the House and Senate. It doesn't require the governor's signature to take effect.

Republican Gov. Brad Little declared an emergency on March 13 after COVID-19 entered the state. Later that month, he issued a temporary stay-at-home order as the coronavirus spread rapidly, overwhelming some hospitals and sickening health care workers who said they were running out of personal protective equipment.

The lockdown gave the state and hospitals time to gather supplies. But unemployment shot up from about 3% to nearly 12%.

Little lifted most restrictions over the summer as he sought to reopen the economy, and unemployment dropped to about 6%.

But infections and deaths increased in the fall, and Little reinstated some restrictions. Currently, there is a limit of 10 people or less during public and private gatherings. The limit doesn't apply to religious or political gatherings, but it does apply to sporting events.

Idaho officials say more than 155,000 Idaho residents have been sickened by the virus, and more than 1,600 have died.

Democratic Sen. Grant Burgoyne, the assistant minority leader, said he liked the resolution but suggested it should modify rather than terminate a governor's emergency declaration to preserve federal aid. When Republicans declined his suggestion, he voted against approving it.

Republican Sens. Jim Guthrie and Patti Anne Lodge, the committee's chairwoman, had similar concerns about losing federal money but voted for the legislation. The legislation could still undergo changes in the full Senate.

"Federal dollars are our dollars," Lodge said. "We're the ones that are paying those dollars, and if our folks need some help in our state, we need to be sure that those dollars will come back to support the people in our state."

As California sees dangerous wind gusts, Hawaiian islands hit with flash flooding (FOX News)

FOX News [1/19/2021 12:27 PM, Julia Musto, 10362K]

As strong gusts and warm temperatures once again elevate fire danger in COVID-19-ravaged Southern California this week, the Hawaiian islands have been placed under flash flood advisories.

Last year's unprecedented fire season – burning more than 4 million acres – has carried over into the new year, with blazes still burning near Los Angeles and San Diego.

Cal Fire has issued a Red Flag Warning for much of the Golden State's coastline, stretching as far up as Carmel and Salinas.

The National Weather Service reported Tuesday that there will be no significant changes to the weather pattern of the next two days and wind speeds may reach around 70 to 80 mph at higher elevations and 50 to 70 mph in valleys and along the coast.

Fearing additional fire hazards and the often deadly consequences of downed trees, the state's power companies are preparing for widespread outages for thousands of residents. Pacific Gas and Electric has already reported its first shutoffs across the Bay Area.

New Mexico, Texas, Nevada, Montana, Utah and Wyoming are also expected to be impacted on Tuesday.

However, some portions of Southern California into southern Arizona may also see rainfall as a developing low-pressure system moves east.

To the west, the National Weather Service has issued flash flood warnings across much of the Hawaiian island chain through Wednesday.

Heavy rainfall caused by a large cold front and strong winds are predicted to linger, though much damage has already occurred.

In Maui County, multiple landslides, trees and utility lines blocked roads and highways, a sanitary sewer spilled, a roof was blown off of a newly-constructed house in Oahu, and Molokai authorities reported rivers at critical levels.

On Hawaii Island, fire officials reported first responders rescued nine hikers who were trapped by flash flooding in Pololu Valley.

Multiple units were dispatched to the scene, and there were no injuries.

[Editorial note: consult video at source link]

[LA] Corps gets $12M, could pay $2.1B for hurricane protection (AP)
AP [1/19/2021 5:38 PM, Staff, 3498K]
The Army Corps of Engineers is getting nearly $12.5 million to help build a Louisiana hurricane protection system and could pay $2.1 billion of the expected cost, officials said.

Three Republicans in Louisiana's congressional delegation announced approval of the construction money — U.S. Sen. John Kennedy last week and U.S. House Whip Steve Scalise and Rep. Garrett Graves on Tuesday.

"After years of facing bureaucratic red tape, this vital hurricane and storm surge protection project will receive federal funding to help build upon the local investments in the project," Scalise said in a news release with Graves.

The money was approved after the Corps worked with the state and local levee districts to bring the project's cost estimate down from more than $10 billion to approximately $3 billion,

they said.

That brought the federal share down to $2.1 billion over 15 years, Erin McBride, Scalise's press secretary, said in an email.

The system is designed to protect more than 150,000 Terrebonne and Lafourche parish residents and more than 1,700 square miles of fresh and saltwater marsh from a Category 3 hurricane's storm surge. State and local governments have spent or committed nearly $1 billion, including $400 million in BP oil spill money, McBride said.

"The people of south Louisiana have worked hard to make the Morganza to the Gulf Project a reality for 13 years. It's both smart and fair for the federal government to step up and help them complete this crucial hurricane protection initiative," Kennedy said in a news release Friday.

[MI] Dearborn police looking for woman who passed fake bills at JCPenney (Dearborn Press & Guide)
Dearborn Press & Guide [1/19/2021 4:42 PM, Dave Herndon, 3K, Neutral, Secondary]
JCPenney, 18900 W. Michigan Ave., reported a woman who passed two fake $100 bills in the store along with two real bills while paying for merchandise.

A delayed report was turned into the Dearborn Police Department after JCPenney employees realized an error that it was never turned in when the incident happened.

The report was filed Jan. 6, after employees realized a former employee had never turned their internal investigation over to police.

The incident happened Nov. 14, when a woman described only as black with dreadlocks bought $400 worth of clothes and included two fake $100 bills with her purchase.

It was discovered while counting the register at the end of the shift, and the exact customer was discovered while reviewing security footage.

The bills were given to the store's bank in November.

The report was filed, despite the delay because the same woman has passed counterfeit bills at other area JCPenney stores in the past several months.

Security footage was given to police, but not yet released publicly.

[CA] High winds buffet California, raising wildfire danger and cutting power (Washington Post)
Washington Post [1/19/2021 3:41 PM, Andrew Freedman, 13480K]
An unusually intense high-wind event is underway in California, knocking down trees and power lines and contributing to "critical" wildfire risk to much of the state stretching from Lake Tahoe to San Francisco southward to Los Angeles and San Diego. Although it's midwinter, which is typically the rainy season in the Golden State, wildfire risks have spiked to "critical" levels in Southern California after a period of dry, record warm weather dried out vegetation.

Multiple wildfires have ignited in Northern and Southern California, including some near the locations of the large blazes that raged last summer and fall.

Any fire that ignites between Tuesday and Wednesday amid the windstorm could spread rapidly and exhibit “extreme fire behavior,” the National Weather Service forecast office in Los Angeles warned. Utility companies in Northern and Southern California have preemptively cut power to thousands in an effort to avoid having their equipment light a deadly blaze, as has happened in recent years.

Southern California Edison, the main utility serving the L.A. metro area, is considering cutting power to about 270,000 customers, depending on how the situation unfolds.

Already, gusts of wind in Northern California have increased, with a gust to 64 mph recorded in Oakland near daybreak local time, while locations in the Sierra Mountain saw winds at the summits whipping at more than 100 mph. Yosemite National Park is closed due to the high winds and associated damage to trees and park infrastructure.

According to PowerOutage.us, about 270,000 customers are without power across California due to the high winds, a number expected to grow throughout the day.

The culprits for the strong winds are two low-pressure areas, which are swirls of counterclockwise circulating air, sliding from north to south across Central and Southern California. Accompanied by strong winds in the mid-levels of the atmosphere, these lows are combining and taking up residence over the Pacific to the southwest of Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, high-pressure building into the Great Basin is yielding a tight contrast in air pressure across the Southwest. Since air flows from high to low pressure (in an ultimately futile attempt to equalize pressure differences), this creates a rapid flow of air from land to sea through California, generating what are known as Santa Ana winds.

Some of the strongest winds in the L.A. area are expected in the higher elevations of Los Angeles and Ventura counties, where the topography will help accelerate wind speeds to as high as 90 mph, according to the Weather Service. However, even downtown Los Angeles could see winds gusting to 65 mph at times on Tuesday and into the night.

For a region already dealing with a devastating coronavirus pandemic and widespread stay-at-home orders, power outages — both planned and storm damage-related — could be even more disruptive than usual.

Rare January wildfire threat

The L.A. metro area is under a Red Flag Warning for critical fire weather conditions, due to a combination of high winds and low humidity. This is the second-worst category of fire weather risk. While January is typically not wildfire season, there is a history of large blazes occurring during Santa Ana wind events such as this one. In addition, vegetation in Southern California is unusually dry right now, since this weather system is striking right after a heat wave set record high temperatures.

Now, temperatures are much lower, as this wind event is bringing cooler air, and this might

help mitigate the fire risk somewhat. Humidity levels are slightly above what is typically seen in a critical fire risk event, but the winds plus the dry vegetation are enough to justify the risk category, the Weather Service said in an online forecast discussion.

There's even a considerable wildfire risk in parts of wetter Northern California, which has seen more rain and mountain snow but not much precipitation in the past couple of weeks. Due to the strong winds and fire threat, Pacific Gas & Electric, which has been blamed for some of the state's deadliest and most destructive fires in the past several years, has implemented rare midwinter preemptive power cutoffs in some parts of Northern California.

The devastating 2020 wildfire season, which was the state's worst in history, has simply continued into 2021, much as the coronavirus pandemic has. Significant and steady rounds of precipitation are needed to alleviate deepening drought conditions across the state and avoid more fires.

Studies show that climate change is lengthening the fire season and creating larger blazes than would otherwise occur. The 2018 National Climate Assessment, published by the Trump administration, projected that those trends will probably continue for several decades.

[CA] 55,000 lose power as Southland winds increase wildfire risk (Los Angeles Times)

Los Angeles Times [1/19/2021 8:00 PM, Erin B. Logan, 1825K]

Southern California Edison shut off power to more than 67,000 customers on Tuesday, with an additional 260,000 at risk of losing their electricity as the utility company tries to prevent strong Santa Ana winds from sparking wildfires.

The customers whose power has already been cut include more than 17,800 in Los Angeles County, 18,500 in Riverside County and 17,800 in Ventura County.

The possible shutoffs includes customers in Ventura, L.A., San Bernardino, Orange, Kern, Santa Barbara, Riverside and Tulare counties.

A red flag warning for high fire risk will remain in place for much of L.A. County until 10 p.m. Tuesday. A wind advisory in effect until 4 a.m. Wednesday warns that strong winds with gusts up to 70 mph will continue in the Santa Clarita and San Fernando valleys.

"Vegetation is so dry and winds are so strong that any new fire can grow really big, really fast," said Ryan Kittell, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Oxnard.

As winds in the Santa Clarita Valley reached 71 mph on Tuesday, firefighters reported a 50-acre brush fire had started off Towsley Canyon Road south of Santa Clarita just after 3 p.m.

In the San Gabriel Mountains, winds reached 86 mph and in the San Fernando Valley, gusts peaked at 50 mph, Kittle said.

In Ventura County, winds whipped up to 95 mph, with power outages and downed trees likely in places, the weather service said in a tweet.

But Kittle said neither the major metropolitan areas of L.A. County nor the coastal areas will

see “too much wind.”

L.A. County Fire Department spokesman Christopher Thomas said staffing has been increased, with strike teams stationed in Santa Clarita and North Hollywood.

“These are the areas where we can respond the fastest with the greatest number of people,” Thomas said.

Winds are expected to peak through Tuesday evening, then weaken significantly.

Orange County officials on Tuesday closed the COVID-19 vaccination site at the Disneyland Resort due to high wind warnings.

Santa Ana winds aren’t uncommon in January, but the fire danger is particularly high because of the scarcity of rain so far this season. The entire state is in drought, according to the latest data from the U.S. Drought Monitor.

[CA] Hurricane-force winds lash California, knocking out power to thousands and sparking new wildfires (USA Today)
USA Today [1/19/2021 5:23 PM, Doyle Rice, 5823K]
Howling winds of hurricane force roared across portions of California late Monday and early Tuesday, leaving over 150,000 customers without power and sparking several new wildfires.

On Monday, wind gusts of more than 90 mph were reported from Sacramento to the Bay Area, with one gust reaching 100 mph near Kirkwood, east of Sacramento, CNN reported.

To put the winds in perspective, a Category 1 hurricane has winds of 74 to 95 mph.

More high winds are expected throughout the day on Tuesday and into Wednesday, forecasters said. High wind warnings and advisories continue across much of California, where wind gusts may reach 70 to 80 mph at higher elevations and 50 to 70 mph in valleys and along the coast, the National Weather Service said.

"These high winds have the potential to produce widespread downed trees and tree limbs, significant property damage and numerous power outages," according to the weather service.

In addition, the combination of the high winds and low relative humidity will continue to support a significant wildfire threat, especially along coastal sections from San Francisco to San Diego.

The gusty winds reignited fresh fires in Santa Clara County, where a summer wildfire torched 1,500 buildings. The state’s firefighting agency said it had responded to at least a dozen vegetation fires in San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties in 12 hours.

The Los Angeles region will see Santa Ana winds, AccuWeather said, including the downtown area.

"Typically, Santa Ana winds stay out of downtown Los Angeles and the L.A. Basin, but this

time, conditions may set up just right to bring 30- to 40-mph wind gusts even in those typically calm condition areas," said AccuWeather senior meteorologist Mike Doll.

Southern California Edison said that over 288,000 customers in the Los Angeles area could see their power cut as a safety precaution during the storm. "When there is a high risk for a wildfire, we may temporarily shut off power to your neighborhood to prevent our electric system from becoming the source of ignition," the utility company said in a statement.

Nearly 30 million Californians, or about 3 of every 4 people in the state, could see high winds through Tuesday, CNN meteorologist Pedram Javaheri said.

There are no significant changes to the weather pattern affecting California over the next two days, the weather service said Tuesday morning.

[Editorial note: consult video at source link]

[CA] Powerful winds topple trees, power lines, sparking fires and prompting evacuations near Santa Cruz (San Francisco Chronicle)
San Francisco Chronicle [1/19/2021 3:37 PM, J.D. Morris and Vanessa Arredondo, 422K]
A spate of small but alarming wildfires started amid extreme winds around Northern California on Tuesday as the region grappled with a winter that has been sorely lacking in substantial rain and snow.

Around the Santa Cruz Mountains, evacuations were under way in parts of several communities as officials responded to at least five small fires that ignited during dry and windy conditions. Many more blazes were reported around the Central Coast, the Bay Area and further north throughout the morning, some of which were quickly contained, officials said.

Evacuations were ordered Tuesday morning for two recently sparked fires in Santa Cruz off Freedom Boulevard near Watsonville and in the Boulder Creek area off of Highway 9, officials said. Crews were also working to take down a 7 or 8 acre fire that ignited near Stapp Road and Panther Ridge in Boulder Creek.

Isolated evacuations have also been issued for people in the Panther Ridge area, where the 8-acre Panther Fire has been quickly burning up fuels and short-range spotting, Cal Fire officials said.

The fire activity, while modest so far, is highly unusual for mid January, when most of Northern California should have had enough precipitation to prevent new blazes from spreading much.

But the whole region is grappling with an extremely arid winter: numerous locations around the northern half of the state have seen less than half or less than one-third of their normal precipitation for this time of year, federal data shows. Nearly the entire state is experiencing some level of drought, much of it severe or extreme, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Against that backdrop, the National Weather Service issued a wind advisory until 6 p.m. Tuesday around the Bay Area and south into much of Monterey County, excluding the south Salinas Valley.

High-elevation weather stations were recording remarkably fast wind speeds throughout the morning. One sensor, located in Sonoma County at about 3,880 feet in elevation, showed peak wind speeds of 97 mph, according to the weather service. Gusts of about 50 miles per hour or more were still being recorded in the north and east bays shortly before noon.

A red-flag warning of high fire danger was to remain in place until 3 p.m. Tuesday for the Santa Lucia Mountains and Los Padres National Forest, along with other mountains of interior Monterey and San Benito counties.

Further south, Pacific Gas and Electric Co. cut off power to customers in narrow portions of Fresno, Kern, Madera, Mariposa, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Tulare counties. Fewer than 5,500 homes and businesses had been expected to lose power in those places as PG&E sought to prevent wind-damaged power lines from starting major fires. It was the first time the company had ever turned off power because of fire risk in January.

While PG&E spared the Bay Area from fire-prevention shut-offs, tens of thousands of customers still lost power because of wind damage to electrical equipment. More than 51,000 Bay Area customers were experiencing wind-related outages as of 9 a.m., according to a company spokeswoman. The largest outages occurred in the South Bay, where 25,830 customers were without power, and in the East Bay where 13,921 customers were impacted. In San Francisco, 1,213 customers experienced outages; 7,670 were affected in the Peninsula, and 2,521 in the North Bay.

The windstorm also impacted the region's public transit. Trees toppled by gusting winds fell over several sections of BART tracks, the transit agency said, briefly halting service Tuesday morning between the Richmond and El Cerrito Del Norte stations and between Union City and South Hayward stations.

In the Sierra Nevada, officials announced the closure of Yosemite National Park on Tuesday, citing continuing high winds, downed trees, debris and damage to park facilities.

The winds began to picking up on Monday, sparking isolated fires across the region.

In Santa Clara County, officials evacuated homes in the area of Country Club Drive in Milpitas as firefighters battled a vegetation fire amid gusty winds Monday night. Later in the evening, residents were allowed to return but asked to shelter in place.

In Alameda County, firefighters fought a one-acre blaze in the Altamont Pass area near Livermore, where wind gusts of 26 mph were recorded.

In Sonoma County, firefighters battled a 5-10 acre vegetation fire near Geyserville as strong winds belted the area.

In Santa Rosa, fire department officials said they had multiple incidents, including "tree in the power lines, tree down into a home's guest cottage, roof blown off of a carport and a fence blown into a tree."

[CA] Two wildfires in Santa Cruz County trigger evacuations (San Francisco Gate)

San Francisco Gate [1/19/2021 7:56 PM, Amy Graff, 2481K]
The Cal Fire San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit battling multiple wildfires Tuesday said at 4 p.m. the number of blazes had grown from five to six and the fires were showing "moderate spread with slow, creeping fire behavior."

"When wind kicks up, fires kick up," Cal Fire said. "Currently, wind has died down. Fire crews are working quickly, as winds are expected to pick up tonight. Please remain vigilant. We will continue to update you."

Here's what we know as of 4 p.m. Tuesday as the fires crews continue to fight.

The China Grade Fire is a new blaze reported by Cal Fire. It's burning on China Grade Road and Foxglove Lane, 4 miles northwest of Boulder Creek. It was 20 acres and 100% contained with no evacuations.

The Freedom Fire, first reported at 8 a.m. Tuesday on Freedom Road north of Watsonville, spread to 40 acres and was 20% contained with an estimated 100 homes evacuated. The Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office said evacuations were ordered for Nunes Road and Gillette Road in Watsonville. The sheriff's office said at 11 a.m. that Willow Heights is also being evacuated. "White Road at Freedom and Larkin Valley is closed due to #nunesfire," the California Highway Patrol shared on Twitter.

The Panther Ridge Fire on Stapp Road west of Highway 9 in Boulder Creek was 10 to 12 acres and 55% contained. An estimated 20 homes were evacuated by the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office.

The Empire Fire on Alba Road at Empire Grade in Boulder Creek remained 6 acres and was 0% contained. No structures were threatened and no evacuations ordered, Cal Fire said.

The North Butano Fire in San Mateo County remained 10 acres and 0% contained. There is no structure threat. Cal Fire said engines are still trying to make access to this fire in the burn area of the CZU Lightning Complex. Trees and debris blocked access roads.

The Fanning Fire on Fanning Grade Road in Ben Lomond west of Highway 9 grew to 18.81 acres with 95% containment.

Residents displaced by fires can find resources, refreshments and shelter information at a Red Cross evacuation center located at the Corralitos Community Church, 26 Browns Valley Road, Corralitos.

Jan. 19, 1 p.m. Multiple wildfires sparked in Santa Cruz County amid a high wind event Monday night into Tuesday, and some are triggering evacuations, officials said.

The Cal Fire San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit said at least 10 fires broke out in the last 12 hours and five continued to burn Tuesday afternoon.

Here's what we know about each as of 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to Cal Fire.

The Freedom Fire was reported at 8 a.m. Tuesday and is on Freedom Road, north of

Watsonville. It's five acres, burning in timber, and is 0% contained. The Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office said evacuations were ordered for Nunes Road and Gillette Road in Watsonville. The sheriff's office said at 11 a.m. that Willow Heights is also being evacuated. "White Road at Freedom and Larkin Valley is closed due to #nunesfire," the California Highway Patrol shared on Twitter.

The Panther Ridge Fire on Stapp Road west of Highway 9 in Boulder Creek was five acres and 0% contained. Evacuations are underway.

The Empire Fire on Alba Road at Empire Grade in Boulder Creek was six acres and burning through timber with 0% contained. No structure threat and no evacuations.

The North Butano Fire in San Mateo County was 10 acres and 0% contained. There is no structure threat.

The Fanning Fire on Fanning Grade Road in Ben Lomond West of Highway 9 was 14 acres with 30% containment.

Comparing the five blazes with the record-breaking fires the state saw in summer, Cal Fire Battalion Chief Isaac Sanchez said, "I don't believe any are significant fires at this point though for the people being impacted, it's not insignificant."

Sanchez wouldn't describe the flurry of wildfires breaking out in the middle of winter a rare event, as he said fire season is now year-round and there is no normal.

"These are the conditions we are faced with right now." Sanchez said. "Not only in Santa Cruz, but across the state The fuel out there is still receptive to burning and it doesn't get much to get a fire going and impact the community."

Cal Fire advised people to check Zone Haven for updates on evacuations. You can find updates from Cal Fire CZU on the Twitter page and Facebook page. This is a developing story and will update as more evacuation information is released.

High winds kicked up across the greater Bay Area on Monday night into Tuesday morning, leading to critical fire weather in the middle of winter.

Cal Fire said crews responded to 10 vegetation fires across San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties overnight as fierce winds whipped through the mountains and valleys. Some of the blazes broke out in the burn scar of the CZU Lightning Fire, a massive blaze that consumed 86,509 acres in August.

"All engines are committed to these fires today, with more resources coming in from other units," Cal Fire said.

The National Weather Service had a high wind warning in effect for elevations above 1,000 feet in the San Francisco Bay Area through 10 a.m. Tuesday. A wind advisory was issued for the North Bay, East Bay, San Francisco, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz through 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The winds arrived at the tail end of a warm spell, with 10 Bay Area locations breaking same-

day temperature records Monday afternoon, including 80 degrees in Santa Rosa, 79 in Oakland, 78 in San Jose, 77 in Napa, and 76 in downtown San Francisco, according to the weather service.

Offshore winds, aka Diablo Winds, blow hot air from inland areas toward the coast and are known for drying out the landscape and essentially sucking the moisture out of the vegetation, leaving it tinder-dry and vulnerable to burning.

Forecasters warned of the risk of wildfires sparking across the region and especially just south of the Bay Area in Monterey and San Benito counties.

"Relative humidity values are in the teens this evening and are not expected to recover overnight," the weather service said in its Monday report. "This unseasonably dry air mass and strong winds will combine to create critical fire weather conditions tonight and Tuesday in areas where fuels remain dry, specifically in the hills and mountains of Monterey and San Benito Counties where a Red Flag Warning is currently in effect."

[CA] Wildfire west of Yosemite, near Camp Mather, grows to 70 acres (San Francisco Chronicle)

San Francisco Chronicle [1/19/2021 4:49 PM, Amy Graff, 2481K]

A wildfire ignited in the Stanislaus National Forest west of Yosemite on Tuesday had grown to 70 acres as of 4 p.m. and was producing heavy amounts of smoke, officials said.

The Abernathy Fire spread in a forested area west of Camp Mather, a camp that hundreds of San Francisco families enjoy every summer, in the Groveland Ranger District amid high winds.

"We expect as the winds die down the danger will decrease," said Diana Fredlund, a spokesperson for the Stanislaus National Forest.

The Mariposa County Sheriff's Office evacuated three to four residences in the Greeley Hill area. There were no reports at this time of structures being threatened in the Camp Mather area.

Smoke from the blaze was visible from a PG&E live webcam.

The fire started when powerful winds picked up across Northern California on Tuesday morning, as an upper-level system dove south into California from the Great Basin and Pacific Northwest.

Yosemite National Park closed Tuesday morning to visitors due to downed trees, debris and damage to park facilities. You can get updates on the closure on the Yosemite website and by calling 209-372-0200, pressing 1, then 1 again.

Andy Bollenbacher, a forecaster with the National Weather Service, said Yosemite "got clobbered this morning."

"That was't just in Yosemite Valley, but it got down to Wawona as well," said Bollenbacher. "We don't have a lot of observations from that area, but we did record some high winds over 80 mph."

Bollenbacher said the peak gusts hit about 4 a.m. Tuesday, and as of 9:30 a.m., winds were still over 60 mph along the crests and in canyons.

Winds are expected to relax through the day as the system moves southwest, and conditions should be relatively calm by 6 to 8 tonight, Bollenbacher said.

Federal Protective Service

[DC] Inauguration security around US Capitol tightens as hunt for DC pipe bomb suspect continues (FOX News)
FOX News [1/19/2021 1:10 PM, Vandana Rambaran, 10362K]
Security officials across local and federal agencies are on heightened alert a day before the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, and the hunt for a bombmaker and new IEDs in the D.C. area is high on their radar, the FBI said on Tuesday.

The threat of explosives in the downtown region of the city remains high, as officials continue to search for the suspect who left pipe bombs at both the Republican and Democratic national committee headquarters just blocks away from the Capitol on the same day the building was stormed on Jan. 6.

The bombs did not detonate, but a law enforcement official briefed on the matter told Fox News that catching the suspect, who the FBI believes could be planning similar attacks on Inauguration Day, is a "top priority."

Heightened security concerns come after a mob stormed the Capitol building earlier this month, some intent on harming lawmakers, in a deadly siege that killed five people, including a Capitol police officer.

More than 25,000 National Guardsmen will be squared off around the Capitol's perimeter, with the areas around the White House, other federal buildings and the National Mall on lockdown and armed with a heavy security presence for the big event.

Thousands of federal, state and local law enforcement officials from dozens of states have also joined the ranks in D.C.

This comes as federal investigators continue to probe the possibility of radicalized law enforcement officers who were involved in the Capitol attacks on Jan. 6.

Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller said in a statement Monday that the Department of Defense has not received any intelligence indicating a potential insider threat to the inauguration but added that the department is "leaving no stone unturned in securing the capital."

The FBI continues to monitor "chatter" online about a resurgence of violence as agents comb through nearly 200,000 photos and videos circulating social media and other outlets of the events on that day.

"The Department of Justice is committed, together with our federal, state, and local law

enforcement partners, to ensuring a safe and peaceful Inauguration – one that reflects our Nation's enduring highest values," the DOJ said in a statement Tuesday.

[DC] FBI says finding pipe bomb maker a 'top priority' before Biden inauguration, official reveals (FOX News)
FOX News [1/19/2021 11:23 AM, Jake Gibson, 10362K]
The FBI warned law enforcement agencies Tuesday that the person who constructed pipe bombs and left them near the Capitol on Jan. 6 has not yet been identified and is a "top priority" on the eve of Joe Biden's inauguration, according to a law enforcement official briefed on inauguration security concerns.

The FBI also warned fellow law enforcement agencies Tuesday that there is concern this person is still active and could be attempting to make more explosive devices, according to the law enforcement official.

As the attack on the Capitol was unfolding on Jan. 6, law enforcement officials found two pipe bombs only blocks away, one outside the Republican National Committee headquarters, and another outside the Democratic National Committee headquarters. Federal officials have made clear in the days since that both of those pipe bombs were legitimate destructive devices with functioning components.

The devices were "rendered safe" by federal authorities and did not detonate. Components from those devices are being analyzed at the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Va.

The pipe bombs are still the subject of an open investigation, and federal authorities are looking very closely at them, according to a separate senior federal law enforcement official, who said, "Every explosive device tells a story."

With components of the devices still in good condition, authorities will be looking for signatures such as how they were manufactured, where the fuel was obtained and any similarities to thousands of other devices in federal databases.

There are pictures of a person authorities want to speak to in connection with these devices, but notably that person's face was completely covered up in the photo.

[DC] Self-styled militia members planned on storming the U.S. Capitol days in advance of Jan. 6 attack, court documents say (Washington Post)
Washington Post [1/19/2021 8:28 PM, Spencer S. Hsu, Tom Jackman and Devlin Barrett, 13480K]
Self-styled militia members from Virginia, Ohio and other states made plans to storm the U.S. Capitol days in advance of the Jan. 6 attack, and then communicated in real time as they breached the building on opposite sides and talked about hunting for lawmakers, according to court documents filed Tuesday.

While authorities have charged more than 100 individuals in the riot, details in the new allegations against three U.S. military veterans offer a disturbing look at what they allegedly said to one another before, during and after the attack — statements that indicate a degree of preparation and determination to rush deep into the halls and tunnels of Congress to make "citizens' arrests" of elected officials.

U.S. authorities charged an apparent leader of the Oath Keepers extremist group, Thomas Edward Caldwell, 66, of Berryville, Va., in the attack, alleging that the Navy veteran helped organize a ring of dozens who coordinated their movements as they "stormed the castle" to disrupt the confirmation of President-elect Joe Biden's electoral college victory.

"We have about 30-40 of us. We are sticking together and sticking to the plan," co-defendant Jessica Watkins, 38, an Army veteran, said while the breach was underway, according to court documents.

"You are executing citizen's arrest. Arrest this assembly, we have probable cause for acts of treason, election fraud," a man replied, according to audio recordings of communications between Watkins and others during the incursion.

"We are in the main dome right now. We are rocking it. They are throwing grenades, they are fricking shooting people with paint balls. But we are in here," a woman believed to be Watkins said, according to court documents.

A man then responds, "Get it, Jess," adding, "This is . . . everything we f---ing trained for!"

The FBI said it recovered the exchange from Zello, a push-to-talk, two-way radio phone app.

FBI charging papers against Caldwell, Watkins and a third person, former U.S. Marine Donovan Crowl, 50, allege that Caldwell and others coordinated in advance to disrupt Congress, scouted for lodging and recruited Oath Keepers members from North Carolina and like-minded groups from the Shenandoah Valley. The group claims thousands of members who assert the right to defy government orders they deem improper. The plotters both anticipated violence and continued to act in concert after the break-in, investigators alleged in court documents. FBI papers also say that Caldwell suggested a similar event at the local level after the attack, saying in a message: "Lets storm the capitol in Ohio. Tell me when!"

The three are charged with five federal counts of conspiracy against the United States; obstructing an official government proceeding; impeding or injuring government officers; and destroying U.S. property, entering restricted grounds and disorderly conduct at the Capitol.

Attempts to reach attorneys for Caldwell, Watkins and Crowl have been unsuccessful. No one immediately responded to messages left at numbers connected to Caldwell.

Watkins, of Woodstock, Ohio, told the Ohio Capital Journal last week that she formed a group known as the Ohio State Regular Militia in 2019 and that it had patrolled 12 protests to "protect people" on both sides. She said she had served a tour in Afghanistan while in the Army. She also said she was a member of the Oath Keepers.

"I didn't commit a crime. I didn't destroy anything. I didn't wreck anything," Watkins said to the Journal, adding that the riot was a peaceful protest that turned violent.

Crowl's mother, Teresa Rowe, said she was appalled to see pictures of him in the Capitol.

She said he had become radicalized after leaving the Marine Corps.

“I wish I could tell people what happened to him, but I don’t know,” Rowe said.

The arrests this weekend of several people with alleged ties to far-right extremist groups, including the Oath Keepers, the Proud Boys and the Three Percenters, suggest that the riot was not an entirely impulsive outburst of violence but an event instigated or exploited by organized groups. Hours of video posted on social media and pored over by investigators have focused on individuals in military-style gear moving together.

“This is the first step toward identifying and understanding that there was some type of concerted conspiracy here,” said one senior official with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, which is leading the investigation.

“Whether everyone else just happened to be there and got caught up in the moment, or if this is just the tip of the iceberg, how much this will grow at this point I can’t tell you, but we are continuing to investigate aggressively,” according to the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a pending investigation.

In charging papers, the FBI said that during the Capitol riot, Caldwell received Facebook messages from unspecified senders updating him of the location of lawmakers. When he posted a one-word message, “Inside,” he received exhortations and directions describing tunnels, doors and hallways, the FBI said.

Some messages, according to the FBI, included, “Tom all legislators are down in the Tunnels 3floors down,” and “Go through back house chamber doors facing N left down hallway down steps.” Another message read: “All members are in the tunnels under capital seal them in. Turn on gas,” the FBI added.

Other arrests Tuesday also underscored law enforcement’s concerns about threats to elected leaders, particularly because so many of the participants in the Jan. 6 chaos are still unidentified.

In New York, a Queens man who worked in the state court system was accused Tuesday of making threats to murder Democratic politicians, including suggesting another attack on the Capitol timed to Biden’s inauguration. The man was not at the riot on Jan. 6 but made threatening remarks about Democratic politicians beforehand that intensified in a video he posted two days later, which was titled “KILL YOUR SENATORS.” In the video, he encourages people to return to the Capitol and take up arms.

“If anybody has a gun, give it to me, I’ll go there myself and shoot them and kill them,” the man said, according to the FBI.

In Caldwell’s charging papers, the FBI said that it is reviewing communications between Cald-well “and other known and unknown Oath Keepers members.”

An FBI agent in court records said Caldwell helped organize a group of eight to 10 individuals led by Watkins. Members of the group are seen on video wearing helmets and military-style gear, and moving purposefully toward the top of the Capitol steps and leading the move against police lines, court records said.

A search of Watkins's home in Ohio found numerous firearms, cellphones, pepper spray, a radio, a bag with a helmet and respirators, paintball guns, pool cues cut down to baton size, and zip/cable ties, as well a camouflage hat and jackets, the FBI said.

The FBI said without elaboration that it also recovered a document titled "Making Plastic Explosives from Bleach," redacting the instructions in a photo exhibit.

According to a 23-page affidavit, Caldwell in Facebook messages said he scouted lodging for Watkins and others, starting at a Comfort Inn in Ballston, Va., about eight miles from the Capitol, that "would allow us to go hunting at night if we wanted to."

In an apparent reference to Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes, Caldwell wrote Jan. 1: "I don't know if Stewie has even gotten out his call to arms, but it's a little friggin late. This is one we are doing on our own. We will link up with the north carolina crew."

Meanwhile, the group was making contingency plans and focused on security, the FBI said. Caldwell said he would probably "do pre-strike on the 5th" and expected a man named Paul "will have the goodies in case things go bad and we need to get heavy."

"Keep eyes on people with Red MAGA hats worn backward. Saw a report that they were going to infiltrate crowd tomorrow," Crowl was warned Jan. 5 in another Facebook message, as he prepared for what he called an "Oathkeepers op," court documents said.

"Thanks Brother, but we are WAY ahead on that. We have infiltrators in Their ranks. We are doing the W.H. in the am and early afternoon, rest up at the Hotel, then headed back out tomorrow night 'tifa' hunt'in. We expect good hunting," Crowl responded, in an apparent reference to antifa counterdemonstrators, the FBI said.

At some point on the day of the riot, Watkins posted to the social media site Parler a photograph of herself in uniform, writing: "Me before forcing entry into the Capitol Building. #stopthesteal #stormthecapitol #oathkeepers #ohiomilitia," the FBI said. She added a photo of Crowl in paramilitary gear and an Oath Keepers patch as "one of my guys," and the pair allegedly took a selfie in video recorded in the Capitol Rotunda, the FBI said.

Caldwell also posted a message after the riot, court documents said: "Us storming the castle. Please share. . . . I am such an instigator!"

"Proud boys scuffled with cops and drove them inside to hide. Breached the doors. One guy made it all the way to the house floor, another to Pelosi's office. A good time," Caldwell added, according to the FBI.

In a Jan. 8 message to Crowl, the FBI said Caldwell added, "We stormed the gates of corruption together (although on opposite sides of the building) so between that and our first meeting and getting to know you since I can say we will always be brothers!"

[DC] Members of extremist Oath Keepers group planned attack on US Capitol, prosecutors say (CNN)
CNN [1/19/2021 8:28 PM, David Shortell, Katelyn Polantz, Evan Perez and Zachary Cohen, 7975K]

Prosecutors on Tuesday filed the first significant conspiracy charge in the US Capitol attack, alleging that three members of the so-called Oath Keepers, an extremist militant group, planned and coordinated ahead of the January 6 assault.

In an amended complaint unsealed Tuesday in federal court, an FBI agent divulged striking new details about the group's efforts. Jessica Watkins, the alleged founder of an Ohio militia, had instructions to make explosives out of bleach printed out at her home, according to the court document.

Chilling messages sent between the militants during the siege that are quoted in the complaint appear to indicate they were searching for lawmakers inside the building as they sought to stop Congress from certifying the presidential election.

While at the Capitol, one alleged member of the conspiracy, Thomas Edward Caldwell, allegedly received a Facebook message reading "All members are in the tunnels under capital seal them in. Turn on gas."

In subsequent messages, an unidentified person appeared to give Caldwell directions inside the labyrinthian government building:

"Tom all legislators are down in the Tunnels 3floors down" one says. "Go through back house chamber doors facing N left down hallway down steps," says another, according to court documents.

Watkins turned herself into local police in the state on Sunday along with Donovan Crowl, another member of the Ohio group accused in the conspiracy charges.

The pair, along with Caldwell, are accused of moving together "in an organized and practiced fashion" as they pushed through a crowd towards a door to the Capitol building, according to a charging document.

The three were part of a group of eight to 10 people all wearing paramilitary gear and Oath Keeper paraphernalia, signifying their affiliation with the self-styled militia that's driven by anti-government conspiracies, according to an FBI affidavit. (The Ohio militia founded by Watkins pays dues to the Oath Keepers, according to the affidavit.)

Individual charges against the three had been revealed in recent days but the new conspiracy charge grouping them together represents the most serious allegation of coordinated activity at the riot made by prosecutors investigating the events of the insurrection. Prosecutors have called Caldwell an apparent leader of the Oath Keepers, and had previously charged him alone with conspiracy. (Oath Keepers leader Steward Rhodes denied that to CNN.)

It's not clear who is representing Watkins and Donovan on the charges. Caldwell was arrested in Virginia earlier Tuesday and at an initial appearance in federal court in Harrisonburg, Virginia, Tuesday afternoon, a federal magistrate judge ordered that he remain in jail as he awaits trial.

"The conduct and statements of Mr. Caldwell and the others, it really is just pure lawlessness," Judge Joel Hoppe of the Western District of Virginia said.

Prosecutors said at the hearing that Caldwell could face more charges, potentially including federal riot and sedition charges. He currently faces charges of obstruction of a federal proceeding, destruction of federal property and two conspiracy counts that carry serious possible penalties.

Caldwell's defense lawyer argued that he should be released because he is at risk of contracting Covid-19 in detention, his charges are not that serious and that he is a retired Navy captain who served the country and was honorably discharged. Caldwell said in court he still receives retirement payments from the Navy.

"Seventy percent of Republicans believe that the election was fraudulent," his temporarily appointed defense lawyer said, adding that Caldwell's opposition to the government wasn't out of the ordinary for "blustering on Facebook."

According to a recording of walkie-talkie-like communications that the militant group members were allegedly having during the riot, Watkins said that she was part of a team of 30 to 40 people.

"We have a good group. We have about 30-40 of us. We are sticking together and sticking to the plan," Watkins said, according to the affidavit.

At another point in the recording, after Watkins reports to the group that unknown others were "throwing grenades" and "shooting people with paint balls," a man responds to her telling her to be safe and adding, "Get it, Jess. Do your F**king thing. This is what we f**king [unintelligible] up for. Everything we f**king trained for."

In an interview, Crowl's mother, Teresa Joann Rowe, said her son, who previously served in the US Marine Corps, has expressed increasingly hostile political views in recent years.

"It felt like he did a 180-degree turnaround, felt like the world owed him a living and had a big chip on his shoulder," she told CNN. "I don't know if it's because life didn't go the way he planned."

Asked why she thinks Crowl may have been joined to this extremist group, she said, "I would like to understand myself. I don't get it."

She said Crowl served in the Marine Corps for about six years starting in the late 1980's and in recent years has done "odd jobs, being paid under the table so that he doesn't have to pay taxes."

She said prior to the news surrounding the storming of the Capitol, she was unaware of Crowl's involvement in any political groups, though she had heard him express pro-Donald Trump political views. She also said she recalled Crowl stating that "they were going to overtake the government if they... tried to take Trump's presidency from him. So he did make that statement, but that was two or three years ago so I forgot all about it."

Oren Segal, vice president of the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism, said he's concerned some of those arrested have US military backgrounds.

"Some right-wing extremist groups, particularly the anti-government Oath Keepers, have a long history of recruiting from current and former members of the military and law enforcement," Segal told CNN.

"Oath Keepers are part of the resurgent militia movement, which believes the federal government has been co-opted by a shadowy conspiracy that is trying to strip American citizens of their rights. Though the Oath Keepers will accept anyone as members, what differentiates them from other anti-government extremist groups is their explicit focus on recruiting current and former military, law enforcement and first responder personnel," he added.

[Editorial note: consult video at source link]

[DC] Alleged militia leader arrested, officials say, as FBI eyes extremist group suspects after Capitol riot (FOX News)
FOX News [1/19/2021 2:25 PM, Stephanie Pagones, 10362K]
An alleged militia leader was arrested Tuesday for being involved in the "planning and coordinating" of the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol, as the FBI's hones its efforts on extremist groups suspected of being linked to the attack, court papers show.

Thomas Edward Caldwell is one of the multiple alleged militia members to be connected, so far, with the Capitol Hill insurrection. Federal investigators described the 65-year-old Virginia man as having a "leadership role" within a paramilitary group known as the Oath Keepers, according to an affidavit for Caldwell's arrest.

Oath Keepers – identified in court papers as a "loosely organized collection of militia who believe that the federal government has been coopted (s.i.c.) by a shadowy conspiracy that is trying to strip American citizens of their rights" – were seen in photographs on Capitol grounds on Jan. 6.

Investigators scoured Caldwell's Facebook page and found that Caldwell "was involved in planning and coordinating the January 6 breach," the affidavit states. Caldwell allegedly made arrangements for other Oath Keepers to stay in a Virginia hotel, reportedly writing on Facebook: "This is a good location and would allow us to hunt at night if we wanted to."

He references another alleged Oath Keepers leader's potential "call to arms," and adds: "This is one we are doing on our own," according to the affidavit.

Just hours after the insurrection, Caldwell purportedly wrote in a Facebook message: "Us storming the castle. Please share ... I am such an instigator!"

"Proud boys scuffled with cops and drove them inside to hide. Breached the doors. One guy made it all the way to the house floor, another to Pelosi's office," he wrote in a different missive. "A good time."

But his messages didn't stop there, according to authorities.

"We need to do this at the local level," he allegedly wrote in a second message less than a minute later. "We need to do this at the local level. Lets (s.i.c) storm the capitol in Ohio. Tell me when!"

Sources told Fox News he was charged with conspiracy to commit an offense against the U.S. government. Court papers show he was also charged with obstruction of an official proceeding; knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; and violent entry or disorderly conduct.

Caldwell is believed to be the first rioter hit with conspiracy charges. He could not be reached despite several attempts by Fox News.

Among the hundreds who stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6 were eight to 10 people wearing "paramilitary equipment" and clothing that identified them as members of the Oath Keepers, authorities said. They moved "in an organized and practiced fashion and force[d] their way to the front of the crowd gathered around a door to the U.S. Capitol," court papers state.

Two of those members allegedly include Jessica Watkins and Donovan Crowl.

Watkins and Crowl, both from Ohio, are being held at a county jail in Dayton, after being arrested Monday. Federal documents identify them as members of the Ohio State Regular Militia, dues-paying members of the Oath Keepers.

Watkins, a 38-year-old self-described commanding officer of the Ohio State Regular Militia, posted video and comments on Jan. 6 on the Parler social media site, investigators said.

In one instance, she posted a picture of herself and included the caption, "Me before forcing entry into the Capitol Building."

Watkins also reportedly posted that entry was forced through the back door of the Capitol.

Crowl was identified in a New Yorker magazine article titled, "A Former Marine Stormed the Capitol as Part of a Far-Right Militia." He and Watkins were charged with entering a restricted building or grounds; violent entry or disorderly conduct, and obstruction of an official proceeding.

They are among more than 125 people arrested so far on charges related to the Jan. 6 violent insurrection, which led to the deaths of a Capitol police officer and four others.

[DC] Maryland man who wanted to be 'lone wolf killer' tracked by parole-monitoring device to Capitol, FBI says (FOX News)
FOX News [1/19/2021 3:00 PM, Vandana Rambaran, 10362K]
A Maryland man out on probation after a burglary conviction was tracked to the inside of the U.S. Capitol on the day of the Jan. 6 riot by his GPS monitor, after he received permission from parole supervisors to travel to Washington, D.C., to purportedly hand out Bibles with a religious group, the FBI said.

Bryan Betancur, from Silver Springs, Md., contacted his parole officer two days after a mob stormed the nation's Capitol in a violent attack that left five people dead to let him know that he was worried that the FBI was watching him and that photos of himself would surface at the Capitol after the insurrection.

Betancur told his parole officer he had been inside the Capitol and was tear-gassed, the FBI

said. He later retracted his statement about being inside the building but maintained that he was tear-gassed.

The parole officer then contacted the FBI to report Betancur. Photos turned over to law enforcement officials that appeared on social media allegedly show Betancur posing with a Confederate flag while standing on scaffolding outside the west side of the Capitol building.

In another photo, Betancur allegedly posted a selfie wearing a Proud Boys T-shirt and making the "OK" hand sign, a popular gesture for white supremacist groups.

While out on parole, Betancur, whom the FBI says is a self-described white supremacist, was active on racially motivated supremacist Internet groups and became increasingly vocal about wanting to carry out a "lone wolf attack" or a mass shooting, according to an FBI affidavit for his arrest.

The FBI said Betancur voiced support for James Fields, who was convicted for killing a woman with his car during a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Va., in 2017 and reportedly stated that he, too, wanted to run people over with a vehicle and kill people in a church. Betancur later told authorities he had changed his mind about hurting people, the FBI said.

Betancur received approval from parole supervisors to travel to D.C. to distribute Bibles with Gideon International, an evangelical Christian group. His GPS tracking device, however, showed him around the vicinity of the Capitol between 2 and 5 p.m., including inside the building, according to the FBI.

Betancur is facing several charges in the incident, including unlawful activities on Capitol grounds and entering a restricted building.

Contact information for Betancur was not immediately available.

Secret Service

Joe Biden gives emotional farewell to Delaware as he departs for Washington on eve of his inauguration (CNN)
CNN [1/19/2021 3:33 PM, Maeve Reston, 7975K, Neutral, Primary]
President-elect Joe Biden arrives in Washington Tuesday for the start of his inaugural ceremonies at a dark and solemn moment in American history, preparing to take his oath of office as the US passes 400,000 coronavirus deaths and is more divided than at any time since the Civil War.

As he departed for the nation's capital, Biden gave an emotional farewell to his home state of Delaware, his voice breaking at times as he thanked the state's residents for believing in him and standing with him throughout his career.

"I'll always be a proud son of the state of Delaware," Biden said at the Delaware National Guard headquarters in New Castle County. "Excuse the emotion," he said, tears streaming down his face, "but when I die, Delaware will be written on my heart and the hearts of all of us -- all the Bidens. We love you all. You've been there for us in the good and the bad."

He gave a moving tribute to his son Beau, who died of brain cancer in 2015 at the age of 46, stating that he had hoped to see his son become president one day.

"We should be introducing him as president," he said.

The President-elect also noted the historical arc of his career witnessing the civil rights struggle as well as signs of progress in the United States. He said he came home to Wilmington, Delaware, from law school after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated -- inspired by the turmoil to become a public defender. In 2009, he made the journey to Washington with Barack Obama, who became the nation's first Black president. And he is returning to Washington, DC, this week "to meet a Black woman of South Asian descent, to be sworn in as President and vice president of the United States. That's America," he said Tuesday.

The nation's continuing struggles for equality and racial justice also drew Biden into the 2020 presidential race. He has said he decided to seek the highest office after watching President Donald Trump's dismissive handling of the deadly White supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, when he said there were "very fine people on both sides."

Now intent on healing a deeply fractured country, Biden's task has never seemed more daunting after Trump incited a riot with his lies that the presidential election was stolen, which led an armed mob to storm the Capitol on January 6 and resulted in the deaths of five people, including a Capitol Police officer. On Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said that the mob was "provoked" by Trump, in a remarkable final rebuke of the President after four years in which Republicans have often stayed silent in the face of the President's misdeeds.

"The mob was fed lies," McConnell, a Kentucky Republican, said on the Senate floor Tuesday. "They were provoked by the President and other powerful people, and they tried to use fear and violence to stop a specific proceeding of the first branch of the federal government which they did not like."

But McConnell noted that democracy had prevailed, even in the face of violent threats, and that Congress carried out its duties by certifying the election: "We'll have a safe and successful inaugural right here on the very front of the Capitol," he said.

McConnell argued that the November election "did not hand any side a mandate for sweeping ideological change," given the closely divided Senate and House. But he said Republicans would seek common ground with Democrats as Biden takes office: "We are to pursue bipartisan agreement everywhere we can, and check and balance one another, respectfully, where we must."

Washington locked down

Biden had hoped to infuse his arrival in Washington with a nostalgic twist by riding the rails from his home in Delaware, but that was deemed too much of a security risk at a time when the nation is facing threats from within. Instead the President-elect will arrive in a capital city Tuesday that has been transformed into a fortress with more than 20,000 National Guard troops securing the streets and protecting buildings that symbolize the enduring history of

democracy in this country, which has seemed very much in peril in recent weeks.

CNN's Pentagon team reported Tuesday afternoon that 12 National Guard members have been removed from inauguration duty as federal authorities vet those who are stationed in Washington, DC, to secure the ceremonies. Army Gen. Daniel Hokanson told CNN that two of the individuals were flagged due to "inappropriate" comments and texts, while another 10 were removed for questionable behavior found during the vetting. Col. Michael Dugas, provost marshal of the National Guard Bureau, told CNN's Anderson Cooper Tuesday that at least 17,000 members have been vetted so far.

With the twice-impeached Trump still prowling the White House -- fuming about his election grievances and upcoming trial in the US Senate as he prepares to leave for Palm Beach, Florida, before the new President is sworn in Wednesday -- Biden hopes to shift the nation's attention to his agenda for halting the Covid-19 pandemic, accelerating the troubled vaccine rollout and rebuilding a struggling economy that has left millions unemployed.

Honoring Covid victims

Before tackling those challenges, Biden's first stop in Washington, DC, will be at a memorial honoring the nearly 400,000 Americans who have died from Covid-19, with 400 lights illuminating the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. Hundreds of towns, cities and communities across the country plan to join in the solemn tribute with lighting ceremonies of their own at buildings from the Empire State Building in New York to the Space Needle in Seattle, Washington.

Biden will be joined by his wife Jill Biden, Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and her husband Doug Emhoff. Cardinal Wilton Gregory, the archbishop of Washington, will deliver the invocation and gospel singer Yolanda Adams will perform "Hallelujah."

The President-elect has been working on the inauguration speech that he will deliver at the US Capitol on Wednesday, which will mark the beginning of his effort to unite the country after four dark and tumultuous years under Trump, who is skipping the ceremony.

The Covid-19 pandemic had already forced organizers to reimagine the day's ceremonies, including the traditional swearing-in of the new president on the West Front of the Capitol. Those plans were complicated by the January 6 siege of the Capitol by Trump supporters, who shattered glass and ravaged the historic building, forcing the Secret Service to keep plans in flux to ensure that traditional transfer of power will transpire peacefully and safely. In that unnerving environment, the military has been intensely vetting the National Guard troops to make sure there are no bad actors who would do harm during this week's ceremonies.

With Trump's decision to duck out of Washington Wednesday morning to fly to Florida, he has dispensed with both with the traditional welcome of the incoming President and first lady at the North Portico and the joint ride over to the Capitol for the ceremony.

Instead, Trump took the unusual step of asking staff to arrange a sendoff of his own at Joint Base Andrews, suggesting that he'd like to see a red carpet, a Color Guard and a 21-gun-salute.

On Wednesday, Biden will attend church at St. Matthews in Washington, DC, with all four top congressional leaders from both parties. The President-elect will also lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, joined by former President Barack Obama and and first lady Michelle Obama, former President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush, and former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

The inaugural parade down Pennsylvania Ave to honor the incoming administration will now be replaced by a virtual one. Accompanying Biden and Harris as the presidential escort from 15th Street to the White House will be the US Army Band, a Joint Service Honor Guard and the commander in chief's Guard and Fife Drum Corps. The University of Delaware Drumline and the Howard University Drumline will also participate in a nod to the alma maters of the incoming president and vice president.

Participants in Wednesday's virtual parade, which will be hosted by "Scandal" actor Tony Goldwyn (who played the show's President of the United States), will feature comedian Jon Stewart, New Radicals and DJ Cassidy's "Pass the Mic" with performances by Earth Wind & Fire, Nile Rodgers, Kathy Sledge, The Trans Chorus of Los Angeles, The Washington Chorus and The Triumph Baptist Church Choir.

The parade will also include Americans who sought to lift spirits in the midst of the pandemic including Dr. Jason Campbell -- a Portland doctor who became known as the "TikToc Doc" with his uplifting dance performances in scubs from the hospital — and Jason Zgonc, a 12-year-old trumpeter from Atlanta who played during hospital workers' break times throughout the summer.

File details investigation into John Mulaney 'SNL' monologue (AP)
AP [1/19/2021 7:12 PM, James Laporta, Neutral, Secondary]
The U.S. Secret Service opened an investigation into comedian John Mulaney over jokes believed to be made about President Donald Trump on "Saturday Night Live" last year, according to records obtained by The Associated Press.

Mulaney, 38, revealed last month that the Secret Service had investigated the comedian and "SNL" alum for "inappropriate jokes about President Trump" after he made a joke about Roman dictator Julius Caesar, who was stabbed to death by a group of senators on the Ides of March.

The file obtained by the AP through Freedom of Information Act request showed the bureau contacted NBC but did not interview the comedian for its inquiry, which found no wrongdoing.

"Another thing that happened under Julius Caesar, he was such a powerful maniac that all the senators grabbed knives, and they stabbed him to death. That would be an interesting thing if we brought that back now," Mulaney said to laughter from the audience.

The joke was said during Mulaney's opening monologue during the "Saturday Night Live" broadcast on Feb. 29, 2020.

The Secret Service noted other remarks during the monologue, including: "I asked my lawyer if I could make that joke, he said, let me call another lawyer, and that lawyer said yes. I don't dwell on politics, but I dislike the Founding Fathers immensely. ... I hate when

people are like, God has never created such a great group of men than the Founding Fathers. Yeah, the '92 Bulls. ... That's a perfect metaphor for the United States. When I was a boy, the United States was like Michael Jordan in 1992. Now the United States it like Michael Jordan now."

Two days after Mulaney's "SNL" monologue, law enforcement officials contacted Thomas McCarthy, the global chief security officer and senior vice president at NBC Universal, to express the agency's desire to discuss the joke with the comedian's attorneys.

The Secret Service file included a report from Breitbart entitled, "SNL: John Mulaney Jokes that Senators Should Stab Trump Like Julius Caesar." The investigation into Mulaney was opened in March and closed in December, five days after the comedian revealed the investigation during an interview with Jimmy Kimmel.

The Secret Service file notes that Mulaney made no direct threats towards Trump.

"The person vetting me was very understanding that the joke had nothing to do with Donald Trump because it was an elliptical reference to him," Mulaney said to Kimmel. "I didn't say anything about him. In terms of risk assessment, no one who's ever looked at me thought I registered above a one."

He added: "I said I have been making jokes about him since 2007, so I have been making fun of him for 13 years," Mulaney said. "They said if it's a joke, then I am cleared by the Secret Service."

[NY] Federal agent reportedly turned in sister's boyfriend for attending Capitol riot (The Hill)
The Hill [1/19/2021 7:36 PM, Joseph Choi, 2343K, Positive, Secondary]
A New York man inadvertently got himself arrested after sending a selfie of himself at the Capitol during the Jan. 6 riot to his girlfriend's brother, a special agent with the Secret Service.

Local D.C. CBS-affiliate WUSA reports that Thomas Fee's girlfriend posted on Facebook that he had been at the deadly Capitol riot. His girlfriend's brother, a federal agent at the U.S. Department of State, saw the post online and texted Fee to confirm he had been at the Capitol breach.

WUSA reports that Fee, who lives in Freeport, N.Y., confirmed his presence and sent a selfie and video of himself inside the Capitol rotunda. He reportedly texted he was "at the tip of the spear" when he sent the video. The federal agent then forwarded the information to the Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Fee has been charged with entering a restricted building and impeding the orderly conduct of government business or official functions WUSA reports.

Fee retired from the New York Fire Department last year, WUSA notes, making him the second retired firefighter to be arrested due to their involvement in the Capitol breach. Robert Sanford, 55, of Pennsylvania, was also arrested last week on charges of throwing a fire extinguisher at a Capitol Police officer's head during the riot.

Several family members or those close to the people who participated in the riot have turned them over to the authorities. Guy Wesley Reffitt was arrested in Texas after his wife told the FBI of his presence at the Capitol breach.

According to an affidavit from the FBI, Reffitt had told his wife and children, “If you turn me in, you’re a traitor and you know what happens to traitors...traitors get shot."

Helena Duke, 18, publicly identified members of her family who had been at the Capitol on Jan. 6, posting video of her mother allegedly at the event.

[PA] Bucks County man charged with threatening violence toward Biden, Harris (FOX 43)
FOX 43 [1/19/2021 1:19 PM, Keith Schweigert, 27K, Positive, Secondary]
State Police have charged a Bucks County man with making threats to kill president-elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in videos published to Facebook.

Kris John Kinsey, 61, of Doylestown, is charged with one felony count of person not to possess firearms and misdemeanor counts of terroristic threats, possession of a small amount of marijuana, possessing the instruments of crime, and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to State Police.

He was taken into custody last Friday in a wooded area off the 700 block of Sunday Road in Durham Township, Bucks County by troopers serving an arrest warrant, according to a criminal complaint affidavit filed in the case by State Police.

He was charged after a joint investigation by the Elyria Police Department in Ohio and the United States Secret Service determined he had posted several messages, videos, and photos on his Facebook page threatening violence toward Biden and Harris, as well as their supporters, the complaint states.

In one post, Kinsey allegedly states: "If you support Biden you are supporting the psychopath Kamala Harris who publicly said she would hunt down and kill every Trump supporter in America if they won. So Kamala Harris you put 85 million American citizens in your death threat...forcing us into a kill or be killed in our own country. Come get you some Kommie Kammy Hitler."

The post is accompanied by a photo of Kinsey shooting at a paper plate with the words "F--- Biden" on it, police say. He is using a semiautomatic handgun in the photo, according to police.

Kinsey is barred from owning firearms, police say.

[DC] DC on lockdown and on edge before Biden’s inauguration (AP)
AP [1/20/2021 12:21 AM, James Laporta, Lolita C. Baldor And Michael Balsamo, Neutral, Secondary]
The inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden will take place in a Washington on edge, after the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol unleashed a wave of fear and unmatched security concerns. And law enforcement officials are contending not only with the potential for outside threats but also with rising concerns about an insider attack by troops with a duty to

protect him.

There have been no specific threats made against Biden.

The nation's capital is essentially on lockdown. More than 25,000 troops and police have been called to duty. Tanks and concrete barriers block the streets. The National Mall is closed. Fencing lines the perimeter of the U.S. Capitol complex. Checkpoints sit at intersections. The U.S. Secret Service, which is in charge of the event, says it is prepared.

But law enforcement officials have been monitoring members of far-right extremist and militia groups. They have grown increasingly concerned about the possibility such groups could stream into Washington and spark violent confrontations, a law enforcement official said.

Even in the hours before the event, federal agents were monitoring "concerning online chatter," which included an array of threats against elected officials and discussions about ways to infiltrate the inauguration, the official said.

And 12 National Guard members were removed from the security operation after vetting by the FBI, including two who had made extremist statements in posts or texts about Wednesday's event. Pentagon officials wouldn't give details on the statements.

Two other U.S. officials told The Associated Press that all 12 were found to have ties with right-wing militia groups or to have posted extremist views online. The officials, a senior intelligence official and an Army official briefed on the matter, did not say which fringe groups the Guard members belonged to or what unit they served in. The officials told the AP they had all been removed because of "security liabilities."

The officials were not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Gen. Daniel Hokanson, chief of the National Guard Bureau, confirmed that Guard members had been removed and sent home but said only two cases were related to inappropriate comments or texts related to the inauguration. He said the other 10 cases were for potential issues that may involve previous criminal behavior or activities but were not directly related to the inaugural event.

Their removal from the massive security presence at the nation's capital came amid worries from U.S. defense officials about a potential insider attack or other threat from service members following the deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 by Trump supporters. The FBI has been working to vet all 25,000 National Guard in town. Officials have said the Pentagon has found no intelligence so far that would indicate an insider threat.

But the FBI has also warned law enforcement officials about the possibility that right-wing fringe groups could pose as members of the National Guard, according to two law enforcement officials familiar with the matter. Over the summer, a man carrying a handgun and an assault rifle was arrested in Los Angeles and charged with impersonating a National Guard member during a protest. Actual Guardsmen confronted him when they noticed things out of place on his uniform.

Investigators in Washington are particularly worried that members of right-wing extremist

groups and militias, like the Oath Keepers and Three Percenters, could descend on Washington to spark violence, the law enforcement officials said. Some of the extremist groups are known to recruit former military personnel and train extensively and have frequented anti-government and political protests.

That concern intensified significantly after investigators identified members of right-wing extremist groups participating in the Capitol riot.

The nation's capital has been on edge since the deadly insurrection. A fire in a homeless camp roughly a mile from the Capitol complex prompted an evacuation Monday during a rehearsal for the inauguration. The arrests of two people with guns who entered the checkpoints set off concerns, though the arrests had no apparent connection to the inauguration.

Federal law enforcement officials have also been wary of increased surveillance of military and law enforcement checkpoints and other positions. Some National Guard troops have reported people taking pictures and recording them, said the law enforcement officials, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing security matters.

In a related problem, the Secret Service issued a bulletin over the weekend about what it sees as an "uptick" in National Guard troops posting pictures and details of their own operations online.

The AP obtained the message sent to all National Guard troops coming to Washington. The bulletin read, "No service members should be posting locations, pictures or descriptions online regarding current operations or the sensitive sites they are protecting" and urged them to stop immediately.

Asked about the bulletin, a spokesperson for the Secret Service said the agency "does not comment on matters of protective intelligence."

Neither Hokanson nor Pentagon spokesperson Jonathan Hoffman would provide details on the comments or texts made by the two Guard members. Speaking at a Pentagon news conference, Hokanson said one was identified by his chain of command and the other was identified through an anonymous tip.

"Much of the information," Hoffman said, "is unrelated to the events taking place at the Capitol or to the concerns that many people have noted on extremism. These are vetting efforts that identify any questionable behavior in the past or any potential link to questionable behavior, not just related to extremism."

Hoffman said officials aren't asking questions right now of those who were flagged.

But later, he said, "we will address them, whether it's through law enforcement, if necessary, or through their own chain of command."

[DC] Secret Service reopens bridges connecting communities east of Anacostia River (WUSA 9)

WUSA 9 [1/19/2021 8:15 PM, Delia Goncalves, 202K, Neutral, Secondary] Video: HERE

In a change of course, the Secret Service reopened a handful of bridges to local traffic only

following concerns from residents and community leaders in Wards 7 and 8.

For the nearly 150,000 D.C. residents east of the Anacostia River, there are three grocery stores and no trauma center available. That's why certain bridges like the 11th Street bridge connecting downtown Anacostia to Navy Yard, are lifelines.

"The fact that they have allowed us to have this access, I think, is a good thing," Troy Prestwood, the president of the Ward 8 Democrats, said. "I think it should have been more transparent from the beginning."

Prestwood was one of the leading voices calling for a rollback of security measures to allow Ward 7 and 8 residents easier access to amenities on the other side of the river.

"One side of the bridge, I think they just opened like their 10th, 11th, 12th grocery store over there in Ward Six," Prestwood said. "In Ward Eight, we just have one!"

Contrary to resident concerns, ambulances always had access to bridges and their direct routes to trauma centers, which are about a 30-minute drive away. A spokesperson with DC Fire & EMS said they have deployed more crews "ensuring that we have quick access to those that call us for help."

The bridges are now guarded by DC Police and U.S Customs and Border Protection. Police are closely monitoring traffic, stopping and rerouting all commercial vehicles.

"What I hope is that this conversation will continue about the lack of services, because long after this inauguration, that will still be the case," Prestwood said.

The other bridges open to local traffic are South Capitol Street/Frederick Douglass Bridge and Key Bridge. According to the Secret Service, the new traffic pattern remains in effect until Thursday at 6 a.m.

[GA] SCSO investigating counterfeit money incident (Griffin Daily News)
Griffin Daily News [1/20/2021 1:00 AM, Staff, Neutral, Secondary]
According to a Spalding County Sheriff's Office incident report, a local resident reported that they had counterfeit money.

The SCSO was called at about 6:32 p.m. on Jan. 15 from a Camp Street residence about suspected forged U.S. currency.

According to the incident report, the individual wanted to turn in the counterfeit currency.

No arrests were made but according to the incident report, the case remains active.

[FL] Moving trucks spotted at Mar-a-Lago ahead of Trump White House departure (Washington Examiner)
Washington Examiner [1/19/2021 12:23 PM, Mike Brest, 394K, Neutral, Secondary] Video: HERE
Moving trucks have been spotted at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida, in the days leading up to his transition out of power.

Vehicles from the JK Moving Services were seen in front of the club on Monday, as were employees moving boxes into the property, according to the Palm Beach Post.

Trump is expected to fly on Air Force One to Florida on Wednesday, prior to President-elect Joe Biden's swearing-in at noon. In recent days, staffers and others have been seen moving stuff out of the White House, including a bust of Abraham Lincoln.

Palm Beach announced on Monday that the roadway around Mar-a-Lago would be closed as of Tuesday night, but the town did not specify how long the closure would last. A note to residents said traffic will be restricted in the north and south directions on South Ocean Boulevard. The post also urged motorists to "please use caution throughout the area."

Secret Service activity intensified at Trump's waterfront club at the end of last year amid reports that the president's private quarters were being renovated ahead of the first family's permanent arrival. Such a permanent move faces a legal hurdle, however, as they are prohibited from making the estate a full-time residence under their agreement with the city of Palm Beach in 1993.

In 2019, the Trumps changed their legal residency from New York to Palm Beach, a decision that foreshadowed that the first family was preparing for a post-presidency in the Sunshine State.

Other members of the president's family, including Donald Trump Jr. and Ivanka Trump, are also looking into relocating to Florida. Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner, recently purchased an undeveloped $31 million lot near Miami featuring 200 feet of private waterfront and located on the exclusive Indian Creek Island, which is gated and guarded by a 13-man police force.

[FL] President Trump Is Coming Home to Palm Beach (NBC Miami)
NBC Miami [1/19/2021 8:54 PM, Steve Litz, 105K, Neutral, Secondary]
Palm Beach is ready to welcome its newest residents -- America's soon-to-be-former First Family.

President Donald Trump is set to move into his Mar-a-Lago resort Wednesday around lunchtime. Palm Beach Police and the United States Secret Service are among the law enforcement agencies that will protect the Trumps as they make the move.

"It is exciting to know that as part of the Palm Beach Police Department we are one of the few agencies in the country that gets to say we protected the President of the United States and defended the White House," said Palm Beach Police spokesman Michael Ogrodnick.

Town officials sent a note to residents and posted on Twitter how they're ready for their new neighbors. The announcement came with information about the road closure outside the resort.

"The road closure will last several days for safety and security reasons. Beyond this, we do not foresee any future road closures related to the presence of a former President. We have diligently trained and are prepared to respond to any immediate security concerns that a Presidential or former Presidential presence brings through ongoing threat assessments,

and we will continue to do so with our federal, state and local law enforcement partners," the announcement read.

Palm Beach is home to the uber-wealthy, world class hotels and some of the finest retail stores in the country.

Residents are well aware as to who is moving in.

"I have concerns like everybody else does, and I want things to maintain peaceful and quiet and calm like this area always has been," said resident Nikki Levinson.

Early on in the Trump Administration, hundreds of people would jam the roadway leading to the resort, either welcoming or protesting the president's presence at his South Florida resort.

Should that happen again, police say they're ready.

"We do have a plan in place and we are preparing for best-case scenario, worst-case scenario. We are working in conjunction with our federal, local and state partners and we have open lines of communication with them also," Ogrodnick said.

[OH] Elyria man charged with making terrorist threats toward Biden, Democrat leaders (Lorain Morning Journal)
Lorain Morning Journal [1/19/2021 5:45 PM, Zachary Srnis, 6K, Positive, Secondary]
The Elyria Police Department has signed charges against a man for allegedly making terrorist threats on Facebook directed toward President-elect Joe Biden and other Democratic Party leaders.

According to Elyria police Capt. Bill Pelko, 61-year-old Kris J. Kinsey is facing a charge of making a terrorist threat, a third-degree felony.

Pelko said Elyria was notified by United States Secret Service about Kinsey, who was making the threats on Facebook. Kinsey had previously been arrested by Elyria Police.

He said Kinsey was an Elyria resident but has not lived at his listed Middle Avenue address for some time.

Elyria police tracked Kinsey to Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Pelko said Pennsylvania State Police notified Elyria on Jan. 15 that they had tracked Kinsey to a makeshift campground.

Police arrested him and charged him with making terrorist threats. He is in Bucks County Jail.

Pelko said prosecutors from Ohio and Pennsylvania will meet to determine other charges and how to proceed going forward.

[IN] Vincennes police seeking suspects in counterfeit investigation (WTWO)

WTWO [1/19/2021 7:21 PM, Staff, 3K, Neutral, Secondary]
The Vincennes Police Department reported on Tuesday that it has developed two suspects in an investigation concerning circulated counterfeit $100 and $50 bills. The suspects are shown in photographs in the VPD's Facebook page, seen below.

The suspects were reported to be operating a black newer model Jeep Cherokee bearing Tennessee plates. Anyone with information on these suspects are urged to call the Vincennes Police Department at (812) 882-1630 and ask to speak with the detective division.

[NE] Counterfeit currency passed twice over weekend in Grand Island (Grand Island Independent)
Grand Island Independent [1/19/2021 10:37 PM, Staff, 8K, Neutral, Secondary]
A Domino's delivery customer allegedly paid for her order with five counterfeit $10 bills, but the delivery of the pizzas wasn't much help in identifying the suspect.

"The suspect was waiting in front of the residence and the pizza delivery person saw her get into a car and leave after the transaction," said Grand Island police Capt. Jim Duering. "So it does not appear that it's actually associated with the address on the delivery."

The crime occurred at about 11:20 p.m. Friday.

It was one of two cases of counterfeit currency passed over the weekend in Grand Island.

Locksmith Ron Miller told police Sunday that he received a counterfeit $100 bill for his services in the area of River Bend Apartments.

Police said Javante Moore was believed to be in control of the vehicle at the time of the incident and he matches the described suspect's physical characteristics.

Moore, a 26-year-old Grand Island man, was referred for first-degree forgery.

[AZ] Video shows Arizona's horned rioter writing Pence threat, leading prayer (KTAR)
KTAR [1/19/2021 4:59 PM, Kevin Stone, 60K, Neutral, Secondary]
Video released by The New Yorker over the weekend shows Arizona's horn-wearing "QAnon Shaman" writing a threatening note to Vice President Mike Pence and leading fellow supporters of President Donald Trump in prayer inside the Senate chamber.

The magazine on Sunday published a 12-minute compilation of footage taken by reporter Luke Mogelson, who documented the mob outside and inside the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6.

Jacob Chansley, aka Jake Angeli, plays a prominent role in the video, including the note-writing moment cited by federal prosecutors in a court brief last week.

With his flamboyant appearance and bellowing voice, Chansley, 33, has become a symbol of the violent insurrection that left five people dead, including a Capitol Police officer.

Before then, the rabid promoter of the QAnon conspiracy theory had been a fixture at Trump rallies and various protests in Phoenix, impossible to miss with his furry horned hat,

face paint, tattoo-covered bare torso and bullhorn.

The New Yorker video shows Chansley lingering behind the desk where Pence had been presiding while the Senate deliberated over the Electoral College results.

Chansley poses for photos before writing something down on a piece of paper that had been left on Pence's desk.

He displays the note in front Mogelson's phone camera and reads it: "It's only a matter of time, justice is coming!"

In a brief filed Thursday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, federal prosecutors used the note as part of their argument for keeping Chansley in custody.

Prosecutors considered the note a threat to Pence, although Chansley told investigators it wasn't, according to the brief.

A judge agreed that Chansley should remain in detention until his trial.

The New Yorker video also shows Chansley using his bullhorn to lead a rambling prayer "in Christ's holy name." Shortly after starting, he stops to take off his headdress and the knit cap he wore underneath it.

Many of the intruders milling about the Senate chambers bow their heads during the 75-second invocation, some removing their red caps, and then punctuate it with an "Amen!"

Pence and other congressional leaders had been ushered out of the chamber by the Secret Service and Capitol Police before the rioters stormed into the room.

According to the prosecutors' brief, Chansley said in a phone call to the FBI on Jan. 7 that "he was glad he sat in the Vice President's chair because Vice President Pence is a child-trafficking traitor."

Chansley was indicted by a grand jury on six charges on Jan. 8 for his role in the incursion. He was arrested the next day after he went to the Phoenix FBI office for questioning and has remained in custody.

Coast Guard

[MI] EGLE mitigating fuel, oil spill after tugboat sinks in Marquette (Public Radio 90 WNMU-FM)
WNMU Public Radio [1/19/2021 8:34 AM, Nicole Walton]
Environmental officials have responded to the lower harbor breakwall in Marquette after a tugboat sank in 26 feet of water Friday.

Coast Guard Sector Sault Ste. Marie was notified of the submerged vessel around 11:40 a.m. The 30-foot tug was coming into the lower harbor when it lost power and was bashed repeatedly into the rocks. Two people onboard got off the boat without incident.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy and Coast Guard Pollution Responders are at the scene. Officials say the maximum pollution potential is about 100 gallons of diesel fuel and oil.

The tug was pulled from the water Monday afternoon. Officials are working to mitigate environmental damage.

[CA] California boy, 12, missing after being swept into the Pacific Ocean, search suspended: report (FOX News)
FOX News [1/19/2021 11:37 PM, David Aaro, 10362K]
Officials have suspended a search for a California boy who was swept into the Pacific Ocean on Monday at a beach in San Mateo County, according to a report.

Arunay Pruthi, 12, was with his father and little brother, 8, at Cowell Ranch State Beach, about 30 miles south of San Francisco, when all three were swept into the ocean, officials said.

The water pushed the father and 8-year-old back to shore but Arunay was pulled under about 100 yards offshore, according to Cal Fire's San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit. (Cal Fire refers to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.)

"He was a reasonably good swimmer," his father, Tarun Pruthi, told FOX 2 of the San Francisco Bay Area on Tuesday. "It was a warm day but the waves were big."

"All of us basically managed to [get] back, but he just drifted away," Pruthi continued.

When first responders arrived, a frantic Pruthi showed them his son in the water -- on a day that the Coast Guard said waves and swells reached upward of 10 to 15 feet.

"They got to the edge of the cliff, they looked down and they could see there was one juvenile boy about 100 yards into the water and he got sucked under and they didn't have eyes on him again," said Cecile Juliette from Cal Fire San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit.

Lauren Roberge of Danville, said the surf on Monday "was like a washing machine if you were in the water."

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office tweeted that they will use all available resources "boats, helicopters, drones & visual observers" to keep searching for Arunay.

Authorities said they used aircraft with thermal imaging technology to search at night. The search was called off on Monday night, only to resume again early on Tuesday.

At daybreak, crews started looking about 10 miles from the shore. By noon, the search was called off again.

"This is a very difficult decision to suspend the search," said Coast Guard member Howard Wright, according to FOX 2. "The Coast Guard focuses on rescue activities to find a live person and we suspend the search when we are no longer confident that we're going to be able to rescue the victim."

"If we receive any additional information then we will plan additional searches," Wright continued.

His family, however, said they won't rest until Arunay -- who was last seen wearing a white swim top and green swim shorts -- is home with them.

"We have to find him at least," Pruthi told FOX 2.

Last September, a Pennsylvania woman vacationing with her family at the New Jersey shore drowned when she tried to save her three children from dangerous rip currents.

[CA] Search suspended for 12-year-old swept out to sea (San Francisco Chronicle)
San Francisco Chronicle [1/19/2021 5:12 PM, Staff, 422K]
After searching into the early morning, then again after sunrise Tuesday, the U.S. Coast Guard called off its search Tuesday morning for a 12-year-old Fremont boy who was swept out to sea from a Half Moon Bay beach Monday.

The 12-year-old, his father and his 8-year-old brother were sitting on the sand at Cowell Ranch State Beach when a rogue wave hit them and dragged them into the ocean around 3:42 p.m. The strong surf and churning high waves roughed up the younger boy and the father and tossed them back on the shore while dragging the 12-year-old out to sea.

Friends and family members set up a Facebook page to help in the search for the boy, identifying him as Arunay Pruthi.

Arunay's disappearance is the latest in a series of tragic "sneaker wave" incidents along the Bay Area coast. Since the start of the year, at least four people have been swept to sea from San Mateo County to Sonoma County. Several more have been rescued from the cold ocean waters and waves taller than 20 feet.

Dangerous surf conditions are common along the Bay Area coasts, particularly in San Mateo County. But the waves can be higher and the undertow stronger during the winter months when high surf warnings frequently occur. Rogue waves, unexpectedly large waves also known as sneaker waves, are always a threat.

"It's almost become a cliché," said Lt. Toni Pehrson, a Coast Guard spokeswoman. "But never turn your back on the waves. It is definitely a good idea to keep an eye on what's happening and to pay attention to your kids."

Search teams from the Coast Guard, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department, Cal Fire, California State Parks and the California Highway Patrol used boats, helicopters, drones and thermal imaging devices to search for Pruthi until about 1 a.m.

"They were out there well into the night," said Rosemerry Blankswade, a spokeswoman for the sheriff's department. "But they did not find him."

Pehrson said the search was suspended around 10:30 a.m. and will be resumed if the agency receives any tips.

Arunay's family is continuing to search, distributing posters with his image and contact

information, and is asking for volunteers who will help comb the coastline on foot or using drones.

"We're looking for volunteers, drone operators, anyone who can help locate him," said his aunt, Seema Sangwan, who was at the beach when the incident happened. "We're just hoping to recover him, whatever state he is in."

Authorities said the group was sitting or standing on the beach when an unexpectedly large wave smacked into them and pulled them to sea. Other beachgoers immediately called 911; the father and younger boy were able to struggle back to shore. According to authorities, rescue crews briefly spotted the boy about 100 yards offshore before the waves dragged him under.

Sangwan said the family hopes the Coast Guard will resume the search.

Arunay's disappearance was the second on the San Mateo County Coast in a little more than a week. On Jan. 10, a couple fishing were swept from their perch on rocks at Pescadero State Beach. The husband was able to make it back to shore, but the wife is still missing.

A 40-year-old man died earlier this month trying to save his two children who were caught in a sneaker wave in Sonoma County and are presumed dead. A San Jose man in his 30s was rock scrambling in the Marin Headlands on Sunday when he was pulled into the ocean by a sneaker wave and remains missing.

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Ransomware hit 2,300+ U.S. government, health care and school facilities in 2020: Report (Washington Times)
Washington Times [1/19/2021 10:22 AM, Ryan Lovelace, 459K]
Ransomware attacks affected more than 2,300 U.S. government entities, health care facilities and schools in 2020, according to security software company Emsisoft.

Ransomware is malicious software that requires payment from its victims in exchange for restoring access to systems or data held hostage by the cyberattackers. Emsisoft's report did not analyze private sector cyberattacks because the company said such attacks were too infrequently disclosed to provide an accurate portrayal of the threats.

"The fact that there were no ransomware-related deaths in the U.S. last year was simply due to good luck," said Fabian Wosar, Emsisoft chief technology officer, in the report. "Security needs to be bolstered across the public sector before that luck runs out and lives are lost."

The total cost of the 113 ransomware attacks observed by Emsisoft on federal, state and local government entities cost an estimated $915 million. As a result, Emsisoft is advocating that government entities make changes quickly or risk turning 2021 into a "banner year for cybercriminals."

"We anticipate there will be more cases of data theft in 2021 than there were in 2020 —

likely, at least twice as many," Emsisoft said in the report. "Like legitimate businesses, criminal enterprises adopt strategies that are proven to work, and data theft has indeed been proven to work."

Emsisoft's report said part of the problem facing those targeted with ransomware is that public sector victims of ransomware are not required to disclose the attacks, which makes it difficult for policymakers to know precisely how many incidents there are, how many demands are paid and what the full cost of the cyberattacks are.

"2021 need not be a repeat of 2020," Mr. Wosar said in the report. "Proper levels of investment in people, processes and IT would result in significantly fewer ransomware incidents and those incidents which did occur would be less severe, less disruptive and less costly."

Parler tries to survive with help from Russian company (San Francisco Chronicle)
San Francisco Chronicle [1/19/2021 9:47 PM, Jack Nicas, 2481K]
Parler, the social network popular with Trump supporters, is trickling back to life.

The social network went offline last week after Amazon booted it from its computer servers for not consistently removing violent posts, an accusation that Parler denied. But after a week in which Parler executives sued Amazon and predicted that their site might never return, they are forecasting it will be back up and running by the month's end.

That turnabout is thanks, in part, to a Russian company.

Parler has entered into business with DDoS-Guard, a Russian firm that routes internet traffic and protects websites from cyberattacks. With its help, visitors to Parler.com now find a basic webpage with a promise from Parler's chief executive, John Matze, that "our return is inevitable."

But the use of a Russian company is worrying some researchers who study the internet and Russia. If Parler routes its web traffic through DDoS-Guard when its full website returns, the experts said, Russian law could enable the Russian government to surveil Parler's users.

Alina Polyakova, head of the Center for European Policy Analysis, a foreign policy think tank in Washington, said Russia required many internet companies in the country to install technology that feeds the government a copy of much of the data that passes through their computer servers.

The surveillance system, known as the System for Operative Investigative Activities, "basically allows the Russian government to intercept any data on Russian territory and provide that data to the FSB," Russia's domestic intelligence agency, said Polyakova, who has studied Russia's control over the internet. She added that it was unclear if DDoS-Guard would be subject to such surveillance.

The Russian Embassy in Washington and DDoS-Guard did not respond to requests for comment. In an email to CNN, DDoS-Guard said it "does not provide any customer information or any other data to the government authorities, excluding cases explicitly stated in the law."

Jeffrey Wernick, Parler's chief operating officer, said in an interview that the concerns were overblown because DDoS-Guard supported only a temporary webpage for Parler. He said Parler would try to find other companies to operate its full social network.

"Our preference is to have an American firm," he said. "People should not make conclusions that it'll be this company. People extrapolate too much and with limited information. They conclude what they want to conclude. I call that spreading misinformation."

But finding willing partners has been a challenge for Parler since the Capitol riot on Jan. 6.

After supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the Capitol, Twitter and Facebook barred Trump from their services. That sent a flood of new people to Parler, pushing it past 15 million users. Then Apple and Google removed Parler's app from their app stores and Amazon stopped hosting Parler's website on its servers because, they said, Parler was not consistently removing violent posts. In addition to denying those claims, Parler accused the companies of collusion.

Since then, other companies have rebuffed Parler. Matze said in a court filing on Monday that "at least six extremely large potential providers" refused to take Parler's business because they feared cyberattacks or believed Parler hosted incitements to violence.

"Parler is an internet company that cannot get on the internet," Parler's lawyer, David Groesbeck, said in a separate filing Monday. "And the longer Parler lies dead, the harder it will be to resuscitate."

Yet in statements to the press, Parler executives are predicting a full return by the end of January. Wernick declined to say how Parler would do that, but he attributed the confidence to a "herculean effort" by his team.

"We're not sleeping," he said. "We're working day and night, and every day. There is no weekend for us."

For Parler, the ideal solution would be returning to Amazon's servers. The network has accused Amazon of violating antitrust law and asked a federal judge to force it to host Parler. After a hearing last week, the companies are now awaiting a ruling.

Many online observers and journalists have speculated that Parler will eventually be hosted by Epik, a company that has supported other websites that tech companies have rejected, including Gab, another social network popular in right-wing circles.

But Robert Davis, Epik's senior vice president, said in an interview that Epik had only helped register Parler's domain name, a basic function of the internet. While Epik would like to help, he said, Parler's needs are too large.

"I would expect Parler to be an amazing force for good in the future," he said. "I could see them easily hitting 100 million members or more in 2021 alone."

Davis said he believed that Parler was trying to build its own infrastructure. On Monday, Matze appeared to support that notion in an interview on Fox News, saying, "We really need to build our own infrastructure and our own technology."

In a legal filing on the same day, Matze said Parler did not have "the technical and security expertise to host the Parler environment on its own," adding, "Nor is it feasible for Parler to do so."

He said the computers and other equipment needed to host Parler's site would cost more than $6 million and take weeks to arrive. "Simply put, it would not be possible for Parler itself to acquire the necessary servers and related security infrastructure in a commercially reasonable time frame," he said.

Dave Temkin, an engineer who helped lead Netflix's internet-infrastructure team until last week, said he was skeptical that Parler would return soon, given the difficulty of creating its own infrastructure and the reluctance of other companies to help.

He said that even if Parler built its own data center in the United States, it would need to persuade an internet provider like Verizon or AT&T to lay the fiber-optic cables to connect it to the wider internet.

"It's like if you have a car with no roads," he said.

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[Russia] Russia-Linked Hack Spread Via New Malware, Security Experts Say (Bloomberg)
Bloomberg [1/19/2021 7:00 AM, Alyza Sebenius, 6400K]
Suspected Russian hackers used a previously unknown piece of malware called "Raindrop" in the SolarWinds cyberattack, potentially infecting more computer systems than had been thought, according to digital security firm Symantec.

It's the latest information to emerge about the sprawling hack that sent shock waves through the U.S. government and business world last month.

Raindrop "was used against a select number of victims that were of interest to the attackers," according to a blog post by a team headed by Eric Chien, the technical director at Symantec, which is a unit of Broadcom Inc.

Symantec has not found evidence that it was delivered through the SolarWinds malware, which means computer systems showing no signs of containing SolarWinds software or the malware it delivered could still be victims of the attack, according to Chien. He said the hackers likely used credentials stolen during the SolarWinds phase of the attack to log in and deliver Raindrop to other systems.

"Machines that don't have SolarWinds could still be infected," suggesting the hack could be larger than previously understood, said Chien. "Hopefully Raindrop is the end of the chain, but there's no guarantee."

[Russia] Suspected Russian Hackers Targeted Security Firm Malwarebytes (Bloomberg)

Bloomberg [1/19/2021 5:29 PM, Alyza Sebenius, 6400K]
Suspected Russian hackers targeted the cybersecurity company Malwarebytes Inc. in the course of a sprawling cyber-attack that targeted U.S. government agencies and companies.

The attacker abused "applications with privileged access to Microsoft Office 365 and Azure environments," according to a Tuesday blog post by Chief Executive Officer Marcin Kleczynski. He said the attack was part of the same hacking campaign that has utilized infected software from SolarWinds Corp. to target other organizations.

"After an extensive investigation, we determined the attacker only gained access to a limited subset of internal company emails. We found no evidence of unauthorized access or compromise in any of our internal on-premises and production environments," Kleczynski wrote.

On Dec. 15, Microsoft alerted Malwarebytes about "suspicious activity from a third-party application" that was consistent with the behaviors of the SolarWinds' attackers. Upon investigation, Malwarebytes found "no evidence of unauthorized access or compromise in any of our internal on-premises and production environments," he wrote.

This incident is the latest example of the attackers targeting security companies in the course of the hacking campaign. They stole tools from the firm FireEye Inc. and attempted to breach Crowdstrike Inc. through similar tactics they used against Malwarebytes.

"These attackers were clearly sophisticated and primarily targeted federal agencies and security companies, as far as I'm aware," Kleczynski said in an email to Bloomberg News.

FireEye's investigation into its own breach last month revealed that the hackers had installed malicious code into SolarWinds' Orion software, which is used by government agencies and Fortune 500 companies. The malicious code, which customers received by updating the software, provided a launching pad of sorts for further attacks by the hackers into computer networks.

According to SolarWinds, as many as 18,000 of its customers may have received infected updates, though the hackers are believed to have conducted further intrusions in far fewer of them. Malwarebytes isn't a SolarWinds customer.

[Russia] Malwarebytes says its emails were breached by SolarWinds hackers (Reuters)
Reuters [1/19/2021 2:13 PM, Raphael Satter, 5304K]
Cybersecurity company Malwarebytes said on Tuesday that some of its emails were breached by the same hackers who used the software company SolarWinds to hack into a series of U.S. government agencies.

In a statement, the Santa Clara, California-based company said that while it did not use software made by SolarWinds, the company at the center of the breach, it had been successfully targeted by the same hackers who were able to sneak into its Microsoft Office 365 and Microsoft Azure environments.

Malwarebytes said the hack gave the spies access to "a limited subset of internal company emails." But it found no evidence of unauthorized access or compromise of its production

environments - which could have had a potentially catastrophic impact because the company's security products are used by millions of people.

"Our software remains safe to use," the company's statement said.

The disclosure was the latest in a series of announcements by digital security firms that they were either compromised or targeted by the hackers, who the U.S. government has judged to be "likely Russian in origin."

The SolarWinds hackers have previously been accused of stealing hacking tools from cybersecurity firm FireEye, accessing an unspecified number of source code repositories at Microsoft and hijacking digital certificates used by email defense firm Mimecast.

Cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike said late last month that it too had recently discovered an unsuccessful attempt to steal its emails. The company did not identify the hackers involved but two people familiar with its said they were the same suspected Russian hackers accused of breaching SolarWinds.

Russia has denied any involvement in the hacking spree.

In a message posted to Twitter, Malwarebytes' Chief Executive Marcin Kleczynski said the hacking campaign "is much broader than SolarWinds and I expect more companies will come forward soon."

Terrorism Investigations

[NY] National Digest: Soldier arrested in plot to blow up 9/11 museum in N.Y. (Washington Post)
Washington Post [1/19/2021 7:04 PM, Staff, 13480K]
Soldier held in plot to blow up 9/11 Memorial

A U.S. Army soldier was arrested Tuesday in Georgia on terrorism charges after he spoke online about plots to blow up New York City's National September 11 Memorial Museum and other landmarks and attack U.S. soldiers in the Middle East, authorities said Tuesday.

Cole James Bridges of Stow, Ohio, was in custody on charges of attempted material support of a terrorist organization — the Islamic State group — and attempted murder of a military member, said Nicholas Biase, a spokesperson for Manhattan federal prosecutors.

The 20-year-old soldier, also known as Cole Gonzales, was with the Third Infantry Division out of Fort Stewart, Ga., when he thought he was communicating with the Islamic State online about the terrorism plots, Biase said.

Unbeknown to Bridges, an FBI employee was in on the chat as Bridges provided detailed instructions on tactics and manuals and advice about attacking the memorial and other targets in New York, Biase said.

Bridges was scheduled to make an initial appearance in federal court in Augusta, Ga., on Thursday.

According to a criminal complaint in Manhattan federal court, Bridges joined the U.S. Army in September 2019 and was assigned as a cavalry scout in Fort Stewart.

At some point, he began researching and consuming online propaganda promoting Islamist militants and their violent ideology, authorities said.

They said he expressed his support for the Islamic State group and jihad on social media before he began communicating in October with an FBI employee who posed as an Islamic State group supporter in contact with the group's fighters in the Middle East. According to court papers, he expressed his frustration with the U.S. military and his desire to aid the Islamic State group.

Fort Stewart officials had no immediate comment Tuesday, said Kevin Larson, a spokesperson for the Army post.

[NY] US Army private facing terrorism charges over alleged efforts to help ISIS ambush troops (The Hill)
The Hill [1/19/2021 4:04 PM, Justine Coleman, 2343K]
A U.S. Army private is facing terrorism charges after he allegedly made efforts to help ISIS ambush U.S. troops, according to court documents unsealed in Manhattan federal court on Tuesday.

The Justice Department, New York Police Department and U.S. Army Counterintelligence charged Cole Bridges, of Stowe, Ohio, with attempting to provide "material support" to ISIS and attempting to murder U.S. military service members.

Bridges, who also goes by Cole Gonzales, was arrested on Tuesday and is scheduled to appear in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia later in the day. He could face up to 20 years in prison for each charge, according to a release.

The 20-year-old, who joined the Army around September 2019, served as a cavalry scout in the 3rd Infantry Division in Fort Stewart, Ga. During the same year he joined, prosecutors said Bridges started reading and viewing online jihadist propaganda and declared his support for ISIS and jihad over social media.

In October 2020, Bridges started talking to an FBI online undercover employee, called the "OCE" in the release, who acted like an ISIS supporter and said they were communicating with ISIS fighters located in the Middle East.

The complaint alleges that Bridges told the OCE that he was frustrated with the military and wanted to help ISIS and provided the contact with training, including military combat tactics used against ISIS, and guidance, including suggestions about targets in New York City.

Bridges allegedly started giving the OCE directions for ISIS fighters to attack U.S. troops in the Middle East, including certain military strategies to help ISIS kill more U.S. service members.

Officials said he also gave information about how ISIS should brace an encampment for a U.S. Special Forces attack by wiring explosives in buildings with a goal of killing U.S.

troops.

This month, Bridges allegedly sent a video of himself in body armor in front of a flag used by ISIS fighters. About a week later, he sent another video in which Bridges relayed a propaganda speech in support of the ISIS attack on the U.S. troops while using a voice manipulator, according to the complaint.

“As alleged, Cole Bridges betrayed the oath he swore to defend the United States by attempting to provide ISIS with tactical military advice to ambush and kill his fellow service members,” acting U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York Audrey Strauss said in the release. “Our troops risk their lives for our country, but they should never face such peril at the hands of one of their own.”

[NY] US Army soldier allegedly attempted to help plan attack on soldiers abroad and 9/11 Memorial (CNN)

CNN [1/19/2021 7:30 PM, Sonia Moghe and Devan Cole, 7975K]

A US Army soldier was arrested Tuesday on terrorism charges after federal prosecutors said he allegedly attempted to assist ISIS’ efforts to plan attacks on targets in New York City and on US soldiers in the Middle East.

Cole Bridges, a 20-year-old private, allegedly made the attempts while communicating with someone he believed to be associated with the terror group, prosecutors said. He has been charged with one count of attempting to provide material support to ISIS and one count of attempting to murder US military service members, both of which carry up to 20 years in prison.

Bridges, who is from Stow, Ohio, was arrested in Georgia, where he was based at Fort Stewart. He is set to have a court hearing on Thursday.

CNN is attempting to reach Bridges’ attorney for comment.

An Army spokesperson said such a crime would be a betrayal.

"The Army is tasked with the duty and responsibility to protect our Nation from its adversaries, and Soldiers make incredible sacrifices in service to that cause. When any Soldier attempts to provide sensitive or classified information to an adversary, it is a betrayal of the oath they swore to the United States and the duty owed to their fellow Soldiers," the spokesperson said in a statement.

"This Soldier’s recent arrest was the result of a joint investigation between the Army and the FBI, and the Army will continue to work closely with Federal authorities in this case," the spokesperson continued.

Prosecutors allege in a criminal complaint that in October, Stewart began communicating with an FBI covert employee online who was posing as an ISIS supporter in contact with ISIS fighters in the Middle East. Prosecutors allege Bridges gave training and guidance to purported ISIS fighters, as well as advice about possible targets in New York City, such as the 9/11 Memorial.

Bridges also allegedly gave the FBI employee portions of a US Army training manual and

"guidance about military combat tactics, for use by ISIS," the release said.

Prosecutors said that in December, Bridges began supplying the covert FBI employee with "instructions for the purported ISIS fighters on how to attack U.S. forces in the Middle East," including diagramming specific military maneuvers to help ISIS fighters "maximize the lethality of attacks on US troops," which included advice on fortifying an ISIS encampment by wiring certain buildings with explosives to kill American troops, according to the release.

"As alleged, Cole Bridges betrayed the oath he swore to defend the United States by attempting to provide ISIS with tactical military advice to ambush and kill his fellow service members," Manhattan US Attorney Audrey Strauss said in the release.

"Our troops risk their lives for our country, but they should never face such peril at the hands of one of their own," Strauss said.

[NY] Authorities Arrest Soldier Accused Of Trying To Help ISIS Ambush US Troops, Attack NYC 9/11 Memorial (Daily Caller)

Daily Caller [1/19/2021 4:32 PM, Andrew Jose, 321K]

A United States Army Private First Class has been charged with attempting to provide material support to the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS), a designated foreign terrorist group, and attempting to murder U.S. military service members, the Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York announced Tuesday.

Both the charges carry a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, a Department of Justice (DOJ) press release stated.

The charged 20-year-old, Cole James Bridges, a Stowe, Ohio native, joined the U.S. Army around Sep. 2019 and began researching and consuming online jihadist propaganda, after which he expressed support for ISIS and jihad on social media, according to the DOJ.

Bridges then began interacting with an undercover Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) employee, posing as an ISIS supporter in touch with ISIS fighters in the Middle East, around Oct. 2020.

During those interactions, he expressed frustration with the U.S. military and his desire to assist ISIS, the DOJ reported.

He also provided the agent sections of an Army training manual and guidance about military combat tactics for ISIS' use around Dec. 2020, according to the agency.

This included diagrams of particular military maneuvers to help ISIS jihadists maximize the lethality of attacks on U.S. soldiers and advice about the most optimum way ISIS can fortify an ISIS encampment against an attack by U.S. Special Forces.

Bridges furthermore granted training and guidance to "purported" ISIS fighters who were plotting attacks against the U.S., recommending potential targets for the terrorist group in New York City, such as the 9/11 Memorial, according to the DOJ.

The FBI employee, who Bridges thought was an ISIS backer, then received Jan. 2021, a video of Bridges in body armor standing before a flag used by ISIS jihadists and making a

pro-ISIS gesture, the DOJ reported.

A week later, the agent received another video by Bridges where he, using a voice manipulator, narrated a propaganda speech supporting an anticipated ambush by ISIS on U.S. troops that he attempted to help the group with.

He "betrayed our country and his unit when he plotted with someone he believed was an ISIS sympathizer to help ISIS attack and kill U.S. soldiers in the Middle East. Fortunately, the person with whom he communicated was an FBI employee, and we were able to prevent his evil desires from coming to fruition," FBI Assistant Director William F. Sweeney Jr. said.

"Bridges could have chosen a life of honorable service, but instead he traded it for the possibility of a lengthy prison sentence. This case should serve as a reminder that the FBI's New York JTTF will never quit in its commitment to protect our Nation from all those who seek to do it harm," Sweeney Jr. added.

[NY] US soldier arrested in plot to blow up NYC 9/11 Memorial (AP)
AP [1/19/2021 3:07 PM, Larry Neumeister, 1912K]
A U.S. Army soldier was arrested Tuesday in Georgia on terrorism charges after he spoke online about plots to blow up New York City's 9/11 Memorial and other landmarks and attack U.S. soldiers in the Middle East, authorities said.

Cole James Bridges of Stow, Ohio, was in custody on charges of attempted material support of a terrorist organization — the Islamic State group — and attempted murder of a military member, said Nicholas Biase, a spokesperson for Manhattan federal prosecutors.

The 20-year-old soldier, also known as Cole Gonzales, was with the Third Infantry Division out of Fort Stewart, Georgia, when he thought he was communicating with the Islamic State online about the terrorism plots, Biase said.

Unbeknownst to Bridges, an FBI employee was in on the chat as Bridges provided detailed instructions on tactics and manuals and advice about attacking the memorial and other targets in New York City, Biase said.

"As we allege today, Bridges, a private in the U.S. Army, betrayed our country and his unit when he plotted with someone he believed was an ISIS sympathizer to help ISIS attack and kill U.S. soldiers in the Middle East," said William F. Sweeney Jr., head of New York City's FBI office.

"Fortunately, the person with whom he communicated was an FBI employee, and we were able to prevent his evil desires from coming to fruition," Sweeney said in a release.

"Our troops risk their lives for our country, but they should never face such peril at the hands of one of their own," U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss said.

Bridges was scheduled to make an initial appearance in federal court in Augusta, Georgia, on Thursday.

It was not immediately clear who would represent him.

According to a criminal complaint in Manhattan federal court, Bridges joined the U.S. Army in September 2019 and was assigned as a cavalry scout in Fort Stewart.

At some point, he began researching and consuming online propaganda promoting jihadists and their violent ideology, authorities said.

They said he expressed his support for the Islamic State group and jihad on social media before he began communicating in October with an FBI employee who posed as an Islamic State group supporter in contact with the group's fighters in the Middle East.

According to court papers, he expressed his frustration with the U.S. military and his desire to aid the Islamic State group.

The criminal complaint said he then provided training and guidance to purported Islamic State fighters who were planning attacks, including advice about potential targets in New York City, including the 9/11 Memorial.

It said he also provided portions of a U.S. Army training manual and guidance about military combat tactics.

Bridges also diagrammed specific military maneuvers to help the terrorist group's fighters kill U.S. troops, including the best way to fortify an encampment to repel an attack by U.S. Special Forces and how to wire certain buildings with explosives to kill the U.S. troops, the complaint said.

This month, according to the complaint, Bridges sent a video of himself in body armor standing before an Islamic State flag, gesturing support.

A week later, Bridges sent a second video in which he used a voice manipulator and narrated a propaganda speech in support of the Islamic State group's anticipated ambush of U.S. troops, the complaint said.

In a statement Tuesday, a spokesperson for the Fort Stewart-based 3rd Infantry Division, Lt. Col. Lindsey Elder, confirmed that Pfc. Cole James Bridges is assigned to the division. She said division commanders are "cooperating fully with the FBI."

Elder referred further inquiries to the Pentagon.

[NY] U.S. Army soldier accused of plotting with ISIS to blow up 9/11 Memorial, kill U.S. troops overseas (Washington Times)
Washington Times [1/19/2021 2:45 PM, Jeff Mordock, 459K]
A U.S. Army soldier was arrested Tuesday and charged for allegedly plotting to blow up New York's 9/11 Memorial and ambush U.S. soldiers in the Middle East.

Cole James Bridges of Stow, Ohio, is charged with attempted material support of a terrorist organization and attempted murder of a military member, the Justice Department said. If convicted, he faces a maximum of 40 years in prison.

Mr. Bridges, 20, was a member of the Third Infantry Division in Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Prosecutors say he was communicating about possible terror attacks with an individual he thought was a member of the Islamic State, also known as ISIS.

Mr. Bridges offered the individual detailed instructions on tactics and offered advice about how to attack the 9/11 Memorial and other targets in New York, according to court documents.

In December 2020, Mr. Bridges then began to supply the individual with instructions for how the Islamic State's fighters could attack U.S. forces in the Middle East, prosecutors said. He allegedly diagrammed specific military maneuvers to help the Islamic State maximize U.S. casualties.

He also sent the individual a video of himself in body armor standing before a flag used by the Islamic State and making a gesture in support of their cause, court documents revealed.

"This alleged personal and professional betrayal of comrades and country is terrible to contemplate, but fortunately, the FBI was able to identify the threat posed by Bridges, and today's charges are the first step in holding him accountable for his crimes," said Assistant Attorney General for National Security John C. Demers.

National Security News

Biden taps former aide as top Pentagon adviser on China (Politico)
Politico [1/19/2021 11:53 AM, Lara Seligman, 2751K]
President-elect Joe Biden has tapped former aide and longtime Asia expert Ely Ratner to be the incoming Pentagon chief's principal adviser on China matters, according to two people with knowledge of the move.

The move may help reassure China watchers who are concerned that Biden's defense secretary nominee, retired Gen. Lloyd Austin, does not have sufficient experience in Indo-Pacific affairs. Many national security experts consider an increasingly aggressive China to be the most pressing challenge facing the United States.

"Ely is one of the best in Washington on Asia policy and the US-China relationship," said Eric Sayers, visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. "This pick is a good sign for anyone who wants to see the Biden team take a more competitive approach toward Beijing. The Pentagon will be lucky to have his talents as it continues to make China its top priority and find ways to network Asian allies together on security issues."

Austin, a former head of U.S. Central Command, is expected get questions from lawmakers about his approach to China on Tuesday as he goes before the Senate Armed Services Committee for his confirmation hearing.

"Ely Ratner is a strong addition to the DoD," said Randy Schriver, a former assistant secretary of defense for Indo-Pacific affairs under President Donald Trump. "He cares deeply about our allies and partners in the region and he has the expertise, the knowledge of the bureaucracy, and the relationships to be a key player when it comes to the formulation of China policy."

Ratner is a longtime Biden aide, having served as a professional staff member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and in Biden's Senate office. From 2011 to 2012, Ratner worked in the office of Chinese and Mongolian affairs and the State Department before moving in 2015 to be Biden's deputy national security adviser in the vice president's office.

Ratner did not return a request for comment.

At the Pentagon, Ratner will initially serve as a special adviser to the defense secretary on China matters, according to a transition official and a defense official, both of whom spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss personnel issues. The move potentially sets Ratner up to be nominated as the Pentagon's top official overseeing Indo-Pacific affairs.

Ratner is the executive vice president and director of studies at the Center for a New American Security. He has testified before Congress and is published widely on U.S.-China relations and the U.S. approach to Asia, including co-authoring a recent piece in Foreign Affairs with Kurt Campbell, a former State Department official who will join the National Security Council as Indo-Pacific coordinator.

At CNAS, Ratner led a congressionally mandated 2020 assessment of U.S. strategy toward China.

Ratner is also an adviser with WestExec Advisors, the consulting firm co-founded by Antony Blinken, Biden's nominee to be secretary of State, and Michèle Flournoy, former President Barack Obama's Pentagon policy chief.

Senate presses Biden's pick for secretary of State on Iran, China, Russia and Yemen (The Hill)
The Hill [1/19/2021 8:10 PM, Laura Kelly, 2343K]
President-elect Biden's nominee for secretary of State, Antony Blinken, participated in a marathon confirmation hearing with members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Tuesday, as part of efforts to quickly put in place the administration's national security team.

Blinken, who served as staff director of the committee between 2002 and 2008 before joining the Obama administration in senior national security roles, was praised by lawmakers on both sides of the aisle for his commitment to public service and his experience in foreign policy and government.

Blinken also served as Deputy Secretary of State during the Obama administration.

Outgoing-chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator James Risch (R-Idaho), called for a Senate vote on Blinken's confirmation as soon as possible to have Biden's national security team in place. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) affirmed that he would vote in favor of Blinken's confirmation.

Senator Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), the incoming chair of the Senate panel, praised Blinken's appearance before the committee and called for a quick vote to confirm his position at the head of the State Department.

"I look forward to moving Secretary Blinken's nomination through the full Senate as expeditiously as possible," Menendez said in a statement.

The hearing, which lasted for more than four and a half hours, was generally agreeable and friendly, with Republican and Democratic lawmakers largely expressing consensus with Blinken's answers to pressing foreign policy stances.

The strongest pushback came from lawmakers seeking details on Biden's promise to rejoin the Obama-era nuclear deal with Iran, called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

Biden has said he will return to the deal that President Trump withdrew from in 2018 if Iran, which has breached many of the terms of the agreement, returned to compliance.

The top Republican and Democratic members on the committee spoke out against Biden's commitment to join the deal at a starting point for negotiations, pressing Blinken on how the administration is planning to deal with Tehran's other malign activity, including its ballistic missile program, funding of proxy fighters across the Middle East, and human rights abuses.

"Any new deal with Iran must address all the facets of Iranian bad behavior," Sen. Risch said in his opening remarks, and called for the Biden administration to submit any new deal with Tehran as a treaty to the Senate for ratification.

Treaty ratification requires a two-thirds majority of votes in the Senate, of which the Democrats have only 51 seat majority, with Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris expected to be the tie-breaking vote amid controversial legislation.

Blinken committed to robust consultations with Congress on Iran and for engaging allies like Israel and Gulf Arab nations over Biden's push to engage Tehran to rein in its nuclear ambitions.

But the Secretary-designate emphasized that the administration's goal is to first constrain Iran's ability to develop a nuclear weapon as priority over addressing other malign activity.

"An Iran with a nuclear weapon or with the threshold capacity to build one is an Iran that would act, potentially, with even greater impunity than it already is," he said.

Lawmakers also pressed Blinken on how the Biden administration plans to confront China.

"As we look at China, there is no doubt that it poses the most significant challenge of any nation state to the United States," Blinken said, calling it an adversarial and competitive challenge but with areas of cooperation when it serves U.S. interests.

Blinken called for engaging allies in confronting China from a position of strength and rejoining international organizations, like the World Health Organization, to push back on China's efforts to exert its influence. He further supported investing in the U.S. military to deter any aggression from Beijing.

Blinken said he also agreed with the assessment that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo

announced on Tuesday that China is engaged in genocide against its minority-Muslim Uighur population and called for taking actions, such as blocking imports of commodities that could have been made with forced labor and blocking U.S. exports of techonlogy that could be used for the surveilance and oppression of this community in China.

On Russia, one of the first priorities of the Biden administration is to extend the New START treaty with Moscow, Blinken said, the treaty that puts a cap on nuclear missile capabilities and that is set to expire next month. The treaty allows for an extension of up to five years.

"This is something that we will have to tackle, but only when the President-elect becomes president tomorrow," Blinken said, adding that it is his intention to come to Congress "immediately" to consult on extending the treaty.

"We will see the extension, the president-elect has to decide on the duration," Blinken said.

The secretary-designate said that the Biden administration is committed to ending U.S. support for the Saudi-led war in Yemen and will work on that "in very short order."

Blinken said if confirmed he would review immediately the designation by the Trump administration of the Iranian-backed Houthis in Yemen as a terrorist organization, criticizing the move as achieving "nothing practical" in efforts to stop Houthi atrocities against its peoples and engage it in a diplomatic solution, while harming efforts to provide humanitarian assistance.

"We would propose to review that immediately, to make sure that what we are doing is not impeding the provision of humanitarian assistance," Blinken said.

To lines of Republican questioning, Blinken affirmed support for the Trump administration's delivery of lethal assistance to Ukraine that was not provided during the Obama administration, offered support for the breakthrough in relations between Serbia and Kosovo achieved last year and pledged to build upon the diplomatic agreement known as the Abraham Accords, relations between Israel and majority-Arab and Muslim-country's that occurred throughout last year.

"No party has a monopoly on good ideas," Blinken said. "And I hope that working together, we can pull all the good ideas from both sides of the aisle to try to advance the security and well-being of the American people abroad. I welcome doing that."

15 former Defense officials back waiver for Austin to serve as Defense secretary (The Hill)

The Hill [1/19/2021 8:36 AM, Celine Castronuovo, 2343K]

A group of 15 former Defense officials on Monday sent a letter to the Senate Armed Services Committee backing a waiver that would allow President-elect Joe Biden's Defense secretary nominee, retired Gen. Lloyd Austin, to bypass a law barring recently retired generals from holding the civilian job.

The letter, first obtained by Fox News, was signed by former secretaries of Defense, including Chuck Hagel and Leon Panetta, as well as former deputies and secretaries of armed service branches.

The former officials cite multiple crises facing the country, including the coronavirus pandemic, "aggressive adversaries challenging us around the globe and in cyberspace; a rising China whose interests and values often do not align with ours; and a threat from domestic terrorism that has rarely been more clear or more dangerous."

Thus, the group argues, "Now more than ever, we need an experienced, competent, organized, and respected Secretary of Defense," and, "Every day that we do not have such a Secretary in place is a day that emboldens those who wish our nation harm."

"As former senior civilian leaders of the Department of Defense, we believe that Secretary-Designate Lloyd Austin can lead effectively as a civilian," the group writes to Senate committee leadership. "We urge the Congress to grant him a waiver from the 1947 National Security Act as quickly as possible."

Under the 1947 law, Defense secretaries must be retired from the military for at least seven years before they can take the job. Austin retired in mid-2016.

The law has only been waived twice before, first for George Marshall in 1950 and most recently for James Mattis in 2017.

The letter came ahead of Austin's confirmation hearing before the Senate committee on Tuesday. Prior to the hearing, the committee heard expert testimony on the 1947 law, and three Democrats at the hearing — Sens. Richard Blumenthal (Conn.), Elizabeth Warren (Mass.) and Tammy Duckworth (Ill.) — reiterated they oppose a waiver for Austin.

The committee's top Democrat, Sen. Jack Reed (R.I.), has expressed openness to the waiver, despite saying he wouldn't support one again after Mattis.

The Republican Study Committee, which includes most GOP lawmakers, sent a memo to members and staff last week arguing that allowing a waiver for Austin shortly after one was granted to Mattis would set a "new dangerous precedent."

"Furthermore, regardless of the 'waiver,' Gen. Austin is not the right person for the job of secretary of Defense," the memo added. "He lacks civilian experience, has no experience in countering China, and has a track record of failures as the [Central Command] head in Syria and Iraq and in the war on ISIS. For all of these reasons, conservatives should not vote to grant a 'waiver' for Gen. Austin."

Senate Democrats call on Biden to immediately invoke Defense Production Act (The Hill)

The Hill [1/19/2021 5:17 PM, Alex Gangitano, 2343K]

Senate Democrats called on President-elect Joe Biden Tuesday to immediately invoke the Defense Production Act (DPA) to boost production and stockpiling of testing supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical equipment.

Twenty-six senators, led by Sens. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.) and Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), wrote a letter to Biden asking him to fully utilize the DPA just one day before he is sworn into office.

The DPA gives the president broad authority to increase the manufacturing output of critical

items in a national emergency.

“Given the continued supply chain issues that we have seen over the past year, we believe it is in the best interest of the American public to shore up our access to critical supplies immediately and in the long term through all available DPA authorities,” they wrote.

The senators added the DPA could also be used to regulate vaccine distribution. Biden plans to use the DPA to boost vaccine production, a member of his COVID-19 advisory team said last month.

The senators also criticized President Trump’s response to the pandemic and the presidential transition, adding that the lack of transparency during the transition may mean the Biden team doesn’t have “full insight into the state of the medical supply pipeline and Strategic National Stockpile.”

They said that using the DPA could be a boon to American manufacturers.

“President Trump has not used his DPA authority sufficiently enough to award adequate medical supply contracts for the nation’s needs. We must immediately do more to re-shore the most in-demand PPE, such as nitrile gloves, nearly all of which are manufactured in China,” they wrote.

Other senators on the letter include Sens. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.).

Trump has used the Defense Production Act during the COVID-19 pandemic, first in March to order General Motors to ramp up the production of life-saving ventilators. He also invoked it in April to order meat processing plants to stay open.

Pelosi urges Pentagon to block ‘Trump loyalist’ from national security role before Biden’s inauguration (FOX News)

FOX News [1/19/2021 10:00 AM, Danielle Wallace, 10362K]

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is calling on the acting defense secretary to "immediately cease" plans to install so-called "Trump loyalist" Michael Ellis as the new general counsel for the National Security Agency (NSA) just days before President-elect Joe Biden is inaugurated, describing the decision as "highly suspect" and a threat to the national security of the country.

In a letter Sunday addressed to acting Department of Defense Secretary Christopher C. Miller, Pelosi also called for an investigation into alleged "irregularities" in the NSA General Counsel selection process, arguing that Ellis, "a relatively recent law school graduate with a limited resume, was selected due to interference by the White House, and was chosen over much more qualified candidates."

"The circumstances and timing – immediately after President Trump’s defeat in the election – of the selection of Mr. Ellis, and this eleventh-hour effort to push this placement in the last three days of this Administration are highly suspect," Pelosi wrote. "Further, the efforts to install him or ‘burrow’ him into a highly sensitive intelligence position 72 hours prior to the beginning of a new Administration manifest a disturbing disregard for our national security. Therefore, this placement should not move forward."

Pelosi also raised concerns that Ellis had reportedly been "involved in highly questionable activities that are disqualifying — including the infamous 2017 'midnight run' to launder intelligence information through Rep. Devin Nunes and with efforts to shield information about President Trump's July 2019 call with the President of Ukraine."

Ellis served as chief counsel for Nunes, R-Calif., during his time as chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, The Washington Post reported.

Nunes' office did not immediately return Fox News' request for comment on Tuesday.

Ellis held several positions in the Trump administration, including serving as an attorney for the National Security Council and the White House's senior director for intelligence, The New York Times reported.

Pelosi's letter states that the "NSA General Counsel, which involves supervising many intelligence community attorneys and interacting with intelligence agencies, is a highly sensitive career position for which candidates are selected, based on merit and free from political influence." If Ellis did go through the traditional civil service hiring process, Pelosi also requested "a detailed account of that process, to understand how someone with his credentials was chosen over other qualified candidates."

The letter was sent a day after Miller on Saturday instructed NSA Director Gen. Paul Nakasone to immediately place Ellis in the role of general counsel by 6 p.m. — but the move was temporarily delayed, The Washington Post reported.

On Sunday, the NSA said in a statement that Ellis "accepted his final job offer yesterday afternoon" and the national-level intelligence agency "is moving forward with his employment." Ellis is expected to begin his duties Tuesday, a day before the presidential inauguration.

The Pentagon seemingly rejected Pelosi questioning the integrity of the Department of Defense's civil service selection process, explaining that once a candidate is selected through the merit system, meets the job requirements and accepts an offer, if the person is not installed, "it exposes the department, agency and senior leadership to claims for a violation of the merit system principles and processes."

"To be clear, congressional or media interest in a particular hiring action are not justification under the merit system principles and process to delay placing a selected qualified individual in a position," a spokesperson with the Office of the Secretary of Defense said in a statement provided to Fox News. "A candidate for a career position is not automatically excluded from consideration due to 'administration ties' - as the two prior NSA Generals Counsel were not excluded from consideration and eventual selection due to their 'administration ties'."

"The General Counsel of the Department of Defense is the sole selection authority for the position of General Counsel of the National Security Agency -- as well as all other senior career DoD General Counsel positions," the statement added. "The Director of the NSA does not select or approve of candidates for the position of the NSA General Counsel."

Department of Defense General Counsel Paul C. Ney Jr. first hired Ellis in November. At that time, Democratic Sens. Mark Warner and Jack Reed also requested an investigation into the matter.

Former NSA general counsels have been connected to the Obama administration. For example, Glenn Gerstell, who served from 2015 to 2020, raised $50,000 for the Obama campaign in 2012, the Post reported. His predecessor, Raj De, previously served as Obama's White House staff secretary.

Trump Signs Order to Restrict Foreign Use of Cloud Companies (Bloomberg)
Bloomberg [1/20/2021 1:51 AM, Jamie Tarabay, 6400K]
On his last full day in office, President Donald Trump signed an executive order the White House said was aimed at preventing foreign malicious cyber-actors from using U.S. online infrastructure to carry out their activities.

The order, which provides the Commerce Department with the authority to impose record-keeping obligations on foreign transactions, is viewed as a response to the recent hacking campaign that infected software from SolarWinds Corp. and targeted organizations including government agencies.

"Foreign malicious cyber-actors threaten our economy and national security through the theft of intellectual property and sensitive data, and by targeting United States critical infrastructure," National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien said in a statement. He said abuse of American infrastructure service products -- such as those offered by cloud outfits like Amazon Web Services and Microsoft Azure -- had "played a role in every cyber incident during the last four years, including the actions resulting in the penetrations of United States firms FireEye and Solar Winds."

It was a "much-needed step, unfortunately it takes a significant and public compromise like the SolarWinds breach into U.S. government infrastructure to drive change like this," said Jon DiMaggio, chief security strategist at Analyst1, a cyber-threat analysis firm in Reston, Virginia.

"It certainly isn't the first time supply chain attacks have happened, nor is it the first time the U.S. government has been aware of the problem. It's about time we started looking past the vendor cost to determine what technology we allow to support critical government infrastructure," he said.

The order allows the Commerce Department to block American infrastructure firms from operating in countries where those products are used for malicious cyber-activity, either by individuals or if the country's own government is a source of that activity.

The order also grants powers to ban or impose conditions on foreigners opening or maintaining accounts with American firms within the U.S. if they are found to be involved in malicious cyber-activity.

The Commerce Department is tasked with proposing regulations within six months of the order being issued, but it isn't clear that the incoming administration led by Joe Biden will implement it.

"I could see them adding a comment period or something from the impacted companies," said Alex Stamos, a Stanford University professor helping SolarWinds' recovery efforts after its breach, who had served as chief security officer at Facebook until 2018. Biden "might just wholesale wipe out every executive order too."

In December, Austin, Texas-based SolarWinds found itself at the center of the largest cyber-security attack in recent memory. Suspected Russian hackers breached the internal networks of at least 200 customers, including U.S. government agencies and an as-yet-unknown number of private companies, a cyber-security firm and people familiar with the investigation told Bloomberg News.

In an operation that cyber-security experts have described as exceedingly sophisticated and hard to detect, the hackers installed malicious code in updates to SolarWinds' widely used Orion software, which was sent to as many as 18,000 customers.

[Mexico] Mexico's Attorney General Escalates Fight With U.S. Over Former Minister (Reuters)

Reuters [1/19/2021 4:34 PM, Lizbeth Diaz and Raul Cortes, 3498K]

Mexican Attorney General Alejandro Gertz said on Tuesday he was considering elevating to international courts a dispute with the United States over Mexico dropping an investigation into a former defense minister.

Gertz said the U.S. Department of Justice had effectively declared ex-defense minister Salvador Cienfuegos innocent when it sent him back to Mexico and dropped U.S. charges against him after he was arrested in California last year.

He defended his own decision to close a Mexican probe into whether Cienfuegos had colluded with a drug cartel, saying the U.S. evidence was inconsistent, included questionable physical descriptions of the retired general, and used testimony from two dead witnesses.

The spat, one of several serious hiccups during the Trump administration, risks souring Mexico's most important bilateral relationship as the two countries seek to turn over a new leaf with the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden this week.

In an interview on Mexican radio, Gertz said he was being accused of bias in favor of Cienfuegos, something he described as "a lynching," and that he was exploring his legal options at the level of "all" courts to which he had access.

He did not specify to which international tribunal he could go, but said he would consult with a Mexican judge who served at the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

The Justice Department last week said it was "deeply disappointed" that Mexico had decided to close the investigation, saying it fully stood by its own evidence and charges in the matter.

It also said Mexico's decision to publish the evidence from the investigation violated a treaty of mutual legal assistance, and called into question future information sharing.

U.S. prosecutors dropped their case and returned Cienfuegos to Mexico in November citing

diplomatic sensibilities, after his dramatic arrest in Los Angeles a few weeks earlier on charges of helping a cartel move tonnes of cocaine and other drugs.

[Israel] Israeli strikes on Iranian targets in Syria: An important joint U.S.-Israeli effort (Washington Times)
Washington Times [1/19/2021 3:05 PM, Abraham Wagner, 459K]
Lost in the flood of reporting on the Trump impeachment and COVID-19 are critical Israeli airstrikes on Iranian targets eastern Syria, carried out with intelligence provided by the United States.

A series of such strikes over the past several months have significantly slowed down Iran's entrenchment in Syria, which is important not only to Israeli and U.S. interests, but those of Syria as well.

Israel has struck more than 500 Iranian targets in Syria recently in addition to multiple clandestine missions against those involved in terrorist operations. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Benny Gantz have repeatedly said Israel will not allow Iranian entrenchment in Syria, vowing to do everything to prevent it.

The new strikes on eastern Syria targeted Iranian arms depots, as well as components linked to Iran's nuclear program. An Israeli attack last Tuesday targeted warehouses in Syria being used in a pipeline to store and stage Iranian weapons and also served as a pipeline for components that support Iran's nuclear program.

Also noted is that these airstrikes were carried out with intelligence provided by the U.S. following a meeting between Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and the Israeli Mossad head in Washington at Cafe Milano — a rare incidence of publicized cooperation between the two countries over choosing targets in Syria.

Here Israel's strikes hit the areas of Deir al-Zur and Abu Kamal close to Syria's border with Iraq including 18 sites of pro-Iranian militias. This is not new, as Israel has launched hundreds of strikes against Iran-linked military targets in Syria over the years but rarely acknowledges such operations.

These strikes came amid rising tensions and concerns that Iran might carry out attacks to avenge last year's killing of one of its top commanders, Gen. Qassem Soleimani. There is also the ongoing problem of Iranian entrenchment on Israel's northern frontier as a red line, where Iranian facilities and weapons convoys destined for Hezbollah have been located. Prior strikes have served to at least slow down Iran's entrenchment in Syria which actually represent an ongoing threat to Syria as well as Israel.

During the Syrian civil war, which has been going on for the past decade, the Syrian regime was rescued by external support from Iran, as well as Russia and Hezbollah who provided forces and equipment to combat over a dozen rebel groups seeking to overthrow the Assad government. With that war largely over, Bashar Assad wants the Iranians and Hezbollah gone. ISIS, which had set up their own "state" within Syria has been vanquished. For their part, Russia wants continued use of Syrian port facilities and an air base, which are acceptable to Syria and Israel alike.

Relations between Syria and Israel throughout this war were certainly strained, to say the

least, but Israel did not become actively involved as a combatant. Throughout the conflict Israel provided covert medical support to Syrians injured in the Golan Heights area with whom they had enjoyed good relations for some four decades under the 1974 disengagement agreement.

The presence of the Iranians, Hezbollah and other rebel forces in this area brought limited hostilities in a peaceful area and was of great concern to Israel. With these hostile forces now mostly gone from the Golan, Israel is seeking a return to the peaceful co-existence that prevailed since 1974. By most reports continued Israeli airstrikes against Iranian targets within Syria are designed to avoid actual Syrian facilities and population. Little wonder they are not denounced in the Syrian press.

Preparing for the incoming Biden administration, the Israeli military is reportedly developing three options to undermine Iran's nuclear efforts or, if need be, counter Iranian aggression. Defense Minister Gantz has been quoted as saying that "Israel needs to have a military option on the table." Both Israel's military and intelligence services have long opposed any direct strike on Iran, which would pose enormous logistical and political difficulties, and have elected to attack Iranian targets outside Iran, such as those in Syria as well as Lebanon and elsewhere.

As the incoming Biden administration tackles the complex Middle East situation it needs to take a serious look at these relationships and their impact. U.S. intelligence support to Israeli operations such as Secretary Pompeo described, remains essential and should not be disturbed. The attacks on Iranian support to regional terrorists and supplies to their nuclear weapons program through Syria are outside the repudiated JCPOA and should not be permitted in any future agreement.

While the incoming Biden team has clearly signaled its intention to resume negotiations with Iran, they are facing a geopolitical and military situation far different from the one left at the end of the Obama administration. Apart from progress toward development of a nuclear weapon and a new generation of ballistic missiles, Iranian involvement in Syria, Iraq and elsewhere has become an essential part of the overall equation. Here the nature and extent of continued support to Israeli efforts to counter Iran in this critical theater will be a key consideration.

It is also too early to tell where the locus of decision-making with respect to Middle East policy will be in the Biden administration. Whether it will be with Jake Sullivan and the new team at the NSC, or Tony Blinken and his State Department remains to be seen. If history is any guide it cannot be both. What is essential is that those who are "in charge" engage with the Israeli leadership as soon as possible so that this aspect of the transition leaves nothing to change, and the clearest possible message is sent to Iran as to what the red lines are going forward.

[Iran] Iran Blacklists Trump, U.S. Officials as His Term Nears End (Reuters)
Reuters [1/18/2021 7:00 PM, Staff, 3498K]
Iran blacklisted U.S. President Donald Trump and several current and former senior U.S. officials on Tuesday over what it called "terrorist and anti-human rights" acts, a move widely regarded as symbolic.

Tehran's move, announced on the last full day of the Trump administration, allows the

seizure of any assets in Iran of sanctioned individuals. There have been no reports of any such assets, so the move is unlikely to have financial impact on the outgoing U.S. president or officials.

The Trump administration rained sanctions down on Iranian officials, politicians and companies after withdrawing the United States in 2018 from Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

Among officials sanctioned by Iran were Secretary of State Mike Pompeo; ex-Defense Secretary Mark Esper; Acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, the Foreign ministry said in a statement carried by state media.

Other blacklisted individuals included Central Intelligence Agency Director Gina Haspel; former National Security Adviser John Bolton; former U.S. Iran envoy Brian Hook; Elliott Abrams, Washington's special representative on Iran and Venezuela; and Treasury Department sanctions official Andrea Gacki, it said.

The officials were blacklisted "for their role in terrorist and anti-human rights activities against Iran and its citizens", Foreign ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said.

U.S. President-elect Joe Biden has said Washington will rejoin the nuclear deal if Iran resumes strict compliance.

[Iran] Political Scientist Was 'Secret Employee' Of Iran, US Says (Daily Caller)
Daily Caller [1/19/2021 1:34 PM, Chuck Ross, 321K] Video: HERE
Federal prosecutors on Tuesday unveiled charges against a political scientist accused of working secretly on behalf of the Iranian government by lobbying U.S. lawmakers and publishing pro-Iran propaganda.

According to prosecutors, Kaveh Lotfolah Afrasiabi has received $265,000 in secret funding from the Iranian government since 2007. He has also received health benefits provided to Iranian diplomats dispatched to the United Nations, prosecutors said in a federal complaint.

John C. Demers, the assistant attorney general for national security, said in a statement that Afrasiabi was "a secret employee" of the Iranian government "who was being paid to spread their propaganda."

Seth DuCharme, the acting U.S. attorney in Boston, said that Afrasiabi allegedly sought to influence the American public on behalf of the Iranian regime "by disguising propaganda as objective policy analysis and expertise."

Afrasiabi, who has been a lawful permanent resident of the U.S. since 1984, has been an outspoken advocate for Iranian foreign policy for more than two decades, publishing works in outlets like The New York Times and Huffington Post.

He also allegedly had direct contact last year with Iran's foreign minister, Javad Zarif. In an email from January 2020 cited by prosecutors in a criminal complaint, Afrasiabi urged Zarif to "strike fear in the heart of [the] enemy" in "retaliation" for the killing of Iranian Gen. Qasem Soleimani.

In a July 28, 2020, email to Zarif, Afrasiabi acknowledged receiving funding from the Iranian government.

"Without support none of this would have been possible! This has been a very productive relationship spanning decades that ought not to be interrupted," he allegedly wrote.

Afrasiabi is charged with violating the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) by acting and conspiring to act as an unregistered agent of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

He was arrested at his home in Watertown, Mass., according to prosecutors. He faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison if convicted.

Afrasiabi's website discloses some of his past work for the Iranian government.

From 2004 to 2005, he advised Iran's nuclear negotiation team, his website says. The website also lists Afrasiabi's academic pedigree, showing a Ph.D. from Boston University and stints teaching at Harvard University and the University of California, Berkeley.

According to prosecutors, Afrasiabi has lobbied U.S. lawmakers and the State Department regarding U.S.-Iran relations. He has also pushed pro-Iran propaganda in television appearances and opinion pieces published by major U.S. news outlets, according to his website and the criminal complaint.

The complaint against Afrasiabi says that he had contact with an unidentified members of Congress in 2009 regarding a letter sent to President Obama regarding Iran's nuclear program. The letter cited Afrasiabi as a foreign policy expert on Iran. According to the complaint, Afrasiabi remained in contact with the lawmaker and his staff over the next several years.

A review of YouTube shows that Afrasiabi has appeared most frequently in recent years on RT and CGTN, which are TV outlets controlled by the Russian and Chinese governments, respectively.

The New York Times has published several opinion pieces by Afrasiabi, most recently on Sept. 5, 2018.

In the opinion piece, "Trump and Rouhani need to talk," Afrasiabi and a co-author argued that the presidents of the U.S. and Iran should meet at the U.N. General Assembly in New York to open up dialogue between the two countries.

The Times described Afrasiabi as "a former adviser to Iran's nuclear negotiation team."

The Huffington Post, a liberal news outlet, published a piece by Afrasiabi on May 20, 2009, calling for President Barack Obama to congratulate Mahmoud Ahmadinejad following his election to a second term as Iran's president.

"Not to do so reflects a poor judgment on the White House's part, particularly since Obama has yet to fulfill his own post-election promise of responding to Ahmadinejad's letter that

congratulated him for his victory," Afrasiabi wrote following the election, which was heavily disputed by outside observers.

[Russia] Biden Will Seek to Extend New START Treaty, Must Decide How Long (Reuters)
Reuters [1/19/2021 5:52 PM, Arshad Mohammed, 3498K]
U.S. President-elect Joe Biden will seek to extend the New START arms control treaty with Russia and will have to decide how long an extension to pursue, his choice for secretary of state, Antony Blinken, said on Tuesday.

"We will seek to extend it," Blinken told lawmakers. "He'll have to make a decision as president about what duration he would seek," Blinken added, leaving open the possibility that Biden might seek to extend it by less than the maximum five years allowed under the treaty, which expires Feb. 5.

New START restricted the United States and Russia to deploying no more than 1,550 nuclear warheads, the lowest level in decades, and limited the land- and submarine-based missiles and bombers that deliver them.

The treaty's lapse would end all restraints on deployments of U.S. and Russian strategic nuclear warheads and the missiles, bombers and submarines that carry them, fueling a new nuclear arms race, policy experts have said.

Democrat Biden is to take office on Wednesday, replacing Republican Donald Trump.

[Russia] Trump Declassifies Russia Investigation Documents, Says He Accepted FBI Request To Keep Some Secret (Daily Caller)
Daily Caller [1/19/2021 7:43 PM, Chuck Ross, 321K]
President Donald Trump on Tuesday ordered the declassification of a binder of FBI documents related to the bureau's investigation of the Trump campaign and Russia.

In a statement through the White House, Trump said that he accommodated requests from the FBI to keep some of the information classified.

The declassification order is sure to appease some Trump supporters who have long called for the release of documents related to the FBI's probe of the Trump campaign.

It is unclear exactly when the documents will be released to the public. Trump's presidency ends at noon on Wednesday.

Trump said that the Justice Department provided him with a binder full of documents on Dec. 30, 2020 that had not been previously released to Congress or the public.

He said that the FBI issued a letter on Jan. 17 stating its "continued objection to any further declassification of the materials in the binder." Trump said he accepted the FBI's request for the continued classification of some of the materials.

Trump said that the attorney general has conducted a review to ensure that all of the redactions of classified information have been applied and that they are legally allowed to

be disclosed by the White House.

The FBI opened an investigation of the Trump campaign's possible ties to Russia on July 31, 2016. The bureau relied heavily on a dossier compiled by a former British spy that was funded by the DNC and Clinton campaign.

Christopher Steele, the former spy, alleged that the Trump campaign was part of a "well-developed conspiracy of cooperation" with the Kremlin to influence the 2016 election.

The FBI relied heavily on Steele's information to obtain warrants to surveil former Trump campaign aide Carter Page.

An investigation led by former FBI Director Robert Mueller ultimately determined that there was no evidence of a conspiracy between the Trump team and Russia, debunking the dossier's central claim.

Republicans have for several years called for the release of FBI documents related to the dossier and to Crossfire Hurricane, the name of the FBI's investigation of the Trump campaign.

The GOP effort has forced the Justice Department and FBI to release some documents related to the dossier.

One batch of documents declassified in July 2020 showed that Steele's primary source of information for the dossier, a Russia analyst named Igor Danchenko, undercut several aspects of the dossier.

The FBI did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

[China] State Department accuses China of genocide against Uighur Muslims (Politico)

Politico [1/19/2021 1:09 PM, Gavin Bade and Quint Forgey, 2751K]

The State Department on Tuesday declared China's human rights abuses in the Xinjiang region a "genocide" against ethnic Uighur Muslims in one of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's final acts before leaving office.

In a statement, Pompeo accused Beijing's ruling Communist Party of committing "crimes against humanity against the predominantly Muslim Uighurs and other members of ethnic and religious minority groups in Xinjiang" as far back as March 2017. It's a designation that President-elect Joe Biden administration is expected to retain.

Specifically, Pompeo alleged that China was guilty of "the arbitrary imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty of more than one million civilians, forced sterilization, torture of a large number of those arbitrarily detained, forced labor, and the imposition of draconian restrictions on freedom of religion or belief, freedom of expression, and freedom of movement."

A spokesperson for the Chinese embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Pompeo's statement.

In an interview on Fox News on Tuesday afternoon, Pompeo described China's actions as "the stain of the century," and said his declaration represented "simply a continuation of the work this administration has done to try and convince the Chinese Communist Party to cease this terrible, terrible set of human rights violations that have been taking place."

The declaration by the State Department marks an escalation of the outgoing Trump administration's pressure on the Chinese Communist Party, which has interned more than a million Uighurs in work and reeducation camps across the northwestern region.

The designation came after months of internal study at the agency, and is not expected to be reversed by Biden's team. Secretary of State nominee Antony Blinken told a Senate panel Tuesday that labeling the events in Xinjiang a genocide would be "my judgment as well."

The declaration comes less than a week after the Department of Homeland Security effectively banned imports of all cotton and tomato products from Xinjiang over concerns of widespread forced labor in the agricultural sector, which U.S. officials say is akin to "modern day slavery." The consequences of those bans will be far reaching, as an estimated 1 in 5 global cotton products contain fibers from Xinjiang.

The House of Representatives has passed an even stronger bill that would ban any imports from Xinjiang unless companies can prove forced labor was not used in their production. That bill stalled in the Senate amid a lobbying campaign from apparel and technology companies, but it remains unclear whether the legislation will have a better chance of passage with a Democratic-controlled Senate.

[China] Pompeo Accuses China of 'Genocide,' With Support From Successor (Bloomberg)

Bloomberg [1/19/2021 10:55 PM, Nick Wadhams, 6400K]

U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo designated China's crackdown on Uighurs and other minorities in the Xinjiang region as genocide, an escalation in tensions that was quickly endorsed by President-elect Joe Biden's nominee to replace him.

"I believe this genocide is ongoing, and that we are witnessing the systematic attempt to destroy Uighurs by the Chinese party-state," Pompeo said in a statement Tuesday. He said the country's leaders "have made clear that they are engaged in the forced assimilation and eventual erasure of a vulnerable ethnic and religious minority group."

Pompeo cited sterilizations, indefinite detention and forced labor in Xinjiang and called on "relevant judicial bodies" to hold those responsible to account. The Trump administration has repeatedly leveled sanctions on China over its treatment of Uighurs, and the designation had been widely expected.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington denounced the move as a "gross interference in China's internal affairs and a serious violation of international law and basic norms" of international relations. "The Chinese side expresses its strong concern and firm opposition to it," the embassy said.

While Trump and Pompeo are leaving office Wednesday, Biden's nominee for secretary of state Antony Blinken backed the move Tuesday. The former deputy secretary of state under

President Barack Obama told a confirmation hearing in Washington that he shared Pompeo's view on genocide in Xinjiang.

"That would be my judgment as well," Blinken said in response to a question from Senator Lindsey Graham, a Republican from South Carolina.

The Trump administration has ratcheted up pressure on China over its Xinjiang policies in recent months, barring the region's tomatoes and cotton products from entry into the U.S. last week. The Trump administration has also sanctioned scores of Chinese companies and Communist Party officials over their connection to the region, including Xinjiang party chief Chen Quanguo.

Calls for similar action are growing in the U.K., where Prime Minister Boris Johnson narrowly defeated a rebellion by members of his own party who wanted to empower British judges to rule whether the Uighurs are suffering genocide. In Europe, lawmakers are calling for greater protections against forced labor to be added to an investment pact with China.

Xinjiang, a remote inland region roughly the size of the U.S. state of Alaska, produces one-fifth of the world's cotton. The U.S. imported $9 billion of cotton products in the past year and $10 million of tomatoes from China, said Brenda Smith, the executive assistant commissioner in the office of trade at CBP.

Since a wave of violent terrorist attacks blamed on Uighurs in 2014, China has detained between tens of thousands and "upwards of 1 million" ethnic minorities in Xinjiang, according to a United Nations assessment. Subsequent reports have accused the country of relocating Uighurs to work in factories and on farms far from their homes and forcing women to use birth control or abort pregnancies.

China has repeatedly denied that genocide is taking place in Xinjiang, accusing Western nations of hypocrisy for disregarding their own ethnic policies, such as the U.S.'s treatment of blacks and Native Americans. Officials in Beijing have argued that reports underpinning most of the genocide claims are "fabricated" or "laced with data tampering."

The episode shows how human rights disputes could become even more of an issue between China and the U.S. after Biden takes office. Former National Security Adviser John Bolton said in his book, "The Room Where It Happened," that Trump told Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2019 that imprisoning the Uighurs was "exactly the right thing to do." Trump has denied that claim.

In a statement last August, Biden spokesman Andrew Bates said China's treatment of Uighurs was genocide and that Biden "stands against it in the strongest terms."

[China] U.S. declares China's treatment of Uyghurs 'genocide' (Breitbart)
Breitbart [1/20/2021 12:05 AM, UPI, 1912K]
In its final day at the United States' helm, the Trump administration on Tuesday declared that China's repressive treatment of its Muslim minority Uyghur population amounted to genocide and crimes against humanity.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement Tuesday that the People's Republic of China has systematically discriminated against and surveilled Uyghurs and

other ethnic and religious minority groups in its northwestern Xinjiang region since at least 2017 to eradicate them.

"I believe this genocide is ongoing, and that we are witnessing the systematic attempt to destroy Uyghurs by the Chinese party-state," he said. "The governing authorities of the second-most economically, militarily and politically powerful country on earth have made clear that they are engaged in the forced assimilation and eventual erasure of a vulnerable ethnic and religious minority group, even as they simultaneously assert their country as a global leader."

Pompeo also accused China of committing crimes against humanity against the Uyghurs, including arbitrary imprisonment of at least 1 million civilians, forced sterilization, torture of those arbitrarily detained, forced labor and draconian restrictions on freedom of religion, expression and movement.

"Their morally repugnant, wholesale policies, practices and abuses are designed systematically to discriminate against and surveil ethnic Uyghurs as a unique demographic and ethnic group, restrict their freedom to travel, emigrate and attend schools and deny other basic human rights of assembly, speech and worship," he said. "PRC authorities have conducted forced sterilizations and abortions of Uyghur women, coerced them to marry non-Uyghurs and separated Uyghur children from their families."

The move is not accompanied by any punitive measures but calls on the international community and juridical bodies to hold China responsible. Pompeo also said he has directed the State Department to continue to investigate and collect information regarding China's actions in Xinjiang and to make the evidence available.

The move is the latest and probably last by the Trump administration against China concerning its human rights abuses in Xinjiang, sanctioning numerous Chinese officials, government departments and companies over their involvement in repressing the Uyghur population.

Last week, the United States banned cotton produced in the autonomous region over fears of forced labor.

China has vehemently denied the accusations, stating its actions in the region are to combat terrorism and secession, warning the United States and other countries to stop interfering in its internal affairs.

The move is expected to further fray relations between Beijing and Washington with Hua Chunying, a China foreign ministry spokeswoman, rebuking Pompeo's declaration in a tweet as being "null and void."

"Not worth the paper it's written on," she tweeted.

Last week, Xu Guixiang, a deputy spokesperson in Xinjiang, said during a press conference dedicated to Xinjiang that there were no concentration camps and accusations it has detained a million Muslim minorities were a groundless "and vicious smear."

Pompeo made the declaration hours before he was to hand the State Department to the

Biden administration, which has nominated Anthony Blinken to succeed Pompeo as secretary of state.

Blinken, during his confirmation hearing on Tuesday, told lawmakers that he will undo a lot of the foreign policy actions taken by the Trump admonition but that he was in agreement with its determination that China has committed genocide and crimes against humanity.

“I think we’re very much in agreement,” he said. “The forcing of men, women and children into concentration camps, trying to in effect re-educate them to be adherents to the Chinese Communist Party, all of that speaks to an effort to commit genocide.”

The declaration by Pompeo was met with praise from several human rights organizations though some questioned the timing of it and its effectiveness.

“The United States is right to bring the brutal, years-long repression of the Uyghurs within the framework of genocide,” Grant Shubin, legal director of the Global Justice Center, said in a statement. “However, the human rights community should be alarmed at reports that this decision was motivated by policy goals instead of a legal obligation to prevent and punish genocide.”

Eric Schwartz, president of Refugees International, said he “welcomes” the declaration as it underscores the importance of international investigation and prosecutions of officials for committing genocide in Xinjiang but that he is “baffled” that Pompeo didn’t issue a similar declaration concerning Myanmar’s treatment of its Rohingya population.

“The integrity and effectiveness of the U.S. government’s human rights policy depends on a willingness not only to speak truthfully, but to do so in a consistent manner,” Schwartz said in a statement. “In the incoming Biden administration, such a willingness — reflected in a determination of genocide and crimes against humanity against Rohingya — would help to defend the rights of all those subject to egregious abuses around the world.”

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom said the incoming Biden administration is now given “the unique opportunity” to confront China’s atrocities, calling on the new government to seek an independent, international fact-finding mechanism to investigate China for its treatment of its Uyghur population and to sanction those responsible.

“We urge American and other world leaders and corporations to condemn the genocide and crimes against humanity of the Communist Party of China that have been directed at Uyghur and other Turkic Muslims,” USCIRF said in a statement. “The perpetrators must be held to account.”

[China] Pompeo Accuses China Of Genocide Against Muslim Uighurs In Xinjiang (NPR)

NPR [1/19/2021 4:18 PM, Bill Chappell]

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is accusing China and its Communist Party of carrying out genocide against Muslim Uighurs and other minority groups in the western Xinjiang region in a forceful statement issued on Pompeo’s last full day in his diplomatic role.

"I have determined that the People’s Republic of China is committing genocide and crimes

against humanity in Xinjiang, China, targeting Uyghur Muslims and members of other ethnic and religious minority groups," Pompeo said via Twitter, using an alternate spelling for the group.

The message drew a sharp response from Chen Weihua, a columnist for China's official newspaper, China Daily, who said that when Pompeo leaves his post along with the outgoing Trump administration, it will be "Time to celebrate."

The secretary's tweet echoed his official statement in which he said, "I believe this genocide is ongoing, and that we are witnessing the systematic attempt to destroy Uyghurs by the Chinese party-state."

Pompeo decried China's policies that have denied basic human rights to minorities, saying authorities have "forced sterilizations and abortions on Uyghur women, coerced them to marry non-Uyghurs, and separated Uyghur children from their families."

The accusations are the strongest yet from Pompeo over China's actions in Xinjiang, where analysts have estimated up to 1.5 million Muslim Uighurs and other ethnic minorities have been detained. The U.S. imposed sanctions on China's government and officials in July, citing gross human rights violations in the region.

But as NPR's Michele Kelemen reported for our Newscast unit, the Trump administration has been accused of taking an inconsistent approach regarding China and people in Xinjiang.

"In his book, [President] Trump's former national security adviser John Bolton wrote that Trump told China's president to go ahead and build detention camps for Uighurs," Kelemen said. "That was back when Trump was trying to negotiate a trade deal with China."

Last year, BuzzFeed News used satellite images to identify what it said were hundreds of recently built internment camps in Xinjiang – large facilities that resemble prisons. China's government has disagreed with that description, saying the installations are "vocational education and training centers."

A researcher published a report in Foreign Policy last summer saying that China's suppression of Uighurs, Kazakhs and other groups meets the U.N. definition of genocide, citing a campaign of mass sterilizations, forced abortions and mandatory birth control.

Pompeo's remarks were welcomed by the advocacy group Refugees International, whose president, Eric Schwartz, said that in Xinjiang, "the evidence of genocide is significant and substantial."

Schwartz called for international investigations and prosecutions over the treatment of ethnic minorities in Xinjiang. But he added that he is "baffled and deeply concerned" that Pompeo has not made a similar declaration about Myanmar and its treatment of the Rohingya population.

[China] US calls China's abuses of Muslim minorities 'genocide' and 'crimes against humanity' (ABC News)

ABC News [1/19/2021 1:09 PM, Conor Finnegan, 29K]
With less than 24 hours left in office, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Tuesday issued a determination that the Chinese government has committed "genocide" and "crimes against humanity" against Uighurs and other Muslim ethnic minorities.

The determination is a final parting shot that will complicate U.S.-Chinese relations long after President Donald Trump and Pompeo leave office -- but one that President-elect Joe Biden's campaign called for months ago.

"This genocide is ongoing, and ... we are witnessing the systematic attempt to destroy Uyghurs by the Chinese party-state," Pompeo said in his statement, adding the Chinese government is "engaged in the forced assimilation and eventual erasure of a vulnerable ethnic and religious minority group, even as they simultaneously assert their country as a global leader and attempt to remold the international system in their image."

The Chinese government has denied any human rights abuses, saying instead that its mass campaign targeting Muslims in Xinjiang province is about economic development and counter terrorism, even as it has severely restricted access to the western province by journalists, human rights groups, or United Nations observers.

Survivors of that repressive campaign, including the "re-education" camps that reportedly have detained more than one million people, report widespread abuses, including restrictions on freedom of movement, religion, and expression; forced labor; and torture.

More recently, survivors and researchers have said that the Chinese government has employed forced sterilization and abortions amid a sharp decline in birth rates among Uighurs and other minorities.

In the determination, the State Department references these alleged human rights violations, which Pompeo calls "morally repugnant, wholesale policies, practices, and abuses."

Pompeo's statement doesn't include any new actions along with the designation, as genocide determinations don't have inherent legal repercussions. But this will be a stain on China's image on the world stage and a cloud over the future of U.S.-Chinese relations.

During the 2020 presidential election, Biden's campaign used the "genocide" label -- a rare subject of bipartisan agreement in Washington.

The State Department will continue to collect evidence on the "ongoing atrocities," Pompeo added, calling for international bodies to join the U.S. determination and investigate. The International Criminal Court said last month that it would not, for now, investigate the allegations of genocide or crimes against humanity because the alleged actions took place inside China only and China, like the U.S., is not a party to the court.

This is the first U.S. genocide determination since the Obama administration determined ISIS's crimes against religious minorities in Iraq and Syria amounted to genocide.

Notably, Pompeo weighed, but never issued a genocide determination for the Rohingya, the Muslim minority group in Myanmar that faced killings, rape, and torture and were driven

from their land by Myanmar's military -- even after his agency published a detailed report of those crimes.

While Pompeo has repeatedly targeted Chinese provincial authorities with sanctions over Xinjiang, and the Department of Homeland Security has barred entry of any cotton or tomato products from the region, Trump is accused of backing the program. According to his former national security adviser John Bolton, Trump encouraged Chinese President Xi Jinping to build the mass detention camps.

Trump later denied that was the case, but he told Axios last June that he had blocked sanctions on Chinese officials over the camps because he was in the "middle of a trade deal" negotiation.

[China] Pompeo says China's policies on Muslims amount to 'genocide' (AP)
AP [1/19/2021 12:13 PM, Matthew Lee, 248K]
On his way out the door, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo lashed out anew at China on Tuesday by declaring that its policies on Muslims and ethnic minorities in the western Xinjiang region constitute "crimes against humanity" and a "genocide." The rarely used designation is sure to provoke an angry response from Beijing.

Pompeo made the determination just 24 hours before President-elect Joe Biden takes office. There was no immediate response from the incoming Biden team, although he and members of his national security team have expressed support for such a designation in the past.

Pompeo's determination does not come with any immediate repercussions although the legal implications mean the U.S. must take it into account in formulating policy toward China. The U.S. has spoken out and taken action, implementing a range of sanctions against senior Chinese Communist Party leaders and state-run enterprises that fund the architecture of repression across Xinjiang.

Many of those accused of having taken part in the repression are already under U.S. sanctions. The genocide designation means new measures will be easier to impose.

"After careful examination of the available facts, I have determined that since at least March 2017, the People's Republic of China, under the direction and control of the Chinese Communist Party, has committed crimes against humanity against the predominantly Muslim Uyghurs and other members of ethnic and religious minority groups in Xinjiang," Pompeo said in a statement.

"In addition, after careful examination of the available facts, I have determined that the PRC, under the direction and control of the CCP, has committed genocide against the predominantly Muslim Uyghurs and other ethnic and religious minority groups in Xinjiang. I believe this genocide is ongoing, and that we are witnessing the systematic attempt to destroy Uyghurs by the Chinese party-state."

A main reason cited for the declaration of genocide was widespread forced birth control among the Uighurs, which The Associated Press documented last year. Another reason cited, Uighur forced labor, has also been linked by AP reporting to various products imported to the U.S., including clothing and electronic goods such as cameras and

computer monitors.

Tuesday's move is the latest in a series of steps the outgoing Trump administration has taken against China.

Since last year, the administration has steadily ramped up pressure on Beijing, imposing sanctions on numerous officials and companies for their activities in Taiwan, Tibet, Hong Kong and the South China Sea.

Those penalties have gotten harsher since the beginning of last year when President Donald Trump and Pompeo began to accuse China of trying to cover up the coronavirus pandemic. Just on Saturday, Pompeo lifted restrictions on U.S. diplomatic contacts with Taiwanese officials, prompting a stern rebuke from China, which regards the island as a renegade province.

Five days ago, the administration announced it would halt imports of cotton and tomatoes from Xinjiang with Customs and Border Protection officials saying they would block products from there suspected of being produced with forced labor.

Xinjiang is a major global supplier of cotton, so the order could have significant effects on international commerce. The Trump administration has already blocked imports from individual companies linked to forced labor in the region, and the U.S. has imposed sanctions on Communist Party officials with prominent roles in the campaign.

China has imprisoned more than 1 million people, including Uighurs and other mostly Muslim ethnic groups, in a vast network of concentration camps, according to U.S. officials and human rights groups. People have been subjected to torture, sterilization and political indoctrination in addition to forced labor as part of an assimilation campaign in a region whose inhabitants are ethnically and culturally distinct from the Han Chinese majority.

China has denied all the charges. China says its policies in Xinjiang aim only to promote economic and social development in the region and stamp out radicalism. It also rejects criticism of what it considers its internal affairs.

The genocide designation is a rare step for the U.S. government, which did not apply it to the 1994 mass killings in Rwanda until much later.

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell designated the situation in Sudan's western Darfur region a genocide in 2004. Former Secretary of State John Kerry applied the term to the Islamic State's repression and massacres of Yazidis and other ethnic and religious minorities in Syria and Iraq in 2016, but he couched it by saying it was a legal determination only that did not mandate action by the U.S. government.

Human rights groups, which have been generally critical of Trump administration policies, welcomed the move, which Pompeo said was taken with an eye toward the U.S. role in prosecuting Nazi war crimes during WWII at the Nuremberg trials.

"We hope to see the U.S. follow these strong words with decisive action," said Grant Shubin of the Global Justice Center. "Where there is a risk of genocide, there is a duty to act. Moving forward, this designation should inform the entirety of U.S. foreign policy and we

hope to hear more from the incoming Biden administration on how it plans to follow through on this historic announcement."

And, some questioned the decision to apply it to China and Xinjiang and not to the situation in Myanmar, where Rphingya Muslims have been subjected to significant attacks and atrocities.

"The Secretary's statement underscores the importance of appropriate international investigations and prosecutions of officials for the crime of genocide in Xinjiang," said Eric Schwartz, the president of Refugees International. "At the same time, I'm baffled and deeply concerned that Secretary Pompeo has declined to make a similar finding of genocide against the state of Myanmar for its vicious mass attacks against the Rohingya population beginning in August 2017."

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Two UN peacekeepers killed in an ambush in Central African Republic

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Two United Nations peacekeepers were killed after their convoy was ambushed by members of the UPC and anti-Balaka armed groups in southern Central African Republic (CAR), the UN Mission in the country said on Monday.

UN troops recapture CAR city from armed groups

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Fighters abandoned their positions in Bangassou, a town they captured on January 3, after ultimatum from peacekeepers.

More Than 80 People Killed in West Darfur Attack

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Guatemalan police and soldiers on Monday broke up a group of hundreds of migrants who had spent two nights stuck at a roadblock on a rural highway.

In Mexico, women take the front lines as vigilantes

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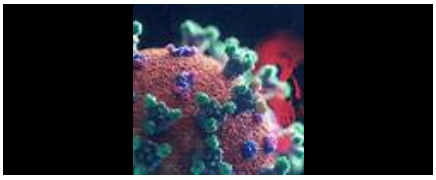

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Guatemala cracks down on migrant caravan bound for United States

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US borders with Canada, Mexico to remain closed through Feb. 21

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America's borders with Canada and Mexico will remain closed for another month. The Department of Homeland Security announced via tweet Tuesday that the U.S., Canada and Mexico have agreed to keep the borders closed throu...

Mexico sees 2nd straight day of 20,000 coronavirus cases

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Mexico posted its second straight day of more than 20,000 coronavirus cases Saturday, suggesting a surge in a country already struggling in many areas with overflowing hospitals.

China reports 109 new COVID-19 cases to keep concerns simmering before Lunar New Year

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Worries simmered in mainland China about a potential fresh wave of coronavirus cases ahead of the Lunar New Year next month as authorities on Sunday reported 109 new COVID-19 cases, most of them in Hebei province surroun...

Semeru volcano on Indonesia's Java island spews hot clouds

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Mount Semeru, the highest volcano on Indonesia's most densely populated island of Java, spewed hot clouds as far away as 4.5 kilometers (nearly 3 miles) on Saturday.

Quake death toll at 73 as Indonesia struggles with string of disasters

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At least 73 people have been killed after an earthquake struck Indonesia's West Sulawesi province on Friday, the disaster mitigation agency (BNPB) said on Sunday, the latest in a string of disasters.

France observes nationwide 6 p.m. curfew to slow coronavirus spread

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Cities, towns and villages across France were practically empty on Saturday as residents stayed home and businesses shut to observe a nationwide curfew intended to help stem the spread of coronavirus.

Female judges shot dead in Kabul

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Two women judges working for the Afghan Supreme Court have been shot dead. They were killed by unidentified gunmen on their way to work on Sunday. The deaths are the latest in a string of assassinations targeting journal...

Massive blackouts have hit Iran. The government is blaming bitcoin mining.

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Massive blackouts and smog have hit cities across Iran. It's a toxic mix as the country, already under economic duress and suffocating U.S. sanctions, simultaneously battles the region's worst coronavirus outbreak.

Distrust, division and doubt cloud Palestinian election call

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Residents, government troops flee as armed group overran a town in Nigeria’s Borno state in attack claimed by ISIL.

Uganda's Museveni wins sixth term, rival alleges fraud

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gandan President Yoweri Museveni has scored a decisive election victory to win a sixth term, the country’s election commission said on Saturday, but his main rival Bobi Wine denounced the results as fraudulent and urged...

A black market for illegal coronavirus vaccines is thriving in the Philippines

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The country has not approved a vaccine for general use, but Chinese workers at online casinos and presidential security officials have obtained the shots.

Pakistan approves AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use

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AstraZeneca’s COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for emergency use in Pakistan, the health minister said on Saturday, making it the first coronavirus vaccine to get the green light for use in the South Asian country.

Russia to Exit Open Skies Treaty, Escalating Military Rivalry With U.S.

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Washington withdrew from the treaty, which lets countries make reconnaissance flights over each other’s territory, last year. Moscow’s move could signal difficulties for the Biden administration.

Britain tightens borders to keep out new COVID-19 variants

1/16/2021

Britain is tightening border controls to block new variants of COVID-19, suspending all "travel corridor" arrangements that had meant arrivals from some countries did not require quarantine.

Nearly 60,000 have fled Central African Republic violence: U.N.

1/16/2021

The number of people fleeing violence in the Central African Republic has doubled in just a week to nearly 60,000, the U.N. refugee agency said on Friday, as post-electoral violence intensifies.

Ethiopia's Oromia conflict: Why a teacher was killed 'execution-style'

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The 32-year-old high school teacher was among the latest casualties in the conflict between government forces and rebels in Ethiopia's Oromia region.

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(U) National Crisis Coordination Center Update: Preventing Violence and Criminal Activity January 2021

1700 19 JANUARY 2021

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(U) National Crisis Coordination Center (NC3) Executive Summary

(U//FOUO) THE FBI, IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH ITS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL PARTNERS, CONTINUES TO MONITOR AND RESPOND TO EVENTS RELATED TO THE VIOLENCE ASSOCIATED WITH LAWFUL PROTESTS.

(U//LES) With the recent threats and civil disturbance at the United States Capitol targeting members of Congress; state, local, and tribal law enforcement jurisdictions are requested to maintain operational awareness of their respective Congressional Representative's district offices and residences for any types of threats or potential criminal activity. At this time, there are no credible threats against any member of Congress.

(U) ELECTORAL CERTIFICATION AND INAUGURATION 2021

- (U//LES) According to open sources, as of 19 January, armed protests are being planned at all 50 state capitols from 16 January through at least 20 January, and at the US Capitol from 17 January through 20 January.

- (U//LES) According to US Park Police and D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, there are 45 planned events in the NCR through 1 February, with estimated sizes of inauguration-related protests ranging from one to 60 committed participants. Twenty-three permit applications listing between four to 5,000 participants were submitted as of 18 January. Planned demonstrations specific to Inauguration Day range in size from one to 897 committed participants with permit applications listing between three to 1,000,000 participants.

- (U//FOUO) As of 19 January, 25,368 National Guard members are providing site security for 28 state capitals. A total of 18,619 National Guard members are on duty in the NCR. As of 18 January, the National Guard in Washington, DC reported attempts by individuals to photograph vehicles and credentials at security checkpoints.

- (U//FOUO) On 16 January, The United States Attorney's Office (USAO) advised all defendants arrested on charges associated with their criminal activity on 6 January at the US Capitol have a stay-away order specific to Washington, DC. USAO DC provided probable cause arrest authority should the FBI identify a defendant attempting to enter Washington, DC.

(U) INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

- (U//FOUO) On 6 January, the FBI activated a digital media tip line URL (https://fbi.gov/USCapitol) which opened to the public. As of 0700 on 19 January, the FBI has received more than 202,926 digital media tips.

- (U//LES) As of 0800 on 19 January, approximately 362 persons of interest have been identified as having unlawfully entered the US Capitol. Eighty-nine individuals have been arrested, with an additional **23** outstanding warrants and **20** complaints being reviewed.

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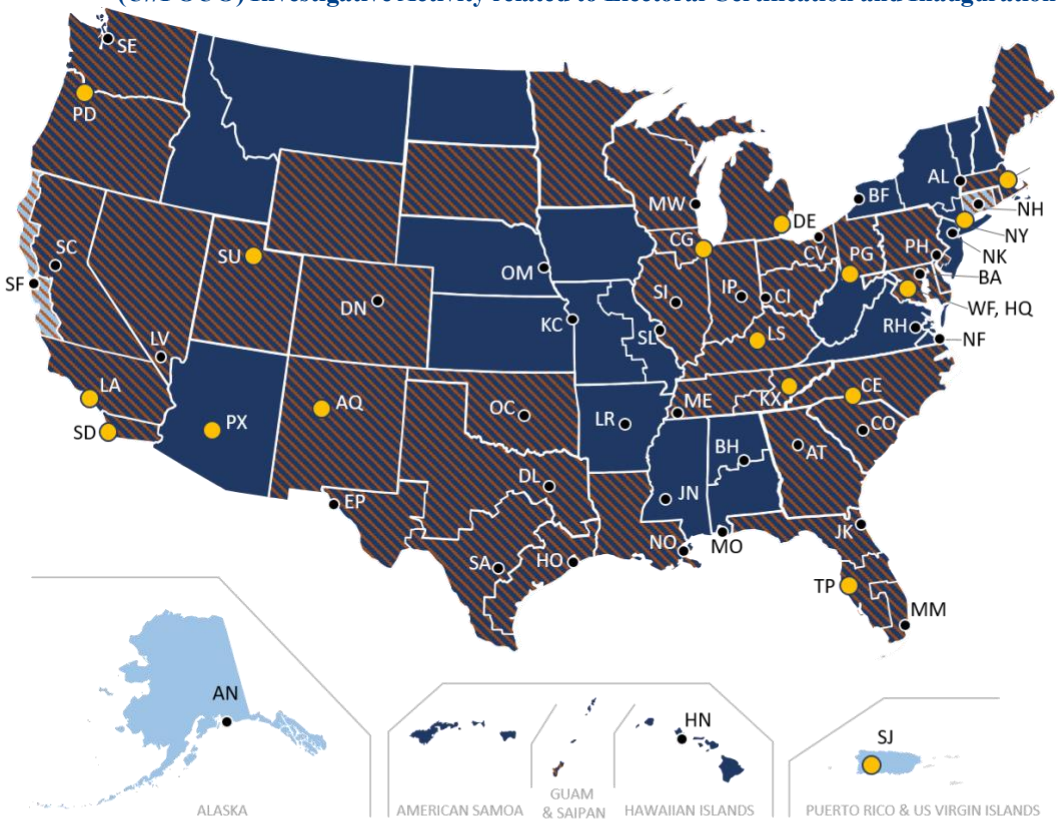
(U//FOUO) Investigative Activity related to Electoral Certification and Inauguration 2021



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Predicated Cases are cumulative as of 6 January 2021 - present. Guardians are cumulative as of 27 December 2020 - present.
National Guard Deployments are current as of 1400 on 19 January 2021.

National Guard Deployments

State	Deployed
CA	1,249
CO	222
CT	139
DE	56
DC	**18,619**
FL	100
GA	100
GU	24
IL	250
IN	304
KY	60
MA	129
MD	79
ME	40
MI	423
MN	40
NC	375
NM	38
NV	60
OH	484
OK	81
OR	57
PA	474
RI	86
SC	159
SD	52
TN	50
TX	222
UT	275
WA	512
WI	560
WY	73
Total	**25,368**

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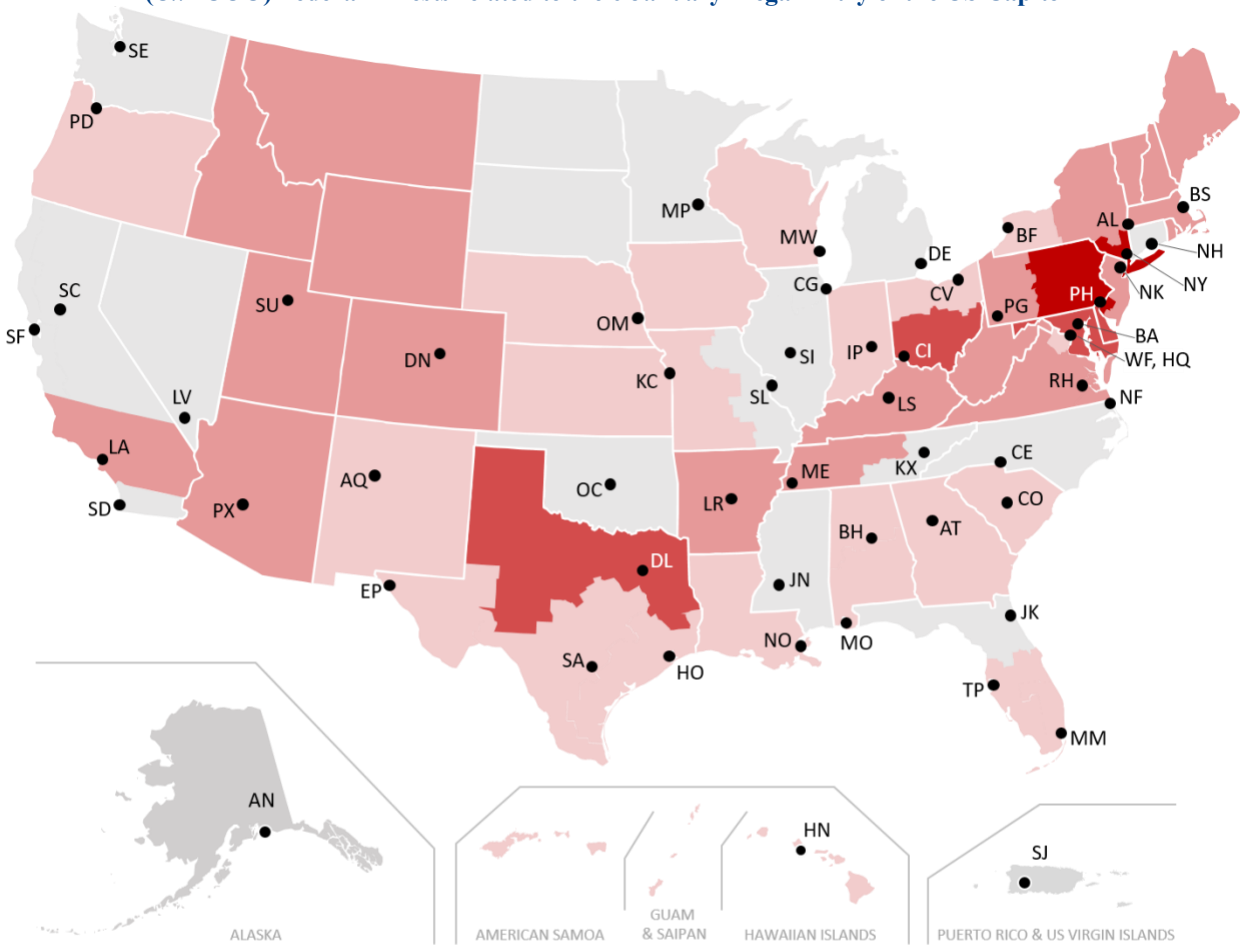
(U//FOUO) Federal Arrests related to the 6 January Illegal Entry of the US Capitol



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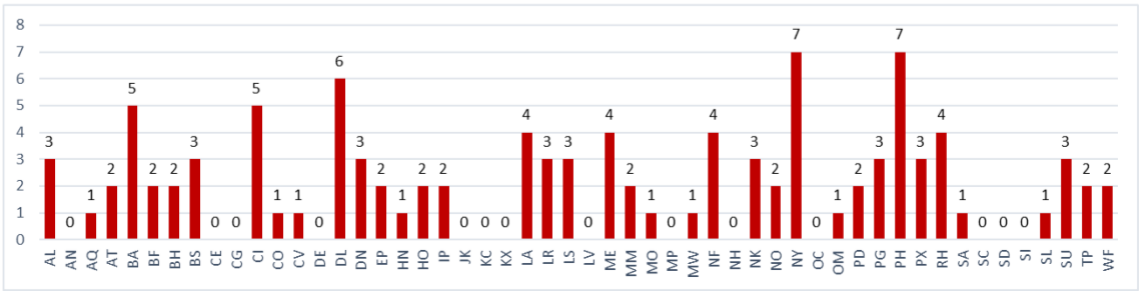


(U) National Threat Picture Through Inauguration 2021

(U) CURRENT FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSES

(U) Potential of criminal offenses or violence related to the 6 January 2021 Electoral College certification of the 2020 Presidential Election results for situational awareness – past/ongoing (within last 12-24 hours) and planned (next 12-24 hours) affiliated with Criminal Offenses, threats of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Counterterrorism, and Federal Law Enforcement Deployments.

(U) Past/Ongoing in the last 12 – 24 Hours

- (U) Nothing Significant to Report

(U) Planned in the next 12 – 24 Hours

- (U) Nothing Significant to Report

(U) UPCOMING FLASHPOINTS AND RESPONSE

(U) Possible catalysts to help understand potential flashpoints for upcoming violence, including anniversaries of past events, ongoing legal cases of past incidents where milestones could result in community reaction, or recent events during criminal activity associated with protests (injuries, etc.) that could spark local responses.

(U) Potential Flashpoints by Geographic Location

- (U//LES) **Nationwide:** As of 15 January, general discussions continued across various RMVE-associated social media groups about the publicized protests/rallies scheduled between 17 and 20 January. There was debate about attendance and there seemed to be a variety of opinions on attendance and the validity of who is organizing these events.

- (U//LES) **Nationwide:** As of 10 January, open sources and social media platforms report messaging for armed protests planned at all 50 state capitols between 16 January through at least 20 January, and at the US Capitol in Washington between 17 January through 20 January.

Date	Location	Activity	Projected Numbers
18, 20 January	Washington, DC (Various parks)	Let America Hear Us, Roar for Trump	300 on permit
20 January	Washington, DC	Million Militia March, also called Million Martyr March	897 going and 2300 interested
20 January	Oregon (Capitol, Governor)	"Takeover" General threats	Unknown
20 January	Minnesota (Capitol)	Guns and "toys" to be used at Capitol	Unknown
20 January	Illinois (Capitol)	Unknown	At least 60

- (U//FOUO) **California:** As of 16 January, an identified group was planning to counter protestors at the state capitol on 20 January. The identified group planned to start protesting from J Neely Johnson Park at 1000 and had a mutual agreement not to fight National Guard members and instead focus on police and right-wing actors.

- (U//FOUO) **Nebraska:** As of 11 January, law enforcement became aware of an email sent to the Scottsbluff Sheriff's office from an identified organization which indicated they are calling for investigations into voter fraud and a civil war is upon us and that they can, "muster 1000s of patriots to keep the peace."

- (U//LES) **Oregon:** An identified group has made general threats to the Oregon State Capitol since December. A complainant stated the group is planning a takeover of the Oregon Capitol on 20 January. As of 15 January, the identified leader of the identified group has advised all members should stand down and not travel to Salem to commit violence.

- (U//LES) **Texas:** As of 14 January, two identified individuals of a known group made threats to the Austin State Capitol via social media and expressed interest in the building and representatives.

- (U//LES) **Texas**: As of 19 January, law enforcement received information that an identified individual was planning to go to the Austin State Capitol on 20 January. The individual reportedly purchased two firearms, ammunition, and flex cuffs. Law enforcement is aware and is coordinating this matter.

- (U//LES) **Virginia and Washington, DC:** According to law enforcement, an identified group is planning a 20 January march from Arlington, VA to "the steps of Joe Biden's illegitimate inauguration." The group claims to have 75,000 attendees. As of 19 January, law enforcement vetted the reporting and deems it aspirational.

- (U//FOUO) **Washington, DC:** As of 13 January, an identified group has shifted their plans from descending on the Capitol to promoting gatherings at several DC-area hotels in an effort to prevent other groups from booking at the hotels. Identified travel companies, hotels, and vacation online rental marketplace companies are weighing the business and safety options for the inauguration.

- (U) **Washington, DC:** As of 8 January, users on two identified social networking sites promoted an identified march on 20 January to prevent the President-Elect from entering the White House. As of 13 January, a social media page indicates 897 people are "going" to the event and approximately 2,300 are "interested."

- (U//LES) **Washington, DC:** On 8 January, the FBI received information on individuals calling for others to join them in "storming" state, local, and federal government courthouses and administrative buildings in the event POTUS is removed as President prior to Inauguration Day. These individuals are also planning to "storm" government offices including in the District of Columbia and in every state, regardless of whether the states certified electoral votes for Biden or Trump, on 20 January.

- (U//LES) **Washington, DC:** On 7 January, the FBI received information about an identified armed group intending to travel to Washington, DC on 16 January. They have warned that if Congress attempts to remove POTUS via the 25th Amendment a huge uprising will occur.

- (U//FOUO) **Washington, DC:** On 8 January, information was received regarding a video posted on an identified website encouraging people to kill Senators and Congress members. The video was threatening violence in Washington, DC on Inauguration day and advised people to bring guns.

(U) Threat To Life

- (U//LES) Multiple reports indicate various threats to harm President-Elect Biden ahead of the Presidential Inauguration. Additional reports indicate threats against VP-Elect Harris and Speaker Pelosi.

- (U//LES) **Nationwide:** As of 19 January, 17 FBI field offices are investigating a total of 40 Threat to Life Guardians, including threats toward prominent politicians and law enforcement and their families.

- (U//FOUO) **Nationwide**: An identified post online, which has since been deleted, discussed targeting identified tech companies, data centers, and media companies; to include references targeting employees at their homes and employees' children at their schools. Law enforcement is aware these threats, and as of 19 January, has shared the specific threat information with appropriate personnel of an identified tech company.

- (U//LES) **Nationwide**: On an identified social networking website, an identified group advised its members that Jewish communities would be vulnerable to attacks while the police and military were preoccupied with the Presidential Inauguration. The identified group emphasized not to go to Washington, DC due to heightened security, but rather focusing on multiple locations where a centralized force would not be able to respond to as quickly. On 18 January, the FBI's Office of Public Affairs and Counterterrorism Division held a call with Jewish organizations Secure Communities Network, the Anti-Defamation League, and the Interfaith Alliance to provide additional details regarding this potential threat.

(U) OTHER

- (U/LES) As of 18 January, preliminary reporting suggests an identified social media platform used by some domestic violent extremists (DVE), including Racially Motivated Violent Extremists (RMVEs), are warning participants that law enforcement is conducting interviews. Additional social media messaging suggest that individuals should record their interviews with law enforcement and share the questions with the group.

- (U//FOUO) As of 18 January, an identified international hotel chain received similar bomb threats in three states and Washington, DC with a computerized voice stating, "Bombs have been placed at all Trump Properties to be detonated at an opportune time. This is just the beginning." Bomb sweeps were conducted with negative results.

- (U//LES) According to law enforcement partners, some members of identified groups that attended the 6 January events had planned to use specific radio frequencies for their communication. This information was shared with DC's Office of Unified Communications to program some handheld radios, which were given to US Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department, for monitoring. For additional information related to this topic and tactic please see FBI product titled "Domestic Violent Extremists' Use of Amateur HAM Radios for Communication and Other Pre-Operational Planning" (17 January; SIR-00340433389).

- (U//LES) Mixed reporting is indicating an identified group to "prepare for potential conflict in response to National Guard troops being activated in Washington, DC," while other reporting is indicating the identified group to stand down. As of 14 January, the identified group leadership issued flyers instructing members to stand down until 4 March.

(U) STATE AND LOCAL SURVEY RESPONSES

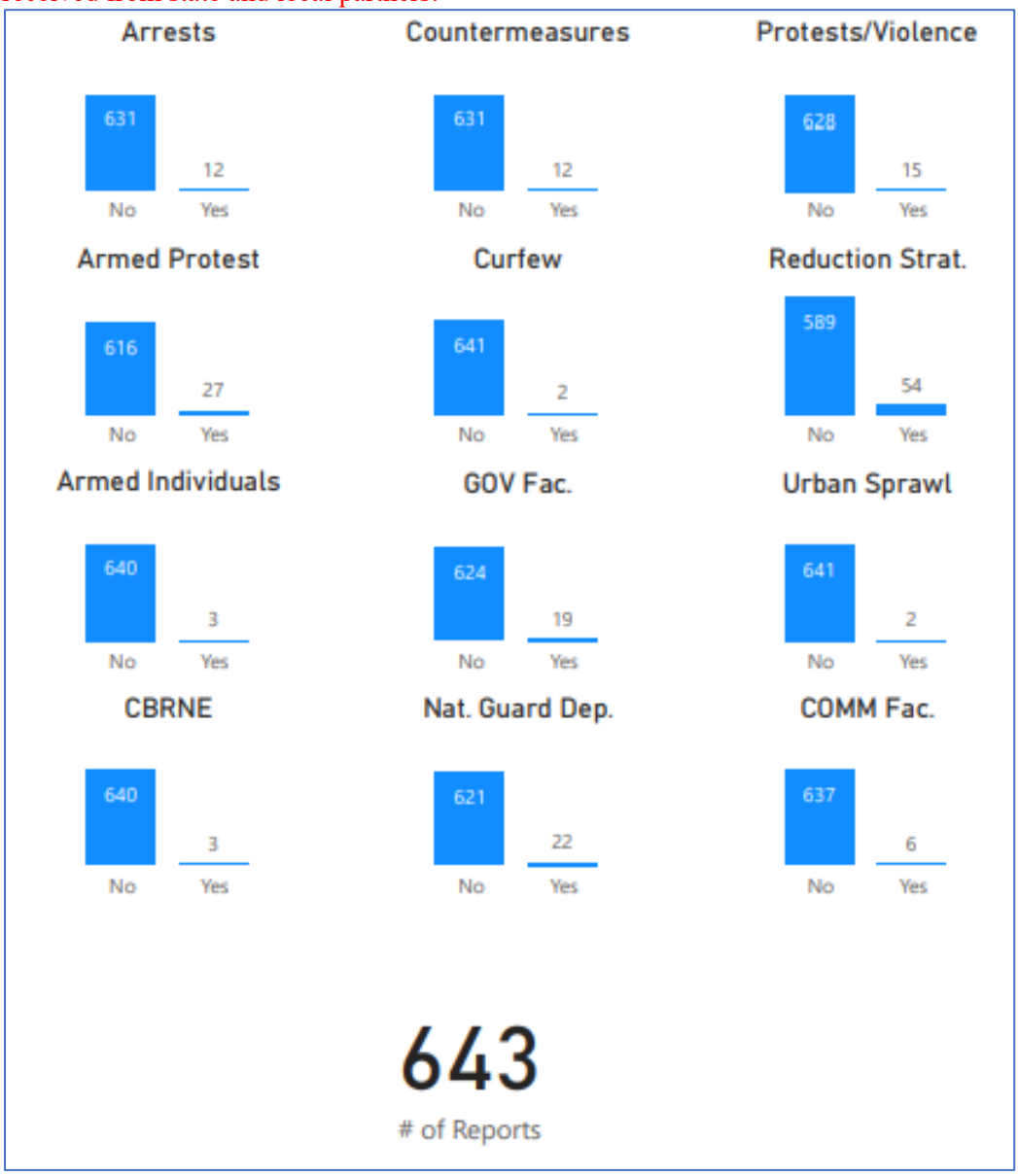
(U) The Office of Partner Engagement (OPE) disseminated a nationwide survey https://arcg.is/14fOiz to state and local partners to capture law enforcement investigative and preparatory activity in their respective area of operations related to the Presidential transition of Power, and enable sharing of national trends.

(U//LES) As of 19 January, the FBI had received 643 survey responses to the following questions:

	Survey Question	Yes	No
1	Has there been violence or criminal activity within your jurisdiction that accompanied protests regarding national election results or the inauguration?	15	628
2	Has your office received any indication of armed protests associated with national election results or the inauguration?	27	616
3	Has any such violence or criminal activity spread from urban to suburban areas within your jurisdiction?	2	641
4	Has your jurisdiction implemented a curfew?	2	641
5	Are National Guard deployed in your jurisdiction?	22	621

6	Are any police departments in your jurisdiction engaged in violence reductions strategy which may include marching with protestors or releasing statements in support of peaceful protest activity?	54	589
7	Have government (federal/state/local) facilities been the targets of violent behavior, threats, or criminal activity associated with national election results or the inauguration?	19	624
8	Have commercial facilities been the targets of violent behavior, threats, or criminal activity believed to be associated with national election results or the inauguration?	6	637
9	Have arrests been made within your jurisdiction in response to violence or criminal activity associated with or accompanying protests regarding national election results or the inauguration?	12	631
10	Were any individuals armed while arrested?	3	640
11	Has your office become aware of the use of countermeasures (i.e. radio jamming devices, pre-staged projectiles, incendiary devices, etc.) to misdirect/divert police response to locations of violence or criminal activity?	12	631
12	Has your office responded to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive threats reasonably associated with violent activity associated with national election results or the inauguration?	3	640

(U//FOUO) As of 19 January, the bar graph below depicts the total number (643) of survey results received from state and local partners:



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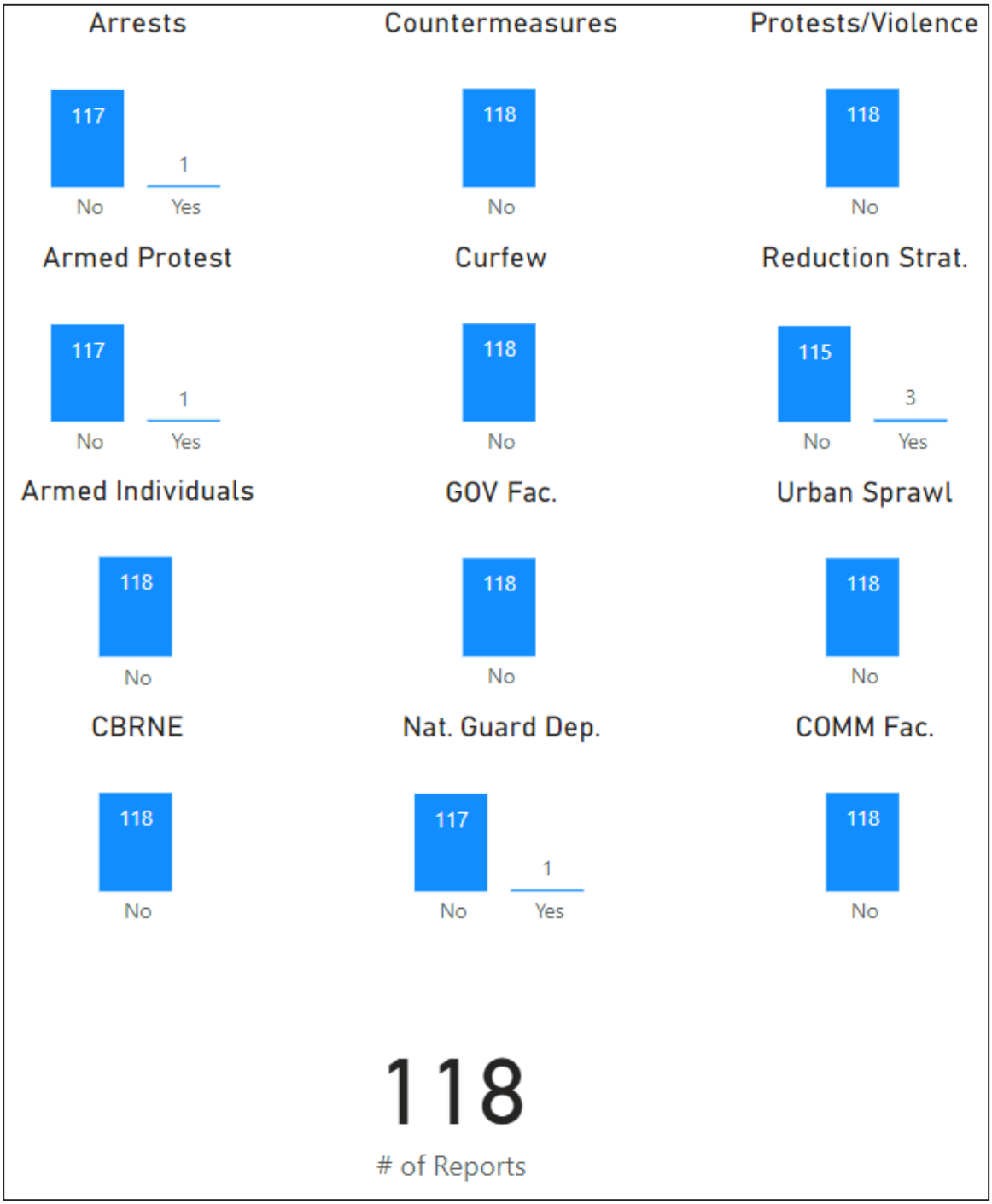

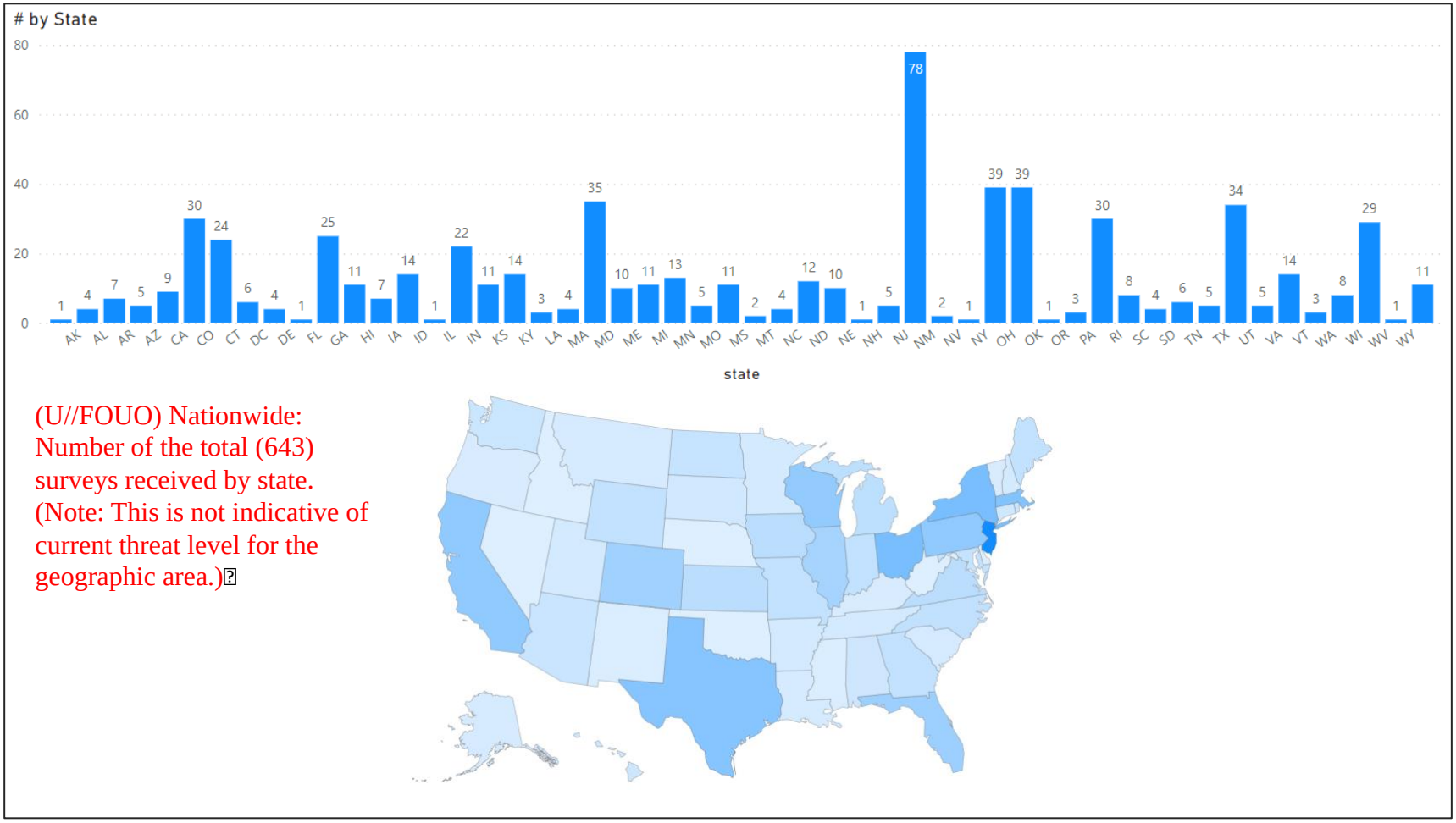

(U//FOUO) Nationwide: Number of the total (643) surveys received by state. (Note: This is not indicative of current threat level for the geographic area.)

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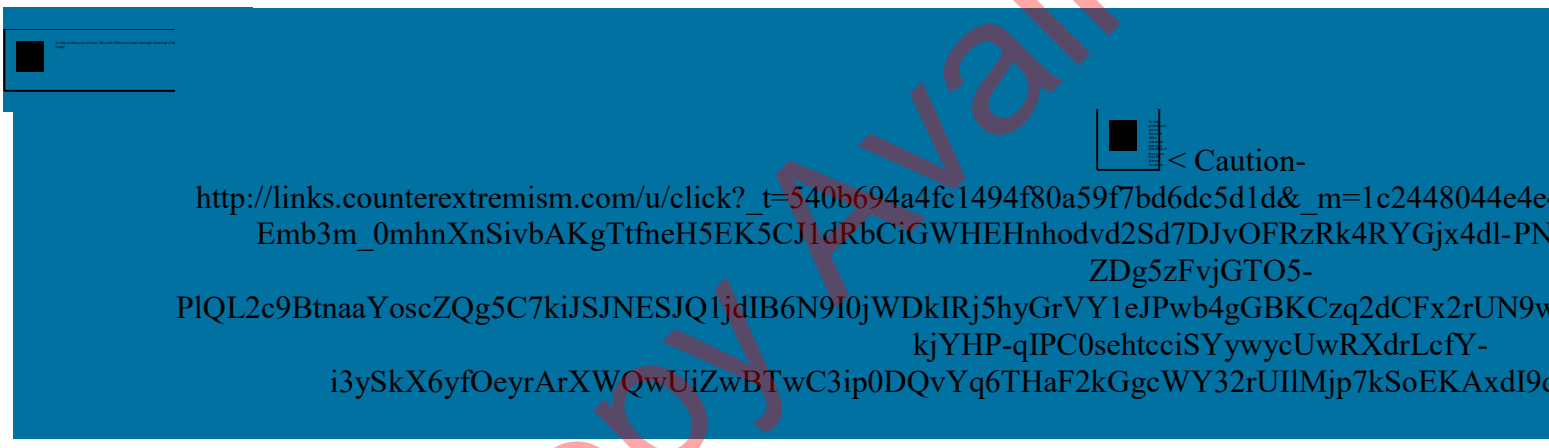

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“Forty-six people from the ethnic Pygmy group were killed -- some of them decapitated -- on Wednesday in
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“Authorities in Pakistan said Monday they have arrested a university student in the southern port city of Kara with Afghanistan and killed two senior “terrorists” in the ensuing firefight. It said that a third militant “got injur student at the city’s NED University of Engineering and Technology. He was trying to board a train before be sending them to Syria.” Daesh is the Arabic name for Islamic State. The statement said the detainee was in deadly attacks in Pakistan in recent years.”

United States

ABC Caution-news: Beyond Domestic Terrorists, Officials Eye Foreign Influence, Drones As Threats
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“Since a violent mob of President Donald Trump's supporters attacked the U.S. Capitol last week, U.S. offic assessment issued Thursday by several federal and local agencies makes it clear that U.S. agencies are pr “Since the incident at the U.S. Capitol, Russian, Iranian, and Chinese influence actors have seized the oppo promoted claims the rioters at the Capitol last week were actually members of the radical left-wing antifa mo might target critical infrastructure or U.S. personnel supporting the inauguration.”

The Washington Post: FBI Probes Possible Connections Between Extremist Groups At Heart Of Cap
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“The FBI investigation of the Capitol riot has begun to zero in on potential key figures in the chaos, including investigators are working to find out whether certain individuals helped coordinate aspects of the attack, bef who revealed themselves as participating in the Jan. 6 riot through social media boasts. But the weekend ar those newly charged was Robert Gieswein, 24, of Woodland Park, Colo. Charging documents and videos in include members who discussed storming the Capitol about an hour ahead of the riot.”

Mother Jones: Ahead Of Biden’s Inauguration, Extremists Trade Bomb Making Instructions And Tac
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“Ahead of an Inauguration that experts and federal officials have warned could culminate in violence, extrem right-wing extremist channels on the messaging app, Telegram, anonymous users are sharing instructions o

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using MediaFire, a file-hosting service, with instruction guides for building homemade explosives, silencers, preparing for an anticipated second civil war have shared materials including a United States Marine Corps Nazis calling on their followers to carry out lone-wolf attacks and sharing other tactics on Telegram and 8ku

Syria

Al Monitor: Did Islamic State Make Comeback To Opposition Areas In Countryside Of Aleppo? < Cau
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"Syria TV correspondent and journalist Bahaa al-Halabi survived an assassination attempt Jan. 6 in the Turk and fired their bullets directly at him. The incident sparked controversy and fear among activists and journal Bab and other opposition-controlled areas are experiencing in the countryside of Aleppo. They believe bomb the region. Other journalists believe the attempt to assassinate Halabi has the Islamic State's (IS) fingerprint agents. On Dec. 12, 2020, journalist Hussein Khattab was assassinated in a similar manner in al-Bab. Two

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"A small Islamist militant group has claimed responsibility for an attack on Turkish forces in the northwestern sniper platoon of the Abu Bakr al-Siddiq Squadron targeted one of the main bases of the 'Turkish NATO' mi assault, according to local news media. The Turkish government has not commented. Idlib is the last major al-Qaida-affiliated groups and Turkish-backed rebels also have a significant presence in the Syrian enclave

Asharq Al-Awsat: ISIS Landmines Kill 10 Russia-Backed Fighters In Syria's Homs < Caution-http://li
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"Ten Russia-backed fighters were killed when ISIS landmines exploded in al-Tayba area in al-Sukhna, in Sy Aleppo, Hama and Raqqa. The Russia-backed forces launched a security campaign in the deserts of Deir E secure the Deir Ezzor-Homs road. ISIS has recently increased its attacks against regime forces, killing and the easternmost parts of the Deir Ezzor province in the east. On December 30, ISIS targeted three busses c vehicles on the Damascus-al-Raqqah highway in the beginning of the year."

Iraq

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Kurdistan 24: ISIS Attacks In Disputed Iraqi Town Leave Security Force Member Dead, 3 More Injure
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“Islamic State fighters launched a double attack late Friday evening, killing one security force member and v
Khanaqin. A security source told Kurdistan 24 that Islamic State militants infiltrated Jalawla's al-Shuhada ne
security forces and civilians in disputed areas in Diyala, Salahuddin, and Kirkuk provinces. The extremist gr
time, Kurdistan 24 correspondent also reported that an Iraqi soldier was wounded by sniper fire at a checkp
the whole of Iraq.”

Afghanistan

The New York Times: She Killed An American In 2012. Why Was She Freed In The Taliban Deal? < C
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“Nargis Mohammad Hasan was serving as an Afghan police officer when she shot and killed an American c
2001. Ms. Hasan’s possible motives for the killing have always been murky. Having emigrated from Iran, sh
by the Taliban’s decision last year to call for her release even though they acknowledge that she was not a
U.S. State Department negotiators dismissed the F.B.I. and diplomats’ opposition to her release, according
one of the difficult decisions that efforts to end a war can bring.”

NBC Caution-news: Airstrike In Afghanistan Bombs Taliban Target. Now 18 Members Of One Family
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“Mir Hatim says he spent the early hours of Jan. 10 sifting through the bombed-out house of his relatives, se
Nimroz province around midnight on Jan. 9. “We witnessed one of the most savage acts by the government
others took their remains to the provincial capital, Zaranj, on the border with Iran, to show local officials that
Monday that a strike in the district had targeted a Taliban hideout, and said that nine Pakistani terrorists and

Al Jazeera: Two Afghan Female Judges Shot Dead In Kabul Ambush < Caution-http://links.counterex
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“Two female judges have been killed by unknown gunmen in an ambush early on Sunday in Afghanistan’s c
the group was not responsible. Violence has surged across Afghanistan in recent months despite ongoing p

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two days after the Pentagon announced it cut American troop levels in Afghanistan to 2,500, the lowest in n
park killed at least 20 court employees and wounded 41. In recent months, several prominent Afghans – inc
Taliban for the attacks, a charge the militia has denied."

Bloomberg: Taliban Call On Biden To Honor Trump Deal To Remove U.S. Troops < Caution-http://lin
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"The Taliban has called on President-elect Joe Biden to honor a U.S. agreement to withdraw all American fo
was made for the purpose," Mohammad Naeem, a senior spokesman in the Taliban's political office in Doha
guarantees. "The lack of complete implementation of the agreement can affect the ongoing process of nego
from both Republican and Democrat lawmakers who've warned of the potential impact on counter-terrorism

Yemen

Al Jazeera: Calls Grow For Biden To Reject Houthi 'Terrorist' Designation < Caution-http://links.cou
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"Dozens of civil society and faith-based groups in the United States are urging President-elect Joe Biden to
Churches and Health Alliance International said "rather than being a catalyst for peace, these designations
settlement to the conflict, and further undermine U.S. national security interests in the region", the letter rea
foreign policy move – part of Trump's "maximum pressure" campaign against Iran and its allies, such as the

Nigeria

Reuters: Residents Flee Islamist Insurgent Attack On Town In Northeast Nigeria < Caution-http://link
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"Government troops and several hundred residents have been forced to flee after Islamist insurgents overra
months after residents driven from their homes by Islamist attacks had returned to the town under a governm
government faces as it tries to return people displaced by the violence. Soldiers fled during Friday's assault
whether there had been any deaths. The sources said they believed the insurgents were part of ISWAP. An
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Al Jazeera: Armed Group Captures Military Base In Northeast Nigeria < Caution-http://links.countere
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“Government troops and hundreds of residents have been forced to flee after an armed group overran a tow
West Africa Province (ISWAP) attacked the base in the town of Marte in the Lake Chad area overnight on F
took a hit from ISWAP terrorists. They raided the base in Marte after a fierce battle.” The second source sai
withdrew” to defend against an attack outside Marte. Troops had “effectively destroyed” seven gun trucks ar
further details, it said seven people had been killed, and one captured, and that its fighters had seized weap

Somalia

SOFREP: US Airstrike Kills Al-Shabaab Extremist Leader In Somalia < Caution-http://links.counterex
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“The U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) is keeping the pressure on the terrorist group al-Shabaab in Somali
vicinity of Buulo Fulaay in southern Somalia killing one of the group’s members. In a released statement, AF
resolve and degrades al-Shabaab’s ability to threaten Somalia and its neighbors,” said U.S. Air Force Maj. C
that AFRICOM has hit al-Shabaab in Somalia with airstrikes. On January 1, the command conducted two dr
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Africa

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“At least 48 people died and 97 people were injured in a militia attack on the West Darfur city of El Geneina
is increasing, and was triggered when a member of the Masalit tribe stabbed a member of an Arab tribe, hu
as the nearby Kreinding camp for internally displaced people, from where SUNA said there was now a wave
the government of Omar al-Bashir armed militias to help repress a revolt. “We have warned several times a

United Kingdom

Daily Mail: Britain's Youngest Terrorist Who Was Jailed For Plotting To Behead A Police Officer In A
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“Britain's youngest convicted terrorist who planned to behead police officers at an Anzac Day parade can be Melbourne. He exchanged more than 3,000 encrypted mobile app messages with Besim after he became s officers. The teenager, from Blackburn in Lancashire, was jailed for life at Manchester Crown Court in Octo Court. In a document detailing the decision, the Parole Board said: 'After considering the circumstances of teenager took on the role of 'organiser and adviser' and suggested beheading or using a car to kill officers.”

Metro: Brexit Will Disrupt Hunt For UK’s Most Wanted Fugitives, Terrorism Expert Warns < Caution-
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“The hunt for some of the UK’s most wanted terrorists will be disrupted by Brexit, a former counter terrorism radar after the end of mutual security arrangements with the EU. The British diplomat was involved in a key after the January 1 departure from the EU. Sir Ivor was the British Ambassador to Italy at the time Osman w Information System II (SIS II), which British law enforcement accessed around half a billion times annually . shifts to the far-right in the wake of the deadly riot at the US Capitol.”

Germany

Associated Press: 2 Syrians Charged With Terrorism Over Army Officer's Killing < Caution-http://lin
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“Two Syrians have been charged in Germany for alleged links to a terrorist organization on suspicion they w charged with supporting a terrorist organization on allegations they were acting on behalf of the Nusra Front Naumburg, in eastern Germany, and in the western city of Essen. The pair are suspected of taking part in th site. Sami A.S. is suspected of filming the officer’s shooting and preparing the footage for use as propaganc

Europe

Reuters: Greece Arrests Suspected Syrian Militant Wanted In Netherlands < Caution-http://links.cou
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“Greek authorities have arrested a 37-year-old Syrian asylum seeker wanted in the Netherlands for suspect where he was arrested on Wednesday under an international arrest warrant issued by Dutch authorities, ac Syrian group affiliated with al Qaeda as well as migrant trafficking. Extradition procedures were under way.

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Australia

The Australian: 'Extremist' Sydney Man Accused Of Breaching Anti-Terrorism Control Order Over O
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"A Sydney man has been arrested after he allegedly failed to comply with a condition of a control order by a 25-year-old was accused of breaching the Federal Court of Australia direction. The man, who was released AFP High Risk Terrorist Offenders team arrested the man at his Denistone home on Saturday morning. Co continuing to see high risk terrorist offenders breach their control orders, police are ensuring offenders who protect the community from extremist material and the violence it promotes."

Southeast Asia

International Business Times: Indonesian Terror Outfits 'Actively Recruiting And Raising Funds' Say
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"Even as Indonesia is in the grips of the COVID-19 pandemic, terrorism cells are thriving in the country, the recruiting, spreading their ideology, raising funds and conducting training," said the National Counter Terrori relaxing." However, he added that terror cells have not been able to dispatch as many militants to join outfits terrorism. "They are indeed planning attacks on security officials, state institutions, military and the police ... thousands of 'charity boxes on the pretext of donations for natural disasters, social aid as well as COVID-19

Technology

Associated Press: Extremists Exploit A Loophole In Social Moderation: Podcasts On Apple, Google
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"Major social platforms have been cracking down on the spread of misinformation and conspiracy theories i material: podcasts. Podcasts made available by the two Big Tech companies let you tune into the world of t election misinformation, threatening or bullying, and breaking other rules also still live on as podcasts availa siege a "staged event" in a Jan. 11 episode of Red Pill News. The day before the Capitol riot, a more popula

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people, we are the storm, and we're coming to DC.”

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Today's Top 5

1. FBI vetting Guard troops in DC amid fears of insider attack
The Associated Press
U.S. defense officials say they are worried about an insider attack or other threat from service members involved in securing President-elect Joe Biden’s inauguration, prompting the FBI to vet all of the 25,000 National Guard troops coming into Washington for the event.
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2. The Pentagon is investigating its response to the deadly Capitol riot
Military Times

Engulfed by a cacophony of accusations and blame-assigning over the deadly Jan. 6 security situation at the Capitol building and the response to the mob who breached it, the Defense Department is examining its own role in offering National Guard support to federal law enforcement.
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3. More than 40 Guard troops in DC for Biden inauguration test positive for COVID; up to 25,000 troops now authorized
Military Times
With more than 7,000 National Guard troops in Washington, D.C., and thousands more on the way to help protect the Jan. 20 inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden during a pandemic, it was only inevitable that some would be affected by COVID-19.
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4. US military says troop withdrawal from Somalia is complete
The Associated Press
The U.S. military says its troop withdrawal from Somalia is complete, in one of the last actions of President Donald Trump’s presidency.
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5. Why veterans of the military and law enforcement joined the Capitol insurrection
LA Times
An Air Force veteran from Southern California and ardent conspiracy theorist bent on war against the government. An Army psychological operations officer at Ft. Bragg, N.C. A decorated, retired Air Force officer of 18 years from Texas who served in Afghanistan and Iraq.
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US Army Japan to begin vaccinating remainder of its healthy population against coronavirus
Stars & Stripes
The U.S. Army in Japan announced plans late Friday to begin inoculating the remainder of its healthy population, including service members, civilian employees and dependents, against the coronavirus starting Tuesday.
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Army orders two South Korea garrisons to 'shelter in place' amid coronavirus outbreak
Stars & Stripes
Coronavirus clusters at the U.S. Army's largest installation in South Korea and at its former headquarters in Seoul are forcing personnel to "shelter in place" throughout the long holiday weekend.
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INDOPACOM commander says Chinese aggressiveness helps US make more friends
Seapower
China's political, economic and military aggressiveness is driving Asian countries like India and Vietnam toward closer ties with the United States, the head of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command says.
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Pentagon

Gen. Mark Milley key to military continuity as Biden takes office
The Associated Press
In taking charge of a Pentagon battered by leadership churn, the Biden administration will look to one holdover as a source of military continuity: Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
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General education: What Austin can learn from Mattis's rocky relationship with Congress
Defense News

The Warrior Monk was having a bad meeting.
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Missile defense costs to soar $5B a year: CBO
Breaking Defense
Pentagon investment in missile defense from 2020 through 2029 may total a whopping $176 billion, says the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) in a new study.
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Acting SecDef defends Capitol reaction, says DoD is prepared for next week
Defense One
Defense Department “absolutely” concerned about domestic terrorism next week but feels bureaucratic issues that delayed national guard are resolved.
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‘A piece of...’ Outgoing SecDef blasts expensive programs
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DOD’s biggest challenge is overcoming the “mindset of the Cold War.”
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Arlington Cemetery to close for Inauguration Day amid massive security lockdown
Military.com
Arlington National Cemetery, which normally draws a stream of visitors on the nation's quadrennial Inauguration Day, has joined the growing list of public spaces that will be closed Jan. 20 amid a massive security lockdown in the District of Columbia.
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Trump's acting defense secretary says he 'cannot wait' to leave the job
Military.com
Inauguration Day, it appears, can't come soon enough for Acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller.
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Military pledges proper housing for troops in DC as National Guard force grows to 25,000
Military.com
The Pentagon announced Friday that it has increased the number of National Guard troops authorized for inauguration security to 25,000, even as military officials scramble to find suitable quarters to house Guardsmen flooding into Washington, D.C.
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Extremist groups are actively trying to recruit military members, defense officials say
Military.com
The U.S. military is facing a real threat from domestic extremists, particularly those pushing white supremacist views who want to add service members -- and their tactical skills -- to their ranks, a senior defense official told reporters Thursday.
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Acting defense secretary orders NSA director to immediately install former GOP operative as the agency’s top lawyer
Washington Post
Acting defense secretary Christopher C. Miller ordered the director of the National Security Agency to install on Saturday a former GOP political operative as the NSA’s top lawyer, according to four individuals familiar with the matter.
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Pentagon moves to block exam of tortured Guantánamo prisoner
New York Times

In his final days in office before a new administration takes over, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy changed a regulation to sidestep court rulings requiring the medical examination.
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Congress & Politics

As troop levels swell in DC, National Guard commander says he believes he has city officials' trust
Washington Post
The commanding general of the D.C. National Guard on Saturday defended his force's response to the deadly assault on the U.S. Capitol and asserted that his relationship with city officials remains solid.
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Capitol rioters included highly trained ex-military and cops
The Associated Press
As President Donald Trump's supporters massed outside the Capitol last week and sang the national anthem, a line of men wearing olive-drab helmets and body armor trudged purposefully up the marble stairs in a single-file line, each man holding the jacket collar of the one ahead.
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Lawmakers push to award Congressional Gold Medal to Capitol Police hero, Army vet
Military.com
Three House members are sponsoring legislation recommending the Congressional Gold Medal for U.S. Capitol Police Officer Eugene Goodman, who fought against an angry mob and eventually lured it upstairs and away from the unprotected Senate chamber during the Jan. 6 Capitol riots.
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Senators raise concerns over pending ouster of military medical university president
Military.com
Defense Department officials have delayed a meeting on whether to fire the president of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, or USUHS, a retired Army two-star general who has led the military medical school for nearly five years.
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National Security

Russia follows US to withdraw from Open Skies Treaty
Defense News
Russia said Friday it will withdraw from an international treaty allowing observation flights over military facilities following the U.S. exit from the pact.
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US calls Bahrain, UAE ‘major security partners’
The Associated Press
The United States called Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates “major security partners” early Saturday, a previously unheard of designation for the two countries home to major American military operations.
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Army

Fort Bliss soldier charged with rape of fellow unit member a year before her death New Year’s Eve
Army Times
A 1st Armored Division soldier at Fort Bliss, Texas, has been formally accused of three sexual assaults in the past year, including the alleged 2019 rape of a soldier from his unit who was found dead this New Year’s Eve.
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Army Reserve sergeant and AWOL soldier who joined YPG arrested amid Capitol riot fallout
Army Times
An Army Reserve sergeant described in charging documents as “an avowed white supremacist” was arrested Sunday in New Jersey for taking part in the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump.
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Contractor sentenced for Schofield Barracks bribery scheme
Military Times

A former government contractor was sentenced to 70 months in prison for his role in a bribery scheme at Hawaii's Schofield Barracks, according to the Department of Justice.
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White Army vet charged in December shooting of a Black girl at Iowa Trump rally
The Associated Press
A white military veteran shot and wounded a 15-year-old girl when he fired his gun into a car carrying four Black teenagers during a tense confrontation at a rally in support of President Donald Trump near the Iowa Capitol last month.
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Army offers $25,000 cash reward for tips on drill sergeant's murder
Military.com
The Army Criminal Investigation Command, or CID, is offering a $25,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the brutal New Year's Day murder of a female drill sergeant at Joint Base San Antonio, or JBSA, in Texas.
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Alaska bases limit alcohol sale hours to curb drinking-related suicides
Military.com
U.S. military commanders in Alaska have ordered alcohol sales to cease after 10 p.m. on two bases in an effort to control drinking-related mental health issues such as suicide.
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Army leaders bracing for budget reductions
National Defense
The Army is prepared to sacrifice near-term readiness for modernization if bleak budget forecasts come to pass, according to one senior official.
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Navy

As double-pump deployment looms, no COVID vaccine for the Ike
Navy Times
Slowly but surely, COVID-19 vaccines are being jabbed into sailors' arms across the fleet.
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In the wake of tragedy, the US surface fleet is all in on simulators
Defense News
It has been nearly four years since one of the worst years in modern U.S. Navy history, when a string of accidents and collisions sidelined three ships and resulted in the deaths of 17 sailors. But the service's top surface warfare officer wants to make clear that it hasn't moved on.
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Sailor killed in Pearl Harbor attack laid to rest in Arizona
The Associated Press
An 18-year-old U.S. Navy sailor from Arizona who died at Pearl Harbor was buried with full military honors on Friday after his remains were identified last year, about 80 years after the Japanese attack.
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Former sailor-turned-'QAnon Shaman' wants pardon from Trump after Capitol siege
Military.com
The attorney for a former sailor who was arrested after a mob stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 says his client is a gentle man who now regrets listening to the president's "patent invitation" to enter the building that day.
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Navy's top officer visits Nimitz group in Gulf amid Iran tensions
Stars & Stripes
The Navy's top officer visited a warship in the Persian Gulf this week after ongoing tensions with Iran led the Pentagon to extend an aircraft carrier group's deployment to the region.
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For the 1st time, Norfolk Naval Shipyard's new commanding officer is a woman
The Daily Press
The officer who led Norfolk Naval Shipyard's planning and execution of nuclear vessel overhauls is back after two years away, as the first female commanding officer of the Navy's oldest shipyard.
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US Navy to arm amphibious vessels with long-range missiles
UPI
The U.S. Navy plans to integrate anti-ship missiles aboard its amphibious ships, it announced this month, part of a larger effort to increase ship firepower.
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Fallen midshipman remembered by Naval Academy company as driven, 'iron man'
Capital Gazette
John Johnson was an accomplished midshipman.
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Air Force

Air Force investigating whether COVID killed Aviano airman
Air Force Times
The Air Force said Friday that the recent death of an airman at Aviano Air Base in Italy may have been caused by COVID-19.
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Barrett's legacy: an influential, if quiet, Air Force secretary
Air Force Times

As her tenure as Air Force secretary comes to an end, experts say Barbara Barrett, who kept a lower profile than her predecessors, will be remembered for several important accomplishments, including the quiet, steady stand-up of the Space Force.
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After training changes, Air Force SERE school sees near-historic low attrition
Military.com
The Air Force's elite survival school just accomplished an almost unheard-of feat: graduating a full class with almost no dropouts.
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Iraqi translator becomes US airman
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Second B-21 under construction as bomber moves toward first flight
Air Force Magazine
Production of a second B-21 stealth bomber is underway at Northrop Grumman’s facility in Palmdale, Calif., while the first Raider is expected to roll out in early 2022 and fly in the middle of that year, according to Randall Walden, director of the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office.
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Marine Corps

Commandant, sergeant major of the Marine Corps publicly receive COVID-19 vaccine
Marine Corps Times
The top two Devil Dogs went public with their COVID-19 vaccines in the hopes of encouraging Marines to take the vaccine when offered.
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Oldest living Marine Corps veteran passes away at age 107
Marine Corps Times
The nation's oldest living Marine veteran died of a heart attack on Jan. 7.
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National Guard

FBI searches for stolen California National Guard Humvee
The Associated Press
The FBI announced a search Saturday for an armored military Humvee that was stolen from a National Guard facility in a Los Angeles suburb.
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Thousands of National Guard troops pour into Washington as states answer the call
The Associated Press
By the busload and planeload, National Guard troops were pouring into the nation's capital on Saturday, as governors answered the urgent pleas of U.S. defense officials for more troops to help safeguard Washington even as they keep anxious eyes on possible violent protests in their own states.
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270 Nebraska National Guard members head to Washington for inauguration
Omaha World-Herald
A Nebraska National Guard contingent departed Lincoln on Saturday with 270 personnel who will provide security in Washington for the upcoming presidential inauguration.
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Military Culture & History

DC pizza shop is helping feed the National Guard
Military Times
Thousands of troops are filtering in and out of Capitol Hill after the deadly Jan. 6 riot, during the impeachment process, and in advance of the inauguration.
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What the US did right in Desert Storm
Military.com
In the late summer of 1990, the forces of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein were poised on the Saudi border, having just overrun Kuwait. U.S. troops scrambled to get ashore and fall in on their gear, overcoming chaos at the Saudi ports.
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Pay & Benefits

USO brings drinks, snacks and a 'warm welcome' to Guard troops at the Capitol
Military Times
As more than 25,000 National Guard troops have been called in to help law enforcement with security surrounding the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, a familiar face has joined them: the USO.
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More than a million military retirees, spouses now eligible for COVID vaccination
Military Times
If you're one of the more than 1 million Tricare for Life beneficiaries who are age 75 and older, you're now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination.
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DoD now offering permanent 100% reimbursement rate for do-it-yourself moves
Military.com
A reimbursement increase for service members who move themselves that was put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic is now permanent.
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Podcasts

Defense & Aerospace Podcast [Washington Roundtable Jan 15, '21]
Defense & Aerospace Report

Our guests in segment one are Michael Bayer, former chairman of the Defense Business Board and the president of the Dumbarton Strategies consultancy, and Arnold Punaro, the chairman of the National Defense Industrial Association and CEO of the Punaro Group.
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Donald Trump's foreign policy legacy
War On The Rocks
In this episode of Horns of a Dilemma, Will Inboden, executive director at the Clements Center at the University of Texas at Austin, sits down with David Adesnik and John Hannah from the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, to discuss their recent work, “From Trump to Biden: The Way Ahead for United States National Security.”
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Al Qaeda in Iran–and Afghanistan
Long War Journal
Hosts Tom Joscelyn and Bill Roggio discuss and critique Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s speech on the Iran-Al Qaeda axis.
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A Strategy for Success: The Desert Storm Air Campaign 30 Years Later
Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies
This episode will discuss key events and highlight important lessons learned, as we hear firsthand from the airmen in the fight what really happened. This episode is one of a special trilogy of podcasts commemorating the 30th anniversary of Desert Storm featuring key airmen who participated in the campaign.
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Defense Industry

US Army taps industry for autonomous drones to resupply troops
Defense News
The U.S. Army is tapping industry for drones that can deliver supplies to infantry brigade combat teams in the field, according to a request for information posted to the federal contracting website Beta.Sam.Gov on Jan. 13.
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French Army orders 364 Serval armored vehicles
Defense News
The French Army is expected to receive 108 Serval armored vehicles in 2022 as part of an order from manufacturers Nexter and Texelis totaling 364.
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Aerovironment buys Arcturus UAV in $405M deal
Defense News
Aerovironment, a leading supplier of unmanned aircraft systems to the U.S. military, has purchased Arcturus UAV for $405 million. Arcturus is currently competing for a $1 billion Army contract to replace the Shadow tactical unmanned aircraft system.
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Australia selects AH-64E Apache Guardian to replace Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters
IHS Jane's 360
Canberra has selected the Boeing AH-64E Apache Guardian attack helicopter to replace the Australian Army's fleet of 22 Airbus Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters (ARHs), Australian Defence Minister Linda Reynolds said.
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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Secrets of Tempest's ground-breaking radar revealed
C4ISRNET
Radar engineers on the Tempest fighter program have said they expect to break data-processing records. The secret, they explain, is all about miniaturization and going digital.
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Saudi Arabia makes artificial intelligence a cornerstone of its 2030 vision
C4ISRNET
s Saudi Arabia moves forward with an ambitious economic plan, the country's data and artificial intelligence authority released a multiphase strategy that aims to position the nation as a global leader in the field by 2030.

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Pentagon weapons tester wants to delay fielding of new Army tactical network tools
C4ISRNET
The U.S. Department of Defense's weapons tester recommended that the Army delay fielding decisions for radios and other communications gear from its most recent integrated tactical network toolset until a brigade has a chance to test them fully in March.
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International

French forces get new batch of micro-drones for recon missions
Defense News
The DGA French military procurement agency has ordered 300 micro-drones from Parrot for reconnaissance and intelligence missions by the conventional and special forces.
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See the weapons at North Korea's latest military parade
Defense News
North Korea displayed new submarine-launched ballistic missiles under development and other military hardware in a parade that underlined leader Kim Jong Un's defiant calls to expand the country's nuclear weapons program.
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Iran tests suicide drones that look similar to those used in Saudi attacks
The Associated Press
Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard conducted a drill Friday that saw suicide drones crash into targets and explode — triangle-shaped aircraft that strongly resembled those used in a 2019 attack in Saudi Arabia that temporarily cut the kingdom's oil production by half.
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China-US rivalry: how the Gulf War sparked Beijing's military revolution
South China Morning Post
Monday marks the 30th anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, when American-led coalition forces invaded Iraq. The Gulf War sparked 30 years of chaos and turmoil in the once powerful Middle Eastern country but also served as a rude awakening for China's military leaders.
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19FortyFive
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What's in a name? Reimagining irregular warfare activities for competition
War On The Rocks
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War on Terror teaches how to fight hate groups
Bloomberg
I was in the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, a newly selected rear admiral, working in my office on the side of the building that was hit by the plane hijacked by al-Qaeda.
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Economic and diplomatic power is not a substitute for military strength
RealClear Defense

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US Army Japan to begin vaccinating remainder of its healthy population against coronavirus
Stars & Stripes
The U.S. Army in Japan announced plans late Friday to begin inoculating the remainder of its healthy population, including service members, civilian employees and dependents, against the coronavirus starting Tuesday.
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Army orders two South Korea garrisons to 'shelter in place' amid coronavirus outbreak
Stars & Stripes
Coronavirus clusters at the U.S. Army’s largest installation in South Korea and at its former headquarters in Seoul are forcing personnel to “shelter in place” throughout the long holiday weekend.
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INDOPACOM commander says Chinese aggressiveness helps US make more friends
Seapower
China’s political, economic and military aggressiveness is driving Asian countries like India and Vietnam toward closer ties with the United States, the head of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command says.

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Pentagon

Gen. Mark Milley key to military continuity as Biden takes office
The Associated Press
In taking charge of a Pentagon battered by leadership churn, the Biden administration will look to one holdover as a source of military continuity: Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
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General education: What Austin can learn from Mattis's rocky relationship with Congress
Defense News
The Warrior Monk was having a bad meeting.
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Missile defense costs to soar $5B a year: CBO
Breaking Defense
Pentagon investment in missile defense from 2020 through 2029 may total a whopping $176 billion, says the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) in a new study.
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Acting SecDef defends Capitol reaction, says DoD is prepared for next week
Defense One
Defense Department "absolutely" concerned about domestic terrorism next week but feels bureaucratic issues that delayed national guard are resolved.
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'A piece of...' Outgoing SecDef blasts expensive programs
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DOD's biggest challenge is overcoming the "mindset of the Cold War."

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Arlington Cemetery to close for Inauguration Day amid massive security lockdown
Military.com
Arlington National Cemetery, which normally draws a stream of visitors on the nation's quadrennial Inauguration Day, has joined the growing list of public spaces that will be closed Jan. 20 amid a massive security lockdown in the District of Columbia.
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Trump's acting defense secretary says he 'cannot wait' to leave the job
Military.com
Inauguration Day, it appears, can't come soon enough for Acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller.
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Military pledges proper housing for troops in DC as National Guard force grows to 25,000
Military.com
The Pentagon announced Friday that it has increased the number of National Guard troops authorized for inauguration security to 25,000, even as military officials scramble to find suitable quarters to house Guardsmen flooding into Washington, D.C.
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Extremist groups are actively trying to recruit military members, defense officials say
Military.com
The U.S. military is facing a real threat from domestic extremists, particularly those pushing white supremacist views who want to add service members -- and their tactical skills -- to their ranks, a senior defense official told reporters Thursday.
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Acting defense secretary orders NSA director to immediately install former GOP operative as the agency's top lawyer
Washington Post
Acting defense secretary Christopher C. Miller ordered the director of the National Security Agency to install on Saturday a former GOP political operative as the NSA's top lawyer, according to four individuals familiar with the matter.
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Pentagon moves to block exam of tortured Guantánamo prisoner
New York Times
In his final days in office before a new administration takes over, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy changed a regulation to sidestep court rulings requiring the medical examination.
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Congress & Politics

As troop levels swell in DC, National Guard commander says he believes he has city officials' trust
Washington Post
The commanding general of the D.C. National Guard on Saturday defended his force's response to the deadly assault on the U.S. Capitol and asserted that his relationship with city officials remains solid.
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Capitol rioters included highly trained ex-military and cops
The Associated Press
As President Donald Trump's supporters massed outside the Capitol last week and sang the national anthem, a line of men wearing olive-drab helmets and body armor trudged purposefully up the marble stairs in a single-file line, each man holding the jacket collar of the one ahead.
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Lawmakers push to award Congressional Gold Medal to Capitol Police hero, Army vet

Military.com
Three House members are sponsoring legislation recommending the Congressional Gold Medal for U.S. Capitol Police Officer Eugene Goodman, who fought against an angry mob and eventually lured it upstairs and away from the unprotected Senate chamber during the Jan. 6 Capitol riots.
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Senators raise concerns over pending ouster of military medical university president
Military.com
Defense Department officials have delayed a meeting on whether to fire the president of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, or USUHS, a retired Army two-star general who has led the military medical school for nearly five years.
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National Security

Russia follows US to withdraw from Open Skies Treaty
Defense News
Russia said Friday it will withdraw from an international treaty allowing observation flights over military facilities following the U.S. exit from the pact.
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US calls Bahrain, UAE ‘major security partners’
The Associated Press
The United States called Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates “major security partners” early Saturday, a previously unheard of designation for the two countries home to major American military operations.
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Army

Fort Bliss soldier charged with rape of fellow unit member a year before her death New Year’s Eve
Army Times
A 1st Armored Division soldier at Fort Bliss, Texas, has been formally accused of three sexual assaults in the past year, including the alleged 2019 rape of a soldier from his unit who was found dead this New Year’s Eve.
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Army Reserve sergeant and AWOL soldier who joined YPG arrested amid Capitol riot fallout
Army Times
An Army Reserve sergeant described in charging documents as “an avowed white supremacist” was arrested Sunday in New Jersey for taking part in the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump.
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Contractor sentenced for Schofield Barracks bribery scheme
Military Times
A former government contractor was sentenced to 70 months in prison for his role in a bribery scheme at Hawaii’s Schofield Barracks, according to the Department of Justice.
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White Army vet charged in December shooting of a Black girl at Iowa Trump rally
The Associated Press
A white military veteran shot and wounded a 15-year-old girl when he fired his gun into a car carrying four Black teenagers during a tense confrontation at a rally in support of President Donald Trump near the Iowa Capitol last month.
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Army offers $25,000 cash reward for tips on drill sergeant's murder
Military.com
The Army Criminal Investigation Command, or CID, is offering a $25,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the brutal New Year's Day murder of a female drill sergeant at Joint Base San Antonio, or JBSA, in Texas.
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Alaska bases limit alcohol sale hours to curb drinking-related suicides
Military.com

U.S. military commanders in Alaska have ordered alcohol sales to cease after 10 p.m. on two bases in an effort to control drinking-related mental health issues such as suicide.
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Army leaders bracing for budget reductions
National Defense
The Army is prepared to sacrifice near-term readiness for modernization if bleak budget forecasts come to pass, according to one senior official.
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Navy

As double-pump deployment looms, no COVID vaccine for the Ike
Navy Times
Slowly but surely, COVID-19 vaccines are being jabbed into sailors' arms across the fleet.
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In the wake of tragedy, the US surface fleet is all in on simulators
Defense News
It has been nearly four years since one of the worst years in modern U.S. Navy history, when a string of accidents and collisions sidelined three ships and resulted in the deaths of 17 sailors. But the service's top surface warfare officer wants to make clear that it hasn't moved on.
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Sailor killed in Pearl Harbor attack laid to rest in Arizona
The Associated Press
An 18-year-old U.S. Navy sailor from Arizona who died at Pearl Harbor was buried with full military honors on Friday after his remains were identified last year, about 80 years after the Japanese attack.
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Former sailor-turned-'QAnon Shaman' wants pardon from Trump after Capitol siege
Military.com
The attorney for a former sailor who was arrested after a mob stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 says his client is a gentle man who now regrets listening to the president's "patent invitation" to enter the building that day.
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Navy's top officer visits Nimitz group in Gulf amid Iran tensions
Stars & Stripes
The Navy’s top officer visited a warship in the Persian Gulf this week after ongoing tensions with Iran led the Pentagon to extend an aircraft carrier group’s deployment to the region.
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For the 1st time, Norfolk Naval Shipyard’s new commanding officer is a woman
The Daily Press
The officer who led Norfolk Naval Shipyard’s planning and execution of nuclear vessel overhauls is back after two years away, as the first female commanding officer of the Navy’s oldest shipyard.
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US Navy to arm amphibious vessels with long-range missiles
UPI
The U.S. Navy plans to integrate anti-ship missiles aboard its amphibious ships, it announced this month, part of a larger effort to increase ship firepower.
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Fallen midshipman remembered by Naval Academy company as driven, ‘iron man’
Capital Gazette
John Johnson was an accomplished midshipman.
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Air Force

Air Force investigating whether COVID killed Aviano airman
Air Force Times
The Air Force said Friday that the recent death of an airman at Aviano Air Base in Italy may have been caused by COVID-19.
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Barrett's legacy: an influential, if quiet, Air Force secretary
Air Force Times
As her tenure as Air Force secretary comes to an end, experts say Barbara Barrett, who kept a lower profile than her predecessors, will be remembered for several important accomplishments, including the quiet, steady stand-up of the Space Force.
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After training changes, Air Force SERE school sees near-historic low attrition
Military.com
The Air Force's elite survival school just accomplished an almost unheard-of feat: graduating a full class with almost no dropouts.
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Iraqi translator becomes US airman
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Second B-21 under construction as bomber moves toward first flight
Air Force Magazine
Production of a second B-21 stealth bomber is underway at Northrop Grumman's facility in Palmdale, Calif., while the first Raider is expected to roll out in early 2022 and fly in the middle of that year, according to Randall Walden, director of the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office.

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Marine Corps

Commandant, sergeant major of the Marine Corps publicly receive COVID-19 vaccine
Marine Corps Times
The top two Devil Dogs went public with their COVID-19 vaccines in the hopes of encouraging Marines to take the vaccine when offered.
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Oldest living Marine Corps veteran passes away at age 107
Marine Corps Times
The nation’s oldest living Marine veteran died of a heart attack on Jan. 7.
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National Guard

FBI searches for stolen California National Guard Humvee
The Associated Press
The FBI announced a search Saturday for an armored military Humvee that was stolen from a National Guard facility in a Los Angeles suburb.
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Thousands of National Guard troops pour into Washington as states answer the call
The Associated Press
By the busload and planeload, National Guard troops were pouring into the nation’s capital on Saturday, as governors answered the urgent pleas of U.S. defense officials for more troops to help safeguard Washington even as they keep anxious eyes on possible violent protests in their own states.
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270 Nebraska National Guard members head to Washington for inauguration

Omaha World-Herald
A Nebraska National Guard contingent departed Lincoln on Saturday with 270 personnel who will provide security in Washington for the upcoming presidential inauguration.
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Military Culture & History

DC pizza shop is helping feed the National Guard
Military Times
Thousands of troops are filtering in and out of Capitol Hill after the deadly Jan. 6 riot, during the impeachment process, and in advance of the inauguration.
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What the US did right in Desert Storm
Military.com
In the late summer of 1990, the forces of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein were poised on the Saudi border, having just overrun Kuwait. U.S. troops scrambled to get ashore and fall in on their gear, overcoming chaos at the Saudi ports.
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Pay & Benefits

USO brings drinks, snacks and a ‘warm welcome’ to Guard troops at the Capitol
Military Times
As more than 25,000 National Guard troops have been called in to help law enforcement with security surrounding the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, a familiar face has joined them: the USO.
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More than a million military retirees, spouses now eligible for COVID vaccination
Military Times
If you’re one of the more than 1 million Tricare for Life beneficiaries who are age 75 and older, you’re now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination.
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DoD now offering permanent 100% reimbursement rate for do-it-yourself moves
Military.com
A reimbursement increase for service members who move themselves that was put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic is now permanent.
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Podcasts

Defense & Aerospace Podcast [Washington Roundtable Jan 15, ’21]
Defense & Aerospace Report
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Donald Trump's foreign policy legacy
War On The Rocks
In this episode of Horns of a Dilemma, Will Inboden, executive director at the Clements Center at the University of Texas at Austin, sits down with David Adesnik and John Hannah from the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, to discuss their recent work, “From Trump to Biden: The Way Ahead for United States National Security.”
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Al Qaeda in Iran–and Afghanistan
Long War Journal
Hosts Tom Joscelyn and Bill Roggio discuss and critique Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s speech on the Iran-Al Qaeda axis.
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A Strategy for Success: The Desert Storm Air Campaign 30 Years Later
Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies

This episode will discuss key events and highlight important lessons learned, as we hear firsthand from the airmen in the fight what really happened. This episode is one of a special trilogy of podcasts commemorating the 30th anniversary of Desert Storm featuring key airmen who participated in the campaign.
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Defense Industry

US Army taps industry for autonomous drones to resupply troops
Defense News
The U.S. Army is tapping industry for drones that can deliver supplies to infantry brigade combat teams in the field, according to a request for information posted to the federal contracting website Beta.Sam.Gov on Jan. 13.
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French Army orders 364 Serval armored vehicles
Defense News
The French Army is expected to receive 108 Serval armored vehicles in 2022 as part of an order from manufacturers Nexter and Texelis totaling 364.
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Aerovironment buys Arcturus UAV in $405M deal
Defense News
Aerovironment, a leading supplier of unmanned aircraft systems to the U.S. military, has purchased Arcturus UAV for $405 million. Arcturus is currently competing for a $1 billion Army contract to replace the Shadow tactical unmanned aircraft system.
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Australia selects AH-64E Apache Guardian to replace Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters
IHS Jane's 360
Canberra has selected the Boeing AH-64E Apache Guardian attack helicopter to replace the Australian Army's fleet of 22 Airbus Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters (ARHs), Australian Defence Minister Linda Reynolds said.
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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Secrets of Tempest's ground-breaking radar revealed
C4ISRNET
Radar engineers on the Tempest fighter program have said they expect to break data-processing records. The secret, they explain, is all about miniaturization and going digital.
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Saudi Arabia makes artificial intelligence a cornerstone of its 2030 vision
C4ISRNET
s Saudi Arabia moves forward with an ambitious economic plan, the country's data and artificial intelligence authority released a multiphase strategy that aims to position the nation as a global leader in the field by 2030.
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Pentagon weapons tester wants to delay fielding of new Army tactical network tools
C4ISRNET
The U.S. Department of Defense's weapons tester recommended that the Army delay fielding decisions for radios and other communications gear from its most recent integrated tactical network toolset until a brigade has a chance to test them fully in March.
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International

French forces get new batch of micro-drones for recon missions
Defense News
The DGA French military procurement agency has ordered 300 micro-drones from Parrot for reconnaissance and intelligence missions by the conventional and special forces.
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See the weapons at North Korea's latest military parade
Defense News
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Iran tests suicide drones that look similar to those used in Saudi attacks
The Associated Press
Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard conducted a drill Friday that saw suicide drones crash into targets and explode — triangle-shaped aircraft that strongly resembled those used in a 2019 attack in Saudi Arabia that temporarily cut the kingdom's oil production by half.
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China-US rivalry: how the Gulf War sparked Beijing's military revolution
South China Morning Post
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Retired Gen. Lloyd Austin would be outstanding defense secretary in Biden administration
Fox News
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How Iran could get nuclear weapons on Biden’s watch
19FortyFive
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How the defense budget could actually increase (slightly)
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What's in a name? Reimagining irregular warfare activities for competition
War On The Rocks
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War on Terror teaches how to fight hate groups
Bloomberg
I was in the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, a newly selected rear admiral, working in my office on the side of the building that was hit by the plane hijacked by al-Qaeda.
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Economic and diplomatic power is not a substitute for military strength
RealClear Defense
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US Army Japan to begin vaccinating remainder of its healthy population against coronavirus
Stars & Stripes
The U.S. Army in Japan announced plans late Friday to begin inoculating the remainder of its healthy population, including service members, civilian employees and dependents, against the coronavirus starting Tuesday.
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Army orders two South Korea garrisons to 'shelter in place' amid coronavirus outbreak
Stars & Stripes
Coronavirus clusters at the U.S. Army's largest installation in South Korea and at its former headquarters in Seoul are forcing personnel to "shelter in place" throughout the long holiday weekend.
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INDOPACOM commander says Chinese aggressiveness helps US make more friends
Seapower
China's political, economic and military aggressiveness is driving Asian countries like India and Vietnam toward closer ties with the United States, the head of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command says.
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Pentagon

Gen. Mark Milley key to military continuity as Biden takes office
The Associated Press
In taking charge of a Pentagon battered by leadership churn, the Biden administration will look to one holdover as a source of military continuity: Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
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General education: What Austin can learn from Mattis's rocky relationship with Congress
Defense News
The Warrior Monk was having a bad meeting.
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Missile defense costs to soar $5B a year: CBO
Breaking Defense
Pentagon investment in missile defense from 2020 through 2029 may total a whopping $176 billion, says the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) in a new study.
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Acting SecDef defends Capitol reaction, says DoD is prepared for next week
Defense One
Defense Department “absolutely” concerned about domestic terrorism next week but feels bureaucratic issues that delayed national guard are resolved.
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‘A piece of...’ Outgoing SecDef blasts expensive programs
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DOD’s biggest challenge is overcoming the “mindset of the Cold War.”
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Arlington Cemetery to close for Inauguration Day amid massive security lockdown
Military.com
Arlington National Cemetery, which normally draws a stream of visitors on the nation's quadrennial Inauguration Day, has joined the growing list of public spaces that will be closed Jan. 20 amid a massive security lockdown in the District of Columbia.
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Trump's acting defense secretary says he 'cannot wait' to leave the job
Military.com
Inauguration Day, it appears, can't come soon enough for Acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller.
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Military pledges proper housing for troops in DC as National Guard force grows to 25,000
Military.com

The Pentagon announced Friday that it has increased the number of National Guard troops authorized for inauguration security to 25,000, even as military officials scramble to find suitable quarters to house Guardsmen flooding into Washington, D.C.
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Extremist groups are actively trying to recruit military members, defense officials say
Military.com
The U.S. military is facing a real threat from domestic extremists, particularly those pushing white supremacist views who want to add service members -- and their tactical skills -- to their ranks, a senior defense official told reporters Thursday.
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Acting defense secretary orders NSA director to immediately install former GOP operative as the agency's top lawyer
Washington Post
Acting defense secretary Christopher C. Miller ordered the director of the National Security Agency to install on Saturday a former GOP political operative as the NSA's top lawyer, according to four individuals familiar with the matter.
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Pentagon moves to block exam of tortured Guantánamo prisoner
New York Times
In his final days in office before a new administration takes over, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy changed a regulation to sidestep court rulings requiring the medical examination.
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Congress & Politics

As troop levels swell in DC, National Guard commander says he believes he has city officials' trust
Washington Post
The commanding general of the D.C. National Guard on Saturday defended his force's response to the deadly assault on the U.S. Capitol and asserted that his relationship with city officials remains solid.
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Capitol rioters included highly trained ex-military and cops
The Associated Press
As President Donald Trump's supporters massed outside the Capitol last week and sang the national anthem, a line of men wearing olive-drab helmets and body armor trudged purposefully up the marble stairs in a single-file line, each man holding the jacket collar of the one ahead.
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Lawmakers push to award Congressional Gold Medal to Capitol Police hero, Army vet
Military.com
Three House members are sponsoring legislation recommending the Congressional Gold Medal for U.S. Capitol Police Officer Eugene Goodman, who fought against an angry mob and eventually lured it upstairs and away from the unprotected Senate chamber during the Jan. 6 Capitol riots.
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Senators raise concerns over pending ouster of military medical university president
Military.com
Defense Department officials have delayed a meeting on whether to fire the president of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, or USUHS, a retired Army two-star general who has led the military medical school for nearly five years.
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National Security

Russia follows US to withdraw from Open Skies Treaty
Defense News
Russia said Friday it will withdraw from an international treaty allowing observation flights over military facilities following the U.S. exit from the pact.
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US calls Bahrain, UAE ‘major security partners’
The Associated Press
The United States called Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates “major security partners” early Saturday, a previously unheard of designation for the two countries home to major American military operations.
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Army

Fort Bliss soldier charged with rape of fellow unit member a year before her death New Year’s Eve
Army Times
A 1st Armored Division soldier at Fort Bliss, Texas, has been formally accused of three sexual assaults in the past year, including the alleged 2019 rape of a soldier from his unit who was found dead this New Year’s Eve.
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Army Reserve sergeant and AWOL soldier who joined YPG arrested amid Capitol riot fallout
Army Times
An Army Reserve sergeant described in charging documents as “an avowed white supremacist” was arrested Sunday in New Jersey for taking part in the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump.
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Contractor sentenced for Schofield Barracks bribery scheme
Military Times
A former government contractor was sentenced to 70 months in prison for his role in a bribery scheme at Hawaii’s Schofield Barracks, according to the Department of Justice.
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White Army vet charged in December shooting of a Black girl at Iowa Trump rally
The Associated Press
A white military veteran shot and wounded a 15-year-old girl when he fired his gun into a car carrying four Black teenagers during a tense confrontation at a rally in support of President Donald Trump near the Iowa Capitol last month.
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Army offers $25,000 cash reward for tips on drill sergeant's murder
Military.com
The Army Criminal Investigation Command, or CID, is offering a $25,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the brutal New Year's Day murder of a female drill sergeant at Joint Base San Antonio, or JBSA, in Texas.
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Alaska bases limit alcohol sale hours to curb drinking-related suicides
Military.com
U.S. military commanders in Alaska have ordered alcohol sales to cease after 10 p.m. on two bases in an effort to control drinking-related mental health issues such as suicide.
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Army leaders bracing for budget reductions
National Defense
The Army is prepared to sacrifice near-term readiness for modernization if bleak budget forecasts come to pass, according to one senior official.
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Navy

As double-pump deployment looms, no COVID vaccine for the Ike
Navy Times
Slowly but surely, COVID-19 vaccines are being jabbed into sailors’ arms across the fleet.
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In the wake of tragedy, the US surface fleet is all in on simulators
Defense News
It has been nearly four years since one of the worst years in modern U.S. Navy history, when a string of accidents and collisions sidelined three ships and resulted in the deaths of 17 sailors. But the service’s top surface warfare officer wants to make clear that it hasn’t moved on.

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Sailor killed in Pearl Harbor attack laid to rest in Arizona
The Associated Press
An 18-year-old U.S. Navy sailor from Arizona who died at Pearl Harbor was buried with full military honors on Friday after his remains were identified last year, about 80 years after the Japanese attack.
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Former sailor-turned-'QAnon Shaman' wants pardon from Trump after Capitol siege
Military.com
The attorney for a former sailor who was arrested after a mob stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 says his client is a gentle man who now regrets listening to the president's "patent invitation" to enter the building that day.
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Navy's top officer visits Nimitz group in Gulf amid Iran tensions
Stars & Stripes
The Navy’s top officer visited a warship in the Persian Gulf this week after ongoing tensions with Iran led the Pentagon to extend an aircraft carrier group’s deployment to the region.
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For the 1st time, Norfolk Naval Shipyard’s new commanding officer is a woman
The Daily Press
The officer who led Norfolk Naval Shipyard’s planning and execution of nuclear vessel overhauls is back after two years away, as the first female commanding officer of the Navy’s oldest shipyard.
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US Navy to arm amphibious vessels with long-range missiles

UPI
The U.S. Navy plans to integrate anti-ship missiles aboard its amphibious ships, it announced this month, part of a larger effort to increase ship firepower.
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Fallen midshipman remembered by Naval Academy company as driven, 'iron man'
Capital Gazette
John Johnson was an accomplished midshipman.
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Air Force

Air Force investigating whether COVID killed Aviano airman
Air Force Times
The Air Force said Friday that the recent death of an airman at Aviano Air Base in Italy may have been caused by COVID-19.
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Barrett's legacy: an influential, if quiet, Air Force secretary
Air Force Times
As her tenure as Air Force secretary comes to an end, experts say Barbara Barrett, who kept a lower profile than her predecessors, will be remembered for several important accomplishments, including the quiet, steady stand-up of the Space Force.
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After training changes, Air Force SERE school sees near-historic low attrition
Military.com
The Air Force's elite survival school just accomplished an almost unheard-of feat: graduating a full class with almost no dropouts.
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Iraqi translator becomes US airman
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In 2003, Airman 1st Class Saeed Shnawa was not Airman 1st Class Saeed Shnawa. He was a 21-year-old Iraqi student...
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Second B-21 under construction as bomber moves toward first flight
Air Force Magazine
Production of a second B-21 stealth bomber is underway at Northrop Grumman's facility in Palmdale, Calif., while the first Raider is expected to roll out in early 2022 and fly in the middle of that year, according to Randall Walden, director of the Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office.
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Marine Corps

Commandant, sergeant major of the Marine Corps publicly receive COVID-19 vaccine
Marine Corps Times
The top two Devil Dogs went public with their COVID-19 vaccines in the hopes of encouraging Marines to take the vaccine when offered.
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Oldest living Marine Corps veteran passes away at age 107
Marine Corps Times
The nation's oldest living Marine veteran died of a heart attack on Jan. 7.
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National Guard

FBI searches for stolen California National Guard Humvee
The Associated Press
The FBI announced a search Saturday for an armored military Humvee that was stolen from a National Guard facility in a Los Angeles suburb.
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Thousands of National Guard troops pour into Washington as states answer the call
The Associated Press
By the busload and planeload, National Guard troops were pouring into the nation's capital on Saturday, as governors answered the urgent pleas of U.S. defense officials for more troops to help safeguard Washington even as they keep anxious eyes on possible violent protests in their own states.
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270 Nebraska National Guard members head to Washington for inauguration
Omaha World-Herald
A Nebraska National Guard contingent departed Lincoln on Saturday with 270 personnel who will provide security in Washington for the upcoming presidential inauguration.
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Military Culture & History

DC pizza shop is helping feed the National Guard
Military Times
Thousands of troops are filtering in and out of Capitol Hill after the deadly Jan. 6 riot, during the impeachment process, and in advance of the inauguration.
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What the US did right in Desert Storm
Military.com
In the late summer of 1990, the forces of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein were poised on the Saudi border, having just overrun Kuwait. U.S. troops scrambled to get ashore and fall in on their gear, overcoming chaos at the Saudi ports.
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Pay & Benefits

USO brings drinks, snacks and a 'warm welcome' to Guard troops at the Capitol
Military Times

As more than 25,000 National Guard troops have been called in to help law enforcement with security surrounding the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, a familiar face has joined them: the USO.
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More than a million military retirees, spouses now eligible for COVID vaccination
Military Times
If you're one of the more than 1 million Tricare for Life beneficiaries who are age 75 and older, you're now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination.
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DoD now offering permanent 100% reimbursement rate for do-it-yourself moves
Military.com
A reimbursement increase for service members who move themselves that was put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic is now permanent.
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Podcasts

Defense & Aerospace Podcast [Washington Roundtable Jan 15, '21]
Defense & Aerospace Report
Our guests in segment one are Michael Bayer, former chairman of the Defense Business Board and the president of the Dumbarton Strategies consultancy, and Arnold Punaro, the chairman of the National Defense Industrial Association and CEO of the Punaro Group.
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Donald Trump's foreign policy legacy
War On The Rocks
In this episode of Horns of a Dilemma, Will Inboden, executive director at the Clements Center at the University of Texas at Austin, sits down with David Adesnik and John Hannah from the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, to discuss their recent work, "From Trump to Biden: The Way Ahead for United States National Security."
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Al Qaeda in Iran–and Afghanistan
Long War Journal
Hosts Tom Joscelyn and Bill Roggio discuss and critique Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's speech on the Iran-Al Qaeda axis.
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A Strategy for Success: The Desert Storm Air Campaign 30 Years Later
Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies
This episode will discuss key events and highlight important lessons learned, as we hear firsthand from the airmen in the fight what really happened. This episode is one of a special trilogy of podcasts commemorating the 30th anniversary of Desert Storm featuring key airmen who participated in the campaign.
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Defense Industry

US Army taps industry for autonomous drones to resupply troops
Defense News
The U.S. Army is tapping industry for drones that can deliver supplies to infantry brigade combat teams in the field, according to a request for information posted to the federal contracting website Beta.Sam.Gov on Jan. 13.
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French Army orders 364 Serval armored vehicles
Defense News
The French Army is expected to receive 108 Serval armored vehicles in 2022 as part of an order from manufacturers Nexter and Texelis totaling 364.
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Aerovironment buys Arcturus UAV in $405M deal
Defense News
Aerovironment, a leading supplier of unmanned aircraft systems to the U.S. military, has purchased Arcturus UAV for $405 million. Arcturus is currently competing for a $1 billion Army contract to replace the Shadow tactical unmanned aircraft system.

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Australia selects AH-64E Apache Guardian to replace Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters
IHS Jane's 360
Canberra has selected the Boeing AH-64E Apache Guardian attack helicopter to replace the Australian Army's fleet of 22 Airbus Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters (ARHs), Australian Defence Minister Linda Reynolds said.
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Iran tests suicide drones that look similar to those used in Saudi attacks
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China-US rivalry: how the Gulf War sparked Beijing’s military revolution
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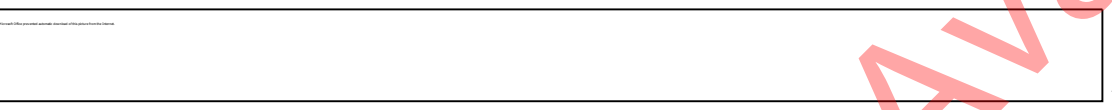
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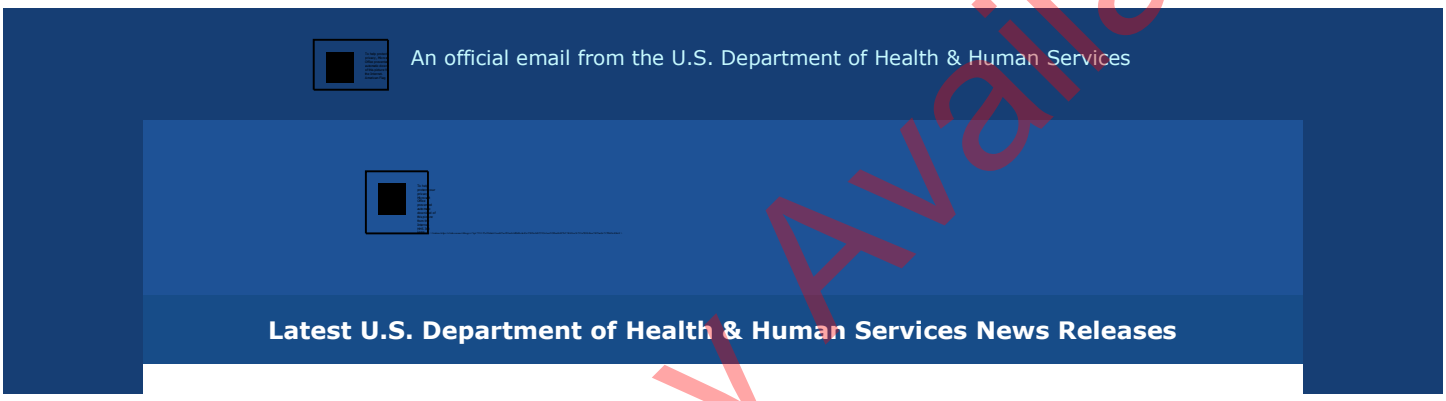

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Dear David L Graves6,

Steve Redifer, HDIAC Director, with another quick update of our activities.

Please allow me to wish you and yours a Happy New Year – everyone on the HDIAC team extends their best wishes for a prosperous 2021! I also want to thank you for your continued support to the HDIAC and its mission. I am grateful to you, as there is no question that homeland defense and security has to be a team effort.

We have a number of exciting events upcoming, and we recently have had some of our most successful webinars to date, so I wanted to share an update with you.

A glimpse into our recent and upcoming work:

- **Webinars**
    - Our most recent webinar was presented on 15 January, and we were pleased to host Dr. Stephen Thomas, Chief, Infectious Disease Division, State University of New York Upstate Medical University as he presented ***"The Continued Threat of Infectious Diseases to the U.S. Military;"*** if you missed it, you can catch it here: Caution-https://www.hdiac.org/podcast/continued-threat-of-infectious-diseases-to-military/ < Caution-https://www.hdiac.org/podcast/continued-threat-of-infectious-diseases-to-military/ > .
    - On 21 January, we will be hosting Ambassador (Retired) Rich Kauzlarich of George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government for a presentation titled ***"Energy Security"*** and you can learn more here: Caution-https://www.hdiac.org/podcast/energy-security/ < Caution-https://www.hdiac.org/podcast/energy-security/ >
    - February will bring Dr. Christina Baxter speaking on the threat of biological agents as well as Mr. Alan Carr of Los Alamos National Laboratory discussing nuclear weapons testing.
- **Podcasts**
    - In December, we released a two-part series in which the HDIAC Deputy, Dirk Plante, has a discussion about nuclear weapons treaties with Pranay Vaddi, a fellow in the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.
    - For January, we recently released a critical infrastructure podcast featuring Dr. Tonya Neaves of George Mason University.
    - For February, we are planning a cultural studies podcast featuring Dr. Robert Rubinstein, a Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Professor of International Relations at the Maxwell School of Syracuse

University. Dr. Rubinstein and I will be talking about Military Anthropology and the role it has played in military operations.

- **State of the Art Reports**
    - Our next State of the Art Report is also nearing completion, and it will focus on critical infrastructure protection and resilience, one of our 8 technical focus areas. For a look at our two previous SOARs, check out Caution-https://www.hdiac.org/hdiac-report/ < Caution-https://www.hdiac.org/hdiac-report/ >
- **HDIAC Training Services**
    - Finally, we just released our first training video series covering the threat posed by homemade explosives and improvised explosive devices - we hope it will be beneficial to you. You can find our training courses here and we are happy to customize one for your organization: Caution-https://www.hdiac.org/training-course/ < Caution-https://www.hdiac.org/training-course/ >

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Warm regards and Semper Fidelis,
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MARAD Authorizes the Construction of Two Additional National Security Multi-Mission Vessels

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration (MARAD) today authorized the construction of two additional National Security Multi-Mission Vessels (NSMV), which will replace aging training vessels at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, Maine, and Texas A&M Maritime Academy in Galveston, Texas. MARAD previously authorized the construction of the first two NSMVs, destined for SUNY Maritime College in Bronx, New York, and Massachusetts Maritime Academy, in Bourne, Massachusetts, on April 8, 2020.

"The NSMV is part of a strategy to bolster maritime education, revitalize U.S. shipbuilding, and provide a much-needed shot in the arm to the U.S. maritime industry," added Doug Burnett, the Chief Counsel of MARAD, who is acting in lieu of the Administrator. "America must be a maritime nation if it is to continue to lead the world in this century."

With this authorization, recapitalization of our nation's aging maritime training fleet is nearly complete. Construction of all authorized vessels at Philly Shipyard, Inc. will also strengthen America's industrial base while supporting more than 1,200 shipyard jobs in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The NSMV will feature numerous instructional spaces, a full training bridge, and have space for up to 600 cadets in a first-rate maritime academic environment at sea. State maritime academies graduate approximately 70 percent of all new officers each year—the merchant mariners who help keep cargoes and our economy moving. Many also support U.S. national security by crewing military sealift vessels.

The NSMV is also a highly functional national asset that includes modern medical facilities, a helicopter pad, the ability to accommodate up to 1,000 people in times of humanitarian need, and roll-on/roll-off and container storage capacity for use during disaster relief missions.

In May 2019, MARAD awarded TOTE Services, LLC a contract to be the Vessel Construction Manager for the NSMV program. This contract is an innovative approach to federal shipbuilding where the government benefits from commercial best practices for ship design and construction. In April 2020, TOTE Services awarded Philly Shipyard, Inc. a contract to construct up to five NSMVs with fixed prices and schedules.

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These documents will contribute to developing an Emergency Operation Center that can successfully meet the jurisdiction's needs. The toolkit documents will cover topics such as hazard vulnerability assessments, physical site selection, mitigation considerations, capabilities and requirements, information management systems, as well as training and exercises.

The toolkit is a collective effort with FEMA, emergency management stakeholders and subject matter experts at various levels, representing FEMA, the Department of Health and Human Services, state and private sector partners.

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Statement by Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller on Operation Warp Speed Vaccine Doses Delivered Today
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BROWNSVILLE, Texas – U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Brownsville Port of Entry intercepted alleged narcotics in three separate enforcement actions that have a combined estimated street value of $1,892,620.“Our CBP officers’...

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BROWNSVILLE, Texas – Los oficiales de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza (CBP, por sus siglas en inglés) que trabajaban en el Puerto de Entrada de Brownsville interceptaron presuntos narcóticos en tres acciones policiales separadas que tienen un valor...

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YUMA, Ariz. – Yuma Sector Border Patrol agents arrested an aggravated felon on Sunday who had several arrests and convictions, the most serious being for statutory sexual seduction.Jose Nicolas Olivares-GonzalezAt approximately 6:30 p.m., agents...

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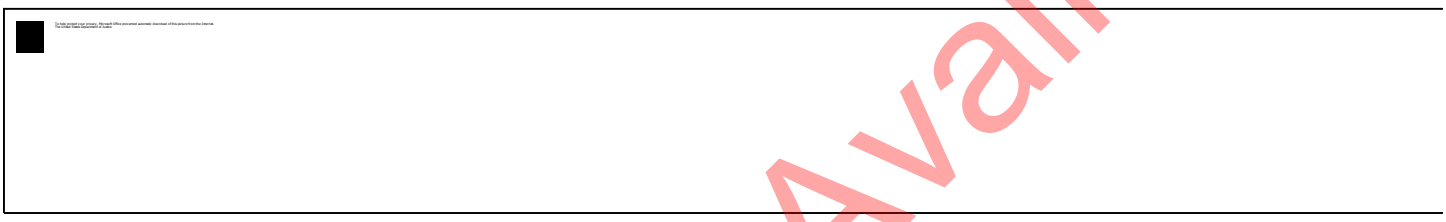

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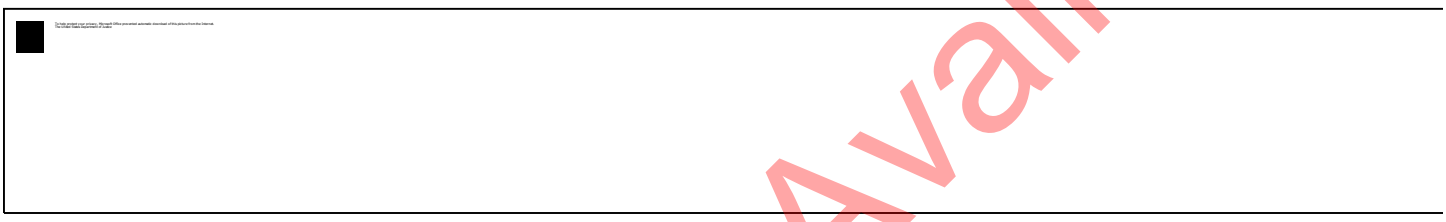

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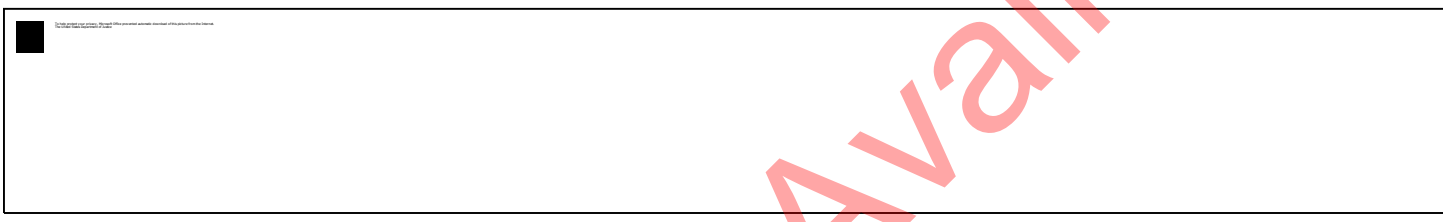

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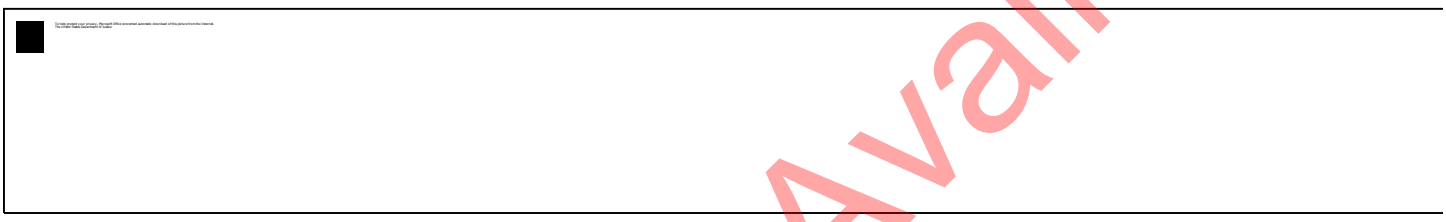

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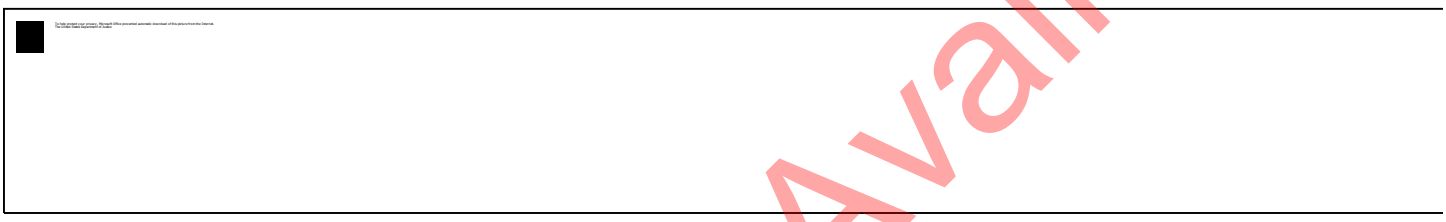

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice announced a settlement today that will require Midwest Can Company, one of the largest manufacturers of portable fuel containers in the United States, to pay a $1.7 million civil penalty to resolve Clean Air Act violations.

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Thank you very much for that introduction, Matt. I am grateful to Duke University and Duke's Center on Science & Technology Policy for the privilege of being with you today to share some thoughts about the future of antitrust policy.

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Orange PetuniasDear BRS Stakeholder,

The U.S. Department of Agricultures (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) today announces the deregulation of petunia varieties, designated as A1-DFR, developed using genetic engineering to produce orange flowers.

After reviewing the petition and available data, APHIS published for a 30-day public comment period a preliminary determination of nonregulated status for A1-DFR petunias, a draft Plant Pest Risk Assessment that examined plant pest risks, a draft Environmental Assessment that analyzed the potential issues and environmental impacts, and a preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact. After thoroughly reviewing all public comments, APHIS has determined the A1-DFR petunia variety is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk to agricultural crops or other plants in the United States. Therefore, A1-DFR petunias, and any progeny derived from them are no longer to be considered regulated under APHIS Biotechnology Regulations at 7 CFR part 340

With this deregulation, the 15 A1-DFR varieties identified in the Westhoff petition have been removed from the APHIS list of varieties that require import authorization. APHIS will retain all other varieties developed using genetic engineering on the list of varieties requiring import authorization. If an importer of a listed variety has reason to believe the variety contains the same plant-trait-mechanism of action combination as A1-DFR petunias, the importer can seek confirmation that the variety is not regulated under 7 CFR part 340, by providing APHIS with information demonstrating the plant meets the criteria for exemption from regulation (guidance can be found on the BRS Confirmation Request Process web page [Caution-https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology/permits-notifications-petitions/confirmations]).

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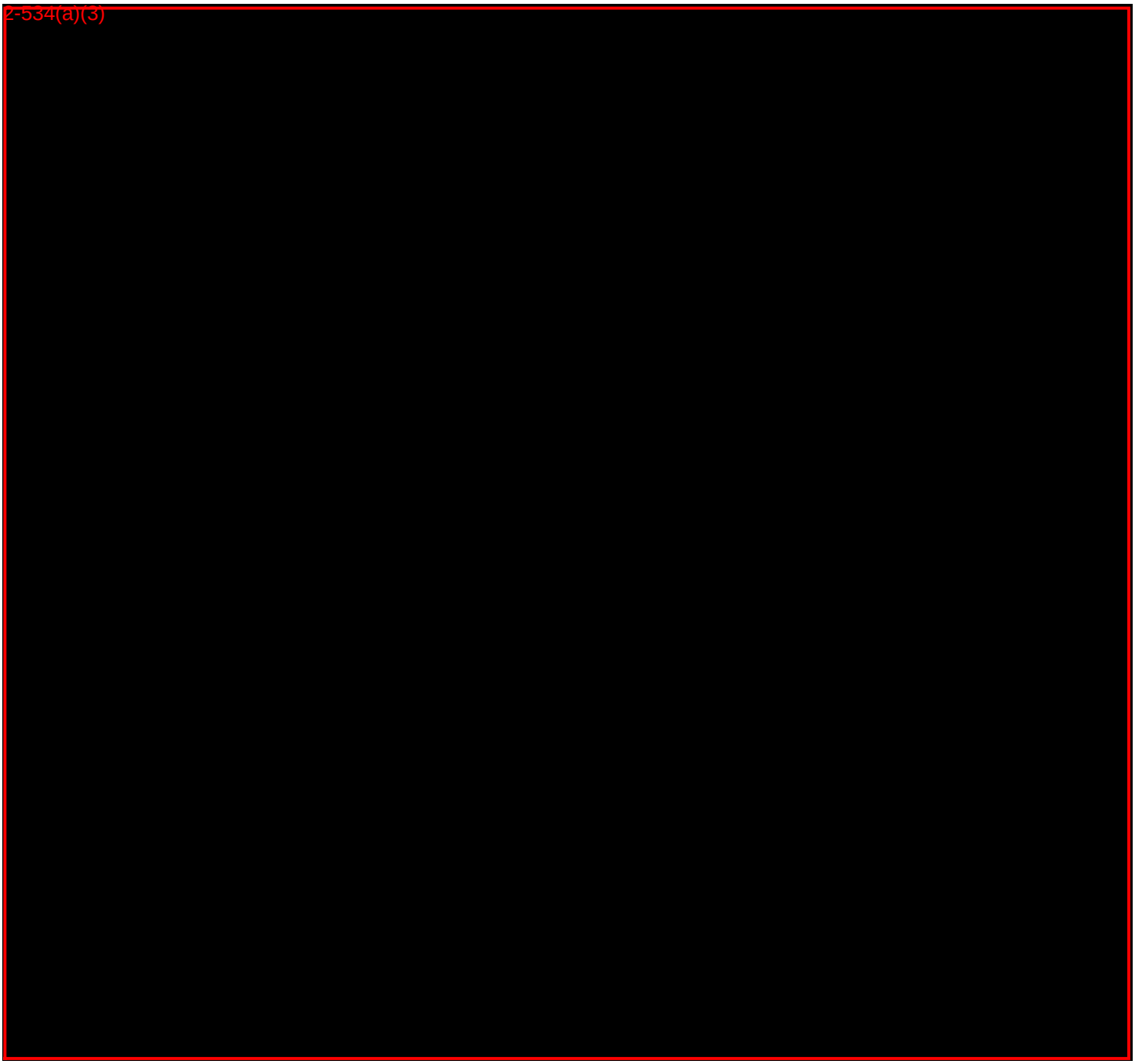
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COVID-19 Vaccine Information

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

COVID-19 and Vaccine Basics

What is known about COVID-19?

- Infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can result in a range of illness, from mild symptoms to severe illness and death.
- We don’t know how SARS-CoV-2 will affect each person.
- Some people, such as adults 65 and older or people with certain medical conditions, are more likely than others to become severely ill.

How to prevent COVID-19

- Wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose.
- Avoid close contact with others. Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from other people.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.
- Wash hands often with soap and water.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Get a COVID-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccination is a safer way to build protection

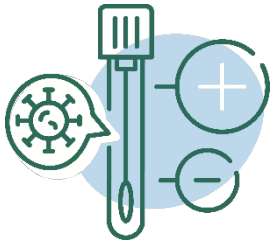
- Getting the virus that causes COVID-19 may offer some natural protection, known as an antibody or immune. But experts don't know how long this protection lasts.
- The risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity.
- COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by building immunity without the risk of severe illness.

Key facts about COVID-19 vaccination

Getting vaccinated can help prevent getting sick with COVID-19

People who have already gotten sick with COVID-19 may still benefit from getting vaccinated

COVID-19 vaccines cannot give you COVID-19



COVID-19 vaccines will not cause you to test positive on COVID-19 viral tests*

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/about-vaccines/vaccine-myths.html

*https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html

Safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority

COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the same safety standards as all vaccines.

Before Authorization

FDA ACIP

- **FDA** carefully reviews all safety data from clinical trials.
- **ACIP** reviews all safety data before recommending use.

After Authorization

FDA CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- **FDA** and **CDC** closely monitor vaccine safety and side effects. There are systems in place that allow CDC and FDA to watch for safety issues.

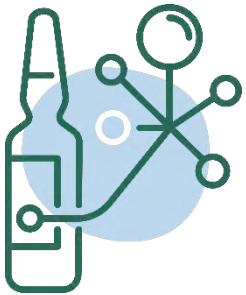
VAERS Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System www.vaers.hhs.gov

v-safe after vaccination health checker

V-safe: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html

COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from COVID-19

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine...



- Will help create an immune response in your body against the virus

- May help keep you from getting severely ill, even if you do get COVID-19

What to expect before, during, and after COVID-19 vaccination

Before

- Learn about COVID-19 vaccines.
- See if COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for you.

During

- Read the fact sheet that tells you about the specific COVID-19 vaccine you receive.
- Receive a vaccination record card.

After

- Expect some side effects.
- Enroll in v-safe. V-safe will remind you if you need a second shot.
- Continue using all the measures to protect yourself and others.

V-safe: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/vsafe.html

Vaccination is one measure to help stop the pandemic

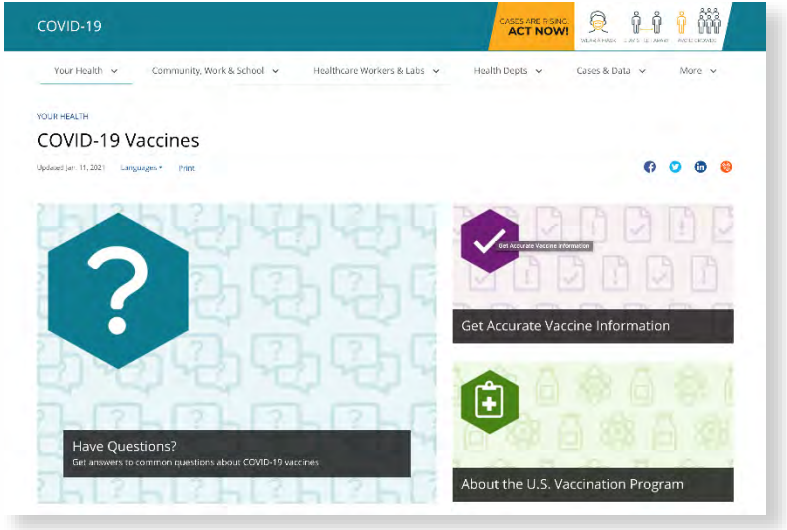
- While COVID-19 mRNA vaccines appear to be highly effective, additional preventive tools remain important to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- The combination of getting vaccinated and following CDC recommendations to protect yourself and others offers the best protection from COVID-19.
  - Cover your nose and mouth with a mask.
  - Stay at least 6 feet from people who don’t live with you.
  - Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
  - Wash your hands.

Protect yourself, your family, friends, coworkers, and your community. Get vaccinated.

- Choose to get vaccinated when it is offered.
- Participate in **v-safe** and help CDC monitor for any health effects after vaccination.
- Share your experience with coworkers, friends, and family.
- Know the basics about the COVID-19 vaccine. Help answer questions from your family and friends.
- Show you received the vaccine by wearing a sticker or button prominently.

CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Websites

https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/index.html



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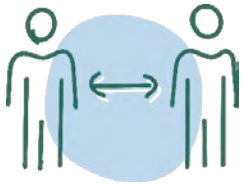
Getting Vaccinated

After Vaccination

- Continue COVID-19 prevention measures:

Cover your nose and mouth with a mask.



Stay at least 6 feet from people who don't live with you.

Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.

Wash your hands.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

- Enroll in **V-safe**
- If you have questions about your health and vaccination, call your doctor, nurse, or clinic.

For more information about COVID-19 and vaccines:
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National Incident Management System

NIMS Components – Guidance and Tools

National Qualification System | Resource Typing | Inventorying

Mutual Aid | Incident Command System | Emergency Operations Centers

Communities across the nation experience a diverse set of threats, hazards, and events. The size, frequency, complexity and scope of these incidents vary, but all involve a range of personnel and organizations to coordinate efforts to save lives, stabilize the incident, and protect property and the environment.

Every day, jurisdictions and organizations work together to share resources, integrate tactics, and act collaboratively. Whether these organizations are nearby or are supporting each other from across the country, their success depends on a common, interoperable approach to sharing resources, coordinating and managing incidents, and communicating information.

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) defines this comprehensive approach.

Download the National Incident Management System Doctrine.

National Qualification System

The National Qualification System (NQS) provides a foundational guideline on the typing of

personnel resources within the NIMS framework, plus supporting tools.

Supplemental Guidance & Tools

Overarching NIMS guidelines for the National Qualification System, plus two supplemental guides for qualification review boards and coaches/evaluators.

View All Guides

NQS Job Titles and Position Qualifications

Minimum qualifications criteria for personnel serving in defined incident management and support positions. These documents can also be found on the Resource Typing Library Tool.

View All Criteria

NQS Position Task Books

Competencies, behaviors, and tasks that personnel should demonstrate to become qualified for a defined incident management and support position.

View All Position Task Books

OneResponder

OneResponder is web-based application for resource management, hosted in a cloud environment that is free and accessible to all members of the whole community.

Visit OneResponder.net

Resource Typing

Resource typing is defining and categorizing, by capability, the resources requested, deployed and used in incidents. Resource typing definitions establish a common language and defines a resource's (for equipment, teams, and units) minimum capabilities. NIMS resource typing definitions serve as the common language for the mobilization of resources.

Resource Typing Library Tool

Inventorying

Resource owners and providers should inventory and maintain current information on their shareable resources. Resource inventories should be adaptable and scalable. While a resource inventory can be as simple as a paper or electronic spreadsheet, many resource providers use information technology (IT) based inventory systems.

The Incident Resource Inventory System (IRIS) is a distributed software tool, provided at no-cost by FEMA. IRIS allows users to identify and inventory their resources for mutual aid operations and share information with other agencies.

Incident Resource Inventory System

Mutual Aid

Mutual aid agreements already exist in various forms among and between all levels of government. These agreements authorize mutual aid between two or more neighboring communities, between all jurisdictions within a state and between states. Agreements can also be with and between private sector entities, NGOs and other whole-community partners. The emergency management community should consider resources and capabilities across the whole community, and develop written agreements that facilitate access to potentially needed resources.

NIMS Guideline for Mutual Aid

Incident Command System Resources

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a management system designed to enable effective and efficient domestic incident management by integrating a combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure. It enables incident managers to identify the key concerns associated with the incident—often under urgent conditions—without sacrificing attention to any component of the command system.

ICS is normally structured to facilitate activities in six major functional areas:

- Command
- Operations
- Planning

- Logistics
- Intelligence and Investigations
- Finance and Administration

Incident Command System Resources

NIMS Intelligence & Investigations Function Guidance

Emergency Operations Centers

Jurisdictions establish Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) to meet their unique requirements and needs, so no two EOCs are designed exactly the same. Within this section, FEMA has provided tools and resources for building or maintaining EOCs, in accordance with NIMS.

Emergency Operations Center Skillsets

Modified Position Task Book approaches to qualify EOC personnel while remaining flexible to accommodate diverse EOC organizational structures.

View All Skillsets

Emergency Operations Center Toolkit

Toolkit documents cover topics such as hazard vulnerability assessments, physical site selection, mitigation considerations, capabilities and requirements, information management systems, as well as training and exercises.

Download the EOC Toolkit

Senior Leaders Toolkit

Includes quick reference guides and a NIMS senior leader briefing template to help emergency management and senior leaders understand their role and responsibility during incidents.

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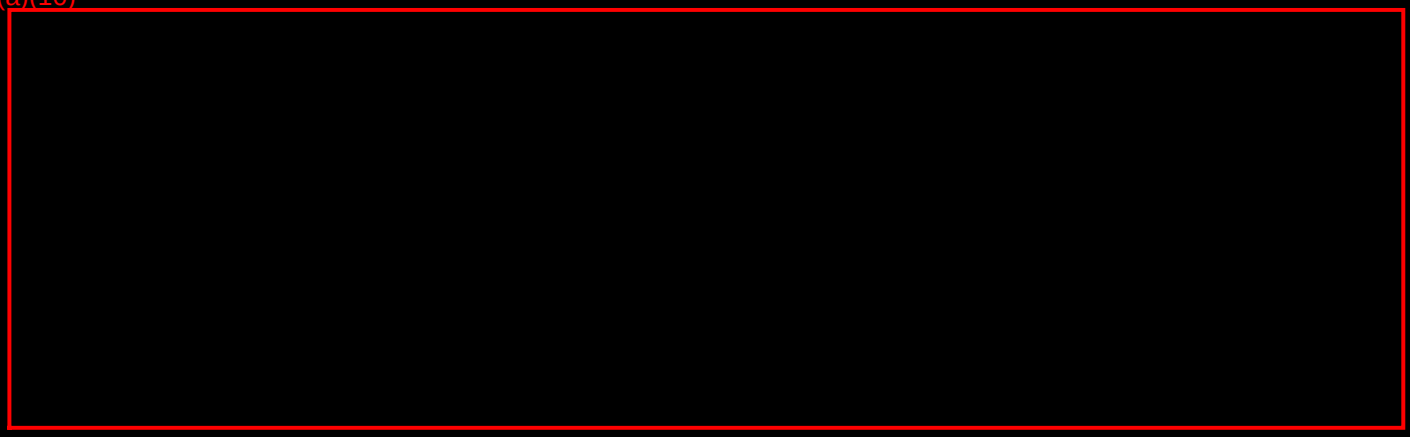

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NothingSignificant to Report (NSTR)

(U) NATIONAL

Ohio Police Officer Killed in the Line of Duty < Caution-https://apnews.com/article/ohio-shootings-vandalism-toledo-7e359c468e7f0100126a7f8abd0c8137 >

- On 18 January, Christopher Harris, 27, fatally shot Toledo PoliceOfficer Brandon Stalker, 24, after Harris came out of a home armed following anhours-long standoff with police.
- Authorities returned gunfire and killed Harris; he was wanted inconnection to a cathedral vandalism incident.
- Officer Stalker joined the Toledo Police Department in July 2018.

Connecticut Resident Sentenced for Providing Support to ISIS < Caution-https://www.justice.gov/usao-edny/pr/defendant-sentenced-more-12-years-prison-conspiring-provide-material-support-isis >

- Last week, a Brooklyn federal courthouse sentenced AzizjonRakhmatov, 33, an Uzbekistan citizen, to 12.5 years in prison for conspiring toprovide material support to ISIS.
- In 2014, Rakhmatov discussed providing money to help facilitate aco-conspirator's travel to Syria to fight on behalf of ISIS.

(U) CALIFORNIA

Sacramento Sheriff's Deputy and K-9 Officer Killed < Caution-https://www.abc10.com/article/news/crime/cal-expo-police-incident-sacramento/103-04aff833-e0aa-4537-8408-cdef1c2db6b3 >

- On 18 January, an unnamed Sacramento County Sheriff's deputy andhis K-9 partner died following a car pursuit and fatal shooting involving aparolee outside the Cal Expo race track; authorities have not confirmed ifthere was a warrant for the parolee's arrest.
- The unnamed deputy was a six-year veteran of the Sacramento CountySheriff's Office.

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Upcoming Events

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Training < Caution-https://www.jric.org/default.aspx/MenuItemID/263/MenuGroup/Public.htm >

For the safety of students and instructors,and in accordance with social distancing guidance amid the COVID-19 pandemic,JRIC TLO will be limiting the number of students in each training class.

- 20 January: BehavioralThreat Assessment - Preventing the Active Shooter < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=976&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in FoothillRanch
- 21 January: Cyber WarriorAcademy < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=971&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Corona
- 25 January: FundingTerrorism and Domestic Sex Trafficking < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=974&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Riverside
- 4 February: SovereignCitizen Extremists < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=977&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Foothill Ranch
- 8 February: FundingTerrorism and Domestic Sex Trafficking < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=978&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Foothill Ranch
- 11 February: PolicingViolent Extremism (ISIS/ISIL) < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=975&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Corona
- 17 February: BehavioralThreat Assessment - Preventing the Active Shooter < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=980&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Riverside
- 23 February: SovereignCitizen Extremists < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=979&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Wilmington
- 25 February: Cyber WarriorAcademy < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=973&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Camarillo
- 11 March: PolicingViolent Extremism (ISIS/ISIL) < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=981&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in San Bernardino
- Additional training offered by Los AngelesHIDTA < Caution-https://lahidtatraining.org/(X(1)S(cnveej1gugslnspnyq4jetuf))/default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1 > .

(U) NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY DATES

- 2007, Ethiopia: Twenty-five killed in attack on community inGunagdo; Ogaden National Liberation Front believed responsible.

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U.S. Army Soldier Arrested for Attempting to Assist ISIS to Conduct Deadly Ambush on U.S. Troops

Provided Tactical Guidance in Attempt to Help ISIS to Attack U.S. Forces in the Middle East

The Justice Department, along with the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and U.S. Army Counterintelligence, announced today the arrest of a private first class in the U.S. Army, on federal terrorism charges based on Bridges' alleged efforts to assist ISIS to attack and kill U.S. soldiers in the Middle East.

Cole James Bridges, aka Cole Gonzales, 20, of Stowe, Ohio, was charged by complaint with attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization and attempting to murder U.S. military service members. The FBI and U.S. Army Counterintelligence arrested Bridges today, and he will be presented later today in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia.

"Bridges is charged with giving military advice and guidance on how to kill fellow soldiers to individuals he thought were part of ISIS," said Assistant Attorney General for National Security John C. Demers. "This alleged personal and professional betrayal of comrades and country is terrible to contemplate, but fortunately, the FBI was able to identify the threat posed by Bridges, and today's charges are the first step in holding him accountable for his crimes. ISIS ideology continues to infect those who would threaten the nation's security from within and without, and we will continue to fight this threat."

"As alleged, Cole Bridges betrayed the oath he swore to defend the United States by attempting to provide ISIS with tactical military advice to ambush and kill his fellow service members," said Acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Audrey Strauss. "Our troops risk their lives for our country, but they should never face such peril at the hands of one of their own. Today, thanks to the efforts of the agents and detectives of the JTTF, and our partners in the Department of Defense, Bridges is in custody and facing federal terrorism charges for his alleged crimes."

"As we allege today, Bridges, a private in the U.S. Army, betrayed our country and his unit when he plotted with someone he believed was an ISIS sympathizer to help ISIS attack and kill U.S. soldiers in the Middle East," said FBI Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Office William F. Sweeney Jr. "Fortunately, the person with whom he communicated was an FBI employee, and we were able to prevent his evil desires from coming to fruition. Bridges could have chosen a life of honorable service, but instead he traded it for the possibility of life in prison. This case should serve as a reminder that the FBI's New York JTTF will never quit in its commitment to protect our Nation from all those who seek to do it harm."

"Army Counterintelligence's top priority is protecting the force so it can remain committed to fighting and winning our nation's wars," said Army Counterintelligence Coordinating Authority Director Roy T. Cochran. "The results of this investigation show the efforts of Army Counterintelligence agents working alongside our partners in the FBI. We are dedicated to protecting our soldiers, civilians, and families from terrorist acts and insider threats."

According to the criminal complaint charging Bridges, which was unsealed today in Manhattan federal court:

Bridges joined the U.S. Army in approximately September 2019 and was assigned as a cavalry scout in the 3rd Infantry Division based in Fort Stewart, Georgia. Beginning in at least 2019, Bridges began researching and consuming online propaganda promoting jihadists and their violent ideology. Bridges also expressed his support for the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) and jihad on social media. In or about October 2020, Bridges began communicating with an FBI online covert employee (the "OCE"), who was posing as an ISIS supporter in contact with ISIS fighters in the Middle East. During these communications, Bridges expressed his frustration with the U.S. military and his desire to aid ISIS. Bridges then provided training and guidance to purported ISIS fighters who were planning attacks, including advice about potential targets in New York City, such as the 9/11 Memorial. Bridges also provided the OCE with portions of a U.S. Army training manual and guidance about military combat tactics, for use by ISIS.

In or about December 2020, Bridges began to supply the OCE with instructions for the purported ISIS fighters on how to attack U.S. forces in the Middle East. Among other things, Bridges diagrammed specific military maneuvers intended to help ISIS fighters maximize the lethality of attacks on U.S. troops. Bridges further provided advice about the best way to fortify an ISIS encampment to repel an attack by U.S. Special Forces, including by wiring certain buildings with explosives to kill the U.S. troops. Then, in January 2021, Bridges provided the OCE with a video of himself in body armor standing before a flag often used by ISIS fighters and making a gesture symbolic of support for ISIS. Approximately a week later, Bridges sent a second video in which Bridges, using a voice manipulator, narrated a propaganda speech in support of the anticipated ambush by ISIS on U.S. troops.

Bridges is charged in the complaint with (1) attempting to provide material support to ISIS, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2339B, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; and (2) attempting to murder U.S. military service members, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1114, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. The statutory penalties are prescribed by Congress and are provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendant would be determined by the judge.

The Justice Department praised the outstanding efforts of the FBI's New York Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), which consists of agents and analysts from the FBI, the NYPD, and over 50 other federal, state, and local agencies, U.S. Army Counterintelligence, the FBI Washington Field Office, the FBI Atlanta Field Office and its Savannah Resident Agency, the FBI Cleveland Field Office, the FBI's Counterterrorism Division, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Georgia, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, and the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division.

This prosecution is being handled by the Office's Terrorism and International Narcotics Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Sam Adelsberg, Matthew Hellman, and Sidhardha Kamaraju are in charge of the prosecution, with assistance from Trial Attorneys Michael Dittoe and Lauren Goddard of the Counterterrorism Section of the Department of Justice's National Security Division.

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FBI says finding pipe bomb maker a 'top priority' before Biden inauguration, official reveals

Law enforcement concerned the person could still be active

By **Jake Gibson** | **Fox News**

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The FBI warned law enforcement agencies Tuesday that the person who constructed pipe bombs and left them near the Capitol on Jan. 6 has not yet been identified and is a "top priority" on the eve of Joe Biden's inauguration, according to a law enforcement official briefed on inauguration security concerns.

The FBI also warned fellow law enforcement agencies Tuesday that there is concern this person is still active and could be attempting to make more explosive devices, according to the law enforcement official.

As the attack on the Capitol was unfolding on Jan. 6, law enforcement officials found two pipe bombs only blocks away, one outside the Republican National Committee headquarters, and another outside the Democratic National Committee headquarters. Federal officials have made clear in the days since that both of those pipe bombs were legitimate destructive devices with functioning components.

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The devices were "rendered safe" by federal authorities and did not detonate. Components from those devices are being analyzed at the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Va.

An explosive device is shown outside of the Republican National Committee office, Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington. (AP Photo)

The pipe bombs are still the subject of an open investigation, and federal authorities are looking very closely at them, according to a separate senior federal law enforcement official, who said, "Every explosive device tells a story."

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With components of the devices still in good condition, authorities will be looking for signatures such as how they were manufactured, where the fuel was obtained and any similarities to

thousands of other devices in federal databases.

There are pictures of a person authorities want to speak to in connection with these devices, but notably that person's face was completely covered up in the photo.

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ARGUMENT

Far-Right Extremism Is a Global Problem

And it is time to treat it like one.

BY HEATHER ASHBY | JANUARY 15, 2021, 1:03 PM

From Brazil to the United States, Hungary to New Zealand, right-wing extremist ideas and groups are posing a grave threat to democratic societies. Within this context, the ongoing support U.S. President Donald Trump receives from parts of his base despite the drop in his approval numbers and the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 reflects the continued evolution of a global threat. As New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Arden emphasized after a right-wing terrorist killed over 50 people at a pair of mosques in her country, "there is no question that ideas and language of division and hate have existed for decades, but their form of distribution, the tools of organization—they are new." If there is any hope of repairing those divides and advancing equality, rule of law, an inclusive civil society, and respect for human rights, the United States needs to work with other countries and multilateral organizations to build a coalition to combat the growth and spread of right-wing extremism.

Nearly 20 years after the attacks of 9/11 and the subsequent launch of what American leaders dubbed the "global war on terror," the world finds itself confronting a new threat. Throughout the 2000s and 2010s, as the international community focused on al Qaeda, the Islamic State, and other groups espousing a particular interpretation of Islam to justify their terrorism, right-wing extremism grew around the world. Social media platforms and chatrooms offered important mediums for people to share ideas, connect, and learn from each other regardless of geographical location, facilitating connections that might otherwise have been difficult to form.

While right-wing ideology and groups are not new to many parts of Europe, the growth in immigration from Muslim countries, increased movement of individuals within the European Union, and the mainstreaming of far-right ideas from populist politicians as a response to the rise in immigration contributed to a right-wing surge in the 2010s. For example, the Norwegian far-right terrorist Anders Behring Breivik executed his brutal and deadly attack in Oslo and on Utoya Island in July 2011. In his manifesto, he

described a need to defend Europe from Muslim domination and multiculturalism. In response to the attacks, Norway changed its laws to redefine the requirements for a terrorist conviction, agreed to share fingerprint information from criminal investigations with the United States and EU to enable other countries to monitor the actions of individuals who cross borders, and launched a nationwide strategy against hate speech in 2016. The strategy embraced recommendations from the United Nations incorporating both international and domestic approaches. Norway's whole-of-society approach to addressing extremism ensures that citizens are actively involved in promoting the country's values to combat threats.

As Norway was still working on its response, major right-wing terrorism hit the United States. In 2015, Dylann Roof killed nine Black people in the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Similar to Breivik, he believed that white people needed to be protected from the dangers of other groups. For Roof, that included Jewish people, Latinos, and Black people. Roof also espoused key features of right-wing extremist ideas focused on nostalgia for a historic white past of greatness to counter perceived white victimization in the present.

Although the U.S. response to the attack did not result in a nationwide reckoning on right-wing extremism as Breivik's strike in Norway did, it did lead to dialogue and initiatives at the local level in South Carolina that pointed to steps that could be taken at the national level as well. The 2015 murders forced South Carolina residents, activists, politicians, and academics to confront the state's long history of racism and discrimination. Civil rights activists and the University of South Carolina joined forces to establish the South Carolina Collaborative for Race and Reconciliation, to encourage local communities to confront racism and the state's history by building stronger alliances and relationships across racial lines.

The deadly attack in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 2019 underscored how right-wing extremism had continued to grow around the world. Similar to Breivik, the Christchurch shooter, who mentioned the Norwegian by name in his own manifesto, referenced protecting white people of European descent from immigration, Muslims, and other threats he described as amounting to "white genocide." The New Zealand government moved quickly after the attack to address right-wing extremism. It changed the country's gun laws to ban the kind of semi-automatic weapon used in the attack, and it demonstrated visible support for New Zealand's Muslim community. New Zealand worked with France and technology companies to find solutions to eliminate terrorist and violent extremist content on social media platforms based on applicable laws of the countries supportive of the Christchurch Call, as the plan became known, as

well as industry standards and international human rights law, including the freedom of expression. The attack also led to a nationwide interrogation of the country's values and treatment of its diverse communities. In a report released in December 2020, the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the attack reveals the failure of the country's security forces to track the right-wing extremist threat and the hate, discrimination, and poor treatment Muslims and other groups have encountered in New Zealand. The report provides a series of recommendations including strengthening engagement with those communities and restructuring the security agencies that are responsible for counterterrorism.

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It isn't just outright attacks that mark the spread of extreme right-wing ideology. Over the course of the 2000s, those ideas were mainstreamed as they permeated political parties and influenced politicians.

In 2010, Viktor Orban became Hungary's prime minister. During his tenure, he has expressed anti-refugee and anti-immigration ideas and argued that Europe was being overtaken by other cultures and groups, particularly Muslims. Using the power that comes from controlling the state, Orban and his party have undermined democracy by changing laws to place loyalists in the civil service, attacking academic institutions, limiting press freedom, and pushing the concept of a singular Hungarian national identity. Orban has even praised Trump for his "America first" platform. In response, thousands of Hungarian citizens have marched to protest the government as an Orban spokesperson blamed the demonstrations on George Soros. Recently, opposition parties have united to challenge Orban and his party's rule in the 2022 elections.

In 2014, Narendra Modi and his right-wing party won the majority in the Indian elections. Before his victory, the U.S. government had denied Modi a visa because of his suspected support for and indifference to Hindu extremist mob attacks on Muslims in the Indian state of Gujarat in 2002, when he was chief minister there. Despite his more recent embrace by the international community, Modi has encouraged the most extreme factions of his party and, with allies, has brought extremist ideas into the mainstream, advancing the idea of India as a Hindu country irrespective of its great diversity. Politicians from his Bharatiya Janata Party have also sought to advance a

narrative of Hindu victimhood to justify supporting anti-democratic measures like the 2019 Citizenship Amendment Bill, which excludes Muslims from a list of persecuted religious groups from neighboring countries who could be eligible for Indian citizenship. To challenge Modi and the government's actions, hundreds of thousands of Indians have mobilized to provide counter-narratives to their propaganda and disinformation. The Indian news site *AltNews* fact-checks politicians, articles, and other information, identifying misleading and false reports to inform the public.

The 2018-2019 rise of Jair Bolsonaro to the presidency in Brazil demonstrated how right-wing extremist ideas have continued to emerge. During his campaign, Bolsonaro advocated a platform of returning Brazil to its former glory through attacks on government institutions and minorities, as well as violence against criminals, activists, and opposition parties. Using social media, he was able to grow his support across the country. Bolsonaro has also been a vocal supporter of Trump and even endorsed Trump during his reelection campaign. As a result of Bolsonaro's attacks on Brazilian democracy, marginalized groups in Brazil are becoming more involved in politics to reimagine the country's civil society. Black women in Brazil are running for office on platforms focused on human rights and dignity, anti-racism, and equality

These examples all show that, rather than treating right-wing extremism as isolated incidents parochial to particular countries, it is time to recognize it as a global and evolving phenomenon. If the United States and the international community do not quickly mobilize resources to unite against this threat, they may lose an important chance to stem its spread. The actions that individual countries, local governments, journalists, and ordinary citizens have taken to combat right-wing extremism over the past decade offer examples for what an international effort might look like.

U.S. President-elect Joe Biden has an opportunity following the U.S. Capitol riot to marshal the international community around addressing right-wing extremism. The Biden administration should work with partner countries to expand the scope and mission of the Global Counterterrorism Forum to address right-wing extremism and its different permutations. This will not be easy, since the United States and other countries will have to confront historical and national biases and traumas involving race, religion, and ethnicity, making tough and strategic choices on how to move forward. But it is necessary.

A key to battling right-wing extremism will be addressing disinformation. Social media, chatrooms, and websites (along with algorithms tracking an individual's internet behavior) enable people around the world to construct their own reality and reinforce

existing beliefs while making them susceptible to influence from different groups and individuals. Anti-democratic ideas are able to spread more rapidly and find audiences across national borders. Biden had the right idea when he suggested holding an international conference on democracy to discuss the challenges the world is facing. However, such a conference will make little progress if disinformation is not a part of the discussion and plan of action. That's where an existing network like the Global Counterterrorism Forum, which has experience facilitating the sharing of ideas, improving international digital literacy, and offering a united front, could come in.

As the global population continues to become younger, it is imperative to develop international approaches to address extremist ideas that make individuals, societies, and institutions vulnerable. Between the economic shocks of 2008 and those resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, young people are demanding change from Chile to Hong Kong. As a result, the Biden administration should work with the United Nations to better assist these generations through vocal and financial support for organizations advancing an inclusive civil society, democracy, and equality. That should help protect them from falling prey to extremism to begin with.

Battling right-wing extremism will not be easy, as many politicians and political parties have incorporated elements of its ideas into their platforms, but democracy, equality, rule of law, and human rights around the world are worth the fight.

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VIEW COMMENTS

NOAA WEATHER OUTLOOK
Today through Thursday

Today: Tuesday, January 19, 2021

There is not expected to be any significant changes to the weather pattern affecting California over the next two days.

- **A developing low-pressure system off the Southern California coast and strengthening high pressure from the Northern Rockies into the Great Basin will produce strong winds across much of the state of California Tuesday and Wednesday.**
- **High winds warnings and advisories continue in effect across much of California where wind gusts may reach 70-80 mph at higher elevations and 50 to 70 mph in valleys and along the coast.**
- **These high winds have the potential to produce widespread downed trees and tree limbs, significant property damage and numerous power outages.**

In addition, the combination of the high winds and low relative humidities will continue to support a significant fire weather, especially along coastal sections from San Francisco to San Diego.

- **The only potential beneficial part of this weather pattern is the increased chances of rainfall for portions of Southern California into southern Arizona Tuesday night into Wednesday as the above-mentioned area of low pressure pushes slowly eastward off the northern Baja.**
- **Rainfall totals here are not expected to be heavy with the greatest totals associated with this area of low pressure remaining to the southeast across northwest Mexico.**

An active lake effect snow pattern expected across all of the Great Lakes today and over the lower Great Lakes tomorrow.

- **This will support locally heavy snowfall accumulations downwind of Lakes Erie and Ontario across portions of western and northwestern New York State where lake effect snow warnings are currently in effect.**
- **Locally heavy snows also possible downwind of Lake Superior across portions of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, and downwind of the northern portion of Lake Michigan across the northern portion of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan where winter weather advisories are currently in effect.**

Heavy snow is also likely today across portions of the Southern Rockies where accumulations in excess of a foot are possible across the San Juan mountains of southwest Colorado and also the Sangre De Cristo range from south-central Colorado down into northern New Mexico.

Tomorrow: Wednesday, January 20, 2021

A pair of low pressure centers will move through northern New England. A frontal boundary will stretch from them out across the west Atlantic eventually cutting across central Florida. From there the front will continue across the northern Gulf of Mexico to a low pressure center over the southern tip of Texas. The front will then snake across northern Mexico, eventually ending in central California. South of this front and west of the Baja Peninsula, a strong area of low pressure will approach the Desert Southwest.

- **Rain and thunderstorms will develop across southern California and Arizona.**
- **Rain and higher elevation snow possible from central Arizona east into west-central New Mexico.**
- **Rain will develop from southern New Mexico/Rio Grande Valley east across Texas, the Lower Mississippi Valley to the Tennessee Valley.**
- **Some mixed wintry precipitation could develop across portions of Kentucky and Tennessee.**

To the north, another weather system will slide across the northern Great Plains into the Upper Midwest.

- **A large area of snow will extend from the far northern Upper Midwest, east across the northern Great Lakes, into the eastern Great Lakes/Appalachians and Northeast.**

Day 3: <u>Thursday, January 21, 2021</u>

The area of low pressure near the Baja Peninsula will creep towards the Desert Southwest. The remnants of the above mentioned frontal boundary will continue to stretch from central California across southern Arizona into Mexico eventually making its way to an area of low pressure just off the Texas Gulf coast.

- **Again, an area of rain will extend from southern California/Arizona/New Mexico east into the Southeast.**
- **Rain and higher elevation snow expected across the northern portions of Arizona and New Mexico.**

Another long frontal system will extend from Ontario/Quebec, across the eastern Great Lakes, across the Midwest to the central Plains. The front will continue across the central Rockies and northern Great Gain and southern Oregon to another area of low pressure over the East Pacific.

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Severe Weather Outlooks

Today: Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Organized areas of severe thunderstorms not expected.

-- Some of the larger population centers in the risk area are:

Day 1 Risk	Area (sq. mi.)	Area Pop.	Some Larger Population Centers in Risk Area
No Risk Areas Forecast			

Click here for technical details

Tomorrow: Wednesday, January 20, 2021

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Elevated fire weather conditions will surround the Critical area extending from the San Francisco Bay region south to the Mexican border.

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Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook

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Critical	7,187	8,525,532	Los Angeles, CA...Santa Ana, CA...Anaheim, CA...Glendale, CA...Santa

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Tomorrow: Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Critical fire weather conditions not expected.
Elevated fire weather conditions possible for portions of Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

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Day 2 Fire Weather Outlook

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Daily Weather Briefing
January 19, 2021

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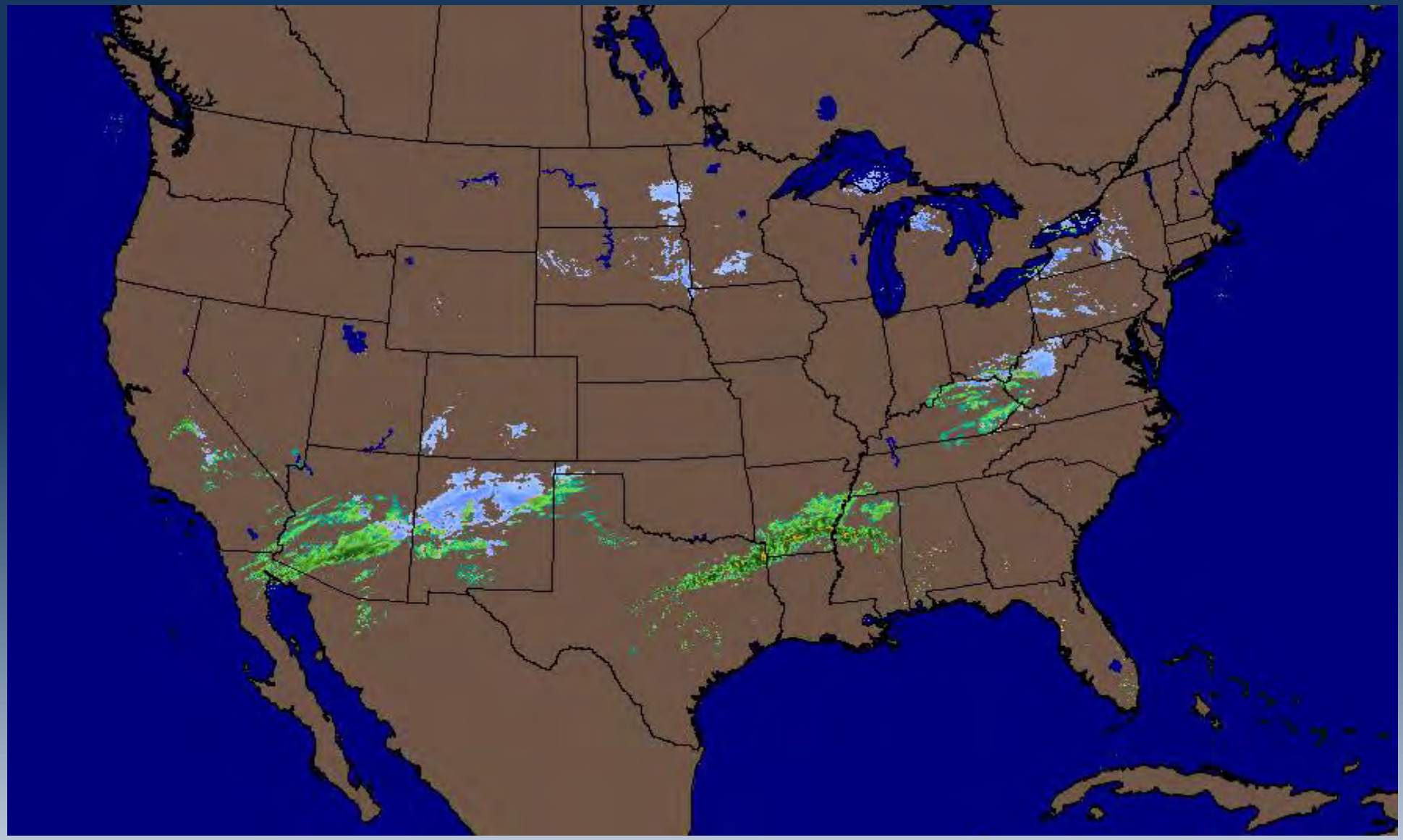

Watches, Warnings and Advisories

Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

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- High Wind Warning Pop: 22,733,825
- Flood Warning Pop: 161,391
- Lake Effect Snow Warning Pop: 1,383,346
- Gale Warning Pop: 89,391
- Freeze Warning Pop: 1,392,606
- Red Flag Warning Pop: 17,118,036
- Winter Weather Advisory Pop: 5,241,104
- Flood Advisory Pop:
- High Surf Advisory Pop: 8,582,373
- Small Craft Advisory Pop: 261,975
- Dense Fog Advisory Pop: 2,585,862
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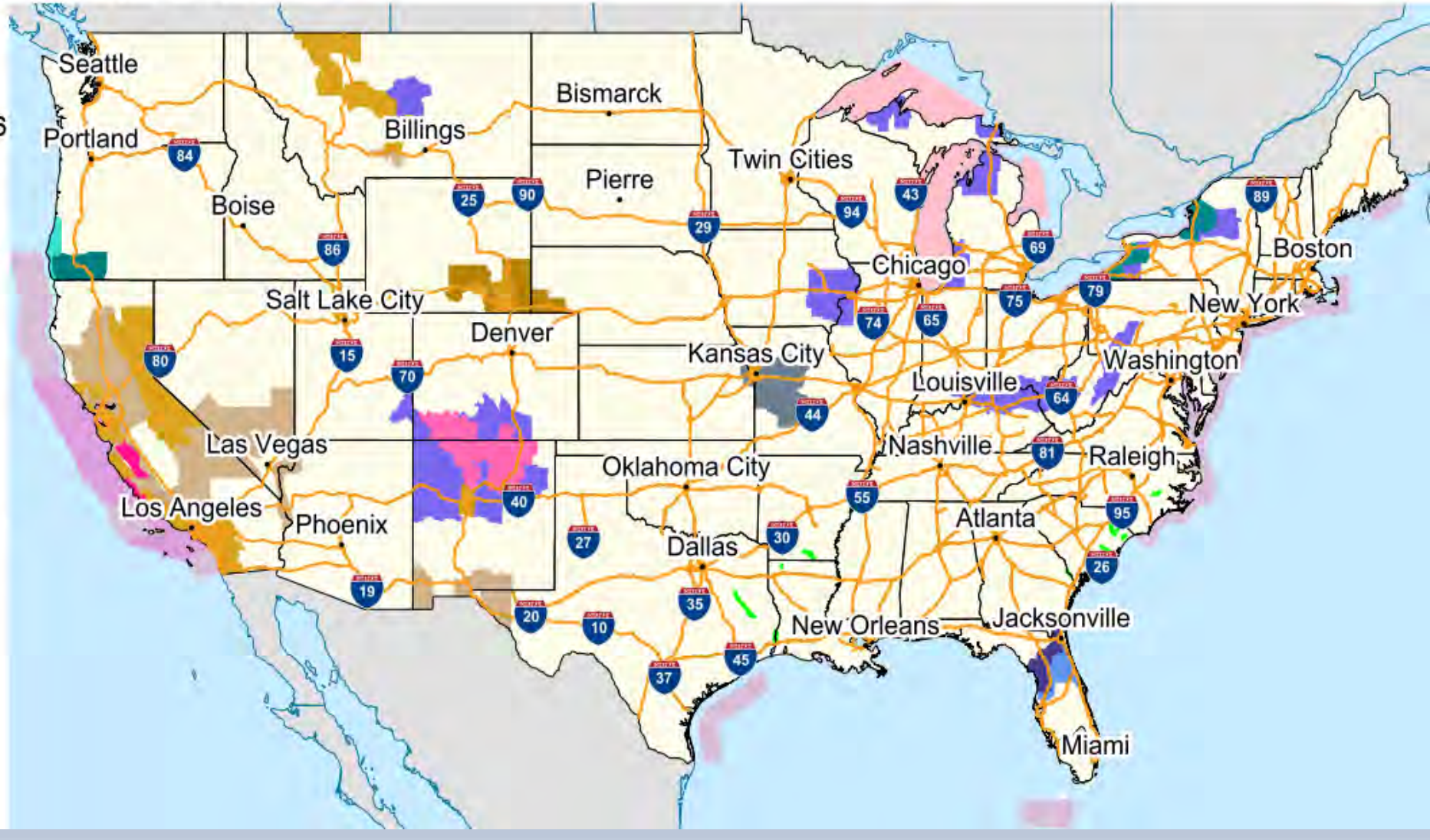

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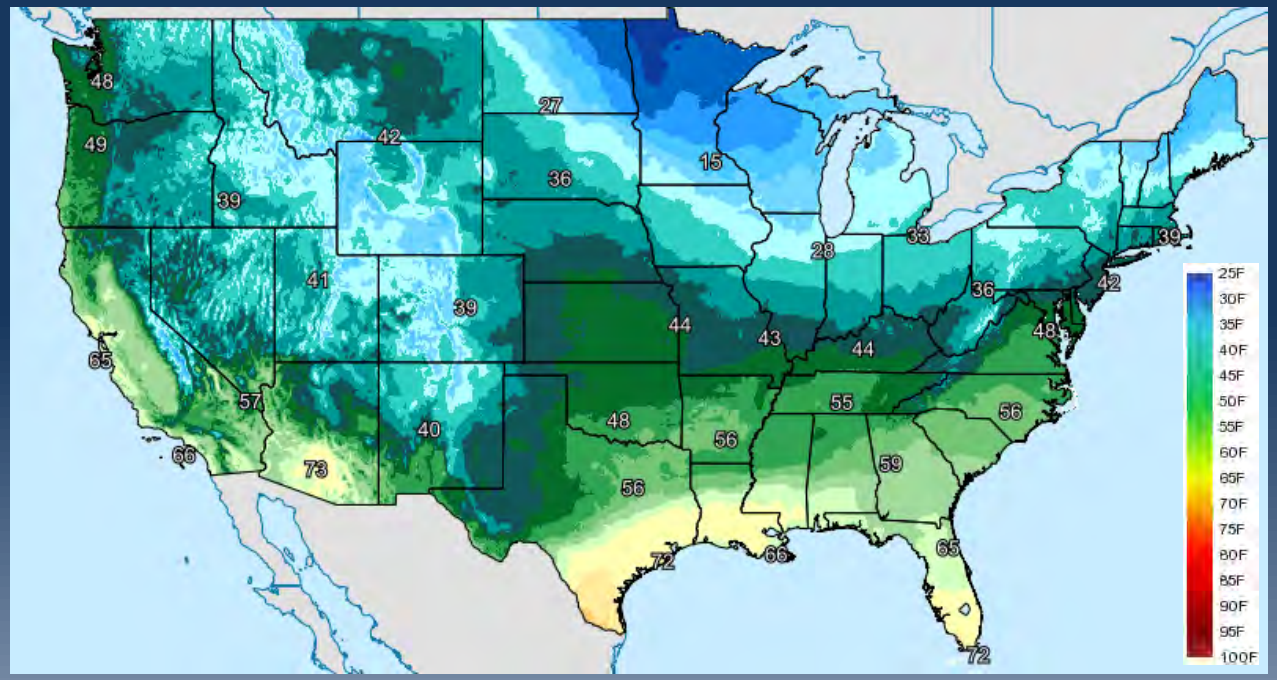

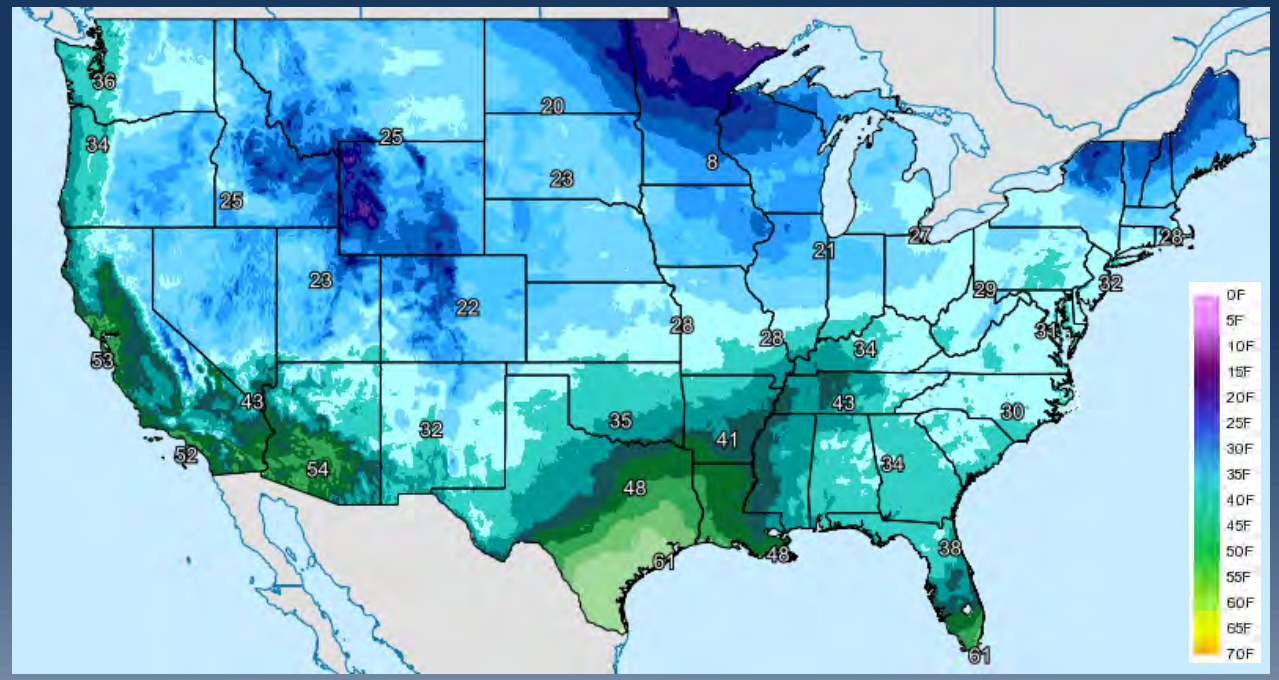

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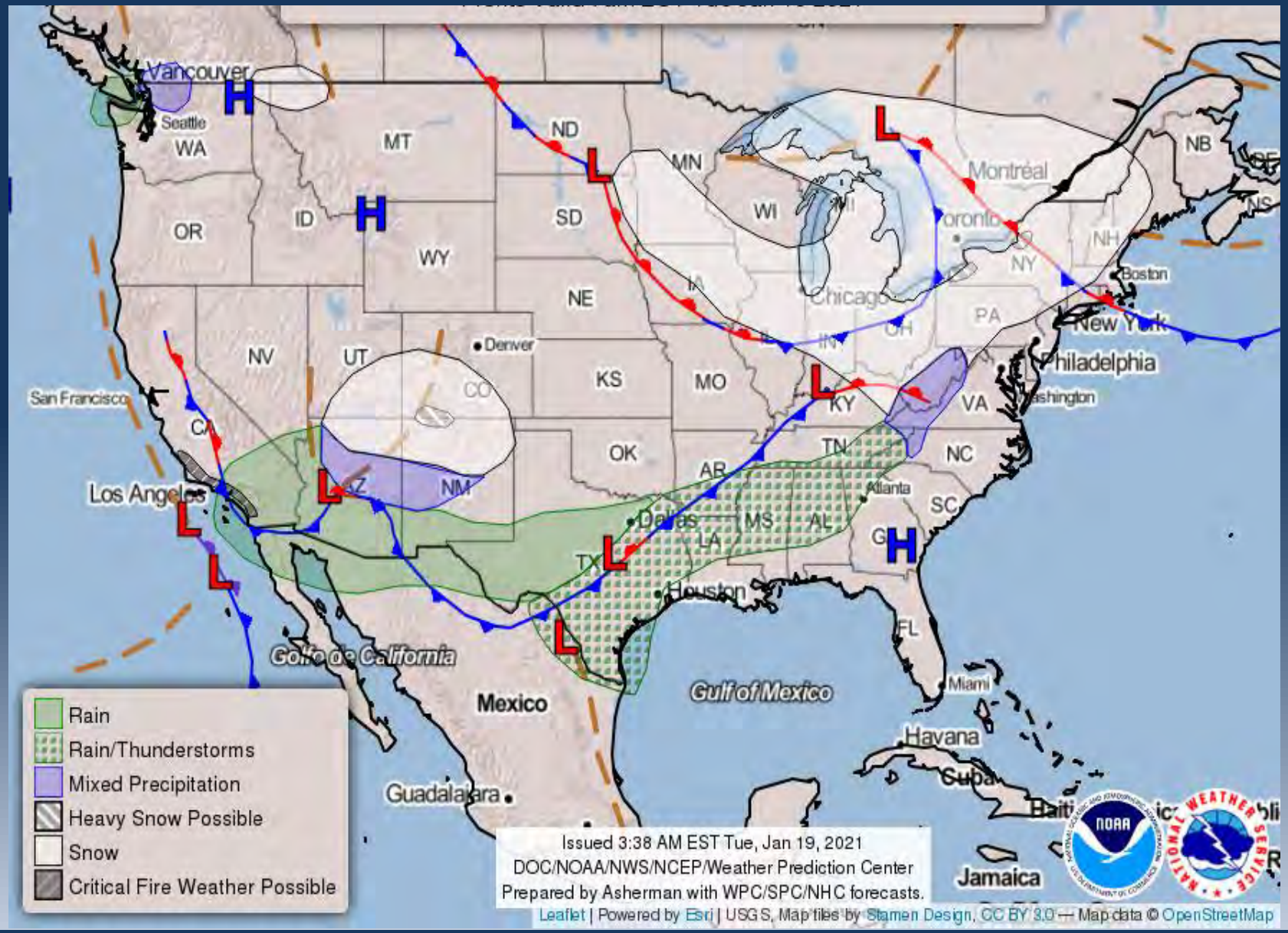

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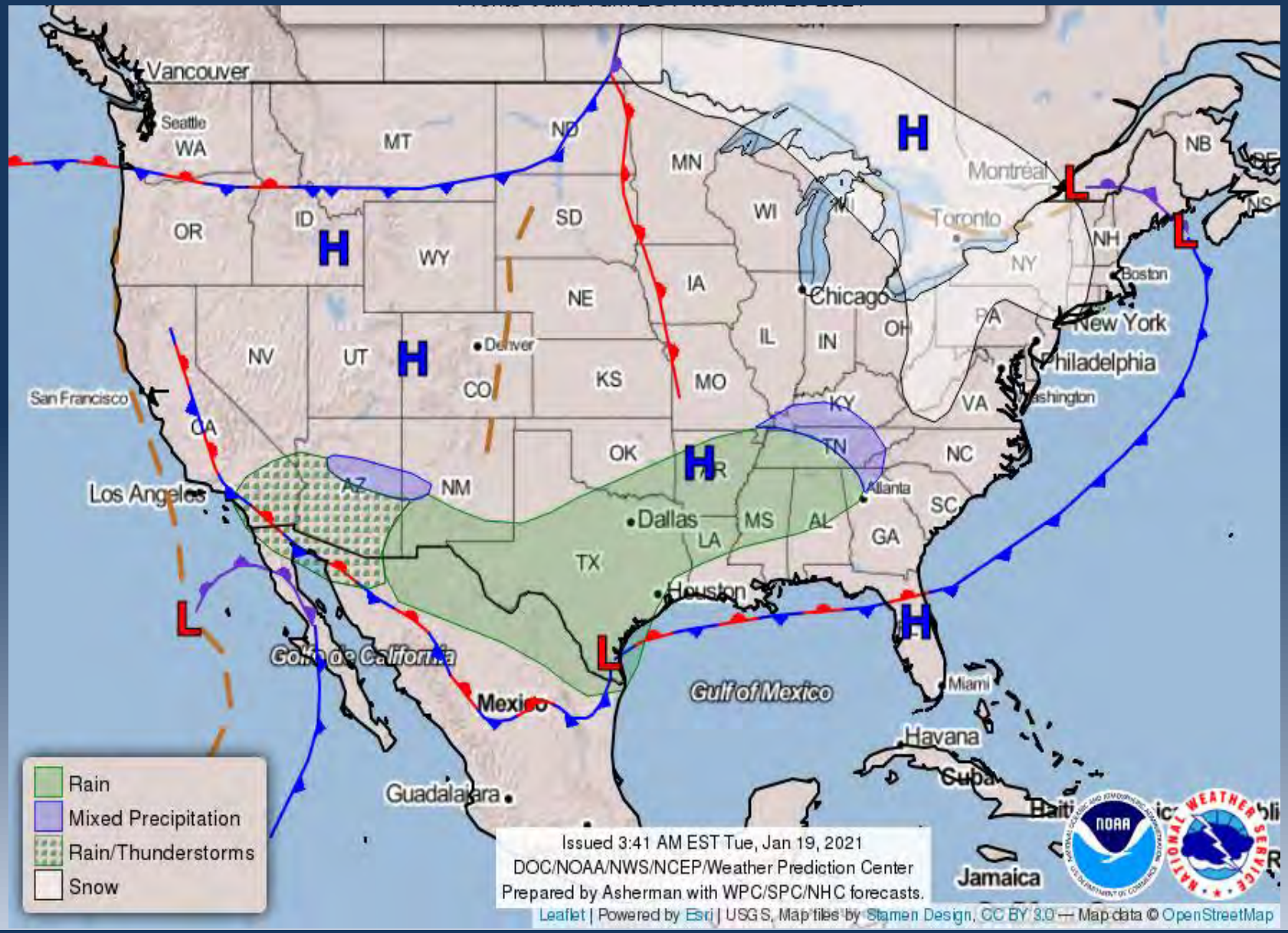

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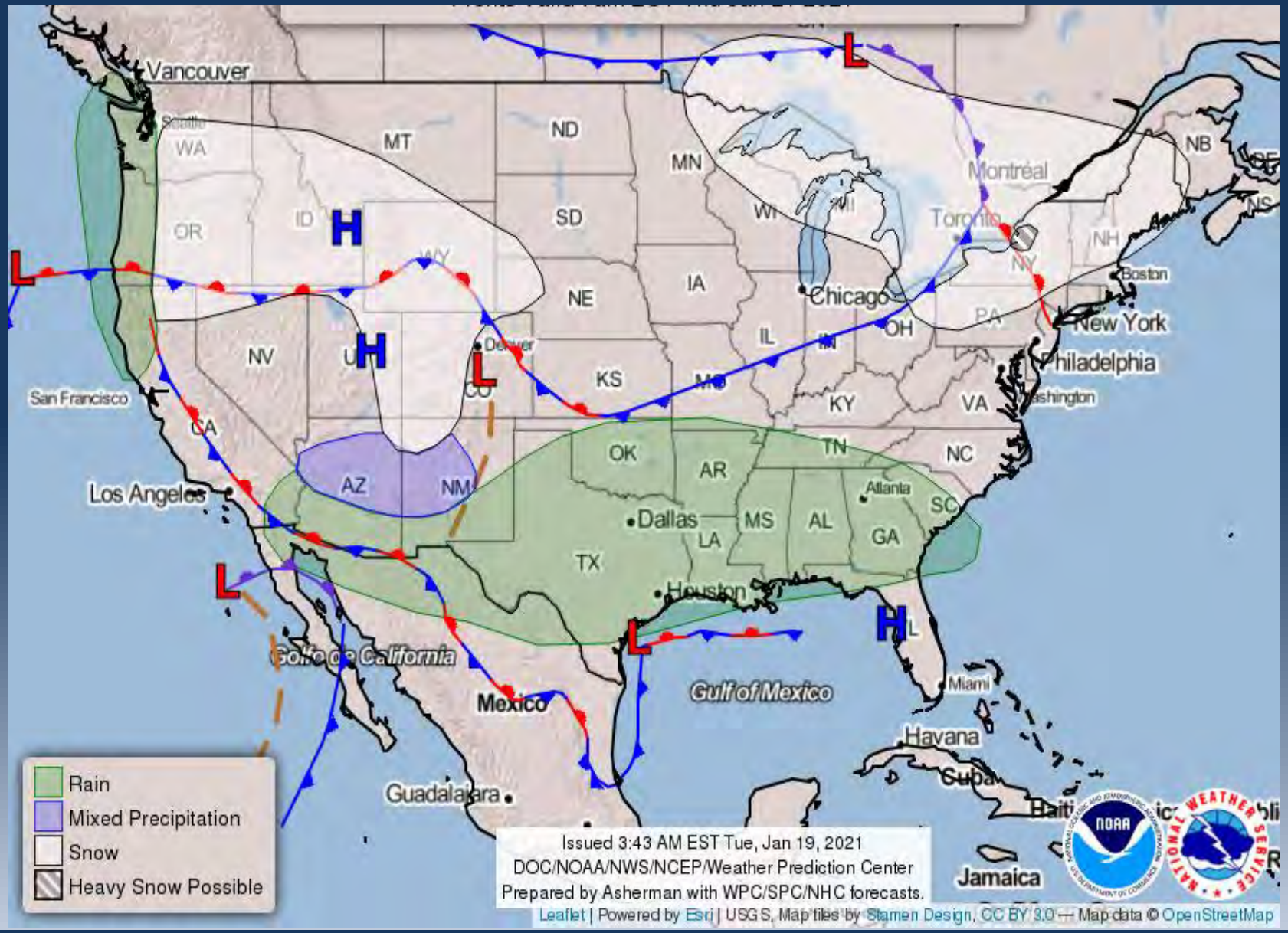

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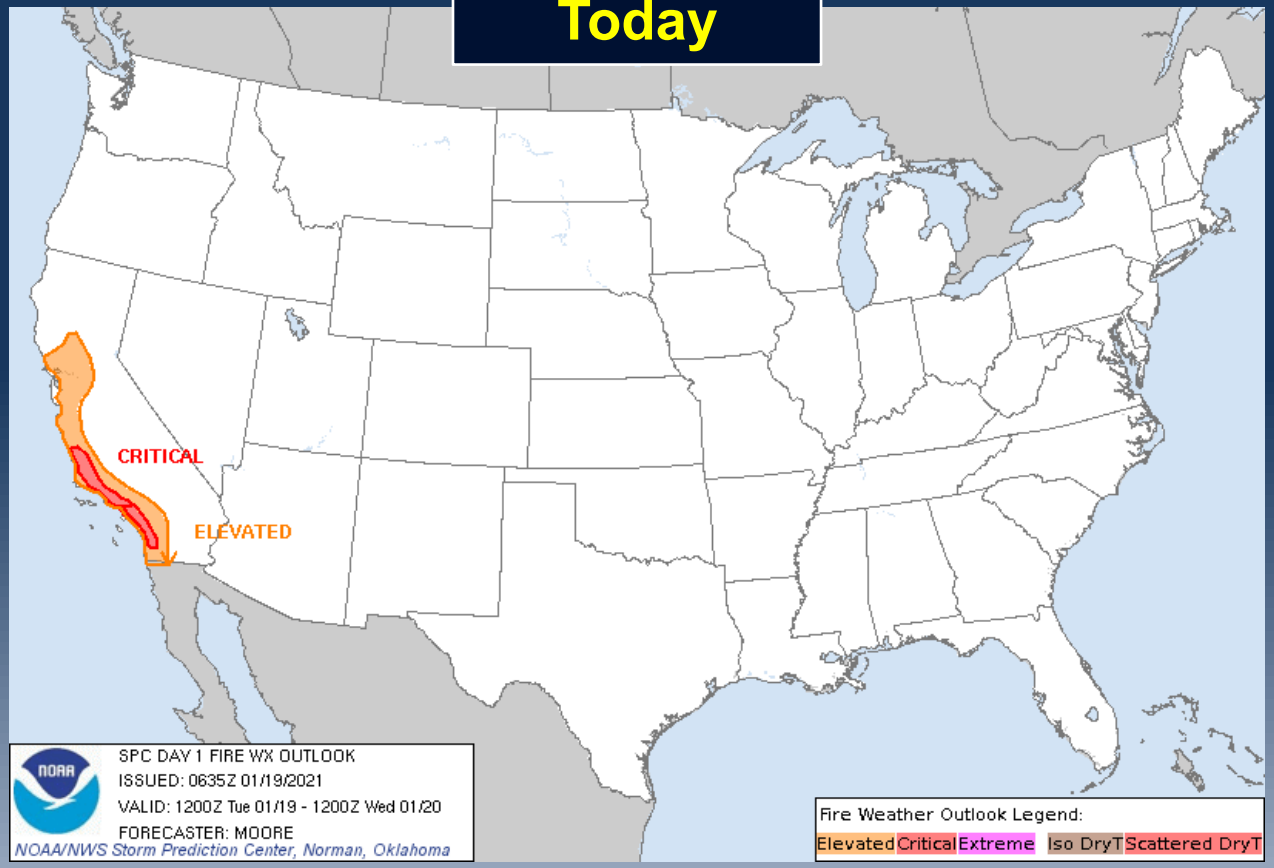

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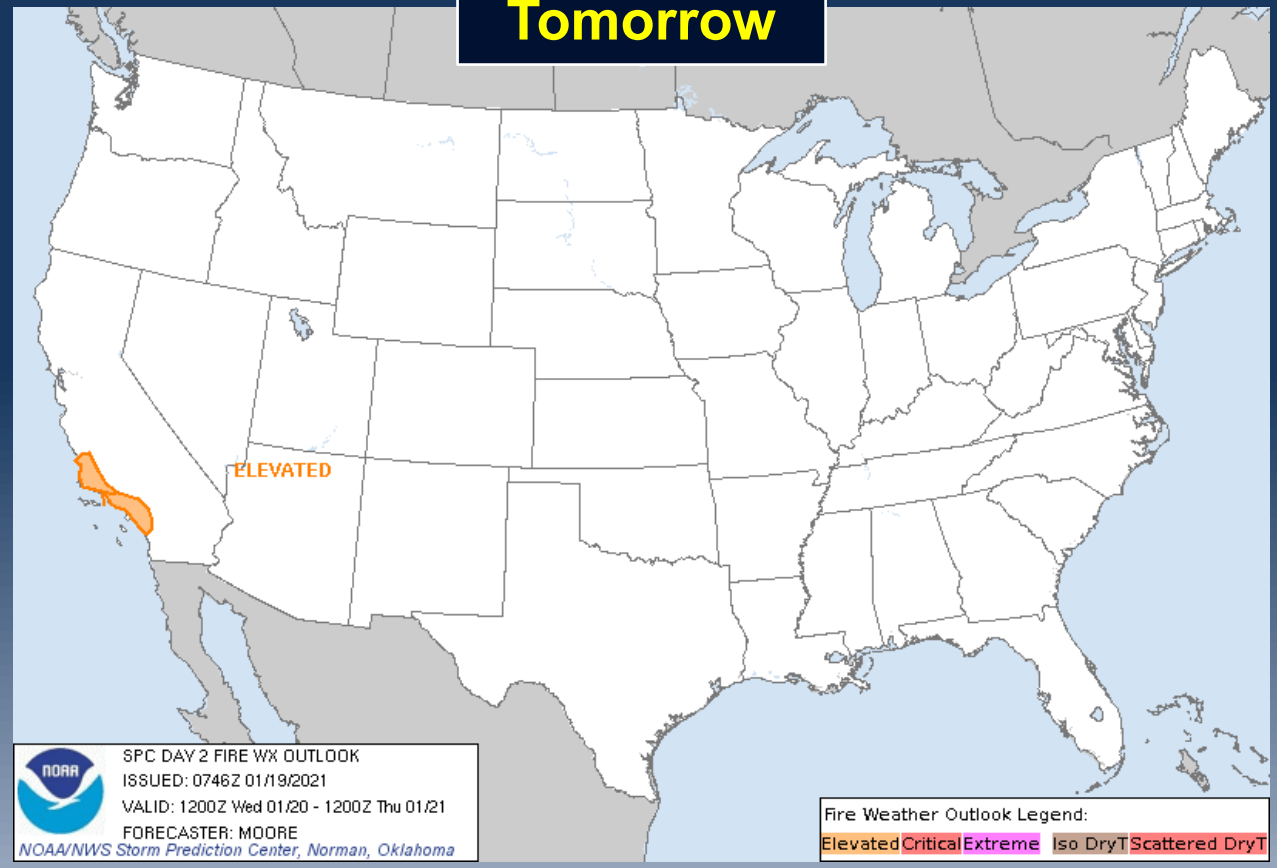

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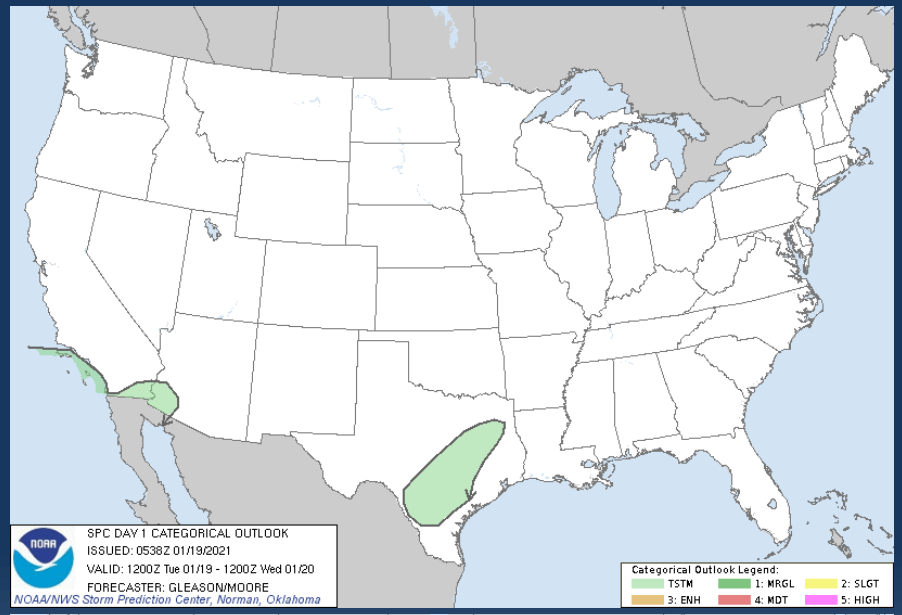
Today's Convective Outlooks

Categorical

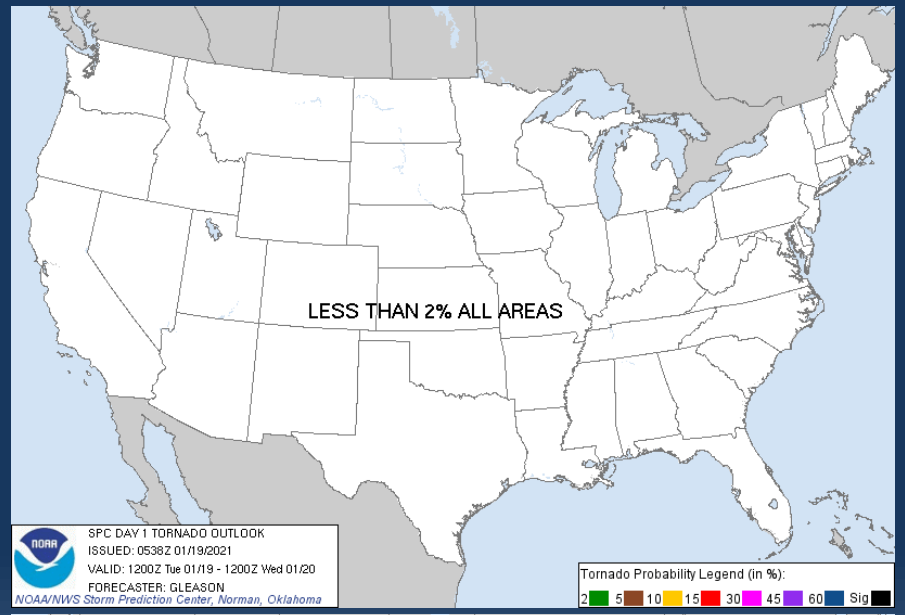
- Thunderstorms
- Marginal Risk
- Slight Risk
- Enhanced Risk
- Moderate Risk
- High Risk



Tornado

within 25 mi. of a point

- 2% any tornado
- 5%
- 10%
- 15%
- 30%
- 45%
- 60%
- 10% EF2+ tornado



Large Hail

within 25 mi. of a point

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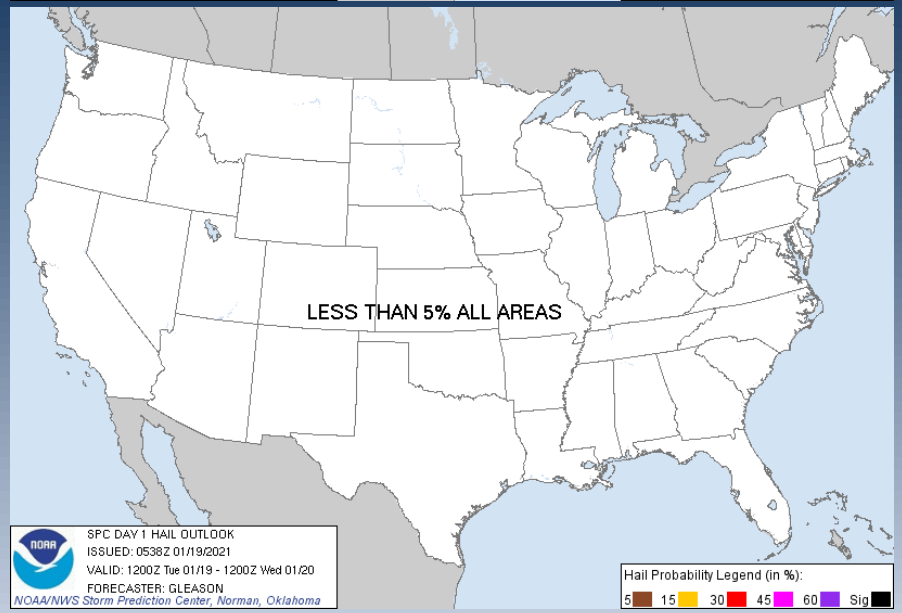
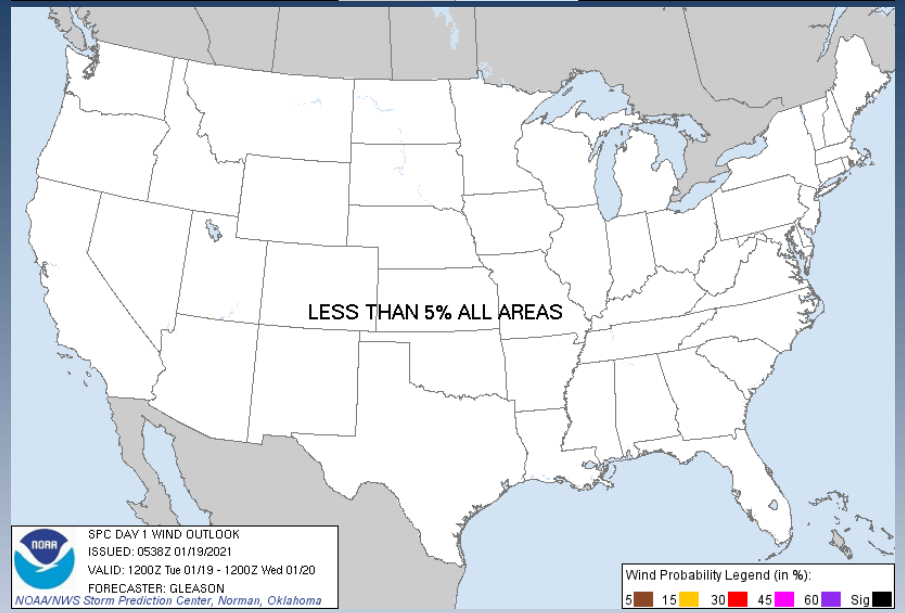
- 15%
- 30%
- 45%
- 60%
- 10% 2+ inch dia.



Damaging Wind

within 25 mi. of a point

- 5% 50+ kts
- 15%
- 30%
- 45%
- 60%
- 10% 65+ kts



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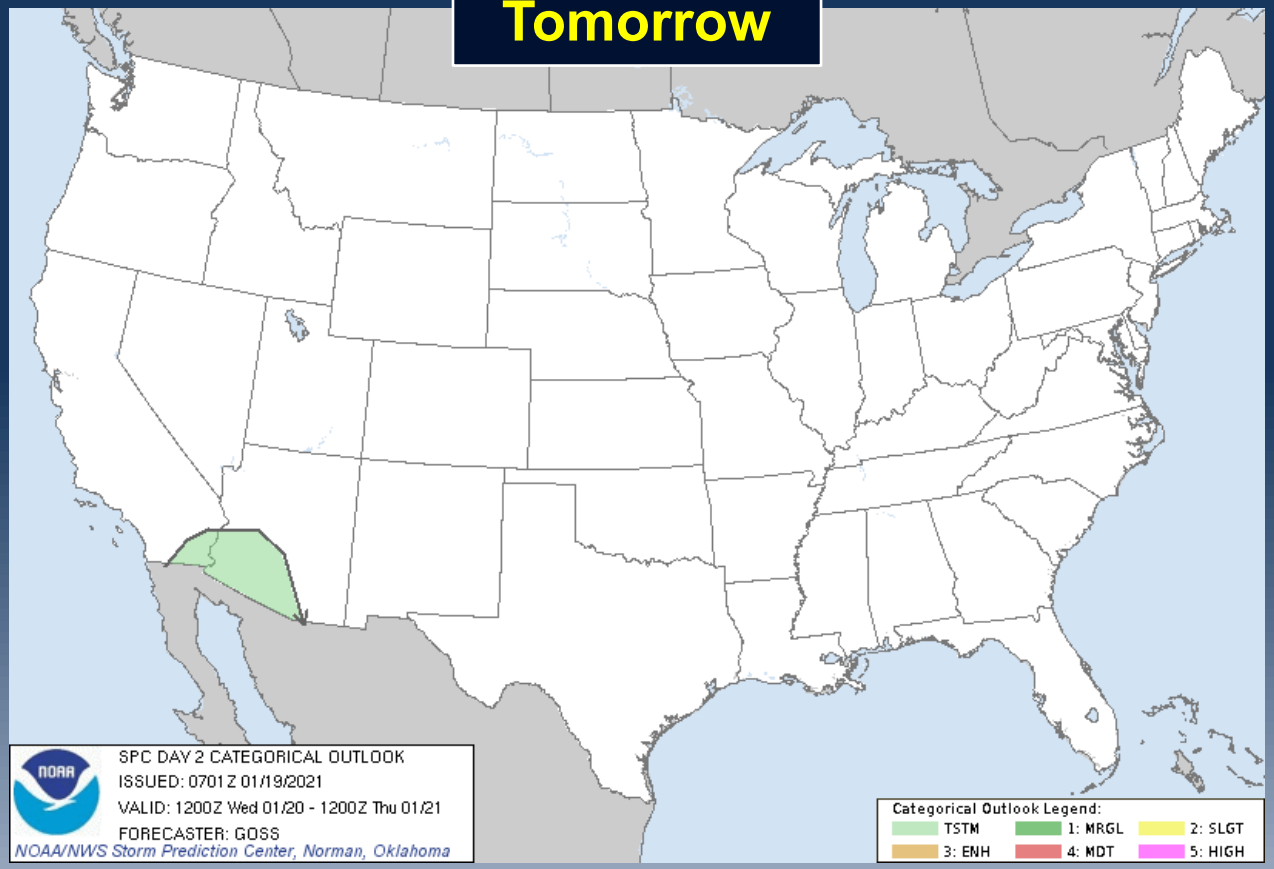

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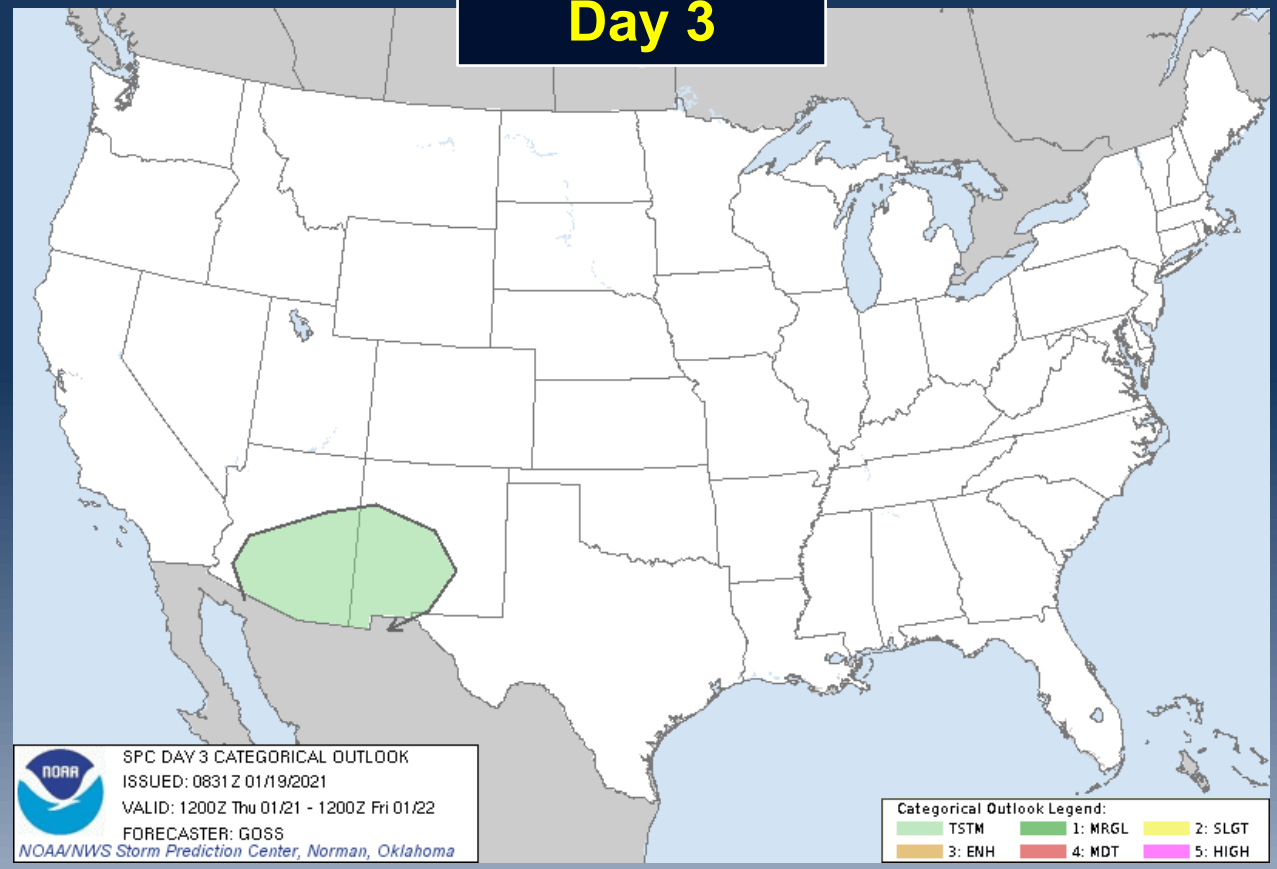

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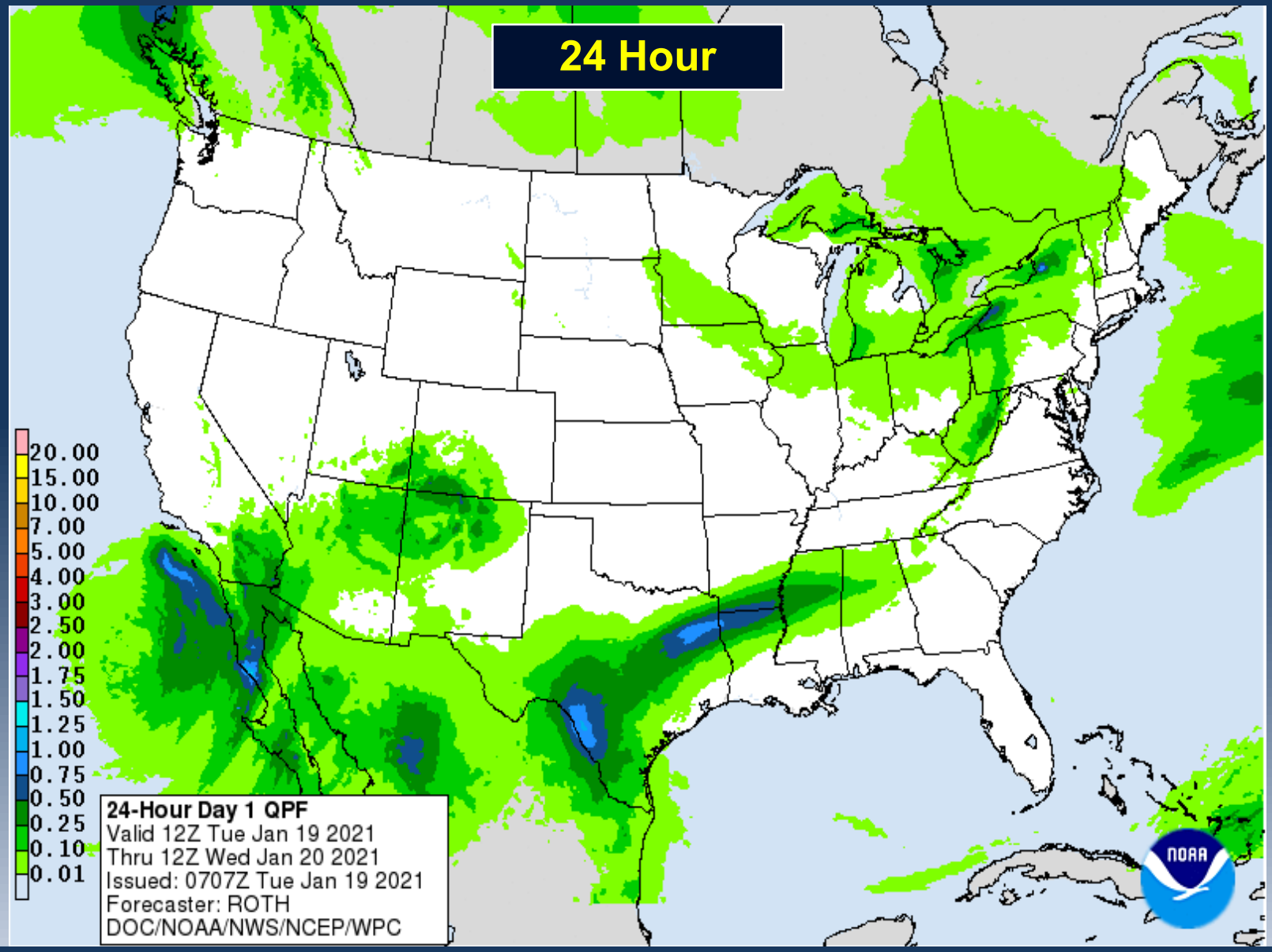

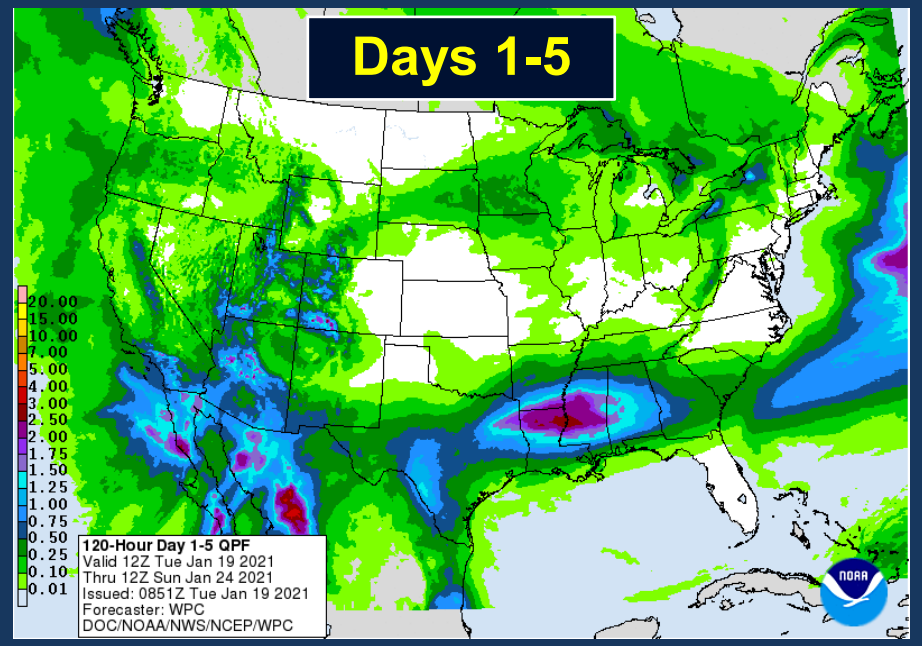

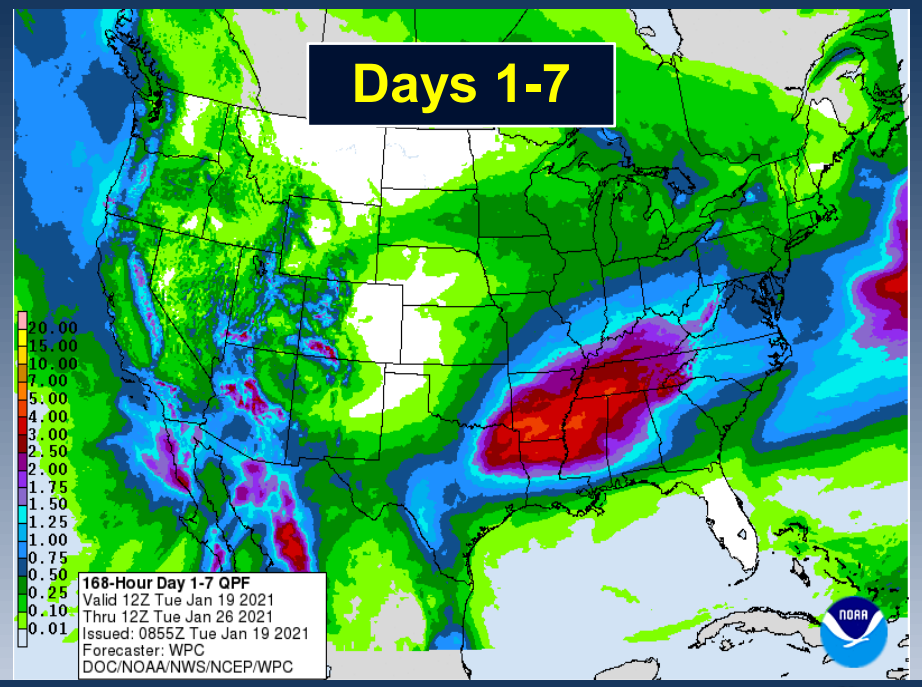

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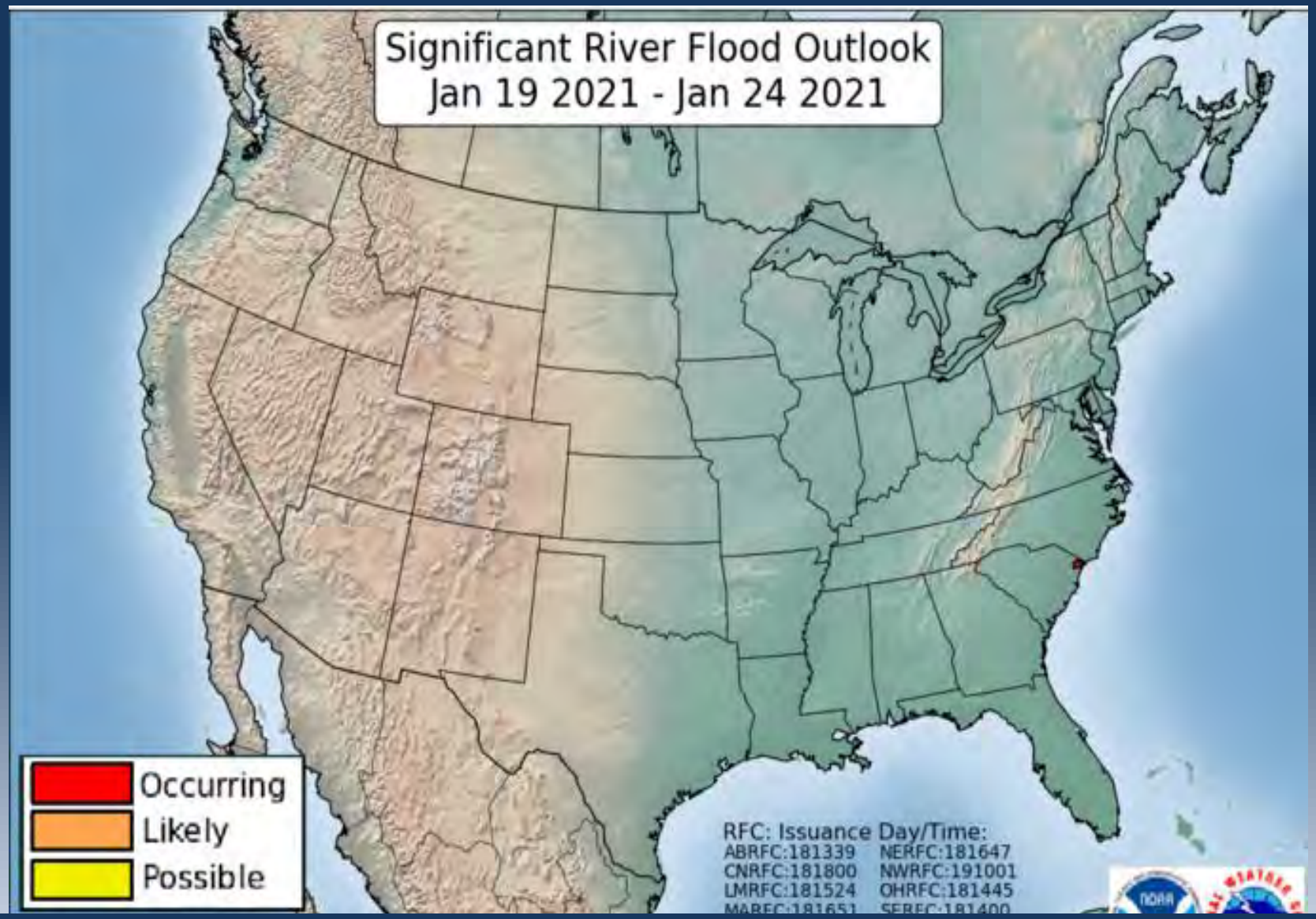

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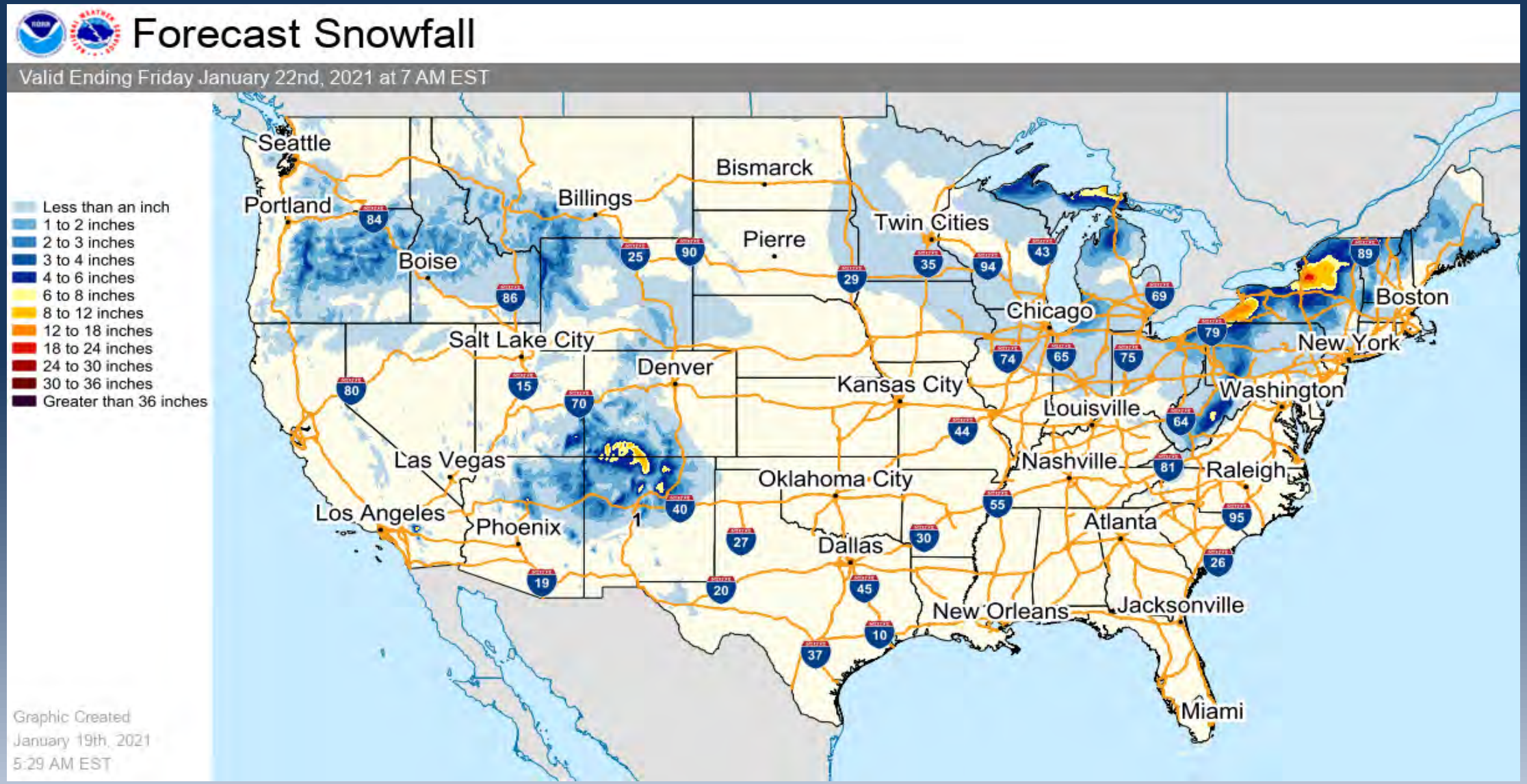

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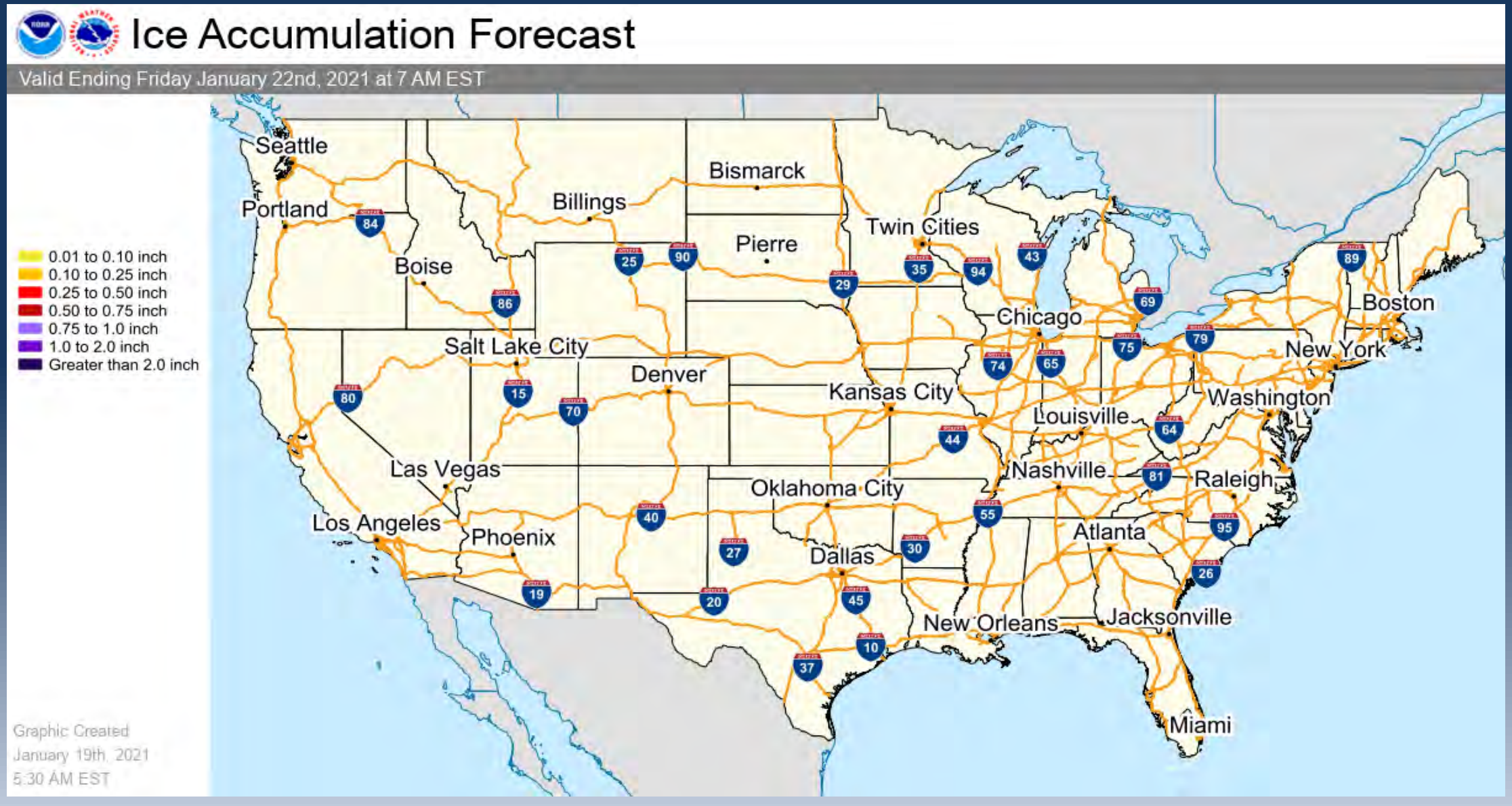

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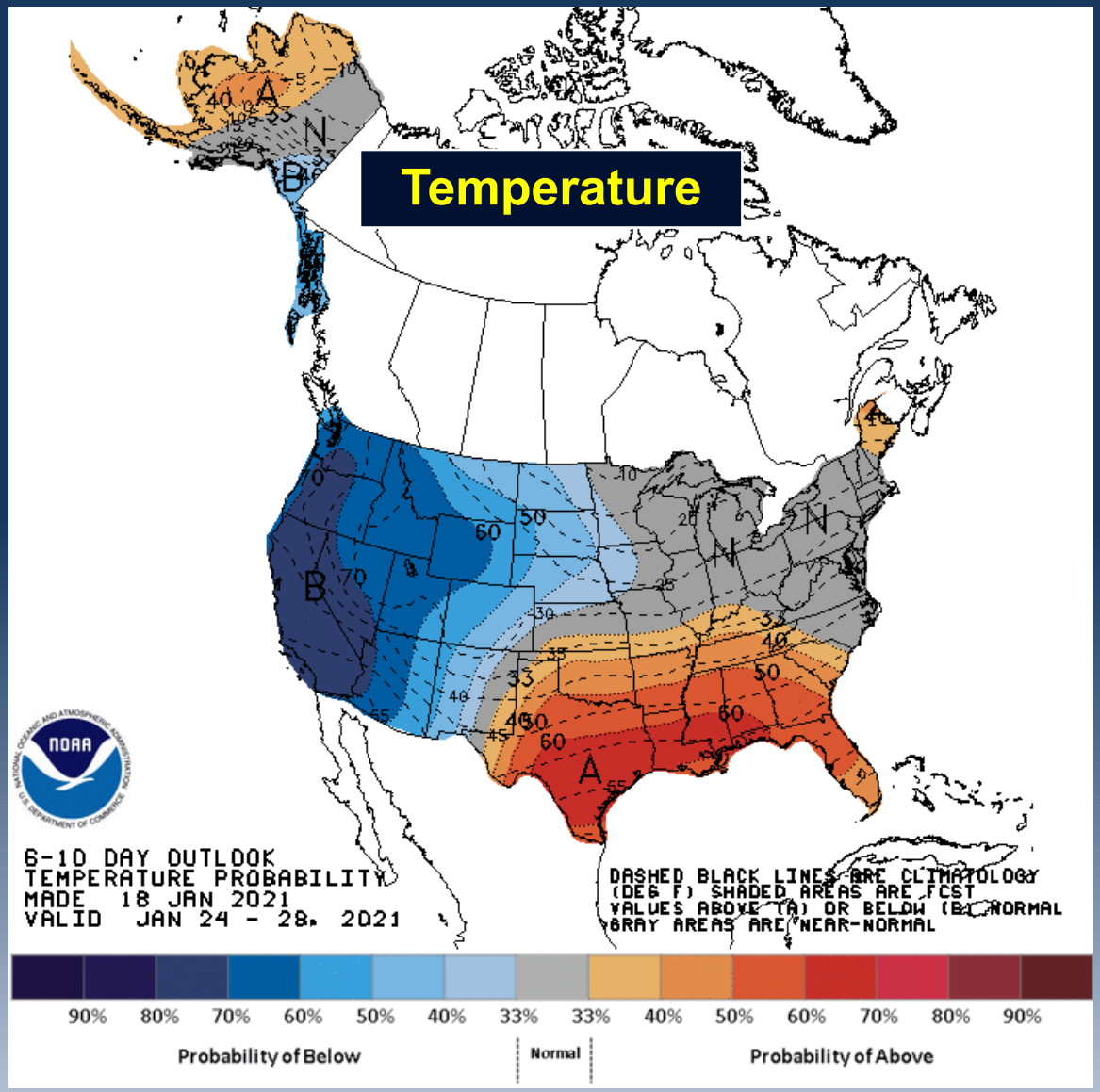

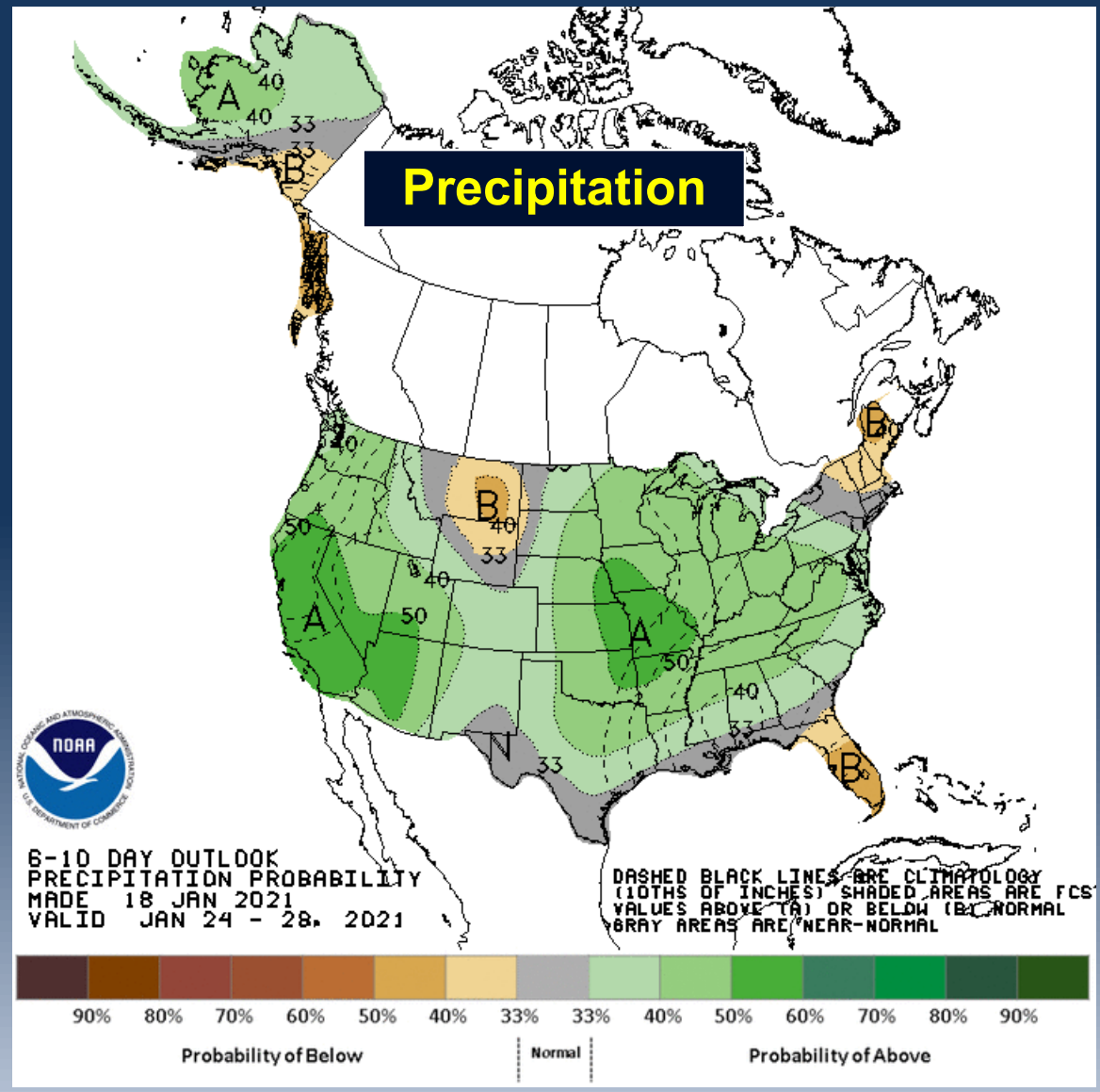

[8-14 Day Outlook](#) [One-Month Outlook](#) [Seasonal Outlooks](#)

Space Weather Observations

SPACE WEATHER CONDITIONS on NOAA Scales

	24-Hour Observed Maximums	Latest Observed	Predicted 2021-01-19 UTC
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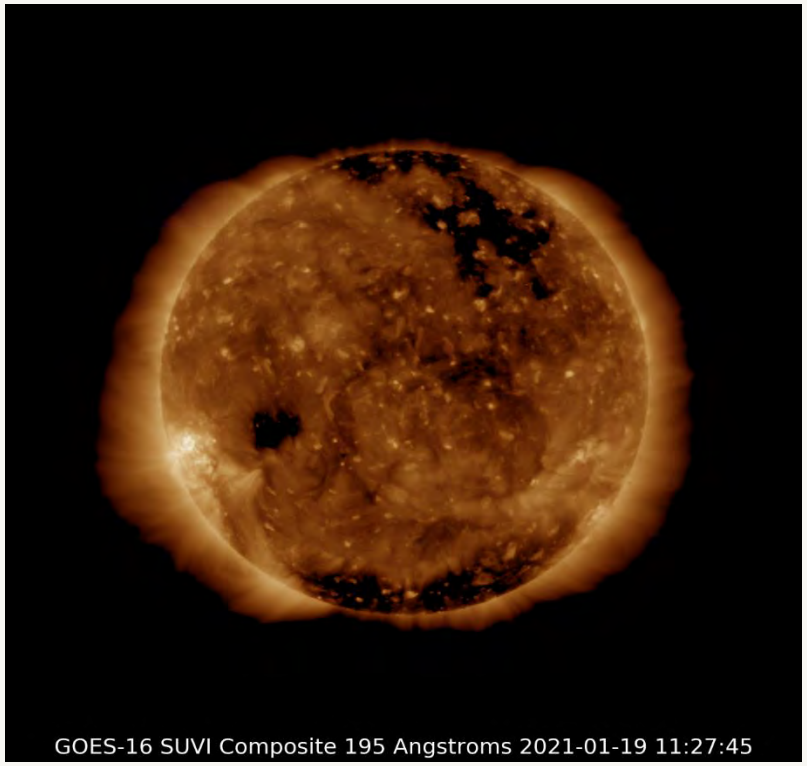

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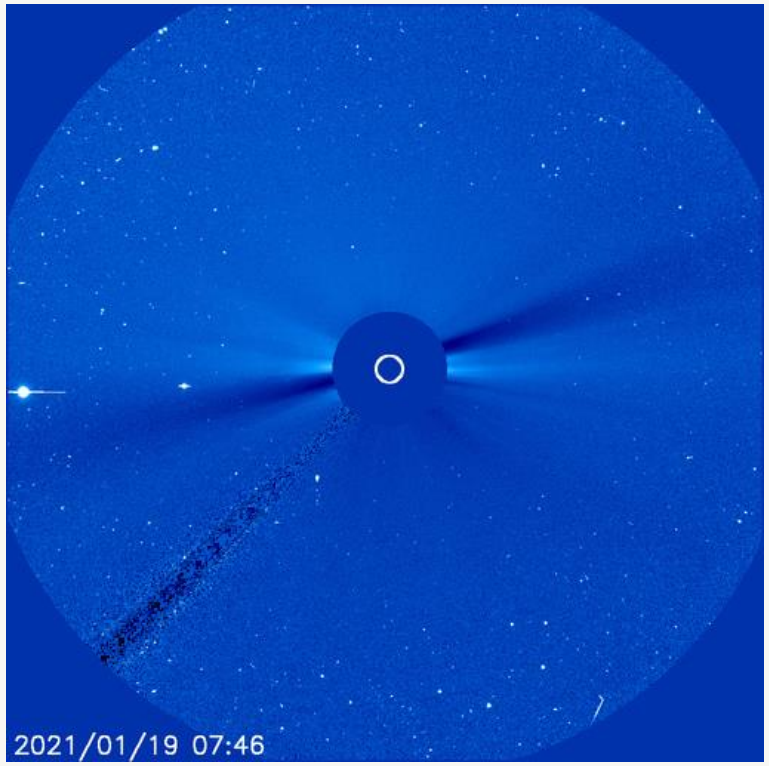

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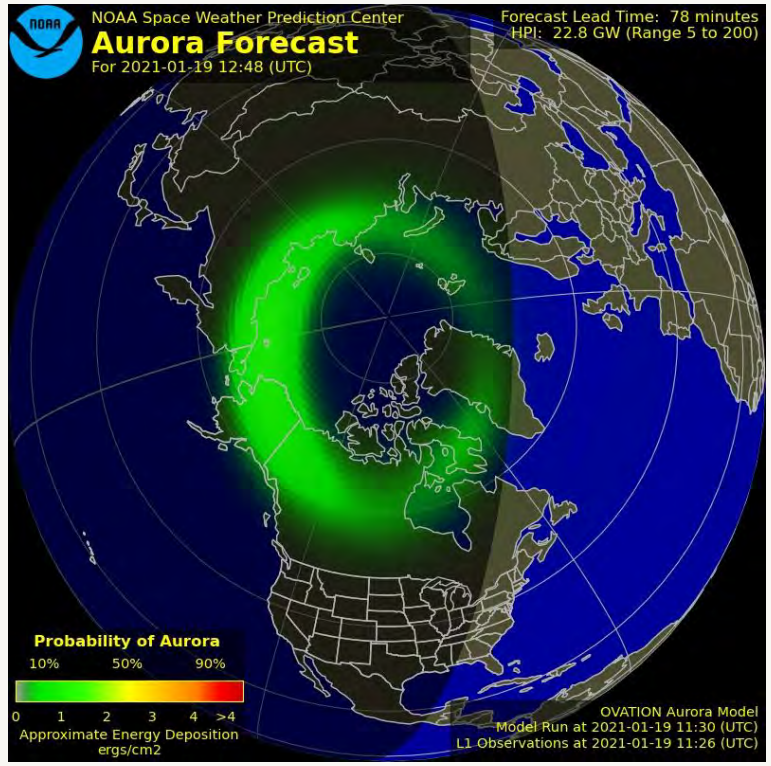

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Your local "City, St", Zip Code, Address, Latitude/Longitude, National Park/Monument

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AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE

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Iran army commandos start drills near mouth of Gulf

By Reuters Staff

FILE PHOTO: Major General Hossein Salami is seen during a ceremony to mark the one year anniversary of the killing of senior Iranian military commander General Qassem Soleimani in a U.S. attack, in Tehran, Iran January 1, 2021. Majid Asgaripour/WANA (West Asia News Agency) via REUTERS

DUBAI (Reuters) - Iranian army commandos and paratroopers started exercises near the mouth of the Gulf on Tuesday, the last full day of U.S. President Donald Trump's

administration.

State television showed paratroopers landing behind mock enemy lines near the port of Jask on the Gulf of Oman and preparing attacks with missile launchers.

“The recent war games show to enemies the Iranian nation’s will to defend its independence and territorial integrity,” Revolutionary Guards commander General Hossein Salami told state TV. “Our fingers are on the trigger on behalf of the nation.”

Last week, the Revolutionary Guards fired long-range ballistic missiles at mock enemy warships in the Indian Ocean and tested domestically manufactured drones in Iran’s central desert region.

Last Wednesday, Iran tested short-range naval missiles in the Gulf, and exercises earlier this month featured a wide array of domestically produced drones.

Iran has one of the biggest missile programmes in the Middle East, regarding them as a deterrent and retaliatory force against the United States and other adversaries in the event of war.

Periodic confrontations have taken place between Iran’s military and U.S. forces in the Gulf since 2018, when Trump abandoned Iran’s 2015 nuclear deal with world powers and reinstated harsh sanctions against Tehran.

U.S. President-elect Joe Biden has said the United States will rejoin the nuclear deal if Iran resumes strict compliance.

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AVIATION

Boeing 737 MAX to Get EU Flight Clearance Next Week
01/19/2021

Boeing's 737 MAX airliner will receive final clearance to resume flying in Europe next week, the head of the EU's air safety watchdog said on Tuesday. The EU Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) is one of the last major regulators to approve changes to the MAX and its anti-stall software, blamed for two deadly crashes that grounded the jet in March 2019. Executive Director Patrick Ky said in an online media briefing. "We expect to publish it next week, which means the MAX will be cleared to fly again," Ky said. A separate certification of the MAX-200 variant will likely follow in "coming weeks", he added, allowing flights to resume before summer.

Vietravel Airlines to Start Flying Next Monday
01/19/2021

Vietravel Airlines is scheduled to make its maiden flight on January 25, and began ticket sales on Tuesday, its CEO, Vu Duc Bien, said. Vietnam's newest carrier will operate one or two flights a day each from HCMC and Hanoi to major tourist destinations like Nha Trang, Phu Quoc, Da Nang, and Hue. The carrier hopes to break even in its second year of operations. Vietravel Airlines has hired some 200 pilots and flight attendants, and is looking to expand its fleet to 30 to prepare for international operations, flying to Southeast Asia, especially Thailand, the Middle East and Northeast Asia, markets that Vietravel, the travel company that owns it, serves. It is the sixth carrier in what is a fiercely competitive aviation market after Vietnam Airlines, Vietjet, Jetstar Pacific, Vietnam Air Services Company, and Bamboo Airways.

UK Aviation 'Almost Closed' As Tough New Rules Begin
01/18/2021

As the toughest ever peacetime rules for travelers to the UK become law, a leading aviation figure has said that the industry is "in effect, almost closed". Under current lockdown rules, leisure travel and non-essential trips are outlawed for UK residents until further notice. Karen Dee, chief executive of the Airport Operators' Association, told the *BBC Today* program, "We believe that vaccinations and a testing framework of some kind is going to be key to giving people the confidence that they need to travel again. The real barrier for us is the quarantine period. We're keen to work with government to see what is the testing regime that we can put in place."

MARITIME

Greece Reiterates Intention to Extend Territorial Waters in Crete
01/19/2021

Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias reiterated on Tuesday the government's intention to extend the country's territorial waters to 12 nautical miles south of Crete, during a debate on a bill delimitating maritime borders between Greece and Italy. The bill follows an agreement signed between the two countries on June 9, 2020. The deal is an extension of a 1977 accord and paves the way for the two countries to explore for and exploit marine resources in the area. Lawmakers will debate for two days – Tuesday and Wednesday – on the draft legislation that will extend Greece's coastal zone (territorial waters) to 12 nautical miles in the sea area of the Ionian Sea and the Ionian Islands to Cape Tainaro in the Peloponnese.

Canada Assumes Command of Standing NATO Maritime Group One
01/18/2021

Commodore Bradley Peats of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) officially assumed command of Standing NATO Maritime Group One (SNMG1) during a change of command ceremony held in Lisbon, Portugal today. SNMG1 is one of four NATO Standing Naval Forces (SNF) that provide the Alliance with a continuous naval capability and presence which forms the core of the Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (Maritime). NATO Standing Naval Forces presence and activities promote and preserve unfettered access to the global ocean commons and help maintain freedom of the seas and freedom of navigation throughout all international waters which is central to the Alliance's security and economic prosperity.

Turkish, Greek Teams Resume Talks at NATO
01/18/2021

Turkish and Greek military representatives have come together as part of a de-confliction mechanism launched by NATO, a week before the much-anticipated exploratory talks for the resolution of the problems stemming from the Aegean and Mediterranean seas. Following a few round of talks in Brussels, the Greek side rejected to attend the meetings after Turkey re-dispatched the Oruç Reis exploration vessel to the disputed waters in Mediterranean. The parties could reconvene as a result of continued de-escalation in the region as well as on ties between Turkey and the EU.

RAIL / TRANSIT

Iran, Turkey Sign 3 Railroad Deals
01/18/2021

Iran and Turkey have signed three new agreements on railroad transport, the managing director of the Islamic Republic of Iran Railways said. Saeed Rasouli said the three

agreements are aimed at maximizing the capacity of railroad travels and freight services between the two neighbors. He also noted that Tehran and Ankara have agreed to strengthen an east-west corridor that links China to Turkey through Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. Rasouli said the new agreements would accelerate the implementation of various projects such as a southern route connecting China to Europe, the railroads linking Turkey to Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as the routes connecting Iran's southern ports to Turkey. The Iranian official added that revival of a transnational rail service linking Istanbul, Tehran and Islamabad is expected to pave the way for connection to the new Silk Road.

VEHICLE / ROAD

Tesla Unveils New Electric Vehicle Made Exclusively in China
01/19/2021

U.S. automaker Tesla on Monday delivered its second electrically-powered vehicle made exclusively in China for the Chinese market. "Model Y deliveries in China have officially begun," the company announced on Twitter. The Model Y follows the Model 3 as the first Tesla vehicles for sale in China produced at Tesla's $2 billion Gigafactory plant in Shanghai, which opened just two years ago. The company is looking to increase its vehicle sales volume from about 500,000 vehicles in 2020 to 20 million annually over the next decade. The online China Economic newspaper says Tesla also plans to invest $6.4 million in the construction of a supercharger manufacturing plant in Shanghai with an initial planned annual production capacity of 10,000 superchargers. It is expected to be operational in the first quarter of 2021.

PIPELINE / HAZMAT

Environmental Group Files Complaint to Stop Work on Nord Stream 2
01/18/2021

Environmental activist group Nabu on Monday said it had filed a complaint with the German maritime authority, BSH, to temporarily halt construction work of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline in German waters. The complaint against BSH's move on Friday to expand the period during which construction work can theoretically take place automatically halts any work on the project, BSH confirmed. Focus earlier reported that two environmental groups, Nabu and DUH, had filed complaints and that this was effectively a freeze on construction work.

COMMERCIAL USE OF SPACE

Virgin Orbit Used a Modified 747 to Launch a Rocket into Space
01/19/2021

Virgin Orbit, a flight company set up by British entrepreneur Richard Branson, has completed a second launch demonstration that carried 10 payloads for NASA's Launch Services Program. Rather than traditional rocket-launching tech used by Amazon CEO

Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin and Elon Musk's SpaceX, Virgin Orbit launches its rockets from the wing of an aircraft while in flight. According to Virgin Orbit, one of its LauncherOne rockets reached space during its second launch demonstration. Virgin Orbit contends that its air launch system is better than ground-based launch pads because the rockets have a superior payload capacity and it's less vulnerable to the weather conditions that have hampered many SpaceX launches. With this successful demonstration in the books, Virgin Orbit will officially transition into commercial service for its next mission.

TERRORISM / EXTREMISM

Pakistani Student Arrested for Sending Money to ISIS Terrorists in Syria
01/19/2021

A university student in Pakistan has been arrested on charges of having links with global terror groups and sending money to the dreaded Islamic State terrorists in Syria, police said on Monday. Muhammad Omer Bin Khalid, who is studying at Karachi's reputed NED University of Engineering and Technology, was arrested while trying to leave Karachi via a train, according to the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of Sindh Police. He said as per initial estimates, Omer has already sent over one million rupees to terrorists. "We detained him initially and seized two mobile phones from him and also a laptop on December 17 last year. At the time, however, the suspect was released on bail as the CTD had no concrete evidence against him," the officer said.

Two Syrians Charged with Terrorism Over Army Officer's Killing
01/18/2021

Two Syrians have been charged in Germany for alleged links to a terrorist organization on suspicion they were involved in the killing of an army officer in their homeland in 2012, prosecutors said Monday. The pair are suspected of taking part in the killing of a captured lieutenant colonel of the Syrian government forces in July 2012, prosecutors said. They said that Khedr A.K. guarded the man as he was brought to the execution site. Sami A.S. is suspected of filming the officer's shooting and preparing the footage for use as propaganda. It was not immediately clear when the two came to Germany.

CYBER

Health Insurer Fined $5.1 Million Over Data Breach
01/18/2021

An American health insurer has agreed to pay $5.1m to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to settle potential violations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy and Security Rules. Excellus is a New York–based health services corporation that provides health insurance coverage to over 1.5 million people in upstate and western New York. A breach report filed by Excellus on September 9, 2015, stated that cyber-attackers had gained unauthorized access to the company's information technology systems.

The breach began on or before December 23, 2013, and dragged on until May 11, 2015. After gaining entry to the company's systems, malicious hackers installed malware and conducted reconnaissance activities that ultimately resulted in the disclosure of protected health information (PHI) of more than 9.3 million individuals.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING

Factional Risks Hover as Libya's UN Peace Process Advances
01/19/2021

Libyans working under a U.N. peace process on Tuesday agreed a mechanism to choose a new temporary government to oversee the run-up to elections late this year, in the hope that it can avoid being scampered by factional rivalries. It follows weeks of negotiation after a political dialogue in Tunis in November among 75 Libyans, selected by the U.N. Libya mission, charted a roadmap towards elections but failed to agree on how to form an interim government. The mechanism to choose a transitional government was proposed on Saturday by a smaller committee, drawn from the political dialogue members, that met in Geneva last week. It was voted on by the full body on Monday and Tuesday.

Afghan President, NATO Chief Discuss Peace Talks
01/19/2021

Afghan President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg held a phone conversation during which they discussed the peace talks between the Kabul government and the Taliban. The two sides on Monday discussed "the Afghan peace process and NATO's continued support for Afghanistan Defense and Security forces", Xinhua news agency quoted the statement issued by Ghani's office as saying. "NATO remains committed to supporting the Afghan Defense and Security forces and continues its mission to train, advise and assist the forces," the statement quoted Stoltenberg as saying. This round will focus on a ceasefire and reduction in violence in the war-torn country, TOLO News reported.

Young Tunisians Clash with Police Days After Revolution Anniversary
01/18/2021

Hundreds of youths clashed with police in cities across Tunisia late on Monday, throwing stones and gasoline bombs in the capital as security forces used tear gas and water cannons to try to quell the unrest. Up to 300 young men clashed with police in the capital's Ettadamon district, while residents of Kasserine, Gafsa, Sousse and Monastir described street violence in those cities. Rioting and protests have followed the 10th anniversary of a revolution that brought democracy but few material gains for most Tunisians, with anger growing at chronic joblessness and poor state services. However, with no clear agenda, political leadership or backing from major parties, it is not clear whether the demonstrations will gain momentum or die down, as many previous rounds of protests have since 2011.

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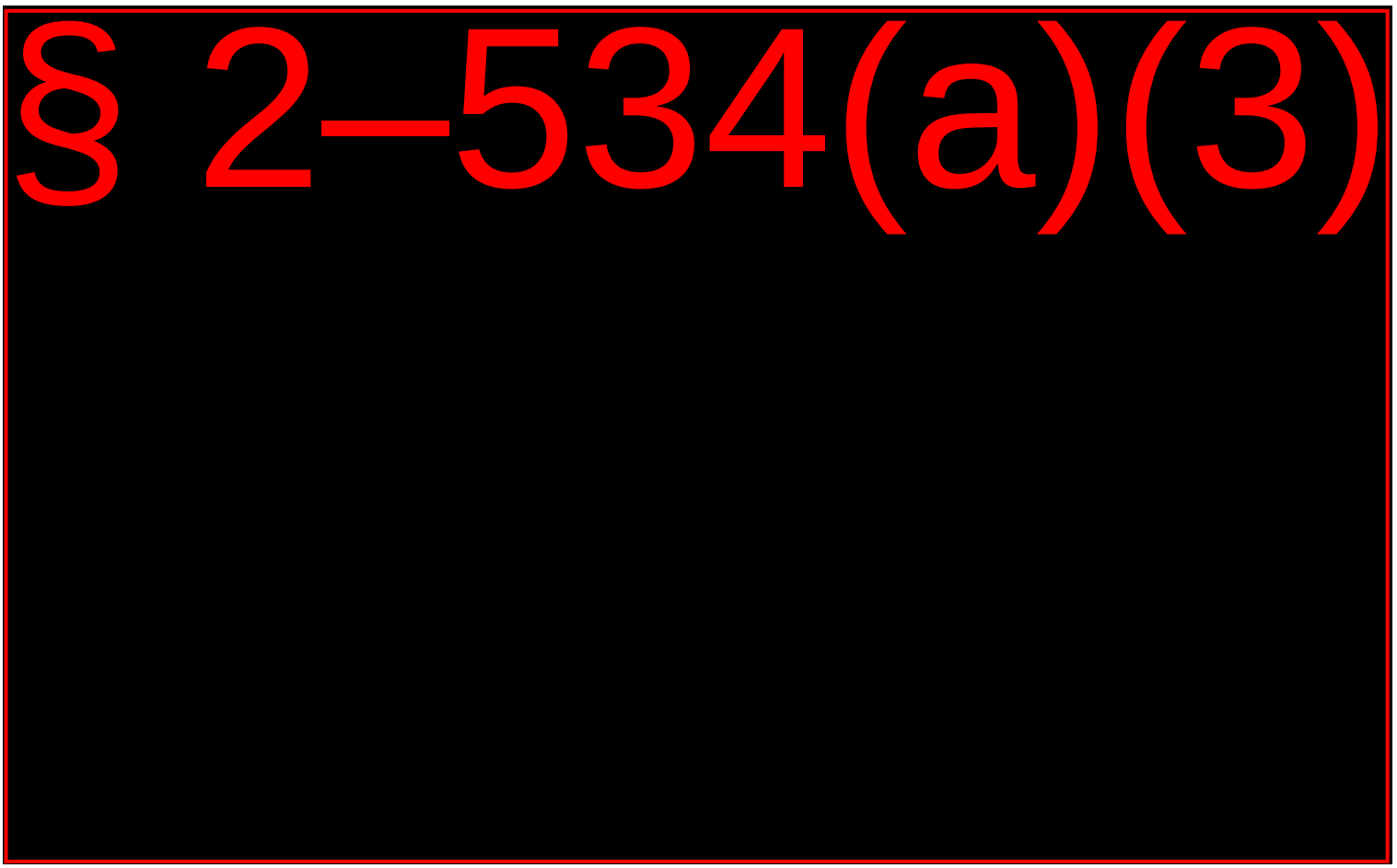
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Statement of Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen Regarding Nationwide Safety and Security for Inauguration Day

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Tomorrow, the Nation and the world will witness an orderly and peaceful transfer of power in the United States, as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court swears in President-Elect Biden. Throughout our Nation's proud history, this ceremony has served as a beacon of democracy and a testament to the enduring strength of our Constitution.

By contrast, the violence we witnessed at the Capitol two weeks ago was an intolerable travesty, which is why the Justice Department has now brought charges against more than one-hundred individuals and has investigations of many others underway.

The Department of Justice is committed, together with our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, to ensuring a safe and peaceful Inauguration – one that reflects our Nation's enduring highest values.

As I have repeatedly said over the last two weeks, the Justice Department will have no tolerance for anyone who attempts to mar the day with violence or other criminal conduct. Anyone who does that will be caught, and they will be prosecuted.

Indeed, over the past two weeks, we have seen friends, family members, co-workers, and others reporting information to us about those who were involved in the breach of the Capitol on January 6th. The FBI has received nearly 200,000 digital tips from the public. The American people have demonstrated that they will not allow mob violence to go unanswered. Violence and senseless criminal conduct are not the right way to resolve differences or promote change in our country.

So, rest assured that every level of law enforcement and the National Guard are working around the clock here in Washington, D.C., to provide safety and security for Inauguration Day, and that federal, state, and local law enforcement all around the country are doing the same in our state capitols and government buildings across all fifty states.

As Americans, we all should seek to have a safe and peaceful Inauguration Day, and if we hold fast to our country's Constitution and traditions, we will.

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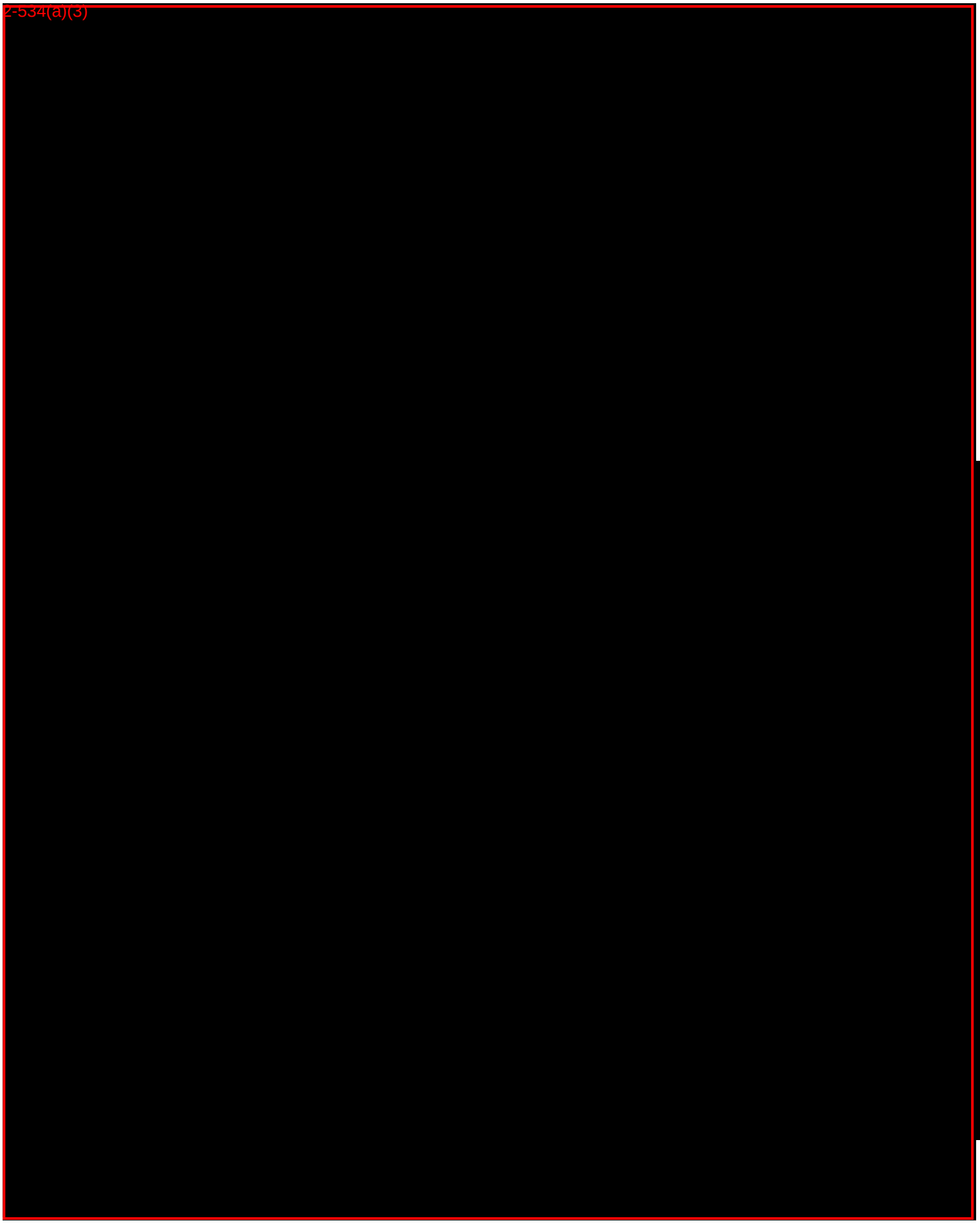
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MEDIA MONITORING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY (OPSUM)
24 Hour Summary, January 19, 2021

TODAY'S OPSUM COVERS THE FOLLOWING NOC PRIORITIES

- **NOC Priority Items with New Information**
  - COVID-19 – U.S. < #COVID >
  - Presidential Inauguration – Washington, DC < #presidentialinauration >
  - Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border < #border >
- **Other Significant Events**
  - Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC < #capitol >
  - Global Terrorism < #Terrorism >
- **NOC Priority or Numbered Items with Nothing Significant to Report**
  - Southwest Border Events with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - CBRNE Threats/Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Mass Migration in the Caribbean with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - Global Aviation Cargo Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Suspicious Activity Reporting:
    - Religious, Cultural, and Educational Facilities
    - Postal Shipments
    - National Critical Infrastructure
    - Mass Transit
    - Mass Gatherings and Special Events

NOC 0051-20: COVID-19 – U.S.
United States

- As of 1:22 a.m. ET Tuesday, the United States has confirmed a total of 24,074,657 coronavirus cases and 398,981 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University Johns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151656914%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vMRg7w3xHqSf4xGYcpz%2BuhNPpaz5hTSaQR%2FJjBRrlt4%3D&reserved=0 >
- *It took 304 days for the United States to reach its first 12 million COVID-19 cases and only 59 days to reach the second 12 million mark, according to Johns Hopkins University data (Social Media)Twitter [cnnbrk] < Caution-*

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- *On Sunday, the country logged under 200,000 new cases in a 24 hour period for the first time in two weeks (Social Media) Twitter [ABC News] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2mg3dxc&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151666909%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ZVmXgm69FU6BUT6qa8OwSLpBruWPk0RAYM7H00%2B1kJA%3D&reserved=0 >*

California

- California has surpassed the three million mark of coronavirus cases, according to a tally by NBC NewsKXAS < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6gkvdkq&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151676907%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JdjmE%2FyqNjYuxON0QD8nrHSdGXKwHibPXv3nxB%2Fk2vw%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The state confirmed 3,007,420 cases and 33,595 deaths Sunday night
  - The state reported 432 deaths on Sunday, a day after recording the second-highest daily count of 669, according to the California Department of Public Health
- California health officials are recommending a temporary halt to distribution of a particular lot of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine out of concern over allergic reactions KABC < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4pmgzfx&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151676907%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=pGWpNp2PfpUsnkM90nfB%2FN9vM55sMRI%2BVHvmSBRUW%2FI%3D&reserved=0 >
  - More than 330,000 doses of the particular lot were distributed to 287 health-care providers across California earlier this month
    - One community vaccination clinic reported up to 10 allergic reactions to the vaccine within a 24-hour period, considered an unusually high number
    - State officials say the expected rate of reaction to similar vaccines is normally around one in 100,000

Maryland

- As the reported number of infections continue to spike in Maryland, so are hospitalizations, media reported on SundayWBFF < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4srrj8j&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151686897%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=F5tkN4q1LzH9K6nc2xwraoIIQ5L75Lk5TPsn%2BytUkDA%3D&reserved=0 >
  - "Our hospital utilization rates remain very high with ICUs at 91 percent capacity and our acute care units following closely behind at 90 percent capacity," said a Baltimore health official
    - "We are at a level of COVID-19 hospitalizations that is higher than we have seen since the pandemic," a health official said

        - The official said that currently the state has about 10 percent hospital capacity available, as more than 7,000 COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 patients occupy the little over 8,000 beds in the state hospital system

Utah

- The Utah Department of Health is reporting seven new coronavirus-related deaths in Utah since its release of Sunday numbers, bringing the total in the state to 1,500 Deseret News < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2jm8ml6&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151696893%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gW0XBKLfan0%2Fao3dU2QzkiEliVaockMFrj51XUBr6ZA%3D&reserved=0 >
    - 568 people remain hospitalized, with intensive care beds at or near capacity
    - The rolling seven-day average for positive tests is 2,154 per day with a 21.1 percent positive test average
    - The state has reported 324,919 positive coronavirus cases since the beginning of the pandemic

Virginia

- The Virginia Department of Health reported its highest daily increase of COVID-19 cases so far, with nearly 10,000 new coronavirus cases along with 23 new COVID-19 deaths for Sunday WAVY < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3tv6vwx&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151696893%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OxSoUbcQ3Kox7fmK2K2DPkhsIOUV7T2%2FcjDHLlrA204%3D&reserved=0 >
- The commonwealth is at its highest seven-day average of new cases, reporting roughly 5,778 new cases per dayCNN < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy67rrq43&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151706888%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5zyDYLyQr%2BXwI7RCBsj45UYoh45vhtYKDPXUoq8k9OY%3D&reserved=0 >
    - New cases have risen by 15 percent since last week

Brazil

- China's Sinovac Biotech said on Monday that a clinical trial in Brazil showed its COVID-19 vaccine was almost 20 percentage points more effective in a small sub-group of patients who received their two doses longer apartReuters < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5wozz3w&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151706888%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=pS1GVEjykzoQqn2uPMaqL6cpAX96STeMd3Mi5cAJ0QU%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The protection rate for 1,394 participants who received doses of either CoronaVac or placebo three weeks apart was nearly 70 percent, a Sinovac spokesman said
    - Brazilian researchers announced last week that the vaccine's overall efficacy was 50.4 percent based on results from more than 9,000 volunteers, most of whom received doses 14 days apart, as outlined in the trial protocol

Cuba

- Cuba reported a record of 650 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday, according to the country's health ministryCNN < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6qr74yt&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c

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- The Caribbean island nation also recorded four new deaths Sunday
- Cuba's total number of COVID-19 cases as of Sunday stands at 18,151
- The country has also recorded a total of 170 coronavirus deaths since the start of the pandemic, according to official data

France

- France is expanding its vaccination campaign Monday to allow anyone over the age of 75 to be inoculatedCNN < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyclu7tw&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151716879%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5KHweuGCF48HICtaoK9QkqQclDvC2yL1wa08FdGt4%2BE%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Previously, only residents of nursing homes and medical staff aged 50 and over were eligible to receive a vaccine
  - The new phase of the nationwide push comes as the country's coronavirus death toll surpassed 70,000 over the weekend

Germany

- Germany has administered coronavirus vaccine doses to at least 1,048,160 people, according to the country's disease control agency, the Robert Koch Institute CNN < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6qx257m&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151726876%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=sZaiIa4UfIPUbZ8AxkSkacMXDFWDz%2F6hh0wcNEf7QBs%3D&reserved=0 >
  - To date, there have been 2,040,659 confirmed cases of the virus in Germany, with another 7,141 added on Sunday, according to the institute's dashboard
  - Another 214 fatalities were also recorded Sunday, bringing the country's death toll to 46,633

Norway

- Norway will ease some coronavirus restrictions after extra measures in place for the past two weeks seem to have had the desired effect, the country said on Monday Reuters < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy52kuaan&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151726876%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=v3tUF%2BZGzyqg7rFlioz8mUP7nTuFLcZWQEkBbTsThKY%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Norway will ease some restrictions and allow households to receive up to five visitors, while schools will also face lighter restrictions, with less reliance on remote learning
- Norway had 4,642 new cases of COVID-19 in the week ending January 10, a record high, according to data from the Norwegian Institute of Public Health

Pakistan

- Pakistan's Drug Regulatory Authority has granted approval for the use of a vaccine developed by Sinopharm, a state-run Chinese firm CNN < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxshy6tj&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151736867%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ABufIwtkBuBk9wRBOw9W5rcKaQgrcotIws0nARQltnI%3D&reserved=0 >

Philippines

- Coronavirus infections in the Philippines have surged past 500,000 in a new milestone, with the government facing criticism for failing to immediately launch a vaccination program amid a global scramble for COVID-19 vaccinesAssociated Press < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6ozv55b&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151746861%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=f6iiZA4H6MnAzF3plB%2Fa2iDIwy3VWqF3x0xcCj48m58%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The country's Department of Health reported 1,895 new infections Sunday, bringing confirmed coronavirus cases in the country to 500,577, the second highest in Southeast Asia
    - There have been at least 9,895 deaths

Russia

- Russia plans to vaccinate more than 20 million people against COVID-19 in the first quarter of this year, an official said Monday Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5o5khk9&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151746861%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=jS6jmFc8jOr4MEjwP2PdIHt8lsZA3bsN39K4QQLoXpE%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The official added that Russia, which has registered two vaccines against the virus, plans to register a third vaccine on February 16

United Arab Emirates

- The United Arab Emirates reported 3,471 new coronavirus cases on Monday, the highest daily number of infections recorded since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic Al Arabiya < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3ask5mc&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151756853%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=GvXUHTyOhusMw%2B%2FxUQXVMuvyXZuNoFjgUuZtHdNZaFc%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The country's health ministry also recorded 2,990 recoveries and six COVID-19 related deaths on Monday

Worldwide

- As of 1:22 a.m. ET Tuesday, there were 95,555,763 coronavirus cases and 2,040,669 related deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins University Johns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151756853%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=TZ29G9lIqZBlMT3MMhja2srr1k2fsZfM5lMm%2B7JQHSQ%3D&reserved=0 >

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NOC 1060-20: Presidential Inauguration – Washington, DC

- *The FBI privately warned law enforcement agencies Monday that far-right extremists have discussed posing as National Guard members in Washington, D.C., and others have reviewed maps of vulnerable spots in the city (Social Media)Twitter [The Washington Post - Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy62d88jc&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151766853%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=oPEhlzAI15JB8f7Vc6bFlV1XVidzzVPOUCYoXI1N0nU%3D&reserved=0 >*

    - *In a summary of threats in a Monday intelligence briefing, the FBI warned that both "lone wolves" and adherents of the QAnon extremist ideology have indicated that they plan to come to D.C. for the inauguration (Social Media)*
        - *People affiliated with QAnon have shown interest in infiltrating security checkpoints at the inauguration, according to the report (Social Media)*
    - *The FBI also said it had observed people downloading and sharing maps of sensitive locations in D.C. and discussing how those facilities could be used to interfere in security during the inauguration (Social Media)*
    - *The intelligence briefing did not identify any specific plots to attack the inaugural events (Social Media)*
- A senior U.S. Department of Defense official said Monday that there is "no intelligence indicating an insider threat," but National Guard members arriving in D.C. for the inauguration are being vetted by law enforcement for the inaugurationCNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4q2xeuo&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151776846%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=uJjUSzecqEROF29Sd52qtYDalNV4XRV%2FCcW1uNKuKbI%3D&reserved=0 >
- Amtrak said it is taking extra steps to ensure the safety of employees and customers in Washington, D.C., and across the nation ahead of the presidential inauguration WAVY < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyy8y3p4q&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151776846%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=EkO4ZvhYDhQajRsw4Vj3oAWLpXWz8ys72gjMc6dDHkE%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Detours, as well as pedestrian and traffic patterns, have been put in place around Union Station in Washington, D.C.
    - Officials are increasing police enforcement to ensure strong compliance, remove non-complying customers, and ban those that don't follow Amtrak's policies
- Hundreds of Oklahoma National Guard Members are in Washington, D.C., to help with inauguration security procedures, media reported Monday KOTV < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3mz35ls&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151786841%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=aklFXnnhi4bQnpe6TVQzT6Y9RMIoHMgkbKCyryO%2Bevc%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The troops departed for the nation's capital from the Will Rogers Air Base early Sunday morning local time
- *More than 620 Indiana National Guard members have departed for Washington, D.C., to assist with the presidential inauguration, according to the National Guard Bureau Sunday (Social Media) Twitter [National Guard] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyy98bc5m&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151786841%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tCukeCYVI5ENAC9b2ClmnJd2iIoRrRbylEB9Ms0fWSo%3D&reserved=0 >*
- *Forty-five Miami-Dade Police Department officers from Florida have flown to the nation's capital to assist in security efforts during the presidential inauguration (Social Media) Twitter [wsvn] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy43w7kcm&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151796832%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbG*

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NOC 0602-18: Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border

- *The President of the United States (POTUS) extended the national border emergency until February 2022 as a number of Central American migrants appear to be heading to the U.S.-Mexico border area via caravans (Social Media)Twitter [The Epoch Times] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4xpc3ny&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151796832%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lXKHNZ1%2Bmyhd6bzC1PStmbTR%2FkirWdJWTrPk6ssByRo%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - *The announcement cited threats to national security, including the effect of the pandemic (Social Media)*
  - *The extension continues the emergency that POTUS declared in February 2019 (Social Media)*
- On Monday, Guatemalan security forces cleared a road where hundreds of people in a migrant caravan, comprised mostly of Hondurans, had camped out overnight when authorities banned the caravan from advancingReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy383ufub&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151806826%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=C0XXmuXfEq4yVHqyjqxjtqHniA6ZuTLigUOkOI9Up%2Fw%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Media reported that officers responded with tear gas as they attempted to drive the group back towards the Honduran border, clearing the road for trucks
  - The group was said to be approximately 8,000 people advancing toward the United States from HondurasFrance 24 (AFP) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4gyvo3l&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151816823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=yeHBpI9D42V4ckDvFFWDn2fS1atwbOMnqkT5pRpu2fQ%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Approximately 2,000 of the group installed themselves on the road after they clashed with Guatemalan security forces on Sunday
  - On Monday, Guatemalan migration authorities said that more than 1,500, including 208 children, have since returned to Honduras
    - Some 800 people were stuck in a neighboring town to Vado Hondo
- On Sunday, the Honduran government asked Guatemala "to investigate and clarify the actions carried out by the Guatemalan security forces" EFE < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2FCaution-www.efe.com%2Fefe%2Famerica%2Fsociedad%2Fhonduras-exhorta-a-guatemala-investigar-represion-contra-migrantes%2F20000013-4442535&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151816823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=yHy1x1IKeXM%2FfT1FvAVrgOwWXyXC3dp4iEn4ocxZGgA%3D&reserved=0 > (Translated by Google) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftranslate.google.com%2Ftranslate%3Fhl%3D%26sl%3Des%26tl%3Den%26u%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252FCaution-

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- A motorist ran over two Honduran migrants in Usumatlan, Guatemala; all three were taken to the Regional Hospital of Zacapa Explica < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2FCaution-www.explica.co%2Ftwo-hondurans-and-two-guatemalans-are-injured-in-accidents-related-to-the-migrant-caravan%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151826820%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=M1BuQLynv3pwCyZsDuz2oWuCsLUiCRcXYPzHaMm0BUk%3D&reserved=0 > (Translated by Google) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftranslate.google.com%2Ftranslate%3Fsl%3Des%26tl%3Den%26u%3Dhttps%3A%2F%2FCaution-www.explica.co%2Ftwo-hondurans-and-two-guatemalans-are-injured-in-accidents-related-to-the-migrant-caravan%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151836814%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iZlw5aY4swScLXYQUyTZIMr1VErr3aZxXSgwF6bZ4bI%3D&reserved=0 >
- Separately, a journalist covering the progress of the migrants was run over by a vehicle and taken to the same hospital

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Other Significant Events

NOC 0378-20-2: Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC

- A Pennsylvania woman accused of being one of the Capitol rioters told a former "romantic partner" she planned to steal a laptop computer from a member of Congress' office and sell it to Russian intelligence, court documents revealed MondayNBC News < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5w2uxs3&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151846806%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vwZpaMqbXqQ96ej4EXLEhrzelWkNif6qFmZv%2Ft0YX84%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The former partner called the FBI and told them she "intended to send the computer device to a friend in Russia, who then planned to sell the device to SVR, Russia's foreign intelligence service"
  - An FBI special agent says the device and circumstances of what the woman was doing with it remain under investigation
- A Silver Spring, Maryland, man, who prosecutors say is a professed white supremacist, was arrested on Sunday for his alleged connection with the U.S. Capitol security incident, media reported MondayDCist < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4ltmju7&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151846806%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs

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- He admitted to being a member of several white supremacy groups, and has "voiced homicidal ideations, made comments about conducting a school shooting and has researched mass shootings" and has also "made increased verbalizations about his desire to be a 'lone wolf killer'"

- A Wiley, Texas, man was arrested in connection with the security incident at the U.S. Capitol on charges of obstruction and knowingly entering a restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, media reported MondayWFAA < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3u2uka5&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151856799%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=x4bAy6%2FtD1gqNHI0cA%2BBo6qOrt3wUCHwESwTLi1TtA0%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Authorities believe the man is a member of "a militia extremist group" and allege he threatened members of his family following the attack
- *A New Mexico county commissioner was charged Sunday in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia for breaching the U.S. Capitol grounds on January 6, the U.S. Department of Justice reported (Social Media)Twitter [FBI] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy64bgkwb&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151856799%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=O%2BX1xHSy8XJPPP8Z7fGGsh5sKXF2S3PJsTVGuTogLW8%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - *Law enforcement received a tip that the man was present at the U.S. Capitol on January 6 and had posted videos to his Facebook page indicating that he intended to return to Washington, D.C., on January 20 and "plant our flag" on a member of Congress' desk (Social Media)*
- *A Kentucky man was arrested Saturday in Louisville on multiple charges related to the storming of the U.S. Capitol, federal authorities said (Social Media) Twitter [WKRN] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6o4y46n&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151866800%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5wk5%2FCiqMlBil6jcLwM24%2BxTtlexPqVi00EgDoOMVPg%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - *He was charged with assault on a federal officer, certain acts during a civil disorder, destruction of government property over $1,000, obstruction of justice, unlawful entry on restricted building or grounds, violent entry, and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds (Social Media)*
- An Indiana man was arrested on Sunday in connection with the U.S. Capitol riot earlier this month, according to the FBI Fox News < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5euzr7v&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151866800%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7FzU5C9FhBtx51NcXbw7T%2BDCzlmibLZ%2BVjHQbG3XImo%3D&reserved=0 >
  - He faces six charges, including engaging in an act of physical violence in a Capitol building, according to the FBI Indianapolis Field Office
  - "[PII removed] was allegedly among rioters who sprayed U.S. Capitol police with 'bear spray,'" the FBI said
- Two New York men were arrested Saturday night by FBI agents, media reported SundayWABC (AP) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4fkpu24&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c

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- One is charged with entering a restricted building without lawful authority and disrupting government business and the other is charged with assaulting an officer, civil disorder, and other crimes

- The FBI arrested an Iowa man on Monday for his alleged connection with the security incident at the U.S. CapitolWUSA < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4nevuuw&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151886785%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=O5MlJEnyUaPu4nwfYjBrOzZUew5UnoAdtjRSUNK8aBA%3D&reserved=0 >
    - He is charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and violent entry with intent to disrupt the orderly conduct of official business and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds

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Global Terrorism

Afghanistan*(Social Media)*

- *The U.S. Embassy in Kabul said terrorist and criminal incidents in the city are likely to escalate and urged all U.S. citizens to refrain from traveling to Afghanistan, media reported Monday Twitter [khaama] < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2h8e74g&data=04%7C01%7Cmfarrukh%40techopsolutions.net%7C35ecf99579634268069208d8bc521c6d%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637466408151886785%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=MOl32j5Z%2BvB6ZlaUInl90ga0uypjmVdzCtDxe1zP69g%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *The embassy also stated that American citizens in Afghanistan should leave the country immediately*
    - *Terrorist attacks, kidnappings, criminal offenses, and other similar incidents have increased across Afghanistan in recent weeks, according to the U.S embassy's security alert*
    - *The embassy indicated that "Hotels, residential compounds, international organizations, embassies, and other locations frequented by foreign nationals, including U.S. citizens, are known to be under enduring threat"*

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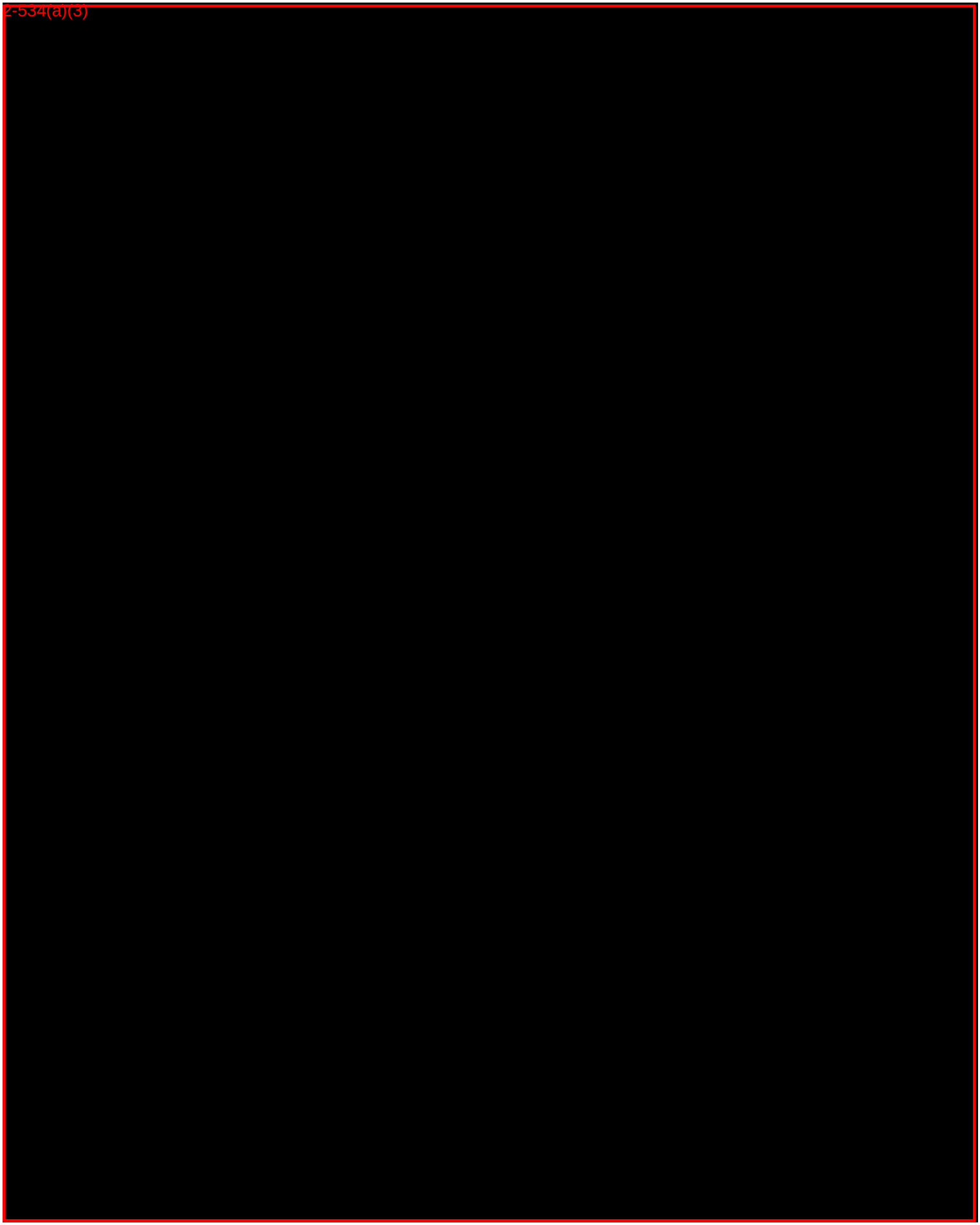

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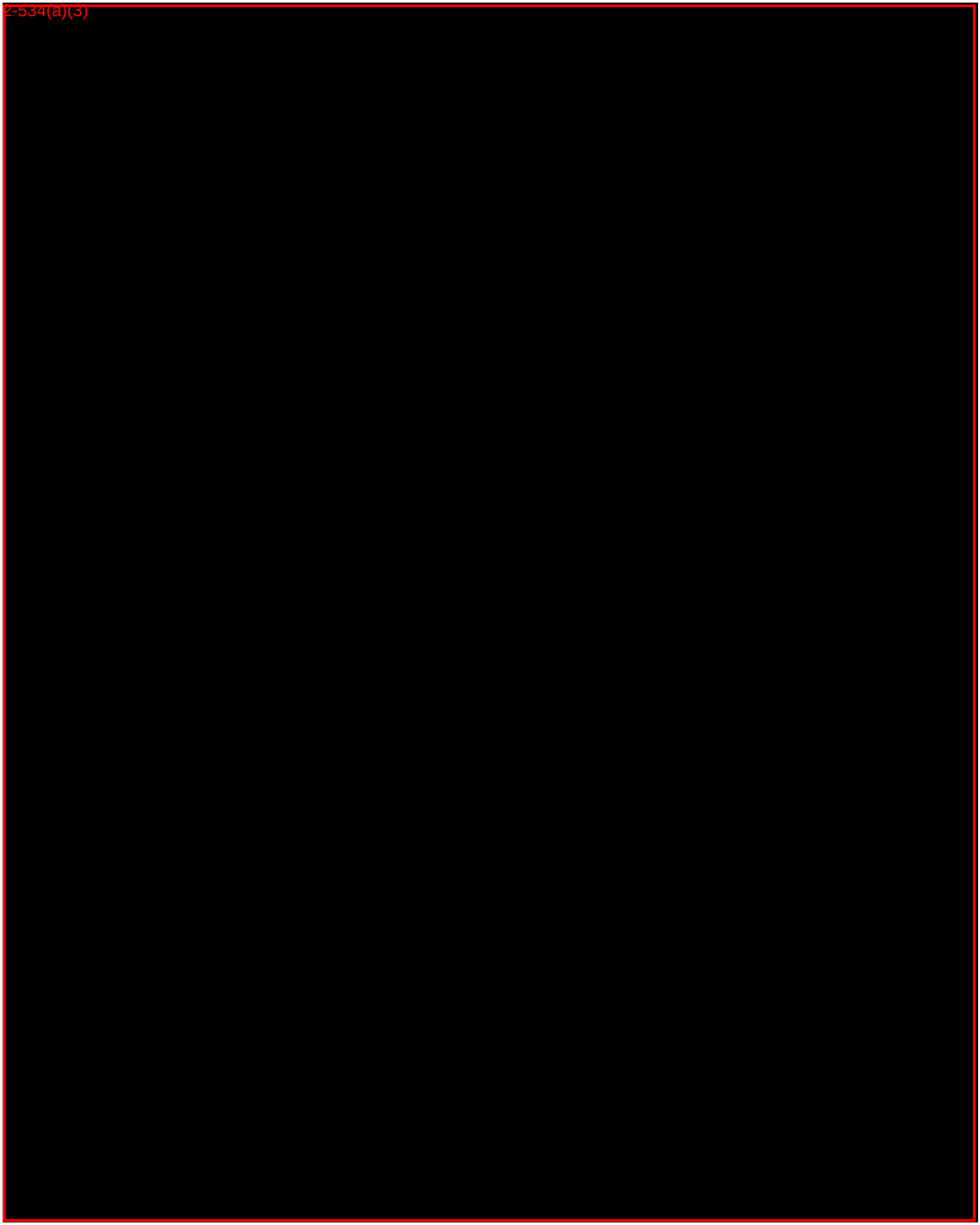

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NEWS

La Vergne K9 officer dies after being shot in deadly shootout

A K9 officer is fighting to survive after being shot multiple times inside a patrol car Tuesday afternoon.

By: Kyle Horan

Posted at 6:03 PM, Nov 18, 2020 and last updated 9:42 PM, Nov 18, 2020

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WTVF) — A La Vergne K9 officer died one day after being shot multiple times inside a patrol car during a shootout Tuesday afternoon.

dog. We ask everyone to keep Officer Darby, his family, and all of the La Vergne officers in your thoughts and prayers as we deal with this loss."

K9 Officer Sjaak was inside a patrol car with his handler, Officer Justin Darby, when officials say 39-year-old Javon Brice pulled up beside them and opened fire into the car. Officer Darby was not hit, but Sjaak was shot three times.

According to the TBI, police began to chase Brice to a housing complex, where a shootout began. Brice was shot and killed.

Sjaak was taken to a veterinary hospital and doctors where he fought to survive.

"When I arrived at the veterinarian this morning, his handler had just arrived there and he is doing well. As much as he can be. Of course, these two, they've spent a lot of time together," said La Vergne Interim Chief Chip Davis.

Sjaak became a part of the La Vergne Police Department in 2014. He chose Officer Darby as his handler.

"In the beginning, we let the dog choose the handlers. So, we send the office to K9 school and we let the dog actually choose them. Then they spend six weeks living together. Then they're partnered from that point on," said Davis.

Sjaak underwent surgery Wednesday but did not survive the procedure.

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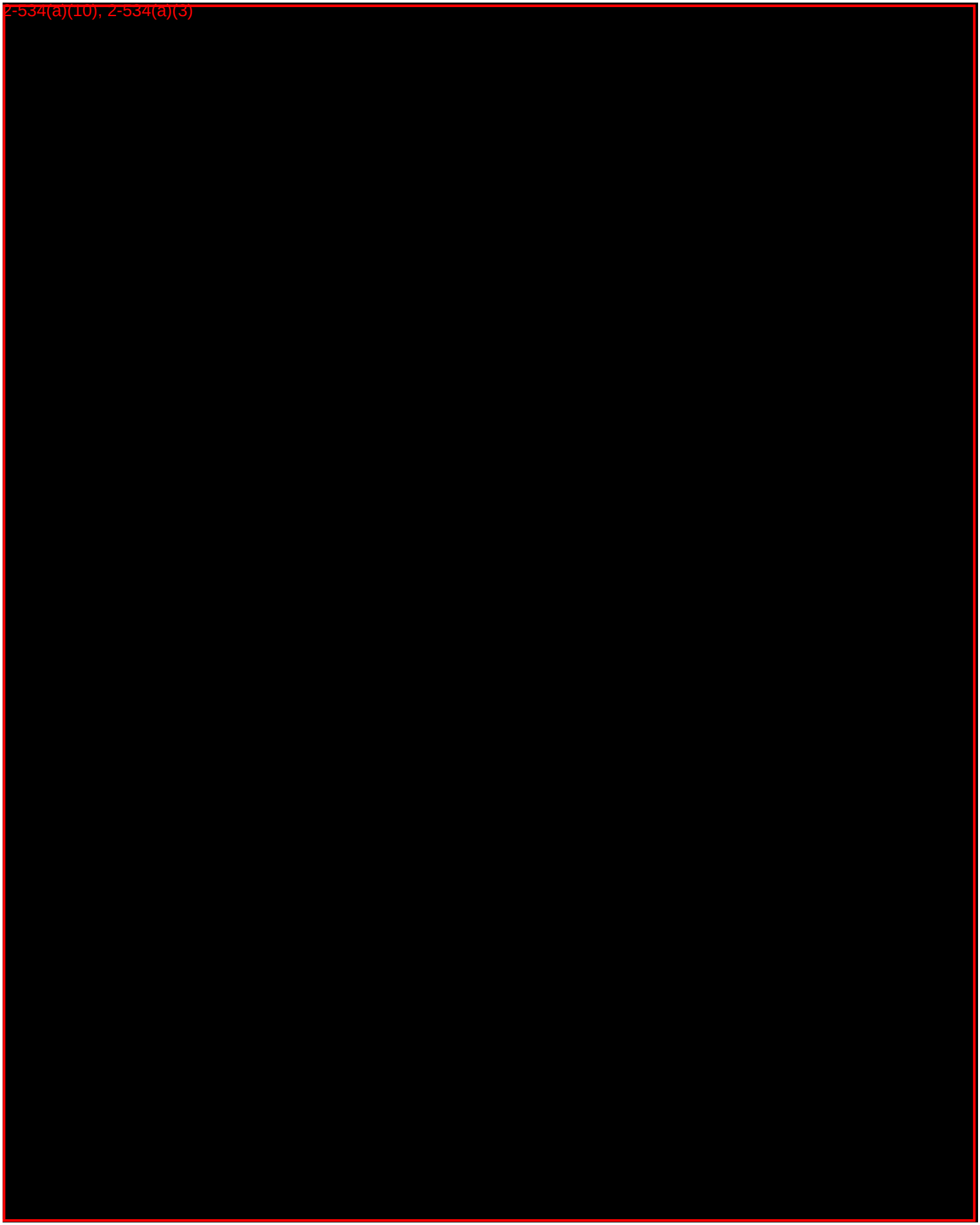

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Ohio police officer fatally shot in standoff with arson suspect

Chief George Kral identified the officer as 24-year-old Brandon Stalker.

By **Sam Dorman** | **Fox News**

Biden vows to crack down on police departments accused of 'systemic misconduct'

An Ohio police officer has died after a shooting standoff with a suspect, the Toledo Police Department said Monday.

Chief George Kral identified the officer as 24-year-old Brandon Stalker. According to Kral, Stalker was hit once by the suspect, who brandished two firearms while leaving a house which he entered after an exchange with police.

"This is a very dark and horrific day for the city of Toledo," Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz said at the press conference.

At around 3:53 p.m. ET, officers noticed the suspect, wanted in an earlier vandalization and arson at a city cathedral, having a cigarette on Fulton Street.

According to abc13, the historic Rosary Cathedral was vandalized with graffiti that read "Jesus is Black" and "Black Jesus." The damage was reportedly estimated to cost $5,100. Kral said police had warrants out for the suspect.

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After Stalker and at least one other officer approached the suspect, he brandished a firearm and entered a home.

Police set up a perimeter and called in negotiators and swat teams.

Sam Dorman is a reporter with Fox News. Follow him on Twitter @DormanInDC or at facebook.com/SamDormanFoxNews

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4,000 cops talk reform, recruitment & more in P1's State of the Industry survey

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- San Francisco transit cop tries to help homeless, mentally ill, drug addicts – Yesterday at 2:25 PM

  BART Senior Officer Eric Hofstein has spent years patrolling downtown stations, trying to assist people in crisis

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- Tribal police officer dies of medical emergency while responding to call – Yesterday at 1:37 PM

  Officer Jay Hughes was remembered as a kind soul with a good sense of humor

- Ammo review: Federal's .380 ACP and .38 Special Hydra-Shok Deep – Yesterday at 1:25 PM

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- Bill introduced to award Capitol officer Congressional Gold Medal – Yesterday at 1:17 PM

  Officer Eugene Goodman has so far been quiet on the matter

- Police chief releases statement on Va. cops charged in Capitol siege – Yesterday at 1:14 PM

  Two Rocky Mount police officers face charges stemming from their presence inside the Capitol building on Jan. 6

- FN America announces FN 509 Compact model – Yesterday at 11:13 AM

  The 9mm pistol is designed with concealed carry users in mind

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  Police bodycam video shows Tarrytown first responders jumping into the Hudson River

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  Small groups, some armed, gathered at state capitols on Sunday but remained peaceful

- FBI vetting Guard troops in DC amid fears of insider attack – Yesterday at 8:34 AM

  Officials say the vetting hasn't flagged any issues or evidence of threats so far

- Ban on tear gas, neck restraints, unleashed K-9s among changes proposed in Wash. reform bill – Jan 17, 2021

  Language in the bill creates "unacceptable consequences" and puts the public and officers in "unnecessary danger," said one LE official

- Man arrested with invalid credentials, handgun, ammo at DC checkpoint – Jan 17, 2021

  The man was arrested for possession of an unregistered firearm and possession of unregistered ammunition

- Atlanta sees deadliest year in decades – Jan 17, 2021

  Atlanta Police investigated 157 homicides in 2020, up from 99 in 2019

- Police, National Guard scramble to secure DC, state capitols – Jan 17, 2021

  Airlines have tracked a recent increase in passengers checking firearms to D.C. as National Guard troops descend on the city

- Prioritizing your personnel in 2021 – Jan 17, 2021

  LE leaders share advice and top tips for improving officer wellness, safety and morale in 2021

- Digital Edition: What cops want in 2021 – Jan 16, 2021

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- Converting officers with 5-10 years of experience into career employees – Jan 16, 2021

  Let's decode the data from Police1's State of the Industry survey to address this critical issue

- NYPD outlines plan to keep city safe in wake of Capitol siege – Jan 16, 2021

  There haven't been any specific threats, but NYPD officials say security will be heightened as a precautionary measure

- Feds make drug bust right out of 'Miami Vice' – Jan 16, 2021

  Authorities found 294 bricks of cocaine during a routine baggage inspection

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Subject: OPS Inauguration Daily SitRep, 18 January 2021

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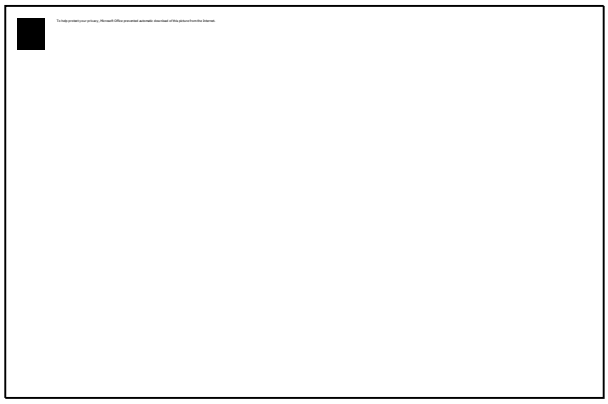

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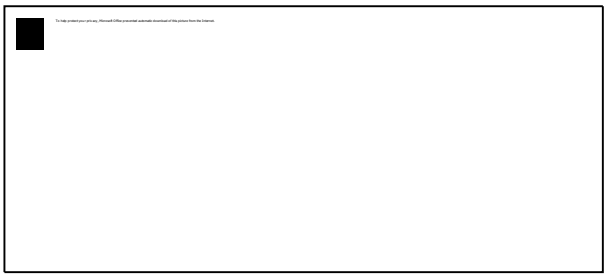

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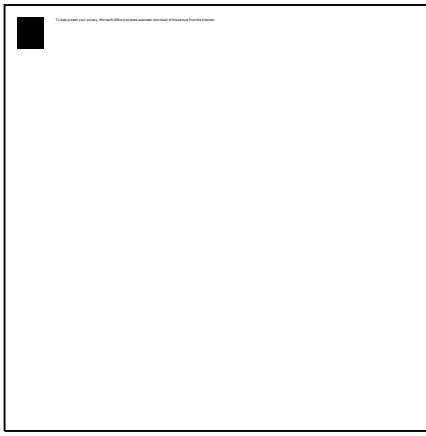

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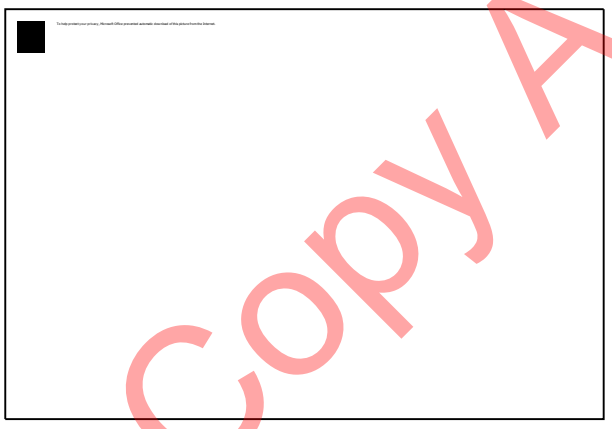

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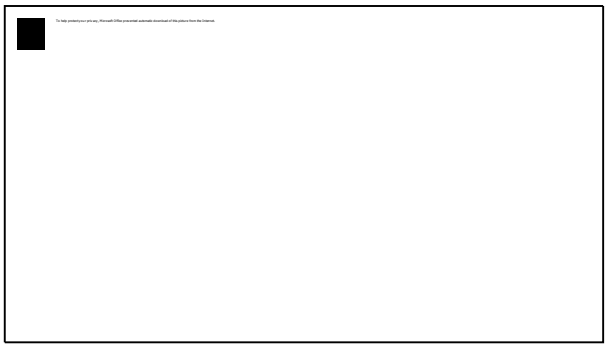

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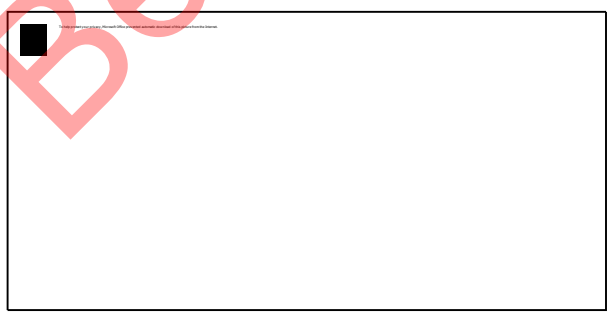

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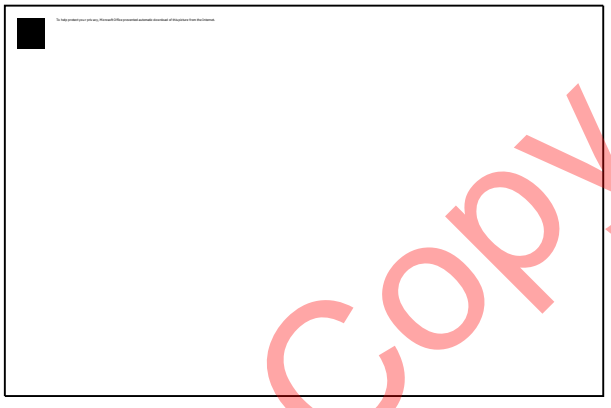

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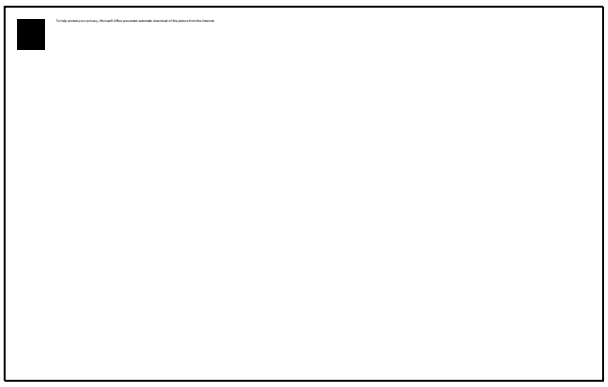

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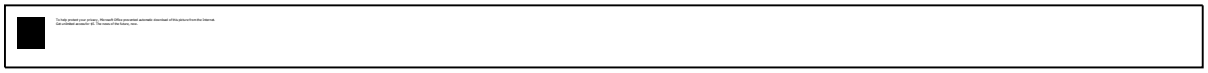

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A similar system has been used by the police department of Hyogo Prefecture since October.
Under the new system, police officers receiving reports of incidents in the command rooms will ask callers for video of the incidents if deemed necessary. If this is accepted, police will send a URL link for a special website to the callers' smartphones and ask them to take video from a safe location, the sources said.
When the URL link is opened, the callers' smartphone cameras will automatically turn on, and videos taken on the phones will be sent to the command rooms. Officers in the command rooms will then give information obtained from the videos to officers dispatched to the sites.
The NPA will also consider whether to introduce a system for forwarding such videos to dispatched officers' devices, according to the sources.
The agency does not plan to request such video in emergency calls seeking rescue, the sources said.
As the videos may include private information of people, such as those wounded in incidents, the agency wants to "operate the system in a way that does not result in invasion of privacy" in matters such as the storage of the videos, an NPA official said.
The NPA launched a website in August for receiving images and videos of damage from natural disasters, such as typhoons and earthquakes, so that the extent of damage to roads, buildings and other properties and infrastructure can be checked.
Fire departments around the country are also introducing video transmission systems for calls to the emergency number 119 for fires and accidents.
The Tokyo Fire Department launched such a system in the capital's 23 special wards on a trial basis in September, instructing callers on how to give, for example, cardiopulmonary resuscitation to people affected by the incidents based on the videos.
Some fire departments in Aichi and Hyogo prefectures have fully introduced such systems.
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Explore what COVID vaccines might mean for transmission:

COVID-19 coronavirus update
Will vaccines stop transmission?

LPG / TAKE AWAY >>> Scientists don't yet know whether vaccinated people can spread COVID-19.

Although vaccines have been proven to protect recipients from getting ill, research has yet to determine whether they prevent the virus from replicating altogether.

Vaccines are known to prompt the body to make the IgG antibodies inside our bodies. But whether they also trigger IgA antibodies, which exist in the outward-facing mucosal surfaces such as the nose and throat (OUTSIDE BODY) -- is not known, and these could be more important in preventing transmission.

For now, the takeaway message is that vaccinated people should stay vigilant about protecting others.

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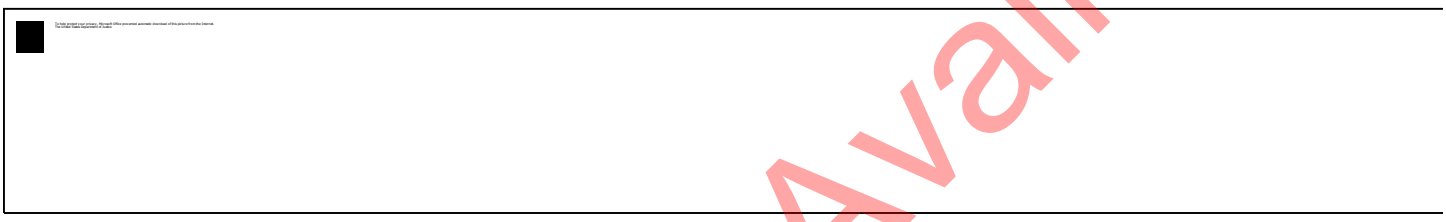

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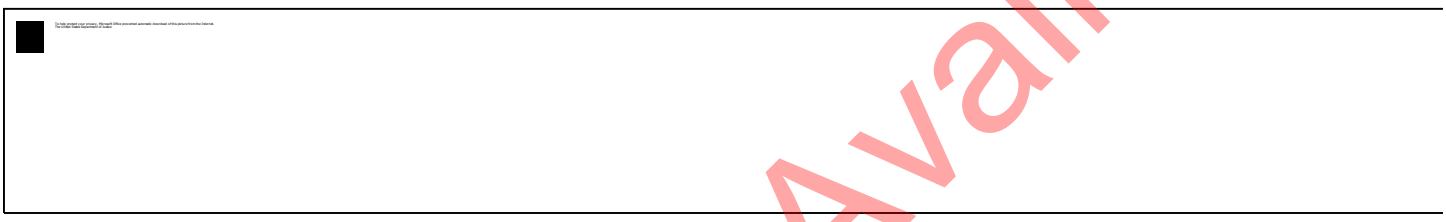

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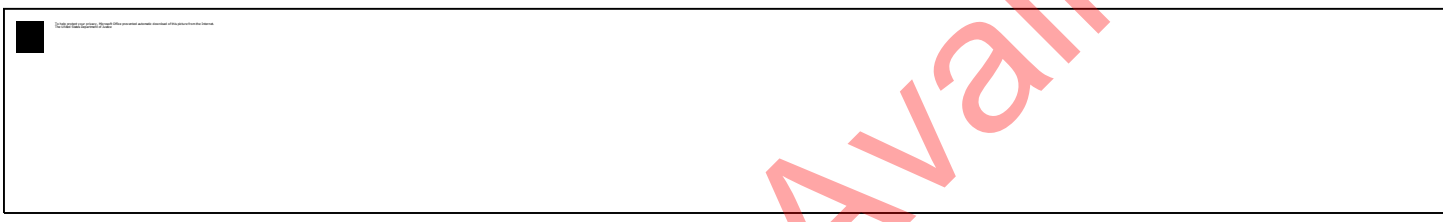

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Today's Top 5

1. Norquist to serve as acting defense secretary; acting service secretaries named
Defense News
David Norquist will serve as acting secretary of defense for the start of the Biden administration, Defense News has learned.
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2. In waning days, Trump shakes up CENTCOM to increase Arab-Israeli efforts against Iran
Military Times

With just days left in his presidency and in a bid to solidify Arab-Israeli efforts against Iran before Joe Biden takes office, Donald Trump has shaken up the headquarters overseeing U.S. military operations in the Middle East and Southwest Asia.
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3. Long-withheld Pentagon survey shows widespread racial discrimination, harassment
Reuters
Nearly a third of Black U.S. military servicemembers reported experiencing racial discrimination, harassment or both during a 12-month period, according to results of a long-withheld Defense Department survey that underscore concerns about racism in the ranks.
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4. Fearing specter of extremist violence, governors plan for National Guard at home
Washington Post
Governors in multiple states moved Thursday to activate National Guardsmen to bolster security in their own jurisdictions through Inauguration Day, adding new wrinkles to a sprawling nationwide security plan spawned by the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol by pro-Trump supporters.
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5. Army Guardsman, first known service member, arrested after Capitol riot
Army Times
Two off-duty Virginia police officers who've served in the Army — including one who is still in the National Guard — and a former active duty airman have been arrested in connection with the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol.
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Overseas Operations

Iran tests missiles under apparent watch of US Navy nuclear sub
The Associated Press
Iran fired cruise missiles Thursday as part of a naval drill in the Gulf of Oman, state media reported, under surveillance of what appeared to be a U.S. nuclear submarine dispatched to the region amid heightened tensions between the countries.
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Army's command team in Europe receives coronavirus vaccine
Stars & Stripes
Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert V. Abernethy, the command team of U.S. Army Europe and Africa, received the Moderna vaccine Thursday at the Wiesbaden Army Health Clinic in Germany.
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Two German lawmakers urge greater control of criminal cases involving US troops
Stars & Stripes
Two German lawmakers are calling for changes in an international treaty that leaves most criminal cases involving U.S. troops in the hands of the military justice system, saying local authorities should have more say in such matters.
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New coronavirus infections hover above 1,500 in Tokyo; US military in Japan reports 13 cases
Stars & Stripes
Japan’s capital city counted more than 1,400 new coronavirus cases for a second consecutive day, while the U.S. military listed 13 across the country as of 6 p.m. Thursday.
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Report adds further evidence Iran's Soleimani was killed by new highly precise missile
The Drive
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Pentagon

The military knows it has a problem with domestic extremists, white supremacists
Military Times
In the wake of reports that current and former service members are under investigation for their participation in the Jan. 6 protest and subsequent attack on the Capitol, the Pentagon is making an effort to reinforce its policies on extremism.
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Can the Pentagon prosecute military retirees under the UCMJ? Maybe — it depends.
Military Times
Recent reports of current service members, veterans and some military retirees participating in the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 have prompted calls for investigations into those connections and using the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prosecute the offenders.
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Acting defense secretary ordered review of Pentagon’s extremism policies
Stars & Stripes
Acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller quietly ordered a review last month of the Pentagon’s policies on extremist activities among service members, a senior defense official said Thursday, acknowledging the growing concern of troops harboring extreme views.
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DoD 'no place' for those espousing extremist views, officials say
UPI

Pentagon officials said Thursday that the Defense Department has "no place" for those espousing extremist views, and is doing everything it can to eliminate extremism in the department.
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Congress & Politics

US military has 'failed' to counter white nationalism in its ranks, lawmakers say
Business Insider
Democratic lawmakers are urging the Defense Department to "immediately" investigate extremist activity within the US military and implement a plan to prevent the ideology from further spreading within its ranks,
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GOP lawmaker and Army veteran who voted for Trump's impeachment says he's buying body armor over death threats
Business Insider
Republican Rep. Peter Meijer of Michigan, an Army veteran, on Thursday said that he and fellow lawmakers are taking precautions such as purchasing body armor in the wake of President Donald Trump's second impeachment over the Capitol siege.
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Lawmakers ask Army to send cots for National Guard in US Capitol
Military.com
If images of sleeping National Guard members wedged between statues and using marble stairs as pillows have tugged at your heartstrings, you're not alone.
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We salute these military veterans who stood up to rioters on Capitol Hill
Task & Purpose
When rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol Building on Jan. 6 after a post-election rally to support President Donald Trump devolved into a riot, the news cycle was flooded with photos and footage most viewers never expected to see.
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National Security

FBI tracking ‘extensive’ online chatter about armed protests
The Associated Press
The FBI is tracking an “extensive amount of concerning online chatter,” including calls for armed protests leading up to next week’s presidential inauguration, Director Chris Wray said Thursday.
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National Guard on lookout for IEDs with culprit behind RNC, DNC bombs still on the loose
Fox News
Wednesday's security briefing prep is the same one that troops receive before being deployed for Baghdad or Kabul
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Navy SEAL pleads guilty in 2017 strangulation death of Green Beret
Army Times
A Navy SEAL charged in the strangulation death of an Army Green Beret staff sergeant in 2017 pleaded guilty to reduced charges today.
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Man gets life prison sentence for killing newly commissioned 2nd lieutenant
The Associated Press
A white man who stabbed a Black college student to death at a bus stop on the University of Maryland’s flagship College Park campus was sentenced Thursday to life in prison for what prosecutors claimed was a racially motivated hate crime.
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Army to conduct extra background screening on soldiers at Biden inauguration
Task & Purpose
Some troops assisting with security at next week’s inauguration for President-elect Joe Biden will undergo additional background screening and be trained on reporting suspected extremist behavior, according to Army officials.
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Army offering $25,000 reward for information on ‘senseless murder’ of drill sergeant
Task & Purpose
The Army is offering up to $25,000 for information leading to the arrest or conviction of the person responsible for the murder of an Army drill sergeant on New Year’s Day.
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Fort Benning hunkers down in hopes of avoiding post-holiday COVID-19 surge
Task & Purpose
Soldiers at Fort Benning are nearing the end of a two-week lockdown put in place in hopes to get ahead of a potential post-holiday surge of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
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Woman found dead at Hawaii base was Army veteran; soldier taken into custody
Stars & Stripes
A soldier has been placed in pre-trial confinement in connection with a homicide investigation into the death of a 25-year-old wife of a soldier Wednesday at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, the Army said Thursday.
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Green Beret earns Soldier’s Medal for aiding retired Army Ranger
Stars & Stripes
An Army physician assistant earned the Soldier’s Medal for his bravery and decisiveness when he strapped a makeshift tourniquet on his own mangled arm and treated his badly wounded mentor after motorcyclists slammed into them at high speed.
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Navy

Hypersonics, unmanned ship teaming ahead for Zumwalt destroyer
Breaking Defense
The Navy plans to install hypersonic missiles on its troublesome Zumwalt destroyers, after Congress gave them the green light to start studying the move in the 2021 budget.
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Wolfe: Navy plans to start development of nuclear sea-launched cruise missile in 2022
Seapower
The Navy plans to wrap up an analysis of alternatives (AoA) for a ship-launched nuclear-armed cruise missile in 2021 and begin development of the missile in 2022, said the admiral in charge of strategic weapons.
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Naval Academy begins vaccinating faculty, staff
Capital Gazette
The Naval Academy started vaccinating staff and faculty against the coronavirus on Thursday, the academy announced.
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Air Force

Gen. Brown, Chief Bass receive COVID vaccines; urge airmen to do the same
Air Force Times
Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles “CQ” Brown and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force JoAnne Bass on Tuesday received their vaccinations against COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.
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Air Force veteran aimed ‘to take hostages’ during US Capitol riot, prosecutor says
The Associated Press
A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol last week carried plastic zip-tie handcuffs because he intended “to take hostages,” a prosecutor said in a Texas court on Thursday.
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Roper hints NGAD could replace F-35; Why? Life-cycle costs
Breaking Defense
The F-35 fighter jet’s exorbitant life-cycle costs means the Air Force cannot afford to buy as many aircraft as it needs to fight and win a war today, which makes the Next-Generation Air Dominance (NGAD) program all the more important, says outgoing Air Force acquisition czar Will Roper.

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Roper makes his pitch to Biden team: 'I want to be part of the China fight'
Defense One
The Air Force acquisition chief says he keeps politics out of his work at the Pentagon — and that the U.S. will lose against China without agility.
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Former Air Force chief Goldfein joins Blackstone
Defense One
The retired general picked the investment firm over opportunities at defense companies.
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Air Force planning hangar construction for future B-21 stealth bombers
Military.com
The U.S. Air Force held a virtual B-21 Long Range Strike Bomber industry day this week to discuss construction projects to house the new stealth bomber, known as the Raider, according to a release.
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Air Force comptroller to step in as acting secretary after inauguration
Air Force Magazine
Air Force comptroller John P. Roth will temporarily take over as acting Air Force secretary before President-elect Joseph R. Biden names his pick to run the department, among a slew of other fiscal officials who will oversee their respective services.
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Marine Corps

Oldest living Marine, who joined after Pearl Harbor attack, dies at age 107

War Is Boring
Dorothy “Dot” Cole, who enlisted as one of the earliest female Marine reservists in response to the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor and was widely celebrated around her birthday in September as the country’s oldest living Marine, died of a heart attack last Thursday at her daughter’s home in Kannapolis. She was 107.
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Space Force

Space Force joins the intelligence community
C4ISRNET
The intelligence arm of the Space Force is an official part of the U.S. intelligence community.
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National Guard

Up to 21,000 National Guard troops now authorized in DC for Biden inauguration
Military Times
Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy has now authorized up to 21,000 National Guard troops from around the country to assist law enforcement with security surrounding the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, according to the National Guard Bureau. That’s an increase of 1,000 from the up to 20,000 previously authorized.
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A fake National Guard memo warning of nationwide lockdown is circulating again
Military.com
Some scams just won't go away, such as the fake memo, sporting a National Guard logo, warning that troops are being mobilized to enforce a nationwide quarantine.
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Veterans

Tens of thousands of veteran caregivers now eligible for the coronavirus vaccine through VA
Military Times
Tens of thousands of caregivers providing critical medical support to disabled veterans will be eligible to receive coronavirus vaccine doses soon under a new policy announced by the Department of Veterans Affairs this week.
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Army to review more than 3,500 'bad paper' discharges for post-9/11 vets
Military.com
The U.S. Army plans to review all other-than-honorable discharges given between April 17, 2011, and Nov. 17, 2020, to soldiers who were diagnosed or had symptoms of a mental health condition or brain injury.
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Gulf War vet reflects on 30th anniversary of conflict through his photography
Stars & Stripes
Three decades ago, Kirby Lee Vaughn prepared to cross into Iraq as part of Operation Desert Storm.
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Pay & Benefits

Jill Biden names director for military families program Joining Forces
The Associated Press
Days before Joe Biden becomes president, incoming first lady Jill Biden took a step Thursday toward fulfilling a promise to revive a program for military families that she and former first lady Michelle Obama once led.
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Podcasts

Defense & Aerospace Daily Podcast [Jan 14, 21] Lockheed Martin’s Rambeau on Aegis, HELIOS, unmanned & more
Defense & Aerospace Report
Jon Rambeau, the new vice president and general manager of Lockheed Martin’s Integrated Warfare Systems and Sensors unit, discusses the outlook for the company’s Aegis combat system, SPY-7 radar, HELIOS laser weapon, unmanned systems and cyber role, and growth strategy.
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Defense Industry

Indian government clears $6.5 billion deal for homemade Tejas fighter jets
Defense News
India on Wednesday cleared the country’s largest-ever indigenous defense deal worth $6.5 billion for the purchase of 83 LCA MK1A Tejas light combat aircraft.

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L3Harris to build prototype satellite capable of tracking hypersonic weapons
C4ISRNET
The Missile Defense Agency awarded L3Harris Technologies a $121 million contract to build a prototype satellite capable of tracking hypersonic weapons, the agency announced Jan. 14.
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Thales UK secures Indian partner for selling its Starstreak air-defense missile
Defense News
The Northern Ireland arm of Thales UK has struck a partnering arrangement with Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) as part of its effort to secure a deal with the Indian military to purchase the British-developed Starstreak man-portable, air-defense system.
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UK grows national F-35 support with LANCE contract
IHS Jane’s 360
The United Kingdom is growing the level of organic sustainment and support it is able to provide for its fleet of Lockheed Martin F-35B Lightning combat aircraft.
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US Air Force downselects Northrop Grumman for F-16 electronic warfare suite
IHS Jane’s 360
The US Air Force (USAF) has downselected Northrop Grumman as the sole contractor to complete final project efforts to provide the electronic warfare (EW) suite for the service’s Lockheed Martin F-16 Fighting Falcon fleet.
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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Pentagon testing office finds problems — again — with network security system
C4ISRNET
For the fourth year in a row, the Pentagon's chief weapons tester recommended Thursday that components stop migrating to a fraught network security system until the department proves that the system can effectively help defend against cyberattacks.
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JADC2 may be built to fight the wrong war
Breaking Defense
Although it is one of the U.S. military's highest priorities, service and industry leaders remain confused about Joint All-Domain Command and Control, variously describing it as a communication architecture, a data-sharing approach, an operational concept, or a decision-making tool.
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International

NATO leader calls for justice over US Capitol mob siege
The Associated Press
The head of NATO said Thursday that all those responsible for last week's deadly siege at the U.S. Capitol should be held accountable, and he expressed confidence that American institutions are up to the job.
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Romanian government approves Naval Strike Missile buy
Defense News
The Romanian government has approved and sent to the parliament a draft bill that will allow the country to buy Naval Strike Missile coastal defense systems through a foreign military sales (FMS) procedure.
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Commentary & Analysis

Trump's behavior demonstrates that Biden must change US nuclear policy
Defense News
President Donald Trump's role in inciting the shocking events at the Capitol on Jan. 6 and concerns about his state of mind highlight the grave risks posed by the policy that gives presidents the sole authority to order the use of nuclear weapons — without the need for consultation or agreement by anyone.
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Pentagon won't throw traditional farewell ceremony for Trump
Defense One
It's a shame, and a missed opportunity — not despite recent events but because of them.
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SR-71 Blackbird: Why the fastest plane ever was grounded
19FortyFive
No other U.S. Air Force aircraft could fly faster or higher than the Lockheed SR-71 "Blackbird," and on its final flight, it set a truly impressive record.
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From Trump to Biden: The way forward for US national security
Foundation for Defense of Democracies
America must learn from these last four years.
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The six blind men and the elephant: Differing views on the US defense budget
War On The Rocks
In the Indian parable of "The Blind Men and the Elephant," six blind men come across an elephant by the side of the road.
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Why overseas military bases continue to make sense for the United States
War On The Rocks
Every president in the post-Cold War period has sought to close U.S. military bases overseas, particularly in Europe.
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The Pentagon must learn to do more with less
Bloomberg
The U.S. military is stronger than it was four years ago, but the country's defense programs still need a lot of work.
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Overseas Operations

Iran tests missiles under apparent watch of US Navy nuclear sub
The Associated Press
Iran fired cruise missiles Thursday as part of a naval drill in the Gulf of Oman, state media reported, under surveillance of what appeared to be a U.S. nuclear submarine dispatched to the region amid heightened tensions between the countries.
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Army's command team in Europe receives coronavirus vaccine
Stars & Stripes
Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert V. Abernethy, the command team of U.S. Army Europe and Africa, received the Moderna vaccine Thursday at the Wiesbaden Army Health Clinic in Germany.
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Two German lawmakers urge greater control of criminal cases involving US troops
Stars & Stripes
Two German lawmakers are calling for changes in an international treaty that leaves most criminal cases involving U.S. troops in the hands of the military justice system, saying local authorities should have more say in such matters.
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New coronavirus infections hover above 1,500 in Tokyo; US military in Japan reports 13 cases
Stars & Stripes
Japan's capital city counted more than 1,400 new coronavirus cases for a second consecutive day, while the U.S. military listed 13 across the country as of 6 p.m. Thursday.
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Report adds further evidence Iran's Soleimani was killed by new highly precise missile
The Drive
Fragments reportedly from the scene of the strike that killed Soleimani also match official renderings of the stenciling applied to the unique weapon.
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Pentagon

The military knows it has a problem with domestic extremists, white supremacists
Military Times
In the wake of reports that current and former service members are under investigation for their participation in the Jan. 6 protest and subsequent attack on the Capitol, the Pentagon is making an effort to reinforce its policies on extremism.
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Can the Pentagon prosecute military retirees under the UCMJ? Maybe — it depends.
Military Times
Recent reports of current service members, veterans and some military retirees participating in the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 have prompted calls for investigations into those connections and using the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prosecute the offenders.

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Acting defense secretary ordered review of Pentagon’s extremism policies
Stars & Stripes
Acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller quietly ordered a review last month of the Pentagon’s policies on extremist activities among service members, a senior defense official said Thursday, acknowledging the growing concern of troops harboring extreme views.
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DoD 'no place' for those espousing extremist views, officials say
UPI
Pentagon officials said Thursday that the Defense Department has "no place" for those espousing extremist views, and is doing everything it can to eliminate extremism in the department.
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Congress & Politics

US military has 'failed' to counter white nationalism in its ranks, lawmakers say
Business Insider
Democratic lawmakers are urging the Defense Department to "immediately" investigate extremist activity within the US military and implement a plan to prevent the ideology from further spreading within its ranks,
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GOP lawmaker and Army veteran who voted for Trump's impeachment says he's buying body armor over death threats
Business Insider
Republican Rep. Peter Meijer of Michigan, an Army veteran, on Thursday said that he and fellow lawmakers are taking precautions such as purchasing body armor in the wake of President Donald Trump's second impeachment over the Capitol siege.
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Lawmakers ask Army to send cots for National Guard in US Capitol
Military.com
If images of sleeping National Guard members wedged between statues and using marble stairs as pillows have tugged at your heartstrings, you're not alone.
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We salute these military veterans who stood up to rioters on Capitol Hill
Task & Purpose
When rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol Building on Jan. 6 after a post-election rally to support President Donald Trump devolved into a riot, the news cycle was flooded with photos and footage most viewers never expected to see.
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National Security

FBI tracking ‘extensive’ online chatter about armed protests
The Associated Press
The FBI is tracking an “extensive amount of concerning online chatter,” including calls for armed protests leading up to next week’s presidential inauguration, Director Chris Wray said Thursday.
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National Guard on lookout for IEDs with culprit behind RNC, DNC bombs still on the loose
Fox News
Wednesday's security briefing prep is the same one that troops receive before being deployed for Baghdad or Kabul
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Army

Navy SEAL pleads guilty in 2017 strangulation death of Green Beret
Army Times
A Navy SEAL charged in the strangulation death of an Army Green Beret staff sergeant in 2017 pleaded guilty to reduced charges today.

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Man gets life prison sentence for killing newly commissioned 2nd lieutenant
The Associated Press
A white man who stabbed a Black college student to death at a bus stop on the University of Maryland's flagship College Park campus was sentenced Thursday to life in prison for what prosecutors claimed was a racially motivated hate crime.
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Army to conduct extra background screening on soldiers at Biden inauguration
Task & Purpose
Some troops assisting with security at next week's inauguration for President-elect Joe Biden will undergo additional background screening and be trained on reporting suspected extremist behavior, according to Army officials.
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Army offering $25,000 reward for information on 'senseless murder' of drill sergeant
Task & Purpose
The Army is offering up to $25,000 for information leading to the arrest or conviction of the person responsible for the murder of an Army drill sergeant on New Year's Day.
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Fort Benning hunkers down in hopes of avoiding post-holiday COVID-19 surge
Task & Purpose
Soldiers at Fort Benning are nearing the end of a two-week lockdown put in place in hopes to get ahead of a potential post-holiday surge of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
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Woman found dead at Hawaii base was Army veteran; soldier taken into custody
Stars & Stripes
A soldier has been placed in pre-trial confinement in connection with a homicide investigation into the death of a 25-year-old wife of a soldier Wednesday at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, the Army said Thursday.

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Green Beret earns Soldier's Medal for aiding retired Army Ranger
Stars & Stripes
An Army physician assistant earned the Soldier's Medal for his bravery and decisiveness when he strapped a makeshift tourniquet on his own mangled arm and treated his badly wounded mentor after motorcyclists slammed into them at high speed.
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Navy

Hypersonics, unmanned ship teaming ahead for Zumwalt destroyer
Breaking Defense
The Navy plans to install hypersonic missiles on its troublesome Zumwalt destroyers, after Congress gave them the green light to start studying the move in the 2021 budget.
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Wolfe: Navy plans to start development of nuclear sea-launched cruise missile in 2022
Seapower
The Navy plans to wrap up an analysis of alternatives (AoA) for a ship-launched nuclear-armed cruise missile in 2021 and begin development of the missile in 2022, said the admiral in charge of strategic weapons.
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Naval Academy begins vaccinating faculty, staff
Capital Gazette
The Naval Academy started vaccinating staff and faculty against the coronavirus on Thursday, the academy announced.
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Air Force

Gen. Brown, Chief Bass receive COVID vaccines; urge airmen to do the same

Air Force Times
Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles “CQ” Brown and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force JoAnne Bass on Tuesday received their vaccinations against COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.
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Air Force veteran aimed ‘to take hostages’ during US Capitol riot, prosecutor says
The Associated Press
A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol last week carried plastic zip-tie handcuffs because he intended “to take hostages,” a prosecutor said in a Texas court on Thursday.
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Roper hints NGAD could replace F-35; Why? Life-cycle costs
Breaking Defense
The F-35 fighter jet’s exorbitant life-cycle costs means the Air Force cannot afford to buy as many aircraft as it needs to fight and win a war today, which makes the Next-Generation Air Dominance (NGAD) program all the more important, says outgoing Air Force acquisition czar Will Roper.
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Roper makes his pitch to Biden team: ‘I want to be part of the China fight’
Defense One
The Air Force acquisition chief says he keeps politics out of his work at the Pentagon — and that the U.S. will lose against China without agility.
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Former Air Force chief Goldfein joins Blackstone
Defense One
The retired general picked the investment firm over opportunities at defense companies.
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Air Force planning hangar construction for future B-21 stealth bombers
Military.com
The U.S. Air Force held a virtual B-21 Long Range Strike Bomber industry day this week to discuss construction projects to house the new stealth bomber, known as the Raider, according to a release.
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Air Force comptroller to step in as acting secretary after inauguration
Air Force Magazine
Air Force comptroller John P. Roth will temporarily take over as acting Air Force secretary before President-elect Joseph R. Biden names his pick to run the department, among a slew of other fiscal officials who will oversee their respective services.
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Marine Corps

Oldest living Marine, who joined after Pearl Harbor attack, dies at age 107
War Is Boring
Dorothy “Dot” Cole, who enlisted as one of the earliest female Marine reservists in response to the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor and was widely celebrated around her birthday in September as the country’s oldest living Marine, died of a heart attack last Thursday at her daughter’s home in Kannapolis. She was 107.
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Space Force

Space Force joins the intelligence community
C4ISRNET
The intelligence arm of the Space Force is an official part of the U.S. intelligence community.
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National Guard

Up to 21,000 National Guard troops now authorized in DC for Biden inauguration
Military Times
Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy has now authorized up to 21,000 National Guard troops from around the country to assist law enforcement with security surrounding the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, according to the National Guard Bureau. That’s an increase of 1,000 from the up to 20,000 previously authorized.

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A fake National Guard memo warning of nationwide lockdown is circulating again
Military.com
Some scams just won't go away, such as the fake memo, sporting a National Guard logo, warning that troops are being mobilized to enforce a nationwide quarantine.
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Veterans

Tens of thousands of veteran caregivers now eligible for the coronavirus vaccine through VA
Military Times
Tens of thousands of caregivers providing critical medical support to disabled veterans will be eligible to receive coronavirus vaccine doses soon under a new policy announced by the Department of Veterans Affairs this week.
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Army to review more than 3,500 'bad paper' discharges for post-9/11 vets
Military.com
The U.S. Army plans to review all other-than-honorable discharges given between April 17, 2011, and Nov. 17, 2020, to soldiers who were diagnosed or had symptoms of a mental health condition or brain injury.
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Gulf War vet reflects on 30th anniversary of conflict through his photography
Stars & Stripes
Three decades ago, Kirby Lee Vaughn prepared to cross into Iraq as part of Operation Desert Storm.
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Pay & Benefits

Jill Biden names director for military families program Joining Forces
The Associated Press

Days before Joe Biden becomes president, incoming first lady Jill Biden took a step Thursday toward fulfilling a promise to revive a program for military families that she and former first lady Michelle Obama once led.
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Podcasts

Defense & Aerospace Daily Podcast [Jan 14, 21] Lockheed Martin's Rambeau on Aegis, HELIOS, unmanned & more
Defense & Aerospace Report
Jon Rambeau, the new vice president and general manager of Lockheed Martin's Integrated Warfare Systems and Sensors unit, discusses the outlook for the company's Aegis combat system, SPY-7 radar, HELIOS laser weapon, unmanned systems and cyber role, and growth strategy.
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Defense Industry

Indian government clears $6.5 billion deal for homemade Tejas fighter jets
Defense News
India on Wednesday cleared the country's largest-ever indigenous defense deal worth $6.5 billion for the purchase of 83 LCA MK1A Tejas light combat aircraft.
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L3Harris to build prototype satellite capable of tracking hypersonic weapons
C4ISRNET
The Missile Defense Agency awarded L3Harris Technologies a $121 million contract to build a prototype satellite capable of tracking hypersonic weapons, the agency announced Jan. 14.
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Thales UK secures Indian partner for selling its Starstreak air-defense missile
Defense News
The Northern Ireland arm of Thales UK has struck a partnering arrangement with Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) as part of its effort to secure a deal with the Indian military to purchase the British-developed Starstreak man-portable, air-defense system.
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UK grows national F-35 support with LANCE contract
IHS Jane's 360
The United Kingdom is growing the level of organic sustainment and support it is able to provide for its fleet of Lockheed Martin F-35B Lightning combat aircraft.
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US Air Force downselects Northrop Grumman for F-16 electronic warfare suite
IHS Jane's 360
The US Air Force (USAF) has downselected Northrop Grumman as the sole contractor to complete final project efforts to provide the electronic warfare (EW) suite for the service's Lockheed Martin F-16 Fighting Falcon fleet.
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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Pentagon testing office finds problems — again — with network security system
C4ISRNET
For the fourth year in a row, the Pentagon's chief weapons tester recommended Thursday that components stop migrating to a fraught network security system until the department proves that the system can effectively help defend against cyberattacks.
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JADC2 may be built to fight the wrong war
Breaking Defense
Although it is one of the U.S. military's highest priorities, service and industry leaders remain confused about Joint All-Domain Command and Control, variously describing it as a communication architecture, a data-sharing approach, an operational concept, or a decision-making tool.
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International

NATO leader calls for justice over US Capitol mob siege
The Associated Press
The head of NATO said Thursday that all those responsible for last week's deadly siege at the U.S. Capitol should be held accountable, and he expressed confidence that American institutions are up to the job.

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Romanian government approves Naval Strike Missile buy
Defense News
The Romanian government has approved and sent to the parliament a draft bill that will allow the country to buy Naval Strike Missile coastal defense systems through a foreign military sales (FMS) procedure.
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Commentary & Analysis

Trump’s behavior demonstrates that Biden must change US nuclear policy
Defense News
President Donald Trump’s role in inciting the shocking events at the Capitol on Jan. 6 and concerns about his state of mind highlight the grave risks posed by the policy that gives presidents the sole authority to order the use of nuclear weapons — without the need for consultation or agreement by anyone.
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Pentagon won’t throw traditional farewell ceremony for Trump
Defense One
It’s a shame, and a missed opportunity — not despite recent events but because of them.
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SR-71 Blackbird: Why the fastest plane ever was grounded
19FortyFive
No other U.S. Air Force aircraft could fly faster or higher than the Lockheed SR-71 “Blackbird,” and on its final flight, it set a truly impressive record.
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From Trump to Biden: The way forward for US national security

Foundation for Defense of Democracies
America must learn from these last four years.
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The six blind men and the elephant: Differing views on the US defense budget
War On The Rocks
In the Indian parable of “The Blind Men and the Elephant,” six blind men come across an elephant by the side of the road.
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Why overseas military bases continue to make sense for the United States
War On The Rocks
Every president in the post-Cold War period has sought to close U.S. military bases overseas, particularly in Europe.
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The Pentagon must learn to do more with less
Bloomberg
The U.S. military is stronger than it was four years ago, but the country’s defense programs still need a lot of work.
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Overseas Operations

Iran tests missiles under apparent watch of US Navy nuclear sub
The Associated Press
Iran fired cruise missiles Thursday as part of a naval drill in the Gulf of Oman, state media reported, under surveillance of what appeared to be a U.S. nuclear submarine dispatched to the region amid heightened tensions between the countries.
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Army's command team in Europe receives coronavirus vaccine
Stars & Stripes
Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli and Command Sgt. Maj. Robert V. Abernethy, the command team of U.S. Army Europe and Africa, received the Moderna vaccine Thursday at the Wiesbaden Army Health Clinic in Germany.
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Two German lawmakers urge greater control of criminal cases involving US troops
Stars & Stripes
Two German lawmakers are calling for changes in an international treaty that leaves most criminal cases involving U.S. troops in the hands of the military justice system, saying local authorities should have more say in such matters.
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New coronavirus infections hover above 1,500 in Tokyo; US military in Japan reports 13 cases
Stars & Stripes
Japan’s capital city counted more than 1,400 new coronavirus cases for a second consecutive day, while the U.S. military listed 13 across the country as of 6 p.m. Thursday.
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Report adds further evidence Iran's Soleimani was killed by new highly precise missile
The Drive

Fragments reportedly from the scene of the strike that killed Soleimani also match official renderings of the stenciling applied to the unique weapon.
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Pentagon

The military knows it has a problem with domestic extremists, white supremacists
Military Times
In the wake of reports that current and former service members are under investigation for their participation in the Jan. 6 protest and subsequent attack on the Capitol, the Pentagon is making an effort to reinforce its policies on extremism.
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Can the Pentagon prosecute military retirees under the UCMJ? Maybe — it depends.
Military Times
Recent reports of current service members, veterans and some military retirees participating in the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 have prompted calls for investigations into those connections and using the Uniform Code of Military Justice to prosecute the offenders.
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Acting defense secretary ordered review of Pentagon’s extremism policies
Stars & Stripes
Acting Defense Secretary Christopher Miller quietly ordered a review last month of the Pentagon’s policies on extremist activities among service members, a senior defense official said Thursday, acknowledging the growing concern of troops harboring extreme views.
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DoD 'no place' for those espousing extremist views, officials say
UPI
Pentagon officials said Thursday that the Defense Department has "no place" for those espousing extremist views, and is doing everything it can to eliminate extremism in the department.

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Congress & Politics

US military has 'failed' to counter white nationalism in its ranks, lawmakers say
Business Insider
Democratic lawmakers are urging the Defense Department to "immediately" investigate extremist activity within the US military and implement a plan to prevent the ideology from further spreading within its ranks,
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GOP lawmaker and Army veteran who voted for Trump's impeachment says he's buying body armor over death threats
Business Insider
Republican Rep. Peter Meijer of Michigan, an Army veteran, on Thursday said that he and fellow lawmakers are taking precautions such as purchasing body armor in the wake of President Donald Trump's second impeachment over the Capitol siege.
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Lawmakers ask Army to send cots for National Guard in US Capitol
Military.com
If images of sleeping National Guard members wedged between statues and using marble stairs as pillows have tugged at your heartstrings, you're not alone.
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We salute these military veterans who stood up to rioters on Capitol Hill
Task & Purpose
When rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol Building on Jan. 6 after a post-election rally to support President Donald Trump devolved into a riot, the news cycle was flooded with photos and footage most viewers never expected to see.
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National Security

FBI tracking ‘extensive’ online chatter about armed protests
The Associated Press

The FBI is tracking an “extensive amount of concerning online chatter,” including calls for armed protests leading up to next week’s presidential inauguration, Director Chris Wray said Thursday.
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National Guard on lookout for IEDs with culprit behind RNC, DNC bombs still on the loose
Fox News
Wednesday's security briefing prep is the same one that troops receive before being deployed for Baghdad or Kabul
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Army

Navy SEAL pleads guilty in 2017 strangulation death of Green Beret
Army Times
A Navy SEAL charged in the strangulation death of an Army Green Beret staff sergeant in 2017 pleaded guilty to reduced charges today.
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Man gets life prison sentence for killing newly commissioned 2nd lieutenant
The Associated Press
A white man who stabbed a Black college student to death at a bus stop on the University of Maryland’s flagship College Park campus was sentenced Thursday to life in prison for what prosecutors claimed was a racially motivated hate crime.
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Army to conduct extra background screening on soldiers at Biden inauguration
Task & Purpose
Some troops assisting with security at next week’s inauguration for President-elect Joe Biden will undergo additional background screening and be trained on reporting suspected extremist behavior, according to Army officials.
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Army offering $25,000 reward for information on ‘senseless murder’ of drill sergeant

Task & Purpose
The Army is offering up to $25,000 for information leading to the arrest or conviction of the person responsible for the murder of an Army drill sergeant on New Year's Day.
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Fort Benning hunkers down in hopes of avoiding post-holiday COVID-19 surge
Task & Purpose
Soldiers at Fort Benning are nearing the end of a two-week lockdown put in place in hopes to get ahead of a potential post-holiday surge of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
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Woman found dead at Hawaii base was Army veteran; soldier taken into custody
Stars & Stripes
A soldier has been placed in pre-trial confinement in connection with a homicide investigation into the death of a 25-year-old wife of a soldier Wednesday at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, the Army said Thursday.
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Green Beret earns Soldier's Medal for aiding retired Army Ranger
Stars & Stripes
An Army physician assistant earned the Soldier's Medal for his bravery and decisiveness when he strapped a makeshift tourniquet on his own mangled arm and treated his badly wounded mentor after motorcyclists slammed into them at high speed.
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Navy

Hypersonics, unmanned ship teaming ahead for Zumwalt destroyer
Breaking Defense
The Navy plans to install hypersonic missiles on its troublesome Zumwalt destroyers, after Congress gave them the green light to start studying the move in the 2021 budget.
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Wolfe: Navy plans to start development of nuclear sea-launched cruise missile in 2022
Seapower
The Navy plans to wrap up an analysis of alternatives (AoA) for a ship-launched nuclear-armed cruise missile in 2021 and begin development of the missile in 2022, said the admiral in charge of strategic weapons.
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Naval Academy begins vaccinating faculty, staff
Capital Gazette
The Naval Academy started vaccinating staff and faculty against the coronavirus on Thursday, the academy announced.
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Air Force

Gen. Brown, Chief Bass receive COVID vaccines; urge airmen to do the same
Air Force Times
Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles “CQ” Brown and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force JoAnne Bass on Tuesday received their vaccinations against COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.
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Air Force veteran aimed ‘to take hostages’ during US Capitol riot, prosecutor says
The Associated Press
A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol last week carried plastic zip-tie handcuffs because he intended “to take hostages,” a prosecutor said in a Texas court on Thursday.
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Roper hints NGAD could replace F-35; Why? Life-cycle costs
Breaking Defense
The F-35 fighter jet’s exorbitant life-cycle costs means the Air Force cannot afford to buy as many aircraft as it needs to fight and win a war today, which makes the Next-Generation Air Dominance (NGAD) program all the more important, says outgoing Air Force acquisition czar Will Roper.
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Roper makes his pitch to Biden team: 'I want to be part of the China fight'
Defense One
The Air Force acquisition chief says he keeps politics out of his work at the Pentagon — and that the U.S. will lose against China without agility.
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Former Air Force chief Goldfein joins Blackstone
Defense One
The retired general picked the investment firm over opportunities at defense companies.
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Air Force planning hangar construction for future B-21 stealth bombers
Military.com
The U.S. Air Force held a virtual B-21 Long Range Strike Bomber industry day this week to discuss construction projects to house the new stealth bomber, known as the Raider, according to a release.
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Air Force comptroller to step in as acting secretary after inauguration
Air Force Magazine
Air Force comptroller John P. Roth will temporarily take over as acting Air Force secretary before President-elect Joseph R. Biden names his pick to run the department, among a slew of other fiscal officials who will oversee their respective services.
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Marine Corps

Oldest living Marine, who joined after Pearl Harbor attack, dies at age 107
War Is Boring

Dorothy “Dot” Cole, who enlisted as one of the earliest female Marine reservists in response to the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor and was widely celebrated around her birthday in September as the country’s oldest living Marine, died of a heart attack last Thursday at her daughter’s home in Kannapolis. She was 107.
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Space Force

Space Force joins the intelligence community
C4ISRNET
The intelligence arm of the Space Force is an official part of the U.S. intelligence community.
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National Guard

Up to 21,000 National Guard troops now authorized in DC for Biden inauguration
Military Times
Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy has now authorized up to 21,000 National Guard troops from around the country to assist law enforcement with security surrounding the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden, according to the National Guard Bureau. That’s an increase of 1,000 from the up to 20,000 previously authorized.
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A fake National Guard memo warning of nationwide lockdown is circulating again
Military.com
Some scams just won't go away, such as the fake memo, sporting a National Guard logo, warning that troops are being mobilized to enforce a nationwide quarantine.
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Veterans

Tens of thousands of veteran caregivers now eligible for the coronavirus vaccine through VA
Military Times
Tens of thousands of caregivers providing critical medical support to disabled veterans will be eligible to receive coronavirus vaccine doses soon under a new policy announced by the Department of Veterans Affairs this week.
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Army to review more than 3,500 'bad paper' discharges for post-9/11 vets
Military.com
The U.S. Army plans to review all other-than-honorable discharges given between April 17, 2011, and Nov. 17, 2020, to soldiers who were diagnosed or had symptoms of a mental health condition or brain injury.
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Gulf War vet reflects on 30th anniversary of conflict through his photography
Stars & Stripes
Three decades ago, Kirby Lee Vaughn prepared to cross into Iraq as part of Operation Desert Storm.
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Pay & Benefits

Jill Biden names director for military families program Joining Forces
The Associated Press
Days before Joe Biden becomes president, incoming first lady Jill Biden took a step Thursday toward fulfilling a promise to revive a program for military families that she and former first lady Michelle Obama once led.
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Podcasts

Defense & Aerospace Daily Podcast [Jan 14, 21] Lockheed Martin’s Rambeau on Aegis, HELIOS, unmanned & more
Defense & Aerospace Report
Jon Rambeau, the new vice president and general manager of Lockheed Martin’s Integrated Warfare Systems and Sensors unit, discusses the outlook for the company’s Aegis combat system, SPY-7 radar, HELIOS laser weapon, unmanned systems and cyber role, and growth strategy.
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Defense Industry

Indian government clears $6.5 billion deal for homemade Tejas fighter jets
Defense News
India on Wednesday cleared the country’s largest-ever indigenous defense deal worth $6.5 billion for the purchase of 83 LCA MK1A Tejas light combat aircraft.
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L3Harris to build prototype satellite capable of tracking hypersonic weapons
C4ISRNET
The Missile Defense Agency awarded L3Harris Technologies a $121 million contract to build a prototype satellite capable of tracking hypersonic weapons, the agency announced Jan. 14.
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Thales UK secures Indian partner for selling its Starstreak air-defense missile
Defense News
The Northern Ireland arm of Thales UK has struck a partnering arrangement with Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) as part of its effort to secure a deal with the Indian military to purchase the British-developed Starstreak man-portable, air-defense system.
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UK grows national F-35 support with LANCE contract
IHS Jane’s 360
The United Kingdom is growing the level of organic sustainment and support it is able to provide for its fleet of Lockheed Martin F-35B Lightning combat aircraft.
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US Air Force downselects Northrop Grumman for F-16 electronic warfare suite
IHS Jane’s 360
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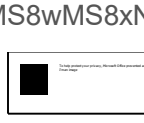

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Thank you,

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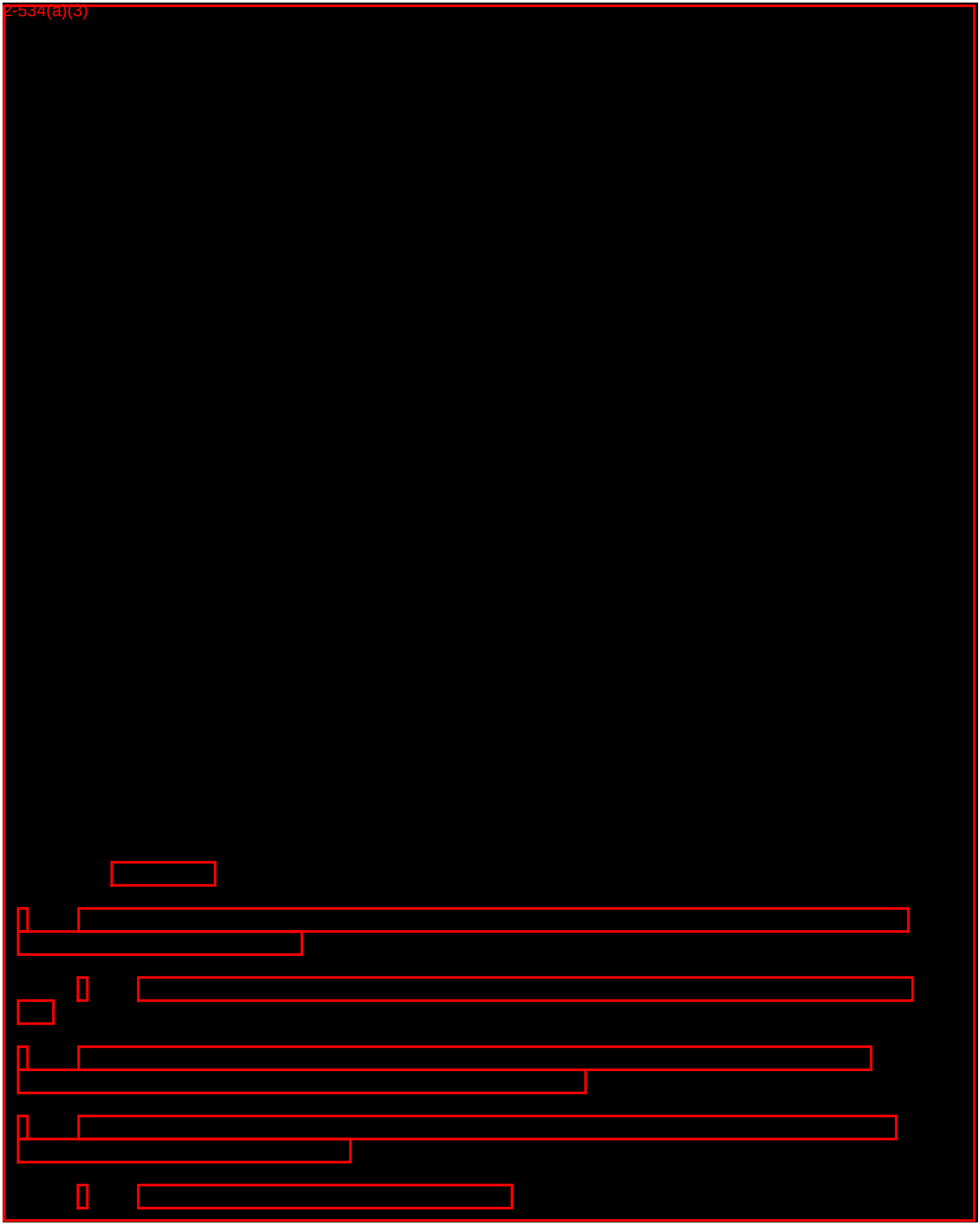
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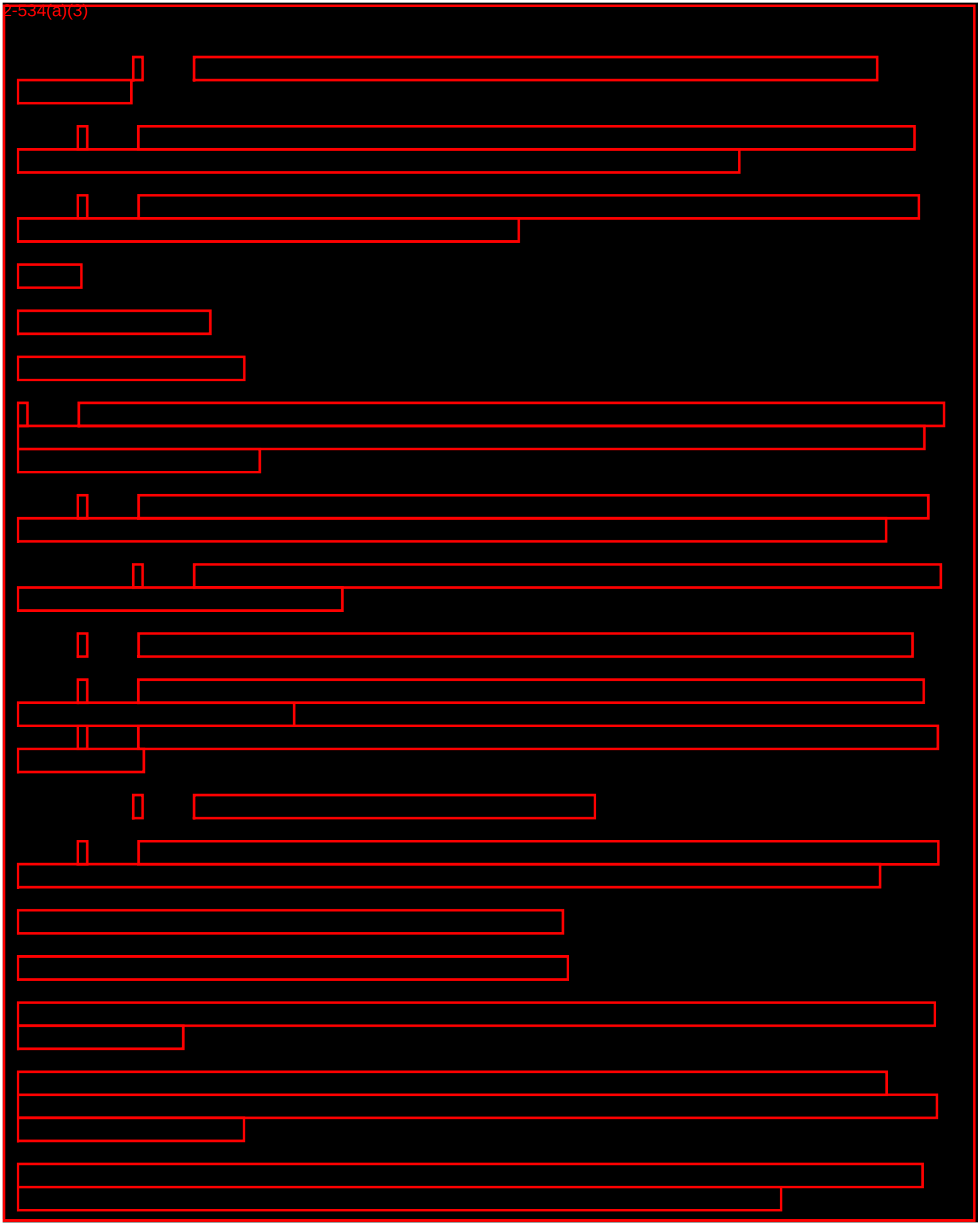

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Chinese Navy's Third Aircraft Carrier Likely to be Launched This Year

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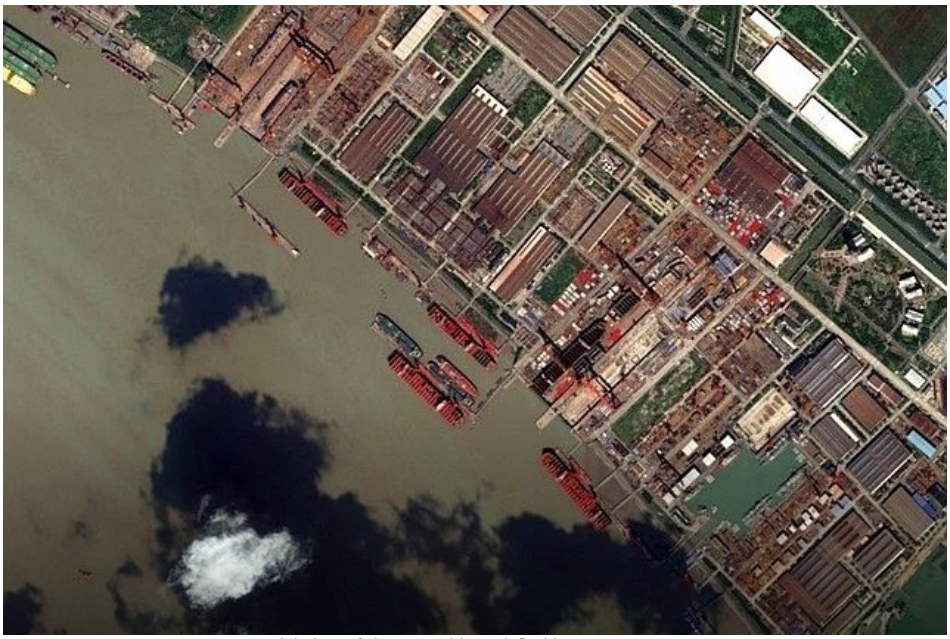

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The Chinese Navy's large aircraft carrier, Type 003, is expected to be launched in 2021 and enter naval service around 2025.

General outline of the warship is already identifiable in recent openly available photographs. Blocks of the Type 003 aircraft carrier are currently being assembled in Shanghai-based Jiangnan Shipyard.

After all the blocks are put together, the upper structures will be installed. Since the blocks are built in advance, the assembly and the outfitting work will take much less time compared with China's second aircraft carrier, Ordnance Industry Science Technology, a Chinese defense industry magazine, said in a report published in its WeChat account on Saturday.

The current status indicates that the Type 003 could be only a few months away from its launch before the end of 2021. After this the carrier will undertake outfitting work, be installed with equipment including radar and sensor devices, conduct tests and embark on sea trials, which could take about two years, meaning the warship could join naval service in 2024 or 2025, the magazine predicted.

The Chinese media had speculated earlier that the warship could be launched in 2020.

Chinese state broadcaster China Central Television (CCTV) also expects the country's third aircraft carrier to make its public debut in 2021.

"2021 is a year full of expectations, including the Type 003 aircraft carrier and also the H-20 bomber. It is time for our technological development to bear fruit," Song Zhongping, a Chinese military expert and TV commentator, told the Global Times on Sunday.

Type 003 carrier is expected to be as big as U.S. Navy's Kitty Hawk-class, displacing more than 80,000 tons. The magazine said that the ship is likely to be equipped with electromagnetic catapults to launch aircraft, replacing the ski jump method used on current Chinese carriers.

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I. Executive Summary

On January 2, 2020, the United States assassinated the commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' Qods Force, General Qassem Soleimani, in Iraq and accused him of playing a role in an alleged attack on American troops by Iran-backed Shia militias. The assassination signaled a major escalation in the conflict between Iran and the United States. For a moment, the conflict ceased to be a proxy war characterized by efforts to keep tensions deniable and indirect and instead became a direct exchange of violence, with Iran responding to the assassination with a direct missile strike on U.S. forces.

The fallout of the assassination reflects the contradictions and uncertainty at the heart of Iranian proxy warfare strategy and its approach known as "forward defense,"[1] in which Iran seeks to use proxies in other countries to prevent conflict from coming within Iran's borders. Iran's strategy was developed over decades through its confrontations with the United States and regional rivals and historically has emphasized its willingness to eschew revisionist religious and ideological aims in order to pursue national interests.

The 2011 Arab Spring, with its threat to Iran's key partner in Syria while opening opportunities in other areas, inaugurated a more uncertain era for Iran's proxy strategy. This uncertainty has been heightened by an increasingly aggressive U.S. stance towards Iran. As a result, Iran has played up appeals to religious and ideological aims alongside more traditional forms of proxy mobilization in its forward defense strategy.

Though Iran continues to view and portray itself as pursuing defensive ends vis-à-vis the United States and other rivals, the means it uses tend to signal more revisionist aims, an issue Iranian policymakers recognize as a challenge but embraced anyways. In turn, this has encouraged the United States, and some of its partners, to pursue their own more direct policies of maximum pressure with regard to Iran.

It is far from clear whether Iran can sustainably pursue this strategy. Iran has a history of agile use of proxies and relatively successful navigation between the mobilization of religious and ideological appeals and the pursuit of national interest. However, Iranian society is showing signs of concern regarding the limits of forward defense. Iran's rivals appear to have assessed that those strains are sufficient and that Iran will fold when confronted.

What is clear, however, is that this uncertainty brings with it the risk of repeated crises with the potential for escalation. Understanding whether and how stability in the relationship can be reasserted will require detailed examinations of the specific balances of national interest, ideological appeals, and Iranian control in the varied national contexts where the conflict is now playing out.

Key Findings:

- **The 2011 Arab Spring and 2014 war against ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) inaugurated a period of greater Iranian aggressiveness in its use of proxy warfare as it confronted a number of crises that increased Iranian threat perceptions.**

- **Iranian proxy warfare strategy is shaped by a desire to minimize costs to Iran and its people. As a result, it historically sought to maintain plausible deniability.** Iran limited its direct contribution to the defense of the Assad regime in Syria, and has staffed its involvement in proxy wars generally from Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) volunteers and by mobilizing local or foreign proxies, not by mobilizing the nation's more general armed forces. Iranian strategists tout the limitations on direct intervention as a success of the strategy.

- **While Iran has embraced more aggressive means in the form of a Forward Defense doctrine that seeks to give Iran strategic depth, it still views its objectives as largely defensive.** Iran views itself as facing an American threat to its homeland—escalated by the Trump administration's maximum pressure campaign—as well as an American threat to a key partner in Assad's Syria, and an ISIS threat to Iranian partners and interests in Iraq.

- **However, using proxy forces to wage war on the cheap and as a public deterrent has led Iran to rely upon ideological and religious appeals in order to mobilize fighters and signal its capabilities.** In recent years, Iran has grown increasingly bold in making public statements that link together the movements it supports and its influence over their activities.

- **Iran's strategy contains a tension between its proclaimed defensive ends and its offensive means that have signaled a more revisionist intent to Iranian rivals. This tension holds the potential to escalate conflicts and thus make Iran's strategy unsustainable given its desire to minimize costs.** Iranian strategists are aware of the tension but supporters of the forward defense strategy view it as a manageable tension given its history of proxy warfare.

- **Iran's proxy strategy faces real political limits to its sustainability rooted in both domestic anger at the use of funds abroad, economic constraints, and backlash against perceived Iranian domination in countries where Iran seeks to build partners.**

- **The United States, for its part, has embraced a strategy of maximum pressure that views Iran's strategy as unsustainable and prone to failure when conflict takes on a more direct character.** Through sanctions and direct assassinations of key IRGC personnel, the United States hopes to force Iran to back down.

- **It is not clear if Iran's strategy is actually built to last, but the current moment is likely to be characterized by repeated crises with the potential to escalate into more direct confrontations because Iranian strategists view forward defense as an effective approach agile enough to manage tensions and the United States views it as an unsustainable policy that will fall apart when confronted.**

- **Policymakers should be aware of the ways in which Iran's methods of ensuring cost-effective mobilization when pressed shape threat perceptions across the region, the IRGC's own structure, and Iranian domestic politics.** The effects of particular policies are likely to be complex and often unpredictable given the way transnational mobilization and signals interlink conflicts.

- **An effective approach to this moment of crisis instability will require analysis of the sustainability of specific Iranian interventions.** In some cases, like Iran's support for Hezbollah, ideological and material ties make it unlikely that pressure can disrupt an established proxy relationship. In others, like Yemen, Iran's commitment to the Houthis is more vulnerable to pressure. Other cases, like the Shi'a militias in Iraq, are less clear.

II. Introduction

The U.S. assassination of Gen. Qassem Soleimani on January 2, 2020 in Baghdad was so unprecedented that many feared that any move afterward might lead to all-out war between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran. After four decades of tense rivalry in the Middle East, the American use of an armed drone to target a military official widely viewed as one of the most powerful men in Iran signaled a precipitous climb up the escalation ladder between Washington and Tehran. Iran in turn retaliated on January 8 with direct missile strikes on American forces in Iraq, although the strikes did not kill anyone.[2] By one account, the Iranians had given the U.S. military an eight-hour notice to clear the bases before the missiles hit. Amir Ali Hajizadeh, head of the Revolutionary Guards' Aerospace Force, claimed that the warning had been given to the Americans because Tehran "did not intend to kill [persons]."[3] Tehran wanted both to show a capacity to strike at the United States but also to demonstrate that it had no intentions to see the military standoff escalate further.

For now, despite the missile strike, Iran appears prepared to double down on the proxy war strategy that was Soleimani's most significant contribution to Tehran's anti-access, area denial approach to deterring American attempts to expand U.S. regional influence that could seed regime change in Tehran.

Over the course of the last decade, this Iranian approach to regional military operations began to be described by its proponents in Tehran as "forward defense." Put simply, forward defense holds that militarily confronting enemies outside of Iran's borders is preferable to having to face them inside of Iran's borders. At its core, forward defense is the embodiment of Iran's military lessons gained over the four decades since the Iranian Revolution of 1979. It reflects a fusion of the tools available to Iranian military leaders combined with the need to address a fast-changing security environment.

While Soleimani was one of the principal creators of the concept, his death will not be the end of the strategy. That has been the message sent by Iran's Supreme Leader and Commander-in-Chief, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Khamenei swiftly appointed Soleimani's successor, Esmail Ghaani, as head of the Qods Force, the branch of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) that operates outside of Iran's borders. Khamenei has also been categorical that the mission of the Qods Force as intended by Soleimani will continue. As he put it, "The strategy of the Qods Force will be identical to that during the time of Martyr General Soleimani."[4]

In a speech on May 22, 2020 set to coincide with Al Qods Day, which is an event to express opposition to the State of Israel, Khamenei was unusually polemical and signaled his determination to stay the course. In urging the expansion of "jihad inside Palestinian territories [Israel]," he not only praised groups such as

Lebanon's Hezbollah, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Hamas but vowed that Iran would stand by them on the path of "holy struggle."[5] Iranian officials even set aside the usual application of deniability. In a rare move, state-run media publicized the fact that Soleimani had spearheaded the transfer of Iranian weaponry to Palestinian militants.[6] Such statements from Tehran are a rebuff of American and Israeli demands that Tehran roll back its support for militant Islamist groups in various theaters in the Middle East.

In pursuing this strategy in the post-Arab Spring era, Iran has increasingly come to embrace aggressive means that involve transnational mobilization and the interlinking of proxy forces, which has in turn encouraged the United States and other Iranian rivals to perceive Iran's strategy as an offensive and revisionist one.

Soleimani's assassination, increased tensions vis-à-vis the United States, and the fluidity of the geopolitics of the Middle East, have brought into the open questions in Iran about the long-term costs, benefits, and risks of a forward defense strategy that relies on Tehran's ability to continue to defy the growing pressures on its economy from U.S. sanctions and fund proxy groups. In the same week as hardliners around Khamenei were touting Tehran's commitment to militant revolutionary foreign policy, a prominent parliamentarian launched a rare public criticism of Tehran's regional agenda.

Heshmatollah Falahatpisheh,[7] who until recently had been head of the Iranian parliament's committee on national security and foreign policy, asked for Iran to reassess its commitment to the Bashar Al Assad regime in Syria. "[Iran] has probably given 20 to 30 billion dollars to Syria and must recover it. The money belonging to this nation [Iran] has been spent there," he said.[8] The reference to funds invested in backing Syria's Assad was a clear attack on Tehran's foreign policy priorities or that was at least how Khamenei loyalists viewed it. Hossein Shariatmadari, the Khamenei-appointed editor of Kayhan, the Islamic Republic's equivalent to the Soviet Pravda, denounced Falahatpisheh as doing Trump's bidding by turning Iranian public opinion against Tehran's foreign policy.[9] The incident was a peek into the opaque policy-making process in Tehran and evidence of competing viewpoints in Tehran in regard to the cost of Iran's regional efforts and whether it is sustainable.

The question now for the Biden administration and Congress as well as for their counterparts in Iran is whether Iranian proxy war strategy is truly built to last. The Trump administration turned the calculus of indirect confrontation with Iran on its head, evidently deciding that the United States either no longer needs or can no longer afford the risks that come with fighting Iran's proxies in the shadows. Despite the Trump administration's repeated public pronouncements that it wanted to reduce the U.S. footprint in the Middle East and discontinue its perceived role as regional policeman, the White House opted to put on display American hard power as a way of forcing the Iranians capitulate to a campaign of "maximum pressure" aimed at forcing Iran to recalibrate its approach to Iraq,

Syria, and Israel. This new U.S. approach essentially destroyed the crisis stability that was part and parcel of a covert action strategy anchored in plausible deniability. The high-profile assassination of Soleimani was the most overt expression of this new policy. At the same time, Iran has increasingly adopted public, aggressive means in pursuit of its forward defense strategy.

In the short term, this fresh American resolve will have to contend with one simple reality: Iran's ongoing determination and ability to mobilize, guide, and launch a host of militant groups across the Middle East that Tehran has painstakingly cultivated for decades. In fact, Soleimani and other architects of Iran's forward defense, proxy war strategy would argue that this turn in American policy has been long awaited, and that Iran and its allies are ready for the challenge.

Yet, while Tehran's ability to mobilize an array of foreign militias under its flag is no small feat, the contention that Iran can stay the course regardless of American counter-actions is an untested theory as is the hope of some U.S. policymakers that U.S. pressure can effectively rollback Iranian footprint across the region. Evaluating where, when, and why Iran's forward defense strategy has worked and where it is built on a sustainable foundation and understanding where it has failed and lacks a sustainable foundation, will be central to determining the effectiveness of both U.S. and Iranian crisis management. In the meantime, the uncertainty will likely bring with it periodic crises that at least appear to hold the potential for further escalation to more direct confrontations.

The rest of this report is divided into three sections. The first section examines the historical development of Iran's proxy warfare strategy under Soleimani. The second section examines the sustainability of the strategy today, and the third and concluding section draws lessons from the clash between Iranian proxy strategy and America's new hard power approach.

III. Soleimani Ascendant: The Origins of Iran's "Forward Defense" Strategy

The geopolitical feud between Iran and the United States dates to 1979 when Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and his militant Islamist supporters overthrew the Shah of Iran and soon after took control of the U.S. embassy. Though many historians have assessed that the CIA-backed coup that led to the ouster of Iran's Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh in 1953 planted the initial seeds of mistrust between the United States and the Iranian people, it was Khomeini's rise to power that earned the United States its most-hated-nation status in Iran among anti-Shah forces. Following the hostage crisis at the U.S. embassy in Tehran in November 1979, Washington responded in kind, casting the Khomeinists as the source of nearly all wrongdoing in the Middle East.[10]

For nearly half a century, the U.S.-Iran conflict was largely characterized by mutual restraint. Neither Washington nor Tehran judged an open military conflict to be in their interests. Instead, a kind of crisis stability anchored in a proxy war paradigm of covert action shaped the normative bounds of American and Iranian strategy. Hit and run attacks on American targets by Hezbollah in Lebanon in the 1980s and later by proxy elements currently allied with the Popular Mobilization Forces or the PMF in Iraq punctuated by American-backed counterattacks in the form of cyber-strikes and targeted assassinations of nuclear scientists on the streets of Tehran have long been part of the backdrop. Each element of this tit-for-tat proxy war between Washington and Tehran always rested on one simple element: plausible deniability.[11]

The Iran-Iraq War, Soleimani, and Iran's Geopolitical Approach to Proxy Warfare

Iran's proxy warfare strategy of using regional non-state militant groups paralleled Qassem Soleimani's rise as a military commander during the 1990s on the heels of the Iran-Iraq war. Born in 1957, Soleimani came from a poor family in the central province of Kerman. As a teenager he became an anti-Shah Islamist activist before the revolution of 1979 but he did not stand out at that time.[12] The revolution began and prevailed in Tehran but droves of young men—mostly from impoverished rural backgrounds—jumped on the bandwagon. Soleimani was one of them. While he had no formal military training, his chance in life came at the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988). He enlisted as a volunteer with the Guards and quickly moved up through the ranks of the IRGC, the group of ragtag, armed young men that were empowered and mandated by Ayatollah Khomeini to defend the Islamic Republic against all domestic and foreign enemies.

In late 1980, a few months after the war with Iraq had begun, the 23-year Soleimani was given the command of a volunteer force from his home province of Kerman in what became the 41st Sarallah Division.[13] This newly formed division was deployed to Iran's Kurdistan province, an area both known for heavy ethnic Kurdish separatist militancy but also as a staging ground into Iraq. On the other side of the border was Iraqi Kurdistan where Tehran, from the days of the Shah, had cultivated anti-Saddam Iraqi Kurds as allies against Baghdad.[14] It is here that Soleimani experienced first-hand the utility of co-opting and deploying foreign militants as part of military strategizing.[15]

Ideological or religious reasons were, at best, secondary drivers at this point. The ideological and religious-based reasoning that later came to dominate the narrative to justify forward defense had yet to be born. Nonetheless, it is during the first years of the Iran-Iraq War, which began in September 1980, that the Qods Force, the expeditionary branch of the IRGC, was born, although its mission would evolve over time.[16] Its actions were centered on cross-border operations along the Iran-Iraq battle lines and on recruiting Iraqis.[17] Mostafa Chamran, an Iranian Islamist revolutionary who had seen military training with Shia militants in Lebanon in the 1970s, was a key driver behind the adoption of asymmetric warfare tactics and became the Islamic Republic's first defense minister.[18] While Soleimani was not a key player in the formation of this new outfit, he would be a key participant in the application of the new approach, which mirrored the missions of special operations forces in countries like the United States, including covert action and reconnaissance behind enemy lines.[19] In time, what would make the Qods Force stand out was its use of Shia Islamist rallying cries and its recruitment among Shias outside of Iran.

The Qods Force's mission was not centered on exploiting religious or sectarian fervor at first. The Iraqi Kurds that Iranian commanders like Soleimani collaborated with were not Shia but secular Sunnis. Iranian support for them was an early signal of the Islamic Republic's willingness to collaborate with an assortment of non-Shia or non-Islamist actors as long as the partnership advanced Iran's perceived geopolitical interests. In a decade's time, Iran would be militarily supporting a range of Sunni groups deemed as important to Islamic Republic national interests including the Sunni Afghan Northern Alliance in Afghanistan to the Sunni Bosnians[20] in the Yugoslav civil war to the Sunni Hamas in Gaza.[21] As Zalmay Khalilzad put it in regards to Iran's *modus operandi* in Afghanistan during the 1990s, being Shia "was not sufficient to gain Iranian support."[22] This was also evident in Iran's support for Christian Armenia against Shia Muslim Azerbaijan in the war between the two countries over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh in the early 1990s.[23]

In all of its efforts involving military partners and operations outside of Iran, certain characteristics stand out. Tehran always performed a careful cost-benefit analysis and, as David Menashri argues, it "diligently sought out opportunities in

areas, or in movements, that seemed ripe to respond" to its ideological overtures.[24] The Shia Islamist Iraqis, many of whom moved to Iran to fight Saddam Hussain's regime under Ayatollah Khomeini's spiritual and political leadership during the Iran-Iraq war, were one such group. It was during the early 1980s that some of the most prominent present-day Iraqi militia leaders—men such as Hadi Ameri and Abu Mahdi Al Muhandis, who was killed alongside Soleimani in January—launched their collaboration with their sponsors in the IRGC.[25]

The Badr Corps, composed of Shia Iraqi Islamists who looked to Iran, began as a brigade and remained under tight IRGC control. This oversight angered Mohammad Baqir Al-Hakim, the Iraqi Shia cleric who headed the political wing of the Badr movement.[26] He complained to the then President Ali Khamenei and Speaker of the Majlis, Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. Still, the senior IRGC commanders backed by the political leadership in Tehran were determined to maintain strict Iranian control of the foreign forces they were arming and funding. The dispute over command-and-control was somehow resolved and the relationship continued.[27] Since the dispute, however, Iran has continued to have lingering doubts about its ability to effectively organize and control its foreign proxies as it sees fit.

Soleimani held the post of commander of the 41st Sarallah Division throughout the Iran-Iraq War. He was one of the youngest military commanders but never a specially celebrated one during the war and his fame would only come years later in the 2000s as he began to cultivate a public image.[28] The one factor that appears to have counted in his favor is that he developed a personal bond with the then President Ali Khamenei who frequently visited the war front. The future supreme leader, who took over after Khomeini's death in June 1989, never forgot that Soleimani had kept him in the highest esteem when many other IRGC commanders viewed Khamenei suspiciously throughout his presidency (1981-1989).[29]

It was precisely this close personal bond between Khamenei and Soleimani that many analysts have considered as pivotal to the rise and relative independence of the Qods Force during Soleimani's command from 1998 until his death in 2020. Soleimani's death thus raised questions about whether the organization would maintain its stature within the power structures of the Islamic Republic without Soleimani at the helm.

Lessons from a Neighbor Under Siege: Soleimani's First Forays in Afghanistan

After the Iran-Iraq War, Soleimani was given the mission of dealing with rampant organized crime, including arms and drug trafficking coming out of Afghanistan, a country ravaged by civil war where a new breed of extremist movement under the banner of the Taliban was on the rise. Tehran viewed the movement not only

as anti-Iran and anti-Shia but as a creation of its regional rivals, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.[30]

In early 1998, as Iran was still recovering from the devastation wrought by the eight-year war with Saddam Hussein's Iraq, Soleimani was named head of the Qods Force.[31] At the time, Soleimani was barely known to the Iranian public, but he was a known figure among warring factions in neighboring Afghanistan where he had served as Iran's key military liaison to anti-Taliban forces in the Northern Alliance.[32] Little analysis has been conducted in the English language about Soleimani's efforts to aid and guide Northern Alliance forces then under the leadership of Ahmad Shah Massoud, a Sunni and ethnic Tajik leader who was among the top opponents of the Taliban.[33] What is known is that Soleimani had been in his new role less than a year when Taliban forces in August of 1998 captured the northern Afghan city of Mazar-i Sharif and promptly arrested nine diplomats at the Iranian consulate.

The Taliban forces, after they had by one account received instructions from Pakistan's ISI (Inter-Service Intelligence), killed all the Iranians except one who managed to escape.[34] Tehran made a show out of its response, mobilizing tens of thousands of troops on the border ready to go into Afghanistan. Still, after lengthy deliberation, Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) opted against a conventional military retaliation against the Taliban, in part fearing being drawn into a quagmire.[35] Instead, under the auspices of the Qods Force, Tehran increased its financial and military support for its anti-Taliban partners like Ahmad Shah Massoud.[36] Tehran not only welcomed but actively sought to assist the U.S. military campaign against the Taliban in 2001 following the terrorist attacks of September 11.[37]

Soleimani's close links with the Northern Alliance would prove enduring and critical for bolstering his assertions about the value of proxy relations for maintaining a forward defense and deterrent against potential aggression or overreach by adversaries. This kind of patronage also gave Iran leverage not just in the military theater but also on the political and diplomatic stages. Foreign Minister Javad Zarif has claimed that the December 2001 Bonn conference that led to Afghanistan's first post-Taliban government could not have succeeded without Soleimani's mediation and ability to pressure the various Afghan political groups that he had cultivated ties with throughout the 1990s.[38]

During the Afghan civil war of the 1990s, the Qods Force and its top commanders, including Soleimani but also Esmail Ghaani, proved to the political leadership in Tehran that the supply of arms and funds to Afghan militants had not only given Iran a say in the battlefield but also had given Tehran a role as a principal powerbroker in that country. This gave Soleimani much personal confidence, which he soon put on public display. By 2008, Soleimani famously sent a message to the top U.S. military official in Iraq: "General Petraeus, you

should know that I, Qassem Soleimani, control the policy for Iran with respect to Iraq, Lebanon, Gaza, and Afghanistan."[39]

The War on Terror and the Arab Spring Years: Iran's Efforts to Consolidate Forward Defense in Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, and Yemen

The U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 and then Iraq in 2003 prompted a period of reorganization and consolidation of Iran's military expeditionary forces under the Qods Force. Not only did Soleimani have direct access to Khamenei, which meant he could bypass the rest of the IRGC bosses, but the leadership in Tehran had never had more reason to invest in forward defense. In early 2002, the Bush administration named Iran, along with Iraq and North Korea, as part of an "Axis of Evil." It was not unreasonable for the Iranians to think they might be next in a broader U.S. military campaign in the Middle East following 9/11. Keeping the Americans bogged down elsewhere in the region presented an attractive strategy for Tehran. Despite the risk it took in angering Washington, the strategy was worthwhile if it meant preventing or stalling a possible American attack on the Iranian homeland.

The newly reenergized Qods Force reflected hard lessons learned from several different phases of strategic realignment. From support for Hezbollah in Lebanon beginning in the 1980s to backing for the Northern Alliance in Afghanistan in the 1990s and various groups in Iraq and Yemen in the 2000s, Soleimani's way of war led to mixed results. Yet, each case allowed Qods Force commanders to adapt and refine their proxy war strategy, and modulate the response to increasing American pressure in the form of covert counter attacks and sanctions. Meanwhile, Soleimani significantly elevated the degree of freedom of operation provided to Qods Force commanders.

As part of the Qods Force organizational structure, each region of operation is given to an individual commander. This "One Country, One File, One Commander" was Soleimani's brainchild and gives individual Qods Force commanders extraordinary freedom to design and implement policy; but it also makes them responsible for the outcome, according to Morad Veisi, a journalist with *Radio Farda*, the Iranian branch of the United States' Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and an expert on the IRGC.[40] In those most delicate theaters where the Qods Force required maximum policy control, its officers have often been the ones Tehran has dispatched as its top diplomatic envoys. In the case of Iraq, all three of Iran's ambassadors to Baghdad since 2003 have come from the Qods Force.[41]

To the Qods Force leaders in Tehran, Iran's support to a long list of militant groups across the Middle East translates into leverage. These groups are seen as a vindication of the mobilization and financing of the so-called forward defense. The militant groups help to project Iranian military reach and, at times,

ideological influence. While Iran's consolidation of a forward defense strategy was driven by overarching regional dynamics including a growing perception of a U.S. threat and the rise of new opportunities and challenges with the Arab Spring, its character varied across different national contexts. This was so despite growing public references to transnational mobilization and connections between groups.

Hezbollah in Lebanon: An Enduring, Ideologically Close Relationship with Geopolitical Value

Hezbollah in Lebanon is the best example of Iran's forward defense concept.[42] This should not be surprising. Iran's own IRGC began as a militia in the aftermath of the Iranian revolution in 1979 and, 41 years later, it is the most formidable political-military-economic actor in the country. This IRGC has diligently worked to replicate its success domestically and turn its foreign proxies into powerbrokers in their respective home countries.

In the case of Hezbollah in Lebanon, the IRGC and its Qods Force foreign branch did not only ideologically indoctrinate and arm the group, but selected and groomed its leaders, including Hassan Nasrallah, its present leader, and Imad Mughniyeh, the group's top military planner who was assassinated in a joint American-Israeli operation in 2008.[43]

Hezbollah's nearly four-decade alliance with the Islamic Republic is the ultimate successful embodiment of the application of forward defense. Unlike many of the other groups that Tehran has backed since 1979, Hezbollah not only shares the Shia Islamist ideological model adopted in Tehran but provides Iran with a platform from which to militarily exert pressure on its top regional nemesis, Israel. From Tehran's perspective, Hezbollah represents the best the forward defense model can offer: an effective tool of national interest combined with a close and enduring relationship strengthened by both material and ideological ties.

Iran in Syria and Iraq: Key Geopolitical Partner, Contested Ties, and the Role of Ideological and Transnational Mobilization as Stopgap

Yet Iran's military interventions in Syria since the outbreak of the Arab Spring in 2011 demonstrate that ideological conformity is not a prerequisite for Tehran's support. Hezbollah may be a particularly successful case of forward defense, but it is far from the only model for the strategy, which often relies on proxies whose ideological ties to Iran are often far weaker than those of Hezbollah. The Syrian case also illustrates the limits and risks of Iran's pursuit of proxy warfare reliant upon relationships of a less enduring and ideologically bound character.

The Islamic Republic has nothing in common in terms of creed with the secular Baathist regime of Bashar Al Assad.[44] Despite this, Iran intervened militarily on behalf of Assad in close partnership with its ideological offspring, Hezbollah.

Iran's Syrian intervention demonstrated its versatility. It also showed Iran's ability to compartmentalize its regional ambitions and work with foreign partners while awkwardly attempting to publicly cast the mission in Islamist clothing. Iran's key objective was to save a geopolitical ally with a secular system while minimizing costs to Iran itself.[45] Notably, Iran's primary foreign cohort in the mission in Syria has been Vladimir Putin's Russian Federation, hardly a vanguard of Islamism.[46]

The biggest departure in Syria, when compared to the situation in Iraq, was the need for Iran to bring in droves of non-locals—such as Iraqis, Afghans, Pakistanis—to fight under Iranian leadership to keep the Assad regime from collapse.[47] Unlike in Shia-majority Iraq, where the indoctrination of a generation of pro-Islamic Republic sympathizers had been under way before Saddam's fall, Syria's sectarian realities meant that the manpower shortage was a problem for Tehran. This also differentiated Syria from Lebanon, where Iran could rely upon a close ideological ally in Hezbollah. The Qods Force proved agile in circumventing this impediment. In doing so, it sharpened the essence of what forward defense means in practical terms in the post-Arab Spring Middle East by drawing upon transnational networks to resolve the challenges of proxy warfare in a particular context.

The manifestation of forward defense in Iraq and in Syria, since 2003 and 2012 respectively, highlights two basic facts. First, Iran has demonstrated agility in defining and implementing security policy in the region. Second, Iran's activities in Iraq and Syria reveal a consensus among Iranian policy-makers that the appetite of the Iranian public for forward defense is finite.

Tehran did not engage in large-scale recruitment of Iranians to be dispatched to Syria. The few thousand Iranians sent to Syria, ostensibly as military advisors, were overwhelmingly drawn from volunteers in the ranks of the IRGC and not the conscripted Iranian army.[48] Iran thus depended upon its ability to appeal to and recruit among non-Iranian Shia in the region in order to mobilize the transnational networks.[49] While national interest was the primary motivator for Iran's defense of Syria, the limits imposed by Iranian society required an emphasis upon sectarian and religious appeals in the means of accomplishing those goals.

The mobilization of non-Iranian forces was a double-edged sword. It helped resolve Iran's manpower problems. But in strengthening appeals to transnational ideological claims, Iran provided its regional rivals with a convincing argument that Tehran was indoctrinating, funding, and arming a new generation of Shia militants and hence, fueling a regional Shia-Sunni sectarian divide. Iran, a non-

Arab and Shia majority country with aspirations to lead the Islamic world, has always been highly sensitive to the charge of acting as a Shia sectarian power and it has invested heavily in countering this complaint levelled against it. However, the priority of keeping Assad in power superseded Tehran's wish to maintain its credibility in the eyes of the Sunni street.[50] As a result, Iran's approach helped mobilize opposition to Iranian policy and stoked fears that Iran was seeking more revisionist aims.

The IRGC bosses were undeterred and unapologetic. In August 2012, as Tehran's military intervention in Syria became increasingly public, then-IRGC Deputy Commander Brigadier General Hossein Salami said "our doctrines are defensive at the level of (grand) strategy, but our strategies and tactics are offensive."[51] IRGC commanders proudly defended the ability to practice "deep-attack doctrine."[52] In April 2019, Khamenei appointed Salami to become the head of the IRGC, and Soleimani's nominal boss, even as Soleimani retained his direct and much publicized access to the Supreme Leader.[53] Meanwhile, Khamenei's support for forward defense became increasingly overt. "We mustn't be satisfied with our region. By remaining within our borders, we shouldn't neglect the threats over our borders. A broad overseas vision, which is the IRGC's responsibility, is our strategic depth and it is of the utmost importance," he told the IRGC bosses.[54]

Support for the Houthis in Yemen: Loose Ties and a Low Level of Interest

Iran's role in the Yemeni civil war starting in 2014 demonstrates both the limitations of forward defense war and how Tehran has been selective and careful in applying the strategy. It is commonplace to read that Tehran is the sponsor of the Yemeni Houthi rebels fighting the UN-recognized Yemeni government. In reality, when the last round of conflict began in Yemen in 2014, few Iranians were familiar with the term "Houthis" or "Ansar-Allah," the official name of the group. The lack of historic ties between Tehran and the Houthi movement and an exaggerated sense of the importance of sectarian bonds between the two only underscore that their relationship has mostly been a marriage of convenience.[55]

Neither Soleimani nor any other senior IRGC commander ever made a public appearance in Yemen. This stands in contrast to prominent public visits to Lebanon, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria.[56] Tehran has not made extensive efforts to spread its religious ideology among the Houthis, who are mostly followers of the Zaidi sect in Islam.[57] The export of Khomeinism to the Houthis of Yemen has happened, but only in small doses as compared to Iraq or Lebanon. Yemen is, from Tehran's perspective, too far-flung, too fractured, and unripe to be a good host for Iran's forward defense doctrine.[58]

Iran has compared the Houthis to Hezbollah in Lebanon.[59] If the latter could be a spear aimed at Israel, the Houthis could be Tehran's pawn against the Saudis. Ali Shirazi, Supreme Leader Khamenei's representative to the Qods force, expressed such a view to the Iranian press in January 2015 and on other occasions.[60] But Yemen was never a core priority for Tehran and the Houthis were never as submissive to Tehran as Hezbollah or the pro-Iran Shia Iraqi groups. Instead, the dynamic in the Iran-Houthi partnership has depended overwhelmingly on the policy decisions of third-party actors, most notably Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States.[61] For example, since late 2019, when the Houthis began the latest round of peace talks with the Saudis and the Americans in Oman, the Iranians were effectively sidelined. The Houthi-Saudi peace talks began shortly after Iran's Ayatollah Khamenei received a senior Houthi delegation in August.[62] Either Tehran was urging the Houthis to sue for peace or it had little influence over their strategic decisions (or both). Even in Washington a new message began to be disseminated that downplayed the closeness of Tehran and the Houthis.[63]

Nevertheless, the Houthis continue to provide Iran with a possible staging-ground from Yemen should Tehran opt to pursue a more militant posture against Riyadh, including via the use of Houthi-controlled Yemeni territory as a launchpad for Iranian-supplied missile strikes. The case of Iran's relations with the Houthis shows that when examining the extent and appeal of the Iranian proxy model of forward defense, it is critical to look for the depth in relations, which is an indicator of Tehran's ability to consolidate its regional alliance against the United States and its allies under the banner of the "Axis of Resistance."

IV. Conclusion: Is "Forward Defense" A Sustainable Military Doctrine?

Iran's forward defense doctrine draws on a long history, including a critical period of consolidation over the 2000s and 2010s. However, as the United States increasingly perceives direct challenges to Iranian proxy actions as a workable strategy, it is far from clear if the doctrine will prove sustainable over the 2020s.

Kayhan Barzegar, a prominent analyst in Tehran on Iranian regional policies, describes Tehran's logic behind forward defense as "preempting the penetration of symmetric and asymmetric threats inside Iran's borders."[64] According to this line of thinking, Iran not only has to secure its national borders but in certain circumstances it has to go outside of its borders as part of a preemptive national security strategy.

Barzegar calls this the concept of "wider security zone," which he argues is part of the "the strategic calculus employed by Iranian political-security elites."[65] The mastermind behind the concept was Soleimani and, at its core, the logic holds that socio-political turmoil in the region, including the emergence of new security threats such as ISIS, requires an increased and active Iranian response, according to Barzegar.[66] Others are less certain about the soundness of such logic. Patrick Clawson, director of research at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, argues the notion of "Soleimani the savior" is highly ironic. According to him, "the Islamic State's victories in Iraq [after 2014] were largely due to the ultra-sectarian policies he pressed on authorities in Baghdad." As Clawson puts it, Iran and Soleimani have been both the "fireman and the arsonist," in regard to conflicts in Iraq and Syria.[67]

What Barzegar calls the application of power in Iran's wider security zone is merely the latest reincarnation of forward defense. As described above, this concept has evolved over the last 40 years since Iran's practical military needs during the Iran-Iraq War. It was then that young IRGC commanders like Soleimani looked for ways to overcome Iran's limitations given Tehran's isolation and lack of access to conventional military platforms.[68] Today, the proxy model still reflects Iran's military weak points but it has also proven its utility.

Since the beginning of the Arab uprisings in 2011, the generals in the IRGC have argued that the shifting regional security environment requires Iran's military strategy to adapt and reinvent itself. When ISIS carried out its first attacks in Tehran in June 2017, the proponents of forward defense wasted no time in arguing that had Iran not militarily intervened in Syria and Iraq, Iran would have had to confront a far greater ISIS threat inside its borders.[69] By implication, since the Iranians officially maintain that the United States has been an enabler for the rise of ISIS, Tehran's rhetorical stance was that fighting ISIS is tantamount to

aborting American plans aimed at Iran. As Khamenei put it a few months before the ISIS attacks in Tehran, "there are well-documented news of American aid to ISIS and some other terrorist groups, and now that they [the Americans] have formed an anti-ISIS coalition, some U.S. agencies are still assisting ISIS in other ways."[70] With the United States at the heart of Iran's security calculations, this sort of logic is pervasive in Tehran. Put simply, the fight against ISIS as leverage against the United States is a common theme in the messaging of Iran's leaders. The Revolutionary Guards Commander, Hossein Salami, explained in September 2019: "In war, the victor is the one that can shape the power equation. No power in the world today, including the United States, has the capacity to wage war against the Iranian people."[71] Nonetheless, Iranian academics, including those linked to the Foreign Ministry in Tehran, openly publish works admitting that Iran's rivals do not see Tehran's military posture as defensive.[72] By implication, this is an admission that, in the Middle East at least, the concept of forward defense on a large scale is viewed as part of a grand strategy to expand its influence.

For Iran's regional rivals, the Islamic Republic's forward defense is considered a case of an ideological commitment rather than an Iranian national security imperative. That Tehran's reliance on forward defense and depending on foreign militias is mostly by choice, driven by Tehran geopolitical choices and principally its rivalry with the United States and her regional allies. In turn, states such as Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and, to a lesser extent, Turkey, are determined to stop Iran in its tracks even as they each are pursuing their own versions of geopolitical forward defense from Yemen to Syria to Libya. As part of this cycle, many billions of dollars are invested in competition for influence in the region.[73]

The resultant proxy warfare arms races pose a challenge to Iranian strategy, which has sought to minimize costs to the Iranian people. So far, Iran's forward defense appears largely to have been implemented on a tight budget. Iran is not the biggest military spender in the Middle East today.[74] But Tehran also has far less cash on hand due to American sanctions. President Hassan Rouhani has claimed that American sanctions have cost Iran $200 billion.[75] The issue of Iran's ability to fund its proxy allies, and the reliance of its approach in cases like Syria on stopgap measures that can encourage escalation on the part of its rivals, poses a threat to the sustainability of the forward defense model. However, it is not an imminent risk to Iran's ability to pursue the strategy.

As Tehran has demonstrated over the years, it is able to prioritize. Not every Arab proxy group has the same value to Iran. Hezbollah of Lebanon is, to a significant extent, politically and religiously indistinguishable from the Islamic Republic. There is, however, much daylight between the Houthis of Yemen and the Iranians. Aside from an ability to prioritize if needed and redefine forward defense depending on circumstances, the Iranian regime as a whole, including the IRGC and its foreign branch the Qods Force, have demonstrated that they are

rational actors that engage in a systematic cost-benefit analysis when contemplating military action. Acting rationally does not equate to flawless execution, however. The Iranian military strategy bears the hallmark of trial and error and has proven to be open to mishaps. The Islamic Republic likes to portray itself as a martyrdom-seeking state, but in reality, Iran's military strategy remains cautious.

Moreover, while the Islamist message has helped Tehran mobilize support in certain pockets in the Arab World, and provided it with a vehicle to expand its regional influence and with Iraq as the best example, excessive attachment to a sectarian agenda can create its own problems for Tehran. The Islamist ruling elite in Tehran is aware of the perils of Iran becoming an entrenched Shia power in an Islamic World where the Shia are a minority and Iran's Islamist credentials are dwindling. Tehran does not want to feed the narrative that Iran is a Shia sectarian power bent on expanding its influence in Sunni-majority Arab countries.

Meanwhile, as the Islamic Republic faces a deep crisis of legitimacy at home, it is difficult to see how Tehran can stay the course without risking political blowback from an Iranian public that yearns for nation-building at home and an end to costly foreign projects. This anger is nothing new but Soleimani's assassination, and Washington's determination to push back against Iranian regional efforts, might give enough reason for the political and military elite in Tehran to rethink the concept and the sustainability of the forward defense doctrine.

In Western analysis, Soleimani is often depicted as a brilliant strategist who exploited chaos in Iraq and Syria to project Iranian power. There is no doubt that he managed before his death to cultivate a warrior image for himself. But Soleimani, and his brothers-in-arms in the IRGC, have come to a critical juncture. Washington has openly warned Soleimani's successor, Esmail Ghaani, that he too will be assassinated if he opts to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor.[76]

This ultimatum presents the biggest challenge for the Islamists in Tehran and test of the proxy warfare strategy. Forward defense and the use of foreign proxies, such as Hezbollah or the Iraqi militant Shia groups, are today seen by the average public inside Iran and in the broader Middle East as a projection of the ideological zeal of the Islamic Republic and a trend that is depleting Iranian national resources while fueling a costly competition for regional influence with regional rivals. The United States has settled upon a strategy that views this as a sufficient leverage point to enable coercion of Iranian policymakers by moving the conflict towards more direct confrontation.

However, the IRGC appears to view its proxy network, built over four decades, as a sustainable counterweight that can survive such pressure. As a result, the current uncertainty regarding whose assessment of the sustainability of Iran's proxy strategy is correct is likely to prompt a series of crises in which the U.S.-Iran

conflict moves towards direct confrontation as the two sides play a game of chicken. Important to watch across these crises, however, is the extent to which Iran increasingly plays up ideological rhetoric to sustain both transnational and domestic mobilization amid the repeated crises.

Whether or not the mobilization methods are successful in prolonging the sustainability of Iran's strategy, they will likely play a critical role in shaping the IRGC of the 2020s, just as previous actions shaped today's IRGC. Those changes bear close monitoring by policymakers and consideration as the United States continues to pursue its strategy of amping up the pressure on Iran as a way to force the leadership in Tehran to reconsider their priorities.

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China Using ‘Cognitive Warfare’ Against Taiwan, Observers Say

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TAIPEI - A Taipei think tank and observers in Taiwan say China is trying to influence residents with “cognitive warfare,” hoping to reverse opposition to Beijing’s desired takeover of Taiwan so it can be accomplished without having to go to war.

Taiwanese attitudes have been drifting away from the mainland, especially among the younger generation, whose members see themselves “born independent” with no ties to China.

China’s effort, these analysts say, includes tactics ranging from military intimidation and propaganda to misinformation spread by its army of online trolls in a bid to manipulate public opinion. They say the complexity and frequency of the effort puts Taiwan on a constant defensive.

“Its ultimate goal is to control what’s between the ears. That is, your brain or how you think, which [Beijing] hopes leads to a change of behavior,” Tzeng Yi-suo, director of the cybersecurity division at the government-funded Institute of National Defense and Security Research in Taipei, told VOA.

Campaign intensifies amid COVID

Cognitive warfare is a fairly new term, but the concept has been around for decades. China has never stopped trying to deter the island's separatists, according to Tzeng, who wrote about the Chinese efforts last month in the institute's annual report on China's political and military development.

Liberal democracies such as Taiwan, that ensure the free flow of information, are vulnerable to cognitive attacks by China, while China's tightly controlled media and internet environment makes it difficult for democracies to counterattack, according to Tzeng.

China's campaign has intensified since the outbreak of COVID-19, using official means such as flying military jets over Taiwan, and unofficial channels such as news outlets, social media and hackers to spread misinformation. The effort is aimed at dissuading Taiwan from pursuing actions contrary to Beijing's interests, the report said.

China has used these tactics to attack Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen's administration, undermine support for democracy and fuel Taiwan's social tensions and political divide, it said.

The South China Situation Probing Initiative, for example, a project run by Najing University in China, has disseminated information about Chinese military activities in the region through its Twitter account, but some of the posts have been found to be false, apparently aimed at intimidating Taiwan's public and weakening Tsai's Democratic Progressive Party government's resolve, according to the report.

Tzeng said China's efforts didn't work in Taiwan's presidential election last January, when Tsai won a landslide victory. The island's growing anti-China sentiments – seem further strengthened by disapproval of China's brutal suppression of pro-democracy Hong Kong protests.

China "set out to [actively] promote the island's reunification with the mainland, its identity as ethnic Chinese or favorable views toward the CCP [Chinese Communist Party]. But now all it can hope for is to curb Taiwan's [growing] pro-independence sentiments" – a trend Beijing has found it difficult to contain, he said.

Tzeng added that he believes China is biding its time and experimenting with new tactics, which it hopes will succeed in influencing the island's future elections.

For example, the report said that China's Communist Party is believed to have played a role in hacking Tsai's office in May to discredit her. Reporters covering her office at the time claimed to have received minutes of internal meetings from an anonymous email account, which accused the president of corruption. Tsai's administration responded by saying that the documents had been doctored and contained fabricated content.

Taiwan should, Tzeng said, stay alert and establish a comprehensive fact-checking system to prevent fake news and misinformation from subverting public opinion.

Taiwan should also "work with regional and global liberal democracies to establish a common defense mechanism" as China's influencing attacks have a global outreach and aren't limited to Taiwan. They constitute the most serious challenge facing democratic societies today, Tung Li-wen, former head of the ruling DPP's China affairs department, wrote in a 2019 essay.

Chinese citizen journalist and blogger Zhou Shuguang, who now lives in Taiwan, said many Chinese have taken to the internet to spread China's narrative. Two groups of such online promoters of China's narrative are known as "Little Pink" and "50 Cent Party," The groups, he said, have formed China's sizable army of online trolls to spread fake news, for example, rumors about Tsai's academic background. Despite repeated clarifications, many kept circling rumors that the

president's 1984 doctorate degree from the London School of Economics was fake.

A 2016 study, led by Harvard University data scientist Gary King, found that 50 Cent Party produced 488 million "fake" social media posts a year to distract other internet users from news and online discussions painting the Communist Party in a negative light.

Global propaganda campaign

China has also been aggressive in expanding its global propaganda campaign to "tell China's story well" and disrupt democracy, said Huang Jaw-nian, an assistant professor of National Chengchi University in Taipei, who specializes in media politics.

"[China] is running its global propaganda campaign by expanding its state media abroad and deploying a strategy called 'borrowing a boat out to sea,' that is, buying up foreign news outlets [with better credibility]... The media buyouts are, in some cases, made by pro-Beijing businesspeople," who will likely spin coverage to curry favor with China, Huang told VOA.

However, Li Zhenguang, deputy director of Beijing Union University's Institute of Taiwan Studies, flatly denied that China has launched any efforts against Taiwan or Tsai's administration.

"She [Tsai] is putting a feather in her own cap. She is a nobody to China. I find the accusations nonsense. Why on earth does China want to attack her?" he told VOA over the phone, refusing to elaborate.

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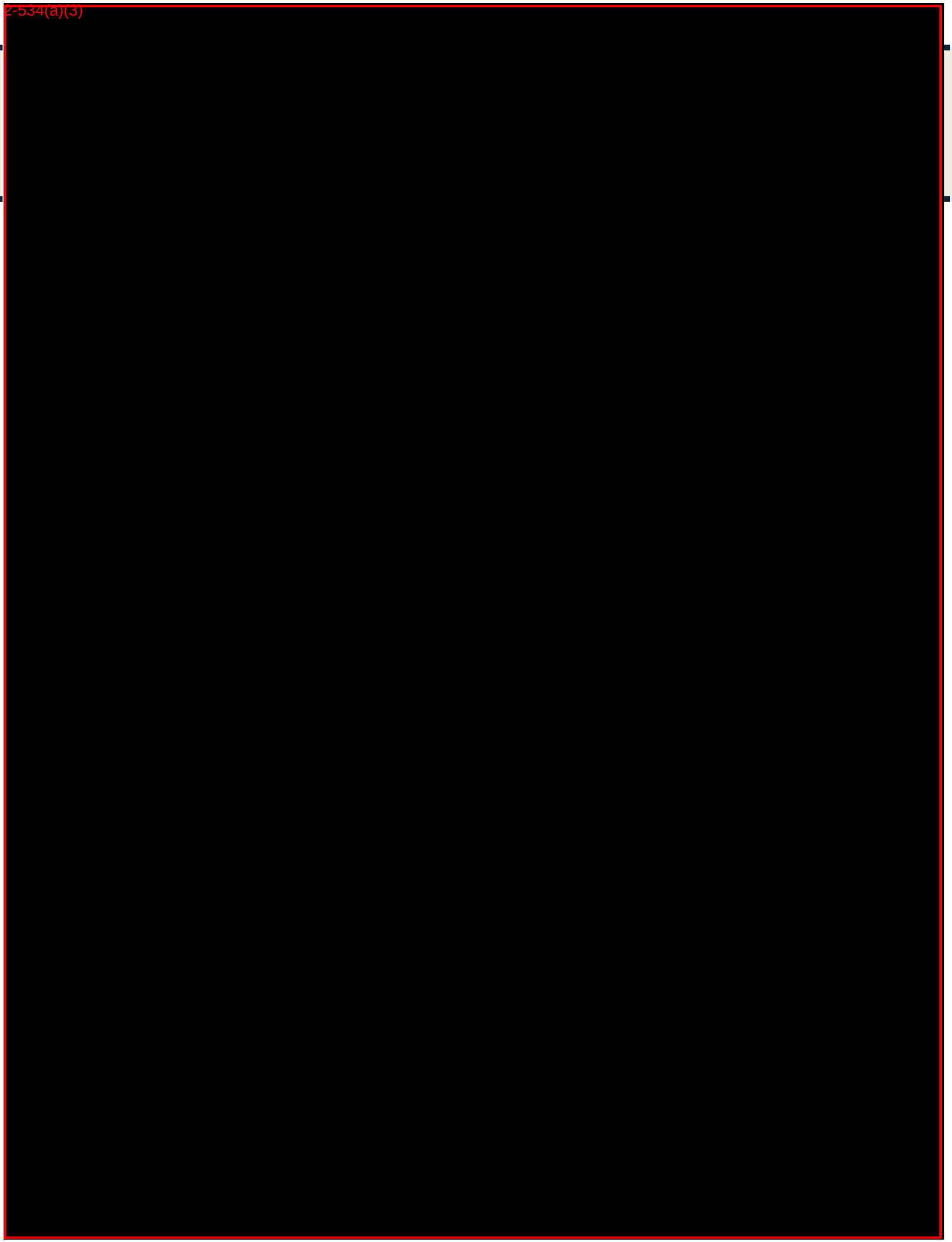

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NOC 0051-20: COVID-19 – U.S.
United States

- As of 1:21 a.m. ET Monday, the United States has confirmed a total of 23,936,773 coronavirus cases and 397,600 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins University Johns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830158838%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=zaqnsy8UnczwnMgUecaHSJhEW9I1Fp2%2Fb8uGr0FGRnw%3D&reserved=0 >

Nevada

- Nevada reported a record 63 COVID-19 deaths in the past 24 hours, according to data released SaturdayKLAS < Caution-

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- Data reported in the past 24 hours shows 57 of Nevada's 63 deaths were reported in Clark County
- Nevada reported 2,040 new COVID-19 cases, with 1,608 from Clark County

Utah

- A record number of patients with COVID-19 were hospitalized in the ICU Saturday in Utah as the state reported 2,150 more cases and 13 deaths The Salt Lake Tribune < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2z2zqoa&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830178832%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=komT79c%2BVxkWBpLGRoo%2F8iLuxFTLv2JOhmcjfhgpXbw%3D&reserved=0 >
  - There were 210 ICU patients Friday and 194 on Thursday

Virginia

- For the second Saturday in a row, Virginia has set a single-day record with 6,757 newly reported casesRichmond Times-Dispatch < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3z86cqr&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830178832%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Oa%2FuHaYeUqaAOKkHyZghnqOnoqJFuKGNtZI6AqYKRtY%3D&reserved=0 >
  - That is nearly 1,000 more than last week's record of 5,798
  - In the first two weeks of 2021, Virginia has recorded nearly 80,000 cases

Austria*(Social Media)*

- *Austria on Sunday extended its third COVID-19 lockdown into February, hoping to drive down infection rates despite an influx of variants that spread the coronavirus more easily Twitter [Reuters Health]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4nevujb&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830188825%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=dhfh5ortgbqxqot6E8aGtBS7YNyipMyVV1rWo4G4ipo%3D&reserved=0 >
  - *The goal is to let shops, museums, and personal services like hairdressers reopen from February 8, while the catering and tourism sectors will stay shuttered until at least March*
- *The country has reported nearly 390,000 coronavirus cases and almost 7,000 COVID-19-linked deaths*

Brazil

- Brazil's health regulator gave emergency approval Sunday for two coronavirus vaccines, kicking off a mass inoculation campaign amid a devastating second wave that is killing over 1,000 people daily Yahoo! News (AFP) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2cvjtof&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830188825%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=rklOavQ7uWMQCiLndU21ah8DxfDjxwgvy5NTomKQHYE%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The health ministry announced the government would start distributing vaccines to all 27 states on Monday for a national inoculation campaign to start Wednesday

Mexico*(Social Media)*

- *Mexico has registered its worst week yet of the pandemic, with a record number of infections from the new coronavirus and more than 7,000 COVID-19 deaths, government data showed on Saturday Twitter [Reuters]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxc4ety8&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830198816%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lfZ5c%2BwZHn5qUjr9LiJUYM7mWFtCcc%2BL3mOEy%2B0gi4o%3D&reserved=0 >
    - *For the week ending Saturday, Mexico recorded more than 7,000 deaths for the first time, while posting over 106,200 new cases*
    - *There were 20,523 new coronavirus cases and 1,219 more fatalities on Saturday, pushing total confirmed infections to 1,630,258 and deaths to 140,241, the health ministry said*

Oman*(Social Media)*

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Portugal

- Portugal's public health system is on the verge of collapsing as hospitals in the areas worst-affected by a surge in coronavirus cases are quickly running out of intensive care beds to treat COVID-19 patients, media reported on SundayReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5djeuul&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830208811%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=IXFZEz1UICpMIMCBf%2BWv51RJFh0lUsEz2pOa35zKu20%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The health system can accommodate a maximum of 672 COVID-19 patients in ICUs, according to health ministry data
    - The number of people in ICUs with COVID-19 reached 647 on Sunday, according to the health authority
- Three days into a nationwide lockdown, the country reported 10,385 new cases and 152 fatalities on Sunday, bringing the total number of infections to 549,801, with the death toll increasing to 8,861
    - According to Oxford University data, Portugal had the highest number of coronavirus cases in Europe per capita over the last seven days

Worldwide

- As of 1:21 a.m. ET Monday, there were 95,045,802 coronavirus cases and 2,030,842 related deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins University Johns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830208811%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=I%2B6ZpuqxQpBYQr2H0MRewdb8wNzPdz%2BqGRSe9hnvmls%3D&reserved=0 >

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NOC 1060-20: Presidential Inauguration – Washington, DC

- *U.S. defense officials say they are worried about an insider attack or other threat from service members involved in securing the Presidential Inauguration, prompting the FBI to vet all of the 25,000 National*

Guard troops coming into Washington, D.C., for the event (Social Media)Twitter [AP] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6boelwo&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830218810%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JosiA%2FWrz%2BLmQcIlnw6Z3ZGBeze7aJuzzZWBsvAoDYA%3D&reserved=0 >

- *A U.S. Army senior official told media on Sunday that officials are conscious of the potential threat, and he warned commanders to be on the lookout for any problems within their ranks as the inauguration approaches (Social Media)*
  - *So far, however, he and other leaders say they have seen no evidence of any threats, and officials said the vetting had not flagged any issues (Social Media)*
- *While the military routinely reviews service members for extremist connections, the FBI screening is in addition to any previous monitoring (Social Media)*

- The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) will temporarily shut down post offices in Washington, D.C., in preparation of next week's Inauguration Day, media reported Sunday WTOP (CNN) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5wjhpyy&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830228798%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=MB9UYqKuoqKMY2tE7MeBHIqQ0VMYw9Qd1U%2FD9uKbPdY%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Collection boxes were moved or locked, suspending mail locations from certain areas in the DistrictKRIV (Fox News) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5k8qqc3&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830228798%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=y5SLp9Lz0hHnbgf6gBO5F1oGe0EBgbHidLfLubXgOAM%3D&reserved=0 >
  - More than 15 different USPS locations have been disrupted in D.C., with varying days of reopening due to the security measures
  - In addition to the District, mailboxes will also be temporarily removed in at least 17 states as a security measure to protect postal property, employees, and the public
- Troops with the Louisiana National Guard have been sent to assist with safety at the United States Capitol Building in Washington, D.C, media reported Saturday KPLC (KSLA) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyl9ttbw&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830238792%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Y6Zy6upwZ9zh%2Feba54XqiMMrV2mZN4G7y1X44EZ9kFQ%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Around 174 soldiers and airmen made their way to the Capitol in preparation for Inauguration Day on January 20

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NOC 0602-18: Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border

- Guatemalan police fired tear gas Sunday to disperse thousands of migrants headed for the United States on foot, and soldiers beat back a group that tried to push through barriers, according to AFP journalistsYahoo! News (AFP) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6gmm3s3&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830238792%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=AlkKLyzh58y9zZLexh9xCeGsj63RoIvHkwMDBiOtVPc%3D&reserved=0 >

- Security forces surrounded the migrant caravan on a road in the town of Vado Hondo, near the border with Honduras where they came from, and fired tear gas
- Police say at least 6,000 people had arrived in the town, out of some 9,000 who left Honduras in recent days in the hopes of making it to the United States
- The deafening explosions of gas and smoke cannisters caused thousands of the migrants to turn back, while others fled into nearby mountains
    - Some who tried to break through a fence were beaten back by uniformed personnel equipped with clubs and plastic shields
    - A health official from the region said several of the migrants were injured after being struck

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Other Significant Events

NOC 0378-20-2: Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC*(Social Media)*

- *The FBI is investigating whether foreign governments, organizations, or individuals provided financial support to U.S. individuals who may have helped plan and execute the January 6 incident at the Capitol, one current and one former FBI official told NBC News, according to media reports SaturdayTwitter [NBC News - Reporter]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyulj5ss&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830248787%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LDMlIByisAHaz4MSE1tc5HhyWl6itU1v78VfkANjs9w%3D&reserved=0 >
    - *As part of the investigation, the bureau is examining payments of $500,000 in bitcoin, apparently by a French national, to key figures and groups in the alt-right before the riot, the sources said*
    - *A joint threat assessment issued this week by the FBI, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and various other federal and D.C.-area police agencies noted that since the January 6 riot, "Russian, Iranian, and Chinese influence actors have seized the opportunity to amplify narratives in furtherance of their policy interest amid the presidential transition"*
- *A New Jersey man who is a U.S. Navy contractor and U.S. Army reservist with a "secret" security clearance has been charged with taking part in the U.S. Capitol riot, media reported Sunday Twitter [nypost]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxv2mk3m&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830248787%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=3PwR%2FHq9nCFBu%2BLtlse5RWsR1L4C3cl2NThm7%2FPYgVc%3D&reserved=0 >
    - *The 30-year-old from Colts Neck - described as an "avowed white supremacist and Nazi sympathizer" in court papers - allegedly told other rioters to "advance" during the deadly January 6 incident*
        - *He was charged Friday with five federal counts, including: knowingly entering or remaining in a restricted building without lawful authority; disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; disrupting the orderly conduct of government business; [gathering] in a Capitol building; and obstructing a law enforcement officer*
    - *The man works at the Naval Weapons Station Earle in Colts Neck, where he has access to "a variety of munitions," according to an affidavit filed in the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.*
    - *The Naval Criminal Investigative Service began looking into him after receiving a tip from an informant who said the Colts Neck man had confessed to breaking into the Capitol*
        - *He admitted to encouraging other members of the mob to "advance - giving directions via both voice and hand signals," the court papers allege*

- *The informant described the man as a white supremacist and Nazi sympathizer known for "proffering extreme political opinions and viewpoints," on a YouTube channel and on other online forums*
- *According to an Associated Press review, at least 22 current or former members of the U.S. military or law enforcement have been identified as being at or near the riot*

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NOC 0378-20: Civil Disturbances – U.S.
Washington, D.C.

- *A woman was arrested Saturday at a U.S. Capitol checkpoint in Washington, D.C., for allegedly impersonating a law enforcement officer and fleeing from police, media reported Sunday (Social Media)Twitter [nbcwashington]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2b8n33z&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830258780%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=cBKY8WpmWgImvB2Yzyja5xe5A5Adjh5WnBci69aSS9M%3D&reserved=0 >
  - *The woman was arrested near Union Station after she said she was an officer and "a part of the presidential cabinet," and presented a military police challenge coin, a D.C. police report said (Social Media)*
  - *She was charged with impersonation of a law enforcement officer, failure to obey, and fleeing a law enforcement officer (Social Media)*
- A Virginia man has been arrested near the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., for carrying a pistol without a license and the possession of a large capacity ammunition feeding device, and unregistered ammunition, media reported SundayWJLA < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy63s3sck&data=04%7C01%7Cjindermuehle%40techopsolutions.net%7C889452c53f224c684f8e08d8bb86c798%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637465534830258780%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qMmjuwP97CRc16N0duzcr6LEqRo3ZDxzSKUWjzs1oFM%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Police say the 22-year-old from Gordonsville was walking in the 200 block of Massachusetts Avenue NE around 2:30 a.m. Sunday "with the listed firearm clearly visible in a holster"
  - When stopped, officers determined he was also carrying three high-capacity magazines, and 37 rounds of unregistered ammo, according to the incident report

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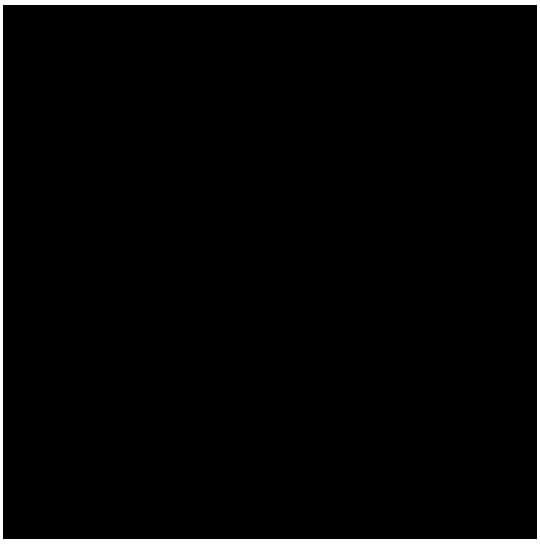

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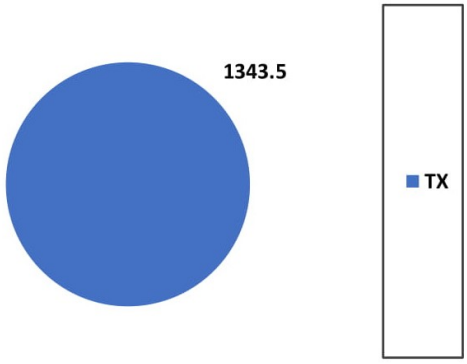

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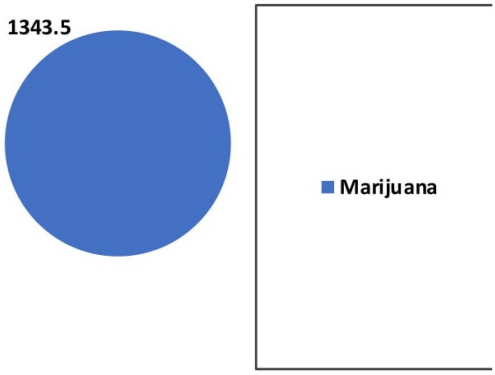

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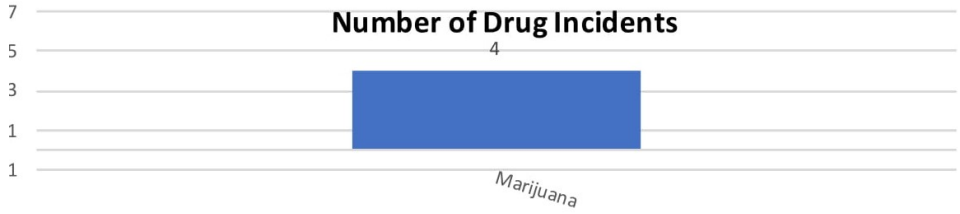

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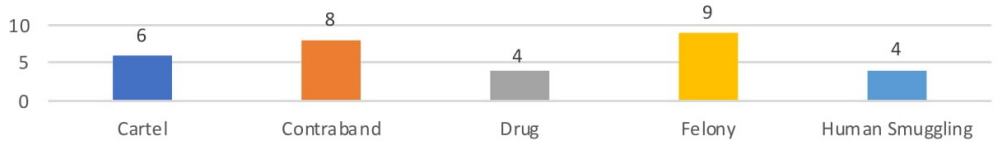

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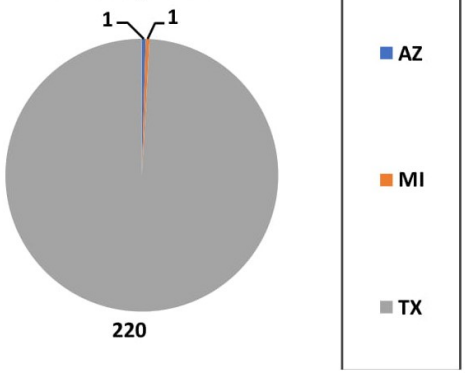

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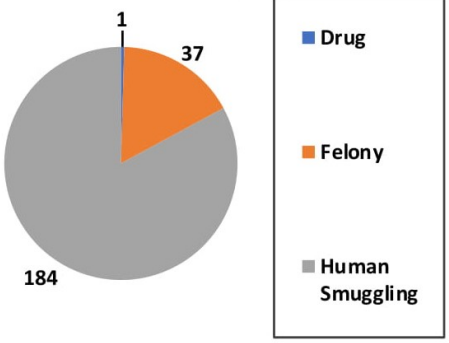

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On 10 January 2021, Mexican authorities seized six armored vehicles in Becerros, Tamaulipas, MX. Members of a special forces group within the Tamaulipas Police, GOPES, were patrolling rural roads when they spotted two Gulf Cartel gunmen who fired a couple of shots before fleeing. The authorities were unable to locate the gunmen but did discover the heavily armored vehicles. (Cartel Chronicles, Six Armored Cartel Vehicles Found In Mexican Border City, Breitbart Texas, 1/13/2021)

2. Law Enforcement : Cartel Gunmen Clash With Law Enforcement Near Santa Rosa de Lima, Guanajuato, MX

On 11 January 2021, cartel gunmen clashed with State police and other law enforcement personnel near Santa Rosa de Lima, Guanajuato, MX. The shootouts resulted in the deaths of at least nine suspected cartel members and one State police officer. (Adry Torres, Gun Battles Leave Nine 'Drug Cartel Members' And One Police Officer Dead In Guanajuato, Mexico's Deadliest State, Daily Mail, 1/12/2021)

3. Law Enforcement : Cartel Gunmen Attack Soldiers Of Secretariat Of The National Defense In Nuevo Laredo, MX

On 11 January 2021, cartel gunmen attacked soldiers of the Secretariat of the National Defense In Nuevo Laredo, MX. The attack resulted in the death of four gunmen, the injuring of three bystanders, and the seizure of two vehicles. The gunmen wore camouflage and tactical equipment. Alleged cartel members blocked a highway to obstruct the path of military reinforcements. (César Rodriguez, Four Suspected Cartel Gunmen Killed In Nuevo Laredo Gun Battle, LMTonline, 1/13/2021)

4. Law Enforcement : Mexico Clears Former Defense Chief Of Cartel Ties In Mexico City, MX

On 15 January 2021, Mexico's Attorney General's Office cleared a former defense chief of cartel ties in Mexico City, MX. The United States claimed the Mexican National--arrested in October 2020--worked with a drug cartel. Mexico claimed there is no evidence of involvement. (Carlos Jasso, Mexico Clears Former Defense Chief U.S. Had Accused Of Cartel Ties, NBC News, 1/15/2021)

5. Law Enforcement : State Law Enforcement Officers Allegedly Kidnap Teenagers And Release Them To Cartel Members In Ciudad Mier And Miguel Aleman, Tamaulipas, MX

On 14 January 2021, state law enforcement officers allegedly kidnapped teenagers and released them to Gulf Cartel members in Ciudad Mier and Miguel Aleman, Tamaulipas, MX. The officers detained the teenagers for a traffic violation. Tamaulipas investigators theorize that the teenagers worked for the Cartel Del Noreste faction of Los Zetas and that the officers were linked to the Gulf Cartel. (Gerald Tony Aranda, EXCLUSIVE: Mexican Border State Cops Kidnapped Teens For Cartel, Say Investigators, Breitbart Texas, 1/14/2021)

6. Law Enforcement : Cartel Gunmen Storm Funeral And Kill Nine In Celaya, Guanajuato, MX

As reported on 09 January 2021, on 05 January 2021, cartel gunmen stormed a home and killed nine victims in Celaya, Guanajuato, MX. The gunmen stormed a home holding a wake and fired over 100 shots. Nine individuals were killed while another was severely injured. (Gerald Tony Aranda, GRAPHIC: Cartel Gunmen Kill 9 During Wake In Central Mexico, Breitbart Texas, 1/9/2021)

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7. Arrest : USBP Agents Arrest Mexican National, A Previously Convicted Sex Offender, For Illegal Entry In Romeo, MI

On 10 January 2021, USBP agents arrested a Mexican national for illegal entry in Romeo, MI. During a records check, the agents found that the national had a prior conviction for Lewd or Lascivious Acts with a Child Under 14 in California and had been previously deported. (CBP Public Affairs, Convicted Sex Offender Previously Deported Arrested In Romeo, CBP, 1/10/2021)

8. Seizure : CBP Officers Seize 173 Counterfeit Designer Handbags And Wallets In Minneapolis, MN

On 12 January 2021, CBP officers seized more than 173 counterfeit designer handbags and wallets in Minneapolis, MN. The handbags/wallets were found in a shipment disguised as articles of clothing during an inspection to determine the admissibility of the goods. (CBP Public Affairs, $405K Of Counterfeit Designer Handbags & Wallets Seized By CBP Officers, CBP, 1/12/2021)

9. Seizure : RETROACTIVE: Pittsburgh CBP Seizes Steelers' Fake Super Bowl Rings Ahead Of Wild Card Weekend

RETROACTIVE: As reported on 08 January 2021, on 07 January 2021, CBP officers seized Chinese counterfeit Super Bowl rings in Pittsburgh, PA. Upon arrival from China, CBP import control marked the packages containing the counterfeit memorabilia as suspicious and confirmed that the rings violated applicable trademarks. (CBP Public Affairs, CBP Officers Seize Chinese Counterfeit Super Bowl Rings In Pittsburgh, PA, CBP, 1/8/2021)

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10. Seizure : CBP Seizes 5,789 Counterfeit Face Masks At The Port Of Louisville

As reported on 11 January 2021, CBP seized 5,789 counterfeit masks at the Port of Louisville, KY. The shipment originated from Vietnam and was addressed to be sent to a private residence in North Carolina. (, Thousands Of Counterfeit Face Masks Worth $1.4M Found In Louisville, WAVE News, 1/11/2021)

11. Seizure : CBP Seizes $405,975 Worth Of Counterfeit Clothing Accessories At The Port Of St. Paul

On 12 January 2021, CBP seized $405,975 worth of counterfeit clothing accessories at the Port of St. Paul, MN. The shipment originated from Laos and was addressed to be sent to a private residence in St. Paul. (Katrina Pross, $405K Of Counterfeit Designer Accessories Headed To St. Paul Seized By Customs Officers, Twin Cities Pioneer Press, 1/14/2021)

12. Seizure : CBP Seizes 10,080 Counterfeit Face Masks At The Port Of Cincinnati

On 08 January 2021, CBP seized 10,080 counterfeit masks at the Port of Cincinnati, OH. Customs officers discovered the masks after they noted suspicions with the shipment, prompting closer inspection. (, Thousands Of Counterfeit Face Masks Worth $1.4M Found In Louisville, WAVE News, 1/11/2021)

International Airport Security

13. Seizure/Arrest: TSA Officers Seize Handgun At Newark Liberty International Airport

On 13 January 2021, TSA officers seized a handgun and arrested a passenger at Newark Liberty International Airport. The gun was discovered at a security checkpoint x-ray machine. The passenger was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of a weapon. (Jeff Goldman, Newark Airport Passenger Tried To Bring Handgun Through Security Checkpoint, Feds Say, nj.com, 1/13/2021)

14. Seizure : TSA Officers Seize Handgun At Pittsburgh International Airport

On 15 January 2021, TSA officers seized a handgun at Pittsburgh International Airport, which officers discovered using an x-ray scanner at a security checkpoint. They notified the police and the gun was confiscated. Police cited the passenger on federal civil charges. (Megan Guza, 1st Gun Of 2021 Caught At Pittsburgh International Airport Checkpoint, Trib Live, 1/15/2021)

15. Seizure : TSA Officers Seize Loaded Handgun At Norfolk International Airport

On 11 January 2021, TSA officers seized a loaded handgun at Norfolk International Airport. Officers discovered the weapon using an x-ray machine at a security checkpoint. They notified airport police who confiscated the weapon and cited the passenger on a weapons charge. (WAVY Staff, Chesapeake Man Caught With Loaded Gun At Norfolk International Airport, WAVY, 1/11/2021)

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Drug Incidents

16. Seizure/Arrest: USBP Agents Arrest Subject And Seize 350 Pounds Of Marijuana In El Refugio, TX

On 14 January 2021, USBP agents arrested one subject and seized 350 pounds of marijuana in El Refugio, TX. After agents observed subjects carrying suspected bundles of narcotics, all but one of the subjects successfully fled to Mexico. (Roderick Kise, Border Patrol Agents Seize Over 350 Pounds Of Marijuana In The Rio Grande Valley, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1/15/2021)

17. Seizure : USBP Agents Seize 609.5 Pounds Of Marijuana In Laredo, TX

On 12 January 2021, USBP agents seized 609.5 pounds of marijuana in near Riverside Drive in Laredo, TX. Agents responded to observations of several subjects loading the bundles of suspected narcotics into a truck, but the subjects fled the scene before the agents' arrival. (Sara Melendez, Border Patrol Stops Narcotics Smuggling Attempt , U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1/13/2021)

18. Seizure : USBP Agents Seize 108 Pounds Of Marijuana Near Garciaville, TX

On 12 January 2021, USBP agents seized 108 pounds of marijuana near Garciaville, TX. After responding to a call regarding suspected criminal activity, agents saw an ATV leave the scene. Later, agents found the vehicle and narcotics abandoned by the subject. (Roderick Kise, RGV Border Patrol Agents Seize Over $307K Worth of Marijuana, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1/13/2021)

19. Seizure : USBP Agents Seize 276 Pounds Of Marijuana Near La Grulla, TX

On 12 January 2021, USBP agents seized 276 pounds of marijuana near La Grulla, TX. After agents observed subjects loading the narcotics into a vehicle, the subjects fled to Mexico. Agents apprehended one subject and the abandoned marijuana. (Roderick Kise, RGV Border Patrol Agents Seize Over $307K Worth Of Marijuana, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1/13/2021)

Immigration and Trade Incidents

20. Arrest : USBP Agents Arrest Mexican National In Yuma, AZ

On 11 January 2021, USBP agents arrested a Mexican national near the Andrade Port of Entry in Yuma, AZ. After watching the national climb the fence with a machete, USBP agents apprehended the national. (Jamie Landers, Border Patrol Apprehends Man Who Climbed Yuma Border Fence With A Machete, AZ Central, 1/12/2021)

21. Arrest : USBP Agents Arrested A US Citizen Wanted For Sexual Assault Of A Child In Laredo, TX

On 12 January 2021, USBP agents arrested a US citizen wanted for sexual assault of a child. A USBP agent referred the suspect to a secondary inspection, where biometrics revealed the suspect had an outstanding warrant. (, Laredo CBP Officers Apprehend Fugitive Sought For Sexual Assault Of A Child, U.S. Customs And Border Protection, 1/14/2021)

22. Arrest : USBP Agents Arrest 5 Subjects Including A Sex Offender Near Mission, TX

On 15 January 2021, USBP agent arrested five subjects including a sex offender near Mission, TX. USBP agents apprehended five subjects, including a Honduran national previously arrested for second degree rape, for attempting to enter the country illegally. (Roderick Kise, RGV Border Patrol Agents Arrest Sex Offender, U.S. Customs And Border Protection, 1/15/2021)

23. Arrest : USBP Agents Seize Loaded Handgun And Arrest 119 Subjects Involved In A Human Smuggling Operation In Freer, TX

On 14 January 2021, USBP agents seized a loaded handgun and arrested 119 subjects involved in a human smuggling operation in Freer, TX. After performing a traffic stop, agents discovered 119 Mexican, Salvadoran, Honduran, Ecuadorian, and Guatemalan nationals being smuggled in the back of a commercial truck. Agents found the loaded handgun in a backpack and identified two nationals as child sex offenders. (Haley Williams, Border Patrol Agents Thwart Human Smuggling Attempt, Arrest Two Child Sex Offenders In Traffic Stop Near Freer, Kiiitv.com, 1/14/2021)

24. Arrest : USBP Agents Apprehend 20 Nationals And Arrest A Mara Salvatrucha Gang Member In Hebbronville, TX

On 13 January 2021, USBP agents apprehended 20 nationals and arrested a Mara Salvatrucha gang member in Hebbronville, TX. A vehicle failed to yield during a traffic stop and was stopped later, where USBP agents discovered the vehicle was smuggling 20 Mexican, Guatemalan, Salvadoran, and Nicaraguan nationals, including a member of the MS-13 gang. (César Rodriguez, MS-13 Gang Member, Convicted Felon Discovered During Human Smuggling Attempt, LMT Online, 1/13/2021)

25. Arrest : USBP Agents Arrest Mexican National With An Active Warrant In Marfa, TX

On 11 January 2021, USBP agents arrested a Mexican national with an active warrant. USBP agents arrested around 60 nationals in the Big Bend Sector including a Mexican national wanted for a parole violation. (Greg Davis, Illegal Immigrant With Active Warrant Arrested In Big Bend Sector, U.S. Customs And Border Protection, 1/11/2021)

26. Arrest : USBP Agents And Local Deputies Arrest Three Suspects For Attempting To Smuggle 40 Nationals Across The Border In Laredo, TX

On 12 January 2021, USBP agents and local deputies arrested three suspects for attempting to smuggle 40 nationals across the border in Laredo, TX. After placing a known stash house under surveillance, agents later apprehended the nationals in the stash house and arrested the three drivers. (César Rodriguez, Federal, County Authorities Shut Down Stash House, Detain 40-Plus Immigrants, Laredo Morning Times, 1/12/2021)

27. Arrest : USBP Agents Seize Loaded Shotgun And Apprehend 5 Mexican And Guatemalan Nationals In Freer, TX

On 13 January 2021, USBP agents apprehended five Mexican and Guatemalan nationals on a ranch in Freer, TX. Using helicopters for aerial surveillance, agents apprehended the five nationals while they were walking on a trail through a ranch. (Bob Price, Three Armed Human Smugglers Arrested In 24 Hours Near Border In Texas, Breitbart, 1/13/2021)

28. Arrest : USBP Agents Arrest US Citizen For Smuggling 12 Nationals In Laredo, TX

On 13 January 2021, USBP agents seized a loaded handgun and arrested a US citizen for smuggling 12 nationals at the Interstate 35 checkpoint in Laredo, TX. After a canine alert, agents searched a tractor-trailer and discovered 12 Guatemalan and Mexican nationals and the weapon. (Bob Price, Three Armed Human Smugglers Arrested In 24 Hours Near Border In Texas, Breitbart, 1/13/2021)

29. Arrest : USBP Agents Raid A Human Smuggling Stash House And Apprehend 9 Nationals In Laredo, TX

On 11 January 2021, USBP agents raided a human smuggling stash house and apprehended nine nationals in a stash house in Laredo, TX. After performing a "knock and talk," agents discovered nine Mexican and Ecuadorian nationals in the house and arrested a US citizen. (Bob Price, Three Armed Human Smugglers Arrested In 24 Hours Near Border In Texas, Breitbart, 1/13/2021)

30. Arrest : USBP Agents Arrest El Salvador National In Del Rio, TX

On 10 January 2021, USBP agents arrested a Salvadoran national in Del Rio, TX. Processing revealed that the subject had been arrested before for first degree murder. (, Del Rio Sector Border Patrol Agents Make Significant

Arrests Over Weekend, U.S. Customs And Border Protection, 1/13/2021)

31. Arrest : USBP Agents Arrest Mexican National Attempting To Enter The Country Illegally In Del Rio, TX

On 10 January 2021, USBP agents arrested a Mexican national attempting to enter the country illegally in Del Rio, TX. The subject had previously received a conviction for indecent liberties with a child. (, Del Rio Sector Border Patrol Agents Make Significant Arrests Over Weekend, U.S. Customs And Border Protection, 1/13/2021)

32. Law Enforcement : USBP Agent Fires His Weapon At A Human Smuggler In An SUV In Laredo, TX

On 13 January 2021, a USBP agent fired his weapon at a human smuggler in an SUV in Laredo, TX. After witnessing the suspect potentially attempt to smuggle nationals into the country, a USBP agent fired at the fleeing suspect as the suspect headed towards the agent. (Border Report staff, Border Agent Opens Fire When Suspected Smuggler Attacks With Vehicle, CBP Says, KGET.com, 1/14/2021)

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1. Seizure :Six Armored Cartel Vehicles Found In Mexican Border City

Cartel Chronicles

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Mexican authorities seized six armored vehicles that members of the Gulf Cartel stashed in a brushy rural area near the Texas border. The criminal organization uses armored vehicles and heavy weaponry in turf wars with rivals.

The seizure took place late Sunday when members of a special operations group with Tamaulipas Police, known as GOPES, were patrolling rural roads used by the Gulf Cartel. According to Tamaulipas authorities, the officers were moving around a community known as Becerros, just south of Reynosa, when they spotted two gunmen guarding the road. The gunmen fired several times at the officers as they ran into nearby brush and managed to escape.

The officers set a manhunt but were unable to find the gunmen. The police did find six large vehicles with makeshift armor. After documenting the scene, authorities were able to move the trucks to their headquarters by Monday morning.

The seizure comes as the border city of Reynosa is caught in the middle of a fierce turf war as the Gulf Cartel fights to keep lucrative drug and human smuggling corridors into Texas. The heavy fighting puts innocent civilians at risk of crossfire, stolen vehicles, and hitting makeshift road spikes.

2. Law Enforcement :Gun Battles Leave Nine 'Drug Cartel Members' And One Police Officer Dead In Guanajuato, Mexico's Deadliest State

Adry Torres

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At least nine suspected cartel members were killed and a state police officer was shot dead during a series of gun battles Monday.

Authorities said the shootouts in the north-central state of Guanajuato started before dawn near the hamlet of Santa Rosa de Lima, the stronghold of a cartel of the same name.

State police, soldiers and National Guard agents rushed to respond to reports of armed men in the area, and all three forces came under fire from heavily armed assailants in vans, SUVs and pickup trucks, officials said.
A state police officer was hit and later died at a hospital following the first clash between security forces and alleged members of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel. Five assailants were also reported killed.

As reinforcements arrived, they also came under attack and returned fire.
Guanajuato governor Diego Sinhue Rodríguez said a National Guard soldier was also shot in the leg. The injury was non-life threatening.

Officials said the combined law enforcement forces found a total of four other bodies, many of them bullet-ridden, in a variety of vehicles in the area around Santa Rosa de Lima, which is an agricultural area with many dirt roads.

They reported seizing 10 assault rifles, 14 grenades and 30 gasoline bombs from various vehicles.
A Guanajuato-based security analyst, David Saucedo, said the shootouts initially erupted when Jalisco New Generation Cartel gunmen, known by its Spanish initials CJNG [Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generación], attacked rivals from Santa Rosa de Lima. Both groups of gunmen then apparently fired on responding law enforcement officers.

'For some reason, the CJNG decided to start an offensive in this zone,' Saucedo said.

Authorities said hand-lettered drug gang signs were found in some of the vehicles, though they did not release the messages.

But a photo from the scene showed that one of the signs read 'People of Santa Rosa de Lima, the CJNG has arrived in your town, we arrived to clean up this bunch of extortionists and killers of innocent people.'

Saucedo said the home-grown Santa Rosa Gang has taken to extorting protection payments from local people, but the Jalisco cartel has also staged its offensive with cruelty, forcing some in areas controlled by the rival gang to flee their homes and properties.
housands have been killed in Guanajuato since Santa Rosa de Lima began a turf war to fight off a takeover by the Jalisco cartel in 2017.

Now the state is at the center of a proxy war between drug cartels, after the Sinaloa cartel entered the conflict backing Santa Rosa de Lima with guns, money and hired killers, said Sophia Huett, the Guanajuato security commissioner.

That same kind of proxy war made the border city of Ciudad Juarez, across from El Paso, Texas, a killing ground in the years around 2010.
The Santa Rosa Cartel grew up in the farming hamlet of the same name by stealing fuel from government pipelines and refineries and robbing freight from trains. After authorities stepped up security around trains and pipelines over the last two years, the gang turned to extortion and kidnapping.

The Jalisco New Generation Cartel has been Mexico's most violent cartel in recent years, aggressively expanding its reach across the country through bold attacks on rival gangs and government forces.

Its leader, Nemesio 'El Mencho' Oseguera, is wanted by the United State Department of Justice. The DEA is offering a $10 million reward for information leading to his arrest and/or conviction. Oseguera's two oldest American-born children are in custody of U.S. authorities on drug and money laundering charges,

The conflict has made Guanajuato - home to charming San Miguel Allende, a popular retirement spot for Americans - Mexico's deadliest state, where at least 82 people were killed during the first week of 2021.

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At least 4,190 murders were registered from January to November 2020. The homicide tally for December has not been released yet.

Government showed 3,290 homicides were reported in 2018 and slightly increased the following year to 3,540.

In September, gunmen killed 11 people in a bar in Jaral del Progreso near the border with Michoacán state. More than two dozen people were killed in an unregistered drug rehabilitation center in Irapuato in July.

Late last week, nine people were killed and one wounded when gunmen opened fire at a wake in the city of Celaya, near Santa Rosa de Lima. Officials said gunmen arrived late Thursday and opened fire on a group of people.

The victims were standing outside a home in a low-income neighborhood where a wake was being held for a young man who himself had been gunned down nearby a couple of days before.

3. Law Enforcement :Four Suspected Cartel Gunmen Killed In Nuevo Laredo Gun Battle

César Rodriguez
LMTonline
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Four suspected cartel gunmen died in an armed confrontation reported Monday in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, authorities said.

The shooting occurred when the gunmen allegedly shot at soldiers from the Secretariat of the National Defense. Authorities said a chase ensued with several vehicles.
The shootout left four gunmen dead and two vehicles seized. Three civilians were also injured due to bullet

fragments.

To prevent backup military forces from arriving, suspected cartel members used vehicles to block the highway to Anáhuac and another location in Colonia Buenavista.

Authorities said the gunmen wore camouflage and other tactical equipment. An investigation is underway.

4. Law Enforcement :Mexico Clears Former Defense Chief U.S. Had Accused Of Cartel Ties

Carlos Jasso
NBC News
2021-1-15

Mexico will not pursue criminal charges against former defense minister Salvador Cienfuegos, the attorney general's office said on Thursday, a decision that raised criticism and comes despite U.S. prosecutors' accusations he collaborated with drug lords.

Cienfuegos, a member of former President Enrique Peña Nieto's government, was arrested in October at Los Angeles international airport and accused by U.S. prosecutors of collaborating with one of Mexico's most powerful drug cartels.

In November, a federal judge granted a U.S. government request to drop drug charges against Cienfuegos and return him to Mexico, which the United States hoped would restore trust in the neighbors' severely strained security ties.

The Mexican attorney general's office said in a statement an analysis of the evidence showed Cienfuegos "never had any encounters with members of the criminal organization investigated by U.S. authorities, nor did he maintain any communication with them, or carry out acts tending to protect or help said individuals."

Mike Vigil, a former U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration chief of international operations, expressed his dismay at the decision.

"This is a very big stain on the Mexican justice system," Vigil said in a television interview with Mexican broadcaster Milenio.

Vigil said Ciefuegos' case would be a model for corruption and impunity in the future.

Reuters was not able to contact Ciefuegos.

His arrest in the United States followed a multi-year investigation that used wire taps to track a military figure who traffickers called "El Padrino," or The Godfather.

Investigators concluded "El Padrino" was Cienfuegos and had helped drug traffickers move tonnes of narcotics.

However, the attorney general's office said there was no evidence Cienfuegos had "used any equipment or electronic means, or that he had issued any order to favor the criminal group identified in this case."

Video shows aftermath of Mexico gunfight between cartel, police
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Scrutiny of Cienfuegos' wealth and tax obligations uncovered no evidence that he had received illegal income, it said.

These were among the reasons authorities had decided not to pursue criminal charges against Cienfuegos, a former general, the attorney general's office added.

Some Mexicans saw the decision as another example of long-standing impunity for the military.

"Unfortunately, we see that the army is still untouchable," said Nadin Reyes, whose father went missing in 2007 after last being seen at a military base

5. Law Enforcement :EXCLUSIVE: Mexican Border State Cops Kidnapped Teens For Cartel, Say Investigators
Gerald Tony Aranda
Breitbart Texas
2021-1-14

Several border state police officers are under investigation in Tamaulipas for the alleged kidnapping of two underage teens who were turned over to members of a cartel and are still missing. The case sparked protests as relatives and locals demand the return of the teens.

Last week, Tamaulipas state police officers detained two minors for a traffic violation in Ciudad Mier and took them to the nearby border city Miguel Aleman, where they were allegedly released to the Gulf Cartel. Relatives and locals in Ciudad Mier held protests demanding the safe return of the two teens believed to be 14 and 13 years of age.

According to U.S. law enforcement sources in Mexico, the case sparked an investigation at the highest levels within the Tamaulipas government. The source revealed there is particular significance regarding the location of the arrests and where the victims were transferred. Ciudad Mier is an area under the control of the Cartel Del Noreste faction of Los Zetas, while Miguel Aleman belongs to the Gulf Cartel. The current theory of Tamaulipas investigators suggests the teenagers were working with the CDN-Los Zetas in some capacity, leading to their false arrest by Gulf

Cartel-aligned cops, the U.S. law enforcement source revealed.

That case of the missing teens is not the only one dealing with corrupt police and cartels. In late October 2020, gunmen from CDN-Los Zetas killed the state police delegate in Reynosa, Tomas Charles Ortiz. Initially, authorities believed the murder could be tied to Ortiz's crackdown of cartel operations in Reynosa. However, after subsequent arrest of CDN-Los Zetas commander Francisco "P-90" Velasquez Torres, authorities learned the murder was ordered out of CDN headquarters in Nuevo Laredo after Ortiz stopped working with the CDN-Los Zetas for the Gulf Cartel. Soon after P-90's arrest, Gulf Cartel gunmen killed him in a Reynosa prison attack and then stole his body. Authorities collected the cartel commander's dismembered body days after next to a narco-message warning about the ongoing war for control of the region.

6. Law Enforcement :GRAPHIC: Cartel Gunmen Kill 9 During Wake In Central Mexico

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A group of cartel gunmen killed nine victims and injured another during a brazen attack at a home. People in the home gathered for a funerary wake in the central Mexico state of Guanajuato.

The mass shooting took place on Thursday night when a group of gunmen stormed a home in the Arboledas de San Andres neighborhood in the city of Celaya, Guanajuato. The state Public Security Secretariat confirmed nine victims had died in the attack. A tenth person sustained a critical injury.

According to the local news outlet Periodico Correo, neighbors claimed they heard more than 100 shots, some sounding like automatic fire. The gunman managed to escape before authorities arrived at the scene.

Responding paramedics found the victims inside and outside the home in pools of blood while searching for survivors. Details of who the wake was for and their cause of death remain unclear. However, the mass shooting comes at a time when an ongoing turf war between rival drug cartels turned the once peaceful state into the most violent region in Mexico.

Since the start of the year, the turf war between the remnants of the Santa Rosa de Lima Cartel and Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generacion led to approximately 60 murders.

7. Arrest :Convicted Sex Offender Previously Deported Arrested In Romeo

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Border Patrol agents assigned to the Marysville Station have arrested a felony convicted sex offender with numerous illegal entries.

At approximately 12:10 a.m. on January 10, the United States Border Patrol was contacted by Michigan State Police to assist in identifying a subject in Romeo, Michigan as part of an active investigation. After questioning by U.S. Border Patrol agents, the subject stated he had entered the United States illegally by wading across the Rio Grande River near Laredo, Texas.

The subject, a citizen of Mexico later identified as Jesus Trejo-Garcia, was transported to the Marysville Border Patrol Station for processing.

During processing, it was discovered that Trejo-Garcia was arrested and convicted in 2005 in California for Lewd or Lascivious Acts with a Child Under 14 and sentenced to 365 days incarceration. He was also convicted of 8 USC 1325 Improper Entry by Alien in April 2016 and sentenced to 30 days incarceration. Further records checks revealed that Trejo-Garcia has also been formally removed from the United States four times.

“This is another great example of law enforcement partners working together to protect the communities that we serve,” said Chief Patrol Agent Douglas Harrison.

Jesus Trejo-Garcia has been processed for reinstatement of his prior removal by an immigration judge and will be presented to the U.S. Attorney office for possible federal prosecution.

8. Seizure :$405K Of Counterfeit Designer Handbags & Wallets Seized By CBP Officers

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers in Minneapolis intercepted a shipment containing more than 170 designer handbags and wallets worth more than $400,000.

On January 12, CBP officers in Minneapolis seized a shipment manifested as clothes. The parcel was inspected to determine if the goods were admissible in accordance with CBP regulations. Officers found 173 various handbags and wallets with logos from designers like Gucci, Louis Vuitton, Chanel and others.

Due to various inconsistencies, poor quality, and the incorrect packaging, further inspection by CBP import specialists determined the items were counterfeit. If they were authentic, the retail value would have been $405,975. The items came from Laos and were addressed to a residence in St. Paul.

“Our officers and import specialists have done an excellent job targeting shipments and identifying counterfeit items,” said Augustine Moore, Area Port Director-Minneapolis. “These types of violations negatively impact

trademark holders and is dangerous to consumers, as well."

Counterfeit merchandise is often made of inferior materials, manufactured under uncontrolled and unsanitary conditions and labeled with false information, potentially threatening the health and safety of buyers and users.

Every year, CBP seizes millions of counterfeit goods from countries around the world as part of its mission to protect U.S. businesses and consumers. These goods include fake versions of popular products, such as smartphones and related accessories, electronics, apparel, shoes, cosmetics, and high-end luxury goods, as well as goods posing significant health and safety concerns, such as counterfeit pharmaceuticals, bicycle and motorcycle helmets, medical devices, supplements and other consumables. Sold online and in stores, counterfeit goods hurt the U.S. economy, cost Americans their jobs, threaten consumer health and safety, and fund criminal activity. Visit the National IPR Coordination Center for more information about IPR including counterfeiting and piracy.

Nationwide in Fiscal Year 2020, CBP seized 26,503 shipments containing goods that violated intellectual property rights. The total estimated value of the seized goods, had they been genuine, was nearly $1.3 billion.

9. Seizure :CBP Officers Seize Chinese Counterfeit Super Bowl Rings In Pittsburgh, PA

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Steelers fans are expectedly excited that the playoffs start Sunday and are hopeful for a long run to the Super Bowl. They're out buying playoff swag and new jerseys, but some are also basking in former glory and purchasing championship rings from Super Bowls past. But just like a jilted lover, they'll never see those rings, because the Super Bowl rings they purchased online are counterfeit.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in Pittsburgh seized a combined 60 Pittsburgh Steelers Super Bowl rings in eight different parcels that arrived from China and were destined to addresses in Allegheny County. The rings arrived as six-ring sets and represented each of the Steelers six Super Bowl championships.

The parcels arrived between December 9 and December 23. CBP officers suspected the rings to be counterfeit and detained them. CBP import specialist confirmed that the rings violated NFL and Steelers intellectual property rights trademarks, and officers completed the seizures on the rings through Thursday.

If authentic, the Steelers Super Bowl rings would have had a manufacturer's suggested retail price of $90,000.

"Steelers' fans are some of the best fans in the country and I certainly can appreciate them wanting to own collector sets representing their team's past glories, but upon further review, these rings are counterfeit and the call to seize them stands," said Keith Fleming, CBP's Acting Director of Field Operations in Baltimore. "Consumer goods like these are illegal, steal revenues from our nation's economy, and are often constructed with potentially harmful

materials that could threaten consumers' health. Customs and Border Protection urges consumers to protect themselves and their families by always purchasing safe, authentic goods from reputable vendors."

10. Seizure :Thousands Of Counterfeit Face Masks Worth $1.4M Found In Louisville

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A shipment with thousands of counterfeit designer face masks was detained in Louisville.

The shipment from Vietnam contained 5,789 masks and was stopped by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers this week before it continued to its destination to a home in North Carolina.

The masks were made to look like masks from designers such as Coach, Tory Burch and Chanel.

"On a daily basis, criminals try to send fake designer products in hopes of disrupting our economy," Thomas Mahn, Port Director-Louisville, said. "These masks were inspected and found to be counterfeit. Our officers are highly trained by industry experts and will continue to seize these items to protect consumers and other industries."

Officials said if the masks were real, they would have been worth $1.4 million.

CBP also announced it seized 10,080 counterfeit surgical masks in Cincinnati on Friday. Officials there said the interception prevents potentially dangerous and faulty masks from being distributed to frontline medical personnel.

11. Seizure :$405K Of Counterfeit Designer Accessories Headed To St. Paul Seized By Customs Officers

Katrina Pross
Twin Cities Pioneer Press
2021-1-14

Authorities seized a shipment this week headed to St. Paul containing more than 170 counterfeit designer handbags and wallets worth about $405,000.

The shipment, which was sent from Laos, was seized Tuesday by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers in Minneapolis. The parcel was inspected to determine if the goods were compliant with customs regulations, but officers found 173 various handbags and wallets with logos from designers including Gucci, Louis Vuitton and Chanel. If the items were authentic, they would total $405,975 at retail value, according to authorities.

Due to inconsistencies and poor quality, authorities determined that the items, which were addressed to a St. Paul residence, were counterfeit.

"Our officers and import specialists have done an excellent job targeting shipments and identifying counterfeit

items," said Augustine Moore, U.S. Customs and Border Control area port director of Minneapolis, in a statement. "These types of violations negatively impact trademark holders and is dangerous to consumers, as well."

Counterfeit merchandise is potentially threatening to the health and safety of buyers as they are often made of lower-quality materials, manufactured under unsanitary conditions and labeled with incorrect information, authorities said.

Each year, customs officers seize millions of counterfeit goods from countries around the world, including smartphones, cosmetics, electronics and luxury-goods. Some counterfeit goods pose significant public health concerns, such as pharmaceuticals and medical devices.

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13. Seizure/Arrest:Newark Airport Passenger Tried To Bring Handgun Through Security Checkpoint, Feds Say

Jeff Goldman
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A 33-year-old New Jersey man was arrested Tuesday at Newark Liberty International Airport after being found with a handgun at a security checkpoint, authorities said.

The Florham Park resident's firearm was found as it went through an X-ray machine in Terminal A, the Transportation Security Administration said in a statement.

He told TSA officers that he forgot that he had his handgun with him.

Michael J. McGovern was charged with unlawful possession of a weapon, according to a Port Authority police spokeswoman.

McGovern faces a fine that can range from $4,100 to $13,669 in addition to criminal penalties.

The TSA noted the inconvenience to other travelers.

"When an individual shows up at a checkpoint with a firearm, the checkpoint lane comes to a standstill until the police resolve the incident," the statement said. "Guns at checkpoints can delay travelers from getting to their gates."

The gun was the first confiscated at Newark Liberty International Airport this year.

14. Seizure :1st Gun Of 2021 Caught At Pittsburgh International Airport Checkpoint

Megan Guza
Trib Live
2021-1-15

Another year, another traveler forgetting to remove a gun from a carry-on bag at Pittsburgh International Airport.

Transportation Security Administration officers at the airport stopped a Beaver County woman Thursday morning with a small, foldout .22-caliber handgun in her bag, according to Allegheny County Police and TSA officials.

Security officials in Pittsburgh last year caught 21 travelers with firearms in their carry-on bags, an expected dip in numbers that had been slowly ticking upward in the years prior.

The woman, who was not charged criminally, had a concealed carry permit and had "inadvertently left the firearm in her bag," county police wrote in a statement.

Police confiscated the gun, and the woman was permitted to fly.

TSA officers spotted the gun as the woman's bag went through the X-ray machine at the airport's checkpoint, spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said.

While she does not face criminal charges, the woman faces federal civil penalties, which can top $4,000 for a first

offense, Farbstein said.

It is the first firearm caught at Pittsburgh International's checkpoint this year. Nationwide, TSA officers caught their first gun of the year on the first day of the year. A Georgia man traveling through Washington, D.C., on New Year's Day was caught by TSA officers at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

The man, according to the TSA, had a 9mm handgun and magazine in his carry-on bag. He was cited for a weapons violation.

In Pittsburgh, the number of guns stopped at airport checkpoints had been trending slightly upward for years: 32 in 2017, 34 in 2018 and 35 in 2019.

15. Seizure :Chesapeake Man Caught With Loaded Gun At Norfolk International Airport

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A Chesapeake man was caught with a loaded gun at Norfolk International Airport over the weekend.

TSA officers say they detected the gun in the checkpoint X-ray machine on Sunday, Jan. 10. The 9mm handgun was loaded with eight bullets.

TSA officers alerted the Norfolk Airport Authority Police and confiscated the weapon. The passenger from Chesapeake was cited on a weapons charge and faces a stiff financial penalty for carrying a gun to the checkpoint.

A typical first offense for carrying a loaded handgun into a checkpoint is $4,100 and can go as high as $13,669 depending on any mitigating circumstances. This applies to travelers with or without concealed gun carry permits because even though an individual may have a concealed carry permit, it does not allow for a firearm to be carried onto an airplane.

The complete list of civil penalties is posted online.

Two weeks before this incident, TSA officers caught a Virginia Beach man with 9mm handgun loaded with 14 bullets at similar checkpoint.

16. Seizure/Arrest:Border Patrol Agents Seize Over 350 Pounds Of Marijuana In The Rio Grande Valley

Roderick Kise
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
2021-1-15

Agents from the Rio Grande City Border Patrol Station seized $280K in marijuana.

Yesterday evening, agents assigned to the Rio Grande City Border Patrol Station responded to suspected illegal activity near El Refugio, Texas. As agents arrived to the area, they observed multiple subjects carrying large bundles of suspected narcotics. Upon detection, the subjects abandoned the bundles and ran towards the Rio Grande. A search of the immediate area led to the discovery of one subject and six bundles weighing more than 350 pounds of marijuana valued at over $280K. The marijuana was turned over to the Starr County Sheriff's Office and the subject will be processed accordingly by Border Patrol.

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17. Seizure :Border Patrol Stops Narcotics Smuggling Attempt

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection
2021-1-13

U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Laredo North Station stopped a narcotics smuggling attempt and seized several bundles of marijuana in west Laredo.

The incident occurred during the evening of January 12, when agents responded to several subjects who were loading large bundles of suspected narcotics into a white SUV near Riverside Drive in the west side of town. When the agents arrived on scene, the individuals absconded and were seen wading across the Rio Grande River to Mexico.

Six bundles were seized that had an approximate weight of 609.5 Lb. with an estimated value of $487,664. The contraband was subsequently turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Chief Patrol Agent Matthew J. Hudak commented, "The diligence of our agents, coupled with technology, resulted in the seizure of this drug load before it was able to move into our city and to areas beyond the border."

Even with the presence of the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Border Patrol agents of the Laredo Sector continue to secure the Nation's borders and prevent the smuggling of drugs. Their mission is to target and investigate potential violators of the law by utilizing state-of-the-art intelligence data, equipment, collection, and analytics.

To report suspicious activity such as alien and/or drug smuggling, download the "USBP Laredo Sector" App or contact the Laredo Sector Border Patrol toll free at 1-800-343-1994. You can also follow us on our social media platforms on Twitter and Instagram @usbpchieflrt and @usbpdepchieflrt and on Facebook at US Border Patrol Laredo Sector.

18. Seizure :RGV Border Patrol Agents Seize Over $307K Worth of Marijuana

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Hours later, RGC agents working near La Grulla, Texas, observed multiple subjects attempting to load bundles of suspected narcotics into a vehicle. As agents responded to the area, the subjects abandoned the narcotics and fled back to Mexico. Agents were able to apprehend one suspect and five bundles of marijuana weighing more than 276 pounds and valued at over $221K. The suspect and marijuana were turned over to the Starr County HIDTA Task Force.

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20. Arrest :Border Patrol Apprehends Man Who Climbed Yuma Border Fence With A Machete

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2021-1-12

Border Patrol agents in Yuma arrested a man after he climbed over the border fence with a machete in hand on Monday morning, officials say.

Around 5:20 a.m., the man was captured on the Yuma Sector's video surveillance system lingering near the Andrade Port of Entry, according to a statement from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

The man continued to be monitored as he climbed the fence into the United States, all while holding a machete in his hand, the statement said.

Port security officers made contact with the man and ordered him to drop the machete, which he did. The officers took him into custody and turned him over to Border Patrol agents who responded to the location.

The agents identified the man, determined he was from Mexico and discovered he had an active warrant from t

21. Arrest :Laredo CBP Officers Apprehend Fugitive Sought For Sexual Assault Of A Child

U.S. Customs And Border Protection
2021-1-14

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Laredo Port of Entry detained a wanted man with an outstanding warrant for sexual assault of a child out of Dallas, Texas.

"CBP plays an essential role in combatting this reprehensible crime by expanding our efforts to protect our nation's children and holding alleged perpetrators accountable for their actions," said Port Director Eugene Crawford, Laredo Port of Entry.

The fugitive apprehension occurred on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 at the Colombia-Solidarity Bridge. A CBP officer processing vehicle traffic arriving from Mexico, referred Arturo Vasquez Tovar, a 22 year-old male United States citizen, for a secondary inspection. After escorting the passenger to secondary, subsequent biometric verification through law enforcement databases confirmed that the subject had an outstanding warrant for sexual

assault of a child, a 1st degree felony, pursued by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office in Dallas, Texas. The warrant was confirmed to be active. CBP officers transported the wanted fugitive to Webb County Jail in Laredo, Texas to await criminal proceedings. Criminal charges are merely allegations. Defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

22. Arrest :RGV Border Patrol Agents Arrest Sex Offender

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U.S. Customs And Border Protection
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Border Patrol agents from the McAllen Border Patrol Station arrest a previously convicted rapist attempting to illegally enter the country.

This morning, McAllen Border Patrol Agents working near Mission, Texas apprehended a group of five subjects who illegally entered the United States. Criminal record checks reveled one of the subjects was an Honduran national who was arrested in 2019 for 2nd degree rape by the Suffolk County Police Department in the State of New York. The subject was subsequently convicted for the crime and then removed from the country by immigration officials last year.

Border Patrol processed the subject accordingly.

The public is encouraged to take a stand against crime in their communities and report suspicious activity at 800-863-9382.

Even with the spread of the COVID-19 virus, human smugglers continue to try these brazen attempts with zero regard for the lives they endanger nor to the health of the citizens of our great nation. The U.S. Border Patrol agents of the Rio Grande Valley Sector will continue to safeguard the nation and community against these criminal elements.

23. Arrest :Border Patrol Agents Thwart Human Smuggling Attempt, Arrest Two Child Sex Offenders In Traffic Stop Near Freer

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2021-1-14

Laredo Sector Border Patrol agents from the Freer station recently stopped a human smuggling attempt and arrested two child sex offenders in the same traffic stop, a press release from US Customs and Border Protection.

Agents pulled over a commercial truck that was going down Highway 59 near Freer and found 119 people being smuggled in the back, officials said.

All individuals were illegally in the United State and were from the countries of Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Ecuador, and Guatemala.

While searching the vehicle, agents located and seized an unregistered loaded handgun that was found inside a backpack belonging to the driver.

When checking the records of the people, two came back to be child sex offenders, officials said.

Placido Mercado-Campos, a 63-year old Mexican national, had been arrested in 1987 and convicted for Sexual Offense Against a Child Fondling in San Antonio, Texas, and was sentenced to three years confinement. His records further revealed an arrest for Indecent Exposure and a felony conviction for a Felon in Possession of a Weapon.

Record checks on Ruben Ruiz-Jimenez, a 45-year-old Mexican citizen, revealed that he had been arrested in 2000 and convicted of Felony Child Sexual Contact in Houston, Texas, and sentenced to five years probation.

Both Mercado-Campos and Ruiz-Jimenez are being held by the U.S. Border Patrol pending prosecution of their immigration violations.

They will be remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal Service.

“Alien smugglers continue to underestimate the diligence of our agents and attempt to avoid detection by using ranch roads and more remote checkpoints," Laredo Sector Chief Patrol Agent Matthew Hudak said. "Their arrests are a clear indication that this strategy is not working for them. Our agents remain vigilant and alert, regardless of the area they are patrolling.”

24. Arrest :MS-13 Gang Member, Convicted Felon Discovered During Human Smuggling Attempt

César Rodriguez
LMT Online
2021-1-13

U.S. Border Patrol agents arrested a Mara Salvatrucha gang member and a convicted felon southwest of Hebbronville, authorities said.

Agents attempted a vehicle stop early Tuesday on Texas 16. The driver failed to yield before stopping north of a ranch off the highway. Border Patrol then detained a group of 20 immigrants from Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua who were in the country illegally.

One individual was identified as Kevin Ramirez-Escobar, a 19-year-old Guatemalan citizen. A record check

revealed that Ramirez-Escobar is a self-admitted active member of the notorious MS-13 gang. Further processing revealed Ramirez-Escobar had a prior order of removal.

A second immigrant was identified as William Gomez-Zeldon, a 37-year-old Nicaraguan citizen. A record check on Gomez-Zeldon revealed extensive criminal history out of Miami Dade County, Florida.

Border Patrol said Gomez-Zeldon had multiple felony convictions for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, grand theft of a motor vehicle, armed robbery with a firearm and aggravated kidnapping with a weapon. Agents said he also had multiple prior deportations.

Both were charged for their immigration violations and will be turned over to the U.S. Marshals.

25. Arrest :Illegal Immigrant With Active Warrant Arrested In Big Bend Sector

Greg Davis
U.S. Customs And Border Protection
2021-1-11

An illegal immigrant with an active warrant was one of many arrests across Big Bend Sector in the last day.

Almost 60 arrests were made across the sector and over 200 pounds of marijuana was seized as Big Bend Sector continues to disrupt human and narcotic smuggling attempts.

Of particular significance was the arrest of Arturo Palma-Vera, a Mexican national, who was wanted in Springfield, Illinois, for a parole violation. A search for previous criminal history revealed the active warrant for Palma-Vera. He was subsequently turned over to the Hudspeth County Sheriff for further prosecution.

All other subjects were processed according to Big Bend Sector protocols for immediate removal or further criminal prosecution.

26. Arrest :Federal, County Authorities Shut Down Stash House, Detain 40-Plus Immigrants

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2021-1-12

Federal agents and Webb County constable deputies arrested three people in connection with the smuggling attempt of more than 40 immigrants who had crossed the border illegally.

On Jan. 8, Homeland Security Investigations special agents received information about a trailer home in the 3000 block of North Tapeyste Avenue that was being used to harbor immigrants. U.S. Border Patrol agents set up surveillance at about 8 p.m.

Authorities then observed a GMC Yukon, a Ford Flex and a Ford Expedition arrive at the residence. Agents observed several individuals enter one of the vehicles through the back cargo area. Then, the three vehicles departed the area. Agents followed the vehicles in unmarked vehicles.

Webb County Precinct 2 Constable's Office deputies assisted with conducting traffic stops.

At about 8:25 p.m., a deputy tried to pull over the Ford Flex when the driver stopped near the intersection of East Saunders Street and North Louisiana Avenue. Agents and deputies caught up to the driver after a brief foot pursuit, according to court documents.

He was identified as Heriberto Francisco Granados, 17. Five people were found inside the Ford Flex. Deputies arrested Granados and charged him with one count of evading arrest and five counts of smuggling of persons. Deputies took over that case because Granados is 17 years old.

At about 8:30 p.m., another deputy attempted to pull over the Yukon for a traffic violation, but the driver refused to stop. A vehicle pursuit ensued and ended when the Yukon crashed with a parked vehicle in the intersection of North Texas Avenue and Reynolds Street.

Deputies then observed several people running from the crash scene. Deputies caught up to six people. Laredo Fire Department crews responded to take three people to a Doctors Hospital South with minor injuries. Authorities identified the driver of the Yukon as Leonardo Rivera-Rosales, 18.

At approximately 8:35 p.m., agents in unmarked vehicles observed the Ford Expedition entering the parking lot of a local motel in the 2500 block of East Saunders Street. Agents approached the Expedition and discovered nine people. The driver was identified as Michael Villarreal, 23. He was found hiding in one of the motel rooms found with the front door open.

At approximately 8:50 p.m., agents returned to the stash house on North Tapeyste to conduct a knock and talk and search for additional immigrants. A man answered the door and multiple people were seen inside, according to court documents. Agents detained 23 immigrants.

Villarreal and Rivera-Rosales allegedly agreed to talk to HSI special agents.

"Both individuals agreed to provide statements and stated they made arrangements with other human smugglers to pick up the (immigrants) from the stash house and transport them to another undisclosed location for monetary gain. Both knew it was illegal to transport (immigrants) but agreed to transport them for the money," states the affidavit.

27. Arrest :Three Armed Human Smugglers Arrested In 24 Hours Near Border In Texas

Bob Price

Breitbart

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Agents responded and, with the help of a CBP Air and Marine Operations helicopter aircrew, located a group of five migrants walking a trail in the brush.

The agents conducted a search of the migrants and found a backpack that contained a loaded shotgun.

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Later that day, Laredo Station agents teamed up with ICE Homeland Security Investigations agents and Webb County Constables Precinct 2 deputies to investigate a residence reported to be a human smuggling stash house, the report continues.

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A search of the tractor led to the discovery of 12 people hiding in the cab. Agents identified all 12 as illegal immigrants, officials said. An immigration interview concluded that the migrants came to the U.S. from Guatemala and Mexico.

The agents conducted a background check on the driver, a U.S. citizen, and discovered an active warrant for Contempt of Court from a court in Loving, New Mexico. A search of the tractor led to the discovery of a loaded handgun.

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32. Law Enforcement :Border Agent Opens Fire When Suspected Smuggler Attacks With Vehicle, CBP Says

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A U.S. Border Patrol agent opened fire when a suspected human smuggler attempted to strike the agent with a vehicle on Wednesday in Laredo, Texas.

The agent was patrolling near a park along the U.S.-Mexico border when he spotted an SUV believed to be picking up undocumented immigrants, according to a U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

The agent approached the group to apprehend the individuals when the driver allegedly drove toward the agent, prompting the agent to fire his weapon.

CBP said the SUV took off but was found later south of town.

There were no injuries.

CBP’s Office of Professional Responsibility and the U.S. Border Patrol are investigating the matter.

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Aviation Security Measures and Domestic Terrorism Threats

After the January 6, 2021, security breach of the United States Capitol, some Members of Congress have advocated restricting the air travel of individuals who may seek to incite or carry out further violence. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is reportedly considering placing individuals who illegally entered the Capitol on the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) No-Fly List. This In Focus discusses the circumstances under which air carriers, TSA, and other federal authorities may restrict domestic airline travel in response to security threats.

The No-Fly List and Airline Passenger Prescreening

The No-Fly List is one of several lists maintained by TSA to identify passengers based on their risk to aviation safety and national security (See 49 U.S.C. §44903). As the name implies, individuals on the No-Fly List are to be denied boarding and referred to law enforcement authorities when they arrive at an airport to check in for a commercial airline flight. In addition to the No-Fly List, TSA maintains lists of individuals who are to receive special scrutiny during pre-flight security screening and whose carry-on bags and checked baggage are to be examined more thoroughly. The primary list of such individuals is referred to as the Selectee List or Automatic Selectee List to indicate that these individuals are to be automatically selected for enhanced screening. Enhanced screening may include measures such as pat-downs and chemical trade detection swabs to test for explosives residue. Passengers not on these lists may be randomly selected for enhanced screening, and passengers or baggage that trigger alarms during initial screening may also undergo these additional measures.

Both the No-Fly and Selectee lists are subsets of the broader consolidated terrorist watchlist, formally known as the Terrorist Screening Database or TSDB. The TSDB is maintained by the FBI's Terrorist Screening Center, which is responsible for consolidating and disseminating terrorism data to federal, state, and local law enforcement, and international partners. TSA's Secure Flight system checks passenger names against these lists multiple times between ticket purchase and the flight's departure, as the lists are routinely updated. TSA may expand these Secure Flight checks to include the larger number of identities in the complete TSDB when warranted by security conditions. This can be done when specific threat intelligence suggests, for example, heightened security concerns regarding a specific flight, flights along a specific route, flights from a certain region, or flights to a specific destination. TSA sometimes refers to this broader use of the complete TSDB as the Expanded Selectee List, suggesting that, under such heightened security conditions, additional individuals may be selected for enhanced security screening. However, the No-Fly list might not be expanded unless specific information warrants inclusion of additional individuals on that list.

In addition to the Selectee list, TSA relies on sets of rules to temporarily assign certain passengers to two other lists it maintains, the Silent Partner and Quiet Skies lists. Individuals may be placed on these lists based on their recent international travel patterns, and are subject to enhanced screening measures, including additional baggage screening, for a period of time.

Historically, the TSA lists and the broader TSDB have focused mainly on international terrorist threats. The FBI most recently released data about its security lists in September 2011. At that time, about 98% of the roughly 420,000 identities contained in the TSDB referred to persons who were not U.S citizens or legal U.S. residents. The No-Fly list then consisted of about 16,000 identities, of which fewer than 500 referred to U.S. persons. The Selectee list was said to also contain about 16,000 identities, although the FBI did not specify how many of those were U.S. persons. The TSDB apparently has grown considerably since then. According to press reports, about 1.2 million people were on the watchlist in 2017, including about 4,600 American citizens. Official updates regarding the size and scope of the No-Fly and Selectee lists, however, have not been made public.

TSA was required to establish a procedural mechanism enabling people to challenge their inclusion on the No-Fly list or other lists that effectively barred them from traveling by air. The Department of Homeland Security's Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (TRIP) maintains a website through which individuals who claim to have been misidentified may seek redress, but such individuals may be barred from air travel or subject to enhanced screening until their cases are adjudicated.

Airline Blacklists

Airlines' contracts of carriage, to which passengers agree when they purchase tickets, oblige passengers to obey airline rules and policies and comply with crewmembers performing their duties. Airlines may refuse to provide service to individuals who refuse to wear masks or facial coverings for the duration of the flight, as airlines have uniformly required in response to federal recommendations to limit the spread of COVID-19. Airlines may also remove disruptive or uncooperative individuals from an airplane, and may ban them from future flights. Airlines are not obligated to notify the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), TSA, other federal agencies, or other airlines of individuals who have been banned from future flights. If incidents are brought to their attention, however, FAA or TSA may investigate to determine whether individuals may have violated federal aviation safety or security regulations.

Enforcement of Federal Aviation Regulations

Airlines may notify FAA of passengers who are disruptive, disobey instructions from airline crewmembers, or interfere with airline crew. If FAA determines that an individual violated 14 C.F.R. §121.580, which prohibits anyone from assaulting, threatening, intimidating, or interfering with a crewmember performing their duties, it may impose civil penalties and, in certain cases may refer cases to the Department of Justice to assess whether federal criminal statutes may have been violated.

Federal Jurisdiction of Crimes Committed Aboard Aircraft

In addition to FAA and TSA, federal law enforcement authorities have jurisdiction over criminal acts that occur on board aircraft. From the time the external doors of an aircraft are closed in preparation for flight until they are re-opened, any domestic flight, a U.S.-bound flight, or a U.S.-registered aircraft operating anywhere in the world is said to be within the "special aircraft jurisdiction of the United States" (see 49 U.S.C. Chapter 465). Alleged federal crimes occurring in that jurisdiction are investigated by federal law enforcement and prosecuted by the Department of Justice. These include air piracy, interference with air crew, destruction of aircraft or aircraft facilities, carrying a weapon or explosive device, and a host of serious crimes incorporated by reference including assaults; maiming; murder; manslaughter; attempted murder or manslaughter; theft or attempted theft by force, violence, or deception; and sexual abuse.

Federal statutes require TSA to deploy Federal Air Marshal Service teams on all flights assessed to pose a high security risk based on threat and vulnerability assessments. Air marshal duties are focused on detecting and preventing terrorist attacks against an aircraft in flight, but in some instances they may respond to violent criminal behavior onboard an aircraft. Sworn federal, state, and local law enforcement offers that receive training and TSA approval may also carry firearms on board commercial flights under limited circumstances and could assist in responding to criminal conduct. Additionally, under the Federal Flight Deck Officers program, TSA deputizes airline pilots who volunteer to travel armed to protect the flight deck from terrorist attacks. However, armed pilots would not typically intervene in incidents inside the aircraft cabin, but would instead focus on diverting to an airport where law enforcement resources on the ground could respond.

Charter and General Aviation Flight Security

Actions to restrict the travel of certain individuals aboard scheduled airline flights may result in those individuals instead seeking to travel on charter aircraft. Domestic charter flights are not routinely screened against the TSA lists, and only passengers and their baggage traveling on charters aircraft weighing more than roughly 100,000 pounds (somewhat larger than a typical Boeing 737) are required to undergo physical screening. For smaller jets, passengers are not routinely screened, but flight crew must undergo security background checks. However, all charter and private general aviation flights inbound to Washington Reagan National Airport, regardless of size, are subject to more extensive security measures, including screening of all passengers and a requirement for TSA-approved armed security personnel on board all flights.

The airspace surrounding Washington, DC is off limits to private aircraft, with certain exceptions. Flights operating in a 30-mile outer ring beyond the Flight Restricted Zone above Washington, DC, a circle with a 15-nautical-mile radius extending from the surface to 18,000 feet, must file a flight plan and maintain constant radio communication with air traffic controllers. Such flights are closely monitored. Defensive measures have been put in place to intercept and interdict unauthorized non-commercial aircraft that stray into the restricted zone.

Potential Limitations and Concerns

While the No-Fly List might prevent some individuals intent on carrying out violence from traveling on a commercial airline flight, it would generally not restrict travel by other modes. Identities contained within the TSDB, however, could be shared with law enforcement on an as-needed basis to restrict access to certain facilities and events.

The various TSA lists may be of limited usefulness outside of the aviation security context. They would not, for example, be capable of stopping individuals from lawfully transporting firearms to sites where armed protests are planned. In general, airline passengers, including individuals that may be on the TSA Selectee or Enhanced Selectee lists, are not prohibited from transporting firearms aboard aircraft so long as the firearms are transported unloaded and locked as checked baggage. On January 17, 2017, a mass shooting in a baggage claim area of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Florida was perpetrated by an arriving passenger who had properly declared the handgun and two magazines used in the attack and had transported them in a locked box as required by federal regulations. In mid-January 2021, some airlines temporarily prohibited passengers from checking firearms on flights to the Washington, DC area. Somewhat relatedly, proposals to impose a waiting period on the purchase of firearms by individuals on the No-Fly List or whose identities are included in the broader TSDB have been introduced in recent Congresses, but have not been enacted.

Significantly expanding the No-Fly List could increase the number of misidentifications, potentially resulting in delayed or denied boarding of more passengers. Further complicating matters is that some individuals who might be targeted for inclusion on the No-Fly or Selectee lists based on suspected participation in the January 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol or other domestic incidents may have been previously cleared to participate in trusted traveler programs, such as TSA's PreCheck or Customs and Border Protection's Global Entry. Individuals who participate in these programs are eligible for expedited screening at TSA airport checkpoints. While placement on the No-Fly or Selectee lists would presumably terminate an individual's participation in these programs, it may raise questions regarding the effectiveness of threat assessments conducted under these programs.

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U.S. Secret Service: Threats to and Assaults on Presidents and Vice Presidents

Overview

On January 6, 2021, Vice President Mike Pence was presiding over a joint session of Congress to certify the November 2020 presidential election electoral votes when a crowd breached the U.S. Capitol's security. Due to these events, some Members of Congress have expressed a renewed interest in U.S. Secret Service (USSS) protective detail operations.

USSS has two mandated missions: (1) criminal investigations, and (2) protection of persons and facilities. Criminal investigations focus primarily on financial crimes, whereas protection focuses on the safety and security of specific government officials and specifically identified government facilities. The criminal investigation mission is the USSS's oldest mission; however, the protection mission is the one that often receives the most public and media attention. USSS protects the President, Vice President, their families, former Presidents, and major candidates for those offices, along with the White House and the Vice President's official residence. Protective activities also extend to foreign missions in the District of Columbia (embassies, consulates, residences, and other buildings used by foreign governments) and to designated individuals, such as the Secretary of Homeland Security and visiting dignitaries. Separate from protecting these specific mandated individuals and facilities, USSS is responsible for coordinating security activities for National Special Security Events (NSSE), including inauguration ceremonies, major party quadrennial national conventions, and certain international conferences and events held in the United States.

History of USSS Protection

In March 2003, USSS was transferred from the Department of the Treasury to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). With this transfer, DHS generally, and USSS specifically, became the federal department responsible for protecting significant and specified persons and property. Prior to the enactment of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, the Treasury Department had been responsible for this protection (through USSS) for over 100 years.

USSS has been protecting presidents from President Grover Cleveland in 1894 on a part-time basis to the continuous, round-the-clock protection of the President today. Over the years, the USSS protection mission has been determined by unofficial decisions (such as the one to protect President Cleveland) and congressional mandates (such as the one to protect major presidential candidates). USSS protection activities have generally expanded with an increase in the number of protected individuals; there has been one instance of a specified type of protectee being removed from the authorized list of protectees—presidentially designated federal officials temporarily representing the United States abroad.

Over the past century, congressional action has focused primarily on the USSS's protection mission. The most recent changes were enacted by the Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011, which amended 18 U.S.C. 1752 and made it a crime for an unauthorized person to enter a building secured by USSS.

Protected Individuals and Facilities

The following individuals are currently authorized USSS protection under 18 U.S.C. Section 3056(a):

- President, Vice President, President- and Vice President-elect;
- immediate families of those listed above;
- former Presidents, their spouses, and their children under the age of 16;
- former Vice Presidents, their spouses, and their children under the age 16;
- visiting heads of foreign states or governments;
- distinguished foreign visitors and official United States representatives on special missions abroad; and
- major presidential and vice presidential candidates within 120 days of the general presidential elections, and their spouses.

The USSS is also required to secure the White House complex, the Vice President's official residence at the Naval Observatory, the Treasury Building, foreign diplomatic missions in Washington, DC, and during their presidential administration, the personal residences of the President and Vice President. The USSS's Uniformed Division primarily secures these facilities.

Specific Protection Activities

As the pool of protectees has evolved over time, so has the manner in which they are protected. Originally, USSS protection primarily involved agents acting as "body guards" and providing personal security to protectees. Today, protection operations include not only the presence of agents in close proximity to the protectee, but also advance security surveys of locations to be visited; coordination with foreign, state, and local law enforcement entities; and intelligence analysis of present and future

threats. The USSS protection mission comprises human resources, physical barriers, technology, and reviews of critical infrastructure and their vulnerabilities. 18 U.S.C. 3056(e)-(f) also authorizes the USSS to conduct other activities, such as planning, coordination, and implementation of security operations at NSSEs; and providing forensic and investigative assistance involving missing and exploited children.

Threats to Protectees

Presidential safety is and has been a concern throughout the nation's history. For example, fears of kidnapping and assassination threats towards Abraham Lincoln began with his journey to Washington, DC, for the 1861 inauguration. The number of attempted and successful assaults against Presidents legitimizes concern for presidential safety. Ten presidents have been victims of direct assaults by assassins, with four resulting in death (Presidents Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, William McKinley, and John F. Kennedy). President Woodrow Wilson's Vice President, Thomas R. Marshall, is the only known Vice President to have been targeted for assassination. In 1915, a German-American opposed to the United States selling weapons and material to the Allies bombed the U.S. Senate Chamber's reception room, which was next to the Vice President's office. Vice President Marshall had been receiving death threats from opponents to American policy in World War I, in letters, for weeks. There was potentially a threat to Vice President Pence on January 6, 2021, but the events of that day are still being investigated.

Since USSS started officially protecting Presidents in 1906—in 1917, Congress enacted legislation (39 Stat. 919) that made it a crime to threaten the President—seven assaults have occurred, with one, President Kennedy, resulting in death. The USSS does not provide information on any threats to protectees or investigations related to threats made against protectees. Thus, the extent to which protectees have been threatened or targeted remains a matter of conjecture.

The following table provides information on assaults against Presidents who were protected by USSS; it does not include information on assaults against Presidents prior to the USSS assuming the responsibility of presidential safety.

Table 1.Direct Assaults on Presidents Protected by the U.S. Secret Service

Date	President	Location	Assailants and Reasons
11/01/1950	Harry S. Truman	Washington, DC	Oscar Collazo and Griseilio Torressola, advocates for Puerto Rican independence
11/22/1963	John F. Kennedy	Dallas, TX	Lee Harvey Oswald, motive unknown
09/05/1975	Gerald R. Ford	Sacramento, CA	Lynette Alice Fromme, member of extremist "Manson Family" and mentally unstable
09/22/1975	Gerald R. Ford	San Francisco, CA	Sara Jane Moore, revolutionary
03/30/1981	Ronald W. Reagan	Washington, DC	John W. Hinckley, Jr., mentally unstable
10/29/1994	William J. Clinton	Washington, DC	Francisco M. Duran, motive unknown
05/10/2005	George W. Bush	Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia	Vladimir Arutyunian, motive unknown

In recent years, for the USSS mission of "protection of persons and facilities," Congress has appropriated:

FY2016 (P.L. 114-113)—$509.8 million;

FY2017 (P.L. 115-31 and P.L. 115-56)—$627.9 million;

FY2018 (P.L. 115-72 and P.L. 115-141)—$711.2 million;

FY2019 (P.L. 116-6)—$740.9 million;

FY2020 (P.L. 116-93)—$754.5 million; and

FY2021 (P.L. 116-260)—$818.8 million.

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  Authorities found 294 bricks of cocaine during a routine baggage inspection

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  Police officers who responded to the Jan. 6 siege at the Capitol have shared harrowing details of their experiences

- Official: No 'direct evidence' of plot to kill at Capitol – Jan 15, 2021

  Federal prosecutors said there was “strong evidence” the mob aimed to “capture and assassinate elected officials,” but the head of the investigation cautioned Friday that the probe is still in its early stages

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  Avoiding planning failures at large events with dignitaries present

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  From banning specific restraints to redefining what is “objectively reasonable,” police use of force is under a nationwide spotlight

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  Advice on getting your team together for success every step of the way

- Police: Suspect in slaying of 3 Puerto Rico officers is dead – Jan 15, 2021

  The man’s body was found with a cardboard sign that read, ‘I am responsible for the killing of the policemen’

- Federal watchdogs open probe of response to Capitol attack – Jan 15, 2021

  The reviews will cover everything from whether the FBI adequately shared information with other agencies to how the Pentagon mobilized for the Jan. 6 crisis

- Ind. county public safety agencies seek new dispatch system to speed emergency responses – Jan 15, 2021

  Fire, EMS, police and 911 departments in Porter County are collaborating to apply for funding for the more efficient alerting system

- Houston officer resigns after being linked to Capitol attack – Jan 15, 2021

  Chief Art Acevedo says the officer entered the Capitol and will likely face charges

- Suspect seen beating officer with US flagpole arrested – Jan 15, 2021

  Cellphone video showed an angry mob dragging the officer down the steps of the Capitol

- Union: 17 Chicago cops 'lounging' in burgled office suspended – Jan 15, 2021

  Security video showed officers resting in an empty campaign office amid unrest over the summer

- FBI tracking 'extensive' online chatter about armed protests – Jan 15, 2021

  During the inauguration the FBI will operate a round-the-clock command post at headquarters and at its 56 field offices

- Photo of the Week: Desert patrol – Jan 15, 2021

  The Yuma Police Department assists with a multi-agency security program near the Mexican border

- Md. LEO dies after being struck by vehicle – Jan 14, 2021

  Officer Christine Peters, 49, was on foot assisting in a crash when she was struck by a passing vehicle on Jan. 2

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  The lawsuit is expected to demand a federal monitor oversee changes on how the NYPD handles protests in the future

- DC officer crushed in doorway receives 'get well' card from 10-year-old – Jan 14, 2021

  "Dear Officer, I'm Emma and I'm 10 years old," the letter begins. "When I saw the video about people crushing you with a door I almost cried"

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  Two motel workers saw the crash and raced to help, getting the officer out just in time

- Police leaders, lawmakers call for '9/11-type' commission on Capitol attack – Jan 14, 2021

  A former NYPD commissioner and Houston's Chief of Police joined calls to investigate why law enforcement was unprepared for the events of Jan. 6

- Ret. Pa. FF arrested for allegedly throwing fire extinguisher at Capitol police – Jan 14, 2021

  Robert Sanford is accused of being the man seen on video throwing an extinguisher that hit three officers at the Capitol riot

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Former Government Contractor Sentenced for Role in Bribery and Kickback Scheme

A former government contractor was sentenced today for his role in a bribery and kickback scheme where he paid bribes to secure U.S. Army contracts.

David P. Burns, Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Justice Department's Criminal Division; Kenji M. Price, U.S. Attorney of the District of Hawaii; Ray Park, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's (Army-CID) Pacific Fraud Field Office; Bryan Denny, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS); and Eli "Sam" Miranda, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Honolulu Field Office made the announcement.

John Winslett, 66, of Bristol, Rhode Island, was sentenced to 70 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release before Chief Judge J. Michael Seabright in the District of Hawaii.

According to court documents and information presented in court, Winslett admitted that from 2011 to 2018, he paid over $100,000 worth of bribes to two U.S. Army contracting officials who worked at the Range at Schofield Barracks, in order to steer federal contracts worth at least $19 million to his employer, a government contractor. The bribes included cash, automobiles, and firearms. In return, the contracting officials used their positions to benefit Winslett's employer in securing U.S. Army contracts.

Winslett further admitted that he accepted $723,333.33 in kickbacks from a local subcontractor in exchange for Winslett assigning those contracts to that local subcontractor.

Army-CID, DCIS and the FBI investigated this case.

Trial Attorney Laura Connelly and Principal Assistant Chief Justin Weitz of the Criminal Division's Fraud Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney Marc Wallenstein of the District of Hawaii are prosecuting the case.

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Two Maui Men Charged With Hate Crimes For Racially Motivated Attack

A federal grand jury in Honolulu, Hawaii, returned an indictment charging Kaulana Alo Kaonohi and Levi Aki, Jr. with a hate crime for their racially motivated attack on a Caucasian man who was attempting to move into the defendants' Native Hawaiian neighborhood of Kahakuloa on Maui.

The indictment was announced today by Acting Assistant Attorney General John B. Daukas for the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, U.S. Attorney Kenji M. Price for the District of Hawaii, and FBI Honolulu Special Agent in Charge Eli S. Miranda.

The indictment alleges that, on Feb. 13, 2014, Kaonohi and Aki willfully caused bodily injury to C.K., and attempted to cause bodily injury to C.K. through the use of a dangerous weapon (a shovel), because of C.K.'s actual and perceived race and color.

The maximum penalty for the charged crime is 10 years of imprisonment. An indictment is merely an accusation, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

The FBI conducted the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Thomas of the District of Hawaii is prosecuting the case in partnership with Special Litigation Counsel Christopher J. Perras and Trial Attorney Tara Allison of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.

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RED ALERT! OATH KEEPERS WARNING ORDER PART I

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As always, Oath Keepers stands in defense of the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. What is now being installed is not a constitutional government. It's an illegitimate regime that has unjustly taken power through massive vote fraud, to install a ChiCom puppet who will do the bidding of a mortal enemy of this nation, as well as the bidding of international elites who are in allegiance and alliance with the CCP as they pursue a common goal of destroying our Republic and enslaving the American people.

Executive Summary:

President Trump still can and should use the Insurrection Act, but it's unlikely. Regardless, patriots should:

1. Prepare for a comms down/blackout environment. Obtain CB and HAM radios, fuel, food, etc
2. Muster NOW in their county seat. Meet face to face and sort out grid down comms and who will be "Home Guard" and part of a "Family Safe" program to stay back and protect families, while also determining who can project out to protect and assist others. Do it now before comms go down.
3. Muster ASAP at state level, but NOT at state Capitol. The newly formed county units must Muster in a friendly "red" county to establish comms and leadership connections for future. Establish protocols in case of lights out/comms down.
4. Beware of false flags and traps that are now being set. Be careful who you listen to and what events you attend. Expect attempts to lure you onto enemy controlled ground where they have time to set up false flags.
5. Prepare to walk the same path as the Founding Fathers of condemnation of an illegitimate regime, nullification/mass non-compliance, defiance, mutual defense, and resistance. See Part II for more.

FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP:

President Trump, though you have waited far too long, it's still not too late to act decisively as Commander-in-Chief. Honor your oath. Have courage. Do what we recommended you do (use the Insurrection Act and conduct a mass data declassification and public data dump to expose the compromised/corrupt traitors, and bring them to justice).

See our two previous open letters to you:

https://oathkeepers.org/2021/01/13/2020-12-open-letter-to-president-trump-you-must-use-insurrection-act-to-stop-the-steal-and-defeat-the-coup/

https://oathkeepers.org/2021/01/13/2020-12-open-letter-to-president-trump-part-ii-act-now-do-not-wait-for-jan-6/

At the very least, do the mass declassification and data dump. You still have absolute authority as President and Commander-in-Chief to declassify any files held by the CIA, FBI, NSA, etc. Use trusted elite units you know are still loyal to the Constitution to get it done (to seize the servers and dump the data on 4Chan, 8Chan, etc).

President Trump, it's your duty and the only way to actually keep your family safe. It's also your only possible way that YOU can still act to save our Republic from the communists and deep state traitors. Do NOT have faith in the corrupted legal system. Even if you attempt pardons for your family or yourself, that will not save you or them. Look at what the communists did to the Romanov family of Czar Nicholas II, his wife, and his children:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Execution_of_the_Romanov_family.

Also, it's not just about you and your family. The domestic enemy wolves will be at the door of all your supporters as well. Liberty loving American constitutionalists will have no choice but to honor their oaths and defend both the Constitution and their families when the

communists and obedient Deep State minions come for them (as they are already planning on doing). A fight is coming no matter what we do, becuase the domestic enemies won't stop until stopped. It's infinitely better for it to come while you are Commander-in-Chief, than for it to come with Biden the Chicom puppet imposter illegitimately installed in the White House.

Embrace destiny.

As Thomas Paine said: **'If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace."** Amen.

Act. Now. Be the Commander in Chief we all know you can be and keep your word when you said America will never be a socialist country. If you fail to act now, you will go down in history as an American version of Neville Chamberlain (the British Prime Minister who attempted to appease Hitler) rather than as an American Churchill.

FOR PATRIOTS:

Patriots, keep your powder dry, your head on a swivel, and your gear ready to roll at moments notice.

BE PREPARED TO MOVE. TO ROLL. But, also keep your cool. It can be a tough balance, but you can do it. Get right with the Lord, get your mind right, stay cool, but be ready.

Realize that there is a swirling storm of intentional disinformation, rumor-mill crap, and cooked up false-flags running at this time. Be careful about who you trust for information, and remember, information is not the same thing as "intel." Even if someone is sincere and trustworthy (in the sense of not intending to mislead) they can still be passing on false info.

Also be careful about just jumping in on any advertised or organised "patriot" event – be it a protest or an armed march of any kind. Expect false-flags and enemy orchestrated pied piper events and traps. Do not rush head-long into such a "Buffalo Jump" as Navy SEAL veteran Matt Bracken calls them.

See below for my recommended course of action that is intended to make you stronger and better organized right now and for the future, without falling into false-flag traps that further the enemy's goals.

PREPARE FOR COMMS DOWN/LIGHTS OUT

Within the short term, we face a very high possibilty of an intentional "comms down" scenario where black hats take down/shut down all communications in the US – No cell service, no internet, no land lines. A comms blackout.

This could also include a take down of electrical power. An intentional power blackout. Worst case scenario would be an EMP strike. That is the Chicom/globalist final option to stop us. Be as prepared as you can be for it.

The purpose of such a comms down/blackout will be to minimize our ability to communicate and to pin people in their homes as the black hats and their terrorist allies conduct a "night of the long knives" decapitation strike to arrest or otherwise take out patriot leaders, potential leaders, and highly skilled personnel.

Alternatively, even if there is no overt comms-down or blackout event, there can still be simultaneous raids across the country in the middle of the night to take out leadership and hardcore patriots before they can warn each other. Expect it.

Whether a comms/power blackout happens as the result of actions taken by white hats or black hats – whether the black hats react to something President Trump or his supporters have done, or if it is done after more false flag events, to shut us down to prevent us from taking action, you need to do the following:

PERSONAL ACTIONS

1. Leadership needs to get "off the X" NOW. Do NOT be home. Be somewhere else. If you ignore this warning and stay home, at the very least, when the lights go out, get out. Be ready to leave your home on a moment's notice at the first sign of any raids.

All patriots need to have a "Plan B, Plan C, Plan D" for you and your loved ones. A place for them to go that is NOT tied directly to you and several places for you to go that are not tied to you via digital footprint or records.

Be prepared to go "comms dark" by choice. Low tech or no-tech beats high tech. Grab a couple of burner phones. But also be ready to go completely radio/phone silent.

2. Grab all the CB and HAM radios you can NOW. You can find CB radios at truck stops. FRS radios from sporting good stores or Wallmart are also useful for close range (inside Neighborhood) comms. HAM radios will likely have to be ordered over the internet, so order them now!

Get a shortwave radio so you can monitor for news and info.

Even if you don't know how to run a HAM or CB radio, buy it. Someone else will know how.

Buy extras for friends, family, neighbors. You WILL need those radios to communicate when the domestic enemies shut down comms (which they will at some point). Sort out your comms now. Don't wait.

3. Get all the fuel you can – gas, diesel, NOW. Get the fuel out of the underground storage tanks and into portable containers. Get all you can. You will need it. Borrow money or charge it if you have to. You can't roll out to help save your country or even to protect your county unless you have fuel. When you think you have enough, double it. Then double it again. Do NOT presume you will be able to buy fuel during an emergency. A power blackout alone will make it hard to get the fuel out of underground storage tanks, let alone suffering a run on gas stations as everyone scrambles to get it.

4. Buy as much food as you can NOW. Double and triple whatever you have. Buy more for friends, family, neighbors. Borrow money if you have to, or charge it. Take out savings. Buy bulk non-perishables that can be cooked with just hot water (rice, beans, oatmeal. etc.), or canned goods. If you can afford it, buy freeze-dried "Mountainhouse" type camping foods (just add hot water). They can still be found in camping supply sections of big box stores. Get food, medicines, vitamins and minerals, and personal hygiene items (baby wipes, for example). Follow the Mormon advice of a three months supply of what you normally eat/use anyway, and then a year's worth of bulk long term storage foods.

PATRIOT COMMUNITY ACTIONS

1. Muster NOW in your County seat. Call together all Trump supporters, all patriots, all constitutionalists, all libertarians, etc. – all committed to liberty and limited constitutional government. Invite your constitutionalist LEOs and other current serving first responders. Call all patriots together in physical space, in a public muster. Come together and look each other in the eye and get to know each other and also begin the necessary process of vetting each other. You WILL get attempted infiltration by leftist moles, paid confidential informants, spies, etc. It's going to happen. Expect it. But you still must come together to become stronger, together, now.

You must sort out your grid-down emergency comms NOW. Sort out how you will communicate when there is no phone, no internet, no cell service. Use HAM radios, CBs, FRS, whatever you have, and whatever you can get. Again, CB radios can still be bought at truck stops. Do NOT wait till lights go out to sort out your comms. Get it done now.

At the muster, divide your man-power into two groups:

A. The Home Guard/Family Safe Unit. Those who are too old, injured, or otherwise unable to project out as first line defenders/responders. This Home Guard is CRITICAL. They will protect your homes and families, neighborhoods and towns, while the more physically capable project out. Even if you prefer to call these men militia (considering them part of the County militia), sort out how to differentiate the different purpose.

Within Oath Keepers we have a "Family Safe" program that is dedicated to watching over patriotic police, fire, EMS, and other first responder homes and families to keep them safe so the first responders can project out to do their jobs, even in the middle of an emergency. Feel free to use that term and form such a program in your neighborhood and town, with the Home Guard taking primary responsibility for your "Family Safe" program.

We have already seen Antifa and BLM targeting police and military homes, doxing them, and preparing to attack them. A Biden/Harris White House will only embolden these domestic Marxist terrorists, so expect it, and prepare to defend against them.

B. The County Militia (or call it a "County Guard" or "County Watch" or "County Defense Unit" or whatever if you are still too squeamish to call it a militia). These are the more fit and mobile who can serve as a QRF to respond to emergencies anywhere in the county. They will also be those who can project out to assist patriots in nearby counties, or at the state level. Some of them may even be willing to travel outside your state if needed. Form special expeditionary teams/units for that. Sort that out now. Perhaps you will call them "Minutemen" as the Founders called their more high-speed units).

Who will stay home and guard your homes while you roll out? Who will roll out? Decide now. Then form them into teams and units.

To be clear: EVERYONE (when home) is in the armed neighborhood watch and the armed town watch. Everyone assists with the "Family Safe" program, watching over the homes and families of local LEOs, EMS, Fire, etc. to protect them from leftist terrorists. The more fit serve as the QRF at the neighborhood and town level. They run to the sound of the guns. But when the more fit project out beyond the town, or beyond the county, the Home Guard has to take up the slack and take responsibility for the home front. Once you determine who is fit enough to project out as the county militia (or county guard, county watch, Minutemen, etc), have the men elect their officers. Yes, this can get messy, with ego clashes and cliques, but it is necessary. The men of a county elect the officers who will command that county militia. Period.

Sort out a standing order that if lights go out, or comms go down, you will respond by doing a stand-to at the neighborhood, town, and county level, with the Home Guard watching over the neighborhoods and towns while the "project out" militia or minute-men roll out, ready to go anywhere needed. If you STILL have not worked out emergency comms, one option is a default muster at the county seat if lights go out. But it's better to have emergency comms worked out so you don't have to be at a predictable known location just to link up.

2. Immediately Muster at the state level. Once you have formed your county units (or begun that process), call a muster at a central location within your state that you determine is the best place for all county militia to come to for a state muster.

No offense to currently existing militia groups, but I am talking about true COUNTY units made up of all the willing patriots in a county, who are from that county, under leadership who are also from that county, elected by the men of that county. Other existing groups? Your responsibility is to help make this happen. It's not about our groups, whether we are Oath Keepers, Three Percenters, or self-organized local or state level militia groups. It's about our communities. Form your community up and let the men elect their officers.

I recommend that this muster be near your state capitol but NOT in your state capitol. The domestic enemies of the Constitution are doing all they can to set up false flag events right now, across the nation. They WANT you to come armed to the state capitol where their paid provocateurs can rope innocent patriots into a staged false flag event. **Don't give them what they want.**

DO come together, but do it just outside the capitol in a friendly "red" county where you have a patriotic constitutional sheriff, county commissioners, county judge, etc. You know your own state. Sort out what makes sense based on your conditions, terrain, and culture.

In nearly every state, the state capitol is a "blue" zone, dominated by the left. With obvious false flag ops running right now, it's a bad idea to put yourself at the mercy of a leftist county attorney and mayor, or a hostile police chief, on ground they control in advance of your arrival, where black hats have plenty of time to set up their false flag traps. Yes, you have a right to free speech and assembly, and I myself have taken part in many armed marches and rallies by patriots in leftist dominated state capitols (we peaceably assembled, but we were also very well armed while doing so). There is a time and a place for that. But at this moment, I think it ill-advised because it's exactly what they want you to do. Take action based on what you want to accomplish, not what your enemy wants.

And remember, the goal of a state-wide muster is for all those newly formed county militia and Home Guard to come together, as units, under their own chosen leadership, so they all get to know each other, and so the leadership in particular gets to know each other, and so they can work up their methods for emergency comms and sort out what they will do in the event of a comms-down, lights out scenario. Will you have a default of coming together at a pre-designated rally point? The downside to that is obvious – you will be in a known place at a known time or window of time. But you would at least be together, which is better than being alone, isolated, and vulnerable to a raid or attack by bad guys.

Again, it is far better for you to work out legit, functional grid down comms (HAM, CB, runners, relays, scouts, etc) now so you DON'T have to muster in a predetermined, known rally point just to link up. But if you are still not squared away on comms when lights go out, you may have no choice (you can send scouts/representatives to make contact instead of sending entire units).

Regardless of where you do it, when you go to a state muster as a unified county unit, you go there with men you know (or are getting to know) under established leadership (even if new). You go as a unit, and it cuts down on the ability of provocateurs and confidential informants to infiltrate and rope you into a false flag.

Main goals of these musters are to organize for the future, to sort out comms and begin to organize at the state level for your mutual defense, mutual aid, and to prepare to defend the Constitution and our natural rights from the pending assault by enemies foreign and domestic. Get organized into units now, and get it all sorted out BEFORE the balloon goes up. And then let THEM come to you, on ground of your choosing, where you are strong and they are weak, just like the Founding Fathers did (more to come on that).

As always, we are not calling for the initiation of violence. We focus on defense of life, liberty, and property. But, we are also committed to defending each other, our neighborhoods, towns, counties, states, and our nation, and above all, defending the Constitution as we swore to do, against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and right now, that means against the communists and deep state traitors who have stolen the White House and stole a false majority in the US Senate, along with their street level terrorist allies, all of whom have already expressed their intent to trample on our rights (more to come on that in the next installment).

Now that it is regretfully becoming clear that President Trump will not be taking the decisive action we urged him to take, using the Insurrection Act and a declass/data dump, let's follow the Founders' game plan, using their strategies and methods, which focused first on declarations of illegitimacy, nullification (declaring unconstitutional acts to be null and void from inception, and refusing to obey them), unified mass non-compliance with unconstitutional and oppressive actions and then on self defense, mutual defense, and resistance when the domestic enemies of the Constitution come for us. That's how the Founders did it, and it worked. There is nothing new under the sun. Let us adapt their game plan to our current situation.

See Part II for more on that.

For the Republic,

Stewart Rhodes

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Key Results of The Eighth Party Congress in North Korea (Part 1 of 2)

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The Eighth Congress of the Korean Workers' Party (KWP, or simply the party) was held in the DPRK from January 5 to January 12, 2021. Such events are rare occasions during which the work of the past is officially analyzed, and strategic goals are set for the immediate and mid-term future. The last such Congress occurred in 2016, after a hiatus of 36 years since the Sixth Party Congress of 1980.

The Congress highlighted the current position of North Korea's leadership on a number of key issues. The strategy for economic development is inward-oriented, the role of the state is to be strengthened, no new reforms are planned, and no major political purge took place. There were a few interesting parallels to South Korea's development strategy under Park Chung-hee. Improved relations with China since 2016 were acknowledged, while the tone on relations with the US and South Korea was far less positive. North Korea will stick to its policy of military deterrence, based on the development and further modernization of its nuclear arsenal. A trend towards burden-sharing in the operative leadership of the country could be observed, and there were some implied adjustments to the official ideology.

This first of two installments summarize several key takeaways from the Party Congress. The first half featured here are more economically oriented. Whereas the remaining set, covered in the next report, will address broader political, ideological and structural changes, as well as external relations.

1) The Congress took place at an unusual time, lasted longer and had more attendants than before.

The eight days of the Eighth Congress are a substantial extension compared to the five days of the Seventh Party Congress of 2016. Back then, there were 3,467 delegates and 1,545 observers.[1] This time, 5,000 delegates and 2,000 observers participated.[2]

The timing of the event was somewhat unusual. For logistical reasons, it is easier to conduct such huge events during spring or autumn, when transportation and heating are less of an issue. Furthermore, since no vaccine is so far available in North Korea, the risk of a mass infection with the coronavirus has been high.

There has been speculation that a sense of urgency, due to negative economic developments in 2020, prompted the decision to hold the Congress in January. This seems unlikely, however, since the Congress had been announced in August 2020, only six months into the COVID crisis. Another possible explanation was the need to adjust the country's strategy due to the outcome of the US presidential elections, but the timing of the announcement does not support that hypothesis either, and the published records of the Congress do not point at the US as a major topic. In any case, holding the Eighth Party Congress in 2021 roughly corresponds with the announcement back in 2016 that the next Congress would be held in five years.

It seems that Kim Jong Un's remarks this time were far more extensive than in 2016. Then, his report in Korean was published in full, totaling about 60,000 words; this time, only a summary was published, amounting to 25,000 words. The full text reportedly

Kim Jong Un at the closing of the 8th Party Congress. (Source: KCNA)

(https://kcnawatch.org/newstream/1610261416-871234007/great-programme-for-struggle-leading-korean-style-socialist-construction-to-fresh-victory-on-report-made-by-supreme-leader-kim-jong-un-at-eighth-congress-of-wpk/?t=1610746090535) took him nine hours to read.[3] (Even the Stakhanovite "work hard campaign" that preceded the Eighth Party Congress lasted 10 days longer than the 70-day campaign leading up to the Seventh Party Congress.)

2) Self-critical remarks were scaled back.

While the Seventh Party Congress in 2016 was touted as a "congress of victors," Kim Jong Un characterized the Eighth Party Congress as a Congress of "work, of struggle, and advancement" (일하는 대회, 투쟁하는 대회, 전진하는 대회). In his opening speech, the leader admitted that the five-year economic development plan had "fallen short in almost every category" and bitter lessons" were learned. But compared to previous public statements, including some of his new year addresses and his report at the Seventh Party Congress, the tone was relatively mild, and the critical and self-critical remarks were not as extensive.

The dominant narrative was more like "true, we made a few mistakes, but the main problems were external and we are on the way to a solution." In Kim's own words *(https://twitter.com/GTDRP/status/1347935387969327107)*,

> The Party turned the enemy's fierce sanctions into a golden opportunity to increase self-reliance and internal power…Although the strategic goals in the field of economic construction were not reached, a valuable foundation for sustainable economic development on its own was laid.

3) State over market, politics over economy: no signs of economic reform.

According to Kim Jong Un, "the most brilliant achievement achieved in the last five years…is the extraordinarily expanded and strengthened political and ideological power" of the country (정치사상적힘). While the North Korean leader identified economic development as "the most important task," in his concluding speech, he explicitly called upon the party to approach economic management from a strictly political perspective and not only focus on economic aspects. This signals a strategic decision and the dominance of ideology and politics over the economy. North Korea finds itself in a difficult economic situation, but there are no indications that pragmatism and market-oriented reform have been chosen as solutions.

Central guidance by the Cabinet and the State Planning Commission was emphasized several times. The Cabinet was called the "country's economic headquarters" (나라의 경제사령부), and the "Cabinet responsibility system" (내각책임제) for the economy and the "centrality of the Cabinet" (내각중심제) were stressed. Such an emphasis by North Korean leaders on the economic technocrats in the Cabinet is typically seen by analysts as a sign of a pragmatic economic policy.

However, considering the remarks cited above, it seems that the North Korean leader currently sees the Cabinet and economic policies merely as tools of state-led development. Kim Jong Un explicitly highlighted self-reliance (자력갱생) and self-sufficiency (자급자족) as "still" being (여전히) the key pillars of the new five-year plan. Self-reliance in particular is supposed to become "nationwide" (국가적), "planned" (계획적) and "scientific" (과학적).

When talking about the "improvement of socialist economic management" (사회주의 경제관리개선), Kim Jong Un defined the North Korean economy as "independent, planned, and people-oriented" (자립경제이고 계획경제이며 인민을 위하여 복무하는 경제), which again is not a sign of market orientation. Terms like "the state's unified guidance" (국가의 통일적지도) further underscore a focus on centralized and state management of the economy, rather than a policy that allows for decentralization and market forces to play a bigger role. Market indicators like prices, etc., are to be used to that effect.

Very notable in this context of "state versus market" is Kim Jong Un's emphasis on commercial service (상업봉사활동전반) and the need to preserve the "socialist service culture" (사회주의봉사문화) and "restore the state's leadership and control" (국가의 주도적역할, 조절통제력을 회복) in this sector. The wording is much more dramatic and urgent in the Korean version compared to the official English translation. Kim calls this an "important task that must be resolved by all means" (반드시 해결하여야 할 중요한 과제).

What might at first glance seem to be a minor issue could have major implications for the overall direction of economic policy. If we understand Kim Jong Un correctly in his intention to reduce the influence of private and semi-private economic activities, and reintroduce the dominance of the state in the economy, then it indeed makes sense to focus on one area that has witnessed the most dynamic development of marketization and emergence of private businesses in North Korea in the past two decades.

Hundreds of restaurants and small shops, transportation businesses and other services have emerged in North Korea. They are officially operated by state entities, but, de facto, these are privately owned businesses. Eventually, the owners who turned into "masters of money" (돈주) accumulated enough capital to expand their businesses and to increase concentration levels of their market shares, thus gaining

substantial economic power that could be transformed into political influence. This not only refers to corruption but also becoming major employers and important payers of taxes and quasi-taxes.

These businesses are not yet "too big to fail," as it has often been said about South Korean business conglomerates (*chaebol*), but the emergence of North Korean *chaebol* is only a matter of time. In fact, it has already begun with such big state-owned players as the airline Air Koryo expanding into the taxi, beverages and fuel-supply businesses. Now it seems that Kim Jong Un is trying to rein in this dangerous trend by encouraging the state to reassert control over the services and commerce sectors.

It remains to be seen how this will be implemented in practice, and what the response of the affected business owners will be. In 2009, a currency reform aimed at expropriating the newly emerged entrepreneurial class failed and was silently rolled back, presenting officials like Pak Nam Gi as scapegoats who were misled by hostile outside forces.

4) The focus is internal. Trade and tourism play only a minor role.

No external visitors were present at this Congress. Before the collapse of the socialist system in the late 1980s, it was customary to invite representatives of friendly communist parties. This was not done in 2016 when relations with China were at a low point. Foreign journalists were admitted into the country, although they could not enter the Congress venue. This time, neither official guests nor journalists were admitted.

North Korea is facing a number of challenges due to tightened sanctions since 2016 and the pandemic of 2020. Kim Jong Un has decided to search for solutions domestically. He emphasized slogans like "Our style of Socialism," "People-Centeredness," and "Our Country First-ism" in his opening speech, and in his closing speech a week later, he even suggested changing the motto of the Eighth Party Congress to reflect the three key slogans "The people are God" (이민위천), Single-Hearted Unity (일심단결), and "Self-Reliance" (자력갱생).[4]

Considering the key role of foreign trade in all standard models of economic development, and the prevalent role played by foreign trade in the success stories of Japan, South Korea and China, it is worth paying particular attention to what the North

Korean leader has to say on that subject. However, Kim Jong Un's report included very little on it. The main strategy for the upcoming five-year plan seems to be "domestic production of inputs" (원자재의 국산화)—in other words, import substitution.

Tourism is to be promoted with two objectives in mind: First, to "make our people enjoy a more civilized life" (우리 인민들이 보다 문명한 생활을 누리게 하고), which could either mean the development of domestic tourism or the generation of revenue for local hospitality industries through foreign visitors; and second, to "spread the changing image of our country to the world" (나날이 변모되는 우리 국가의 모습을 세상에 널리 떨치기). In other words, for propaganda purposes.

The Mt. Kumgang resort in the southeast is mentioned specifically, which is somewhat delicate as it was developed two decades ago with the help of South Korea's Hyundai Asan but has been more or less dormant since the killing of a South Korean tourist in 2008. After a visit by Kim Jong Un and, more recently, his report at the Party Congress, it seems North Korea indeed intends to rebuild these tourism facilities—but for whom? This will raise questions in South Korea about the possibility of continued cooperation, and the ownership of South Korean assets.

5) Metal and chemical industries identified as the key elements of economic development: a North Korean version of Park Chung-hee's Heavy and Chemical Industry Drive?

No further details, such as production targets, were provided. However, as a strategy, the focus on metal and chemical industries are both reminders of classical socialist approaches of giving preference to the "commanding heights" of the economy, and of South Korea's Heavy and Chemical Industry Drive in the 1970s.

Under the current situation of economic isolation, import substitution in this field does have its merits, as the products of these industries are key inputs for many other sectors, including military production. North Korea is in the fortunate position of having most mineral resources needed for operating its own metal and chemical industries. Plans to substitute crude oil, which is so far unavailable in North Korea, with alternative inputs like coal have been promoted for many years in official publications.

However, such industries require major investments of capital and technology, and they need export markets to operate profitably. It remains to be seen how North Korea can pursue such a policy under the current conditions of isolation.

6) Agriculture: renewed emphasis on state distribution?

For agriculture, Kim Jong Un stressed that state procurement levels must reach the 2019 level within the next two to three years. This can be interpreted both as a call to increase grain production, but also as a desire to reduce the share of grain traded freely on the market, and return to the dominance of state distribution through a rationing system or through state-subsidized shops.

7) Afforestation got an extraordinarily high level of attention.

It is noteworthy that among the few specific points of self-criticism, "deviations in afforestation" were mentioned. Furthermore, perhaps because Kim's report was only published as a summary, very few detailed numbers were announced. It is thus particularly conspicuous that among them, we find that "about 1 million hectares of land" were reforested. It should also be noted that forestry was mentioned before agriculture in Kim Jong Un's report, indicating a relatively higher priority.

8) Cement production is at lower levels than in 1970.

Construction seems to enjoy particular attention, too. Among the few details provided, Kim mentioned 50,000 new flats to be constructed in Pyongyang and 25,000 new houses in the Komdok mining area (which is also the location of an infamous labor camp).

In this context, Kim announced the target of producing eight million tons of cement during the next five-year plan. To put this in perspective, the average annual target of 1.6 million tons is merely 40 percent of the officially produced 4 million tons of cement 50 years ago in 1970, as reported by the East German (GDR) Embassy in Pyongyang back then.

This can be interpreted in two ways: Either North Korea significantly overstated its cement production in the past and is now providing more honest figures, or this part of the economy has far from recovered from the massive hits it has taken since the 1990s.

9) Focus on rural areas and the local level: a North Korean version of the New Village Movement?

Economic and social development often do not happen evenly in a country. Again, parallels to South Korean development come to mind, especially an initiative in the early 1970s under the dictatorship of Park Chung-hee, called the "New Village Movement" (새마을 운동). It aimed at reducing the gap between the quality of life in urban and rural areas by such measures as improving infrastructure like roads and bridges, replacing thatched roofs with more durable materials, and promoting health care, education and culture. Specific economic policy measures in this regard included the supply of cement to localities, which in the South Korean context of the 1970s was also a Keynesian measure to boost domestic demand for the newly emerging cement industry.

Against this background, it is striking how many parallels with the "New Village Movement" we find in Kim Jong Un's remarks at the Eighth Party Congress, including his promise to provide 10,000 tons of cement to every local city and county annually. Kim announced the development of "advanced regions with their own characteristics" (자기 고유의 특색을 가진 발전된 지역), and called upon cities and counties to establish development strategies for local economies (지방경제) based on their specific conditions (특성) and the available resources (원료와 자재).

Local authorities of party and government are encouraged to become "powerful drivers of their own region's development (자기 지역의 발전을 이끌어나가는 강력한 견인기가 되고). In a more programmatic sense, Kim demanded to "eliminate the differences between workers and farmers, industry and agriculture, and urban and rural areas" (로동계급과 농민간의 차이, 공업과 농업간의 차이, 도시와 농촌간의 차이를 없애다), and to "turn farmers into members of the working class" (농업근로자들을… 로동계급화하기).

The latter is not only the reflection of the well-known difficulties of applying Marxist-Leninist ideology and a working-class centered theory to the realities of rural production; it also parallels South Korea's New Village Movement of the early 1970s, which also aimed at breaking down established and hierarchical social structures. Scholars of economic development like Clarence Ayres identified "ceremonialism" as one major obstacle to growth.

10) Development of mobile communications, cable broadcasting and commercial service.

Among the specifically mentioned economic development projects is Kim Jong Un's demand to introduce "next-generation mobile communications" (다음세대통신). Cable broadcasting (유선방송) is promoted as a way to supply better entertainment to the people, but it is also a convenient way for the state to control the media consumption of its citizens. In this context, it should be noted that Kim repeated his earlier calls for the eradication of non-socialist and anti-socialist practices (비사회주의, 반사회주의적 현상).

11) Plans to create a nuclear power industry.

This is a relatively logical step, considering that North Korea has chronic problems with the production of energy, is cut off from external supplies of key fossil fuels by sanctions, has its own domestic uranium reserves, and has made substantial progress in nuclear technology over the past few decades. Plans to provide nuclear power have existed at least since the 1994 Agreed Framework and the Korea Energy Development Organization (KEDO). Kim Jong Un's remarks on a "nuclear power industry" (핵동력공업) will nevertheless raise eyebrows in the West due to its potential for enhancing the country's nuclear weapons program.

His call to "create" (창설) such an industry is also noteworthy, as it implies that the currently existing facilities at Yongbyon are not considered to be substantial enough to count as an existing industry that only needs to be upgraded.

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North Korea Plans to Further Develop its Nuclear Strike Capabilities Despite Economic Constraints

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At the recent Eighth Party Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), North Korean leadership announced plans and programs to expand its nuclear deterrent—specifically, the development of miniaturized nuclear warheads, tactical nuclear weapons, multiple independently-targetable reentry vehicles (MIRVs), solid-fuel ballistic missiles of varying ranges, nuclear propulsion systems for submarines, and hypersonic boost-glide vehicles. There are already indications at Yongbyon and defense-related institutes that activity in support of these plans is underway.

This is an ambitious program for a small country, which is suffering from economic mismanagement, severe United Nations (UN) sanctions, and the effects of the pandemic and natural disasters. Some of these projects have been under development in recent years, but it will take more than a decade to field advanced systems such as MIRVs fitted with nuclear weapons, nuclear submarines with missiles and hypersonic glide weapons.[1] Furthermore, all this will require boosting production of fissile material—plutonium and enriched uranium—and testing of nuclear warheads, which would violate the provisions of UN Security Council resolutions.

To meet the near-term requirements for the production of plutonium and uranium, North Korea would need to construct an additional nuclear reactor to produce plutonium; expand its current spent fuel reprocessing and uranium enrichment capabilities; increase uranium mining, milling, conversion, and nuclear fuel fabrication both for the 5 MWe reactor and the Experimental Light Water Reactor (ELWR) at Yongbyon; and possibly establish another nuclear test site to conduct higher-yield nuclear weapon tests.[2] Ideally, new infrastructure would need to be built to

implement the North's stated nuclear plans. However, given its economic constraints, the North will instead likely take as much advantage as possible of the existing nuclear infrastructure in Yongbyon—activities which would be visible in satellite imagery.

In his closing speech, Kim Jong Un also indicated that the North may have failed in munition production. Public reports of the Party Congress did not provide details on these failures, but it may suggest that North Korea did not achieve all its targets in developing the nuclear deterrent. One indication of this is the slow commissioning of the ELWR in Yongbyon, which is well behind the target operating dates disclosed in 2010. Whether these delays relate to the design and construction of the reactor, fuel fabrication, or requirements for uranium enrichment remains unknown. It could also be the case that the enriched uranium needs of the nuclear weapons program were given a higher priority than those of the ELWR.

Kim also emphasized in his speeches further building the national defense capacity in quality and quantity, which includes strengthening "the nuclear war deterrent *(https://www.38northref.org/wpk-general-secretary-kim-jong-un-makes-concluding-speech-at-eighth-congress-of-wpk/)*." An important part of these efforts is defense-related research and development programs highlighted in the reports of the Congress.

Kim's statements will certainly raise concerns, particularly in the US, China, South Korea and Japan. Miniaturization of nuclear warheads is essential in building tactical nuclear warheads for shorter-range missiles threatening the ROK, Japan and US forces based in the area.

Over the longer-term, the strengthening of the North's nuclear deterrent will also boost South Korea's aspirations to acquire submarines with nuclear propulsion in response to North Korean threats and Japanese ambitions to go ahead with its plans to develop, *inter alia*, hypersonic glide missiles with conventional warheads to counter current and future North Korean (and Chinese) missile capabilities.

North Korea's nuclear plans, while they may be constrained by limited resources, are likely aimed at establishing a *fait accompli* in advance of possible denuclearization talks with the Biden administration and increasing the North's leverage in these negotiations. The debate in Pyongyang over its nuclear program will continue on Sunday, January 19, with the meeting of the Supreme People's Assembly, which traditionally blesses the decisions of the WPK Congress.

The new DPRK five-year economic plan should help to inform the new Biden administration's review of North Korea policy. Although the continued growth of the North's nuclear capabilities is a major concern, the slower-than-anticipated progress of their nuclear programs suggests there may be time to conduct a comprehensive review and to engage with regional parties on developing a common approach to the North Korean nuclear problem.

Figure 1. A new submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM), Pukguksong-5, which is under development and yet to be tested, was presented on January 14 in a military parade.

(https://www.38north.org/2021-0115-rodong-sinmun_parade-24668_pukguksong-5/)

(Source: Rodong Sinmun)

[1] Hypersonic glide vehicles (HGVs) are delivered atop of a medium- or long-range missile. They do not follow a ballistic missile trajectory, but their ability to maneuver after they have been released from their rocket boosters makes it difficult to detect, trace and shoot them

down. Russia and China have developed and deployed such weapons. The US hypersonic glide vehicle is in development. Brazil, India and Japan are known to develop such missiles. Read more in: Kelly M. Sayler and Amy F. Woolf, *Defense Primer: Hypersonic Boost-Glide Weapons,* CRS IF11459 (Washington, DC, Congressional Research Service, December 1, 2020), https://fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/IF11459.pdf *(https://fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/IF11459.pdf)*.

[2] There are concerns that the Punggye-ri site in particular has deteriorated as a result of the high-yield test in September 2017.

The New START Treaty: Central Limits and Key Provisions

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Summary

The United States and Russia signed the New START Treaty on April 8, 2010. After more than 20 hearings, the U.S. Senate gave its advice and consent to ratification on December 22, 2010, by a vote of 71-26. Both houses of the Russian parliament—the Duma and Federation Council—approved the treaty in late January 2011 and it entered into force on February 5, 2011. Both parties met the treaty's requirement to complete the reductions by February 5, 2018. The treaty is due to expire in February 2021, unless both parties agree to extend it for no more than five years.

New START provides the parties with 7 years to reduce their forces, and will remain in force for a total of 10 years. It limits each side to no more than 800 deployed and nondeployed land-based intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) and submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) launchers and deployed and nondeployed heavy bombers equipped to carry nuclear armaments. Within that total, each side can retain no more than 700 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers equipped to carry nuclear armaments. The treaty also limits each side to no more than 1,550 deployed warheads; those are the actual number of warheads on deployed ICBMs and SLBMs, and one warhead for each deployed heavy bomber.

New START contains detailed definitions and counting rules that will help the parties calculate the number of warheads that count under the treaty limits. Moreover, the delivery vehicles and their warheads will count under the treaty limits until they are converted or eliminated according to the provisions described in the treaty's Protocol. These provisions are far less demanding than those in the original START Treaty and will provide the United States and Russia with far more flexibility in determining how to reduce their forces to meet the treaty limits.

The monitoring and verification regime in the New START Treaty is less costly and complex than the regime in START. Like START, though, it contains detailed definitions of items limited by the treaty; provisions governing the use of national technical means (NTM) to gather data on each side's forces and activities; an extensive database that identifies the numbers, types, and locations of items limited by the treaty; provisions requiring notifications about items limited by the treaty; and inspections allowing the parties to confirm information shared during data exchanges.

New START does not limit current or planned U.S. missile defense programs. It does ban the conversion of ICBM and SLBM launchers to launchers for missile defense interceptors, but the United States never intended to pursue such conversions when deploying missile defense interceptors. Under New START, the United States can deploy conventional warheads on its ballistic missiles, but these will count under the treaty limit on nuclear warheads.

The Obama Administration and outside analysts argued that New START strengthens strategic stability and enhances U.S. national security. Critics, however, questioned whether the treaty would serve U.S. national security interests because, they argued in 2010, Russia was likely to reduce its forces with or without an arms control agreement and because the United States and Russia no longer need arms control treaties to manage their relationship. The 2018 Nuclear Posture Review confirmed that the United States would continue to implement the treaty, at least through 2021. The Trump Administration raised questions about the value of the treaty and suggested that the United States might allow it to lapse while negotiating a new treaty that would include Russia and China, and capture all types of Russian nuclear weapons. It eventually sought, but failed, to negotiate a short-term extension in the latter half of 2020. The incoming Biden Administration has indicated it would seek an extension, but has not specified whether this would be for the full five years or a shorter period of time.

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Introduction

The United States and Russia signed a new strategic arms reduction treaty—known as New START—on April 8, 2010.[1] This treaty replaced the 1991 Strategic Arms Reductions Treaty (START), which expired, after 15 years of implementation, on December 5, 2009.[2] The U.S. Senate provided its advice and consent to ratification of New START on December 22, 2010, by a vote of 71-26. The Russian parliament, with both the Duma and Federation Council voting, did so on January 25 and January 26, 2011. The treaty entered into force on February 5, 2011, after Secretary of State Clinton and Foreign Minister Lavrov exchanged the instruments of ratification. New START superseded the 2002 Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty (known as the Moscow Treaty), which then lapsed in 2012.[3] New START provided the parties with seven years to reduce their forces. Both parties completed their required reductions by February 5, 2018.[4]

New START will expire on February 5, 2021, 10 years after it entered into force, unless the United States and Russia agree to extend it for no more than 5 years. This extension is included in Article XIV, paragraph 2 of the treaty, which states

> If either Party raises the issue of extension of this Treaty, the Parties shall jointly consider the matter. If the Parties decide to extend this Treaty, it will be extended for a period of no more than five years unless it is superseded earlier by a subsequent agreement on the reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms.

Because this provision is included in the text of the treaty, the President could extend New START without asking the Senate for its approval. Some Russian experts have asserted that the Russian parliament would have to approve legislation before President Putin could extend the treaty, but most believe Putin could win this approval with little delay or difficulty.

Prospects for Extension

The Obama Administration briefly considered pursuing an extension before it left office in 2016, but did not raise the issue with Russia. Press reports indicate that the President Trump rejected a proposal from Russian President Putin to extend the treaty during their first phone call in February 2017.[5] Presidents Putin and Trump reportedly discussed the treaty during their summit in Helsinki in July 2018, with President Putin presenting President Trump with a document suggesting that they extend the treaty after resolving "existing problems related to the Treaty implementation," but the two reportedly did not reach an agreement on the issue.[6] The Trump

[1] The treaty is officially titled the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms. The text of the Treaty, its Protocol, annexes, and article-by-article analysis can be found at http://www.state.gov/t/avc/newstart/c44126.htm.

[2] For a brief summary of the original START Treaty, as well as a review of the U.S.-Russian negotiations on the new START Treaty see CRS Report R40084, *Strategic Arms Control After START: Issues and Options*, by Amy F. Woolf.

[3] The Moscow Treaty was to remain in force until December 31, 2012, unless replaced by a subsequent treaty. For details on this agreement see CRS Report RL31448, *Nuclear Arms Control: The Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty*, by Amy F. Woolf.

[4] Heather Nauert, *New START Treaty Central Limits Take Effect*, U.S. Department of State, press statatement, Washington, DC, February 5, 2018, https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/02/277888.htm. See also "Russia Confirms Commitment to New START Treaty—Foreign Ministry," *TASS Russian News Agency*, February 5, 2018, http://tass.com/politics/988458.

[5] Jonathan Landay and David Rohde, "Exclusive: In Call with Putin, Trump Denounced Obama-Era Nuclear Arms Treaty—Sources," *Reuters*, February 9, 2017.

[6] Bryan Bender, "Leaked Document: Putin Lobbied Trump on Arms Control," *Politico*, August 7, 2018.

Administration's Nuclear Posture Review (NPR), completed in February 2018, confirmed that the United States would continue to implement the treaty, at least through 2021, but was silent on the prospects for extension through 2026.

In 2018 and 2019, Trump Administration officials indicated that they were reviewing the treaty and assessing whether it continued to serve U.S. national security interests before deciding whether the United States would propose or accept a five-year extension.[7] In testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in May 2019, Under Secretary of State Andrea Thompson and Deputy Under Secretary of Defense David Trachtenberg noted that an interagency review was continuing, but they refused to elaborate on the substance of that review or speculate on the implications of a decision to allow New START to lapse in 2021.[8] They also noted that Russia was developing new kinds of strategic offensive arms that would not count under the treaty and that it is modernizing and expanding its stockpile of shorter-range nonstrategic nuclear weapons that are also outside the scope of the treaty. They also noted that China was modernizing and expanding its nuclear arsenal, although it remained much smaller than the U.S. and Soviet arsenals; China is not a party to the treaty.[9]

Trump Administration concerns about Russian and Chinese nuclear forces outside the New START limits came to dominate discussions about the future of New START. In February 2019, General John Hyten, then the commander of U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM), testified that New START continued to serve U.S. national security interests because its monitoring regime provided transparency and visibility into Russian nuclear forces and because its limits provide predictability about the future size and structure of those forces. But he argued that new kinds of Russian nuclear forces could eventually pose a threat to the United States. He indicated that the United States and Russia might expand New START so that these weapons could be brought under the treaty limits.[10] In addition, in April 2019, President Trump directed his staff to develop proposals for expanded arms control efforts that would include China as a party, noting that the United States should "persuade China to join an arms-control pact limiting or verifying its capabilities for the first time."[11]

The public debate about the possible extension of New START has incorporated views about how to address these concerns. For example, some experts believe the United States and Russia should extend the treaty then use the time during the extension to discuss how to include Russia's new types of systems within the treaty limits. They note most of the systems will not enter the Russian force until late in the 2020s, so see no need to condition extension now on their eventual inclusion. They also note that this approach would allow the United States to retain the benefits of

[7] U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, *Status of U.S.-Russia Arms Control Efforts*, Hearing, 115th Cong., 2nd sess., September 18, 2018. See the prepared statement of Honorable David Trachtenberg, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, https://www.foreign.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/091818_Trachtenberg_Testimony.pdf.

[8] U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, *Future of Nuclear Arms Control*, Hearing, 116th Cong., 1st sess., May 15, 2019.

[9] See, for example, the testimony of Under Secretary of State Andrea Thompson and Deputy Under Secretary of Defense David Trachtenberg in U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, *Future of Nuclear Arms Control*, Hearing, 116th Cong., 1st sess., May 15, 2019.

[10] Joe Gould, "US nuclear general worries over Russia's weapons outside New START," Defense News, February 26, 2019, https://www.defensenews.com/smr/nuclear-arsenal/2019/02/26/us-nuclear-general-worries-over-russias-weapons-outside-new-start/.

[11] Paul Sonne and John Hudson, "Trump orders staff to prepare arms-control push with Russia and China," *Washington Post*, April 25, 2019, https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/trump-orders-staff-to-prepare-arms-control-push-with-russia-and-china/2019/04/25/c7f05e04-6076-11e9-9412-daf3d2e67c6d_story.html?utm_term=.3e294ce0a8e9.

New START while seeking to negotiate a trilateral treaty with Russia and China.[12] Some have also suggested that the United States and Russia extend the treaty for shorter than the full five years, to retain the limits and transparency in the treaty, while pressing Russia, and possibly China, to negotiate a follow-on agreement that would address U.S. concerns.[13]

Other analysts, however, suggested the opposite, arguing that the United States should *not* agree to extend New START unless Russia agreed to count its new systems under the treaty limits. Some also argued that the United States and Russia should allow New START to lapse, both to relieve the United States of its obligations and because they believed that Russia's interest in retaining limits on U.S. forces would provide the United States with leverage when negotiating a treaty to replace New START.[14] Some also argue that the treaty better serves Russian than U.S. interests because, as was noted above, Russia is pursuing the development of weapons that may not count under the treaty limits.[15] President Trump and others in his Administration suggested that the United States replace New START with a trilateral "next generation" arms control agreement that would capture all U.S., Russian, and Chinese nuclear weapons.[16]

Russian officials have also questioned whether they should extend New START. At a conference in Washington, DC, in March 2019, Anatoly Antonov, Russia's ambassador to the United States, noted that Russia was not interested in expanding New START to include Russia's new kinds of strategic systems. He also said that Russia would be unwilling to discuss an extension until the United States addressed Russia's concerns with U.S. implementation of the treaty's conversion and elimination procedures.[17]

Russian officials, however, altered their position in 2020. Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov have both noted that Russia believes the treaty's extension would serve U.S. and Russian national security interests. They asserted that most of Russia's new types of weapons systems should not count under New START limits, but have stated that Russia would participate in strategic stability talks to address these weapons after the parties extend New START.[18] Moreover, Russia set aside its insistence that the parties resolve its

[12] Stephen Pifer, *Want to Improve Relations with Russia? Here's a START*, Brookings, Washington, DC, September 6, 2018, https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2018/09/06/want-to-improve-relations-with-russia-heres-a-start/. See also Thomas M. Countryman, *Can Trump and Putin Head Off a New Nuclear Arms Race?* Arms Control Association, Washington, DC, August 8, 2018, https://www.armscontrol.org/issue-briefs/2018-08/trump-putin-head-new-nuclear-arms-race.

[13] Franklin C. Miller and Eric Edelman, "Russia Is Beefing Up Its Nuclear Arsenal. Here's What the U.S. Needs to Do.," *Politico*, December 30, 2019, https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2019/12/31/russia-nuclear-arsenal-new-start-091487.

[14] Michaela Dodge, *A Nuclear Guide to the Helsinki Summit*, Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC, July 18, 2018, https://www.heritage.org/global-politics/commentary/nuclear-guide-the-helsinki-summit.

[15] Matthew Costlow, "Don't Give Russia the Gift of Extending New START," *Defense One*, July 10, 2018, https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2018/07/dont-give-russia-gift-extending-new-start/149605/.

[16] See, for example, Ambassador Marshall Billingslea, Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control, U.S. Department of State, on the Future of Nuclear Arms Control. Transcript, Hudson Institute, May 21, 2020, https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.hudson.org/Transcript_Marshall%20Billingslea%20on%20the%20Future%20of%20Nuclear%20Arms%20Control.pdf.

[17] Russia has objected to the U.S. procedures that remove submarine launch tubes and heavy bombers from the treaty limits because they are not irreversible.

[18] See, for example, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov's interview with Interfax news agency, December 26, 2019, https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/-/asset_publisher/cKNonkJE02Bw/content/id/3983633, and Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's remarks and answers to questions during Government Hour at the Federation Council, Moscow, December 23, 2019 https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/-/asset_publisher/cKNonkJE02Bw/content/id/3977671.

concerns with U.S. conversion and elimination procedures. In December 2019, President Putin stated that "Russia is ready to extend the New START treaty immediately, before the year's end and without any preconditions."[19]

Recent Developments

Officials from the United States and Russia met in Vienna on June 22, 2020, for discussions on arms control. Marshall Billingslea, who served as the Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control, noted, in a press conference after the talks, that the two sides had agreed to establish a number of working groups on strategic stability issues. One such group, according to U.S. sources, would discuss "nuclear warheads and doctrine," while the Russian readout indicated the working group would just discuss doctrine.[20] The two sides, however, did not reach an agreement on whether to extend New START. At the time, Billingslea stated the United States would only "contemplate an extension of that agreement but only under select circumstances" that included Russia's willingness to include its nonstrategic nuclear weapons and new types of strategic nuclear weapons in an agreement and China's willingness to participate in the talks.[21] Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister, Sergei Ryabkov, noted that Russia was ready to extend the treaty, but would not do so "at all costs, especially at the price they want from us."[22]

Before the June talks began, Billingslea noted that the United States invited China to the meeting; China did not accept that invitation. He also noted that the United States would seek to convince Russia to pressure China to join the talks.[23] Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov rejected this approach, noting that "it is a sovereign right of any nation to join any talks."[24] He indicated that he believes the June talks in Vienna should remain bilateral, and that they should focus on an extension of New START.[25]

U.S. and Russian teams met in Vienna on August 17-18, 2020, where they again discussed the possible extension of New START. According to Marshall Billinglea, who led the U.S. delegation, the Trump Administration believed the New START Treaty was "deeply flawed and that it is not particularly in the U.S. interest to simply extend that treaty." But he noted that the United States might be willing to extend the treaty for a period of time if Russia agreed to sign "a

[19] Vladimir Isachenkov, "Putin offers US to extend key nuclear pact right now," *Associated Press*, December 5, 2019, https://apnews.com/7b031de50f534ba181446080117f728f.

[20] Michael R. Gordon, "Trump Administration Weighs Extending New START Nuclear Treaty," *Wall Street Journal*, June 23, 2019, https://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-administration-weighs-extending-new-start-nuclear-treaty-11592952274.

[21] Online Press Briefing with Ambassador Marshall Billingslea, Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control, And Lieutenant General Thomas A. Bussiere, Deputy Commander, United States Strategic Command, June 24, 2020, https://www.state.gov/online+press+briefing+with+ambassador-marshall-billingslea-special-presidential-envoy-for-arms-control-and-lieutenant-general-thomas-a-bussiere-deputy-commander-united-states-strategic-command/.

[22] Maxim Blinov, "Moscow is ready for non-renewal of the START, Ryabkov said," *Ria Novosti*, June 25, 2020, https://ria.ru/20200625/1573461669.html.

[23] Nick Wadhams, "U.S. and Russia to Meet June 22 on Curbing Nuclear Stockpiles," *Bloomberg News*, June 8, 2020, https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-06-08/u-s-and-russia-to-meet-in-vienna-june-22-for-nuclear-arms-talks?sref=lGIy6Jfd

[24] Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov. Comments. The Gorchakov Fund. Moscow, May 22, 2020, https://gorchakovfund.ru/en/news/view/deputy-foreign-minister-of-russian-sergey-ryabkov-took-part-in-the-online-discussion-about-russia-u-/.

[25] Michael R. Gordon, "Russian Negotiator Doubts China Will Join 3-Way Arms Accord Sought by Trump," *Wall Street Journal*, May 9, 2020, https://www.wsj.com/articles/russian-negotiator-doubts-china-will-join-3-way-arms-accord-sought-by-trump-11591735208.

politically binding agreement" that provided a framework for a new treaty. According to Billingslea, the United States presented Russia with "a very detailed set of proposals relating to our steadfast view that the next agreement must cover all warheads, all nuclear warheads," and that it would "need to have a better set of verification and transparency measures."[26] In subsequent interviews, he indicated that the parties might verify limits on nuclear warheads by installing perimeter monitoring systems outside warhead production facilities to count warheads as they entered and left the force. This type of system was used outside under the INF and original START treaties to monitor the production of rocket motors for missiles, items that are much larger and more obvious than the warheads that would be counted in this new concept.

Billingslea did not offer any insights into whether, or how, the framework proposed by the United States would accommodate Russia's concerns about U.S. weapons programs, instead, he indicated that the United States would only agree to extend New START if Russia agreed to the U.S. proposals for the new framework. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister, Sergei Ryabkov noted that Russia had taken "American ideas into consideration," and he stated that "Russia stands for an extension of the START Treaty, but is not ready to pay any price for that."[27]

In his statement following the August meeting, Billingslea reiterated the U.S. goal of including China in the arms control negotiations, but indicated that the United States was "not suggesting … that we would amend the New START Treaty to include China." He did, however, indicate that the new U.S.-Russian framework would have to include a path for China to join because "the next treaty will have to be multilateral, it will have to include China."[28]

In mid-September 2020, Billingslea sought to increase the pressure on Russia to accept the U.S. proposals. In an interview with CNN, he indicated that the "cost" of extending New START could increase if Russia did not accept the U.S. proposals from the August meeting. Specifically, he said that the United States could include "a lot of the other bad behavior that the Russians are engaged in around the world" in the nuclear negotiations.[29] In addition, in an interview with the Russian newspaper *Kommersant* in mid-September, he mentioned that if Russia did not accept the U.S. proposals, the United States would not only allow New START to lapse but would also promptly increase the numbers of warheads on its strategic forces by restoring warheads and missiles that had been removed under New START.[30]

Press reports indicated that the United States believed Russia would accept the U.S. proposals for a new agreement in exchange for New START extension because it believed that Russia was "desperate" to extend New START.[31] But Russian officials disputed this conclusion. Russia's

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[26] *U.S. Department of State*, Briefing with Ambassador Marshall Billingslea, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control And Lt. Gen. Thomas Bussiere, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, Vienna, August 18, 2020, https://www.state.gov/briefing-with-ambassador-marshall-billingslea-u-s-special-presidential-envoy-for-arms-control-and-lt-gen-thomas-bussiere-deputy-commander-of-the-u-s-strategic-command/.

[27] Michael R. Gordon, "Trump Administration Shifts Course on Russian Arms Talks, Easing Insistence China Join Now," *Wall Street Journal*, August 18, 2020, https://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-administration-shifts-course-on-russian-arms-control-talks-easing-insistence-china-join-11597781025?mod=searchresults&page=1&pos=1.

[28] U.S. Department of State, Briefing with Ambassador Marshall Billingslea, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control And Lt. Gen. Thomas Bussiere, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, Vienna, August 18, 2020, https://www.state.gov/briefing-with-ambassador-marshall-billingslea-u-s-special-presidential-envoy-for-arms-control-and-lt-gen-thomas-bussiere-deputy-commander-of-the-u-s-strategic-command/.

[29] Kylie Atwood, "US seeks to pressure Russia into nuclear weapons treaty concessions before election," *CNN*, September 18, 2020, https://edition.cnn.com/2020/09/18/politics/us-russia-nuclear-treaty/index.html.

[30] Elena Chernenko, "'If Russia does not accept our offer before the elections, the entry price will go up,'" *Kommersant*, September 21, 2020, https://www.kommersant.ru/doc/4499882.

[31] Kylie Atwood, "US seeks to pressure Russia into nuclear weapons treaty concessions before election," CNN,

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov responded to Billingslea's interview in *Kommersant* by noting that "there are no grounds for any kind of deal, in the form proposed by our colleagues in Washington." He stated that Russia preferred a full five-year extension of New START but would be willing to extend the treaty for a shorter period. He concluded that "we will not pay the American asking price for an extension even for five years, let alone for a shorter period."[32] Ryabkov again disputed the U.S. view of Russia's interest in New START when he stressed that "the extension of the START Treaty in itself is not critical, from our point of view."[33]

Billingslea and Ryabkov met again, in Helsinki, on October 5, 2020. This meeting occurred on short notice, reportedly after phone calls between President Trump and President Putin and a meeting between the U.S. national security adviser, Robert O'Brien and a key Russian national security advisor, Nikolai Patrushev, brought the two sides closer to an agreement.[34] Billingslea told the press that the talks had "yielded important progress" in developing a framework for a politically binding agreement that would both impose a freeze on each side's nuclear arsenal and outline the parameters for a future treaty.[35] The parties did not agree on the precise definitions needed to implement the warhead freeze or the necessary verification procedures needed to monitor it.[36] U.S. officials also acknowledged that, while they had reached agreement on the broad principles of a future treaty, they had deferred some of the more complicated issues to future discussions. According to U.S. officials, the parties agreed that they would pair the warhead freeze with an extension of New START, with both lasting the same amount of time. The parties had not agreed on the precise length of time for this extension, although reports indicated it would likely be in the range of one to two years.[37]

The Trump Administration reportedly pressed Russia to conclude this agreement quickly so that the Presidents could meet to sign it before the U.S. election in November.[38] A U.S. official indicated that he believed President Putin supported the deal and that the two sides could complete it in a week or two, particularly if Putin's support "percolates down through their system so that my counterpart hopefully will be authorized to negotiate."[39] Russian officials,

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September 18, 2020, https://edition.cnn.com/2020/09/18/politics/us-russia-nuclear-treaty/index.html.

[32] Elena Chernenko, "There is no good deal in sight on the basis the Americans are proposing," *Kommersant*, September 22, 2020, https://www.kommersant.ru/doc/4501227.

[33] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov's interview with the Kommersant newspaper, October 22, 2020. https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/-/asset_publisher/cKNonkJE02Bw/content/id/4402033.

[34] Vivian Salama and Mary Ilyushina, "Trump administration renews push for nuclear arms agreement with Russia before election," *CNN*, October 12, 2020. https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/12/politics/us-russia-nuclear-agreement-push/index.html.

[35] Michael R. Gordon, "U.S., Russia Move Toward Outline of Nuclear Deal, Administration Says," *Wall Street Journal*, October 5, 2020. https://www.wsj.com/articles/u-s-russia-move-toward-outline-of-nuclear-deal-administration-official-says-11601933654.

[36] David Lawler, "Trump aiming for nuclear arms deal with Russia before Election Day," *Axios*, October 9, 2020. https://www.axios.com/trump-russia-nuclear-arms-agreement-new-start-4fe42c37-83e0-4088-aa26-b37f8a07bf7f.html.

[37] Paul Sonne, "Threat from nuclear weapons and missiles has grown since Trump entered office," *Washington Post*, October 13, 2020. https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/nuclear-weapons-trump-arms-race/2020/10/12/1f32e026-041b-11eb-8879-7663b816bfa5_story.html?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2010.13.20.

[38] Michael R. Gordon, "Trump Administration Pushes Russia for Arms Control Deal by Election," *Wall Street Journal*, October 9, 2020, https://www.wsj.com/articles/trump-administration-pushes-russia-for-arms-control-deal-by-election-11602275351?mod=searchresults&page=1&pos=2.

[39] David Lawler, "Trump aiming for nuclear arms deal with Russia before Election Day," *Axios*, October 9, 2020, https://www.axios.com/trump-russia-nuclear-arms-agreement-new-start-4fe42c37-83e0-4088-aa26-b37f8a07bf7f.html.

however, disputed this assessment. Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said the U.S. conditions for the treaty's extension are "absolutely unilateral and don't take into account our interests, or the experience of many decades when arms control has existed to mutual satisfaction.[40] Deputy Foreign Minister Ryabkov called the U.S. reports of a quick agreement "an illusion," and noted that significant differences remained between the U.S. and Russian positions. Responding to comments made by Billingslea in mid-October, Ryabkov stated that the US proposal for a freeze on nuclear arsenals "is unacceptable" because it does not address Russian concerns about other issues affecting strategic stability. He noted that these include weapons in space, U.S. ballistic missile defenses, and new U.S. long-range conventional weapons.[41] He also noted that Russia was unwilling to sign a formal agreement limiting shorter-range nuclear weapons until the United States took steps to remove its nuclear weapons and their infrastructure from Europe. Ryabkov also critiqued the U.S. insistence that the freeze include a monitoring regime that relied on perimeter monitoring at warhead production facilities. He noted that perimeter control "is all from the already distant foggy past. This is from a completely different era. There is no reason to restore anything like that."[42] Ryabkov did note, however, that he parties could reach an agreement quickly if the United States simply accepted the Russian proposals for the agreement.[43]

On October 16, President Putin proposed that the two sides extend New START "unconditionally for at least a year" while they continue talks on other arms control issues. Then-U.S. National Security Advisor, Robert O'Brien, dismissed this as a "non-starter" without the freeze on nuclear arsenals, and suggested that Russia's position could lead to "a costly arms race." On October 20, the Russian Foreign Ministry stated that Russia *would* accept a one-year freeze on nuclear arsenals if the United States did not add any conditions to the freeze. Russia also indicated the countries could "hold comprehensive bilateral talks" on "all factors that can influence strategic stability" during the extension. The U.S. State Department responded by welcoming the Russian statement and noting that the "United States is prepared to meet immediately to finalize a verifiable agreement." Russia, however, considers the requirement for verification to be an unacceptable condition added to the freeze.[44]

On October 22, President Putin repeated his call to extend the treaty and freeze weapons for a year, without preconditions. Deputy Foreign Minister Ryabkov and NSA O'Brien both

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See, also, Julian Borger, "Nuclear arms talks spiral into confusion as Russia rejects US 'delusion,'" *The Guardian*, October 13, 2020, https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/oct/13/us-russia-arms-control-talks-new-start-treaty.

[40] "US sees 'important progress' in Helsinki nuclear arms talks," *Associated Press*, October 7, 2020, https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2020/10/06/us-sees-important-progress-in-helsinki-nuclear-arms-talks/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2010.07.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief.

[41] "Russia Sees 'No Prospects' For Extending Nuclear Pact With U.S.," *RFE/RL*, October 14, 2020, https://www.rferl.org/a/russia-sees-no-prospects-for-extending-nuclear-pact-with-u-s-/30892261.html.

[42] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov's interview with the Kommersant newspaper, October 22, 2020, https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/-/asset_publisher/cKNonkJE02Bw/content/id/4402033.

[43] Vivian Salama and Mary Ilyushina, "Trump administration renews push for nuclear arms agreement with Russia before election," CNN, October 12, 2020, https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/12/politics/us-russia-nuclear-agreement-push/index.html.

[44] John Hudson and Paul Sonne, "Trump administration rejects Putin's offer on nuclear arms deal extension," *Washington Post*, October 16, 2020, https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/trump-administration-rejects-putins-offer-on-nuclear-arms-deal-extension/2020/10/16/48d01db8-0fe2-11eb-bfcf-b1893e2c51b4_story.html.

acknowledged that the two sides remained at odds over whether to codify verification measures before extending New START or to work them out in discussions following the extension.[45]

The United States and Russia did not resolve these differences before the end of the Trump Administration. During the transition following the November 2020 election, representatives from the incoming Biden Administration indicated that the United States would seek to extend New START before it expired on February 5, 2021. In November 2020, Anthony Blinken, designated at the incoming Secretary of State, suggested that President Biden would extend New START for five years and then would seek to expand the arms control process to include other types of weapons and additional countries.[46] Jake Sullivan, the incoming National Security Advisor, also noted that President Biden would move quickly to extend New START, although he did not offer a timeframe for the extension.[47] Reports indicate that some incoming Administration officials believe that an extension for less than five years would provide the United States with leverage in affecting the shape of a future agreement, while others believe that the full five-year extension will provide more time to address complex issues.[48]

Background

President Obama and and Russia's President Medvedev outlined their goals for the negotiations on a new START Treaty in early April 2009. In a joint statement issued after they met in London, they indicated that the subject of the new agreement "will be the reduction and limitation of strategic offensive arms."[49] This statement indicated that the new treaty would not address missile defenses, nonstrategic nuclear weapons, or nondeployed stockpiles of nuclear weapons. The Presidents also agreed that they would seek to reduce their forces to levels below those in the 2002 Moscow Treaty, and that the new agreement would "mutually enhance the security of the Parties and predictability and stability in strategic offensive forces, and will include effective verification measures drawn from the experience of the Parties in implementing the START Treaty."

The Presidents further refined their goals for New START, and gave the first indications of the range they were considering for the limits in the treaty, in a Joint Understanding signed at their summit meeting in Moscow in July 2009. They agreed that the new treaty would restrict each party to between 500 and 1,100 strategic delivery vehicles and between 1,500 and 1,675 associated warheads. They also agreed that the new treaty would contain "provisions on definitions, data exchanges, notifications, eliminations, inspections and verification procedures,

[45] Lara Seligman and Bryan Bender, "Hopes dim for nuclear agreement with Russia before Election Day," *Politico*, October 23, 2020, https://www.politico.com/news/2020/10/23/nuclear-agreement-russia-election-day-431369.

[46] David Sanger, "The End of 'America First': How Biden Says He Will Re-engage With the World," *New York Times*, November 30, 2020, https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/09/us/politics/biden-foreign-policy.html.

[47] David Sanger, "Biden Plans Renewed Nuclear Talks With Russia While Punishing Kremlin, Adviser Says," *New York Times*, January 4, 2021, https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/03/us/politics/biden-russia-iran.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage.

[48] Jonathan Landay and Arshad Mohammed, "Biden urged to extend U.S.-Russia arms treaty for full 5 years without conditions," *Reuters*, November 25, 2020, https://www.reuters.com/article/usa-biden-armscontrol/biden-urged-to-extend-u-s-russia-arms-treaty-for-full-5-years-without-conditions-idUSKBN2852Y0.

[49] The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, *Joint Statement by President Dmitriy Medvedev of the Russian Federation and President Barack Obama of the United States of America*, April 1, 2009, https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/joint-statement-president-dmitriy-medvedev-russian-federation-and-president-barack-.

as well as confidence building and transparency measures, as adapted, simplified, and made less costly, as appropriate, in comparison to the START Treaty."[50]

The New START Treaty follows many of the same conventions as the 1991 START Treaty. It contains detailed definitions and counting rules that the parties use to identify the forces limited by the treaty. It also mandates that the parties maintain an extensive database that describes the locations, numbers, and technical characteristics of weapons limited by the treaty. It allows the parties to use several types of exhibitions and on-site inspections to confirm information in the database and to monitor forces and activities limited by the treaty.

But the new treaty is not simply an extension of START. The United States and Soviet Union negotiated the original START Treaty during the 1980s, during the latter years of the Cold War, when the two nations were still adversaries and each was still wary of the capabilities and intentions of the other. Many of the provisions in the original treaty reflect the uncertainty and suspicion that were evident at that time. The New START Treaty is a product of a different era and a different relationship between the United States and Russia.[51] In some ways, its goals remain the same—the parties still sought provisions that would allow for predictability and transparency in their current forces and future intentions. But, the United States and Russia have streamlined and simplified the central limits and the monitoring and verification provisions. The new treaty does not contain layers of limits and sublimits; each side can determine its own mix of land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs), and heavy bombers. Moreover, in the current environment, the parties were far less concerned with choking off avenues for potential evasion schemes than they were with fostering continued cooperation and openness between the two sides.

Central Limits and Key Provisions

Central Limits

Limits on Delivery Vehicles

The New START Treaty contains three central limits on U.S. and Russian strategic offensive nuclear forces; these are displayed in **Table 1**, below. First, it limits each side to no more than 800 deployed and nondeployed ICBM and SLBM launchers and deployed and nondeployed heavy bombers equipped to carry nuclear armaments. Second, within that total, it limits each side to no more than 700 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers equipped to carry nuclear armaments. Third, the treaty limits each side to no more than 1,550 deployed warheads. Deployed warheads include the actual number of warheads carried by deployed ICBMs and SLBMs, and one warhead for each deployed heavy bomber equipped for nuclear armaments. **Table 1** compares these limits to those in the 1991 START Treaty and the 2002 Moscow Treaty.

[50] The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, "Joint Understanding by Obama, Medvedev on Weapon Negotiations," July 8, 2009, https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/joint-understanding-start-follow-treaty.

[51] U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Verification, Compliance and Implementation, *Comparison of START Treaty, Moscow Treaty, and New START Treaty*, fact sheet, Washington, DC, April 8, 2010, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/139901.htm.

According to New START's Protocol[52] a deployed ICBM launcher is "an ICBM launcher that contains an ICBM and is not an ICBM test launcher, an ICBM training launcher, or an ICBM launcher located at a space launch facility." A deployed SLBM launcher is a launcher installed on an operational submarine that contains an SLBM and is not intended for testing or training. A deployed mobile launcher of ICBMs is one that contains an ICBM and is not a mobile test launcher or a mobile launcher of ICBMs located at a space launch facility. These deployed launchers can be based only at ICBM bases. A deployed ICBM or SLBM is one that is contained in a deployed launcher. Nondeployed launchers are, therefore, those that are used for testing or training, those that are located at space launch facilities, or those that are located at deployment areas or on submarines but do not contain a deployed ICBM or SLBM.

Table 1. Limits in START, Moscow Treaty, and New START

Treaty	START (1991)	Moscow Treaty (2002)	New START (2010)
Limits on Delivery Vehicles	1,600 strategic nuclear delivery vehicles	No limits	800 deployed and nondeployed ICBM launchers, SLBM launchers and heavy bombers equipped to carry nuclear weapons Within the 800 limit, 700 deployed ICBMs, SLBMs, and heavy bombers equipped to carry nuclear weapons
Limits on Warheads	6,000 warheads attributed to ICBMs, SLBMs, and heavy bombers 4,900 warheads attributed to ICBMs and SLBMs 1,100 warheads attributed to mobile ICBMs 1,540 warheads attributed to heavy ICBMs	1,700-2,200 deployed strategic warheads No sublimits	1,550 deployed warheads No sublimits
Limits on Throwweight	3,600 metric tons	No limit	No limit

Source: State Department fact sheets.

The New START Treaty does not limit the number of nondeployed ICBMs or nondeployed SLBMs. It does, however, state that these missiles must be located at facilities that are known to be within the infrastructure that supports and maintains ICBMs and SLBMs. These include "submarine bases, ICBM or SLBM loading facilities, maintenance facilities, repair facilities for ICBMs or SLBMs, storage facilities for ICBMs or SLBMs, conversion or elimination facilities for ICBMs or SLBMs, test ranges, space launch facilities, and production facilities." Nondeployed ICBMs and SLBMs may also be in transit between these facilities, although Article IV of the treaty indicates that this time in transit should be "no more than 30 days."

The parties share information on the locations of these missiles in the database they maintain under the treaty and notify each other when they move these systems. These provisions are

[52] New START is a three-part document. It includes the Treaty, a Protocol, and technical annexes. All three parts will be submitted to the Senate for advice and consent.

designed to allow each side to keep track of the numbers and locations of nondeployed missiles and to deter efforts to stockpile hidden, uncounted missiles. A party would be in violation of the treaty if one of its nondeployed missiles were spotted at a facility not included on the list, or if one were found at a location different from the one listed for that missile in the database.[53]

According to the Protocol to New START, a deployed heavy bomber is one that is equipped for nuclear armaments but is not a "test heavy bomber or a heavy bomber located at a repair facility or at a production facility." Moreover, a heavy bomber is equipped for nuclear armaments if it is "equipped for long-range nuclear ALCMs, nuclear air-to-surface missiles, or nuclear bombs." All deployed heavy bombers must be located at air bases, which are defined as facilities "at which deployed heavy bombers are based and their operation is supported." If an air base cannot support the operations of heavy bombers, then the treaty does not consider it to be available for the basing of heavy bombers, even though they may land at such bases under some circumstances. Test heavy bombers can be based only at heavy bomber flight test centers and nondeployed heavy bombers other than test heavy bombers can be located only at repair facilities or production facilities for heavy bombers. Each party may have no more than 10 test heavy bombers.

Heavy bombers that are not equipped for long range nuclear ALCMs, nuclear air-to-surface missiles, or nuclear bombs will not count under the treaty limits. However, the treaty does specify that, "within the same type, a heavy bomber equipped for nuclear armaments shall be distinguishable from a heavy bomber equipped for non-nuclear armaments." Moreover, if a party does convert some bombers within a given type so that they are no longer equipped to carry nuclear weapons, it cannot base the nuclear and nonnuclear bombers at the same air base, unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

Hence, the United States could reduce the number of bombers that count under the treaty limits by altering some of its B-52 bombers so that they no longer carry nuclear weapons and by basing them at a separate base from those that still carry nuclear weapons. In addition, if the United States converted all of the bombers of a given type, so that none of them could carry nuclear armaments, then none of the bombers of that type would count under the New START treaty. This provision allows the United States to remove its B-1 bombers from treaty accountability. They no longer carry nuclear weapons, but they still counted under the old START Treaty and were never altered so that they could not carry nuclear weapons. The conversion rules that would affect the B-1 bombers are described below.

Limits on Warheads

Table 1 summarizes the warheads limits in START, the Moscow Treaty, and the New START Treaty. Two factors stand out in this comparison. First, the original START Treaty contained several sublimits on warheads attributed to different types of strategic weapons, in part because the United States wanted the treaty to impose specific limits on elements of the Soviet force that were deemed to be "destabilizing." Therefore, START sought to limit the Soviet force of heavy ICBMs by cutting in half the number of warheads deployed on these missiles, and to limit future Soviet deployments of mobile ICBMs. The Moscow Treaty and New START, in contrast, contain only a single limit on the aggregate number of deployed warheads. They provide each nation with the freedom to mix their forces as they see fit. This change reflects, in part, a lesser concern with Cold War models of strategic and crisis stability. It also derives from the U.S. desire to maintain flexibility in determining the structure of its own nuclear forces.

[53] Each individual missile will be identified in the database by a "unique identifier," which will, in most cases, be the serial number affixed to the missile during production.

Table 1 also highlights how the planned numbers of warheads in the U.S. and Russian strategic forces have declined in the years since the end of the Cold War. Before START entered into force in 1991, each side had more than 10,000 warheads on its strategic offensive delivery vehicles. If the parties implement the New START Treaty, that number will have declined by more than 80%. However, although all three treaties limit warheads, each uses different definitions and counting rules to determine how many warheads each side has deployed on its strategic forces.

Under START, the United States and Russia did not actually count deployed warheads. Instead, each party counted the launchers—ICBM silos, SLBM launch tubes, and heavy bombers—deployed by the other side. Under the terms of the treaty, they then assumed that each operational launcher contained an operational missile, and each operational missile carried an "attributed" number of warheads. The number of warheads attributed to each missile or bomber was the same for all missiles and bombers of that type. It did not recognize different loadings on individual delivery vehicles. This number was listed in an agreed database that the parties maintained during the life of the treaty. The parties then multiplied these warhead numbers by the number of deployed ballistic missiles and heavy bombers to determine the number of warheads that counted under the treaty's limits.

In most cases, the number of warheads attributed to each type of ICBM and SLBM was equal to the maximum number that missile had been tested with. START did, however, permit the parties to reduce the number of warheads attributed to some of their ballistic missiles through a process known as "downloading." When downloading missiles, a nation could remove a specified number of reentry vehicles from all the ICBMs at an ICBM base or from all the SLBMs in submarines at bases adjacent to a specified ocean.[54] They could then reduce the number of warheads attributed to those missiles in the database, and therefore, the number that counted under the treaty limits.

Unlike ballistic missiles, bombers counted as far fewer than the number of warheads they could carry. Bombers that were not equipped to carry long-range nuclear-armed cruise missiles counted as one warhead, even though they could carry 16 or more bombs and short-range missiles. U.S. bombers that were equipped to carry long-range nuclear-armed cruise missiles counted as 10 warheads, even though they could carry up to 20 cruise missiles. Soviet bombers that were equipped to carry long-range nuclear-armed cruise missiles counted as 8 warheads, even though they could carry up to 16 cruise missiles. These numbers were then multiplied by the numbers of deployed heavy bombers in each category to determine the number of warheads that would count under the treaty limits.

In contrast with START, the Moscow Treaty did not contain any definitions or counting rules to calculate the number of warheads that counted under the treaty limit. Its text indicated that it limited deployed strategic warheads, but the United States and Russia could each determine its own definition of this term. The United States counted "operationally deployed" strategic nuclear warheads and included both warheads on deployed ballistic missiles and bomber weapons stored near deployed bombers at their bases. Russia, in contrast, did not count any bomber weapons under its total, as these weapons were not actually deployed on any bombers. Moreover, because the Moscow Treaty did not contain any sublimits on warheads deployed on different categories of delivery vehicles, the two parties only had to calculate an aggregate total for their deployed warheads. In addition, while they exchanged data under START on the numbers of accountable launchers and warheads every six months, they only had to report the number of warheads they counted under the Moscow Treaty once, on December 31, 2012, at the end of the treaty's implementation period.

[54] A reentry vehicle is a cone-shaped container that holds a warhead to protect it from heat and other stresses when it reenters the Earth's atmosphere.

Like START, the New START Treaty contains definitions and counting rules that will help the parties calculate the number of warheads that count under the treaty limits. For ballistic missiles, these rules follow the precedent set in the Moscow Treaty and count only the actual number of warheads on deployed delivery vehicles. For bombers, however, these rules follow the precedent set in START and attribute a fixed number of warheads to each heavy bomber.

Article III of the New START Treaty states that "for ICBMs and SLBMs, the number of warheads shall be the number of reentry vehicles emplaced on deployed ICBMs and on deployed SLBMs." Missiles will not count as if they carried the maximum number of warheads tested on that type of missile. Each missile will have its own warhead number and that number can change during the life of the treaty. The parties will not, however, visit each missile to count and calculate the total number of warheads in the force. The New START database will list total number of warheads deployed on all deployed launchers. The parties will then have the opportunity, 10 times each year, to inspect one missile or three bombers selected at random. At the start of these inspections, before the inspecting party chooses a missile or bomber to view, the inspected party will provide a list of the number of warheads on each missile or bomber at the inspected base. The inspecting party will then choose a missile at random, and confirm that the number listed in the database is accurate. This is designed to deter the deployment of extra warheads by creating the possibility that a missile with extra warheads might be chosen for an inspection.

As was the case under START, this inspection process does not provide the parties with the means to visually inspect and count all the deployed warheads carried on deployed missiles. Under START, this number was calculated by counting launchers and multiplying by an attributed number of warheads. Under New START, as was the case in the Moscow Treaty, each side simply declares its number of total deployed warheads and includes that number in the treaty database. Unlike the Moscow Treaty, however, the parties will provide and update these numbers every six months during the life of the treaty, rather than just once at the end of the treaty.

Under the New START Treaty, each deployed heavy bomber equipped with nuclear armaments counts as one nuclear warhead. This is true whether the bomber is equipped to carry cruise missiles or gravity bombs. Neither the United States nor Russia deploys nuclear weapons on their bombers on a day-to-day basis. Because the treaty is supposed to count, and reduce, actual warheads carried by deployed delivery vehicles, the bomber weapons that are not deployed on a day-to-day basis are excluded. In addition, because the parties will use on-site inspections to confirm the actual number of deployed warheads on deployed delivery vehicles, and the bombers will have no warheads on them during inspections, the parties needed to come up with an arbitrary number to assign to the bombers. That number is one.

Conversion and Elimination

According to New START, ICBM launchers, SLBM launchers, and heavy bombers equipped to carry nuclear armaments shall continue to count under the treaty limits until they are converted or eliminated according to the provisions described in the treaty's Protocol. These provisions are far less demanding than those in the original START Treaty and will provide the United States and Russia with far more flexibility in determining how to reduce their forces to meet the treaty limits.

ICBM Launchers

Under START, ICBM launchers were "destroyed by excavation to a depth of no less than eight meters, or by explosion to a depth of no less than six meters." If missiles were removed from

silos, and the silos were not eliminated in this fashion, then the silos still counted as if they held a deployed missile and as if the deployed missile carried the attributed number of warheads.

New START lists three ways in which the parties may eliminate ICBM silo launchers. It states that silo launchers "shall be destroyed by excavating them to a depth of no less than eight meters or by explosion to a depth of no less than six meters." It also indicates that the silos can be "completely filled with debris resulting from demolition of infrastructure, and with earth or gravel." Finally, it indicates the party carrying out the elimination can develop other procedures to eliminate its silos. It may have to demonstrate this elimination alternative to the other party, but that party cannot dispute or deny the use of that method.

Hence, instead of blowing up the silos or digging them out of the ground, the parties to the treaty might choose to disable the silo using measures it identifies itself, so that it can no longer launch a missile. This could be far less costly and destructive than the procedures mandated under START, and would help both nations eliminate some silos that have stood empty for years while continuing to count under the old START Treaty. For the United States, this would include the 50 silos that held Peacekeeper missiles until 2005 and the 50 silos that held Minuteman III missiles until 2008. The United States has never destroyed these silos, so they continued to count under START. It can now disable theses silos and remove them from its tally of launchers under the New START Treaty. According to the recent reports, the Air Force Global Strike Command began preparations to eliminate these silos in March 2011, and plans to fill them with gravel. It expects to complete this process by 2017.

Mobile ICBM launchers

Under START, the elimination process for launchers for road-mobile ICBMs required that "the erector-launcher mechanism and leveling supports shall be removed from the launcher chassis" and that "the framework of the erector-launcher mechanism on which the ICBM is mounted and erected shall be cut at locations that are not assembly joints into two pieces of approximately equal size." It also required that the missile launch support equipment be removed from the launcher chassis, and that the "mountings of the erector-launcher mechanism and of the launcher leveling supports shall be cut off the launcher chassis" and cut into two pieces of approximately equal size. START also required that 0.78 meters of the launcher chassis be cut off and cut into two parts, so that the chassis would be too short to support mobile ICBMs.

Under New START, the elimination process for launchers for road mobile ICBMs is far more simple and far less destructive. As was the case under START, the elimination "shall be carried out by cutting the erector-launcher mechanism, leveling supports, and mountings of the erector-launcher mechanism from the launcher chassis and by removing the missile launch support equipment ... from the launcher chassis." But neither the framework nor the chassis itself have to be cut into pieces. If the chassis is going to be used "at a declared facility for purposes not inconsistent with the Treaty" the surfaces of the vehicle that will be visible to national technical means of verification must be painted a different color or pattern than those surfaces on a deployed mobile ICBM launcher.

SLBM Launchers

Under START, the SLBM launch tubes were considered to be eliminated when the entire missile section was removed from the submarine; or when "the missile launch tubes, and all elements of their reinforcement, including hull liners and segments of circular structural members between the missile launch tubes, as well as the entire portion of the pressure hull, the entire portion of the outer hull, and the entire portion of the superstructure through which all the missile launch tubes

pass and that contain all the missile launch-tube penetrations" were removed from the submarine. The missile launch tubes then had to "be cut into two pieces of approximately equal size."

Under New START, SLBM launch tubes can be eliminated "by removing all missile launch tube hatches, their associated superstructure fairings, and, if applicable, gas generators." In other words, the missile section of the submarine and the individual launch tubes can remain in place in the submarine, and cease to count under the treaty limits, if they are altered so that they can no longer launch ballistic missiles. Moreover, according to the Ninth Agreed Statement in the New START Protocol, SLBM launch tubes that have been converted in accordance with this procedure and are "incapable of launching SLBMs may simultaneously be located on a ballistic missile submarine" with launch tubes that are still capable of launching SLBMs. After a party completes this type of conversion, it "shall conduct a one-time exhibition of a converted launcher and an SLBM launcher that has not been converted" to demonstrate, to the other party, "the distinguishing features of a converted launcher and an SLBM launcher that has not been converted." The United States plans to use this procedure to reduce the number of launch tubes on each SSBN from 24 to 20. According to recent reports, it will begin this process in 2015, so that it will have no more than 240 operational launchers for SLBMs by the treaty deadline of February 2018.[55]

Under START, the United States had to essentially destroy an entire submarine to remove its launch tubes from accountability under the treaty limits. With these provisions in New START, the United States cannot only convert ballistic missile submarines to other uses without destroying their missile tubes and missile compartments; it can also reduce the number of accountable deployed SLBM launchers on ballistic missile submarines that continue to carry nuclear-armed SLBMs. These provisions will provide the United States a great deal of flexibility when it determines the structure of its nuclear forces under New START.

During the past decade, the United States converted four of its Trident ballistic missile submarines so that they no longer carry ballistic missiles but now carry conventional cruise missiles and other types of weapons. These are now known as SSGNs. Because the United States did not remove the missile compartment from these submarines, they continued to count as if they carried 24 Trident missiles, with 8 warheads per missile, under the old START Treaty. These submarines will not count under the New START Treaty.

In the Second Agreed Statement in the New START Protocol, the United States has agreed that, "no later than three years after entry into force of the Treaty, the United States of America shall conduct an initial one-time exhibition of each of these four SSGNs. The purpose of such exhibitions shall be to confirm that the launchers on such submarines are incapable of launching SLBMs." Moreover, if an SSGN is located at an SSBN base when a Russian inspection team visits that base, the inspection team will have the right to inspect the SSGN again to confirm that the launchers have not been converted back to carry SLBMs. Russia can conduct six of these re-inspections during the life of the treaty, but no more than two inspections of any one of the SSGNs.

Heavy Bombers

Under START, heavy bombers were eliminated by having the tail section cut off of the fuselage at a location that obviously was not an assembly joint; having the wings separated from the fuselage at any location by any method; and having the remainder of the fuselage cut into two pieces, with

[55] Hans M. Kristensen and Robert S. Norris, "U.S. Nuclear Forces, 2014," *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, January 2013, http://bos.sagepub.com/content/70/1/85.full.pdf+html.

the cut occurring in the area where the wings were attached to the fuselage, but at a location obviously not an assembly joint.

START also allowed the parties to remove heavy bombers from treaty accountability by converting them to heavy bombers that were not equipped to carry nuclear armaments. According to the elimination and conversion Protocol in START, this could be done by modifying all weapons bays and by removing or modifying the external attachment joints for either long-range nuclear ALCMs or other nuclear armaments that the bombers were equipped to carry.

The elimination procedure for heavy bombers has also been simplified under New START. To eliminate bombers, the parties must cut "a wing or tail section from the fuselage at locations obviously not assembly joints," *or* cut "the fuselage into two parts at a location obviously not an assembly joint." It no longer has to remove the wings from the fuselage. In addition, to convert a bomber counted under the treaty to a heavy bomber no longer equipped to carry nuclear armaments, the parties can either modify the weapons bays and external attachments for pylons so that they cannot carry nuclear armaments, or modify all internal and external launcher assemblies so that they cannot carry nuclear armaments, or develop any other procedure to carry out the conversion. As was the case with the conversion and elimination of missile launchers, the party may have to demonstrate its conversion procedure, but the other party does not have the right to object or reject the procedure.

The United States no longer equips its B-1 bombers with nuclear weapons, and has no plans to do so in the future. It has not, however, converted these bombers to nonnuclear heavy bombers using the procedures outlined in START. As a result, they continued to count as one delivery vehicle and one warhead under the counting rules in START. The United States does not, however, want to count these bombers under the New START Treaty. As a result, in the First Agreed Statement, the United States and Russia agreed, during the first year that the treaty is in force, the United States will conduct a "one-time exhibition" to demonstrate to Russia that these bombers are no longer equipped to carry nuclear weapons. The bombers that no longer carry nuclear weapons will have a "distinguishing feature" that will be recorded in the treaty database and will be evident on all B-1 bombers that are no longer equipped to carry nuclear weapons. After all the B-1 bombers have been converted in this manner, they will no longer count against the limits in the New START Treaty.

Mobile ICBMs

Mobile ICBMs in START

Mobile ICBMs became an issue in the original START negotiations in the mid-1980s, as the Soviet Union began to deploy a single-warhead road-mobile ICBM, the SS-25, and a 10-warhead rail-mobile ICBM, the SS-24.[56] The United States initially proposed that START ban mobile ICBMs because the United States would not be able to locate or target these systems during a conflict. Some also questioned whether the United States would be able to monitor Soviet mobile ICBM deployments well enough to count the missiles and verify Soviet compliance with the limits in START. Some also argued that the Soviet Union might be able to stockpile hidden missiles and launchers, and to reload mobile ICBM launchers during a conflict because the United States could not target and destroy them.

[56] In 1987, the United States began to develop its own mobile ICBM, the 10-warhead MX (Peacekeeper) missile, and it continued to explore mobile basing for the new single-warhead small ICBM. Although it eventually deployed the Peacekeeper missile in fixed silos, the parties considered it to be a mobile ICBM under the terms of START.

The Soviet Union refused to ban mobile ICBMs. As a result, START limited the United States and Soviet Union to 1,100 warheads on mobile ICBMs. The treaty also limited the numbers of nondeployed missiles and nondeployed launchers for mobile ICBMs. Each side could retain 250 missiles and 110 launchers for mobile ICBMs, with no more than 125 missiles and 18 launchers for rail mobile ICBMs. This did not eliminate the risk of "breakout," which refers to the rapid addition of stored missiles to the deployed force, but it did limit the magnitude of the breakout potential and the number of missiles that the Soviet Union could "reload" on deployed launchers during a conflict.

START also contained a number of complementary, and sometimes overlapping, monitoring mechanisms that were designed to help the parties keep track of the numbers and locations of permitted missiles.[57] Each side could monitor the final assembly facility for the missiles to count them as they entered the force.[58] The parties also agreed to record the serial numbers, referred to in the treaty as "unique identifiers," for the mobile ICBMs, and to list these numbers in the treaty's database. These numbers were used to help track and identify permitted missiles because the parties could check the serial numbers during on-site inspections to confirm that the missiles they encountered were those that they expected to see at the facility during the inspection. The parties also had to provide notifications when mobile ICBMs moved between permitted facilities and when mobile ICBMs moved out of their main operating bases for an exercise. These notifications were designed to complicate efforts to move extra, hidden missiles into the deployed force. Finally, missiles and launchers removed from the force had to be eliminated according to specific procedures outlined in the treaty. This not only helped the parties keep an accurate count of the deployed missiles, but served as a further deterrent to efforts to hide extra missiles outside the treaty regime.

Mobile ICBMs in New START

The New START Treaty contains many limits and restrictions that will affect Russia's force of mobile ICBMs, but it does not single them out with many of the additional constraints that were contained in START. Russia pressed for an easing of the restrictions on mobile ICBMs in New START, in part because these restrictions were one sided and only affected Russian forces. But Russian officials also noted, and the United States agreed, that mobile ICBMs could enhance the survivability of Russia's nuclear forces, and therefore strengthen strategic stability under the new treaty.

The United States was also willing to relax the restrictions on mobile ICBMs because it is far less concerned about Russia's ability to break out of the treaty limits than it was in the 1980s. After 15 years of START implementation, the United States has far more confidence in its knowledge of the number of deployed and nondeployed Russian mobile ICBMs, as it kept count of these missiles as they entered and left the Russian force during START. There is also far less concern about Russia stockpiling extra missiles while New START is in force. During the 1980s, the Soviet Union produced dozens of new missiles each year; Russia now adds fewer than 10 missiles to its force each year.[59] Some estimates indicate that, with this level of production,

[57] For more information on the monitoring regime in START, see CRS Report R41201, *Monitoring and Verification in Arms Control*, by Amy F. Woolf.

[58] The perimeter/portal continuous monitoring systems (PPCMS) consisted of fences surrounding the entire perimeter of the facility and one restricted portal through which all vehicles large enough to carry items limited by the treaty (such as the first stage of a mobile ICBM) had to pass. The portal contained scales and other measuring devices that the countries could use to determine whether the vehicle carried an item limited by the treaty.

[59] According to one U.S. inspector, monitoring at Votkinsk "was very monotonous. We could have months go by

Russia will find it difficult to retain the 700 deployed missiles permitted by the treaty. In such a circumstance, it would have neither the need nor the ability to stockpile and hide extra missiles. Moreover, where the United States was once concerned about Russia's ability to reload its mobile launchers with spare missiles, after launching the first missiles during a conflict, this scenario no longer seems credible. It would mean that Russia maintained the ability to send extra missiles and the equipment needed to load them on launchers out on patrol with its deployed systems and that it could load these missiles quickly, in the field, in the midst of a nuclear war, with U.S. weapons falling all around. Yet, Russia has not practiced or exercised this capability and it is hard to imagine that it would try it, for the first time, in the midst of a nuclear war.

The New START Treaty does not contain a sublimit on mobile ICBMs or their warheads. It also does not contain any limits on the number of nondeployed mobile ICBMs or the number of nondeployed mobile ICBM launchers. These launchers and warheads will, however, count under the aggregate limits set by the treaty, including the limit of 800 deployed and nondeployed launchers. As a result, the United States will still need to count the number of mobile ICBMs in Russia's force.

New START will not permit perimeter and portal monitoring at missile assembly facilities. The parties must, however, provide notification at least 48 hours before the time when solid-fuel ICBMs and solid-fuel SLBMs leave the production facilities. Moreover, the parties will continue to list the serial numbers, or unique identifiers, for mobile ICBMs in the shared database.[60]

New START limits the locations of mobile ICBMs and their launchers, both to help the United States keep track of the missiles covered by the treaty and to deter Russian efforts to hide extra missiles away from the deployed force. Deployed mobile ICBMs and their launchers must be located only at ICBM bases. All nondeployed launchers for mobile ICBMs must be located at "production facilities, ICBM loading facilities, repair facilities, storage facilities, conversion or elimination facilities, training facilities, test ranges, and space launch facilities." The locations of nondeployed mobile ICBMs are also limited to loading facilities, maintenance facilities, repair facilities, storage facilities, conversion or elimination facilities test ranges, space launch facilities, and production facilities. Some of these facilities may be at bases for operational mobile ICBMs, but, in that case, the nondeployed missiles must remain in the designated facility and cannot be located in deployment areas.

Moreover, when deployed or nondeployed missiles or launchers move from one facility to another, the parties will have to update the database so each facility contains a complete list of each item located at that facility, and of the unique identifier associated with each item. Then, according to the Protocol to the Treaty, "inspectors shall have the right to read the unique identifiers on all designated deployed ICBMs or designated deployed SLBMs, non-deployed ICBMs, non-deployed SLBMs, and designated heavy bombers that are located at the inspection site."[61] Hence, the parties will have the opportunity to confirm that items located at the facilities are supposed to be there.

This is designed not only to increase transparency and understanding while the treaty is in force, but also to discourage efforts to hide extra missiles and break out of the treaty limits. The treaty does not limit the number of nondeployed missiles, but it does provide the United States with continuous information about their locations and the opportunity, during on-site inspections, to

without inspecting a missile." See Elaine M. Grossman, "U.S. Treaty-Monitoring Presence at Russian Missile Plant Winding Down," *Global Security Newswire*, November 20, 2009.

[60] In START, the parties recorded unique identifiers only for mobile ICBMs. In New START, the parties will record these numbers for all ICBMs, SLBMs, and heavy bombers covered by the limits in Treaty.

[61] http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/140047.pdf.

confirm that these missiles are not mixed into the deployed force. Moreover, the number of nondeployed launchers for these missiles is limited, under the 800 limit on deployed and nondeployed launchers. So, even if Russia did accumulate a stock of nondeployed missiles, the number that it could add to its force in a relatively short amount of time would be limited.

Some have questioned whether Russia might use these stored mobile ICBMs to break out of the treaty by deploying them on mobile launchers that are not limited by the treaty. Specifically, they have questioned whether the New START Treaty would count rail-mobile ICBMs, and, if not, whether Russia could develop and deploy enough of these launchers to gain a military advantage over the United States.[62] This concern derives from the definition of mobile launcher in the paragraph 45 of the Protocol to the Treaty, which indicates that a mobile launcher is "an erector-launcher mechanism for launching ICBMs and the *self-propelled* device on which it is mounted [emphasis added]." This definition clearly captures road-mobile launchers, such as those that Russia uses for its SS-25 and SS-27 missiles, because the transporters for these missiles are self-propelled. But a rail car that carried an erector-launcher for an ICBM would not be self-propelled; it would be propelled by the train's locomotive.

Others, however, point to several provisions in the treaty that indicate that rail-mobile launchers of ICBMs would count under the treaty limits. First, they note that the treaty limits all deployed and nondeployed ICBM launchers. It defines ICBM launcher, in paragraph 28 of the Protocol to the Treaty, as "a device intended or used to contain, prepare for launch, and launch an ICBM." Any erector-launcher for ICBMs would be covered by this definition, regardless of whether it was deployed on a fixed site, on a road-mobile transporter, or on a railcar.

Moreover, the article-by-article analysis of the treaty specifically states that "all of the defined terms are used in at least one place elsewhere in the Treaty documents." Article III, paragraph 8 of the treaty lists the current types of weapons deployed by each side and notes that these all count against the limits. It does not list any missiles deployed on rail-mobile launchers, and, therefore, the Protocol does not define rail-mobile launchers, because Russia no longer deploys any missiles on rail-mobile launchers. It had deployed SS-24 missiles on such launchers during the 1980s and 1990s, but these were all retired in the past decade, and the last operating base for these missiles and railcars was closed in 2007.[63]

The treaty would not prohibit Russia from deploying these types of systems again in the future. Article V specifically states that "modernization and replacement of strategic offensive arms may be carried out." However, the second paragraph of this article indicates that, "when a party believes a new kind of strategic offensive arms is emerging, that party shall have the right to raise the question of such a strategic offensive arm for consideration in the Bilateral Consultative Commission." Section 6 of the Protocol to the Treaty, which describes the Bilateral Consultative Commission, states that this body should "resolve questions related to the applicability of provisions of the treaty to a new kind of strategic offensive arm." In addition, Article XV of the treaty states that "if it becomes necessary to make changes in the Protocol ... that do not affect the substantive rights or obligations under this Treaty," the parties can use the BCC to reach agreement on these changes without amending the treaty. Hence, if Russia were to deploy ICBMs on rail-mobile launchers, the parties could modify the definition to "mobile launcher" to confirm that these weapons count under the treaty limits.

[62] See, for example, Christopher Ford, "Does New START Fumble Reloads and Rail-Mobile ICBMs?" New Paradigms Forum, April 26, 2010, http://02e18f7.netsolhost.com/New_Paradigms_Forum/Nuclear_Weapons/Entries/2010/4/26_New_START_Fumbles_Missile_REloads_and_Rail-Mobile_ICBMs.html.

[63] Pavel Podvig, *New START on Rail-Mobile ICBMs and Reloads*, April 29, 2010, http://russianforces.org/blog/2010/04/new_start_on_rail-mobile_icbms.shtml.

New START does not define rail-mobile launchers for ICBMs because neither the United States nor Russia currently deploys these systems and the treaty does not specifically prohibit their deployment in the future. If, however, either party installs an erector-launcher for an ICBM on a rail car, that launcher would count under the treaty limits, and the new type of strategic arm, represented by the launcher on a railcar, would be covered by the limits in the treaty. The parties would then use the BCC to determine which of the monitoring provisions and elimination and conversion rules applied to that type of weapons system.

Monitoring and Verification[64]

The original START Treaty included a comprehensive and overlapping set of provisions that was designed to allow the United States and Soviet Union to collect a wide range of data on their forces and activities and to determine whether the forces and activities were consistent with the limits in the treaty. While each party would collect most of this information with its own satellites and remote sensing equipment—known as national technical means of verification (NTM)—the treaty also called for the extensive exchange of data detailing the numbers and locations of affected weapons, numerous types of on-site inspections, notifications, exhibitions, and continuous monitoring at assembly facilities for mobile ICBMs. Further, in START, the parties agreed that they would not encrypt or otherwise deny access to the telemetry generated during missile flight tests, so that the other side could record these data and use them in evaluating the capabilities of missile systems.

The New START Treaty contains a monitoring and verification regime that resembles the regime in START, in that its text contains detailed definitions of items limited by the treaty, provisions governing the use of NTM to gather data on each side's forces and activities, an extensive database that identifies the numbers, types, and locations of items limited by the treaty, provisions requiring notifications about items limited by the treaty, and inspections allowing the parties to confirm information shared during data exchanges. At the same time, the verification regime has been streamlined to make it less costly and complex than the regime in START. It also has been adjusted to reflect the limits in New START and the current circumstances in the relationship between the United States and Russia. In particular, it focuses on maintaining transparency, cooperation, and openness, as well as on deterring and detecting potential violations.

Under New START, the United States and Russia continue to rely on their NTM to collect information about the numbers and locations of their strategic forces. They may also broadcast and exchange telemetry—the data generated during missile flight tests—up to five times each year, although, in practice, they have done so only once each year. They do not need these data to monitor compliance with any particular limits in New START, but the telemetry exchange provides some transparency into the capabilities of their systems.[65] The parties also exchange a vast amount of data about their forces, specifying not only their distinguishing characteristics, but also their precise locations. They will notify each other, and update the database, whenever they move forces between declared facilities. The treaty also requires the parties to display their forces, and allows each side to participate in exhibitions, to confirm information listed in the database.

New START permits the parties to conduct up to 18 short-notice on-site inspections each year. These inspections began in early April 2011, 60 days after the treaty entered into force. These

[64] For more information on the monitoring and verification regime in New START, see CRS Report R41201, *Monitoring and Verification in Arms Control*, by Amy F. Woolf.

[65] U.S. State Department, Bureau of Verification, Compliance and Implementation, *Telemetry*, fact sheet, Washington, DC, April 8, 2010, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/139904.htm.

inspections can occur at facilities that house both deployed and nondeployed launchers and missiles. The treaty divides these into Type One inspections and Type Two inspections. Each side can conduct up to 10 Type One inspections and up to 8 Type Two inspections. Moreover, during each Type One inspection, the parties will be able to perform two different types of inspection activities—these are essentially equivalent to the data update inspections and reentry vehicle inspections in the original START Treaty. As a result, the 18 short-notice inspections permitted under New START are essentially equivalent to the 28 short-notice inspections permitted under START.

Type One Inspections

Type One inspections are those that occur at ICBM bases, submarine bases, and air bases that house deployed or nondeployed launchers, missiles, and bombers. The parties use these inspections "to confirm the accuracy of declared data on the numbers and types of deployed and non-deployed strategic offensive arms subject to this treaty. During Type One inspections, the parties may also confirm that the number of warheads located on deployed ICBMs and deployed SLBMs and the number of nuclear armaments located on deployed heavy bombers" are consistent with the numbers declared deployed on those specific launchers.

The inspections used to confirm the number of deployed warheads in New START will be distinctly different from the inspections in START because the counting rules for ballistic missiles have changed. Under START, the treaty database listed the number of warheads *attributed* to a type of missile, and each missile of that type counted as the same number of warheads. The parties then inspected the missiles to confirm that the number of warheads on a particular missile did not exceed the number attributed to that type of missile. The database in New START will list the aggregate number of warheads deployed on all the missiles at a given base, but before beginning a Type One inspection, the team will receive a briefing on the actual number of warheads deployed *on each missile* at the base. During the inspections, the parties will have the right to designate one ICBM or one SLBM for inspection, and, when inspecting that missile, the parties will be able to count the actual number of reentry vehicles deployed on the missile to confirm that it equals the number provided for that particular missile prior to the inspection. The inspected party can cover the reentry vehicles to protect information not related to the number of warheads, but the party must use covers that allow the inspectors to identify the actual number of warheads on the missile.

Because these inspections are random, and occur on short notice, they provide the parties with a chance to detect an effort by the other party to deploy a missile with more than its listed number of warheads. As a result, the inspections may deter efforts to conceal extra warheads on the deployed force. These inspections, by allowing the parties to count the actual number of deployed warheads, provide added transparency.

Type Two Inspections

Type Two inspections occur at facilities that house nondeployed or converted launchers and missiles. These include "ICBM loading facilities; SLBM loading facilities; storage facilities for ICBMs, SLBMs, and mobile launchers of ICBMs; repair facilities for ICBMs, SLBMs, and mobile launchers of ICBMs; test ranges; and training facilities." The parties will perform these inspections "to confirm the accuracy of declared technical characteristics and declared data, specified for such facilities, on the number and types of non-deployed ICBMs and non-deployed SLBMs, first stages of ICBMs and SLBMs, and nondeployed launchers of ICBMs." In addition, they can conduct these inspections at formerly declared facilities, "to confirm that such facilities are not being used for purposes inconsistent with this Treaty." They can also use Type II

inspections to confirm that solid-fueled ICBMs, solid-fueled SLBMs, or mobile launchers of ICBMs have been eliminated according to treaty procedures.

Ballistic Missile Defense

Presidents Obama and Medvedev had agreed, when they met in April 2009, that the two nations would address Russia's concerns with U.S. missile defense programs in a separate forum from the negotiations on a New START Treaty.[66] However, during their meeting in Moscow in July 2010, Presidents Obama and Medvedev agreed that the treaty would contain a "provision on the interrelationship of strategic offensive arms and strategic defensive arms."[67] This statement, which appears in the preamble to New START, states that the parties recognize "the existence of the interrelationship between strategic offensive arms and strategic defensive arms, that this interrelationship will become more important as strategic nuclear arms are reduced, and that current strategic defensive arms do not undermine the viability and effectiveness of the strategic offensive arms of the parties."

Russia and the United States each issued unilateral statements when they signed New START that clarified their positions on the relationship between New START and missile defenses. Russia stated that

> the Treaty can operate and be viable only if the United States of America refrains from developing its missile defense capabilities quantitatively or qualitatively. Consequently, the exceptional circumstances referred to in Article 14 of the Treaty include increasing the capabilities of the United States of America's missile defense system in such a way that threatens the potential of the strategic nuclear forces of the Russian Federation.[68]

In its statement, the United States stated that its

> missile defense systems are not intended to affect the strategic balance with Russia. The United States missile defense systems would be employed to defend the United States against limited missile launches, and to defend its deployed forces, allies and partners against regional threats. The United States intends to continue improving and deploying its missile defense systems in order to defend itself against limited attack and as part of our collaborative approach to strengthening stability in key regions.[69]

These statements do not impose any obligations on either the United States or Russia. As Senator Lugar indicated before New START was signed, these statements are, "in essence editorial opinions." Under Secretary of State Ellen Tauscher also stated that "Russia's unilateral statement on missile defenses is not an integral part of the New START Treaty. It's not legally-binding. It won't constrain U.S. missile defense programs."[70] These statements also do not provide Russia with "veto power" over U.S. missile defense systems. Although Russia has said it may withdraw

[66] The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, "Joint Statement by President Dmitriy Medvedev of the Russian Federation and President Barack Obama of the United States of America," April 1, 2009. https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/joint-statement-president-dmitriy-medvedev-russian-federation-and-president-barack-.

[67] The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, "Joint Understanding by Obama, Medvedev on Weapon Negotiations," July 8, 2009, https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/joint-understanding-start-follow-treaty.

[68] Article 14 indicates that each party shall have the right to withdraw from the treaty if it decides that extraordinary events related to the subject of the treaty have jeopardized its supreme national interests. For the full Russian statement, see https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/140187.htm.

[69] https://2009-2017.state.gov/documents/organization/140406.pdf.

[70] Under Secretary of State Ellen Tauscher, *The Case for New START Ratification*, Atlantic Council Panel Discussion, April 21, 2010, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/us/140633.htm.

from the treaty if the U.S. missile defenses threaten "the potential of the strategic nuclear forces of the Russian Federation," the United States has no obligation to consult with Russia to confirm that its planned defenses do not cross this threshold. It may develop and deploy whatever defenses it chooses; Russia can then determine, for itself, whether those defenses affect its strategic nuclear forces and whether it thinks the threat to those forces justifies withdrawal from the treaty.

Article V, paragraph 3 of New START also mentions ballistic missile defense interceptors. It states that the parties cannot convert ICBM launchers and SLBM launchers to launchers for missile defense interceptors and that they cannot convert launchers of missile defense interceptors to launchers for ICBMs and SLBMs. At the same time, the treaty makes it clear that the five ICBM silos at Vandenberg Air Force Base that have already been converted to carry missile defense interceptors are not affected by this prohibition. It states that "this provision shall not apply to ICBM launchers that were converted prior to signature of this Treaty for placement of missile defense interceptors therein."

This provision is designed to address Russian concerns about the U.S. ability to "break out" of the treaty by placing ICBMs in silos that had held missile defense interceptors or by converting ICBM silos to missile interceptor silos then quickly reversing that conversion to add offensive missiles to its forces with little warning. Russia began to express this concern after the United States converted the five ICBM silos at Vandenberg for missile defense interceptors. It initially sought to reverse this conversion, or at least to count the silos under the New START limits. The United States refused, but, in exchange for Russia accepting that the five converted silos would not count under New START, the United States agreed that it would not convert additional silos.

The provision will also protect U.S. missile defense interceptors from the START inspection regime. If the parties were permitted to convert missile defense silos to ICBM silos, they would also have been able to visit and inspect those silos to confirm that they did not hold missiles limited by the treaty. The ban on such conversions means that this type of inspection is not only unnecessary, but also not permitted.

The Obama Administration has stated on many occasions that the New START Treaty does not contain any provisions that limit the numbers or capabilities of current or planned U.S. ballistic missile defense systems.[71] The ban on launcher conversion does not alter this conclusion because the United States has no plans to use any additional ICBM launchers or any SLBM launchers to hold missile defense interceptors. It is constructing new launchers for its missile defense systems. Some have questioned, however, whether the ban on silo conversion may limit missile defenses in the future, particularly if the United States wanted to respond to an emerging missile threat by quickly expanding its numbers of missile defense interceptors.[72]

General Jim Jones, President Obama's National Security Adviser during the negotiations, stated that this provision is a "limit in theory, but not in reality."[73] It is not just that the United States has no plans to convert ICBM silos to missile defense interceptor silos, it is that it would be quicker and less expensive for the United States to build new silos for missile defense interceptors than to remove the ICBMs and all their equipment, reconfigure the silo, and install all the equipment for the missile defense interceptors. Moreover, given that the missile defense interceptor launched

[71] The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, *Key Facts About the New START Treaty*, Washington, DC, March 26, 2010, https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/key-facts-about-new-start-treaty. See also the remarks of Under Secretary of State Ellen Tauscher at Atlantic Council Panel Discussion on April 21, 2010, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/us/140633.htm.

[72] "Stopping Missile Defense?," *Wall Street Journal*, April 17, 2010, p. A12.

[73] James L. Jones, "New START Treaty Won't Limit Missile Defenses," *Wall Street Journal*, April 20, 2010.

from the central United States, where U.S. ICBM silos are located, would drop debris on U.S. territory, the United States might prefer to locate its missile defense interceptors in new launchers near the U.S. coast.

General Patrick O'Reilly, then the Director of the Missile Defense Agency, also stated that his agency "never had a plan to convert additional ICBM silos at Vandenberg and intends to hedge against increased BMDS [ballistic missile defense system] requirements by completing construction of Missile Field 2 at Fort Greely. Moreover, we determined that if more interceptors were to be added at Vandenberg AFB, it would be less expensive to build a new GBI [ground-based interceptor] missile field (which is not prohibited by the treaty)."[74] He went on to note that "some time ago we examined the concept of launching missile defense interceptors from submarines and found it an unattractive and extremely expensive option." Putting missile defense interceptors in SLBM launchers would undermine the primary mission of the submarine, which is designed to patrol deeply and quietly to remain invulnerable to attack, by requiring it to remain in one place near the surface while it sought to track and engage attacking missiles.

Conventional Long-Range Strike

During their summit meeting in July 2009, Presidents Obama and Medvedev agreed that the New START Treaty would contain "a provision on the impact of intercontinental ballistic missiles and submarine-launched ballistic missiles in a non-nuclear configuration on strategic stability." This statement, which is in the preamble to the treaty, simply states that the parties are "mindful of the impact of conventionally armed ICBMs and SLBMs on strategic stability."

During the negotiations on New START, Russia voiced concerns about U.S. plans to deploy conventional warheads on ballistic missiles that now carry nuclear warheads.[75] Russian officials have argued that these weapons could upset stability for several reasons. First, even if Russia were not the target of an attack with these missiles, it might not know whether the missile carried a nuclear warhead or a conventional warhead, or whether it was headed toward a target in Russia. Moreover, ballistic missiles armed with conventional warheads could destroy significant targets in Russia and, therefore, they might provide the United States with the ability to attack such targets, with little warning, without resorting to nuclear weapons. Finally, some argued that the United States might replace the conventional warheads with nuclear warheads to exceed the limits in a treaty.

Russia initially sought to include a provision in New START that would ban the deployment of conventional warheads on strategic ballistic missiles. The United States rejected this proposal. It was considering this capability as a way to attack targets around the world promptly, and did not envision using these weapons against Russia. As a result, as the White House noted in its Fact Sheet on New START, "the Treaty does not contain any constraints on ... current or planned United States long-range conventional strike capabilities."[76] However, if the United States deployed conventional warheads on missiles that are covered by the limits in START, the

[74] U.S. Congress, House Armed Services, Strategic Forces, *President Obama's Fiscal 2011 Budget Request for the Missile Defense and Ballistic Missile Review Programs*, Hearing, 111th Cong., 2nd sess., April 14, 2010.

[75] For information about the issues associated with the potential deployment of conventional warheads on ballistic missiles see CRS Report R41464, *Conventional Prompt Global Strike and Long-Range Ballistic Missiles: Background and Issues*, by Amy F. Woolf. See also David E. Sanger and Thom Shanker, "U.S. Faces Choice of New Weapons for Fast Strikes," *New York Times*, April 23, 2010.

[76] The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, "Key Facts About the New START Treaty," Washington, DC, March 26, 2010, https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/key-facts-about-new-start-treaty.

warheads on these missiles would count under the treaty limit on deployed warheads. Because the United States expected to deploy very small numbers of these systems, this trade-off would not have a significant effect on U.S. nuclear capabilities.[77]

Moreover, if the United States deployed conventional warheads on new types of long-range strike systems, these systems would not necessarily count under or be affected by the limits in New START. The United States would likely consider these to be a "new type of strategic offensive arms." Under Article V, paragraph 2, Russia would have the right to raise its concerns about these weapons within the Bilateral Consultative Commission (BCC), but the United States would not have to accept Russia's interpretation or accede to any requests to count the systems under the treaty.[78] The same procedures would apply if Russia were to develop new types of strategic offensive arms—with either nuclear or conventional warheads. The United States could raise its concerns with these weapons in the BCC, but Russia would not have to accept a U.S. request to count these weapons under the treaty.

U.S. and Russian Forces Under New START

U.S. Forces

According to the 2010 Nuclear Posture Review (NPR), which was released by DOD on April 6, 2010,[79] the United States planned to maintain a triad of ICBMs, SLBMs, and heavy bombers under New START.[80] The 2010 NPR did not specify how many ICBMs would remain in the force, but indicated that each would be deployed with only one warhead. It also indicated that the United States would, initially at least, retain 14 Trident submarines. It might, however, reduce its fleet to 12 submarines after 2015. The NPR did not indicate whether the Trident submarines would continue to be deployed with 24 missiles on each submarine, or if the Navy would eliminate some of the launchers on operational submarines in accordance with the treaty's Ninth Agreed Statement. Finally, the NPR indicated that the United States would convert some of its 76 dual-capable B-52 bombers to a conventional-only role.

The Obama Administration clarified its plans for U.S. forces under New START in the 1251 plan that it submitted to the Senate with the treaty documents on May 13, 2010.[81] This plan indicated that the United States would eliminate at least 30 deployed ICBMs, retaining a force of up to 420 deployed launchers under the treaty limits. It would also retain 14 Trident submarines, but each submarine would contain only 20 launchers, and two of the submarines would be in overhaul at any time, so only 240 launchers would count under the limit on deployed launchers. In addition, the report indicated that the United States would retain up to 60 deployed bombers equipped for nuclear weapons, including all 18 B-2 bombers in the current force.

[77] U.S. State Department, Bureau of Verification, Compliance, and Implementation, *Conventional Prompt Global Strike*, fact sheet, Washington, DC, April 8, 2010, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/139913.htm.

[78] Article V, paragraph 2 of the treaty states that "when a party believes a new kind of strategic offensive arms is emerging, that party shall have the right to raise the question of such a strategic offensive arm for consideration in the Bilateral Consultative Commission."

[79] U.S. Department of Defense, *Nuclear Posture Review*, Washington, DC, April 6, 2010, pp. 19-25.

[80] The 2018 Nuclear Posture Review reaffirms this commitment to retaining the triad. U.S. Department of Defense, *Nuclear Posture Review*, report, Washington, DC, February 2, 2018, https://media.defense.gov/2018/Feb/02/2001872886/-1/-1/1/2018-NUCLEAR-POSTURE-REVIEW-FINAL-REPORT.PDF.

[81] Congress mandated that the President submit a report on this plan in Section 1251 of the FY2010 Defense Authorization Act, P.L. 111-84.

This force would have included up to 720 deployed ICBMs, SLBMs, and heavy bombers, a number that exceeds the 700 deployed missiles and bombers permitted by the treaty. In a hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee on June 17, 2010, Secretary of Defense Gates and Admiral Mullen, then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, acknowledged that the United States would have to make a small number of further reductions, or convert a small number of additional systems to nondeployed status, to meet the treaty limits. However, they noted that because the United States would have seven years to reduce its forces to these limits, they saw no reason to identify a final force structure at that point. Secretary Gates noted that DOD was considering a number of options for the final force structure, and would make a decision on this force structure after considering the international security environment and Russia's force structure in the treaty's later years.

The Obama Pentagon released its plans for the New START force structure in April 8, 2014. As was indicated in May 2010, this force will include 14 submarines with 20 launchers on each submarine. Because two submarines will be in overhaul at any time, these submarines will count as carrying 240 deployed launchers within a total of 280 deployed and nondeployed launchers. The force also calls for a reduction in the number of deployed ICBMs from 450 to 400, with the retention of all 50 empty launchers, for a total force of 450 deployed and nondeployed ICBM launchers. The Air Force will also count 4 ICBM test launchers as nondeployed launchers within the total. Finally, New START force will include 60 deployed bombers and 6 nondeployed bombers.

Even before it determined the final force structure, the Pentagon had requested funding to pursue activities that would enable these reductions, regardless of the specific force structure decisions. For example, in the FY2014 budget, the Pentagon requested funding for an environmental assessment (EA) that would be needed before it could eliminate ICBM silos. Several Members of Congress objected to this study, arguing that it would allow the Administration to eliminate an ICBM squadron regardless of whether this turned out to be the preferred option for force reductions. Several Members strongly supported the retention of all 450 ICBM silos, even if a portion of them were nondeployed, with the missiles removed to meet the New START limit of 700 deployed launchers.[82]

The Pentagon responded to this criticism by noting that the EA would not predetermine the outcome of the force structure decision. However, if it were not initiated by the end of 2013, it would not be completed in time to support reductions by 2018, if the Pentagon chose to pursue those reductions. In other words, even if the study were completed, the ICBM silos could remain in the force, but if the study was not begun in time, the ICBM silos could not be eliminated, even if that proved to be the preferred force structure option. In response to these concerns, Congress included a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act for 2014 (H.R. 3304, §1056) that limited the Pentagon's ability to reduce U.S. forces under New START. Specifically, the legislation states that "the Secretary of Defense may only use funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2014 to carry out activities to prepare for such reductions." Further, the legislation states that only 50% of the funds authorized for the EA can be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Defense submits the required plan that describes preferred force structure option under New START. The Pentagon has now submitted the plan, but it is unclear whether the EA will proceed.

Table 2, below, contains an estimated force structure of the United States prior to New START's entry into force; the force structure as of February 5, 2018 (when the reductions were required to

[82] Jeremy Herb, "Senators Tell Hagel Not to Study ICBM Cuts," *The Hill*, September 27, 2013, http://thehill.com/blogs/defcon-hill/policy-and-strategy/325137-senators-tell-hagel-not-to-study-icbm-cuts.

meet the treaty limits); and the New START force outlined by the Administration in April 2014. As these data demonstrate, the United States reached the reduced force level required by the treaty. Within these limits, the United States retains a triad of ICBMs, SLBMs, and heavy bombers. It has reduced the number of deployed nuclear-armed B-52 bombers by converting many to conventional missions. It has reduced the number of launchers on its Trident submarines and retains 400 Minuteman III missiles. An additional 54 Minuteman III launchers do not hold ICBMs and therefore do not count under the 700 limit for deployed launchers. As noted below, when two additional Trident submarines return to the fleet, the United States will have the treaty-permitted 700 deployed launchers and it will adjust the number of warheads on deployed SLBMs to meet the treaty limit of 1,550 warheads.

The United States did not have to destroy many ICBM or SLBM launchers to reach the limits in New START. The treaty includes provisions that allowed the United States to exempt many of its existing nondeployed launchers, including 94 B-1 bombers, and 4 ballistic missile submarines that have been converted to carry cruise missiles, from treaty limits. Moreover, as it reduced its deployed forces, the United States did not have to destroy either ICBM or SLBM launchers; it could deactivate them so that they could no longer launch ballistic missiles. Instead of eliminating missiles and launchers, the United States reached the limits in New START by deploying its missiles with far fewer than the maximum number of warheads that each could be equipped to carry. The Air Force has completed the deactivation of 50 Minuteman III missiles that will be removed from the force under New START, and the Navy has completed the elimination of four launch tubes on all 14 of its Trident submarines.

Table 2. U.S. Strategic Nuclear Forces Under New START

(Estimated current forces and potential New START forces)

Estimated U.S. Forces, 2010			U.S. Forces, February 5, 2018[a]			Permitted Forces Under New START[b]		
	Deployed Launchers	Warheads	Total Launchers	Deployed Launchers	Warheads	Total Launchers	Deployed Launchers	Warheads
Minuteman III	450	500	454	400		454	400	400
Peacekeeper	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Trident	336	1,152	280	203		280	240	1,090
B-52	76	300	46	36		47	41	41
B-2	18	200	20	13		19	19	19
Total	**880**	**2,152**	**800**	**652**	**1,350**	**800**	**700**	**1,550**

Sources: CRS estimates, Air Force estimates.

a. U.S. Department of State, Bureau of State, Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance, *New START Treaty Aggregate Numbers of Strategic Offensive Forces*, Fact Sheet, Washington, DC, July 6, 2018, https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/284376.pdf. The fact sheet does not display warhead subtotals for each delivery system; it includes only an aggregate across the force.

b. This force assumes that the United States retains 14 Trident submarines, with 2 submarines in overhaul, but that each has only 20 deployed launchers. It also assumes that the Air Force maintains all 450 Minuteman III silos, but places 50 in "warm" status. This appears to be the Air Force preferred option at this time, although the final force structure decision is still pending.

Russian Forces

On February 5, 2018, when the treaty reductions were complete, Russia announced that it had reduced its forces to 1,444 warheads on 527 deployed ICBMs, SLBMs, and heavy bombers, within a total of 779 deployed and nondeployed launchers.[83]

During the implementation of New START, the number of warheads deployed on Russian missiles and bombers climbed above the New START limits, leading some to express concerns about Russia's intention to comply with the treaty. Others noted that this was a reflection of Russia's modernization program, as it deployed new multiple-warhead ballistic missiles in place of older single-warhead missiles, and waited until late in the implementation process to eliminate older multiple-warhead land-based missile. Russia also retired many of its older ballistic missile submarines, replacing them with several new Borey-class submarines; three of these have entered the force, and three more are under construction. This submarine is deployed with the new Bulava missile. The missile failed many of its early flight tests, and continues to experience some failed tests, although it has had more several successful tests since late 2010.

Table 3. Russian Strategic Nuclear Forces Under New START

(Estimated current forces and potential New START forces)

	Estimated Forces 2010		Potential Forces under New START		
	Launchers	Warheads	Total Launchers	Deployed Launchers	Deployed Warheads
SS-18 ICBM	68	680	46	46	460
SS-19 ICBM	72	432	20	10	60
SS-25 (mobile)	180	180	63	50	50
SS-27 (mobile)	13	13	18	18	18
SS-27 (silo)	50	50	60	60	60
SS-27 mod 2 (mobile)	0	0	99	99	99
SS-27 mod 2 (silo)			12	12	12
SS-N-18 (Delta III SSBN)	64 (4 SSBNs)	192	16 (one SSBN)	16	48
SS-N-23 (Delta IV SSBN)	96 (6 SSBNs)	384	96 (6 SSBNs)	80 (5 SSBNs)	320
Bulava (Borey SSBN)	0	0	48 (3 SSBNs)	48	288
Blackjack Bomber	14	168	13	13	13
Bear Bomber	63	688	63	63	63
Total	**620**	**2,787**	**554**	**515**	**1,491**

Sources: United States Department of State, Fact Sheet, START Aggregate Numbers of Strategic Offensive Arms, November 30, 2012; Nuclear Notebook: Russian Nuclear Forces, 2010," *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, January/February 2010; Russian Nuclear Forces http://russianforces.org/.

Table 3, above, presents estimates of Russia's force structure in 2010, before New START entered into force, and potential forces that it might deploy under the New START Treaty. It does not contain an estimate of the current force structure, as the New START data only include aggregate totals across the force and provides no information about the current structure of this

[83] "Russia Confirms Commitment to New START Treaty—Foreign Ministry," *TASS Russian News Agency*, February 5, 2018, http://tass.com/politics/988458.

force. This table assumes that, under New START, Russia's new RS-24 missile would carry four warheads. However, according to accounts in the Russian press this missile will carry "no fewer than 4" warheads. If each of these missiles were to carry 6-7 warheads, Russia could retain the 1,550 warheads permitted by the treaty. Russia has announced plans to deploy a new heavy, liquid-fueled multiple-warhead missile to replace the SS-18, although this missile is not likely to enter the force until at least 2020.

Ratification

U.S. Ratification Process

The Obama Administration submitted the New START Treaty to the Senate on May 13, 2010. The treaty package included the treaty text, the Protocol, the Annexes, the Article-by-Article analysis prepared by the Administration, and the 1251 report on future plans and budgets for U.S. nuclear weapons required by Congress. It also included the text of the unilateral statements made by the United States and Russia when they signed the treaty. The Senate offered its advice and consent to the ratification of the treaty by voting on a Resolution of Ratification. The treaty's approval requires a vote of two-thirds of the Senate, or 67 Senators.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee held 12 hearings on the treaty. These began in April 2009, with testimony from former Secretaries of Defense William Perry and James Schlesinger. In total, the committee received testimony from more than 20 witnesses from both inside and outside the Obama Administration. It received testimony from current senior officials from the State Department, the Defense Department, and the Department of Energy, and from several former officials from past Administrations. The committee completed its hearing process in mid-July, after receiving a National Intelligence Estimate on the future of Russian forces and a report on the verifiability of the treaty.

The Senate Armed Services Committee held a total of eight hearings and briefings on the treaty. The Armed Services Committee heard testimony from Secretary of State Clinton, Secretary of Defense Gates, Secretary of Energy Chu, and Admiral Mullen on June 17, 2010. It also received testimony and briefings from other Administration officials and from experts from outside the government. The Intelligence Committee also held a closed hearing to discuss U.S. monitoring capabilities and the verifiability of the treaty.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee held a business meeting to mark up the Resolution of Ratification for New START on September 16, 2010.[84] The committee began its consideration with a draft proposed by Senator Lugar, then addressed a number of amendments proposed by members of the committee. Both the Lugar draft and many of the proposed amendments addressed the members' concerns with U.S. missile defense programs, U.S. conventional prompt global strike capabilities, monitoring and verification, and Russian nonstrategic nuclear weapons. Most of these amendments were defeated, although the committee did modify and incorporate some into the resolution.[85]

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[84] U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, *Treaty with Russia on Measures for Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (The New START Treaty)*, Executive Report, 111th Cong., 2nd sess., October 1, 2010, Ex. Rept 111-6 (Washington, DC: GPO, 2010).

[85] Josh Rogin, "Kerry and DeMint Spar over Missile Defense," *Foreign Policy, The Cable*, September 16, 2010, http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2010/09/16/kerry_and_demint_spar_over_missile_defense. See also John Isaacs, Analysis of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Passage of the new START Treaty, *The Chain Reaction,*

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved the Resolution of Ratification by a vote of 14-4, and sent the resolution to the full Senate. The Senate did not address the treaty before the November elections. The Administration pressed the Senate to debate the treaty during the lame-duck session of Congress in December 2010. Many Senators supported this goal. Some, however, suggested that the Senate would not have time to debate the treaty during the lame-duck session, and indicated that they preferred the Senate wait until 2011 to debate the treaty.

The Senate began the debate on New START on December 16, 2010. During the debate, some Senators proposed amendments to the treaty, both to strike language related to ballistic missile defenses and to add language related to nonstrategic nuclear weapons. The treaty's supporters argued that these amendments would "kill" the treaty because they would require Russian approval and could lead to the reopening of negotiations on a wide range of issues addressed in the treaty. The Senate rejected these amendments, but it did accept amendments to the Resolution of Ratification that underlined the U.S. commitment to modernizing its nuclear weapons infrastructure and its commitment to deploying ballistic missile defenses. In addition, President Obama sent a letter to the Senators confirming his view that the New START Treaty places "no limitations on the development or deployment of our missile defense programs," highlighting his commitment to proceed with the deployment of all four phases of the missile defense system planned for Europe, and noting that the continued development and deployment of U.S. missile defenses would not threaten the strategic balance with Russia and would not "constitute the basis for questioning the effectiveness and viability of the New START Treaty."[86]

The Senate gave its advice and consent to ratification of New START on December 22, 2010, approving the Resolution of Ratification by a vote of 71-26. President Obama signed the instruments of ratification in early February 2011.

Russian Ratification Process

Russia's President Medvedev submitted the New START Treaty to the Russian Parliament on May 28, 2010. Both houses of the Russian Parliament, the Duma and the Federation Council, will vote on the treaty, with a majority vote required to approve the law on ratification. Russia's president said he hoped that the two sides could "synchronize" their ratification, voting on the treaty at about the same time. This would avoid the circumstances that existed on the second START Treaty in the late 1990s, when the U.S. Senate gave its consent to ratification of START II in January 1996, but by the time the Russian Parliament voted in 2000, the parties had negotiated a Protocol to the Treaty that also required ratification. The Senate never voted on the new version of the treaty, and START II never entered into force. Most experts agreed that President Medvedev should be able to win approval for the treaty in the Russian Parliament with little difficulty.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Russian Duma had initially supported the treaty. However, in early November 2010, Konstantin Kosachev, the head of the committee, indicated that the committee would reconsider the treaty. He indicated that this was in response to both the delay in the U.S. Senate's consideration of the treaty and the conditions and understandings that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee included in the U.S. Resolution of Ratification. Nevertheless, after the Senate voted on the treaty on December 22, members of the Duma called for the prompt ratification of New START. Reports indicated they received the documents from the Senate on December 23, and they held their first vote on the Draft Law on Ratification by

September, 16, 2010, https://livableworld.org/analysis-of-the-senate-foreign-relations-committee-passage-of-the-new-start-treaty/.

[86] https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/joint-understanding-start-follow-treaty.

Friday, December 24. The Duma then crafted amendments and declarations to the Federal Law on Ratification, and, after two more votes, approved the treaty by a vote of 350-96 (with one abstention) on January 25, 2011.

The upper chamber of Russia's parliament, the Federation Council, also voted on the ratification of the treaty. Sergei Mironov, the Speaker of the Federation Council, indicated that the vote would take place after the vote in the Duma.[87] This occurred on January 26, 2011, when the Federation Council unanimously approved the ratification of the treaty.[88] President Medvedev signed the instruments of ratification on January 28, 2011. Russia's Federal Law on Ratification contains a number of declarations and understandings that highlight the Duma and Federation Council's concerns with the New START Treaty. These do not alter the text of the treaty and, therefore, did not require U.S. consent or agreement. Many of the provisions in the law call on Russia's leadership to pursue funding for the modernization and sustainment of Russia's strategic nuclear forces. They also reiterate Russia's view that the preamble to the treaty, and its reference to the relationship between offensive and defense forces, is an integral part of the treaty. The law does not indicate that this language imposes any restrictions on the United States. It does, however, reiterate that Russia has a right to withdraw from the treaty, and could do so if the United States deploys defenses that undermine Russia's strategic deterrent. In addition, the law indicates that new kinds of strategic offensive weapons, such as the potential U.S. conventional prompt global strike weapons, should count under the treaty limits. The law indicates that the parties should meet in the BCC and agree on how to count these systems before either party deploys the system. This differs from the U.S. interpretation because the United States has indicated that it could deploy such systems before completing the discussions in the BCC. These differing interpretations did not delay the entry into force of the treaty, but could raise questions in the future, if the United States deploys a PGS system that it does not consider to count under the treaty limits.

Entry into Force and Implementation

Secretary Clinton and Foreign Minister Lavrov exchanged the instruments of ratification for the New START Treaty on February 5, 2011. This act brought the treaty into force and started the clock on early activities outlined in the treaty. For example, the United States and Russia conducted their initial data exchange, 45 days after the treaty entered into force, on March 22, 2011, within 45 days of entry into force. They also had the right to begin on-site inspection activities in early April, 60 days after the treaty entered into force. Reports indicate that this process began in the United States with the display of a B-1 bomber and in Russia with the display of Russia's new RS-24 missile.

Consultations

The United States and Russia also met in Geneva, from March 28 through April 8, 2011, in the first meeting of the treaty's Bilateral Consultative Commission. The representatives issued two joint statements at the conclusion of the meeting that addressed procedures that would be used during the on-site inspection process. The parties met for the second session of the BCC from October 19 to November 2, 2011.

The third meeting of the BCC occurred in late January 2012. During that meeting, the parties signed several statements on the sharing telemetry on missile test launches. They agreed that they

[87] "Federation Council Ready to Ratify New START on Same Day as Duma—Mironov," *Interfax,* December 23, 2010.

[88] "Russian Parliament Approves START Nuclear Arms Treaty," *BBC News,* January 26, 2011.

would exchange telemetric data on one ICBM or SLBM launch that had occurred between February 5, 2011, when the treaty entered into force, and the end of 2011. They also agreed on when they would begin and end the sharing of telemetric data during the flight test of an ICBM or SLBM. They also agreed on the procedures they would use when demonstrating the recording media and playback equipment used when providing telemetric information.[89]

The BCC met for a fourth time in September 2012. During this meeting, the two sides agreed on the use of tamper detection equipment during on-site inspections. The BCC met again in February 2013. At this meeting, the two sides signed an agreement indicating that they would exchange telemetry on the launch of ICBM or one SLBM during the time between January 1 and December 31, 2012.[90] The BCC met again in January 2014, with the two sides, again, agreeing that they would exchange telemetric information on the launch of one ICBM or SLBM from 2013. They also agreed to use an additional measuring device during reentry vehicle inspections at SSBN bases. In October 2016, the parties met in the 12th session of the BCC; the State Department did not provide any public details about the substance of the meeting. The 13th session of the BCC met from late March to mid-April 2017; the State Department, again, did not offer any details about the substance of the meeting.

According to a State Department Fact Sheet released at the conclusion of the reduction period, on February 5, 2018, the two sides conducted a total of "14 meetings of the Treaty's Bilateral Consultative Commission (twice each Treaty year) to discuss issues related to implementation, with no interruption to the Parties' work during global crises causing friction elsewhere in the bilateral relationship."[91] Two sessions also occurred in 2018 and 2019. The United States and Russia agreed, however, to delay the March 2020 meeting in response to the coronavirus outbreak until later in the fall 2020. If the treaty expires in February 2021, this will be the last meeting of the BCC.[92]

Reductions

In a data exchange released in February 2011, with numbers drawn from the treaty's initial data exchange, the U.S. State Department noted that the United States had 1,800 warheads on 882 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers.[93] These deployed forces were within a total of 1,124 deployed and nondeployed launchers of ICBMs and SLBMs, and deployed in nondeployed heavy bombers. By September 2011, the United States had reduced these numbers to 1,790 warheads on 882 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers.[94] The total number of deployed and nondeployed launchers had declined to 1,043. The reduction in 81 nondeployed launchers likely reflects the conversion or elimination of some of the "phantom" launchers that remained in the U.S. force but no longer carried nuclear warheads. In

[89] For the text of these three statements, see, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/183540.htm, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/183541.htm, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/183539.htm.

[90] United States Department of State, Bureau of Arms Control, *Verification and Compliance, Bilateral Consultative Commission: Decision on the Number of Launches of ICBMs and SLBMs Conducted in 2012, on Which an Exchange of Telemetric Information Will Be Carried Out in 2013*, Geneva, Switzerland, February 19, 2013, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/204959.htm.

[91] U.S. State Department, *Key Facts About New START Treaty Implementation*, fact sheet, Washington, DC, February 5, 2018, https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/02/277889.htm.

[92] "Decision on halting inspections under New START made upon mutual agreement—diplomat," *Tass*, March 29, 2020.

[93] https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/164722.htm.

[94] https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/175945.htm.

the most recent exchange, with data current as of April 1, 2014, the United States indicated that it had 778 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 952 deployed and nondeployed launchers. It also indicated that these deployed forces carry a total of 1,585 warheads.

In data released on January 1, 2015, from the exchange that occurred on September 1, 2014, the United States had 794 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 912 deployed and nondeployed launchers. It also indicated that these deployed forces carry a total of 1,642 warheads. The increase in deployed forces reported in this exchange likely reflected the return to service of one SSBN, after it completed its overhaul process. The numbers declined again, by the time of the October 2015 exchange, both because another SSBN has begun its overhaul and because the U.S. Air Force has completed the "de-MIRVing" of the ICBM force. Each Minuteman III missile now carries a single warhead.

In addition, in September 2015, the Air Force announced that it had begun to convert a portion of the B-52H bomber force from nuclear to conventional-only capability, thus removing 30 operational bombers from accountability under New START.[95] While the Air Force has not provided any public statements about the changes made to the B-52 bombers, these changes are likely consistent with the objective of rendering the bombers unable to carry or launch nuclear-armed cruise missiles.

According to the State Department, as of September 1, 2016,[96] the United States had a force of 1,367 warheads on 681 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 848 deployed and nondeployed launchers. This included 416 deployed ICBM launchers, with a total of 454 deployed and nondeployed ICBM launchers; 209 deployed SLBM launchers within a total of 320 deployed and nondeployed launchers; 10 deployed B-2 bombers, within a total of 20 deployed and nondeployed B-2 bombers; and 46 deployed B-52 bombers, within a total of 54 deployed and nondeployed B-52 bombers. These data show that the United States has continued to convert B-52 bombers from nuclear to conventional-only capability; to remove ICBMs from operational launchers, on the path to 400 deployed ICBM launchers; and to reduce the number of launchers from 24 to 20 on each ballistic missile submarine. The data released in April 2017, from the March 1, 2017, data exchange, show that the United States counted 1,411 warheads on 673 deployed launchers, within a total of 820 deployed and nondeployed launchers. The increase in warheads possibly reflects the return to service of ballistic missile submarines, following the elimination of the four excess launchers.

The data exchange from September 2017, which shows the U.S. aggregate numbers of warheads and launchers, indicates that United States had met the New START limits. At that time it had 1,393 warheads on 660 deployed launchers, within a total of 800 deployed and nondeployed launchers.

Some analysts questioned whether the U.S. reductions through September 2016, which placed the United States below the New START limits of 1,550 warheads on 700 deployed launchers, indicated that the Obama Administration had decided to reduce U.S. nuclear forces, unilaterally, to levels below the New START limits.[97] However, these reductions were temporary, and the

[95] U.S. Department of Defense, Air Force Global Strike Command, *AFGSC Completes First New START Bomber Conversion*, September 17, 2015.

[96] https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/2016/262624.htm.

[97] Bill Gertz, "Russia Adds Hundreds of Warheads Under Nuclear Treaty," *Washington Free Beacon*, October 5, 2016. In a speech in Berlin, in June 2013, President Obama announced that the Pentagon had concluded that the United States could maintain a robust deterrent with one-third fewer warheads than the 1,550 permitted by New START. He did,

number of deployed launchers and warheads has now risen and should reach the levels permitted by the treaty when implementation is complete in 2018. For example, while the United States was reducing the number of launch tubes on deployed submarines, it removed them from deployment and removed the missiles from the launchers. These launchers and warheads did not count in the deployed force. Because each submarine now counts as 20 launchers, the September 2017 total of 660 deployed launchers can be read to indicate that two submarines, with 40 launchers, were still in nondeployed status at the time.

The data exchanges from 2018, 2019, and 2020 show that the United States continues to have fewer than the permitted number of deployed missiles and warheads, as it continues to remove systems from deployment for short periods of time. In September 2018, it reported that it had 1,398 warheads deployed on 659 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 800 deployed and nondeployed launchers for missiles and bombers. On March 1, 2019, it reported that it had 1,365 warheads deployed on 656 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 800 deployed and nondeployed launchers for missiles and bombers. On September 1, 2019, it reported that it had 1,376 warheads deployed on 668 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 800 deployed and nondeployed launchers for missiles and bombers. On March 1, 2020, it reported that it had 1,373 warheads deployed on 655 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 800 deployed and nondeployed launchers for missiles and bombers.

On September 1, 2020, the State Department reported that the United States had 1,457 warheads deployed on 675 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 800 deployed and nondeployed launchers for missiles and bombers.[98] This increase of 20 deployed strategic launchers and 84 deployed strategic warheads over the March 2020 data likely represents the move from maintenance to deployment of an additional ballistic missile submarine, which would carry 20 SLBM launchers.

The State Department fact sheets also include the summary of Russia's force data. In February 2011, Russia reported that it had 1,537 warheads on 521 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers. Russia also reported a total of 865 deployed and nondeployed delivery vehicles. At the time of this report, analysts expressed surprise that Russian forces were already below the treaty limits in New START when the treaty entered into force. Some argued that this indicated the United States did not have to sign the treaty to bring about reductions in Russian forces, and that the treaty represented unilateral concessions by the United States. Others noted that the number of deployed warheads possibly reflected the ongoing retirement of older Russian missiles and could change in the future as Russia deployed new, multiple-warhead land-based missiles. In September 2011, in the second treaty data exchange, Russia reported that it had 1,566 deployed warheads on 516 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers. Hence, although the number of deployed delivery vehicles declined, the number of warheads increased by a small amount, and then exceeded the treaty limit of 1,550 warheads. Because the data provide no details of the force composition, this increase could have been due either to the deployment of the new MIRVed RS-24 missiles, which carry more warheads than the single-warhead SS-25 missile they replace, or to variations in the numbers of warheads carried on deployed SLBMs. The number of deployed and nondeployed delivery vehicles had increased

however, indicate that the United States would only reduce to that level in cooperation with Russia. See https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/06/19/remarks-president-obama-brandenburg-gate-berlin-germany.

[98] https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/10-01-2020-October-NST-FACTSHEET.pdf

slightly, to 871. This could reflect the retirement of some of Russia's older missiles, which would move their delivery vehicles from the deployed to nondeployed column in the data.

In the data exchange from April 1, 2014, Russia reported that it had 498 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 906 deployed and nondeployed launchers. It also indicated that these deployed forces carry a total of 1,512 warheads. In the data exchanged in September 2014, and released in January 2015, Russia reported a force of 528 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 911 deployed and nondeployed launchers. It also indicated that these deployed forces carried a total of 1,643 warheads. Within these totals, Russia continued to deploy some new ICBMs and SLBMs while retiring older systems. However, as all categories had increased since the last data exchange, new deployments seemed to be outpacing retirements. This continued over the past year, as, in March 2016—when Russia reported that it had 1,735 warheads on 521 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 856 deployed and nondeployed launchers. The pattern shifted a little in September 2016—when Russia reported that it had 1,796 warheads on 508 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 847 deployed and nondeployed launchers—as the number of warheads continues to rise while the number of deployed and nondeployed launchers has declined.

The data exchanged in March 2017 show that Russia had begun to reduce the number of deployed warheads while increasing the number of deployed launchers—at that point it counted 1,765 warheads on 523 deployed launchers, within a total of 816 deployed and nondeployed launchers. The September 2017 data reinforce this trend. Russia reported a force 1,561 warheads, only 11 over the limit of 1,550 deployed warheads, on 503 deployed launchers. Hence, Russia appeared to be reducing older systems with larger numbers of warheads, while still deploying new missiles with fewer warheads, as it headed toward the New START limits by February 2018. On February 5, 2018, Russia reported that it had met the New START limits, with 1,444 warheads on 527 deployed ICBMs, SLBMs, and heavy bombers, within a total of 779 deployed and nondeployed launchers.[99]

The data exchanges from 2018, 2019, and 2020 show that the Russia continues to comply with the New START limits. In September 2018, it reported that it had 1,420 warheads deployed on 517 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 775 deployed and nondeployed launchers for missiles and bombers. On March 1, 2019, it reported that it had 1,461 warheads deployed on 524 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 760 deployed and nondeployed launchers for missiles and bombers. On September 1, 2019, it reported that it had 1,426 warheads deployed on 513 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 757 deployed and nondeployed launchers for missiles and bombers.

On March 1, 2020, Russia reported that it had 1,326 warheads deployed on 485 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 754 deployed and nondeployed launchers for missiles and bombers. Although the State Department does not provide details on the underlying force structure, one analyst attributed the decline in the number of deployed launchers and deployed warheads to the possible deactivation of a regiment of SS-18 ICBMs and the possible withdrawal of some Topol ICBMs.[100] On September 1, 2020, Russia reported that it

[99] "Russia Confirms Commitment to New START Treaty—Foreign Ministry," *TASS Russian News Agency*, February 5, 2018. http://tass.com/politics/988458.

[100] Pavel Podvig, "New START Data as of March 1, 2020," *Russian Forces,* April 2, 2020, http://russianforces.org/blog/2020/04/new_start_data_as_of_1_march_2_1.shtml

had 1,447 warheads deployed on 510 deployed ICBMs, deployed SLBMs, and deployed heavy bombers, within a total of 764 deployed and nondeployed launchers for missiles and bombers. According to one analyst, increase of 25 deployed launchers and 121 deployed strategic warheads likely "reflects fluctuations caused by launcher maintenance and upgrade work to new systems."[101]

Some analysts questioned whether the increase in Russian warheads reported in March 2016 and September 2016 indicated that Russia would eventually withdraw from New START without reducing to its limit of 1,550 deployed warheads.[102] Others, however, noted that Russia did not need to meet the limits until February 2018, so the warhead levels in 2016 should not be of concern. They also noted that Russia continues to deploy new systems, like a third new submarine and new multiple-warhead land-based missiles, at a faster pace than it has retired older systems.[103] Hence, as Russia retired older multiple-warhead missiles before the deadline, it succeeded in reducing its forces below the limit of 1,550 warheads.

Some have also suggested that Russia's continuing deployment of new missiles systems, and its plans for modernization through the next 5-10 years, indicate that Russia may be prepared to exceed the limits under New START, either before or shortly after the treaty's 2021 expiration.[104] They have suggested that the United States respond to Russia's plans with its own plans to modernize and expand its nuclear forces. Others, however, while agreeing with assessments of Russia's ability to expand its nuclear forces, argue that the United States should respond by pressing Russia to extend New START through 2026 so that limits on Russian forces remain in place.

Monitoring, Verification, and Compliance

The United States has not raised any questions, in public, about Russia's compliance with the New START Treaty. In the January 2016 version of the Annual Report on Implementation of the New START Treaty, the State Department reported that "the United States certifies the Russian Federation to be in compliance with the terms of the New START Treaty." The report indicated that the United States "has raised implementation-related questions with the Russian Federation through diplomatic channels and in the context of the Bilateral Consultative Commission (BCC)."[105]

Russia has also raised questions about U.S. implementation during BCC sessions. In its statement released on February 5, 2018, the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs indicated that it had concerns with the conversion procedures the United States had used to eliminate some missile launchers and B-52 bombers from its force structure. It noted that Russia could not verify that the conversions had been done in a way that permanently "rules out the use of Trident II submarine-

[101] Hans M. Kristensen, "At 11th Hour, New START Data Reaffirms Importance of Extending Treaty," *Federation of American Scientists*, October 1, 2020, https://fas.org/blogs/security/2020/10/new-start-2020_aggregate-data/.

[102] Bill Gertz, "Russia Deployed over 150 New Warheads in Past Year," *Washington Free Beacon*, April 6, 2016. http://freebeacon.com/national-security/russia-deployed-150-new-warheads-past-year/. See, also, Bill Gertz, "Russia Adds Hundreds of Warheads Under Nuclear Treaty, *Washington Free Beacon*, October 5, 2016.

[103] Greg Thielmann, "Russia Relies on 'Satan' to Keep New START Data Exchange Numbers Up," *Arms Control Today*, April 5, 2016, http://www.armscontrol.org/blog/ArmsControlNow/2016-04-06/Russia-Relies-on-Satan-to-Keep-New-START-Data-Exchange-Numbers-Up.

[104] Mark Schneider, "The Nuclear Posture Review, New START, and the Russian Nuclear Buildup," *Real Clear Defense*, June 5, 2017.

[105] U.S. Department of State, *Annual Report on Implementation of the New Start Treaty*, Washington, DC, January 2016, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/rpt/2016/255558.htm.

launched ballistic submarines and nuclear weapons of heavy bombers."[106] The Protocol to New START states the parties must demonstrate their elimination procedures if there is a question about whether the method meets the treaty terms, but it does not allow for the other party to object and require changes in the procedures. As a result, although the United States has insisted that its procedures are sufficient, Russia continues to question this conclusion. Russian officials have indicated that the United States should address Russia's concerns with these procedures before the two parties agree to extend New START before it expires in 2021.

In a joint briefing provided by the United States and Russia in October 2011, the parties that, in the first six months of treaty implementation, they had exchanged almost 1,500 notifications and had conducted demonstrations of telemetric information playback equipment. By the end of the first year of implementation, on February 5, 2012, the parties had exchanged over 1,800 notifications. They had also conducted three required exhibitions, with Russia exhibiting the RS-24 missile and its launcher, and the United States exhibiting the B-1 and B-2 bombers. During the year, both parties had also conducted all 18 of the permitted inspections at facilities in the other nation. These inspections occurred at ICBM, SLBM, and heavy bomber bases; storage facilities; conversion and elimination facilities; and test ranges.[107] In late November 2012, the State Department reported that the United States and Russia had each, as of November 26, conducted 15 of the 18 permitted inspections under the treaty. Both nations also completed their full complement of 18 inspections before the end of the second year of implementation, in February 2013.

According to the State Department, the United States and Russia both completed all 18 of their permitted Type 1 and Type 2 inspections during the first nine years of treaty implementation. They continued to conduct these inspections in spite of growing tensions after Russia's annexation of Crimea and aggression against Ukraine in early 2014. They have each conducted two inspections in the current treaty year, which began on February 5, but have suspended inspections through May 1, in response to the coronavirus outbreak. According to the State Department, the two sides also exchanged 19,852 notifications by late April 1, 2020. These notifications report on the location, movement, and disposition of strategic offensive arms. They have also completed at least 15 exhibitions to demonstrate distinguishing features and technical characteristics of new types of strategic offensive arms or demonstrate the results of a conversion of a strategic offensive arm subject to New START through early 2018.[108] This includes the November 2018 exhibition of Russia's new Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle. These monitoring activities will continue through 2021, or 2026 if New START is extended.

Issues for Congress

New START and Strategic Stability

When the Obama Administration released the 2010 Nuclear Posture Review, it indicated that the United States would retain a triad of ICBMs, SLBMs, and heavy bombers under the New START

[106] "Russia Confirms Commitment to New START Treaty—Foreign Ministry," TASS Russian News Agency, February 5, 2018, http://tass.com/politics/988458.

[107] U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance, *New START Treaty Implementation Update*, Washington, DC, May 17, 2012, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/183335.htm.

[108] U.S. Department of State, *Key Facts About New START Treaty Implementation*, fact sheet, Washington, DC, February 5, 2018, https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/02/277889.htm.

Treaty. The NPR indicates that this force structure supports strategic stability because it allows the United States to maintain an "assured second-strike capability" with warheads on survivable ballistic missile submarines and allows the United States to retain "sufficient force structure in each leg to ... hedge effectively ... if necessary due to unexpected technological problems or operational vulnerabilities."[109] The Trump Administration, in the 2018 NPR, also reaffirmed the support for the nuclear triad. Although it offered a more detailed rationale for the maintenance of a triad, the underlying themes of strengthening deterrence and supporting stability were part of the discussion.

Obama Administration officials also indicated that New START promoted strategic stability by "discounting" the weapons on heavy bombers. As President Reagan argued during his commencement address at Eureka College in 1982, ballistic missiles are the "most destabilizing nuclear systems."[110] As a result, in his START proposals, President Reagan sought deep reductions in ballistic missile warheads, but lesser reductions in the weapons on heavy bombers. The counting rules in New START reflect this logic. Because bomber weapons would take hours or days to reach their targets, and because they could be recalled after they were launched, they pose less of a threat to strategic stability than do ballistic missiles. As a result, some argue that, even if the United States and Russia retain hundreds of bomber weapons that do not count against the treaty limits, the reductions required in ballistic missile warheads will enhance strategic stability.

Some have also noted that New START may strengthen strategic stability from the Russian perspective by removing the specific limits and restrictions on mobile ICBMs. Russia does not deploy many submarines at sea, and, therefore, lacks an assured second-strike capability on that leg of its triad. Instead, it has sought to improve the survivability of its forces by deploying ICBMs on mobile launchers. Under START, the United States sought to restrict these systems because it feared it would not be able to count them in peacetime and target them in wartime. In the current environment, concerns about wartime targeting played less of a role in the negotiations. Consequently, instead of limiting their numbers and restricting their operations, New START seeks to provide transparency and openness, so the United States can be confident in its ability to count these weapons in peacetime even though it might not be able to attack them during a conflict.

Critics of the New START Treaty have questioned whether it serves U.S. security interests even if it did promote strategic stability. Some argued, during the negotiations, that the United States did not need to negotiate a new treaty to maintain its own triad, as this was possible with or without arms control. They also argued that the United States did not need to reduce its forces to bring about reductions in Russia's forces, as Russia would reduce its forces over the next decade as it retired aging systems, even in the absence of a new arms control agreement.[111] Moreover, they questioned whether arms control should even be a part of the U.S.-Russian relationship, as arms control is a symbol of a Cold War, antagonistic relationship between the two nations. They believe that the United States and Russia should not measure their relationship with each other using Cold War-era measures like strategic stability and survivable warheads.

This last argument has faded as the U.S.-Russian relationship has changed over the past decade. Few now argue that arms control is irrelevant in the absence of an antagonistic relationship.

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[109] U.S. Department of Defense, *Nuclear Posture Review*, Washington, DC, April 6, 2010, p. 20, https://dod.defense.gov/Portals/1/features/defenseReviews/NPR/2010_Nuclear_Posture_Review_Report.pdf.

[110] Ronald Reagan, Commencement Address at Eureka College, May 9, 1982, http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/index.php?pid=42501.

[111] Keith B. Payne, "Evaluating the U.S.-Russia Nuclear Deal," *Wall Street Journal*, April 8, 2010, p. A21.

Instead, they dispute the value of arms control precisely because the major-power rivalry has returned and the United States and Russia now have a more antagonistic relationship. They note that this change has occurred in spite of the presence of New START, and, therefore, is evidence of the failure of arms control to either support or strengthen strategic stability. Moreover, they note that New START did not include any limits on Russian shorter-range nonstrategic nuclear weapons, and, therefore, failed to capture the full scope of threats that Russia presents to the United States and its allies.

Monitoring and Verification in New START

Monitoring and verification were among the central concerns addressed in the Senate committees during their review of the New START Treaty. The cooperative monitoring measures in the treaty received special scrutiny, as many observers of the arms control process specifically measured the value of the monitoring and verification regime in the original START Treaty by its widespread use of notifications, on-site inspections, and other cooperative measures.

Some critics of New START questioned whether the monitoring provisions in the new treaty were sufficient to provide the United States with enough information to either confirm Russian compliance with the treaty or to detect efforts to violate its terms. They pointed to differences between the verification regime in the original START Treaty and those in New START to argue that the new verification regime is less robust than the old regime. They noted that the United States would no longer maintain a monitoring presence outside the Votkinsk facility where Russia assembles its mobile ICBMs, which, they argued, could weaken the U.S. ability to count these missiles as they entered Russia's forces. They also noted that the United States and Russia would no longer exchange telemetry data on all their ballistic missile flight tests, which, over time, could lessen the U.S. ability to understand and evaluate the capabilities of Russian ballistic missiles.

Marshall Billingslea, who served in the Trump Administration as the State Department's Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control, raised similar concerns, arguing that the monitoring provisions in New START were insufficient because they were different from those in the original START Treaty. He stated that, during the negotiations in late 2020, the United States would insist that Russia accept more robust provisions governing on-site inspections and telemetry exchanges.[112]

The Obama Administration and others who supported the new treaty argued that the verification regime in New START would be more than sufficient to provide the United States with confidence in Russia's compliance with the treaty. They acknowledged that the regime is different from the regime in the original START Treaty, but noted that this was, in part, due to improvements in the relationship between Russia and the United States and differences between the limits and restrictions in the two treaties. They argued that the monitoring regime in New START was streamlined, both to reduce its costs and to ease the disruptions caused by monitoring for U.S. and Russian military forces. They also noted that it relied on as much or more cooperation between the two parties, which would continue to build confidence and reduce suspicions.

Moreover, many in the Obama Administration noted that the United States had not had any opportunity to monitor Russian forces on Russian territory since the original treaty expired in December 2009. They argued that continuing delays in Senate consideration of New START

[112] *U.S. Department of State,* Briefing with Ambassador Marshall Billingslea, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control And Lt. Gen. Thomas Bussiere, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, Vienna, August 18, 2020, https://www.state.gov/briefing-with-ambassador-marshall-billingslea-u-s-special-presidential-envoy-for-arms-control-and-lt-gen-thomas-bussiere-deputy-commander-of-the-u-s-strategic-command/.

could further reduce U.S. and Russian confidence in their knowledge of each other's forces, leading to worst-case assessments and possible instabilities. They further reminded those who contend that the verification regime in New START is less robust than the regime in old START that the absence of a treaty would have meant the absence of any monitoring and verification regime. The United States did not have the option of returning the regime of the original START Treaty; nor should it have wanted to do so since the new treaty has different limits and restrictions than the old treaty. Many U.S. officials, including Admiral Mullen and General Chilton, included their concerns about the absence of monitoring in their appeals for the prompt ratification of the New START Treaty.

Questions about the monitoring and verification regime in New START go beyond concerns about the specific monitoring mechanisms and the U.S. ability to confirm Russian compliance with individual limits in the treaty. Most experts agree that neither party can be absolutely certain that the other is in perfect compliance with all the limits and restrictions in the treaty. This is due, in some cases, to ambiguities in the treaty language and varying interpretations of the treaty requirements. It is also due to the fact that both sides may have gaps in their knowledge about the details of the other side's forces and activities. These uncertainties do not, by themselves, indicate that the parties should not ratify and implement the treaty. The broader question often asked by experts on treaty monitoring and verification is whether the parties, in general, and the United States, in particular, will have high confidence in Russia's compliance with the treaty, and, in those cases when compliance concerns may come up, whether the United States will be able to detect evidence of potential violations that might undermine U.S. security with enough warning to respond and adjust U.S. forces to offset those security concerns.

The Obama Administration indicated, in documents submitted to the Senate in July 2010, that the New START Treaty met this standard. The Administration concluded that the benefits to Russia of cheating would be minimal, as the United States, by maintaining a triad of ICBMs, SLBMs, and bombers, would be able to respond to any attempt to shift the strategic balance by adding significant numbers of warheads to its own forces. Moreover, if Russia were to cheat to any significant degree, it would undermine its relationship with the United States and interfere with any possible future arms control agreements. Therefore, in a letter sent to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in September 2010, Secretary of Defense Gates concluded that Russia would not be able to achieve "militarily significant cheating" under the New START Treaty.[113]

A review of the verification regime in New START, and summary of some of the differences between the verification regime in the original START Treaty and the regime in New START can be found in CRS Report R41201, *Monitoring and Verification in Arms Control*.

New START and Ballistic Missile Defenses

As was noted above, during the debate over New START the Obama Administration testified repeatedly that the New START Treaty imposes no limits on current or planned ballistic missile defense programs in the United States. Some critics have claimed, however, that the United States might impose those limits itself, to ensure that Russia does not withdraw from New START, as it said it might do in the unilateral statement it released when it signed the treaty.

Officials from the Obama Administration argued that this concern was unfounded. They noted that the Soviet Union issued a similar statement when it signed the original START Treaty, threatening to withdraw if the United States withdrew from the 1972 Anti-ballistic Missile (ABM Treaty). Yet, when the United States withdrew from the ABM Treaty in 2002, Russia not only did

[113] Robert Burns, "Gates: Any Russian Arms Cheating Would Backfire," *Associated Press*, September 9, 2010.

not withdraw from START, it continued to participate in negotiations on the 2002 Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty. Moreover, in the 1990s, when the United States might have altered its missile defense plans in response to the Soviet letter, the United States actually expanded its missile defense activities and increased spending on missile defense programs. As a result, there is little reason, based on historical data, to expect the United States to restrain its missile defense programs. Moreover, officials from the Obama Administration have highlighted that the Ballistic Missile Defense Review, the Nuclear Posture Review, and the 2011 budget all offer strong support for continuing U.S. missile defense programs.[114]

Some critics have also claimed that Russia might seek, and the United States might agree to, new limits on U.S. missile defense capabilities in the Bilateral Consultative Commission established by the treaty. According to the Protocol to New START, this commission is designed "to promote the implementation of the provisions of the Treaty." The Protocol indicates that the United States and Russia will meet in the commission to "resolve questions relating to compliance with the obligations assumed by the Parties," agree on "additional measures as may be necessary to improve the viability and effectiveness of the Treaty," and "discuss other issues raised by either Party." Some have claimed that because this agenda is somewhat open-ended, Russia may raise its concerns about U.S. missile defenses in the commission and propose limits on those systems.

The Obama Administration insisted that the parties could not, and would not use the BCC to negotiate new limits on ballistic missile defenses or any other elements of the U.S. strategic arsenal. In a fact sheet that accompanies the treaty, the State Department has indicated that the parties would use the BCC "to reach agreement on changes in the Protocol to the Treaty, including its Annexes, that do not affect substantive rights or obligations. The BCC may in no way make changes that would affect the substantive rights and obligations contained in the New START Treaty."[115] The parties may use the BCC to "agree upon such additional measures as may be necessary to improve the viability and effectiveness of the Treaty" but these measures would address concerns that came up while implementing the existing limits and restrictions in the treaty. They would not be able to impose new limits or restrictions without amending the treaty, and any amendment to the treaty would be subject to the same ratification process as the treaty itself. The Senate would have to offer its advice and consent.

Although the Obama Administration pursued discussions with Russia on missile defense issues for several years, it never accepted any limitations on U.S. missile defense programs and insisted, repeatedly, that U.S. missile defense programs were not designed or capable of undermining Russia's ballistic missile defenses. Russia, however, continued to question U.S. intentions and press for limits on ballistic missile defenses. It has insisted that any negotiations on further reductions in nuclear weapons include discussions about limits on ballistic missile defenses.

Congress remains concerned about the possibility that the United States might accept limits on missile defenses in exchange for limits on offensive nuclear forces. Senator Barrasso raised this issue in a hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on September 18, 2018. He asked officials from the State Department and Defense Department to assure him that "in any arms control discussions with Russia for which you're responsible that the United States will not agree to limiting our own missile defense programs." Both Under Secretary of State Andrea Thompson and Under Secretary of Defense David Trachtenberg provided those assurances.[116]

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[114] U.S. State Department, Bureau of Verification, Compliance, and Implementation, *Ballistic Missile Defense and the New START Treaty*, fact sheet, Washington, DC, April 21, 2010, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/140624.htm.

[115] https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/145830.htm.

[116] U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, *Status of U.S.-Russia Arms Control Efforts*, hearing, 115th Cong., 2nd sess., September 18, 2018.

Modernization

The New START Treaty does not limit or restrict the ability of the United States or Russia to modernize strategic offensive nuclear forces. It specifically states, in Article V, paragraph 1, that, "Subject to the provisions of this Treaty, modernization and replacement of strategic offensive arms may be carried out." Both nations are currently modernizing their forces and replacing aging missiles, submarines, and bombers.

Moreover, while some Members of the Senate insisted that the Obama Administration commit to modernizing the U.S. nuclear arsenal before voting in support of the treaty, many have also indicated that their continuing support for the modernization programs is linked to ongoing implementation of New START. Several Senators emphasized this linkage during a hearing in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in September 2018. Senator Menendez noted that "bipartisan support for nuclear modernization is tied to maintaining an arms-control process that controls and seeks to reduce Russian nuclear forces." Senator Corker pointed out that, when the Senate gave its consent to the ratification of New START, "there was no doubt" about the "tie between the two." He stated that "the essence of this is that the modernization piece, and the reduction in warheads piece go hand in hand."[117]

U.S. Modernization

The United States is currently recapitalizing all three legs of its nuclear triad, with replacements planned for its bombers, air-delivered cruise missiles, land-based ballistic missiles, and ballistic missile submarines over the next 20 years.[118] It is also pursuing life extension programs for many of the warheads in the U.S. stockpile, to ensure that the weapons remain safe, secure, and effective. The Obama Administration outlined much of this modernization program in a report, known as the 1251 Report, mandated by Congress in the FY2010 Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 111-84, §1251). This provision required the Administration to submit a report to Congress when it submitted the New START Treaty to the Senate that described how it planned to "enhance the safety, security, and reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile of the United States; modernize the nuclear weapons complex; and maintain the delivery platforms for nuclear weapons." In this 1251 report, the Obama Administration stated that the United States planned to spend $180 billion over the next 10 years to meet these objectives, with $80 billion allocated to the U.S. nuclear weapons complex and nuclear warheads and $100 billion allocated to the Navy and Air Force for the maintenance and modernization of their delivery systems. The program has expanded over the years, and, although cost estimates vary, the Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the United States is likely to spend around $350 billion over 10 years and $1.2 trillion over 30 years to modernize its nuclear arsenal. In the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review, the Trump Administration reaffirmed its support for the continuing modernization of the U.S. nuclear triad, advocating for the completion of all the programs initiated under the Obama Administration, while adding two new systems to the plan.[119]

During the debate over New START's ratification, some Members of Congress and analysts outside government questioned whether the Obama Administration was sufficiently committed to

[117] U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, *Status of U.S.-Russia Arms Control Efforts*, hearing, 115th Cong., 2nd sess., September 18, 2018.

[118] For details see CRS Report RL33640, *U.S. Strategic Nuclear Forces: Background, Developments, and Issues*, by Amy F. Woolf.

[119] U.S. Department of Defense, Nuclear Posture Review, Report, Washington, DC, February 2, 2018, https://media.defense.gov/2018/Feb/02/2001872886/-1/-1/1/2018-NUCLEAR-POSTURE-REVIEW-FINAL-REPORT.PDF.

modernizing and maintaining its strategic nuclear forces, nuclear weapons complex, and nuclear warheads. Some also questioned whether the funding in the program would be sufficient to maintain and sustain the U.S. nuclear arsenal. Some argued that the totals did not add enough above the previously planned program to go far in expanding the U.S. capability to maintain and modernize its forces. Others questioned whether the Administration would sustain its commitment for more than a year or two, particularly in an era of tight defense budgets. These concerns grew as the fiscal constraints imposed through the Budget Control Act in 2011 reduced the resources available for modernization in the nuclear enterprise and have led to delays in some programs.

Others, however, argued that the Obama Administration's budget for the nuclear weapons complex in FY2011 and the added funding outlined in the 1251 report demonstrated a strong commitment to recapitalizing the U.S. nuclear weapons complex, maintaining nuclear warheads, and maintaining and modernizing the delivery vehicles. The Administration added nearly 10%, or over $700 million, to the DOE budget for nuclear weapons in FY2011. Ambassador Linton Brooks, who had served as the Director of the National Nuclear Security Administration during the Bush Administration, indicated that he would have "killed" for a budget of that magnitude when he was managing the nuclear weapons complex for DOE.[120] While the 2011 Budget Control Act required some delays in planned spending on nuclear weapons modernization, the Obama and Trump Administrations' budget proposals continued to show increases above the levels expected before the ratification of New START.

Russian Modernization

Russia is also deploying new missiles, submarines, and bombers to replace aging systems within the limits of New START. At the same time, it may be developing new types of strategic offensive arms that might not be captured by the limits in the treaty. In his annual address on March 1, 2018, Russian President Putin announced that Russia was developing several new nuclear delivery vehicles that could evade or penetrate U.S. ballistic missile defenses.[121] One of the new weapons mentioned in the speech, the large, multiple-warhead ICBM known as the Sarmat, would by most estimates clearly count under the New START Treaty.

However, other systems—including a long-range nuclear-powered cruise missile, a long-range nuclear-armed underwater drone, and an air-delivered hypersonic cruise missile—may not be covered by the treaty's definitions of existing types of strategic offensive systems. As was noted above, the treaty addresses the possible emergence of new types of strategic offensive arms in paragraph 2 of Article V, where it states that the parties should raise their concerns about such weapons in the BCC. It does not, however, indicate how the parties will resolve such questions or whether they must agree before a weapon is included or excluded from the treaty limits. According to Under Secretary of State Thompson, in September 2018, the United States had not yet questioned Russia about these systems. However, these weapons would only raise concerns under New START if they were deployed before the treaty expired. Many analysts doubt that this

[120] https://www.armscontrol.org/issue-briefs/2010-12/nuclear-weapons-budget-more-enough-maintain-arsenal-modernize-complex.

[121] Anton Troianovski, "Putin Claims Russia Is Developing Nuclear Arms Capable of Avoiding Missile Defenses," *Washington Post*, March 1, 2018, https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/putin-claims-russia-has-nuclear-arsenal-capable-of-avoiding-missile-defenses/2018/03/01/d2dcf522-1d3b-11e8-b2d9-08e748f892c0_story.html.

will happen since most of the weapons mentioned in the speech seem to be in the early stages of development.[122]

Nonstrategic Nuclear Weapons

Presidents Obama and Medvedev agreed, in April 2009, when they initiated the negotiations on the New START Treaty, that this agreement would address only strategic nuclear forces, the long-range weapons that each side could use to reach the territory of the other side. It would not seek to limit or restrict the shorter-range nonstrategic nuclear weapons in either side's arsenal. This agreement derived not only from the fact that the existing START Treaty, and nearly all past bilateral arms control treaties, had addressed only strategic nuclear weapons, but also from the fact that many of the issues that would need to be addressed in a treaty that limited nonstrategic nuclear weapons would likely prove too complex to resolve in the near term, when both sides sought to replace the existing START Treaty.

There was widespread agreement in Congress, in the Obama Administration, and within the arms control community, that the United States and Russia should seek to negotiate a treaty that increases transparency and possibly imposes limits on nonstrategic strategic nuclear weapons. However, there is also widespread agreement that negotiating such a treaty would prove extremely difficult, as Russia maintains a far larger stock of these weapons than the United States, in part to compensate for perceived weaknesses in its conventional forces, and because U.S. nonstrategic nuclear weapons are a part of the U.S. commitment to NATO, and the United States believes that any changes in their deployment should be addressed by the alliance before they are addressed in an arms control negotiation.

Some analysts and Senators questioned whether the United States should agree to further reductions in its strategic nuclear weapons in the absence of any limits on Russian nonstrategic nuclear weapons. They noted that Russia retains more than 2,000 operational nonstrategic nuclear weapons while the United States has around 200 in Europe, and that the value of these weapons could grow as the numbers of U.S. and Russian strategic nuclear weapons decline. They also noted that these weapons could seem particularly threatening to some of the new NATO states that are located near the periphery of Russia. Others however, argued that Russian nonstrategic nuclear weapons do not pose a threat to the United States or NATO, as Russia has indicated that these weapons would only be used in response to an attack on Russian territory. So, these analysts noted, as long as NATO does not initiate such an attack, NATO members would not be threatened by these weapons. Moreover, as Senator Lugar noted in his response to former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney's critique of New START, most of Russia's nonstrategic nuclear weapons do not pose a missile threat to Europe. Senator Lugar stated that "most of Russia's tactical nuclear weapons either have very short ranges, are used for homeland air defense, are devoted to the Chinese border, or are in storage."[123]

Many of the experts who testified in support of the New START Treaty agreed that the United States and Russia should pursue negotiations on a treaty on nonstrategic nuclear weapons. However, most agreed that Russia would be unwilling to participate in such discussions, and the United States and Russia would be unlikely to find common ground on such an agreement, unless

[122] James Cameron, "Putin Just Bragged About Russia's Nuclear Weapons. Here's the Real Story." *Washington Post*, March 5, 2018, https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/03/05/putin-claims-russia-has-invincible-nuclear-weapons-heres-the-story-behind-this/.

[123] Press Release of Senator Richard Lugar. "Lugar: Romney Misinformed on New START Treaty." July 8, 2010, https://www.foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/release/lugar-romney-misinformed-on-new-start-treaty.

both sides ratified and implemented the New START Treaty first. For example, in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on April 29, 2010, former Secretaries of Defense James Schlesinger and William Perry both indicated that nonstrategic nuclear weapons should be an issue for the next treaty, and that the United States should ratify New START as a step on the path to get to reduction in nonstrategic nuclear weapons.[124]

The Trump Administration, in the Nuclear Posture Review released on February 2, 2018, also expressed concerns about Russia's stockpile of nonstrategic nuclear weapons. While it did not advocate for the negotiation of a treaty specifically limiting these weapons, it did indicate that Russia would have to address these concerns before the United States would be willing to negotiate further reductions in strategic nuclear weapons. Thus, when it began discussions with Russia on New START extension in 2020, it insisted that Russia agree to link an extension to an agreement to freeze the number of warheads in its nuclear stockpile.

New START and the U.S. Nuclear Nonproliferation Agenda

The Obama Administration argued that U.S.-Russian cooperation on arms control, in general, and the New START Treaty, specifically, could help move forward the U.S. and international nuclear nonproliferation agenda. No one has argued that the treaty will convince nations who are seeking their own nuclear weapon that they should follow the U.S. and Russian lead and reduce those weapons or roll back those programs. However, some have argued that U.S.-Russian cooperation on arms control could strengthen the U.S.-Russian cooperation on a broader array of issues and that, "cooperation is a prerequisite for moving forward with tough, internationally binding sanctions on Iran."[125]

Moreover, some have noted that U.S.-Russian cooperation on arms control would also demonstrate that these nations are living up to their obligations under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT).[126] Most nations that are parties to the NPT believe that reductions in the number of deployed nuclear weapons are a clear indicator of U.S. and Russian compliance with their obligations under Article VI of the NPT.[127] During the preparatory committee meetings (PrepComs) leading up to the 2010 Review Conference of the NPT, many of the participants called on the United States and Russia to complete negotiations on a New START Treaty. While the completion of this treaty may not assure the United States of widespread agreement on U.S. goals and priorities at the NPT review conference, many argue that the absence of an agreement would have certainly complicated U.S. efforts and reduced the chances for a successful conference.

In contrast, some have argued that the New START Treaty will do little to advance U.S. nonproliferation goals. They noted that the parties at the NPT review conference may express their approval of the New START, but their positions on substantive issues would reflect their own national security interests and goals. Moreover, some critics argue that New START might

[124] U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, *Senate Foreign Relations Committee Holds Hearing on U.S.-Russia Arms Control Cooperation*, Hearing, 111th Cong., 2nd sess., April 29, 2010.

[125] Under Secretary of State Ellen Tauscher, *The Case for New START Ratification*, Atlantic Council Panel Discussion, April 21, 2010, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/us/140633.htm.

[126] Ibid.

[127] Article VI states that the parties to the treaty will "pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a Treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control." https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/isn/trty/16281.htm.

undermine U.S. nonproliferation goals by calling into question U.S. security commitments and the continuing salience of U.S. nuclear weapons.

The State Department, in its press releasing announcing that the United States had met its obligation to reduce to the New START limits, noted that "the United States continues to demonstrate its commitment to fulfilling its arms control obligations, including under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons" through its adherence to the New START limits.[128]

U.S.-Russian Arms Control After New START

Prospects for Further Reductions

In 2010, when it signed the New START Treaty, the Obama Administration indicated that it hoped this would be the first step in a renewed arms control process with Russia. In his statement on April 8, 2010, President Obama indicated that "this treaty will set the stage for further cuts. And going forward, we hope to pursue discussions with Russia on reducing both our strategic and tactical weapons, including nondeployed weapons."[129] In his State of the Union Address on February 12, 2013, the President stated that, as a part of the "effort to prevent the spread of the world's most dangerous weapons," the United States would "engage Russia to seek further reductions in our nuclear arsenals."[130] Then, on June 19, 2013, in a speech in Berlin, President Obama stated that, after a comprehensive review, he had "determined that we can ensure the security of America and our allies, and maintain a strong and credible strategic deterrent, while reducing our deployed strategic nuclear weapons by up to one-third." He stated that he intended "to seek negotiated cuts with Russia to move beyond Cold War nuclear postures."[131]

Many analysts outside government supported the idea of further reductions beyond New START. They had hoped New START would cut more deeply into U.S. and Russian forces, reducing them to perhaps 1,000 warheads on each side. Others focused their concern on the absence of limits on nonstrategic nuclear weapons and nondeployed nuclear warheads. They expected a second treaty to address some of these concerns. Some suggested that the two sides pursue a single, comprehensive treaty that would limit strategic, nonstrategic, and nondeployed warheads. This was similar to the approach that the Obama Administration appeared willing to pursue in 2013. Others suggested that the United States and Russia accelerate their reductions under New START, amend the treaty to reduce the numbers of permitted weapons, or agree informally to reduce their forces below New START levels. They argued that these steps, if the nations took them together, could enhance stability and reduce nuclear dangers, without waiting for the completion a new, lengthy treaty negotiation process.[132] Some also suggested that the United States and Russia could

[128] Heather Nauert, *New START Treaty Central Limits Take Effect*, U.S. Department of State, Press Statement, Washington, DC, February 5, 2018, https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/02/277888.htm.

[129] "Remarks by President Obama and President Medvedev of Russia at New START Signing Ceremony and Press Conference," April 8, 2010, available at https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/remarks-president-obama-and-president-medvedev-russia-new-start-treaty-signing-cere.

[130] The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, "Remarks by the President in the State of the Union Address," February 12, 2013. http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/02/12/remarks-president-state-union-address.

[131] The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, "Remarks by President Obama at the Brandenburg Gate—Berlin, Germany," June 19, 2013, http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/06/19/remarks-president-obama-brandenburg-gate-berlin-germany.

[132] See, for example, U.S. Department of State, International Security Advisory Board, *Options for Implementing Additional Nuclear Force Reductions*, Washington, DC, November 27, 2012, http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/201403.pdf.

increase transparency on their nonstrategic nuclear weapons, even if they were not yet ready to agree to limits or reductions in these systems.

Some have also suggested that the United States and Russia revisit proposals from prior treaties—such a ban or limits on multiple-warhead (MIRVed) missiles—as a way to not only deepen the reductions in deployed warheads but also to bolster stability in the strategic balance.[133] The United States and Russia agreed to ban land-based MIRVed missiles in the 1993 START II Treaty, as a way to reduce the vulnerability of land-based weapons and to ease the pressure to launch these weapons early in a crisis. They never implemented this ban, as the START II Treaty never entered into force, but concerns about crisis stability remain as Russia's modernization program includes the development of a new large, MIRVed land-based missile. On the other hand, Russia considers MIRVed land-based missiles to be a part of its response to U.S. ballistic missile defenses, and is unlikely to accept such a proposal.

Others, however, disputed the notion that the United States and Russia should follow New START with further reductions in nuclear weapons. While some were willing to support the modest reductions of New START, they would not have supported a treaty that imposed deeper reductions. They also objected to the broader arms control agenda that President Obama had outlined in his speech in Prague on April 5, 2009, including his call for the ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and his vision of a world free of nuclear weapons. Hence, some who concluded that the New START Treaty would not harm U.S. security by itself objected to its ratification because they believed its defeat would close the door on the rest of the President's arms control agenda.

Russia has also questioned whether New START was the first step towards deeper reductions. Shortly after the treaty entered into force, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov stated that Russia would not want to pursue further negotiations until New START had been implemented. Russian officials have stated, repeatedly, that a treaty mandating further reductions would not only have to include limits on U.S. ballistic missile defenses and nonnuclear strategic strike systems, but would also have to limit the forces of the other major nuclear powers.

Most experts agree that a new treaty that addressed each of these issues raised by both parties would likely be extremely difficult to complete. Russia has been unwilling to negotiate reductions in its nonstrategic nuclear weapons, and neither side may be willing to adopt the amount of transparency necessary to negotiate verifiable limits on nondeployed warheads in storage. The United States has firmly rejected Russia's proposals for limits on ballistic missile defense and is unwilling to include conventional-armed cruise missiles or other long-range missiles in nuclear arms control negotiations. Moreover, Britain, France, and China—the other declared nuclear weapons states under the NPT—have not shown any willingness to participate in the U.S.-Russian arms control process.

Prospects for the negotiation of a follow-on treaty dimmed further in 2014, following Russia's annexation of Crimea and incursion into Ukraine. In addition, in July 2014, the Obama Administration—in its Annual Report on Adherence to and Compliance with Arms Control, Nonproliferation, and Disarmament Agreements and Commitments—stated that the United States "has determined that the Russian Federation is in violation of its obligations under the [1987] Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty not to possess, produce, or flight-test a ground-launched cruise missile (GLCM) with a range capability of 500 km to 5,500 km, or to possess or

[133] Dakota S. Rudesill, "MIRVs Matter: Banning Hydra-Headed Missiles in a New START II Treaty," *Stanford Journal of International Law*, vol. 54, no. 1 (Winter 2018), pp. 83-115.

produce launchers of such missiles."[134] While Russia appeared to be complying with New START, most agreed that further negotiations would be unwise; some also suggested that the United States suspend its implementation of New START until Russia returned to compliance with the INF Treaty. Others, however, have argued that the United States should continue to implement New START, as the limits on the size of Russia's strategic forces and the transparency provided by its verification regime continue to serve U.S. national security interests.

Extending New START

Absent an agreement between the United States and Russia to extend New START for a period of no more than five years, the treaty will lapse in 2021. As was noted above, President Trump and President Putin reportedly discussed the treaty during their summit in Helsinki in July 2018, with President Putin presenting President Trump with a document suggesting that they extend the treaty after resolving "existing problems related to the Treaty implementation," but the two did not reach an agreement on the issue.[135] In the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review, the Trump Administration noted that the United States had met the treaty's central limits, and that it would "continue to implement the New START Treaty and verify Russian compliance." It did not, however, indicate whether it might seek an extension of the treaty and made it clear that it was unlikely to negotiate a new treaty before New START's expiration in 2021. It noted that the United States is committed to "arms control efforts that advance U.S., allied, and partner security; are verifiable and enforceable; and include partners that comply responsibly with their obligations." But it also noted that Russian actions, including its noncompliance with the INF Treaty and other arms control agreements, and its actions in Crimea and Ukraine made further progress difficult.[136]

The Trump Administration conducted an interagency review of New START to determine whether it continues to serve U.S. national security interests, has indicated that this review would inform the U.S. approach to the treaty's extension.[137] Administration officials addressed this review during testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on September 18, 2018.[138] Both Under Secretary of State Andrea Thompson and Deputy Under Secretary of Defense David Trachtenberg emphasized how Russia's violation of the INF Treaty and its more general approach to arms control undermined U.S. confidence in the arms control process. Under Secretary Thomson noted that "the value of any arms control agreement is derived from our treaty partners maintaining compliance with their obligations and avoiding actions that result in mistrust and the potential for miscalculation." She also said that Russia's noncompliance "has created a trust deficit that leads the United States to question Russia's commitment to arms

[134] U.S. Department of State, *Adherence to and Compliance with Arms Control, Nonproliferation, and Disarmament Agreements and Commitments*, Washington, DC, July 2014, p. 8, https://2009-2017.state.gov/t/avc/rls/rpt/2014/230047.htm.

[135] Bryan Bender, "Leaked Document: Putin Lobbied Trump on Arms Control," *Politico*, August 7, 2018.

[136] U.S. Department of Defense, *Nuclear Posture Review*, Report, Washington, DC, February 2, 2018, https://media.defense.gov/2018/Feb/02/2001872886/-1/-1/1/2018-NUCLEAR-POSTURE-REVIEW-FINAL-REPORT.PDF.

[137] U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, *Status of U.S.-Russia Arms Control Efforts*, hearing, 115th Cong., 2nd sess., September 18, 2018. See the prepared statement of Honorable David Trachtenberg, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, https://www.foreign.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/091818_Trachtenberg_Testimony.pdf.

[138] U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, "Status of U.S.-Russia Arms Control Efforts," hearing, 115th Cong., 2nd sess., September 18, 2018.

control as a way to manage and stabilize our strategic relationship and promote greater transparency and predictability."

Several Senators questioned whether the Administration's review would include a broader assessment of whether the provisions in New START contributed to U.S. national security. They focused on both the benefits of the limits on U.S. and Russian nuclear forces and the value of the transparency provided by the monitoring and verification regime. Deputy Under Secretary Trachtenberg acknowledged that "the verification and monitoring and on-site inspection provisions provide a level of openness and transparency that is useful and beneficial not just to the United States but to our allies as well." But he reiterated that "any decision on extending the treaty will, and should be, based on a realistic assessment of whether the New START treaty remains in our national security interests in light of overall Russian arms control behavior."[139]

Senators held a similar conversation with Under Secretary Thompson and Deputy Under Secretary Trachtenberg during a hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on May 15, 2019. In this hearing, the two witnesses addressed concerns about Russia's development of new kinds of strategic offensive arms that would fall outside the New START limits, Russia's nonstrategic nuclear weapons that are not covered by the Treaty, and China's nuclear modernization programs. At the same time, Under Secretary Thompson refused to speculate about possible changes in Russian forces if the treaty were to expire, and Deputy Under Secretary Trachtenberg declined to offer insights into how the United States might alter its nuclear forces or how it might recover the data and information provided by New START's verification regime if the treaty were to expire.[140]

During this hearing, Undersecretary of State Andrea Thompson stated that the United States had begun to hold discussions with Russia about its new kinds of strategic weapons at the technical expert level. Russian officials have stated that some of its new strategic systems should not count under New START because they do not meet the treaty's definition of deployed missile launchers or heavy bombers. At the same time, they have recognized that the new 10-warhead land-based ballistic missile and the new Avangard missile-based hypersonic glide vehicle will count under New START. Russia conducted its static exhibition of the Avangard for U.S. treaty inspectors in November 2019 and, according to press reports, began to deploy the system in late December 2019.

Russia did not rejected U.S. proposals to address its new kinds of long-range delivery systems, but it has refused to count them under New START. Instead, it has suggested that the two sides discuss these weapons in a separate forum, that addresses concerns about strategic stability. It has indicated that this forum could meet in the years after the parties extend New START. Russia has not yet produced any of these weapons, and may produce only a small number between 2021 and 2026. So even if these weapons were not captured by New START, such discussions could occur before the weapons posed a significant threat to the United States or its allies.

As noted above, U.S. and Russian officials met in August 2020 and October 2020 to discuss the possible extension of New START. In August, Ambassador Billingslea made it clear that the United States would be willing to let New START lapse, but might agree to extend it for a short period of time if Russia agreed to sign a "politically binding statement" that included an outline for a follow-on treaty. The United States insisted that Russia agree, in this statement, to limit all its nuclear weapons under the next treaty, that it accept expanded monitoring and verification provisions in the framework for a subsequent treaty, and that it agree that China must participate

[139] Ibid.

[140] U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Future of Nuclear Arms Control, Hearing, 116th Cong., 1st sess., May 15, 2019.

in the negotiations when the parties converted the statement into a legally binding treaty. At the same time, the United States rejected Russia's proposals for limits on U.S. shorter-range nuclear weapons and for the United Kingdom and France to participate in future negotiations. Russian officials also indicated that they supported the extension of New START, but would not "pay any price" to reach that goal.[141]

In October, the United States narrowed its position by seeking to pair a short-term extension of New START with a short-term freeze on both sides' nuclear arsenals. The freeze would accommodate U.S. demands for limits on Russian nonstrategic nuclear weapons without addressing other issues in the August proposal. He also stated that Presidents Trump and Putin had reached an "agreement in principle" on this deal and that he and Deputy Foreign Minister Ryabkov could complete an agreement quickly. He seemed to imply that Ryabkov was either unaware of this agreement or had not yet received his instructions to complete the deal.[142]

Deputy Foreign Minister Ryabkov called the U.S. reports of a quick agreement "an illusion." He stated that the proposed freeze "is unacceptable" because it would not address Russian concerns about U.S. weapons. Ryabkov also disputed the U.S. assertion that the two sides could conclude the agreement before the election.

On October 16, President Putin proposed that the two sides extend New START "unconditionally for at least a year" while they continue talks on other arms control issues. President Trump's National Security Advisor, Robert O'Brien, dismissed this as a "non-starter" without the freeze on nuclear arsenals, and suggested that Russia's position could lead to "a costly arms race." On October 20, the Russian Foreign Ministry stated that Russia *would* accept a one-year freeze on nuclear arsenals if the United States did not add any conditions to the freeze. Russia also indicated the countries could "hold comprehensive bilateral talks" on "all factors that can influence strategic stability" during the extension. The U.S. State Department responded by welcoming the Russian statement and noting that the "United States is prepared to meet immediately to finalize a verifiable agreement." Russia, however, considers the requirement for verification to be an unacceptable condition added to the freeze.[143]

On October 22, President Putin repeated his call to extend the treaty and freeze weapons for a year, without preconditions. Deputy Foreign Minister Ryabkov and NSA O'Brien both acknowledged that the two sides remain at odds over whether to codify verification measures before extending New START or to work them out in discussions following the extension.[144] The United States and Russia did not resolve these differences before the end of the Trump Administration.

Reports indicate that the Biden Administration is likely to seek the prompt extension of New START. In November 2020, Anthony Blinken, designated at the incoming Secretary of State, suggested that President Biden would extend New START for five years and then would seek to

[141] Elena Chernenko, "'If Russia does not accept our offer before the elections, the entry price will go up,'" *Kommersant*, September 21, 2020, https://www.kommersant.ru/doc/4499882; Elena Chernenko, "'There is no good deal in sight on the basis the Americans are proposing,'" *Kommersant*, September 22, 2020, https://www.kommersant.ru/doc/4501227.

[142] Julian Borger, "Nuclear arms talks spiral into confusion as Russia rejects US 'delusion,'" *The Guardian*, October 13, 2020, https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/oct/13/us-russia-arms-control-talks-new-start-treaty.

[143] John Hudson and Paul Sonne, "Trump administration rejects Putin's offer on nuclear arms deal extension," *Washington Post*, October 16, 2020, https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/trump-administration-rejects-putins-offer-on-nuclear-arms-deal-extension/2020/10/16/48d01db8-0fe2-11eb-bfcf-b1893e2c51b4_story.html.

[144] Lara Seligman and Bryan Bender, "Hopes dim for nuclear agreement with Russia before Election Day," *Politico*, October 23, 2020, https://www.politico.com/news/2020/10/23/nuclear-agreement-russia-election-day-431369.

expand the arms control process to include other types of weapons and additional countries.[145] Reports indicate, however, that some incoming Administration officials believe that an extension for less than five years would provide the United States with leverage in affecting the shape of a future agreement.[146] Officials from the outgoing Trump Administration have suggested that the Biden Administration continue to pursue the framework from late 2020 to lock in Russia's commitment to impose a cap on the size of its stockpile.[147] Others, however, note that this framework should not be binding on the Biden Administration because the two nations had not actually reached an agreement on what would be limited or how to count the limited items.

Those who favor renegotiating, rather than extending, New START believe it would provide the United States with the opportunity to press Russia to include limits on its new types of long-range nuclear delivery systems and to accept limits on shorter-range, nonstrategic delivery vehicles. But this approach envisions a more complicated treaty and could take years to complete the negotiations. Therefore, it may not provide a capable or timely response to the impending expiration of New START. As noted above, Russia has been unwilling to accept limits on its nonstrategic nuclear delivery vehicles in the past, and any attempt to convince Russia to do so in the future may require the United States to agree to the elimination of its nuclear weapons deployed in Europe. Deputy Foreign Minister Ryabkov reiterated this point during an interview in October 2020.[148] Moreover, while limits on nonstrategic nuclear weapons have long been a U.S. priority for the next arms control agreement, Russia has stated that the next agreement should include limits on U.S. ballistic missile defense programs, limits on nonnuclear strategic-range delivery systems (specifically, U.S. sea-launched cruise missiles), and limits on other nations' (specifically British and French) nuclear forces. These demands would likely impede an effort to renegotiate or replace New START before its 2021 expiration, but could be included in a framework for a new agreement to be negotiated after an extension of New START.

Some have also questioned whether the United States should extend New START because they believe it might eventually constrain the ongoing U.S. nuclear modernization program.[149] While the United States plans to recapitalize all three legs of its nuclear triad, each program is sized to fit within the limits of New START. But, with growing concerns about the challenges the United States might face from Russia and China, along with growing concerns about the scope of their nuclear modernization programs, the United States might eventually seek to expand its forces beyond the limits in New START. The 2018 Nuclear Posture Review hints at this possibility by noting that the plan for rebuilding the sea-based leg of the nuclear triad will include *at least* 12 Columbia-class submarines, thus leaving open the possibility of a larger program.

Nevertheless, based on the pace of modernization, New START may not interfere with the U.S. modernization program, even if the treaty were extended for five years. Most of the new U.S. systems are not scheduled to enter the force until the late 2020s, after New START's 2026

[145] David Sanger, "The End of 'America First': How Biden Says He Will Re-engage With the World," *New York Times*, November 30, 2020, https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/09/us/politics/biden-foreign-policy.html.

[146] Jonathan Landay and Arshad Mohammed, "Biden urged to extend U.S.-Russia arms treaty for full 5 years without conditions," *Reuters*, November 25, 2020, https://www.reuters.com/article/usa-biden-armscontrol/biden-urged-to-extend-u-s-russia-arms-treaty-for-full-5-years-without-conditions-idUSKBN2852Y0.

[147] Jon Kyl and Tim Morrison, "Biden faces big decisions on nuclear arms control—here's what he should do," *Fox News*, December 19, 2020, https://www.foxnews.com/opinion/nuclear-arms-control-biden-jon-kyl-tim-morrison.

[148] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov's interview with the Kommersant newspaper, October 22, 2020, https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/-/asset_publisher/cKNonkJE02Bw/content/id/4402033.

[149] For details, see CRS Report RL33640, *U.S. Strategic Nuclear Forces: Background, Developments, and Issues*, by Amy F. Woolf.

expiration. Moreover, the new systems are to replace existing, older systems, which would keep the U.S. force within the New START limits for many years. Any expansion beyond those limits would not occur until later in the 2030s. On the other hand, if New START were to expire in 2021, the United States might feel compelled to both accelerate and expand its modernization programs if Russia were to expand its nuclear programs when released from the constraints of the treaty.

Prospects for Trilateral Arms Control

U.S. Views

In April 2019, President Trump directed his staff to develop proposals for expanded arms control efforts that include China as a party, noting that the United States should "persuade China to join an arms-control pact limiting or verifying its capabilities for the first time."[150] The Administration has labeled this approach as "21st century arms control" and has argued that it would better serve U.S. national security interests than would the extension of New START.[151] Administration officials did not offer many details about the U.S. goals for these discussions beyond calling for an agreement that would limit all the nuclear weapons deployed by all three nations.[152] Nevertheless, a senior State Department official maintained that it is critical to bring China into the arms control process because "China has enjoyed having both Moscow and Washington constrained by strategic arms control, and it is on track to at least double the size of its arsenal over the next few years."[153] Trump Administration officials have also suggested that China should want to join in the U.S.-Russian arms control process to solidify its status as a great power. As Marshall Billingslea recently argued, "Great power status requires behaving with great power responsibility."[154] A State Department official also recently suggested that the United States would "mobilize world opinion against [China] if they don't negotiate with us."[155]

When the United States and Russia began discussions on strategic stability and the arms control in July 2020, the United States insisted that the China participate in the negotiations. However, as noted below, China has refused to join the talks and Russia has rejected the U.S. suggestion that it pressure China to do so. When the United States and Russia met again in August 2020, the United States seemed willing to begin discussions on a follow-on agreement to New START without China at the table. In his statement following the meeting, Billingslea reiterated the U.S. goal of

[150] Paul Sonne and John Hudson, "Trump orders staff to prepare arms-control push with Russia and China," *Washington Post,* April 25, 2019, https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/trump-orders-staff-to-prepare-arms-control-push-with-russia-and-china/2019/04/25/c7f05e04-6076-11e9-9412-daf3d2e67c6d_story.html?utm_term=.3e294ce0a8e9.

[151] Christopher A. Ford, *U.S. Priorities for "Next-Generation Arms Control,"* U.S Department of State, Arms Control and International Security Papers, Washington , DC, April 6, 2020, https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/T-paper-series-1-Arms-Control-2.pdf.

[152] Paul Sonne and John Hudson, "Trump orders staff to prepare arms-control push with Russia and China," Washington Post, April 25, 2019.

[153] U.S. Department of State, Briefing with Senior State Department Official on the New START, March 9, 2020, https://www.state.gov/briefing-with-senior-state-department-official-on-the-new-start/.

[154] Michael R. Gordon, "Russian Negotiator Doubts China Will Join 3-Way Arms Accord Sought by Trump," *Wall Street Journal*, June 9, 2020, https://www.wsj.com/articles/russian-negotiator-doubts-china-will-join-3-way-arms-accord-sought-by-trump-11591735208.

[155] Paul Sonne and Robyn Dixon, "Trump envoy to begin nuclear talks with Russia as key treaty hangs in the balance," *Washington Post,* June 9, 2020, https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/trump-envoy-to-begin-nuclear-talks-with-russia-as-key-treaty-hangs-in-the-balance/2020/06/09/ed38c196-a1df-11ea-9d96-c3f7c755fd6e_story.html.

including China in the arms control negotiations, but indicated that the United States was "not suggesting … that we would amend the New START Treaty to include China." He did, however, indicate that the new U.S.-Russian framework would have to include a path for China to join because "the next treaty will have to be multilateral, it will have to include China."[156]

Some analysts familiar with China's views and the U.S.-Russian arms control process contend that the United States would have difficulty negotiating an agreement with China with limits similar to those mandated by the U.S.-Russian New START Treaty. As noted above, this treaty permits the United States and Russia to deploy 1,550 warheads on their long-range nuclear delivery systems; unclassified estimates contend that China deploys fewer than 150 warheads on systems of a similar range.[157] China might reject a treaty that codified this imbalance; the United States and Russia would likely object to an agreement that either invited China to increase its forces to U.S. and Russian levels or required the U.S. and Russia to reduce their forces to China's level. Consequently, some analysts have suggested that the United States seek a political commitment from China with a pledge to refrain from increasing its nuclear forces while the United States and Russia remain bound by the limits of New START.[158] Alternatively, the United States and China could also pursue bilateral talks where they could share information and concerns about their respective nuclear forces. Such talks could open communications and build confidence between the two governments, while also possibly identifying areas for further cooperation.

Current and former State Department officials have also noted the difficulties with bringing China into the arms control negotiations. Andrea Thompson, the former Under Secretary of State for International Security and Arms Control, recently noted that she raised the issue repeatedly with Chinese officials, and "they were not interested in having a discussion."[159] In December 2019, then-Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Ford sent China an invitation to begin a two-way "strategic security dialogue." China has not responded to this invitation, but the White House apparently believes these talks could serve as a "first step toward an agreement that will cover all U.S., Russian and Chinese nuclear weapons."[160]

Nevertheless, in May 2020 Marshall Billingslea suggested that the United States would be unlikely to extend New START unless China joins the arms control process.[161] He modified this approach in August 2020, when he acknowledged that the United States would not seek to amend New START to include China and that the United States would likely work with Russia to negotiate a "politically binding" framework agreement on a successor agreement. But he also

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[156] U.S. Department of State, Briefing with Ambassador Marshall Billingslea, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control And Lt. Gen. Thomas Bussiere, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, Vienna, August 18, 2020, https://www.state.gov/briefing-with-ambassador-marshall-billingslea-u-s-special-presidential-envoy-for-arms-control-and-lt-gen-thomas-bussiere-deputy-commander-of-the-u-s-strategic-command/.

[157] Hans M. Kristensen and Matt Korda, "Chinese nuclear forces, 2019," Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, vol. 75, no. 4 (2019), https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00963402.2019.1628511.

[158] Frank Rose, *Bringing China into the fold on arms control and strategic stability issues*, The Brookings Institute, Washington, DC, September 25, 2019, https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2019/09/25/bringing-china-into-the-fold-on-arms-control-and-strategic-stability-issues/.

[159] Julian Borger, "Trump to pull US out of third arms control deal," *The Guardian*, May 24, 2020, https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/may/24/nuclear-weapons-donald-trump-arms-control-chaos.

[160] Christopher A. Ford, *U.S. Priorities for "Next-Generation Arms Control,"* U.S Department of State, Arms Control and International Security Papers, Washington, DC, April 6, 2020, p. 5, https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/T-paper-series-1-Arms-Control-2.pdf.

[161] William Gertz, "EXCLUSIVE: Envoy says China is key to new arms deal with Russia," *The Washington Times*, May 7, 2020, https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/may/7/marshall-billingslea-says-new-start-fate-hangs-chi/.

argued that this framework should include a pathway for China to join the discussions and continued to insist that a future treaty would have to include China.[162] Billingslea has noted that China is modernizing its nuclear forces, and that it plans to transform its military into a "first tier force by 2050." Therefore, he stated, a "three-way arms control agreement would provide the best way to avoid an unpredictable three-way arms race." He also argued that Russia should take the initiative to bring China to the negotiating table.[163] In response to questions about why China should participate and what incentives the United States would offer, he noted that China wants to "be afforded great power status" and that the United States is "certainly willing to afford them that respect." He also pointed out that, if China and Russia did not agree to pursue arms control agreements that met the U.S. goals, they could face an arms race with the United States. He said "we know how to spend the adversary into oblivion. If we have to, we will, but we sure would like to avoid it."[164] Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Ford made a similar point in the paper he published in April 2020, when he stated that "we are giving Moscow and Beijing incentives to negotiate seriously with us by being prepared to compete ruthlessly and effectively with them—and to win that competition—if they will not talk."[165]

Russian Views

In his remarks at the Hudson Institute, Special Presidential Envoy Billingslea noted that Russia has agreed with the U.S. suggestion that future arms control agreements include other nuclear-armed nations. Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov highlighted this point in comments he made shortly before New START entered into force in 2011. At the time, he suggested that further steps in arms control could not occur until the United States and Russia fulfilled their obligations under New START and that, when they did occur, they would have to include other nuclear armed nations.[166] While most observers believed this was a reference to China, Russia, and the Soviet Union before it, have long believed that arms control treaties should also limit British and French nuclear forces because these can reach targets in Russia. Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov confirmed this view in June 2019, when he noted that Russia "sees the need to include all countries" recognized as nuclear weapons states "in such a format." This would mean including "the UK and France, the closest allies of the United States, whose nuclear potentials are an integral element in the overall military planning system, including within the framework of NATO."[167]

Neither France, with around 300 nuclear warheads, nor the United Kingdom, with a force of around 200 warheads, has shown any interest in participating in the U.S.-Russian arms control

[162] U.S. Department of State, Briefing with Ambassador Marshall Billingslea, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control And Lt. Gen. Thomas Bussiere, Deputy Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, Vienna, August 18, 2020, https://www.state.gov/briefing-with-ambassador-marshall-billingslea-u-s-special-presidential-envoy-for-arms-control-and-lt-gen-thomas-bussiere-deputy-commander-of-the-u-s-strategic-command/.

[163] Hudson Institute, *Special Presidential Envoy Marshall Billingslea on the Future of Nuclear Arms Control*, Transcript, Washington, DC, May 21, 2020, https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.hudson.org/Transcript_Marshall%20Billingslea%20on%20the%20Future%20of%20Nuclear%20Arms%20Control.pdf.

[164] Ibid.

[165] Christopher A. Ford, *U.S. Priorities for "Next-Generation Arms Control,"* U.S Department of State, Arms Control and International Security Papers, Washington, DC, April 6, 2020, p. 5, https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/T-paper-series-1-Arms-Control-2.pdf.

[166] Richard Boudreaux, "Russia Says Next U.S. Arms Talks Must Include Others," *Wall Street Journal*, January 14, 2011, https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052748704307404576079953654840710.

[167] "Ryabkov: meeting with Thompson gave a start to contacts of the Russian Federation and the United States on strategic stability," *Tass*, June 12, 2019, https://tass.ru/politika/6543135.

process. Hence, if the United States believes that a 21st century arms control treaty must include China, and Russia believes it must also include the United Kingdom and France, the prospects of negotiating such a treaty before New START expires, or even as a replacement after New START is extended, seem extremely low.

At the same time, Russian officials have rejected the U.S. view that Russia must work to bring China into the arms control process. In a statement issued in May 2020, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated Russia is "ready to support any multilateral initiatives that can enhance international security and stability. However, this must be based on the free will of their potential participants. No country may be coerced into them."[168] Deputy Foreign Minister Ryabkov also rejected the suggestion that Russia bring China to the table, noting that "it is a sovereign right of any nation to join any talks."[169]

Chinese Views

China has long been opposed to participation in formal negotiations to limit or reduce nuclear weapons. The PRC generally argues that the United States and Russia, as the nuclear powers with by far the largest arsenals and the greatest capabilities, should take the first steps toward meaningful arms control.[170] Consistent with this past approach, China rejected the Trump Administration's April 2019 invitation to participate in arms control negotiations with Russia and the United States. At the time, Geng Shuang, a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, noted that China's "nuclear force is always kept at the minimum level required by national security, with an order-of-magnitude difference from that of the US and Russia."[171] PRC officials reiterated this point on multiple occasions in 2019 and 2020.[172] China has also rejected calls by the United States and others in the international community for it to offer more transparency into the size and structure of its nuclear forces, noting that these measures would only aid its adversaries in planning attacks against those forces.[173]

[168] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Briefing by Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Maria Zakharova, Moscow, May 14, 2020, https://www.mid.ru/en/foreign_policy/news/-/asset_publisher/cKNonkJE02Bw/content/id/4122532#6.

[169] Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov. Comments. The Gorchakov Fund. Moscow, May 22, 2020.

[170] Pan Zhengqiang, "China's No First Use of Nuclear Weapons," in *Understanding Chinese Nuclear Thinking*, eds. Li Bin and Tong Zhao, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2016, p. 65.

[171] Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, *Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Geng Shuang's Regular Press Conference on May 6, 2019*, Beijing, China, May 6, 2019, https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/t1661163.shtml.

[172] PRC Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Geng Shuang's Regular Press Conference on January 22, 2020," January 22, 2020, at https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/2511_665403/t1735126.shtml.

[173] China has not rejected all forms of arms control, as it has participated in discussions in international arms control fora, including the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. It is a party to the Chemical Weapons Convention, Biological Weapons Convention, and Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT). It has signed (although it has not yet ratified) the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. It also participates in the P-5 process (a reference to the Permanent five members of the UN Security Council), where the United States, Russia, China, France, and the United Kingdom discuss measures to reduce nuclear risks within the context of the NPT. Maximilian Hoell, *The P5 Process: Ten Years On*, European Leadership Network, Global Security Policy Brief, London, August 2019, https://www.europeanleadershipnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/190925-P5-Process-Max-Hoell-1.pdf.

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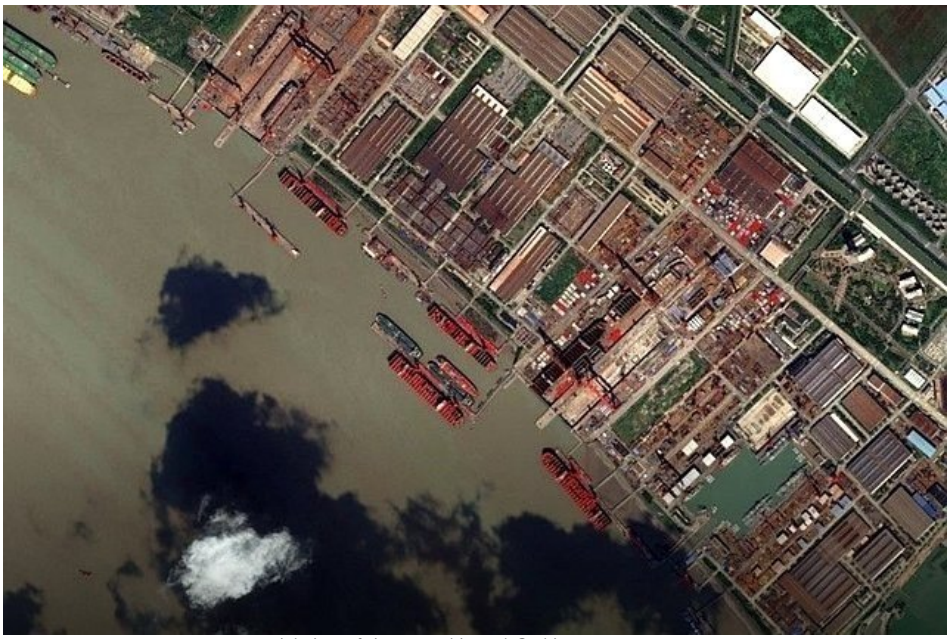

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The Chinese Navy's large aircraft carrier, Type 003, is expected to be launched in 2021 and enter naval service around 2025.

General outline of the warship is already identifiable in recent openly available photographs. Blocks of the Type 003 aircraft carrier are currently being assembled in Shanghai-based Jiangnan Shipyard.

After all the blocks are put together, the upper structures will be installed. Since the blocks are built in advance, the assembly and the outfitting work will take much less time compared with China's second aircraft carrier, Ordnance Industry Science Technology, a Chinese defense industry magazine, said in a report published in its WeChat account on Saturday.

The current status indicates that the Type 003 could be only a few months away from its launch before the end of 2021. After this the carrier will undertake outfitting work, be installed with equipment including radar and sensor devices, conduct tests and embark on sea trials, which could take about two years, meaning the warship could join naval service in 2024 or 2025, the magazine predicted.

The Chinese media had speculated earlier that the warship could be launched in 2020.

Chinese state broadcaster China Central Television (CCTV) also expects the country's third aircraft carrier to make its public debut in 2021.

"2021 is a year full of expectations, including the Type 003 aircraft carrier and also the H-20 bomber. It is time for our technological development to bear fruit," Song Zhongping, a Chinese military expert and TV commentator, told the Global Times on Sunday.

Type 003 carrier is expected to be as big as U.S. Navy's Kitty Hawk-class, displacing more than 80,000 tons. The magazine said that the ship is likely to be equipped with electromagnetic catapults to launch aircraft, replacing the ski jump method used on current Chinese carriers.

ARGUMENT

Russia's Security Agencies Are Both Terrifying and Incompetent

The ineptitude of the FSB sends a message about how powerful it is.

BY NATALIA ANTONOVA | JANUARY 15, 2021, 12:37 PM

In 2007, the popular Russian rock group DDT released a provocative album that featured, among other things, a song called "At the general's house." The song, written mostly from the point of view of a drunken general at the FSB (the Russian Federal Security Service) surrounded by his stolen wealth, mocked the corruption and cynicism of Russia's security forces. You might think this caused the band problems. But they remain as popular as ever.

That's because everyone in Russia knows that the FSB, and other security agencies, are insanely corrupt—and also often massively incompetent. It's a fact of life under President Vladimir Putin, as mundane as the weather. Russian state media may not like to dwell on it in order to protect its budgets, but Russians don't need the newspapers to tell them something that's already being rubbed in their faces every day.

Western media has written that the FSB's incompetence and inefficiency were "exposed" by the botched poisoning of opposition figure Alexei Navalny. But that incompetence, to Russians, is exactly what they expect from the security state. This isn't to take away from the gravity of the situation around Navalny—what happened was a travesty, even if it did involve poisoned underwear, and a clueless hitman discussing the assassination with Navalny himself on an unsecured line.

The FSB is not unique when it comes to botched assassinations. Take another security agency, the GRU, which attempted to poison another dissident in the UK—and the "chain of stupidity" that resulted in them being exposed.

In Putin's Russia, the security services don't actually need to be professional in order to be considered fearsome. In fact, no officials in Russia need to be professional in order to be feared. Instead, their terrifying reputation comes from a total lack of accountability.

In 2010, I had come to Russia to work as deputy editor of *The Moscow News*, an English language newspaper that was once a propaganda organ which traced its roots back to the Stalin era. Under my then boss, Tim Wall, the newspaper, while owned by state media agency RIA Novosti, was an editorially independent entity. RIA Novosti itself in those days was also very different from the propagandist cesspool it is today, with actual professionals in key roles, working to make it more like the Russian version of the BBC.

Even so, I was constantly warned about not running my mouth in front of some of the RIA people we worked with. When I became acting editor-in-chief of *The Moscow News*, I was even pulled aside and told to "watch myself" with some people rumored to be in constant contact with the FSB, reporting to them on all of my activities. The situation didn't so much scare me as irritate me.

I once shared a cigarette with one of the very people I had been warned about, listening to him bitterly complain about how he'd been late for a flight out of Moscow because the border patrol, which is run by the FSB, was slow that day (Russians stamp your passport when you enter and exit the country, and they do that for everybody—it's both an extra layer of security and surveillance).

"It was an outrage! Lines everywhere! But you can't complain, can you? Who do you complain about the FSB to?" ranted the man many of us thought to be an FSB asset himself.

For me, this was an important lesson in how power works in modern Russia. The powerful are powerful precisely because they are allowed to be incompetent. Whether it's a line at the airport, or an official motorcade blocking all of Moscow traffic, or an assassination gone wrong, the message is: "We're going to do what we want, and we don't care. Now watch us."

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In some ways, the incompetence of the armed and powerful in Russia can be even more terrifying than their flashes of competence. Just consider the botched Beslan siege, when Russian special forces stormed a school being held hostage and accidentally killed dozens of people.

In the Navalny case, even an assassination gone wrong can be exploited by the Kremlin for shock value. Yes, it will result in memes and plenty of people making fun of the situation. Yet at the same time, it's not as if the Russian government is going to be brought down by memes, and the leaders know that. As a Russian official told me off the record once, the memefication of the security services' screw-ups can actually be convenient, as it humanizes the participants.

In the UK case, when the men calling themselves "Petrov" and "Boshirov" sat down for a television interview in which they argued that they were innocent tourists and not GRU assassins, viewers couldn't help but cringe on their behalf.

The horror of what happened—and the fact that a woman died as the direct result of their actions—was lost in the carnival atmosphere that dominated the media coverage. "Petrov" and "Boshirov" came off as so fake and pathetic during the interview that plenty of Russians wound up feeling sorry for them.

A similar situation occurred with the FSB's Navalny poisoners. One of my favorite Russian writers, the playwright and satirist Valery Pecheykin, summed this up well in a Facebook post where he talked about the depressing states of the stairwells in buildings where both FSB hitmen and Russian dissidents live, with walls "green like ennui, like a phone call at 7 a.m., but also green like the spring." Pecheykin's posts capture both the absurdity and glacial stagnation of late Putinism—the government and its minions are a joke, the joke has been told over and over again, the joke is old, the joke is stale, and that too is part of its power.

Just like in DDT's song about the FSB general, there is a heart of darkness buried underneath the absurdity. By their actions, incompetent Russian assassins demonstrate that the government doesn't need to try. It just needs to exist.

When the narrator of the song asks the general how he wound up owning a palace, the general is first angry, then resigned. "Oh, son…" he says.

The weary paternalism of the general's words doesn't stop him from trying to mock-execute the narrator by dawn, after a night of drinking. If that's not a metaphor for the Russian security state as a whole, I don't know what is.

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NCR Forecast Overview (18JAN2021-24JAN2021)

Hazardous Weather: None

Caution: None

Detailed Forecast

M.L.King Day	Partly sunny, with a high near 46. West wind 6 to 16 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph.
Tonight	Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. West wind 8 to 13 mph.
Tuesday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 49. Southwest wind 8 to 11 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.
Tuesday Night	Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. West wind around 9 mph.
Wednesday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 41. Northwest wind 9 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 34 mph.
Wednesday Night	Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.
Thursday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.
Thursday Night	Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.
Friday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.
Friday Night	Mostly clear, with a low around 29.
Saturday	Sunny, with a high near 41.
Saturday Night	Mostly clear, with a low around 27.
Sunday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 41.

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NCR 5-DAY FORECAST

AS OF 0300 HRS LOCAL 18 JAN 21

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Weather Impact Matrix: Inauguration - US Capitol Next 24 Hours
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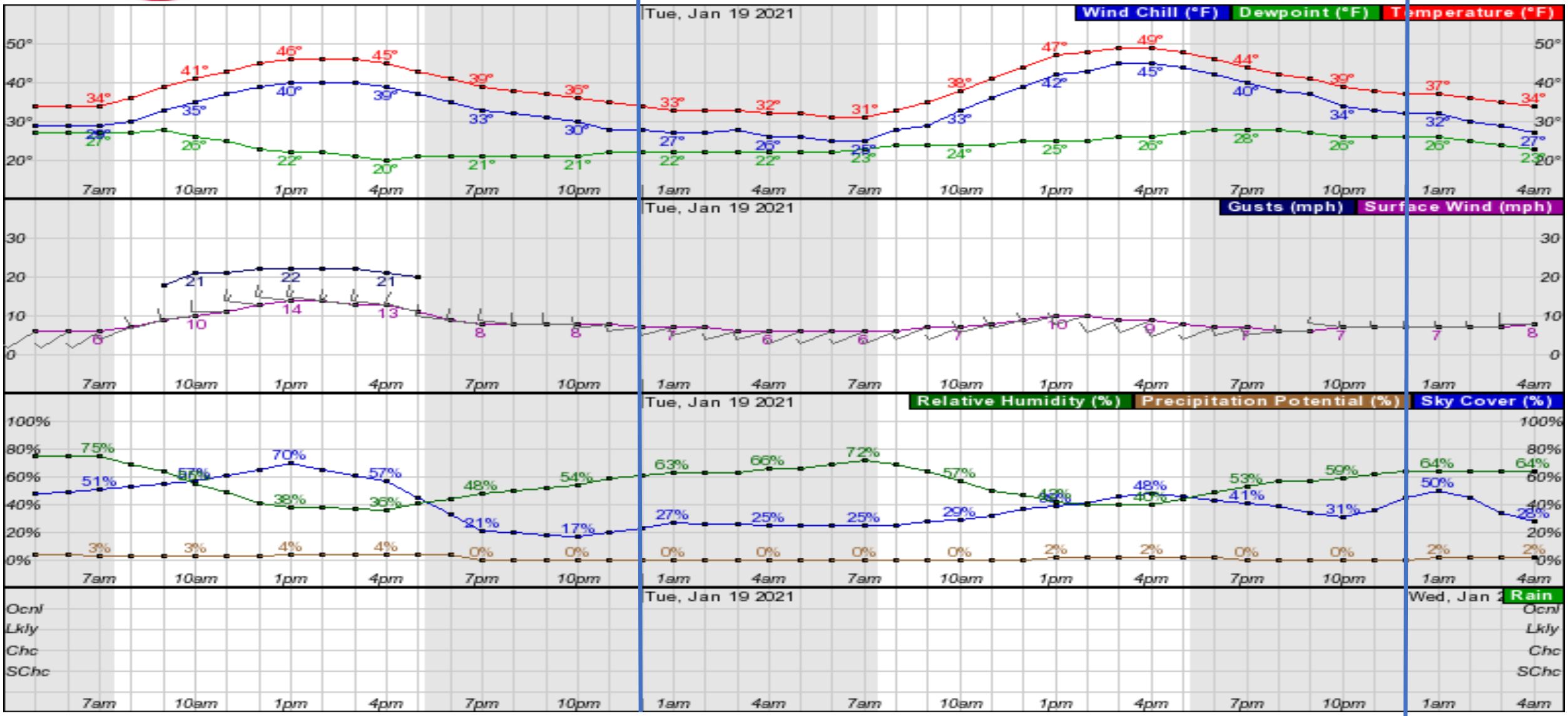

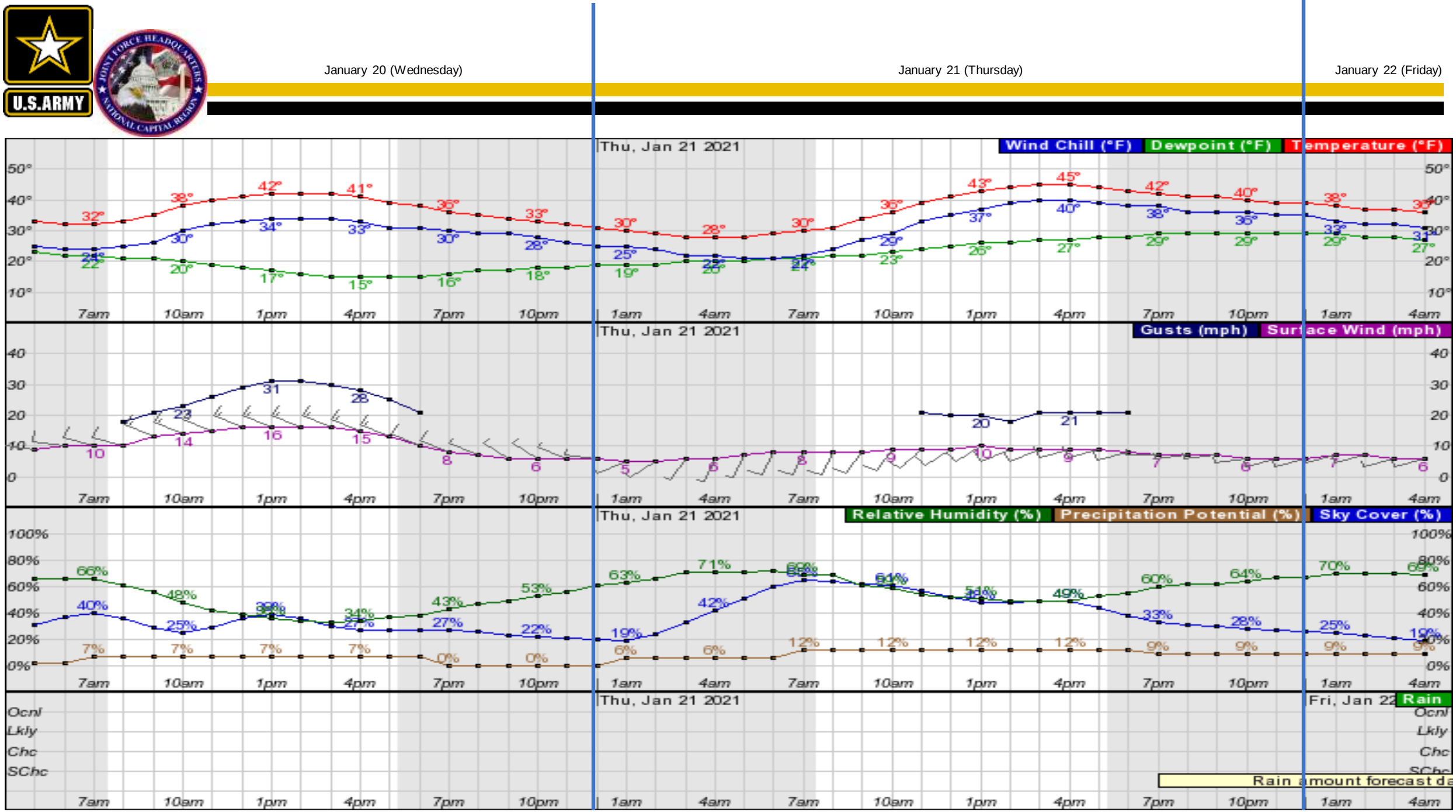
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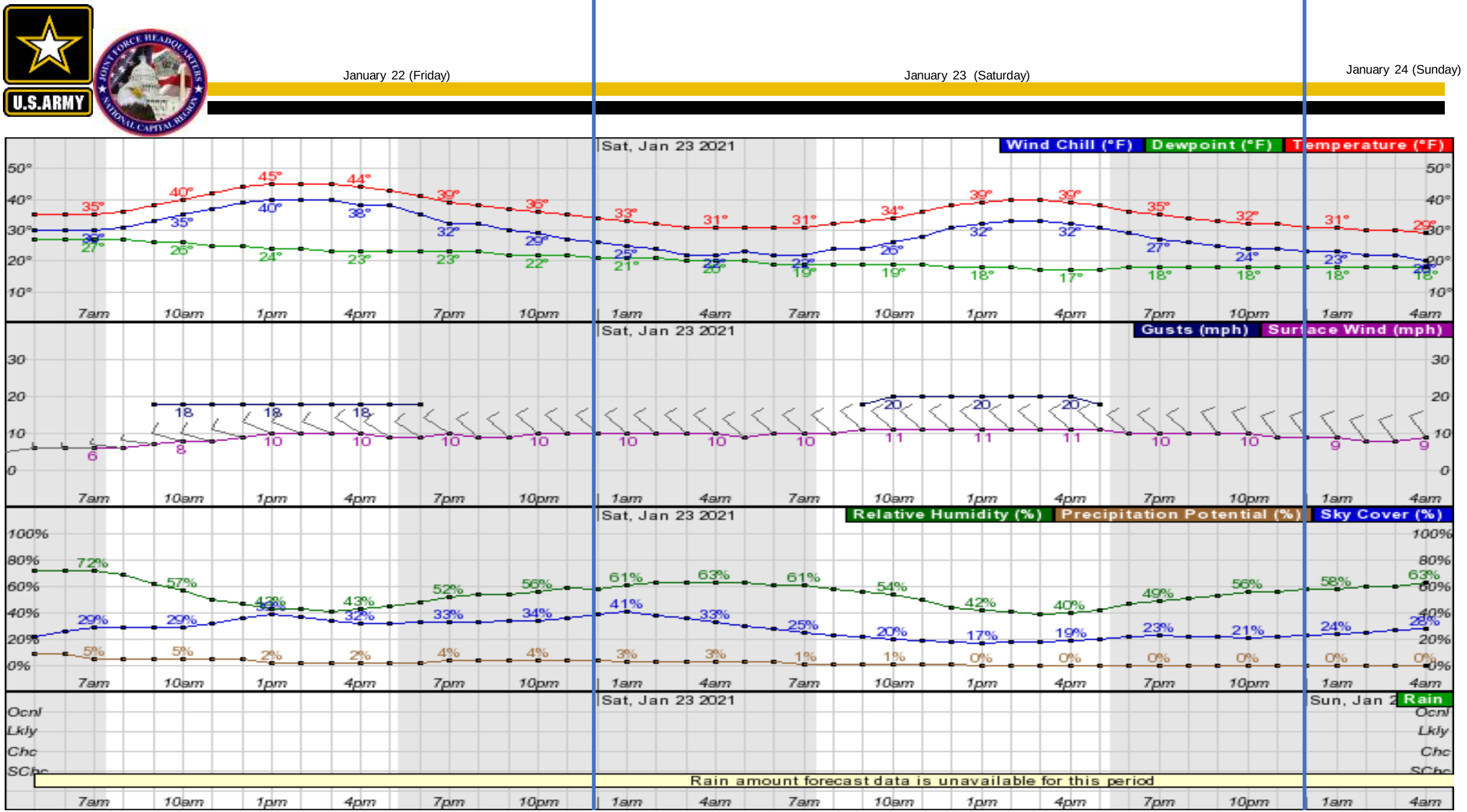
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4am

Washington Channel Flood Gauge

Washington Channel Flood gauge is Forecasted to be below minor levels today.

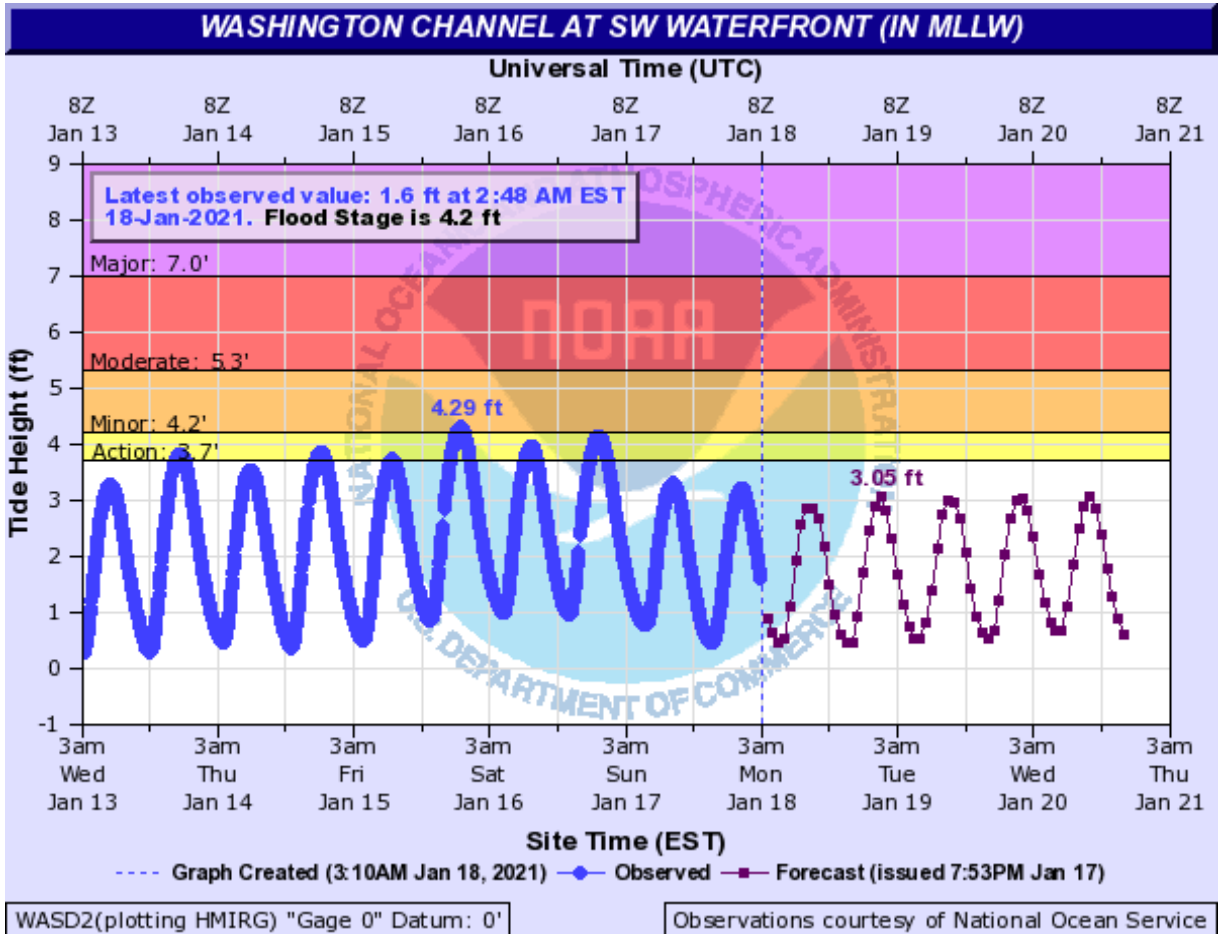
Notes:

At 3.70ft: Water begins to overflow the lowest Spots along the seawall adjacent to Ohio Drive And the Hains Point Loop Road.

At 4.2ft: Lowland is occurring along sporadic Portions of seawall adjacent to Ohio Drive and Hains Point Loop Road.

At 5.3ft: The unprotected area on the Southwest Waterfront at the DC seafood market begins to flood. Water approaches parts of the Hains Point Loop Road, but the road will likely be closed.

Forecasts for the Washington Channel at SW Waterfront are issued routinely year-round.



Flood Categories (in feet)	
Major Flood Stage:	7
Moderate Flood Stage:	5.3
Flood Stage:	4.2
Action Stage:	3.7

Source: NOAA Weather Sterling (Baltimore/Washington)

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Whither the IRGC of the 2020s?

Is Iran's Proxy Warfare Strategy of Forward Defense Sustainable?

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I. Executive Summary

On January 2, 2020, the United States assassinated the commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' Qods Force, General Qassem Soleimani, in Iraq and accused him of playing a role in an alleged attack on American troops by Iran-backed Shia militias. The assassination signaled a major escalation in the conflict between Iran and the United States. For a moment, the conflict ceased to be a proxy war characterized by efforts to keep tensions deniable and indirect and instead became a direct exchange of violence, with Iran responding to the assassination with a direct missile strike on U.S. forces.

The fallout of the assassination reflects the contradictions and uncertainty at the heart of Iranian proxy warfare strategy and its approach known as "forward defense,"[1] in which Iran seeks to use proxies in other countries to prevent conflict from coming within Iran's borders. Iran's strategy was developed over decades through its confrontations with the United States and regional rivals and historically has emphasized its willingness to eschew revisionist religious and ideological aims in order to pursue national interests.

The 2011 Arab Spring, with its threat to Iran's key partner in Syria while opening opportunities in other areas, inaugurated a more uncertain era for Iran's proxy strategy. This uncertainty has been heightened by an increasingly aggressive U.S. stance towards Iran. As a result, Iran has played up appeals to religious and ideological aims alongside more traditional forms of proxy mobilization in its forward defense strategy.

Though Iran continues to view and portray itself as pursuing defensive ends vis-à-vis the United States and other rivals, the means it uses tend to signal more revisionist aims, an issue Iranian policymakers recognize as a challenge but embraced anyways. In turn, this has encouraged the United States, and some of its partners, to pursue their own more direct policies of maximum pressure with regard to Iran.

It is far from clear whether Iran can sustainably pursue this strategy. Iran has a history of agile use of proxies and relatively successful navigation between the mobilization of religious and ideological appeals and the pursuit of national interest. However, Iranian society is showing signs of concern regarding the limits of forward defense. Iran's rivals appear to have assessed that those strains are sufficient and that Iran will fold when confronted.

What is clear, however, is that this uncertainty brings with it the risk of repeated crises with the potential for escalation. Understanding whether and how stability in the relationship can be reasserted will require detailed examinations of the specific balances of national interest, ideological appeals, and Iranian control in the varied national contexts where the conflict is now playing out.

Key Findings:

- **The 2011 Arab Spring and 2014 war against ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) inaugurated a period of greater Iranian aggressiveness in its use of proxy warfare as it confronted a number of crises that increased Iranian threat perceptions.**

- **Iranian proxy warfare strategy is shaped by a desire to minimize costs to Iran and its people. As a result, it historically sought to maintain plausible deniability.** Iran limited its direct contribution to the defense of the Assad regime in Syria, and has staffed its involvement in proxy wars generally from Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) volunteers and by mobilizing local or foreign proxies, not by mobilizing the nation's more general armed forces. Iranian strategists tout the limitations on direct intervention as a success of the strategy.

- **While Iran has embraced more aggressive means in the form of a Forward Defense doctrine that seeks to give Iran strategic depth, it still views its objectives as largely defensive.** Iran views itself as facing an American threat to its homeland—escalated by the Trump administration's maximum pressure campaign—as well as an American threat to a key partner in Assad's Syria, and an ISIS threat to Iranian partners and interests in Iraq.

- **However, using proxy forces to wage war on the cheap and as a public deterrent has led Iran to rely upon ideological and religious appeals in order to mobilize fighters and signal its capabilities.** In recent years, Iran has grown increasingly bold in making public statements that link together the movements it supports and its influence over their activities.

- **Iran's strategy contains a tension between its proclaimed defensive ends and its offensive means that have signaled a more revisionist intent to Iranian rivals. This tension holds the potential to escalate conflicts and thus make Iran's strategy unsustainable given its desire to minimize costs.** Iranian strategists are aware of the tension but supporters of the forward defense strategy view it as a manageable tension given its history of proxy warfare.

- **Iran's proxy strategy faces real political limits to its sustainability rooted in both domestic anger at the use of funds abroad, economic constraints, and backlash against perceived Iranian domination in countries where Iran seeks to build partners.**

- **The United States, for its part, has embraced a strategy of maximum pressure that views Iran's strategy as unsustainable and prone to failure when conflict takes on a more direct character.** Through sanctions and direct assassinations of key IRGC personnel, the United States hopes to force Iran to back down.

- **It is not clear if Iran's strategy is actually built to last, but the current moment is likely to be characterized by repeated crises with the potential to escalate into more direct confrontations because Iranian strategists view forward defense as an effective approach agile enough to manage tensions and the United States views it as an unsustainable policy that will fall apart when confronted.**

- **Policymakers should be aware of the ways in which Iran's methods of ensuring cost-effective mobilization when pressed shape threat perceptions across the region, the IRGC's own structure, and Iranian domestic politics.** The effects of particular policies are likely to be complex and often unpredictable given the way transnational mobilization and signals interlink conflicts.

- **An effective approach to this moment of crisis instability will require analysis of the sustainability of specific Iranian interventions.** In some cases, like Iran's support for Hezbollah, ideological and material ties make it unlikely that pressure can disrupt an established proxy relationship. In others, like Yemen, Iran's commitment to the Houthis is more vulnerable to pressure. Other cases, like the Shi'a militias in Iraq, are less clear.

II. Introduction

The U.S. assassination of Gen. Qassem Soleimani on January 2, 2020 in Baghdad was so unprecedented that many feared that any move afterward might lead to all-out war between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran. After four decades of tense rivalry in the Middle East, the American use of an armed drone to target a military official widely viewed as one of the most powerful men in Iran signaled a precipitous climb up the escalation ladder between Washington and Tehran. Iran in turn retaliated on January 8 with direct missile strikes on American forces in Iraq, although the strikes did not kill anyone.[2] By one account, the Iranians had given the U.S. military an eight-hour notice to clear the bases before the missiles hit. Amir Ali Hajizadeh, head of the Revolutionary Guards' Aerospace Force, claimed that the warning had been given to the Americans because Tehran "did not intend to kill [persons]."[3] Tehran wanted both to show a capacity to strike at the United States but also to demonstrate that it had no intentions to see the military standoff escalate further.

For now, despite the missile strike, Iran appears prepared to double down on the proxy war strategy that was Soleimani's most significant contribution to Tehran's anti-access, area denial approach to deterring American attempts to expand U.S. regional influence that could seed regime change in Tehran.

Over the course of the last decade, this Iranian approach to regional military operations began to be described by its proponents in Tehran as "forward defense." Put simply, forward defense holds that militarily confronting enemies outside of Iran's borders is preferable to having to face them inside of Iran's borders. At its core, forward defense is the embodiment of Iran's military lessons gained over the four decades since the Iranian Revolution of 1979. It reflects a fusion of the tools available to Iranian military leaders combined with the need to address a fast-changing security environment.

While Soleimani was one of the principal creators of the concept, his death will not be the end of the strategy. That has been the message sent by Iran's Supreme Leader and Commander-in-Chief, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Khamenei swiftly appointed Soleimani's successor, Esmail Ghaani, as head of the Qods Force, the branch of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) that operates outside of Iran's borders. Khamenei has also been categorical that the mission of the Qods Force as intended by Soleimani will continue. As he put it, "The strategy of the Qods Force will be identical to that during the time of Martyr General Soleimani."[4]

In a speech on May 22, 2020 set to coincide with Al Qods Day, which is an event to express opposition to the State of Israel, Khamenei was unusually polemical and signaled his determination to stay the course. In urging the expansion of "jihad inside Palestinian territories [Israel]," he not only praised groups such as

Lebanon's Hezbollah, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Hamas but vowed that Iran would stand by them on the path of "holy struggle."[5] Iranian officials even set aside the usual application of deniability. In a rare move, state-run media publicized the fact that Soleimani had spearheaded the transfer of Iranian weaponry to Palestinian militants.[6] Such statements from Tehran are a rebuff of American and Israeli demands that Tehran roll back its support for militant Islamist groups in various theaters in the Middle East.

In pursuing this strategy in the post-Arab Spring era, Iran has increasingly come to embrace aggressive means that involve transnational mobilization and the interlinking of proxy forces, which has in turn encouraged the United States and other Iranian rivals to perceive Iran's strategy as an offensive and revisionist one.

Soleimani's assassination, increased tensions vis-à-vis the United States, and the fluidity of the geopolitics of the Middle East, have brought into the open questions in Iran about the long-term costs, benefits, and risks of a forward defense strategy that relies on Tehran's ability to continue to defy the growing pressures on its economy from U.S. sanctions and fund proxy groups. In the same week as hardliners around Khamenei were touting Tehran's commitment to militant revolutionary foreign policy, a prominent parliamentarian launched a rare public criticism of Tehran's regional agenda.

Heshmatollah Falahatpisheh,[7] who until recently had been head of the Iranian parliament's committee on national security and foreign policy, asked for Iran to reassess its commitment to the Bashar Al Assad regime in Syria. "[Iran] has probably given 20 to 30 billion dollars to Syria and must recover it. The money belonging to this nation [Iran] has been spent there," he said.[8] The reference to funds invested in backing Syria's Assad was a clear attack on Tehran's foreign policy priorities or that was at least how Khamenei loyalists viewed it. Hossein Shariatmadari, the Khamenei-appointed editor of Kayhan, the Islamic Republic's equivalent to the Soviet Pravda, denounced Falahatpisheh as doing Trump's bidding by turning Iranian public opinion against Tehran's foreign policy.[9] The incident was a peek into the opaque policy-making process in Tehran and evidence of competing viewpoints in Tehran in regard to the cost of Iran's regional efforts and whether it is sustainable.

The question now for the Biden administration and Congress as well as for their counterparts in Iran is whether Iranian proxy war strategy is truly built to last. The Trump administration turned the calculus of indirect confrontation with Iran on its head, evidently deciding that the United States either no longer needs or can no longer afford the risks that come with fighting Iran's proxies in the shadows. Despite the Trump administration's repeated public pronouncements that it wanted to reduce the U.S. footprint in the Middle East and discontinue its perceived role as regional policeman, the White House opted to put on display American hard power as a way of forcing the Iranians capitulate to a campaign of "maximum pressure" aimed at forcing Iran to recalibrate its approach to Iraq,

Syria, and Israel. This new U.S. approach essentially destroyed the crisis stability that was part and parcel of a covert action strategy anchored in plausible deniability. The high-profile assassination of Soleimani was the most overt expression of this new policy. At the same time, Iran has increasingly adopted public, aggressive means in pursuit of its forward defense strategy.

In the short term, this fresh American resolve will have to contend with one simple reality: Iran's ongoing determination and ability to mobilize, guide, and launch a host of militant groups across the Middle East that Tehran has painstakingly cultivated for decades. In fact, Soleimani and other architects of Iran's forward defense, proxy war strategy would argue that this turn in American policy has been long awaited, and that Iran and its allies are ready for the challenge.

Yet, while Tehran's ability to mobilize an array of foreign militias under its flag is no small feat, the contention that Iran can stay the course regardless of American counter-actions is an untested theory as is the hope of some U.S. policymakers that U.S. pressure can effectively rollback Iranian footprint across the region. Evaluating where, when, and why Iran's forward defense strategy has worked and where it is built on a sustainable foundation and understanding where it has failed and lacks a sustainable foundation, will be central to determining the effectiveness of both U.S. and Iranian crisis management. In the meantime, the uncertainty will likely bring with it periodic crises that at least appear to hold the potential for further escalation to more direct confrontations.

The rest of this report is divided into three sections. The first section examines the historical development of Iran's proxy warfare strategy under Soleimani. The second section examines the sustainability of the strategy today, and the third and concluding section draws lessons from the clash between Iranian proxy strategy and America's new hard power approach.

III. Soleimani Ascendant: The Origins of Iran's "Forward Defense" Strategy

The geopolitical feud between Iran and the United States dates to 1979 when Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and his militant Islamist supporters overthrew the Shah of Iran and soon after took control of the U.S. embassy. Though many historians have assessed that the CIA-backed coup that led to the ouster of Iran's Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh in 1953 planted the initial seeds of mistrust between the United States and the Iranian people, it was Khomeini's rise to power that earned the United States its most-hated-nation status in Iran among anti-Shah forces. Following the hostage crisis at the U.S. embassy in Tehran in November 1979, Washington responded in kind, casting the Khomeinists as the source of nearly all wrongdoing in the Middle East.[10]

For nearly half a century, the U.S.-Iran conflict was largely characterized by mutual restraint. Neither Washington nor Tehran judged an open military conflict to be in their interests. Instead, a kind of crisis stability anchored in a proxy war paradigm of covert action shaped the normative bounds of American and Iranian strategy. Hit and run attacks on American targets by Hezbollah in Lebanon in the 1980s and later by proxy elements currently allied with the Popular Mobilization Forces or the PMF in Iraq punctuated by American-backed counterattacks in the form of cyber-strikes and targeted assassinations of nuclear scientists on the streets of Tehran have long been part of the backdrop. Each element of this tit-for-tat proxy war between Washington and Tehran always rested on one simple element: plausible deniability.[11]

The Iran-Iraq War, Soleimani, and Iran's Geopolitical Approach to Proxy Warfare

Iran's proxy warfare strategy of using regional non-state militant groups paralleled Qassem Soleimani's rise as a military commander during the 1990s on the heels of the Iran-Iraq war. Born in 1957, Soleimani came from a poor family in the central province of Kerman. As a teenager he became an anti-Shah Islamist activist before the revolution of 1979 but he did not stand out at that time.[12] The revolution began and prevailed in Tehran but droves of young men—mostly from impoverished rural backgrounds—jumped on the bandwagon. Soleimani was one of them. While he had no formal military training, his chance in life came at the outbreak of the Iran-Iraq War (1980-1988). He enlisted as a volunteer with the Guards and quickly moved up through the ranks of the IRGC, the group of ragtag, armed young men that were empowered and mandated by Ayatollah Khomeini to defend the Islamic Republic against all domestic and foreign enemies.

In late 1980, a few months after the war with Iraq had begun, the 23-year Soleimani was given the command of a volunteer force from his home province of Kerman in what became the 41st Sarallah Division.[13] This newly formed division was deployed to Iran's Kurdistan province, an area both known for heavy ethnic Kurdish separatist militancy but also as a staging ground into Iraq. On the other side of the border was Iraqi Kurdistan where Tehran, from the days of the Shah, had cultivated anti-Saddam Iraqi Kurds as allies against Baghdad.[14] It is here that Soleimani experienced first-hand the utility of co-opting and deploying foreign militants as part of military strategizing.[15]

Ideological or religious reasons were, at best, secondary drivers at this point. The ideological and religious-based reasoning that later came to dominate the narrative to justify forward defense had yet to be born. Nonetheless, it is during the first years of the Iran-Iraq War, which began in September 1980, that the Qods Force, the expeditionary branch of the IRGC, was born, although its mission would evolve over time.[16] Its actions were centered on cross-border operations along the Iran-Iraq battle lines and on recruiting Iraqis.[17] Mostafa Chamran, an Iranian Islamist revolutionary who had seen military training with Shia militants in Lebanon in the 1970s, was a key driver behind the adoption of asymmetric warfare tactics and became the Islamic Republic's first defense minister.[18] While Soleimani was not a key player in the formation of this new outfit, he would be a key participant in the application of the new approach, which mirrored the missions of special operations forces in countries like the United States, including covert action and reconnaissance behind enemy lines.[19] In time, what would make the Qods Force stand out was its use of Shia Islamist rallying cries and its recruitment among Shias outside of Iran.

The Qods Force's mission was not centered on exploiting religious or sectarian fervor at first. The Iraqi Kurds that Iranian commanders like Soleimani collaborated with were not Shia but secular Sunnis. Iranian support for them was an early signal of the Islamic Republic's willingness to collaborate with an assortment of non-Shia or non-Islamist actors as long as the partnership advanced Iran's perceived geopolitical interests. In a decade's time, Iran would be militarily supporting a range of Sunni groups deemed as important to Islamic Republic national interests including the Sunni Afghan Northern Alliance in Afghanistan to the Sunni Bosnians[20] in the Yugoslav civil war to the Sunni Hamas in Gaza.[21] As Zalmay Khalilzad put it in regards to Iran's *modus operandi* in Afghanistan during the 1990s, being Shia "was not sufficient to gain Iranian support."[22] This was also evident in Iran's support for Christian Armenia against Shia Muslim Azerbaijan in the war between the two countries over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh in the early 1990s.[23]

In all of its efforts involving military partners and operations outside of Iran, certain characteristics stand out. Tehran always performed a careful cost-benefit analysis and, as David Menashri argues, it "diligently sought out opportunities in

areas, or in movements, that seemed ripe to respond" to its ideological overtures.[24] The Shia Islamist Iraqis, many of whom moved to Iran to fight Saddam Hussain's regime under Ayatollah Khomeini's spiritual and political leadership during the Iran-Iraq war, were one such group. It was during the early 1980s that some of the most prominent present-day Iraqi militia leaders—men such as Hadi Ameri and Abu Mahdi Al Muhandis, who was killed alongside Soleimani in January—launched their collaboration with their sponsors in the IRGC.[25]

The Badr Corps, composed of Shia Iraqi Islamists who looked to Iran, began as a brigade and remained under tight IRGC control. This oversight angered Mohammad Baqir Al-Hakim, the Iraqi Shia cleric who headed the political wing of the Badr movement.[26] He complained to the then President Ali Khamenei and Speaker of the Majlis, Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. Still, the senior IRGC commanders backed by the political leadership in Tehran were determined to maintain strict Iranian control of the foreign forces they were arming and funding. The dispute over command-and-control was somehow resolved and the relationship continued.[27] Since the dispute, however, Iran has continued to have lingering doubts about its ability to effectively organize and control its foreign proxies as it sees fit.

Soleimani held the post of commander of the 41st Sarallah Division throughout the Iran-Iraq War. He was one of the youngest military commanders but never a specially celebrated one during the war and his fame would only come years later in the 2000s as he began to cultivate a public image.[28] The one factor that appears to have counted in his favor is that he developed a personal bond with the then President Ali Khamenei who frequently visited the war front. The future supreme leader, who took over after Khomeini's death in June 1989, never forgot that Soleimani had kept him in the highest esteem when many other IRGC commanders viewed Khamenei suspiciously throughout his presidency (1981-1989).[29]

It was precisely this close personal bond between Khamenei and Soleimani that many analysts have considered as pivotal to the rise and relative independence of the Qods Force during Soleimani's command from 1998 until his death in 2020. Soleimani's death thus raised questions about whether the organization would maintain its stature within the power structures of the Islamic Republic without Soleimani at the helm.

Lessons from a Neighbor Under Siege: Soleimani's First Forays in Afghanistan

After the Iran-Iraq War, Soleimani was given the mission of dealing with rampant organized crime, including arms and drug trafficking coming out of Afghanistan, a country ravaged by civil war where a new breed of extremist movement under the banner of the Taliban was on the rise. Tehran viewed the movement not only

as anti-Iran and anti-Shia but as a creation of its regional rivals, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.[30]

In early 1998, as Iran was still recovering from the devastation wrought by the eight-year war with Saddam Hussein's Iraq, Soleimani was named head of the Qods Force.[31] At the time, Soleimani was barely known to the Iranian public, but he was a known figure among warring factions in neighboring Afghanistan where he had served as Iran's key military liaison to anti-Taliban forces in the Northern Alliance.[32] Little analysis has been conducted in the English language about Soleimani's efforts to aid and guide Northern Alliance forces then under the leadership of Ahmad Shah Massoud, a Sunni and ethnic Tajik leader who was among the top opponents of the Taliban.[33] What is known is that Soleimani had been in his new role less than a year when Taliban forces in August of 1998 captured the northern Afghan city of Mazar-i Sharif and promptly arrested nine diplomats at the Iranian consulate.

The Taliban forces, after they had by one account received instructions from Pakistan's ISI (Inter-Service Intelligence), killed all the Iranians except one who managed to escape.[34] Tehran made a show out of its response, mobilizing tens of thousands of troops on the border ready to go into Afghanistan. Still, after lengthy deliberation, Iran's Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) opted against a conventional military retaliation against the Taliban, in part fearing being drawn into a quagmire.[35] Instead, under the auspices of the Qods Force, Tehran increased its financial and military support for its anti-Taliban partners like Ahmad Shah Massoud.[36] Tehran not only welcomed but actively sought to assist the U.S. military campaign against the Taliban in 2001 following the terrorist attacks of September 11.[37]

Soleimani's close links with the Northern Alliance would prove enduring and critical for bolstering his assertions about the value of proxy relations for maintaining a forward defense and deterrent against potential aggression or overreach by adversaries. This kind of patronage also gave Iran leverage not just in the military theater but also on the political and diplomatic stages. Foreign Minister Javad Zarif has claimed that the December 2001 Bonn conference that led to Afghanistan's first post-Taliban government could not have succeeded without Soleimani's mediation and ability to pressure the various Afghan political groups that he had cultivated ties with throughout the 1990s.[38]

During the Afghan civil war of the 1990s, the Qods Force and its top commanders, including Soleimani but also Esmail Ghaani, proved to the political leadership in Tehran that the supply of arms and funds to Afghan militants had not only given Iran a say in the battlefield but also had given Tehran a role as a principal powerbroker in that country. This gave Soleimani much personal confidence, which he soon put on public display. By 2008, Soleimani famously sent a message to the top U.S. military official in Iraq: "General Petraeus, you

should know that I, Qassem Soleimani, control the policy for Iran with respect to Iraq, Lebanon, Gaza, and Afghanistan."[39]

The War on Terror and the Arab Spring Years: Iran's Efforts to Consolidate Forward Defense in Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, and Yemen

The U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 and then Iraq in 2003 prompted a period of reorganization and consolidation of Iran's military expeditionary forces under the Qods Force. Not only did Soleimani have direct access to Khamenei, which meant he could bypass the rest of the IRGC bosses, but the leadership in Tehran had never had more reason to invest in forward defense. In early 2002, the Bush administration named Iran, along with Iraq and North Korea, as part of an "Axis of Evil." It was not unreasonable for the Iranians to think they might be next in a broader U.S. military campaign in the Middle East following 9/11. Keeping the Americans bogged down elsewhere in the region presented an attractive strategy for Tehran. Despite the risk it took in angering Washington, the strategy was worthwhile if it meant preventing or stalling a possible American attack on the Iranian homeland.

The newly reenergized Qods Force reflected hard lessons learned from several different phases of strategic realignment. From support for Hezbollah in Lebanon beginning in the 1980s to backing for the Northern Alliance in Afghanistan in the 1990s and various groups in Iraq and Yemen in the 2000s, Soleimani's way of war led to mixed results. Yet, each case allowed Qods Force commanders to adapt and refine their proxy war strategy, and modulate the response to increasing American pressure in the form of covert counter attacks and sanctions. Meanwhile, Soleimani significantly elevated the degree of freedom of operation provided to Qods Force commanders.

As part of the Qods Force organizational structure, each region of operation is given to an individual commander. This "One Country, One File, One Commander" was Soleimani's brainchild and gives individual Qods Force commanders extraordinary freedom to design and implement policy; but it also makes them responsible for the outcome, according to Morad Veisi, a journalist with *Radio Farda*, the Iranian branch of the United States' Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and an expert on the IRGC.[40] In those most delicate theaters where the Qods Force required maximum policy control, its officers have often been the ones Tehran has dispatched as its top diplomatic envoys. In the case of Iraq, all three of Iran's ambassadors to Baghdad since 2003 have come from the Qods Force.[41]

To the Qods Force leaders in Tehran, Iran's support to a long list of militant groups across the Middle East translates into leverage. These groups are seen as a vindication of the mobilization and financing of the so-called forward defense. The militant groups help to project Iranian military reach and, at times,

ideological influence. While Iran's consolidation of a forward defense strategy was driven by overarching regional dynamics including a growing perception of a U.S. threat and the rise of new opportunities and challenges with the Arab Spring, its character varied across different national contexts. This was so despite growing public references to transnational mobilization and connections between groups.

Hezbollah in Lebanon: An Enduring, Ideologically Close Relationship with Geopolitical Value

Hezbollah in Lebanon is the best example of Iran's forward defense concept.[42] This should not be surprising. Iran's own IRGC began as a militia in the aftermath of the Iranian revolution in 1979 and, 41 years later, it is the most formidable political-military-economic actor in the country. This IRGC has diligently worked to replicate its success domestically and turn its foreign proxies into powerbrokers in their respective home countries.

In the case of Hezbollah in Lebanon, the IRGC and its Qods Force foreign branch did not only ideologically indoctrinate and arm the group, but selected and groomed its leaders, including Hassan Nasrallah, its present leader, and Imad Mughniyeh, the group's top military planner who was assassinated in a joint American-Israeli operation in 2008.[43]

Hezbollah's nearly four-decade alliance with the Islamic Republic is the ultimate successful embodiment of the application of forward defense. Unlike many of the other groups that Tehran has backed since 1979, Hezbollah not only shares the Shia Islamist ideological model adopted in Tehran but provides Iran with a platform from which to militarily exert pressure on its top regional nemesis, Israel. From Tehran's perspective, Hezbollah represents the best the forward defense model can offer: an effective tool of national interest combined with a close and enduring relationship strengthened by both material and ideological ties.

Iran in Syria and Iraq: Key Geopolitical Partner, Contested Ties, and the Role of Ideological and Transnational Mobilization as Stopgap

Yet Iran's military interventions in Syria since the outbreak of the Arab Spring in 2011 demonstrate that ideological conformity is not a prerequisite for Tehran's support. Hezbollah may be a particularly successful case of forward defense, but it is far from the only model for the strategy, which often relies on proxies whose ideological ties to Iran are often far weaker than those of Hezbollah. The Syrian case also illustrates the limits and risks of Iran's pursuit of proxy warfare reliant upon relationships of a less enduring and ideologically bound character.

The Islamic Republic has nothing in common in terms of creed with the secular Baathist regime of Bashar Al Assad.[44] Despite this, Iran intervened militarily on behalf of Assad in close partnership with its ideological offspring, Hezbollah.

Iran's Syrian intervention demonstrated its versatility. It also showed Iran's ability to compartmentalize its regional ambitions and work with foreign partners while awkwardly attempting to publicly cast the mission in Islamist clothing. Iran's key objective was to save a geopolitical ally with a secular system while minimizing costs to Iran itself.[45] Notably, Iran's primary foreign cohort in the mission in Syria has been Vladimir Putin's Russian Federation, hardly a vanguard of Islamism.[46]

The biggest departure in Syria, when compared to the situation in Iraq, was the need for Iran to bring in droves of non-locals—such as Iraqis, Afghans, Pakistanis—to fight under Iranian leadership to keep the Assad regime from collapse.[47] Unlike in Shia-majority Iraq, where the indoctrination of a generation of pro-Islamic Republic sympathizers had been under way before Saddam's fall, Syria's sectarian realities meant that the manpower shortage was a problem for Tehran. This also differentiated Syria from Lebanon, where Iran could rely upon a close ideological ally in Hezbollah. The Qods Force proved agile in circumventing this impediment. In doing so, it sharpened the essence of what forward defense means in practical terms in the post-Arab Spring Middle East by drawing upon transnational networks to resolve the challenges of proxy warfare in a particular context.

The manifestation of forward defense in Iraq and in Syria, since 2003 and 2012 respectively, highlights two basic facts. First, Iran has demonstrated agility in defining and implementing security policy in the region. Second, Iran's activities in Iraq and Syria reveal a consensus among Iranian policy-makers that the appetite of the Iranian public for forward defense is finite.

Tehran did not engage in large-scale recruitment of Iranians to be dispatched to Syria. The few thousand Iranians sent to Syria, ostensibly as military advisors, were overwhelmingly drawn from volunteers in the ranks of the IRGC and not the conscripted Iranian army.[48] Iran thus depended upon its ability to appeal to and recruit among non-Iranian Shia in the region in order to mobilize the transnational networks.[49] While national interest was the primary motivator for Iran's defense of Syria, the limits imposed by Iranian society required an emphasis upon sectarian and religious appeals in the means of accomplishing those goals.

The mobilization of non-Iranian forces was a double-edged sword. It helped resolve Iran's manpower problems. But in strengthening appeals to transnational ideological claims, Iran provided its regional rivals with a convincing argument that Tehran was indoctrinating, funding, and arming a new generation of Shia militants and hence, fueling a regional Shia-Sunni sectarian divide. Iran, a non-

Arab and Shia majority country with aspirations to lead the Islamic world, has always been highly sensitive to the charge of acting as a Shia sectarian power and it has invested heavily in countering this complaint levelled against it. However, the priority of keeping Assad in power superseded Tehran's wish to maintain its credibility in the eyes of the Sunni street.[50] As a result, Iran's approach helped mobilize opposition to Iranian policy and stoked fears that Iran was seeking more revisionist aims.

The IRGC bosses were undeterred and unapologetic. In August 2012, as Tehran's military intervention in Syria became increasingly public, then-IRGC Deputy Commander Brigadier General Hossein Salami said "our doctrines are defensive at the level of (grand) strategy, but our strategies and tactics are offensive."[51] IRGC commanders proudly defended the ability to practice "deep-attack doctrine."[52] In April 2019, Khamenei appointed Salami to become the head of the IRGC, and Soleimani's nominal boss, even as Soleimani retained his direct and much publicized access to the Supreme Leader.[53] Meanwhile, Khamenei's support for forward defense became increasingly overt. "We mustn't be satisfied with our region. By remaining within our borders, we shouldn't neglect the threats over our borders. A broad overseas vision, which is the IRGC's responsibility, is our strategic depth and it is of the utmost importance," he told the IRGC bosses.[54]

Support for the Houthis in Yemen: Loose Ties and a Low Level of Interest

Iran's role in the Yemeni civil war starting in 2014 demonstrates both the limitations of forward defense war and how Tehran has been selective and careful in applying the strategy. It is commonplace to read that Tehran is the sponsor of the Yemeni Houthi rebels fighting the UN-recognized Yemeni government. In reality, when the last round of conflict began in Yemen in 2014, few Iranians were familiar with the term "Houthis" or "Ansar-Allah," the official name of the group. The lack of historic ties between Tehran and the Houthi movement and an exaggerated sense of the importance of sectarian bonds between the two only underscore that their relationship has mostly been a marriage of convenience.[55]

Neither Soleimani nor any other senior IRGC commander ever made a public appearance in Yemen. This stands in contrast to prominent public visits to Lebanon, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria.[56] Tehran has not made extensive efforts to spread its religious ideology among the Houthis, who are mostly followers of the Zaidi sect in Islam.[57] The export of Khomeinism to the Houthis of Yemen has happened, but only in small doses as compared to Iraq or Lebanon. Yemen is, from Tehran's perspective, too far-flung, too fractured, and unripe to be a good host for Iran's forward defense doctrine.[58]

Iran has compared the Houthis to Hezbollah in Lebanon.[59] If the latter could be a spear aimed at Israel, the Houthis could be Tehran's pawn against the Saudis. Ali Shirazi, Supreme Leader Khamenei's representative to the Qods force, expressed such a view to the Iranian press in January 2015 and on other occasions.[60] But Yemen was never a core priority for Tehran and the Houthis were never as submissive to Tehran as Hezbollah or the pro-Iran Shia Iraqi groups. Instead, the dynamic in the Iran-Houthi partnership has depended overwhelmingly on the policy decisions of third-party actors, most notably Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States.[61] For example, since late 2019, when the Houthis began the latest round of peace talks with the Saudis and the Americans in Oman, the Iranians were effectively sidelined. The Houthi-Saudi peace talks began shortly after Iran's Ayatollah Khamenei received a senior Houthi delegation in August.[62] Either Tehran was urging the Houthis to sue for peace or it had little influence over their strategic decisions (or both). Even in Washington a new message began to be disseminated that downplayed the closeness of Tehran and the Houthis.[63]

Nevertheless, the Houthis continue to provide Iran with a possible staging-ground from Yemen should Tehran opt to pursue a more militant posture against Riyadh, including via the use of Houthi-controlled Yemeni territory as a launchpad for Iranian-supplied missile strikes. The case of Iran's relations with the Houthis shows that when examining the extent and appeal of the Iranian proxy model of forward defense, it is critical to look for the depth in relations, which is an indicator of Tehran's ability to consolidate its regional alliance against the United States and its allies under the banner of the "Axis of Resistance."

IV. Conclusion: Is "Forward Defense" A Sustainable Military Doctrine?

Iran's forward defense doctrine draws on a long history, including a critical period of consolidation over the 2000s and 2010s. However, as the United States increasingly perceives direct challenges to Iranian proxy actions as a workable strategy, it is far from clear if the doctrine will prove sustainable over the 2020s.

Kayhan Barzegar, a prominent analyst in Tehran on Iranian regional policies, describes Tehran's logic behind forward defense as "preempting the penetration of symmetric and asymmetric threats inside Iran's borders."[64] According to this line of thinking, Iran not only has to secure its national borders but in certain circumstances it has to go outside of its borders as part of a preemptive national security strategy.

Barzegar calls this the concept of "wider security zone," which he argues is part of the "the strategic calculus employed by Iranian political-security elites."[65] The mastermind behind the concept was Soleimani and, at its core, the logic holds that socio-political turmoil in the region, including the emergence of new security threats such as ISIS, requires an increased and active Iranian response, according to Barzegar.[66] Others are less certain about the soundness of such logic. Patrick Clawson, director of research at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, argues the notion of "Soleimani the savior" is highly ironic. According to him, "the Islamic State's victories in Iraq [after 2014] were largely due to the ultra-sectarian policies he pressed on authorities in Baghdad." As Clawson puts it, Iran and Soleimani have been both the "fireman and the arsonist," in regard to conflicts in Iraq and Syria.[67]

What Barzegar calls the application of power in Iran's wider security zone is merely the latest reincarnation of forward defense. As described above, this concept has evolved over the last 40 years since Iran's practical military needs during the Iran-Iraq War. It was then that young IRGC commanders like Soleimani looked for ways to overcome Iran's limitations given Tehran's isolation and lack of access to conventional military platforms.[68] Today, the proxy model still reflects Iran's military weak points but it has also proven its utility.

Since the beginning of the Arab uprisings in 2011, the generals in the IRGC have argued that the shifting regional security environment requires Iran's military strategy to adapt and reinvent itself. When ISIS carried out its first attacks in Tehran in June 2017, the proponents of forward defense wasted no time in arguing that had Iran not militarily intervened in Syria and Iraq, Iran would have had to confront a far greater ISIS threat inside its borders.[69] By implication, since the Iranians officially maintain that the United States has been an enabler for the rise of ISIS, Tehran's rhetorical stance was that fighting ISIS is tantamount to

aborting American plans aimed at Iran. As Khamenei put it a few months before the ISIS attacks in Tehran, "there are well-documented news of American aid to ISIS and some other terrorist groups, and now that they [the Americans] have formed an anti-ISIS coalition, some U.S. agencies are still assisting ISIS in other ways."[70] With the United States at the heart of Iran's security calculations, this sort of logic is pervasive in Tehran. Put simply, the fight against ISIS as leverage against the United States is a common theme in the messaging of Iran's leaders. The Revolutionary Guards Commander, Hossein Salami, explained in September 2019: "In war, the victor is the one that can shape the power equation. No power in the world today, including the United States, has the capacity to wage war against the Iranian people."[71] Nonetheless, Iranian academics, including those linked to the Foreign Ministry in Tehran, openly publish works admitting that Iran's rivals do not see Tehran's military posture as defensive.[72] By implication, this is an admission that, in the Middle East at least, the concept of forward defense on a large scale is viewed as part of a grand strategy to expand its influence.

For Iran's regional rivals, the Islamic Republic's forward defense is considered a case of an ideological commitment rather than an Iranian national security imperative. That Tehran's reliance on forward defense and depending on foreign militias is mostly by choice, driven by Tehran geopolitical choices and principally its rivalry with the United States and her regional allies. In turn, states such as Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and, to a lesser extent, Turkey, are determined to stop Iran in its tracks even as they each are pursuing their own versions of geopolitical forward defense from Yemen to Syria to Libya. As part of this cycle, many billions of dollars are invested in competition for influence in the region.[73]

The resultant proxy warfare arms races pose a challenge to Iranian strategy, which has sought to minimize costs to the Iranian people. So far, Iran's forward defense appears largely to have been implemented on a tight budget. Iran is not the biggest military spender in the Middle East today.[74] But Tehran also has far less cash on hand due to American sanctions. President Hassan Rouhani has claimed that American sanctions have cost Iran $200 billion.[75] The issue of Iran's ability to fund its proxy allies, and the reliance of its approach in cases like Syria on stopgap measures that can encourage escalation on the part of its rivals, poses a threat to the sustainability of the forward defense model. However, it is not an imminent risk to Iran's ability to pursue the strategy.

As Tehran has demonstrated over the years, it is able to prioritize. Not every Arab proxy group has the same value to Iran. Hezbollah of Lebanon is, to a significant extent, politically and religiously indistinguishable from the Islamic Republic. There is, however, much daylight between the Houthis of Yemen and the Iranians. Aside from an ability to prioritize if needed and redefine forward defense depending on circumstances, the Iranian regime as a whole, including the IRGC and its foreign branch the Qods Force, have demonstrated that they are

rational actors that engage in a systematic cost-benefit analysis when contemplating military action. Acting rationally does not equate to flawless execution, however. The Iranian military strategy bears the hallmark of trial and error and has proven to be open to mishaps. The Islamic Republic likes to portray itself as a martyrdom-seeking state, but in reality, Iran's military strategy remains cautious.

Moreover, while the Islamist message has helped Tehran mobilize support in certain pockets in the Arab World, and provided it with a vehicle to expand its regional influence and with Iraq as the best example, excessive attachment to a sectarian agenda can create its own problems for Tehran. The Islamist ruling elite in Tehran is aware of the perils of Iran becoming an entrenched Shia power in an Islamic World where the Shia are a minority and Iran's Islamist credentials are dwindling. Tehran does not want to feed the narrative that Iran is a Shia sectarian power bent on expanding its influence in Sunni-majority Arab countries.

Meanwhile, as the Islamic Republic faces a deep crisis of legitimacy at home, it is difficult to see how Tehran can stay the course without risking political blowback from an Iranian public that yearns for nation-building at home and an end to costly foreign projects. This anger is nothing new but Soleimani's assassination, and Washington's determination to push back against Iranian regional efforts, might give enough reason for the political and military elite in Tehran to rethink the concept and the sustainability of the forward defense doctrine.

In Western analysis, Soleimani is often depicted as a brilliant strategist who exploited chaos in Iraq and Syria to project Iranian power. There is no doubt that he managed before his death to cultivate a warrior image for himself. But Soleimani, and his brothers-in-arms in the IRGC, have come to a critical juncture. Washington has openly warned Soleimani's successor, Esmail Ghaani, that he too will be assassinated if he opts to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor.[76]

This ultimatum presents the biggest challenge for the Islamists in Tehran and test of the proxy warfare strategy. Forward defense and the use of foreign proxies, such as Hezbollah or the Iraqi militant Shia groups, are today seen by the average public inside Iran and in the broader Middle East as a projection of the ideological zeal of the Islamic Republic and a trend that is depleting Iranian national resources while fueling a costly competition for regional influence with regional rivals. The United States has settled upon a strategy that views this as a sufficient leverage point to enable coercion of Iranian policymakers by moving the conflict towards more direct confrontation.

However, the IRGC appears to view its proxy network, built over four decades, as a sustainable counterweight that can survive such pressure. As a result, the current uncertainty regarding whose assessment of the sustainability of Iran's proxy strategy is correct is likely to prompt a series of crises in which the U.S.-Iran

conflict moves towards direct confrontation as the two sides play a game of chicken. Important to watch across these crises, however, is the extent to which Iran increasingly plays up ideological rhetoric to sustain both transnational and domestic mobilization amid the repeated crises.

Whether or not the mobilization methods are successful in prolonging the sustainability of Iran's strategy, they will likely play a critical role in shaping the IRGC of the 2020s, just as previous actions shaped today's IRGC. Those changes bear close monitoring by policymakers and consideration as the United States continues to pursue its strategy of amping up the pressure on Iran as a way to force the leadership in Tehran to reconsider their priorities.

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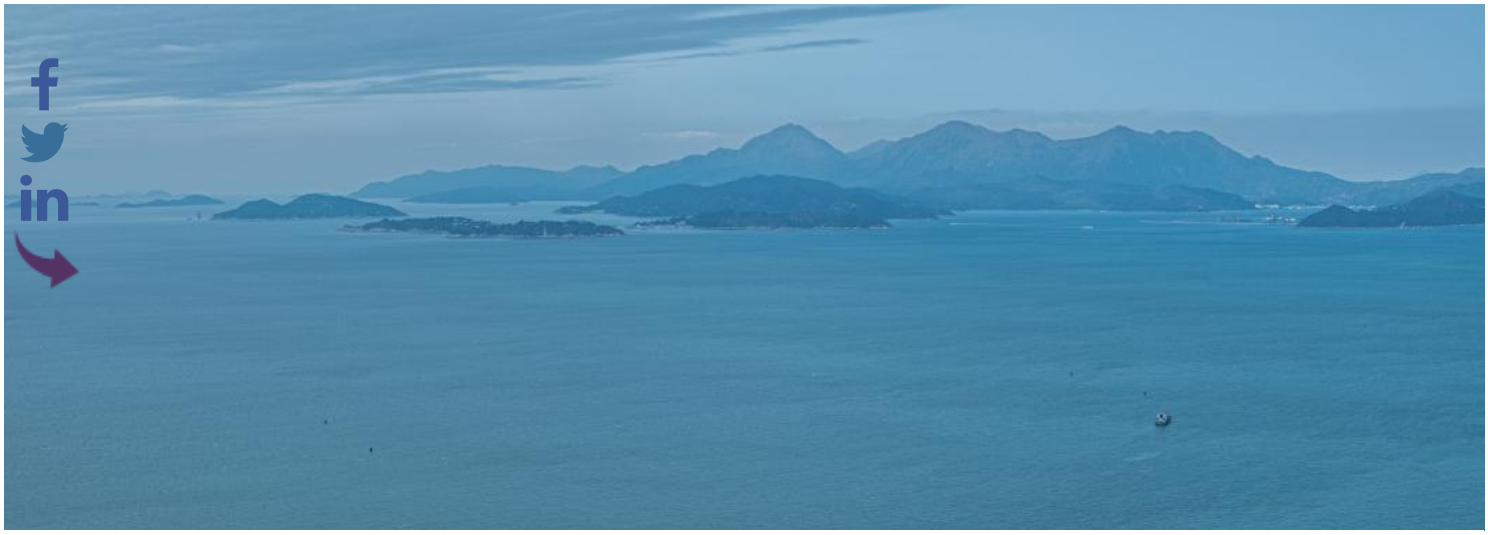

Underwater Drone Incidents Point to China's Expanding Intelligence Gathering

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China's apparent efforts to survey within other country's territorial waters may go unchallenged.

The proliferation of small uncrewed underwater vehicles (UUVs) poses new challenges to governments. Even seemingly innocent civilian drones, used to gather hydrographic data, can pose a long-term security risk. The data is defence-civilian agnostic and can be used as readily for submarine warfare as for environmental research. There is no real way to be sure which, so even 'research' types that have been painted bright yellow are often viewed with suspicion. This has been highlighted by a UUV which recently turned up in Indonesia. It is just one among several, and they can be tied back to China.

China does not like other country's UUVs in their waters. When Chinese fishing vessels find a foreign one, they can receive a life-changing reward from the government. In December 2016, a Chinese boat intentionally plucked a US Navy UUV out of international waters. It was only returned after a diplomatic exchange. It was a glider, a low-power type of UUV which travels with the current, collecting data.

Four years after the US Navy glider incident, in December 2020, a broadly similar glider was found by Indonesian fishermen. There is one significant difference: this glider is Chinese. In fact, many of the gliders and other underwater vehicles washing up on beaches or found by fishing vessels are, too.

China's gliders are as ambiguous as any other state's. Despite their high-visibility yellow paint and clear (and likely genuine) connection with civilian research, they are also associated with naval aims. In 2017,

the *South China Morning Post* reported that China was speeding up the deployment of gliders in the South China Sea. Tellingly, the reason given was that this 'could help reveal and track the location of foreign submarines'.

The glider found in Indonesia was a Sea Wing ('Haiyi'). This is the most commonly seen Chinese model and is roughly equivalent to Western types such as the popular Slocum G3 glider. Despite similarities, the Sea Wing has a unique appearance, so it can be confidently identified. It was discovered on 20 December near Selayar Island in the South Sulawes, which is on the eastern side of the Makassar Strait; one of several strategically important sea lines of communication (SLOC) which pass through Indonesia. It connects to the Lombok Strait, a narrow choke point connecting the Pacific and Indian Oceans. Together with the Sunda Strait and the Malacca Strait, which are also in Indonesia's back yard, this may be a critical transit route for the Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) in wartime.

As well as data for submarine detection, or route planning, the gliders may be gathering other strategically relevant data. This could include, for example, information on natural resources which might be plundered in the future, or information on industry, gathered by sampling chemicals entering the sea from rivers.

There were four earlier known instances of Sea Wings being found. On 16 November 2016, one was found near Quang Ngai in Vietnam. Then, on 12 February 2019, one was found near the northern tip of Bangka Island in Indonesia. This was quickly followed on 23 March 2019 by another in the Riau Islands. This one was helpfully labelled with the Chinese characters for 'Sea Wing' and 'China Shenyang Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Science'. Given the short time interval, these two occurrences may have originated from the same mother ship.

On 22 January 2020, one was found near the Masalembu Islands at the eastern end of the Java Sea, which is located on the eastern side of the Makassar Strait. This fourth example was likely still relatively newly deployed, complete with most of its yellow paint. This was followed in December by the Selayar Island example described above.

These may have been placed in the water by China's large fleet of survey ships. They range far and wide, even to the east coast of the US and to Antarctica. Analysis of their deployments with assistance from The Intel Lab, using data from MarineTraffic.com, shows a number of transits through Indonesian waters in the past two years. These included several surveys of the Indian Ocean. The ships transited all three strategic waterways through Indonesia: the Malacca Strait, Sunda Strait and Lombok Strait.

In December 2019, China deployed 12 Sea Wings in the Indian Ocean. The survey ship Xiangyanghong 06 was used, and is one of those analysed by The Intel Lab. But the mother ships do not have to be dedicated survey ships. These gliders are small and autonomous enough that they can be launched from almost any vessel, right down to a rubber dingy. Analysis of China's survey ships is a strong indicator of where they are looking to deploy, but these gliders could also be launched covertly by other means.

The Sea Wing is similar to other gliders. The basic principle that it uses is called 'buoyancy propulsion'. Instead of using battery power to turn a screw to propel itself along, it uses forward momentum from first sinking and then rising. It has an oil bladder which is inflated to cause it to rise after it has sunk to the desired depth. The glider-like wings extend the distances travelled, and a small rudder gives it a limited capability to control its direction, although it is still largely at the mercy of the currents. When it reaches the surface, a long antenna is used to send data to base. All of this still requires a battery, as do its sensors, but its endurance is extremely long.

All of the gliders found have carried a distinctive sensor on the outside of their fuselage. By analysing the available photographic evidence, these can be identified as measuring conductivity, temperature and

depth (CTD). They are visually identical to a model made by a leading US glider manufacturer. These craft likely carry a range of other sensors too, many of which have both civilian and naval uses.

But why are so many Sea Wing gliders turning up? There must be even more that are undiscovered, or found but not reported on. Generally, gliders are semi-reliable and users expect to lose some from time to time. They have a limited battery life, and some may sink or get washed up before they can be recovered. Normally, when a glider is found, the owning organisation is keen to get it back (or, at the very least, retrieve any data from the onboard memory).

Perhaps the relatively high number of reported incidents is because the Sea Wing model is less reliable. But this doesn't ring true for people familiar with the Chinese programme, as Chinese gliders are now typically on par with Western types.

Another possibility is that China is deploying such a large number that more are bound to get lost. This is possible, but a third reason seems to fit the circumstances. China may be using them in a way where a higher loss rate is expected and tolerated.

All four of the Sea Wings found in Indonesia were in territorial waters. This means that permission would have been required, whether for military or civilian purposes. Generally, a government representative would be aboard the survey ship to ensure that the activities are in line with the permissions given. The data would also, in many cases, be shared with the host country. Sometimes, extra stipulations are given, such as not allowing data sharing with third countries. Indonesia has in the past been reluctant to grant these permissions to foreign research vessels.

When the most recent glider was found, the Indonesian military held a press conference where they displayed the vehicle. It was reported that they did not know its origin. This is despite it clearly being a Sea Wing, and essentially identical to three others previously found in Indonesian waters. So, this explanation seems unlikely. But it also suggests that it has not been claimed, meaning it likely does not relate to an authorised survey.

It seems plausible, therefore, that China has deployed the gliders to gather strategic data in Indonesian territorial waters. The last two – which were found east of the Makassar Strait – bolster this theory, as does the fact that this has been done without the permission of the Indonesian government. That said, it can be difficult to link an individual glider to a specific operation. Their innocent-looking yellow paint and tendency to drift in the currents is the embodiment of plausible deniability.

These easily deniable assets are now an emerging threat to states' sovereignty, and one which is hard to stop. We may, therefore, expect to see an increasing number of Chinese UUVs turning up in unexpected places.

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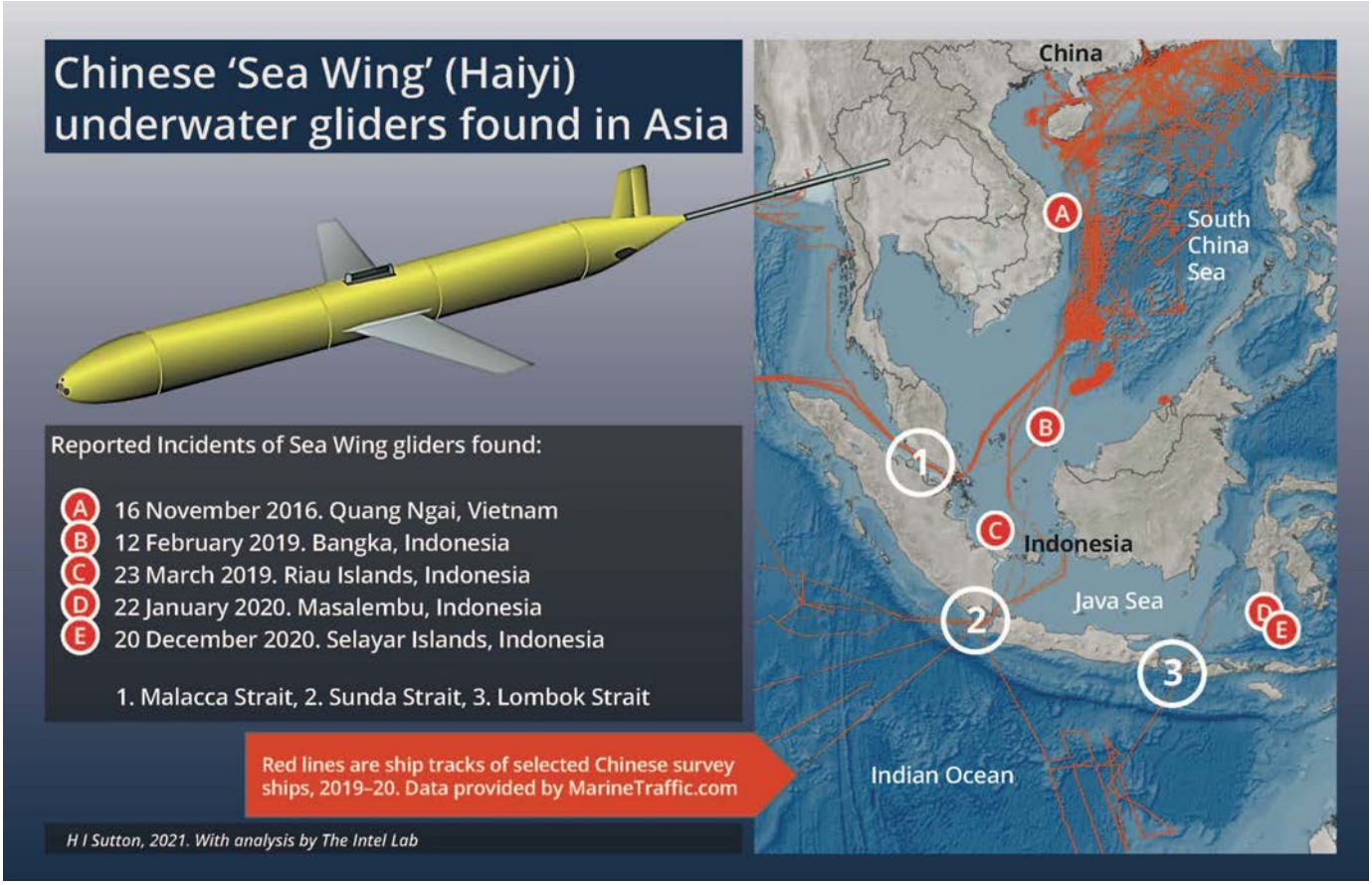

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China Using ‘Cognitive Warfare’ Against Taiwan, Observers Say

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TAIPEI - A Taipei think tank and observers in Taiwan say China is trying to influence residents with “cognitive warfare,” hoping to reverse opposition to Beijing’s desired takeover of Taiwan so it can be accomplished without having to go to war.

Taiwanese attitudes have been drifting away from the mainland, especially among the younger generation, whose members see themselves “born independent” with no ties to China.

China’s effort, these analysts say, includes tactics ranging from military intimidation and propaganda to misinformation spread by its army of online trolls in a bid to manipulate public opinion. They say the complexity and frequency of the effort puts Taiwan on a constant defensive.

“Its ultimate goal is to control what’s between the ears. That is, your brain or how you think, which [Beijing] hopes leads to a change of behavior,” Tzeng Yi-suo, director of the cybersecurity division at the government-funded Institute of National Defense and Security Research in Taipei, told VOA.

Campaign intensifies amid COVID

Cognitive warfare is a fairly new term, but the concept has been around for decades. China has never stopped trying to deter the island's separatists, according to Tzeng, who wrote about the Chinese efforts last month in the institute's annual report on China's political and military development.

Liberal democracies such as Taiwan, that ensure the free flow of information, are vulnerable to cognitive attacks by China, while China's tightly controlled media and internet environment makes it difficult for democracies to counterattack, according to Tzeng.

China's campaign has intensified since the outbreak of COVID-19, using official means such as flying military jets over Taiwan, and unofficial channels such as news outlets, social media and hackers to spread misinformation. The effort is aimed at dissuading Taiwan from pursuing actions contrary to Beijing's interests, the report said.

China has used these tactics to attack Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen's administration, undermine support for democracy and fuel Taiwan's social tensions and political divide, it said.

The South China Situation Probing Initiative, for example, a project run by Najing University in China, has disseminated information about Chinese military activities in the region through its Twitter account, but some of the posts have been found to be false, apparently aimed at intimidating Taiwan's public and weakening Tsai's Democratic Progressive Party government's resolve, according to the report.

Tzeng said China's efforts didn't work in Taiwan's presidential election last January, when Tsai won a landslide victory. The island's growing anti-China sentiments – seem further strengthened by disapproval of China's brutal suppression of pro-democracy Hong Kong protests.

China "set out to [actively] promote the island's reunification with the mainland, its identity as ethnic Chinese or favorable views toward the CCP [Chinese Communist Party]. But now all it can hope for is to curb Taiwan's [growing] pro-independence sentiments" – a trend Beijing has found it difficult to contain, he said.

Tzeng added that he believes China is biding its time and experimenting with new tactics, which it hopes will succeed in influencing the island's future elections.

For example, the report said that China's Communist Party is believed to have played a role in hacking Tsai's office in May to discredit her. Reporters covering her office at the time claimed to have received minutes of internal meetings from an anonymous email account, which accused the president of corruption. Tsai's administration responded by saying that the documents had been doctored and contained fabricated content.

Taiwan should, Tzeng said, stay alert and establish a comprehensive fact-checking system to prevent fake news and misinformation from subverting public opinion.

Taiwan should also "work with regional and global liberal democracies to establish a common defense mechanism" as China's influencing attacks have a global outreach and aren't limited to Taiwan. They constitute the most serious challenge facing democratic societies today, Tung Li-wen, former head of the ruling DPP's China affairs department, wrote in a 2019 essay.

Chinese citizen journalist and blogger Zhou Shuguang, who now lives in Taiwan, said many Chinese have taken to the internet to spread China's narrative. Two groups of such online promoters of China's narrative are known as "Little Pink" and "50 Cent Party," The groups, he said, have formed China's sizable army of online trolls to spread fake news, for example, rumors about Tsai's academic background. Despite repeated clarifications, many kept circling rumors that the

president's 1984 doctorate degree from the London School of Economics was fake.

A 2016 study, led by Harvard University data scientist Gary King, found that 50 Cent Party produced 488 million "fake" social media posts a year to distract other internet users from news and online discussions painting the Communist Party in a negative light.

Global propaganda campaign

China has also been aggressive in expanding its global propaganda campaign to "tell China's story well" and disrupt democracy, said Huang Jaw-nian, an assistant professor of National Chengchi University in Taipei, who specializes in media politics.

"[China] is running its global propaganda campaign by expanding its state media abroad and deploying a strategy called 'borrowing a boat out to sea,' that is, buying up foreign news outlets [with better credibility]... The media buyouts are, in some cases, made by pro-Beijing businesspeople," who will likely spin coverage to curry favor with China, Huang told VOA.

However, Li Zhenguang, deputy director of Beijing Union University's Institute of Taiwan Studies, flatly denied that China has launched any efforts against Taiwan or Tsai's administration.

"She [Tsai] is putting a feather in her own cap. She is a nobody to China. I find the accusations nonsense. Why on earth does China want to attack her?" he told VOA over the phone, refusing to elaborate.

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How phishing attacks are evolving and why you should care

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Cybercriminal gangs and nation-state threat actors continue to evolve their phishing attack techniques, experimenting with different lures, adopting new social engineering tricks, and devising new ways to avoid detection in 2021.

According to the annual Microsoft Digital Defense Report, threat actors, focused on malware attacks to harvest people's credentials in the past, have recently shifted their focus to phishing attacks (~70%). Experts observed threat actors sending out emails imitating top brands like Microsoft, UPS, Amazon, Apple, and Zoom.

> ***The ENISA Threat Landscape 2020 report states that cyberattacks are becoming more sophisticated, targeted, widespread, and undetected.***

While malware stands strong as the #1 cyber threat in the EU, experts observed a significant increase in phishing, identity theft, and ransomware attacks in 2020.

Image by ENISA: Cyberattacks becoming more sophisticated, targeted, widespread and undetected

Here are some interesting findings from the ENISA report related to phishing campaigns monitored in the last twelve months:

- Losses of €26.2 billion in 2019 with Business E-mail Compromise (BEC) attacks
- 42.8% of all malicious attachments were Microsoft Office documents
- 667% increase in phishing scams in just 1 month during the COVID-19 pandemic
- 30% of phishing messages were delivered on Mondays
- 32.5% of all e-mails used the keyword 'payment' in the e-mail subject

A constantly evolving threat

Security firms warn that attackers are rapidly evolving to evade detection.

> ***The majority of phishing attempts today are "polymorphic" in nature.***

This means that attackers make slight and often random changes to an email's artefacts (i.e. template, content, subject, sender name, domains). The morphing allows them to make phishing attacks difficult to detect for signature-based email defence solutions.

Polymorphic phishing attacks are not new, however. Experts began observing them since at least 2016. The first attacks only changed the embedded URLs pointing to their landing pages that were only deployed for a few hours. These URLs were difficult to label as malicious by automated scanning and blacklisting software due to their short lifespan. Making continuous changes to the URLs allowed attackers to avoid detection.

While phishing detection tools were becoming more effective in implementing new detection capabilities, attackers started variating an increasing number of components in the message to avoid them. Threat actors also changed their tactics by sending only a small number of messages to avoid creating "noise" that could be easily detected by email filters.

> ***Today, phishing attacks are becoming much more targeted.***

Once a bad actor has obtained the credentials of an employee within an organization, they will use them to target colleagues in surgical and polymorphic operations.

Another trick employed by threat actors behind phishing campaigns is the use of HTTPS sites. According to ENISA, more than two-thirds (74%) of phishing sites adopted HTTPS in Q4 2020. The experts at ENISA pointed out that the presence of a lock icon at the browser's address bar may trick victims into thinking that the messages are sent from a trusted website. In some cases, threat actors also use legitimate sites that have been hacked to host phishing pages, making it hard to detect malicious activity.

> ***"Other factors contributing to the steep rise in HTTPS usage are the plethora of free certificate services such as Let's Encrypt and the fact that modern browsers mark every HTTPS site as secure, without any further checks."***
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> *— states the ENISA report.*

Phishing-as-a-service on the rise

Security experts also warn of the rise of Phishing-as-a-Service (PaaS) in the cybercrime underground.

Crooks can pay for phishing kits that can be accessed by subscribing to such services. A security researcher identified over 5,334 unique phishing kits by June 2019 that were offered for a price ranging from $50 to $80 for a monthly subscription. Most of the kits (87%) included evasion mechanisms such as HTML character encoding and content encryption. Some of these services were hosted on legitimate cloud services with proper domain name system (DNS) names and certificates.

> ***During the past months, security firms spotted multiple creative phishing techniques to avoid detection.***

In November 2020, researchers at WMC Global have spotted a new creative Office 365 phishing campaign that has been inverting images used as backgrounds for landing pages to avoid getting flagged as malicious by security solutions that scan the web for phishing sites.

The bot avoidance mechanism has been deployed on multiple phishing websites designed to steal Office 365 credentials.

WMC Global researchers observed this technique implemented in a phishing kit developed by a threat actor that was selling it to multiple users.

> ***"Because image recognition software is improving and becoming more accurate, this new technique aims to deceive scanning engines by inverting the colours of the image, causing the image hash to differ from the original. This technique can hinder the software's ability to flag this image altogether."***
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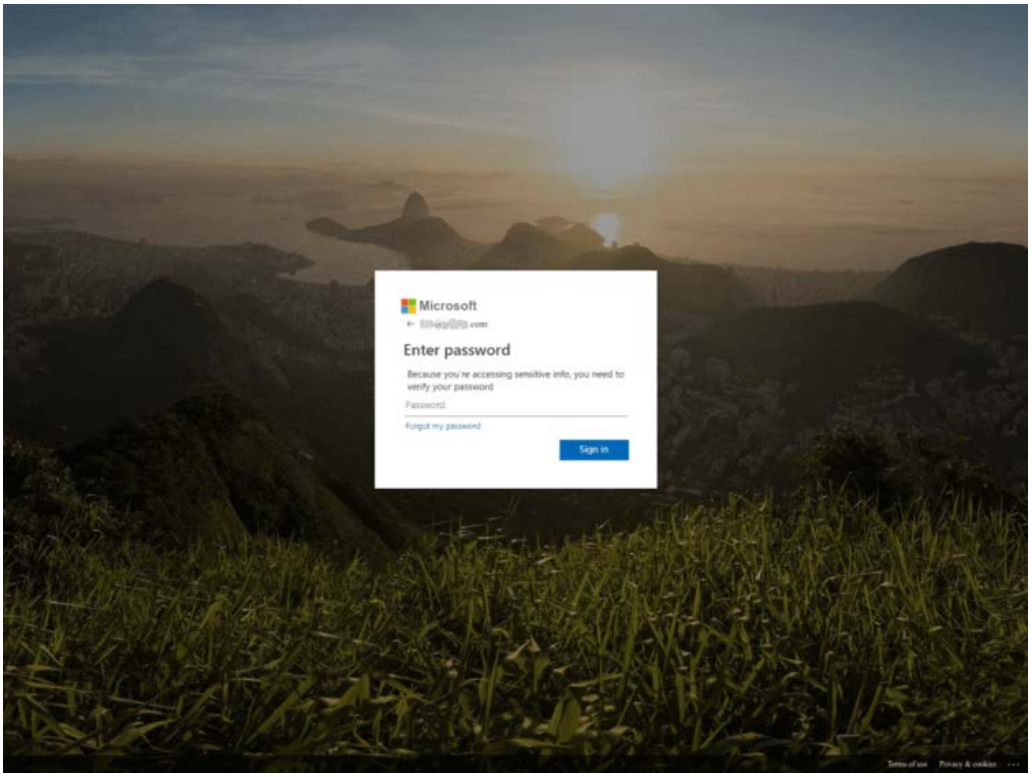
> — *reads the analysis published by WMC Global.*



The phishing kit that uses this trick automatically reverts the backgrounds using Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) to make them look just like the backgrounds of legitimate Office 365 login pages.

While phishing detection web crawlers are served the inverted image, the potential victims are redirected to one of these phishing landing pages that will see the original background instead of the inverted one.

Innovative phishing techniques

Recently, experts also observed other phishing campaigns aimed at Office 365 users that were using innovative techniques, such as leveraging public cloud services to host the phishing landing

pages.

Another innovative technique observed by the researchers targeting Office 365 users leverages both cloud services from Oracle and Amazon for their infrastructure. The threat actors used compromised accounts to send out phishing messages and used Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Oracle Cloud in the redirect chain.

> ***"Once the link was clicked, the user is redirected through several proxies, including AWS load balancers, all the way to a legitimate but compromised website."***
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> — *Ofir Rozmann, threat intelligence at Mitiga told Bleeping Computer*

Before the victims land on the final landing page, they are redirected through several proxies, including AWS load balancers. Most of the fake Office 365 login pages were hosted on the Oracle Cloud computing service, but experts also observed the use of the Amazon Simple Storage Service.

Mitiga researchers discovered more than 40 compromised websites that were used in this Office 365 phishing campaign. The analysis of the HTML code for the fake Office 365 pages suggests that attackers opted for a PaaS kit.

In November 2020, Microsoft tracked an ongoing Office 365 phishing campaign that was targeting enterprises. The threat actors behind the campaign leveraged redirector URLs with the capability to detect incoming connections from sandbox environments.

Upon detecting connections for sandboxes, the redirector would redirect them to legitimate sites to evade detection, while connections from real potential victims were redirected to phishing pages.

In August, researchers from Malwarebytes analyzed a new evasive phishing technique used by attackers in the wild in Magecart attacks. The hackers targeted visitors of several websites by using typo-squatted domain names, and modified favicons to inject software skimmers used to steal payment card information.

The technique is known as homoglyph attack, it was involved in phishing scams with IDN homograph attacks."The idea is simple and consists of using characters that look the same in order to dupe users," reads the analysis published by Malwarebytes researchers.

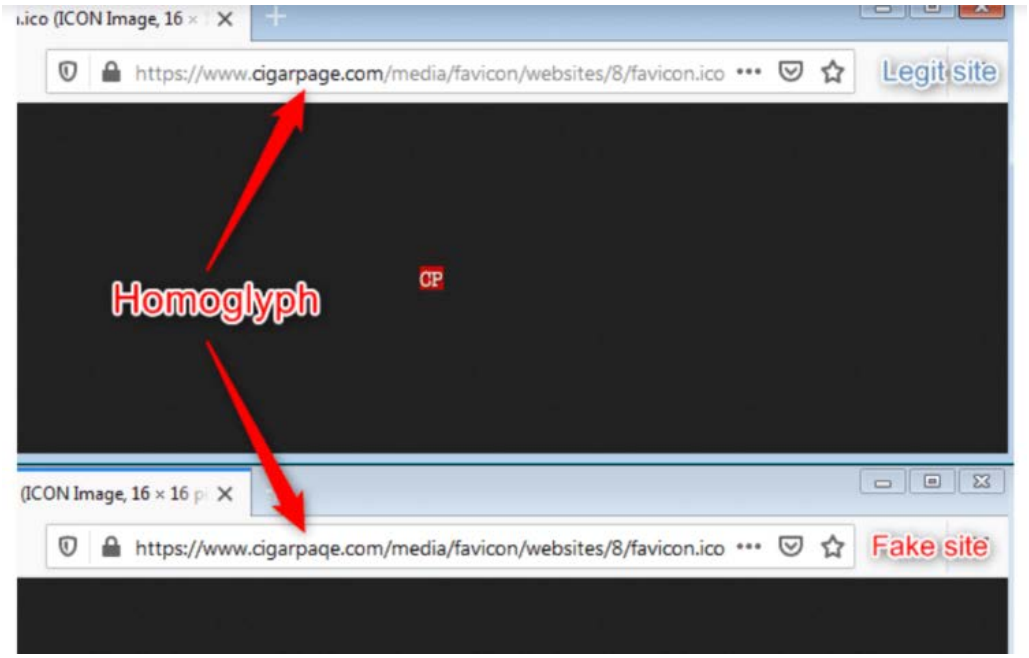
> ***"Sometimes the characters are from a different language set or simply capitalizing the letter 'i' to make it appear like a lowercase 'l'."***

The internationalized domain name (IDN) homograph attack technique has been used by the Magecart group on multiple domains to load the Inter software skimmer inside a favicon file.

The visual trick leverages the similarities of character scripts to register fraudulent domains that appear similar to legitimate ones, then attackers trick victims into visiting them.

While analyzing homoglyph attacks, experts also found legitimate websites (e.g., "cigarpage.com") that were compromised and injected with an innocuous loader for an icon file that loaded a copycat version of the favicon from the typo-squatted domain ("cigarpaqe[.]com").

This favicon loaded from the homoglyph domain allowed the attackers to inject the Inter JavaScript skimmer.



Experts noticed that one of the fraudulent domains ("zoplm.com") involved in this type of attack has been previously tied to Magecart Group 8, the crew that was behind the attacks on NutriBullet, and MyPillow.

How to prevent sophisticated phishing attacks?

Here are a few suggestions for organizations looking to mitigate phishing attacks:

- Train employees to identify a malicious email. Simulated phishing campaigns could allow organisations to test the resilience and responsiveness of the staff.
- Use a secure e-mail gateway with regular (possibly automated) maintenance of filters (anti-spam, anti-malware, policy-based filtering).
- Deploy defence solutions that use machine-learning techniques to identify phishing sites in real-time.
- Disable automatic execution of code, macros, rendering of graphics and preloading mailed links at the mail clients and update them frequently.
- Implement SPF (Sender Policy Framework), DMARC (Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting & Conformance), and DKIM (Domain Keys Identified Mail) to identify spam.
- Implement anomaly detection at the network level for both inbound and outbound e-mails.
- Check the domain name of the websites you visit for typos, especially for sensitive websites, e.g. bank sites. Relying on the HTTPS connection is not enough.
- Enable two-factor authentication (2FA) whenever applicable to prevent account takeovers.

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IN-PERSON THREAT

A physical IN-PERSON THREAT is when you are in imminent danger because of the close proximity of the person making the threat. You have three options:

1. **Run:** Identify an escape route. Drop any belongings that may slow you down. If possible, help others escape. Call 911.
2. **Hide:** Hide away from view of the threat. Lock doors or block entries. Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain silent until the threat is over.
3. **Fight:** Fighting should be a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger. Attempt to incapacitate the threat. Act with as much physical aggression as possible.

A verbal IN-PERSON THREAT one that does not place the recipient in immediate danger or is intended to be carried out later.

- Write down or otherwise record the threat exactly as it was communicated.
- Record as many descriptive details as possible about the person who made the threat: name, appearance, skin color, sex, height, weight, hair and eye color, voice, clothing, or any other distinguishing features.
- Report the threat to law enforcement.

PHONED THREAT

A PHONED THREAT is a threat received by telephone. You should try to get as much information on the caller and the threat as possible, unless the threat is nearby or may imminently harm you or others.

- Remain calm and do not hang up.
- Keep the caller on as long as possible and try soliciting information to determine whether the threat is specific, realistic, or poses immediate danger to you or others.
- If possible, signal others nearby to listen and notify law enforcement.
- Copy any information from the phone's electronic display.
- Write the exact wording of the threat.
- Record the call if possible.
- Be available to discuss the details with law enforcement personnel.

ELECTRONIC MESSAGE THREAT

An ELECTRONIC MESSAGE THREAT is a threat received through direct messaging, email, or social media. It may include threats of blackmail or adverse consequences if the recipient does not comply.

- Do not open an electronic message or attachment from unknown senders.
- Do not communicate on social media with unknown or unsolicited individuals.
- Make sure your security settings are set to the highest level of protection.

If an electronic threat is received:

- Do not delete the message. Forensic examination may uncover important details.
- Leave the message open on the computer.
- Immediately notify law enforcement.
- Print, photograph, or copy the message, subject line, date, and time.
- Preserve all electronic evidence.

CYBER ATTACKS

A CYBER ATTACK can compromise your electronic device and expose personal information.

- Use strong passphrases and do not use the same passphrase for multiple websites.
- Set anti-virus and anti-malware applications to automatically update.
- Apply system and software updates as soon as they become available.
- Apply two-factor authentication.
- Backup data regularly.

If you suspect that you have been a victim of a cyber attack:

- Do not delete or alter your computer systems.
- Immediately contact your financial institutions to protect your accounts from identity theft.
- Change passphrases and monitor accounts for suspicious activity.

If you are in immediate physical danger, call 911.
If you experience a threat, please contact your local FBI field office (listings available at www.fbi.gov) or submit a tip via 1-800-CALLFBI (or 1-800-225-5324) or via www.fbi.gov/tips.

You can also make an anonymous tip to the FBI by phone or online.

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Who should I contact if I experience threats or intimidation: local police or the FBI?

- If you or others are in immediate physical danger, call the local police by dialing 911.
- If you experience a threat associated with a federal crime, contact your local FBI field office (listings at www.fbi.gov) by calling 1-800-CALLFBI (or 1-800-225-5324) or via www.fbi.gov/tips. Examples include threats from an agent of a foreign government, organized crime, or a government official. Your report can be anonymous.
- Not all incidents meet the FBI's investigative threshold. If you are the victim of an incident that does not meet the threshold of a federal crime, you may need to report it to your local police department. Local and state jurisdictions have different thresholds for investigating suspected crimes.

What can I expect if I am interviewed by the FBI?

- An FBI agent can meet with you at an FBI field office or at another location.
- The FBI will ask you to provide as much information as possible about the perpetrator and details of the threat you have experienced.
- The FBI will ask for your contact information to follow-up with you if needed.
- The FBI will attempt to protect your identity and confidentiality.
- If appropriate, an FBI Victim Specialist may be present during the interview to provide information and support, or they may contact you after your interview by phone or mail.

What is the threshold for the FBI to investigate a complaint and/or initiate an investigation?

- The FBI is able to investigate threats that violate US federal law and imply harm or danger to the recipient.
- The ability of the US Government to prosecute individuals for threat-related charges is contingent upon several factors, such as: the quality of the evidence, the ability to identify the individuals who perpetrated the action, the identification of a conspiracy, and/or the ability to arrest the offending individuals.

What can I expect if the FBI initiates an investigation?

- If the FBI believes a federal crime may have been committed, one or more FBI special agents will conduct an investigation. As part of the investigation, the special agents will gather evidence, which may include an interview with you and other victims.
- You may also be asked to describe your experience before a federal grand jury.
- A thorough investigation will be completed. The investigation may take a long time to finish, and you will not be updated on day-to-day case developments. Every effort will be made to tell you about major events in an investigation, such as an arrest or indictment. The FBI is committed to providing such information to you before it is released to the public, when possible. However, the FBI must always be careful not to reveal sensitive information that could hurt the investigation or increase danger to law enforcement.
- An FBI Victim Specialist will be available to provide identified victims with support, information, and referrals for any local resources that may be needed.

Even if reporting the details of how you were threatened or intimidated does not result in an investigation, it will likely assist other victims by helping the FBI track threats and identify trends.

FBI FIELD OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION LISTED BY CITY AND STATE IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.FBI.GOV. IF YOU ARE IN IMMINENT DANGER, CALL 911.

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The Second Karabakh War: Lessons and Implications for Russia (Part Two)

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Captured Armenian 2S1 Gvozdika on parade in Baku, December 10 (Source: Wikimedia Commons)

***To read Part One, please click here.**

Russian experts and commentators have sought to draw key military lessons from the Second Karabakh War (September 27–November 9, 2020), which concluded in a decisive victory for the Azerbaijani side, actively supported by Turkey (see Part One in EDM, January 5, 2021). However, last year's deadly conflict in the South Caucasus also had important informational-ideological, geopolitical and economic implications for Russia.

In the informational-ideological realm, most Russian observers evaluated the outcome of the war as overtly negative for Moscow and exceptionally beneficial for Ankara, whose prestige and "soft power" (pan-Turkism), they predict, are now likely to skyrocket among Turkic-speaking peoples. Importantly, as the main theaters/venues where Turkish influence is bound to grow, many Russian experts mention not only the independent former Soviet republics (mainly Azerbaijan and the countries of Central Asia) but also many non-ethnic-Russian citizens of the Russian Federation itself (Vpoanalytics.com, November 11, 2020). For instance, Konstantin Makienko, the deputy direct of the Center for Analysis of Strategies and Technologies, has argued that since Armenia—Russia's "client and ally"—found itself on the losing side, whereas Azerbaijan and its Turkish ally clearly won, Ankara's influence in the post-Soviet space (especially parts with large Islamic populations) will grow exponentially and supplant Moscow (Vedomosti, November 10, 2020).

In the geopolitical domain, Russian experts have indicated two important troublesome aspects. First are the Karabakh war's implications for the Donbas region. Specifically, some commentators have contended that the results of the conflict in the South Caucasus could (possibly, and probably not immediately) encourage Ukraine to attempt to "solve the issue" of occupied Donbas in a military way. Interestingly, Russian sources expressed visible concerns over recently held military drills in Ukraine. According to the exercise legend, the Ukrainian Armed Forces were practicing liberating parts of Donbas. The most important part of these exercises involved Ukrainian forces actively relying on Turkish-supplied unmanned aerial combat vehicles (UCAV)—one of the main (if not the key) component that secured Azerbaijan's military success last autumn (Lenta.ru, November 18). Other analysts also noted that Ukraine's mounting activities in areas near the Donbas frontline—for example, boosting the overall number of military formations in the area—may indicate Kyiv's desire (using the example of Azerbaijan) to try to launch a military operation in the future (Nezavisimaya Gazeta, December 6, 2020).

The second oft-repeated set of geopolitical concerns is related to Turkey's growing ambitions in the South Caucasus and Central Asia. According to renowned Russian expert Dr. Andrey Kortunov, this new configuration creates a new reality whereby "the main security threats to Russia no longer stem from the western direction, but rather from the south—the Greater Caucasus region and, ultimately, from Central Asia as well" (Globalbrief.ca, October 4, 2020).

Lastly, in the economic domain, concerns expressed by the Russian expert community mainly revolve around the following question: to what extent will Turkish-backed Azerbaijan's military superiority affect the international reputation of Russian-produced weaponry? One

such analysis argues that the results of the military engagements in Karabakh introduced fresh doubts about the actual capabilities of Russian-produced radio-electronic and Electronic Warfare (EW) battlefield assets. Specifically, the director of the Institute of the World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Science, Fedor Voytolovskii, asserts that the conflict "demonstrated the potential of the Turkish defense-industrial complex very clearly… Turkey will be able to attract many potential buyers on the global weapons market" (Nezavisimaya Gazeta, November 26, 2020). Undoubtedly, such an outcome would negatively affect Russia's position in this lucrative economic space.

Another important detail on the subject appeared in the Russian media late last year. Namely, as a result of its military defeat and disgruntlement over the performance of the Russian EW/radio-electronic weapons that Armenian forces had been relying on, Yerevan is reportedly now determined to stop purchasing this type of equipment from Moscow, switching instead to German suppliers. According to Russian sources, "[A]bsolutely all means of radio-electronic confrontation, including the Repellent system [designed for collecting signal intelligence on enemy UAVs and suppressing their control systems], turned out to be useless against Turkish drones, whereas a portion of these complexes were simply destroyed." Other Russian experts, however, claimed that instead of blaming the Russian EW technology, Armenia could have acquired Krasukha complexes, which "have proven their effectiveness in Libya and Syria" (Avia.pro, November 26, 2020). In any event, should Yerevan's military-political leadership opt for Western suppliers—whether because of real deficiencies of the Russian EW assets, or for internal political reasons—that shift would represent a huge reputational loss for Russia and a large economic blow for its domestic arms manufacturers since other potential buyers (with far more impressive economic capabilities than Armenia) might be discouraged from dealing with Moscow.

Similarly, Russian experts have voiced concerns over the quality of domestically produced armored vehicles and anti-missile/anti-aircraft systems. According to Azerbaijani sources, more than 350 Armenian armored vehicles were destroyed and/or captured during the fighting around Karabakh last fall—a number comparable with some of the world's largest military operations, including the Battle of Prokhorovka (1943) and the Battle for the Golan Heights (1973). These staggering numbers were so high despite the fact that main battle tanks were not involved in military operations in large quantities in the Second Karabakh War. Crucially, according to President Ilham Aliyev, the Azerbaijani armed forces destroyed an impressive quantity of other Armenian (Russian-produced) weaponry, with the total cost of this lost equipment exceeding $3 billion. *Inter alia*, this included S-300 surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems with radio locators (seven pieces), an Oborona radio-location station (one), Tor missile systems (five), Osa short-range anti-air systems (forty); KUB mobile SAM systems (four), a KRUG medium-range SAM system (one); Zastava UAVs (fourteen), as well as S-125 SAM systems (two). Moreover, all in all, 19 pieces of EW/radio-electronic equipment were destroyed. Taking this into consideration, Russian experts argue that "the Russian side needs to come up with some explanations as to how such large quantities of

weaponry ended up destroyed in a such a short interim," otherwise, this could be taken negatively by current and potential buyers of Russian arms (Nezavisimaya Gazeta, December 6, 2020).

So despite some cheerful rhetoric coming out of Moscow's state-sponsored information outlets, reputable Russian experts are, indeed, concerned about the implications of the Second Karabakh War beyond the military realm, to include potential geopolitical, economic and reputational losses for Russia. It remains to be seen to what degree their fears will come to pass over the coming months.

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Year 2020 in Review: Results of Russia's Nuclear Weapons Modernization

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Tu-160M construction (Source: Military Review)

Russia continues to press ahead with its nuclear weapons modernization program; however, domestic production difficulties and the coronavirus pandemic hindered the development of its latest strategic systems during the course of the last year.

In 2020, the Strategic Missile Forces (*Raketnye Voyska Strategicheskogo Naznacheniya*—RVSN) were ordered to deploy for combat duty 20 launchers armed with Yars intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM) as well as 2 UR-100N UTTH launchers with the Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle (RIA Novosti, December 24, 2019 and October 13, 2020). These tasks were completed. Two regiments of the RVSN's Barnaul Missile Division were re-equipped with mobile-based Yars ICBMs, while a missile regiment of the Kozelsk division was filled out by equipping it with a separate variant of this ICBM complex (Izvestia, December 21, 2020). The Dombarovsky Division, meanwhile, received two missiles with the *Avangard* hypersonic glide vehicle (Izvestia, December 22, 2020). Yet besides these modest accomplishments, Russia's nuclear arms modernization efforts during the past 12 months saw wide-ranging delays affecting its flagship projects.

Last year was supposed to see the first flight design tests of Russia's newest intercontinental ballistic missile, the RS-28 Sarmat. But those never occurred. The initial stage of testing is to involve two launches of a missile with a mass-dimensional dummy warhead, from the silo at the Plesetsk cosmodrome to the Kura test range in Kamchatka. Ultimately, Russia plans to conduct at least five test launches in total before starting operational production. The phase one tests launches were originally scheduled for the beginning of 2019 (RIA Novosti, December 17, 2018). However, in July 2019, those flight tests were postponed to the end of 2020 (Interfax, July 6, 2019).

In May 2020, Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Borisov said that preparations for the Sarmat's flight tests had not been interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic (RIA Novosti, May 21, 2020). And in August, the head of Roscosmos, Dmitry Rogozin, reiterated those claims (Interfax, August 24, 2020). At least two tests of the missile were to be carried out before the end of the year (Vedomosti, October 29, 2019). But in the end, there was not even one such test, having again been deferred until the following year. Moreover, in December, authorities noted that the Sarmat missiles would not begin entering service in 2020, as had heretofore been the plan; instead, the ICBM would only start to appear in 2022 (Radio Sputnik, December 16, 2020).

Intercontinental ballistic missile test launches, by their nature, are quite difficult and expensive to organize. On December 30, Deputy Defense Minister Alexey Krivoruchko said that flight tests of the Sarmat will begin in the near future (Rossiyskaya Gazeta, December 30, 2020). However, to complete the trials, Russia will first need to upgrade the testing site. Indeed, Minister of Defense Sergei Shoigu recently admitted that a test range for flight trials of the Sarmat missile system has yet to be built; but plans call for completion of such a launch site, near the village of Severo-Yeniseysky, in Krasnoyarsk region, sometime during 2011 (TVZvezda, December 21, 2020).

Drastic delays and planning setbacks affected other strategic platforms as well. In 2020, Russia's Long-Range Aviation (*Aviatsiya Dalnego Deystviya*—ADD) was to receive six upgraded Tu-95MS strategic missile carrier planes. However, at the end of the year, the Ministry of Defense received only five aircraft (Mil.ru, December 2020). In this case, the problem was related to unsatisfactory management and mounting debts of the production plant (Bloknot-taganrog.ru, November 12, 2020).

Similarly, at the end of 2020, the Tupolev Company was supposed to transfer two new Tu-160M strategic bombers to the Ministry of Defense for state testing (Interfax, August 26, 2019). This did not happen because of the pandemic. First, the Tu-160M test pilots and support crews could not make it to the Kazan Aviation Plant for a long time, thus forcing delays to flight test schedules. Second, representatives of the suppliers of the new aircraft systems were also barred from accessing the production facilities for an extended period. Third, coronavirus-related shutdowns prevented specialists on the implementation of new technological equipment from entering the Kazan plant, creating even more delays to development of the latest Tu-160M model (Business Gazeta, May 8, 2020). Throughout all of 2020, the Ministry of Defense received only two upgraded, but still Soviet-built, Tu-160s (TASS, April 23, 2020). The aircraft received more advanced inertial navigation and engine-control systems as well as weapons devices driven by modern digital technologies.

Finally, COVID-19 derailed development plans for naval nuclear weapons (see EDM, December 2, 2020). In April 2020, sea and state trials of the K-329 *Belgorod* submarine were to begin; and the vessel was supposed to be transferred to the Military-Maritime Fleet (*Voyenno-Morskoi Flot*—VMF) by the end of the year (TASS, June 26, 2019). The *Belgorod* is to carry the Poseidon (a.k.a. Status-6) autonomous nuclear-tipped super-torpedo. Yet as a result of the pandemic-related delays, the defense ministry only announced on July 27 that tests were being conducted (Sudostroenie.info, July 27, 2020). And an unnamed source within the Russian military-industrial complex said last May that the tests of the *Belgorod* would continue for another year and a half (RIA Novosti, May 26, 2020). At the same time, the first test-launch of the Poseidon was supposed to take place in the fall of 2020 (Flotprom.ru, May 26, 2020). That trial has still not been completed. Another vessel designed to carry and launch the Poseidon nuclear super-torpedo—the first submarine of the new Khabarovsk-class, which was supposed to be launched in the spring of 2020 (Rossiyskaya Gazeta, May 14, 2019)—also failed to materialize.

The Borei-A-class submarine *Knyaz Oleg* was ultimately not transferred in 2020 either, despite the defense ministry's previous expectations that this could be accomplished (Kremlin.ru, December 24, 2019). In addition to mooring as well as factory and state trials of all of the submarine's structures and mechanisms, it will still be necessary to conduct a test launch of the Bulava missile from this vessel. This means that it is far from certain that the SevMash company will be able to transfer the *Knyaz Oleg* to the navy even before the end of 2021.

Management and technical issues, compounded by last year's coronavirus restrictions and accompanying delays, had relatively little impact on the overall growth of advanced weapons in the nuclear triad. According to previous planning, the share of advanced weapons in the nuclear triad was supposed to increase from 82 to 87 percent by the end of 2020 (RIA Novosti, March 25, 2020), and according to official data, that share reached 86 percent by last December. On the other hand, the coronavirus had a much greater negative effect on the testing of weapons under development. Because of this, the impact of the pandemic will be quite long lasting. Already, the Ministry of Defense's planning has become more modest: by the end of 2021, it projects a further increase in the share of the latest nuclear weapons by only 2 percent (Kremlin, December 21, 2020).

Russian MoD Ordered Two More Borei-A-class SSBN from Sevmash - Naval News

TASS Russian news agency

> "In July, a contract was signed with the Defense Ministry for the construction of another two Borey-A-class nuclear submarines. They are the Dmitry Donskoy and the Knyaz Potemkin,"
>
> *Sevmash shipyard CEO Mikhail Budnichenko*

Budnichenko recalled that the *Knyaz Vladimir* lead submarine of upgraded project 955A was handed over to the Navy in June 2020. The *Knyaz Oleg* SSBN was rolled out of the slipway in July. The shipyard is building four SSBN — the *Knyaz Oleg*, the *Generalissimo Suvorov*, the *Emperor Alexander III* and the *Knyaz Pozharsky*.

Sevmash laid the *Knyaz Vladimir* in July 2012 and floated it in November 2017. It joined the Navy in June 2020 making the construction time last 96 months. The *Knyaz Oleg* was laid in July 2014 and floated in July 2020. It has to join the Navy in 2021.

The *Generalissimo Suvorov* was laid in December 2014, the *Emperor Alexander III* in December 2015, and the *Knyaz Pozharsky* in December 2016.

If the fifth and sixth SSBN are laid in 2021, they may join the Navy in 2027-2028. Thus, Russia will have ten project 955 and 955A SSBN (the *Yuri Dolgoruky*, the *Alexander Nevsky* and the *Vladimir Monomakh* of project 955 and seven SSBN of project 955A).

K-535 Yuriy Dolgorukiy is the first Borei-class ballistic missile submarine of the Project 955 in service with the Russian Navy.

The Russian Navy currently operates four SSBN of projects 955 and 955A, one SSBN of project 677BDR (the *Ryazan*), six SSBN of project 677BDRM (the *Verkhoturye*, the *Yekaterinburg*, the *Tula*, the *Bryansk*, the *Karelia* and the *Novomoskovsk*) and one SSBN of project 941 (the *Dmitry Donskoy*). It makes a total of twelve SSBN. All Soviet-built submarines are to be decommissioned and replaced by new SSBN by the end of the decade.

The naming of a new SSBN after *Dmitry Donskoy* means that the last SSBN of project 941 with the same name would be decommissioned. The Navy will also get rid of project 667BDR submarines. It is unclear which project 677BDRM subs will be replaced. The decision will depend on the technical state of each submarine.

If Sevmash signs another contract for two SSBN of project 955A in the coming years, it will fully switch the sea component of the Russian nuclear deterrence to fourth-generation SSBN by early 2030s.

NCR Forecast Overview (14JAN2021-20JAN2021)

Hazardous Weather: None

Caution: None

Detailed Forecast

Today	Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 53. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph.
Tonight	Increasing clouds, with a low around 35. Light and variable wind.
Friday	A chance of showers, mainly after 3pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 51. East wind 5 to 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.
Friday Night	Showers. Low around 38. Southeast wind around 6 mph becoming calm after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.
Saturday	Showers likely, mainly before 7am. Partly sunny, with a high near 47. West wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.
Saturday Night	A chance of showers before 8pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Chance of precipitation is 40%.
Sunday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 46.
Sunday Night	Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33.
M.L.King Day	Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.
Monday Night	Mostly clear, with a low around 30.
Tuesday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 46.
Tuesday Night	Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.
Wednesday	Partly sunny, with a high near 46.

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NCR 5-DAY FORECAST

AS OF 0300 HRS LOCAL 14 JAN 21

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	DP: 25F/-4C	DP: 34F/1C	DP: 32F/0C	DP: 43F/6C	DP: 25F/-4C	DP: 43F/6C	DP: 25F/-4C	DP: 25F/-4C	DP: 23F/-5C	DP: 27F/-3C
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FIXED WING										
GROUND OPS										
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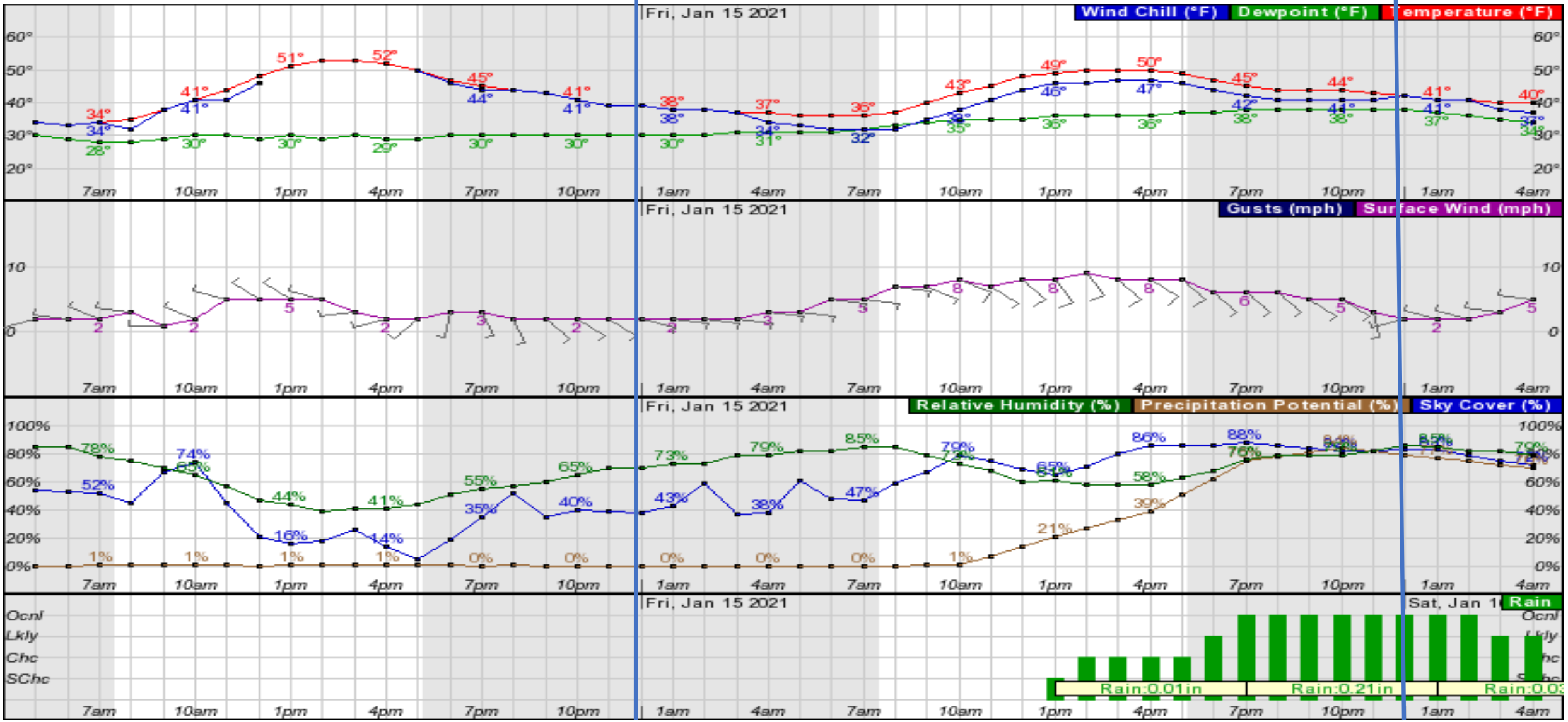

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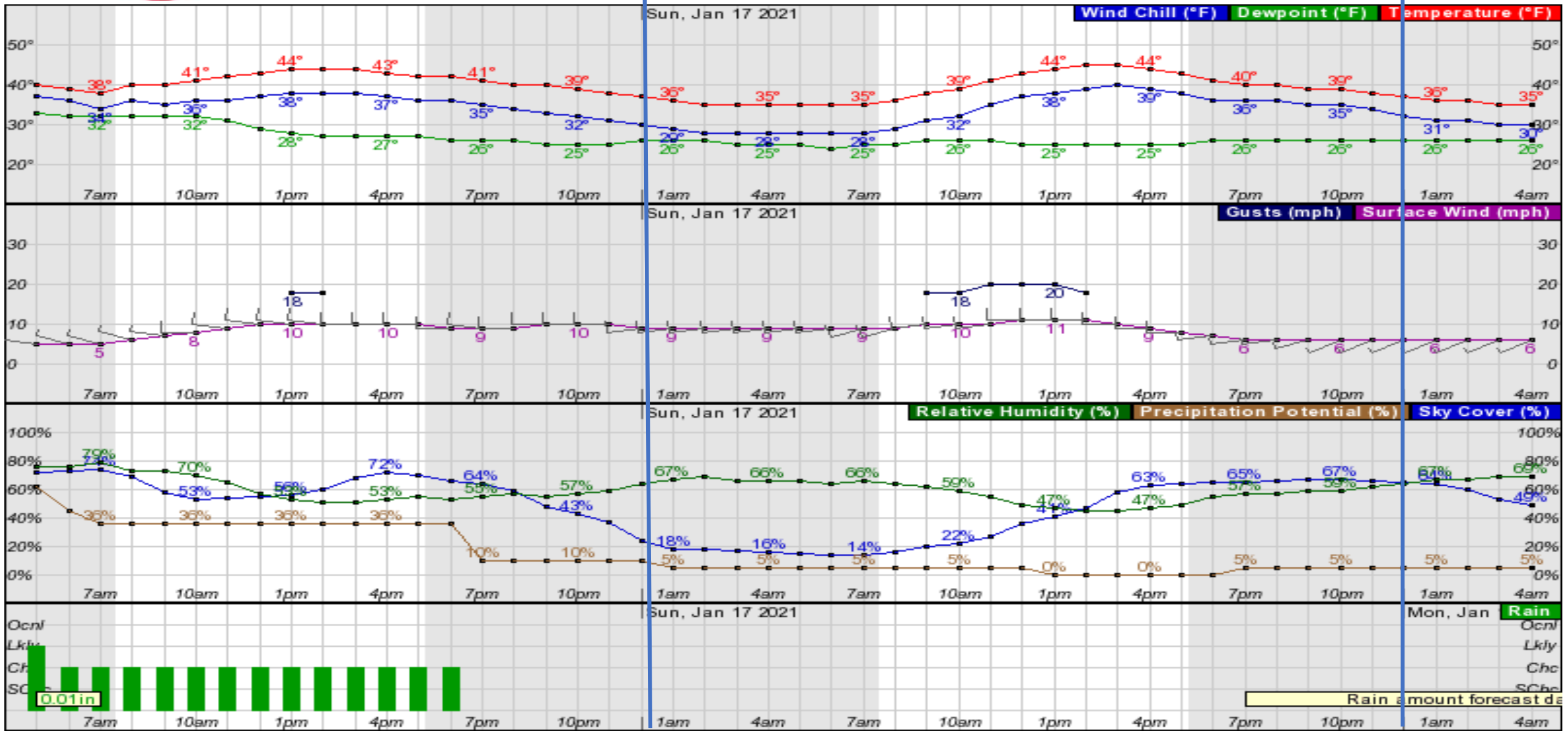

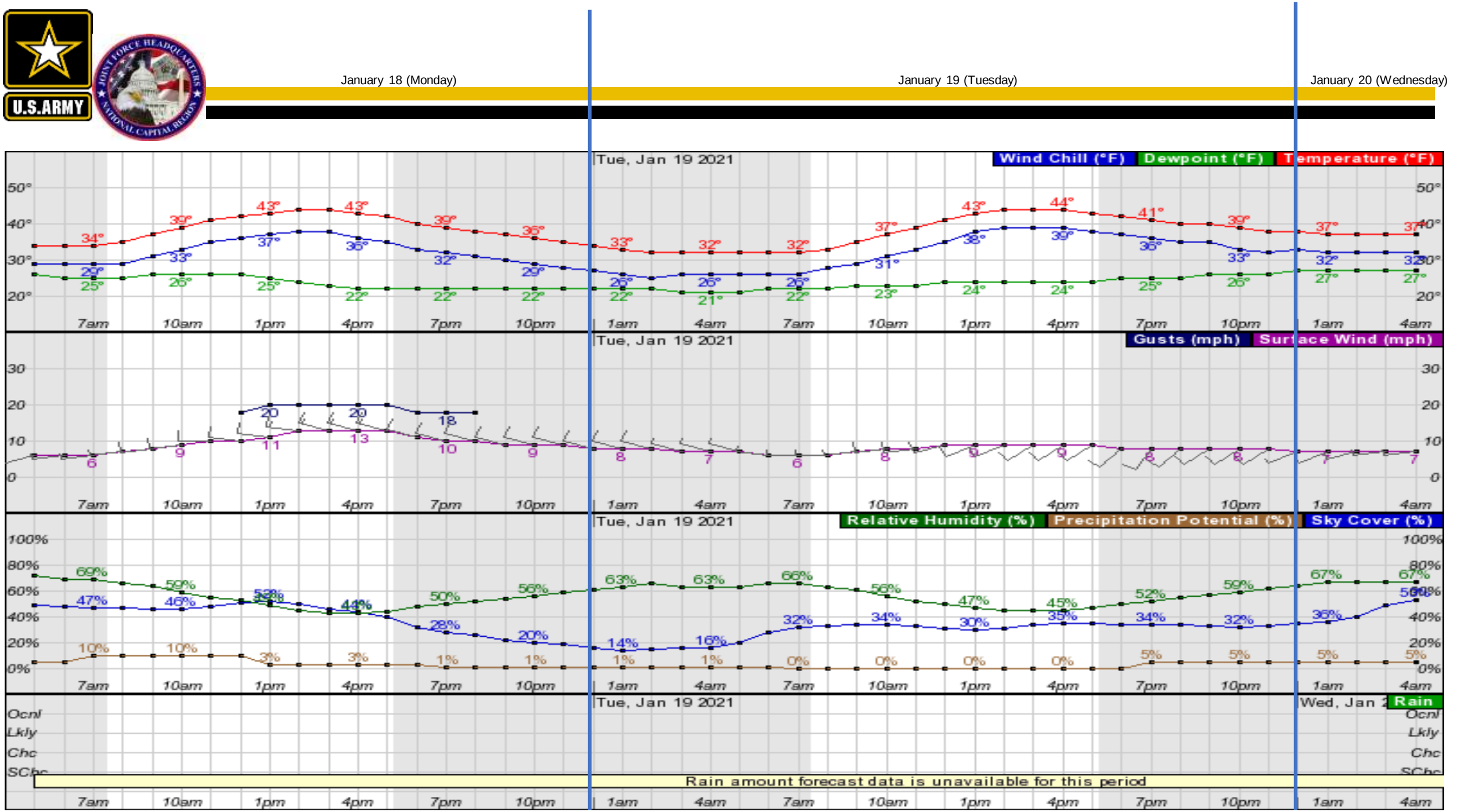
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Washington Channel Flood Gauge

Washington Channel Flood gauge is Forecasted to be below minor levels today.

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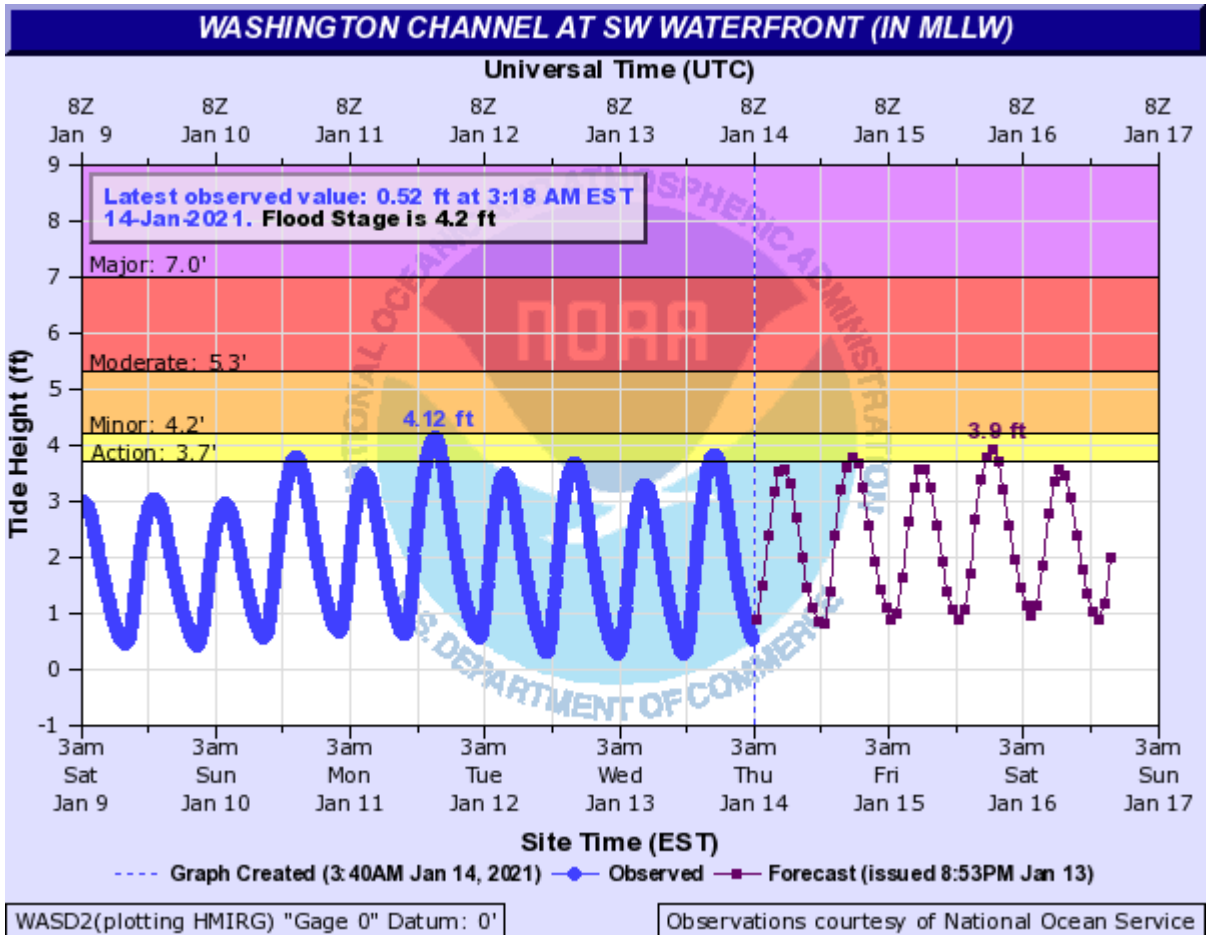
At 3.70ft: Water begins to overflow the lowest Spots along the seawall adjacent to Ohio Drive And the Hains Point Loop Road.

At 4.2ft: Lowland is occurring along sporadic Portions of seawall adjacent to Ohio Drive and Hains Point Loop Road.

At 5.3ft: The unprotected area on the Southwest Waterfront at the DC seafood market begins to flood. Water approaches parts of the Hains Point Loop Road, but the road will likely be closed.

Forecasts for the Washington Channel at SW Waterfront are issued routinely year-round.



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Source: NOAA Weather Sterling (Baltimore/Washington)

The Russian S-70 Okhotnik UCAV Struck Ground Targets With Unguided Bombs During Weapons Testing

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The S-70 Okhotnik takes off for a test flight. (Photo: Russian MoD)

In December it was also announced that the S-70 Okhotnik drone was tested in flight with captive air-to-air missiles in the fighter role

The Russian next-generation Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle (UCAV) **Sukhoi S-70 Okhotnik** (Hunter) struck some ground targets in the Ashuluk range (home of the Russian Aerospace Forces' Combat Training and Combat Application Center) in southern Russia, according to a source in the military-industrial complex cited by the Russian News Agency *RIA Novosti.* The drone hit the target with high accuracy using 500 kg (1100 lb) free-fall unguided bombs, likely the standard FAB-500 M-62 bomb used by Russian aircraft, carried in the weapons bay.

The **source did not disclose when this test happened,** but mentioned that this was not the first bombing test of the drone. Further details included that the UCAV may have been recently upgraded to add new capabilities, as the source was quoted as saying that "the newest sighting and navigation system installed on the Okhotnik makes it possible to use free-falling ammunition with an accuracy approaching that of a high-precision guided weapon."

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Interestingly he added that the S-70 can autonomously engage "stationary and restrictedly mobile ground targets" with known coordinates, either preplanned or received from another source while inflight. While this could be just speculation, the few details disclosed by the source may suggest that the drone is using a **Continually Computed Release Point** (CCRP) method of bombing, normally used when the target's coordinates are known.

This method involves a computer calculating the optimal release point for the bomb to hit the target, taking into account the aircraft flight parameters (speed, altitude, etc), the weapon's parameters (speed, drag, etc), the target position and eventually its movements, as opposed to Constantly Computed Impact Point (CCIP) where the pilot has to put a pipper, which indicates the desired impact point, right on target, usually in a dive.

However, if the target is moving after the bomb release, the new changes in the position will not be taken into account, making a hit possible only if the target is moving very slowly. Obviously, in that case a direct hit would be much less probable than a hit by shrapnel in the immediate vicinity of the target (**unless guided weapons are used**).

The bombing test of the Okhotnik, **which first flew in 2019**, was preceded about a month ago by the announcement of the testing with air-to-air missiles in the fighter role. This test also happened over the Ashuluk range and was reportedly the first weapon testing performed after months of assessments of the flight qualities and on-board systems.

The S-70 Okhotnik accompanied by a Su-57 during a test flight. (Photo: Russian MoD)

After the air-to-air test, a source mentioned by RIA Novosti said that several flights were performed captive training missiles, which are identical to the live missile but missing the rocket engine and the warhead. Both IR-guided and radar-guided missiles were used to assess the UCAV's avionics coupled with the missile guidance systems and the Su-57 "Felon" which was accompanying the drone. This could be a further demonstration that the S-70 could be intended also to act as a "**Loyal Wingman**" for the Su-57 in future.

The **type of the weapons was not specified**, other than saying that they were both IR-guided and radar-guided missiles. This would somewhat restrict the field to the R-73/AA-11A Archer IR-guided short-range missile and its derivate R-74/AA-11B Archer, and the R-77/AA-12 Adder active radar-guided medium range missile.

The R-73 and R-74 are the standard short-range air-to-air missile of the Russian Aerospace Forces, with the latter being further upgraded to a new K-74M2 variant, designed to be fired **from the Su-57's side weapon bays**. *This variant reportedly includes* a lock-on after launch (LOAL) capability, meaning that the missile can be launched without guidance and it will acquire its target once in flight.

If the reports about the R-74M2 variant are correct, it would make sense to use it aboard the Okhotnik, as the IR sensor of the missile can't achieve a lock before launch while it is inside the weapon bays, unless there is a mechanism that extends the missile launcher into the airstream during the targeting process. In that case, the LOAL capability would not be essential and the UCAV could also use the standard R-74 and R-73.

Regarding the R-77, considered to be the Russian counterpart of the AIM-120 AMRAAM, the missile is currently being tested in a specially designed variant for the Su-57, called R-77M. This missile, based on the upgraded R-77-1/AA-12B **currently in service on the Su-27SM, Su-30SM and Su-35S** (and according to some sources also on earlier Su-27s and MiG-29, although there is no photographic evidence of its use in operational role), has been redesigned to fit inside the weapon bays, with the main difference being the replacement of the grid fins on the missile's tail with standard fins.

The missile should include a dual-pulse rocket motor for improved high-altitude maneuvering and extended range (rumored up to 100 miles, doubling the range of previous variants), an enhanced AESA radar sensor, improved **Electronic Counter-Countermeasures**(ECCM), better aerodynamics and reduced radar cross section (the last two mainly due to the new fins). With all these characteristics and the design optimized to fit inside the weapon bays, the R-77M could be the main candidate to be carried by the S-70.

There are also reports about another variant of the Adder, called R-77PD, which is powered by a combined rocket-ramjet engine, much like the European **MBDA Meteor BVRAAM** (Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile). Details about this variant are scarce and it is not known if it will be acquired by the Russian Aerospace Forces.

The commonality of the weapons between the S-70 and the Su-57 could be another hint to the future role of the UCAV. In the past, the Russian government said the drone would extend the radar coverage of the Felon and provide target acquisition, while also being able to attack its own targets autonomously. The Russian Ministry of Defense expects the **first deliveries of the drone to happen in 2024**, so we will likely know more about its role as we get closer to that deadline.

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According to some sources, the Okhotnik could perform live air-to-air missile launches this year, this has not been confirmed. However, it would not be the first time for a drone, as the MQ-9 Reaper already **fired live AIM-9X Sidewinder missiles** in 2017 and 2020 and, even before, the MQ-1 Predator launched the AIM-92 ATAS (Air-to-Air Stinger), including **one fired in 2002 at an Iraqi MiG-25**.

Chinese Covid-19 Vaccine Far Less Effective Than Initially Touted in Brazil

Results of Sinovac's shot were almost 30 percentage points lower than previously announced, as concerns grow over study's transparency

A Butantan Institute researcher in São Paulo held a vial on Tuesday containing CoronaVac, Sinovac's vaccine.

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SÃO PAULO—China's effort to boost its image by providing Covid-19 vaccines to the developing world suffered a setback after one of its leading inoculation candidates turned out to be 50% effective in late-stage trials in Brazil, significantly lower than earlier results showed.

While Sinovac's CoronaVac efficacy rate still meets the 50% threshold the World Health Organization considers good enough for widespread use, scientists said a lack of transparency about the data risks damaging the credibility of a vaccine Brazilians and others world-wide are already reluctant to take.

Brazil's Butantan Institute, a São Paulo-based public institute that is the first to complete late-stage trials of the CoronaVac vaccine, had said last week that it was shown to be 78% effective and offer total protection against severe cases of the disease.

But after rising pressure from Brazilian scientists, some of whom accused the trial's organizers of misleading the public, Butantan said Tuesday those rates only included volunteers who suffered mild to severe cases of Covid-19. When data from all volunteers was considered—including those who contracted "very mild" cases of Covid-19 and required no medical assistance—the total efficacy rate fell to 50.4%, Butantan said.

Sinovac didn't respond to requests for comment.

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From Latin America to Africa and Asia, many developing countries have pinned their hopes on CoronaVac and other Chinese vaccine candidates as richer nations snap up inoculations developed in the West. CoronaVac can be stored in an ordinary refrigerator, making it cheaper and easier to transport than others that require subfreezing storage temperatures.

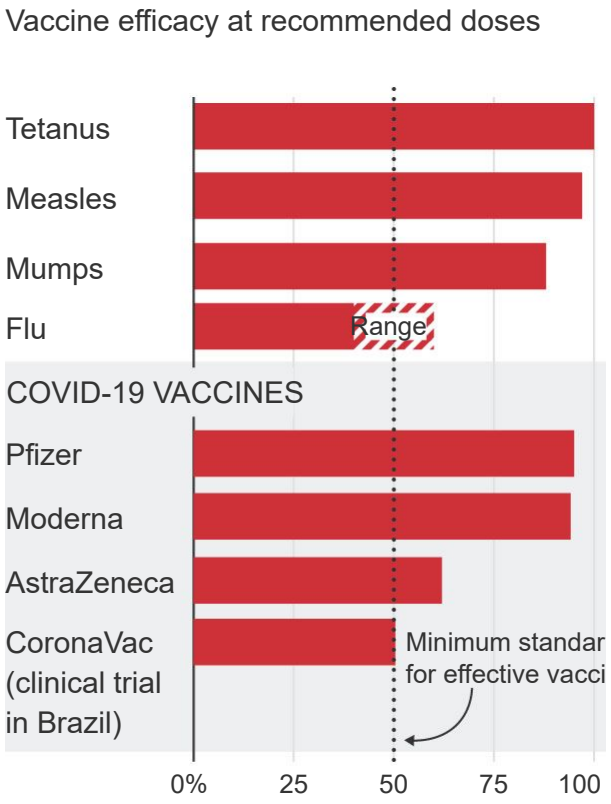
"This will have profound implications domestically [in China] and internationally," said Yanzhong Huang, a senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. "From the very beginning, China has raised people's expectations about the effectiveness of China-made vaccines."

Beyond mainland China and Hong Kong, Turkey and Ukraine are among nations that have reported orders for CoronaVac, and where regulators would also be closely watching for

efficacy analysis. Brazil has agreed to buy up to 100 million doses, and seven other Latin American countries have been in talks to obtain the vaccine.

Sinovac and Butantan had initially scheduled to reveal the efficacy rate by Dec. 15 but delayed it a week, citing a decision to collect additional data. A week later, the announcement was delayed again, which Brazilian researchers attributed to Sinovac's request for more time to consolidate data from trials in Indonesia and Turkey.

"It's extremely unusual, I've never seen this," said Denise Garrett, an epidemiologist at the Washington-based Sabin Vaccine Institute who worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta for more than 20 years. "They had already delayed the results—it seems they found them to be unsatisfactory so they came up with a way to announce the results in a more favorable way," she said.



Sources: State of Sao Paulo (CoronaVac); the companies (Covid-19 vaccines); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (other vaccines)

The lower success rate could push governments toward giving priority to purchases from drugmakers whose vaccines have higher efficacy rates, said Iván Darío Vélez, an infectious disease expert at Colombia's University of Antioquia.

"If the vaccine has an efficacy rate around 50%, it's going to be hard to justify including it in the national vaccination program," said Dr. Vélez. "But if we have a society that doesn't

have the means to acquire all of the vaccines it needs, you can see a scenario where authorities would say, 'Fifty percent protection is still better than nothing.'"

In Chile, officials said they would go ahead with plans to import some 10 million doses of the Sinovac vaccine, the first batch of which was expected this month, said Rodrigo Yáñez, a high-ranking official in the Foreign Relations Ministry in charge of importing the shots.

Mr. Yáñez said CoronaVac would still be effective in preventing deaths and overwhelming hospitals with Covid-19 patients. "That is the objective," he said.

Many flu vaccines have an efficacy rate even lower than that of CoronaVac, public-health specialists said.

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As China brought Covid-19 under control last year, the country's vaccine developers turned to foreign nations to conduct their clinical trials, choosing Brazil, Indonesia and Turkey. The widely differing results from those countries have only raised more questions about how well the vaccine works.

In countries with high numbers of Covid-19 cases, volunteers in vaccine trials face a greater exposure to the virus, allowing researchers to test vaccines faster and produce more accurate results. More than 200,000 people have died from Covid-19 in Brazil so far, second only to the U.S., turning the Latin American country into an ideal testing ground for vaccines.

Researchers in Turkey, which is at an earlier stage of testing CoronaVac, said late last month that initial data from around 1,300 people in late-stage trials showed the vaccine to be just over 91% effective.

Meanwhile, Indonesian authorities reported Monday that preliminary results from their clinical trial of CoronaVac showed an efficacy rate of 65.3%, although it isn't clear how scientists there made their calculations.

Though that rate was based on data from a trial involving just 1,600 volunteers in the city of Bandung, Indonesian authorities this week greenlighted CoronaVac for emergency use. It isn't clear whether Indonesian authorities knew the full extent of the data analysis from Brazil. The country has secured 126 million doses of the vaccine, batches of which have already arrived.

In contrast, more than 12,000 health workers took part in Phase 3 trials in Brazil, the first country to complete tests of Sinovac's vaccine. Of those volunteers, 252 contracted Covid-19—167 of whom took the placebo, and 85 of whom took the vaccine, the Butantan Institute said Tuesday.

Butantan researchers on Tuesday defended their decision to release partial results first, saying that it is more important to know how well the vaccine protects people against more severe cases rather than all cases.

CoronaVac's relatively low efficacy rate means more people will need to take the vaccine to achieve herd immunity, making it even more important for its developers to be transparent and reassure the public about its efficacy and safety, doctors said.

Infectious disease specialists blamed the skewed results on both pressure from São Paulo's government and Sinovac in China.

Political observers here say that São Paulo's Gov. João Doria, who spearheaded Butantan's partnership with Sinovac, has politicized the vaccine's development by championing its use in his increasingly public tussle with President Jair Bolsonaro, who has long disparaged Chinese vaccines. Mr. Doria is considered a likely presidential candidate next year.

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In November, Mr. Bolsonaro warned his followers that the CoronaVac vaccine could kill or disable them, without offering any evidence. Mr. Bolsonaro, who last year recovered from a mild case of Covid-19, has dismissed the disease as nothing more than a “little flu” and said he doesn’t plan to get vaccinated himself.

Battling politicians coupled with the mixed signals about the Sinovac vaccine led 50% of respondents in a Datafolha poll conducted last month to say they wouldn’t take any Chinese vaccine. When respondents were asked if they would get vaccinated, knowing vaccines are produced by many countries, only 20% said they would not.

“It’s absurd,” Sonia Nascimento, a 46-year-old caregiver for the elderly, said about the confusion over the vaccine’s efficacy rate. “Is this vaccine going to work? Should I wait for more people to take it in case it has side effects?”

While Butantan has found itself caught in a political battle in Brazil, its Chinese partners imposed strict controls on what information could be publicly shared.

“Butantan found itself squashed between them in the middle of all this mess,” said Eliseu Waldman, an epidemiologist at the University of São Paulo, who like many specialists has defended the 120-year-old institution. Butantan produces the majority of vaccines used in the country and is in talks to distribute CoronaVac throughout South America.

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Hours after Butantan announced CoronaVac to be between 78% and 100% effective last Thursday, Brazil’s federal government announced it would buy up to 100 million doses of the vaccine.

Chinese authorities approved CoronaVac for emergency use last July but have yet to approve the vaccine for broad use. The Council on Foreign Relations’ Mr. Huang says the

lower efficacy figure doesn’t preclude China from still allowing the vaccine to be used widely.

Iran Is Assembling Gear Able to Produce Key Nuclear-Weapons Material

Tehran has taken a new step toward possible atomic-weapons production

An Oct. 21 satellite photo showed construction at Iran's Natanz uranium-enrichment facility.
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Iran has taken a significant new step toward possible atomic-weapons production, starting work on an assembly line to manufacture a key material used at the core of nuclear warheads, the United Nations atomic agency said in a confidential report Wednesday, raising the stakes in Tehran's standoff with Washington ahead of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration.

The International Atomic Energy Agency, in a report for member states viewed by The Wall Street Journal, said Iran has told the watchdog that it has started manufacturing equipment it will use to produce uranium metal at a site in Isfahan in coming months.

Uranium metal can be used to construct the core of a nuclear weapon.

Iran hasn't made uranium metal so far, senior Western officials said. The IAEA said Tehran had given it no timeline for when it would do so. Still, the development brings Iran closer to crossing the line between nuclear operations with a potential civilian use, such as enriching nuclear fuel for power-generating reactors, and nuclear-weapons work, something Tehran has long denied ever carrying out.

Iran's ambassador to the IAEA, Kazem Gharib Abadi, said Wednesday on Twitter that Iran would produce uranium metal, saying it would allow the development of a new fuel for the Tehran civilian research reactor. Iran has said it would take four to five months to install the equipment to produce a uranium powder from which uranium metal is made.

The Iranian government has moved methodically over the past 18 months to expand its nuclear activities. Since the Trump administration withdrew from a 2015 international accord limiting Iranian nuclear activities and began imposing sweeping economic sanctions, Iran has begun stockpiling more enriched uranium and taken other steps barred under the nuclear deal.

Making uranium metal is also prohibited by the deal, which also involves the U.K., France, Germany, China and Russia.

Mr. Biden has said he wants to resume diplomacy with Iran and is looking for a way to return to the nuclear agreement, which was reached when he was vice president. But reviving the international pact could be complicated politically and for technical reasons, and could face stiffer opposition if Iran conducts nuclear weapons-related work.

Western diplomats say that by taking the recent steps, Iran is seeking leverage to pressure Mr. Biden to move swiftly to drop sanctions on Iran and return speedily to the nuclear accord without laying down any conditions. By threatening major new steps on uranium metal production and scaling back U.N. inspectors' access to Iran, Tehran could leave Mr. Biden with a difficult choice—a rapid return to the deal or a major confrontation between the U.S. and Iran.

IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

How Close Is Tehran to Developing Nuclear Weapons?

After the killing of leading Iranian nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh —in an attack Tehran has blamed on Israel—Iran's parliament in December called on the government to start enriching uranium up to 20% purity and to begin producing uranium metal within five months if the U.S. doesn't drop its economic sanctions. Israel has declined to comment on the killing of Mr. Fakhrizadeh. Iran said last week it was starting to produce 20% enriched uranium.

Under the 2015 nuclear deal, Iran had agreed to a 15-year moratorium on uranium and plutonium metallurgical production. Iran was allowed to work on advanced fuel for research reactors, one of the few civilian uses for uranium metal, but only after 10 years.

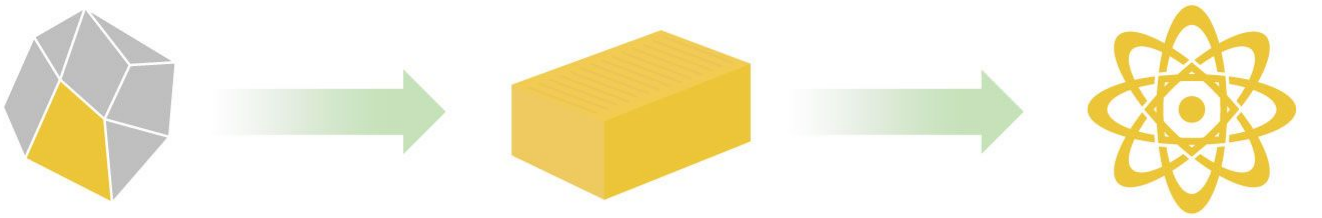
When enriched to weapons grade of roughly 90% purity, uranium metal plays a central role in atomic weapons, forming the core of the device which, when triggered, sets off a chain reaction that creates the nuclear explosion.

Making a Nuclear Weapon

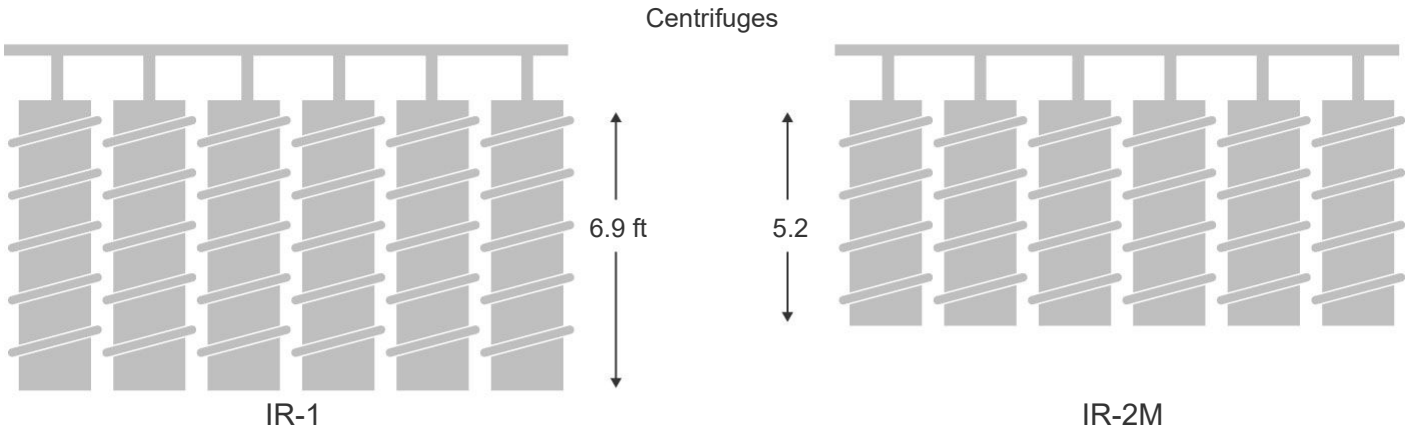
Iran has taken early steps that could possibly allow it to build a nuclear weapon.

Creating weapons-grade nuclear fuel

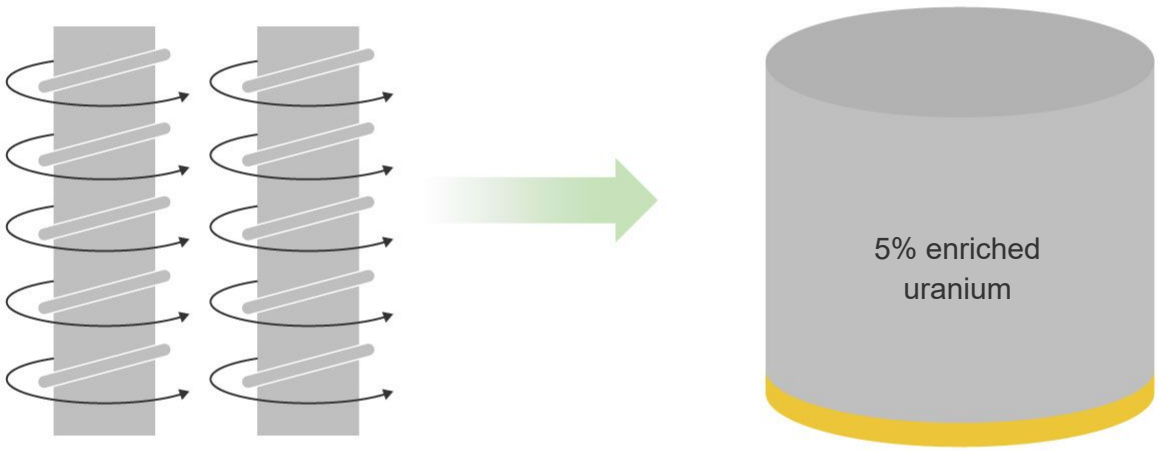
1 Low-grade uranium ore is mined and chemically treated to produce a concentrated yellowcake. After a conversion process, it is fed into centrifuges.



2 Centrifuges are set up in cascades to enrich the uranium. The sophisticated process can take years to establish. Iran produced around 20,000 basic centrifuges—IR-1s and IR-2ms—but is doing research on more advanced machines.

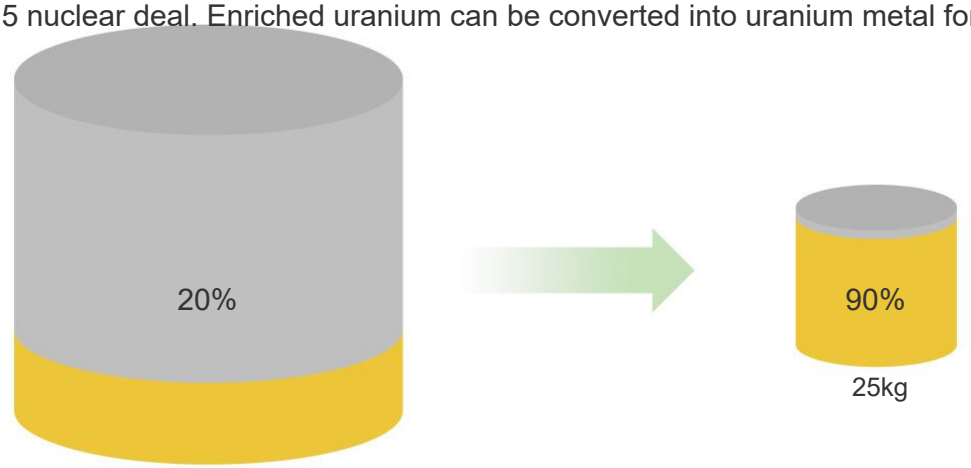


3 Enriching uranium to 5% purity is the most time-consuming part of producing weapons-grade material. Since the Trump administration left the 2015 nuclear agreement in 2018, Iran has accrued a stockpile of at least 2,443 kg of uranium, including material enriched to 3.67% and 4.5%. The size of the stockpile is more than 12 times the total permitted under the accord.



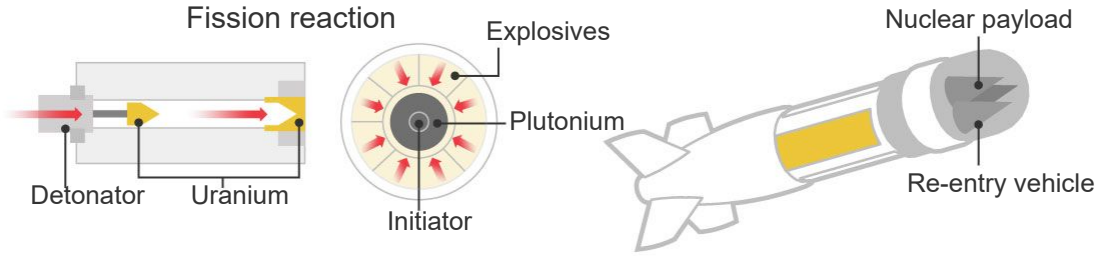
4 It takes roughly 200 kg to 250 kg of 20% enriched uranium to produce 25 kg of 90% enriched uranium, the amount needed for a bomb. In early January, Iran began enriching uranium at 20% for the first time

since the 2015 nuclear deal. Enriched uranium can be converted into uranium metal for weapon use.



Weaponizing nuclear fuel

Iran has signaled it could begin building a uranium metal plant that would give it the material to make the core of a nuclear weapon. Deploying the nuclear fuel in a weapon presents technical challenges, many of which Iran isn't believed to have mastered. Detonating the weapon requires a fission reaction. The nuclear payload must be attached to a missile, and the payload must be able to withstand re-entry through Earth's atmosphere as it descends to its target.



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Even with the production of uranium metal, Iran would need to complete many additional steps before it is capable of building a nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missile. It would need to be able to build a warhead compact enough to be carried on such a missile and manufacture a re-entry vehicle to prevent the weapon from exploding in flight.

Iran may still need years to master those skills, some analysts believe.

Iran has denied ever working on nuclear weapons, but Western officials and the IAEA have said Tehran had a structured weapons program until 2003. And the IAEA has for years pursued leads about the Iranians' work on uranium materials.

Over the past year, the IAEA has sought to locate a natural uranium-metal disc, present in Iran in the early 2000s, which is no longer accounted for. That led to a protracted standoff, which saw IAEA inspectors banned from visiting two Iranian sites for months.

An International Atomic Energy Agency inspector worked at Iran's Natanz nuclear power plant in 2014.

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The IAEA said in a report in 2013 that Iran had told the agency it intended to build a facility to produce uranium-metal ingots, but it was widely believed a production line was never completed.

According to Western officials, the work on the new Iranian uranium-metal production line is being done by a company called Sureh, a subsidiary of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, which is currently under U.S. sanctions and was previously sanctioned by the European Union for its nuclear-related work.

The work is taking place at an Iranian nuclear facility in Isfahan, near the Uranium Conversion Facility, which is under regular IAEA inspection.

Some Western officials have said Iran has worked for several years on research to pave the way to being able to produce uranium metal.

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This document is intended to provide situational awareness of food, medical device, and pharmaceutical recall news occurring around the United States. This Unclassified report is a compilation of extracted open source information and titles and summaries are re-captioned and shortened during editing.

FOOD, PHARMACEUTICAL, AND MEDICAL PRODUCT RECALLS SUMMARY REPORT

Food Recalls

(U) Lavva Voluntarily Recalls a Single Lot of Blueberry Plant-Based Yogurt

Summary: EVR Foods, INC, parent company to Lavva, is issuing a voluntary recall of its 5.3 ounce Blueberry Plant-Based Yogurt with expiration date 2/21/21 due to potential mold contamination. This plant-based yogurt was produced at a manufacturing facility in New York and has only been linked to the single date code. The product comes in a 5.3 ounce, colorful plastic cup with a foil lid, marked with lot #022121 on the bottom of the cup which is also used as the expiration date of the product. The affected product was distributed to retail stores nationwide. Additional information about affected products including lot numbers and images of the product packaging, if available, can be found HERE.

(U) Weis Markets Issues Recall for Possible Foreign Matter Contamination in Weis Ice Cream Products

Summary: Weis Markets today said it has issued a recall for 10,869 containers of Weis Quality Cookies and Cream Ice Cream (48 oz.) and 502 bulk containers of Klein's Vanilla Dairy Ice Cream (3 gallon) because the products may be contaminated with extraneous material, specifically metal filling equipment parts. There has been one report of a customer who discovered an intact piece of metal equipment in the Weis Quality Cookies and Cream Ice Cream (48 oz). There is concern of an additional piece of equipment present in the ice cream product(s) possibly presenting a choking hazard. The affected product was sold in 197 Weis Markets' stores in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, New York, Delaware and West Virginia. The Weis Quality Cookies and Cream ice cream is packaged in a scround 48- ounce container with a UPC of 041497-01253 and with a sell by date of 10/28/21. The Klein's Vanilla bulk ice cream is packaged in 3-gallon containers with a code stamp of 0302 and are not for retail sale. This product was sold to one retail establishment in New York and has been removed from sale. Additional information about affected products including lot numbers and images of the product packaging, if available, can be found HERE.

Drug, Supplement, and Cosmetics Recalls

(U) Fresenius Kabi Issues Recall of Ketorolac Tromethamine Injection, USP Due to the Presence of Particulate Matter

Summary: Fresenius Kabi USA is voluntarily recalling a single lot of Ketorolac Tromethamine Injection, USP, 30 mg/mL, 1 mL fill in a 2 mL amber vial to the user level due to the presence of particulate matter. Particulate matter was found in reserve sample vials. Ketorolac Tromethamine, a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, is indicated for the short-term (up to 5 days in adults) management of moderately severe acute pain that requires analgesia at the opioid level. The affected product details are as follows: Ketorolac Tromethamine Injection, USP, 30 mg/mL, 1 mL fill in a 2 mL amber vial; NDC Number 63323-162-01; Product Code 160201; Batch Number 6121083; with Expiration Date 02/2021. The recalled lot was distributed nationwide in the U.S. to wholesalers, distributors, hospitals, and pharmacies between March 28, 2019 and September 3, 2019. Additional information about affected products including lot numbers and images of the product packaging, if available, can be found HERE.

Medical Device Recalls

(U) Boston Scientific Announces LOTUS Edge™ Aortic Valve System Voluntary Recall and Product Discontinuation

Summary: Boston Scientific Corporation (NYSE: BSX) has announced it has initiated a global, voluntary recall of all unused inventory of the LOTUS Edge™ Aortic Valve System due to complexities associated with the product delivery system. The voluntary recall is related solely to the delivery system, as the valve continues to achieve positive and clinically effective performance post-implant. There is no safety issue for patients who currently have an implanted LOTUS Edge valve. Given the additional time and investment required to develop and reintroduce an enhanced delivery system, the company has

chosen to retire the entire LOTUS product platform immediately. Additional information about affected products including lot numbers and images of the product packaging, if available, can be found HERE.

Other Recalls

(U) Midwestern Pet Foods Voluntarily Expands Recall of Pet Food for Aflatoxin Health Risk

Summary: Midwestern Pet Foods, Inc., of Evansville, IN is expanding its December 30, 2020 voluntary recall of certain dog and cat food products produced in our Chickasha Operations Facility to include all dog and cat pet food products made with corn products because those products may contain aflatoxin levels which exceed acceptable limits. Products were distributed nationally to online distributors and retail stores nationwide. The products recalled cover all that expire on or before July 9, 2022, depicted as "07/09/22" in the date code on the product. Aflatoxin is a toxin produced by the mold *Aspergillus flavus*. There have been reports of illnesses and deaths in dogs associated with certain lots of products. No human illnesses have been reported. Lot code information may be found on the back of bag and will appear in a three-line code, with the top line in format "EXP 03/03/22/05/L#/B###/HH:MM". This recall covers only product manufactured at Midwestern Pet Food's Chickasha, Oklahoma facility, and the unique Chickasha Facility identifier is located in the date code as a "05" and "REG. OK-PFO-0005" at the end of the date code. Multiple products sold under varying brand names and formulations are affected. Additional information about affected products including lot numbers and images of the product packaging, if available, can be found HERE.

Additional Resources

(U) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Summary: The FDA Recalls, Market Withdrawals, & Safety Alerts portal displays a concise, reverse chronological listing of current recalls, withdrawals, and alerts. Through the FDA Recall Information Search portal, users can search for and view more detailed information including the Weekly Enforcement Reports for the following categories of products regulated by the FDA: Biologics, Cosmetics, Devices, Drugs, Food, Tobacco, and Veterinary.

(U) U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food Safety and inspection Service (FSIS)

Summary: Through the FSIS Recalls and Public Health Alerts portal provides links to view current and historical recalls and alerts as well as current and historical foodborne illness and outbreak investigations. Occasionally for products with overlapping jurisdiction the same recall will be posted by both the USDA and FDA.

(U) U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

Summary: The CPSC Recalls portal displays recalls for all other general consumer products not otherwise under the jurisdiction of the other federal regulatory agencies. CPSC also has a new portal for COVID-19 Home Safety Information.

(U) U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Summary: The NHTSA Recalls portal allows users to search vehicle safety recalls by Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or manufacturer and includes vehicle components, tires, related equipment, and car seats.

(U) State of Nevada Department of Taxation (NV DOT)

Summary: The NV DOT issues Cannabis Product Advisories for cannabis products sold in the state.

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Good morning. [redacted]

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Cc: Donohue, John K.
Subject: Re: Domestic Extremist Activities Following Riots
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Thank you, Julie! We will share with our team here.

Best regards,

Sam

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Vr,

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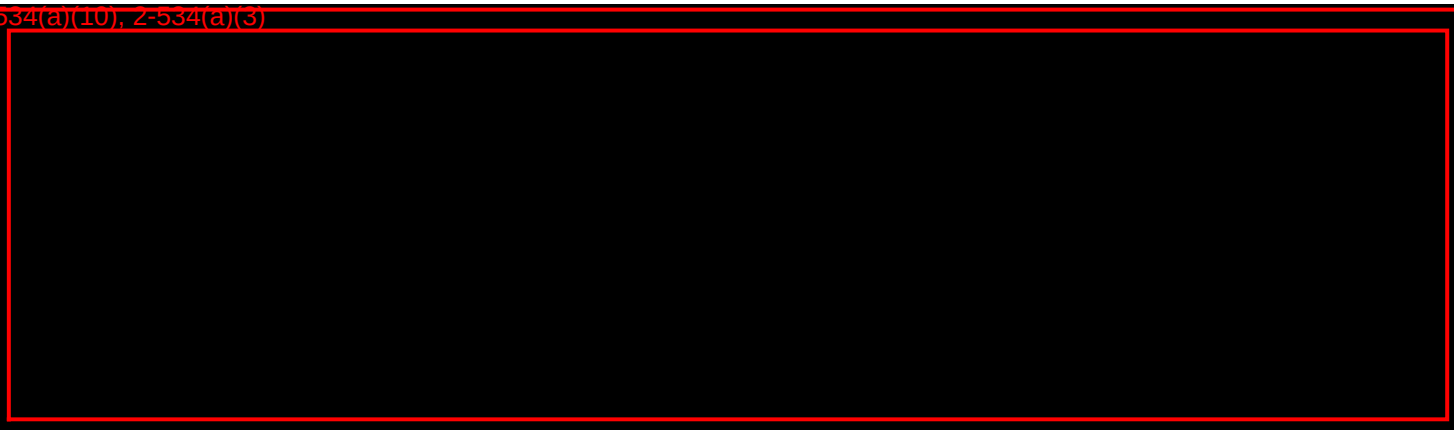

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Large bitcoin payment made to far-right individuals before U.S. Capitol attack: report By Reuters Staff

(Reuters) - Payments in bitcoin worth more than $500,000 were made to 22 different virtual wallets, most of them belonging to far-right activists and internet personalities, before the storming of the U.S. Capitol, cryptocurrency compliance startup Chainalysis said on Friday.

The payments, made by a French donor, of 28.15 bitcoins were made on Dec. 8, the New York-based startup, specializing in countering money laundering and fraud in the digital currency space, said in a blog post. (bit.ly/3bG83yE)

Chainalysis said it now has evidence that many alt-right groups and personalities received large bitcoin donations as part of the single transaction.

“We have also gathered evidence that strongly suggests the donor was a now-deceased computer programmer based in France,” Chainalysis said in the report.

Nick Fuentes, who was permanently suspended from YouTube last year for hate speech, received 13.5 bitcoins, worth about $250,000 at the time of the transfer, making him by far the biggest beneficiary of the donation, according to the blog post.

Fuentes could not be reached for a request for comment.

Reporting by Noor Zainab Hussain in Bengaluru; Editing by Shounak Dasgupta

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* Travelers boarding flights to Washington, D.C., ahead of the inauguration will not be allowed to check firearms on several airlines and face increased security measures on all carriers

* American, United, Alaska, Southwest, Frontier, and Spirit Airlines said Thursday they will ban firearms

* Only law enforcement officials will be exempt from the ban

* United Airlines also included flights to Richmond International Airport and noted law enforcement officials and active duty military traveling on orders would be exempt

* The U.S. Marshal Service will deputize 3-4,000 local police from across the country to assist with safeguarding the inauguration

* The National Guard members deployed in Washington, D.C., will be permitted to carry lethal weapons while they're protecting the U.S. Capitol through Inauguration Day, according to reports

* In addition to lethal weapons, the National Guard will reportedly be equipped with traditional protective gear, like protective vests, gas masks, and shields

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At least 46 civilians are reported to have been killed in an attack by suspected rebel fighters on a village in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, a senior provincial official said on Thursday.

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China’s pressure and propaganda - the reality of reporting Xinjiang

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Mexico’s Fentanyl Crisis Reached New Heights in 2020

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Trafficking of the deadly opioid fentanyl skyrocketed in 2020 throughout Mexico, solidifying the synthetic drug’s status as a top criminal economy and the country’s role as an international trafficking transit point.

Sudan closes airspace on Ethiopian border

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Russia said on Friday it will withdraw from an international treaty allowing observation flights over military facilities following the United States' exit from the pact.

Mexico clears ex-defense secretary of all US accusations

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Mexican prosecutors on Thursday declared completely unfounded the U.S. case against a former defense secretary arrested on drug charges in the United States and then returned under pressure from the Mexican government.

Four Pakistani soldiers killed in separate clashes

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Highlighted items in the report show the challenges the agency faced, including needing to clarify roles and authorities between responding agencies and managing complex interagency coordination while still protecting its own workforce. The report covers FEMA's response from mid-March through Sept. 30, 2020 and provides 32 key findings and 57 recommendations in five areas.

FEMA partnered with the private sector, non-governmental organizations and other federal agencies to better manage the complex logistical operations. To drastically speed up the arrival of medical supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) to the domestic market, FEMA chartered privately owned planes for medical distributors, reducing the transit time between manufacturer and customer from 30–45 days via ocean freight to approximately five days via air freight. Project Airbridge chartered 249 flights over a span of 92 days and delivered roughly 1.73 billion units of personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supplies to prioritized areas.

While coordinating the federal COVID-19 response, FEMA responded to multiple disasters. The year 2020 was the most active Atlantic hurricane season in history with 25 named Atlantic Ocean storms, three of which were declared major disasters across seven states.

FEMA's COVID-19 operations led to innovations for coordination with government and non-government partners on implementing national distribution networks and innovative solutions to data management and analysis and manufacturing and procuring scarce resources. The agency's adaptive workforce enabled it to facilitate an effective operational response to the pandemic.

The report findings and recommendations will be used to inform FEMA and the emergency management community and improve existing and future responses to pandemics. The Initial Assessment Report represents

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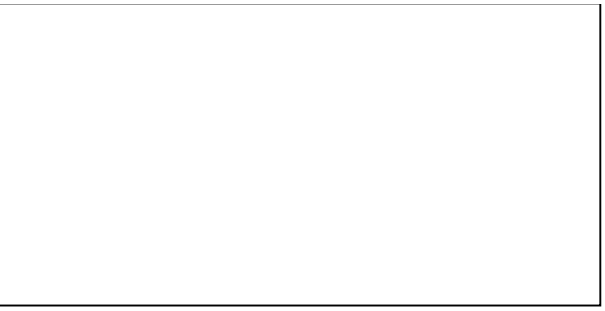

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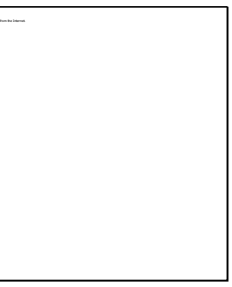
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e President-elect Harris will occur on January 20. Additionally, Georgia is expected toofficially certify it's Senate elect
en the Senate will be a 50-50 Republican/Democrat split, a power sharing agreement will be in place, with Democrat
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VID relief proposal this week. Biden's policy paper provides an in-depth outline of the roughly $1.9 trillion plan. Of no
ort first responders, expand testing, and reopen schools. You can read more on his proposal **here**.

en Moore team is excited to welcome Christian Quinn as Senior Director of Government Affairs. Christian brings ext
siderations, and a network of relationships that will enhance our capacity to support our clientsand partners. Christia
ader with one of the 35 largest municipal police departments in the United States, the Fairfax County (VA) Police De
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eport - The National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum recently released its 2020 Law Enforcement Officers
tary, tribal, and local law enforcement officers died in the line-of-duty in 2020, an increase of 96%from the 135 officer
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l of Advisors on Science and Technology Report - The Department of Justice recently published a statement on
rensic Science in Criminal Courts: Ensuring Scientific Validity of Feature-Comparison Methods. The statementis a re
thods." DOJ explains why it disagrees with certain aspects of the PCAST Report, which has been cited multiple time
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uman Trafficking - The COPS Office recently announced a new resources hub: Addressing Human Trafficking. Hur
mercial sex. It exists across the globe, in all communities, and all forms of labor. Community policingprovides a prom
g partnerships, and shifting the organizational culture and structure. This collection of COPS Office resources highlig
read more about this new resource **here < Caution-**
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ement Administration recently released its 2020 Year in Review, highlighting the work of DEA to "identify and addres
s from the rise in violence, the scourge of methamphetamine, and the ongoing threat of opioidsand fentanyl." You ca
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rce in the Nation - Fifty-one years ago, in response to a surge in violent crime in New York City, three law enforcem
del to law enforcement throughout the nation. Executives from the U.S. Drug EnforcementAdministration's predecess
ition between the New York City Police Department and the New York State Police that has become known as the N
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oid Use Disorder - The Department of Health and Human Services recently announced that it will publish Practice G
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n certain certification requirements needed to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder (OUD) treatment. You
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Decertification Index - This week, the COPS Office shared information on efforts to expand use of the National Dec
ment agency and officer involved with background investigations. NDI is a pointer systemthat indicates whether an o
etailed information may be obtained. You can find more information **here < Caution-**
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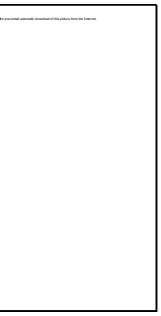
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ous Service Award Nominations - The Kurt Schmid Criminal Intelligence Meritorious Service Award was establishe
champions for event and case deconfliction, officer safety, or other criminal intelligence meritorious service. Nominat
ase see thenomination form below for additional information regarding the award and the nomination process. Pleas
however, former award recipients are not eligible. If you have any questions about the award process or to nominat
. For more information, see **here**.

A Director - The Executive Board of the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (RMHIDTA) is current
Director of a federally funded, multi-agency, regional drug enforcement consortium. The RMHIDTAserves as a coordi
, and dismantle drug trafficking and drug money laundering enterprises and related violence. All application material
an find the announcement **here**. You can find the position description **here < Caution-**
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tance Center Executive Director - The National High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Assistance Center (
o the 33 HIDTA regional programs across the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. VirginIslands to support thei
stribution threats in those regions. The NHAC Director manages a program that provides centralized services and te
lities for the NHPO. All application materials must be received no later than the close of business on Sunday, Janua
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nt Solicitations - The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs recently began to release fiscal year 202
You can find a list of the solicitations **here < Caution-**
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CICC 5 in 5 was released, and includes a BJA webinar highlighting the effective partnerships and promising practice
nce of dispatch in responding to violent incidents, and a BJA webinar to prepare applicants for BJAfunding opportuni
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er is now available, and features a message from the RISS National Policy Group Chair, and the RISS Impact websi
efforts, accomplishments, future efforts, and performance metrics. You can view the RISS Insider(January 2021 Issu
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Elect Biden has made a handful of Cabinet and high-level staff picks affecting national security. Below you can find h

RankingStaff Picks /20)		
Name	**HearingDate**	**Confirmed**
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O'MalleyDillon	n/a	
Sullivan	n/a	
aThomas-Greenfield		
Kerry	n/a	
icRichmond	n/a	
eDonilon	n/a	
eRicchetti	n/a	
aRemus	n/a	
nRice	n/a	
saki	n/a	
Bedingfield	n/a	
yRussell	n/a	
saTerrell	n/a	

gress - Please find the current list of likely leadership for the 117th Congress.

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eader	**Minority Leader**
(D-MD)	Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)
Leader	**Democratic Leader**
ell (R-KY)	Chuck Schumer (D-NY)
an	**Ranking Member**
Y)	Jim Jordan (R-OH)
(D-MS)	John Katko (R-NY)

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-CT)	Kay Granger (R-TX)
D-NY)	James Comer (R-KY)
an	**Ranking Member**
)	*Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
)	*Rob Portman (R-OH)
/T)	*Susan Collins (R-ME)

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Upcoming Webinars Presented by SwabTek

sponder Safety: Myths vs Reality
3 @ 1:00 pm (EST)

e leading cause of overdose deaths in America. Law
adly drug with increasing frequency during traffic stops,
ches of homes, business and jail facilities. This
l and how to safely conduct presumptive tests in the
ntanyl. The rapid and safeidentification of fentanyl by
step to safely collecting and processing that critical

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andemic – School Resource Officer Education and Training
@ 3:00 pm (EST)

s unique to themselves and many did not have the
th the induced trauma. Drug use is up among teens.
Officers will be facing tougher challenges at the schools
drugs and narcotics including the use of narcotics in

Understanding Hemp vs Marijuana – ar
April 14 @ 1:00 p

Hemp is legal federally. Marijuana is not. Marijuana is
there and under certain quantities. This session will di
and marijuana and how you can presumptively test for

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SCN Op-Ed

The Capitol riot, anti-Semitism and what Joe Biden can do

The Hill | Michael Masters, National Director and CEO, Secure Community Network

l was a man wearing a sweatshirt that's hard to forget. It read: "Camp Auschwitz." In December, another man attend
ion [Jews] Wasn't Enough." It's a sickening reminder that anti-Semitism not only exists but that individuals are comfo
. According to the FBI,hate-crime incidents in churches, synagogues, mosques and temples increased by roughly 3
er.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=iaEVAx8blYMmxF9OK3PdhA > .

d Congress in July of right-wing attacks

Police warned Congress in July that rebellion against COVID-19 precautions had accelerated violence by right-wing
he joined the force, John K. Donohue, then a private security consultant, testified that the country desperately neede
n detection capability, toprevent a catastrophe. **Continue reading here < Caution-**
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C. police made a stand against the Capitol mob

ar spray, stripped of his radio and badge, D.C. police officer Michael Fanone and his battered colleagues fought to p
ad been at it for hours, unaware that others in the mob had already breached the building through different entrance
s to an area under the Rotunda —represented the last stand before the Capitol fell. **Continue reading here < Cauti**
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te supremacists in the military

Thursday that it will investigate whether the Department of Defense (DOD) has adequate procedures in place to pre

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objective is to determine the extent to which the DoD and the Military Services have implemented policy and proced
or criminal gang doctrine, ideology,or causes by active duty military personnel," the Inspector General's office said.
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to health, study finds

ype of toxic chemicals found in tobacco smoke, a new study finds. People who only smoked marijuana had higher bl
crylonitrile than nonsmokers, according to the study published Monday in the journal EClinicalMedicine. Naphthalene
rylonitrile have been associated with cancer and otherhealth issues. **Continue reading here < Caution-**
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Quite frankly, in my former career I paid much more attention to National Law Enforcement Week in the Spring wher
Growing up in the Pipes & Drums of the Blue & Gold it was our unwavering mission to honor the sacrifice of those th
nd focused to think anydifferently. After all, was it not our mission to be out there in harm's way to defend the defens
s my appreciation for what police officers do day-to-day has grown exponentially. Whether it is the stories of heroism
for their communities. **Continue reading here.**

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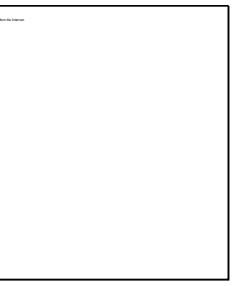
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e 25th Amendment

sident Michael R. Pence (1) to immediately use his powers under section 4 of the Twenty-fifth Amendment to conve
sident is unable to successfully discharge the duties and powers of his office, and (2) to transmit to the President pro
ssuming the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

om/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=v7.BJK0MCCzKuflPrntbbw > – Impeaching Donald John Trum

nt Donald John Trump for high crimes and misdemeanors. Specifically, the resolution sets forth an article of impeach
ted States. The article states that prior to the joint session of Congress held on January 6, 2021, to count the votes c
at the presidential election results were fraudulent and should not be accepted by the American people or certified b
terated false claims to a crowd near the White House and willfully made statements to the crowd that encouraged a
President Trump, unlawfully breached and vandalized the Capitol andengaged in other violent, destructive, and sedi
ct on January 6, 2021, followed his prior efforts to subvert and obstruct the certification of the presidential election, w
021; President Trump gravely endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of government, threate

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, and imperiled a coequal branch of government; and by such conduct, President Trump warrants impeachment and

items not listed may be added to the calendarfor consideration.

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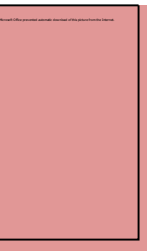

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aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=XB8v9WtSdK_2uvfI1q7F3Q >	Jim Banks (R-IN-3)	To hold individuals convicted protests financially liable for purposes.
aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=CuT2FkdwcdZflcvTV97zwQ >	Jim Banks (R-IN-3)	To amend the Revised Statu immunity in the case of any a purposes.
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aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=tio8HT1CeeH6nlueeWPELw >	Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC-AL)	To assign the responsibility f of the laws of the District of C prosecutor's office designate Columbia.
aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=t0si8HV8uCMZRVKJXRiu7g >	David McKinley (R-WV-1)	To direct the Secretary of He pilot program to test the feas substance use disorder and into the prescription drug mo
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weber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=MhgNJAglxNVD7dprQGms5g >	Ayanna Pressley D-MA-7)	To prohibit the imposition of Federal law, and for other pu

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weber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=UmecZjwIHhZGWxkKMwduxw >	Morgan Griffith (R-VA-9)	To amend chapter 44 of title comprehensively address th ammunition.
weber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=DM0nPWaYJMagcJL0AxCEUA >	Michael Burgess (R-TX-26)	To require the Inspector Ger report to the Congress on th issued by the National Instan that are referred to the Burea Explosives for investigation, from such investigations, an the Bureau in cases in which firearm was transferred.
aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=L8wFye46CfuhPXuJKyEbvA >	Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12)	To amend title 18, United Sta use of solitary confinement i purposes.
.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=krnu3vxRitHuzmvt9oVN2A >	Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-7)	To direct the Secretary of Ho hazard preparation and resp
aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=xqgTSNPRtuC0txsMYKxnKA >	Al Green (D-TX-9)	To amend title 23, United Sta for States that establish spec programs concerning civilian traffic stops and other in-per
aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=yOOVIuS23nEpHZrD5xf7vw >	Al Green (D-TX-9)	To prohibit the transfer of a f not a federally licensed firea
.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=80IvU851QhpmtclkF3BHug >	Bobby Rush (D-IL-1)	To establish licensing standa purposes.
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weber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=F_NaWMKZJj9YI79g5MJWqA >	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To require the Director of the report to the Congress semia transfers resulting from the f within 3 business days, and discovered that a firearm tra is ineligible to receive a firea
.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=.eK2rQ2J7T1TcCcKXjIgZg >	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To enhance Federal enforce purposes.
aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=rK4UswytuuKgPMexzLALLQ >	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To amend title 18, United Sta release date for certain nonv

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weber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=Wdfd3NFB5xWu0HR1113How >	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To require the safe storage c require the investigation of re ammunition.
aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=W3KYhO.StksRW5tbS.bjWA >	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To increase the evidentiary s a drug offense, to require scr others acting under color of l for other purposes.
aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=C.pN5F_LEww5FjKoCjC0bA >	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To provide alternatives to inc purposes.
weber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=gDAHOPUuhfdL25Cgk0VEPw >	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To provide for the licensing c and the registration of firearm certain ammunition.
aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=T1CsatgkZPUKqd.QgTGOsA >	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To amend title 18, United Sta period before a semiautomat ammunition, or a large capac transferred.
weber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=BRNifTmCvhTDVDEk1vcC4A >	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To provide for the hiring of 2 Tobacco, Firearms and Expl enforce gun laws.
weber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=UvIWdKFBgPUgNmjcXAwq8w >	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To enhance public health an and efficiency of the Federal women and mothers by esta developmental nurseries in F inmates, with risk and needs reduction.
weber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=rmCyAFzTWGtVJAUSQ0dh7Q >	Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)	To require the Director of Na the feasibility of establishing
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weber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=AP5xi71sWLEzUsQQ2aW0hQ >	Adiano Espaillat (D-NY-13)	To abolish the death penalty
aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GMQzt&m=hbm6MJGgT_zpAro&b=bHzf6jFMrqjOoUDxkWhGTg >	Jeff Duncan (R-SC-3)	To amend the Internal Rever from the definition of firearms
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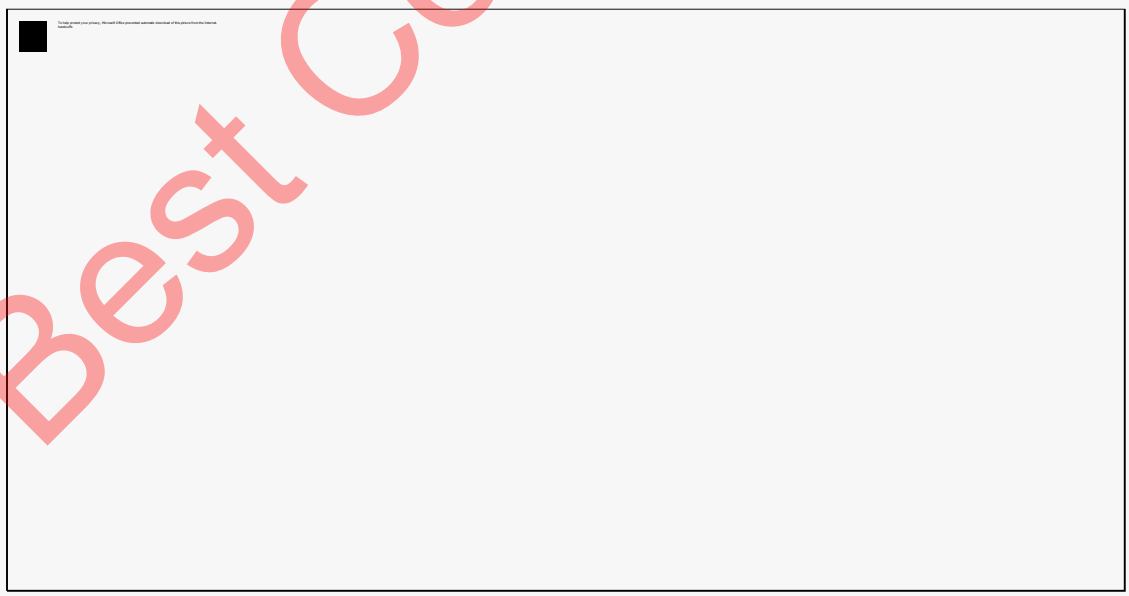

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Russia Defends "Protectorate" in Central African Republic as Rebels Advance

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France has historically been the major Western power guaranteeing political stability in the Francophone countries of northwest and central Africa. However, Turkey has increasingly matched French influence in North Africa, while the United States, to an extent, has done the same in Niger and perhaps Rwanda (France24 < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=da7527260d&e=ebf6228344 > , December 24, 2020). While Russia provides weapons to various Francophone countries, it has also become the protector of the Central African Republic (CAR). Prior to this, France had been the most influential foreign power in CAR and neighboring countries, including, for example, Chad, where Paris has consistently "propped up" its three decades-long President Idriss Déby (rfi.fr < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=f7da22a68b&e=ebf6228344 > , March 20, 2019).

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Islamic State Sinai Province Targets Egypt-Israel Gas Pipeline

Jacob Zenn

Since February 2018, Egypt has waged an intense counter-insurgency against Islamic State (IS) Sinai Province (Arab News < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=10fad3c48d&e=ebf6228344 > , December 25, 2020). Despite this, Sinai Province has claimed more attacks than any other IS external province except for Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP). Sinai Province attacks have included firing mortars at Egyptian military posts and ambushing Egyptian troops,

However, one of the more geopolitically significant types of attack has been Sinai Province's targeting of the gas pipeline that extends from the province into Israel. Three have occurred this year, including on February 3, November 19, and, most recently, on December 26 near Sabika in North Sinai. This is west of al-Arish and around 30 miles from Rafah in the Gaza Strip. When IS claimed the latest pipeline attack, the group unsurprisingly stated Sinai Province's motive was to disrupt the pipeline because it is connected to Israel. The attack was not particularly effective because it did not disrupt gas supply, civilians' housing, or the nearby industrial park (Egypttoday.com < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=83bd62d069&e=ebf6228344 > , December 24, 2020).

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Angela Ramirez

The Boogaloo Bois is a recently formed decentralized armed movement comprised of loosely knit cells scattered throughout the United States. Boogaloo participants have also been involved in several attacks and plots, including the attempted kidnapping of Michigan's governor, an attempt to sell weapons to Hamas, and a deadly attack on a federal security officer in northern California. The movement is centered on participants' belief that the U.S. government has become excessively tyrannical. Participants, therefore, have concluded that a second civil war is unfortunate, but inevitable, in order to obtain "true liberty." The movement refers to this idealized second civil war as "the Boogaloo" (Spotify [Buck Johsnon] < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=4d04773589&e=ebf6228344 > , July 2020). Occasionally, the word "Boogaloo" is exchanged for slang terms, however, such as "the big luau," the "Bungalow," or the "Big Igloo."

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Boko Haram's Pan-Nigerian Affiliate System after the Kankara Kidnapping: A Microcosm of Islamic State's 'External Provinces'

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On December 11, 2020, around 300 male students were kidnapped from a Kankara, Katsina State school in northwestern Nigeria (TheCable < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=cf1a5fa904&e=ebf6228344 > , December 13, 2020). The attack was inconsistent with typical northwestern Nigeria banditry operations involving smaller-scale kidnapping and extortion, pillaging, and assassination of local political enemies that have escalated in northwestern Nigerian in recent years. The attack was, however, consistent with the past activities of the Boko Haram faction led by Abubakar Shekau. Shekau's faction is responsible for the mass killing of male students in their dormitories in 2013 and the Chibok kidnapping of more than 200 female students in Borno State, northeastern Nigeria in 2014. Furthermore, the Kankara kidnapping reflected Boko Haram's "affiliate system" because the attack was conducted by Boko Haram's northwestern Nigerian "affiliate" in the Katsina-Niger-Zamfara state axis, which is comprised primarily of bandits ("Niger" refers to Niger State, Nigeria, not the Republic of Niger).

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Inside Duterte's Failed Response to the Philippines' Communist Insurgency and the Appeal of New People's Army among Indigenous Peoples

Jack Broome

On December 7, 2020, following speculation in the news, the Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte finally announced that the government would not offer a holiday ceasefire—as is tradition for this time of year—to the New People's Army (NPA), the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP). Duterte's announcement came during his weekly address to the nation on the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, but Duterte went one step further by

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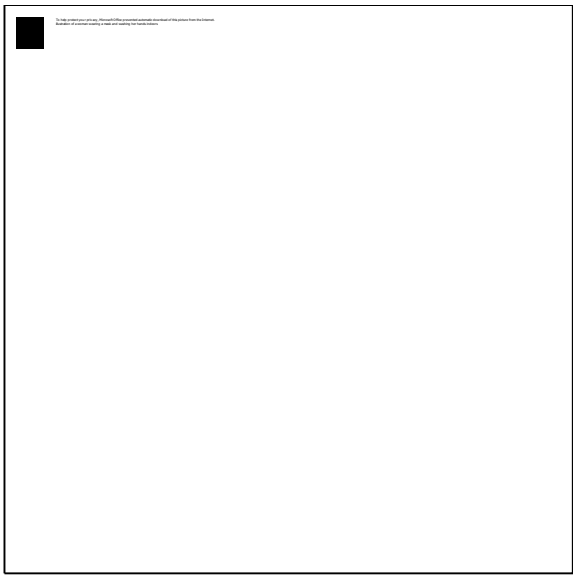

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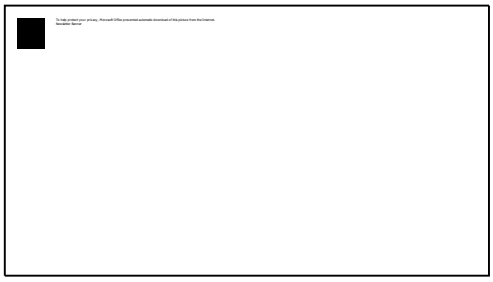

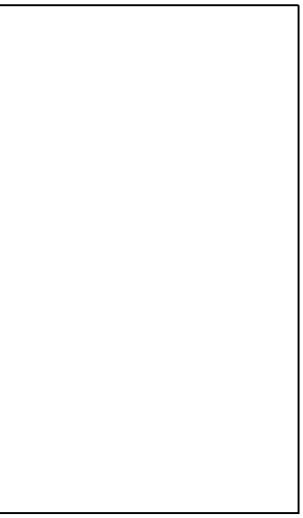

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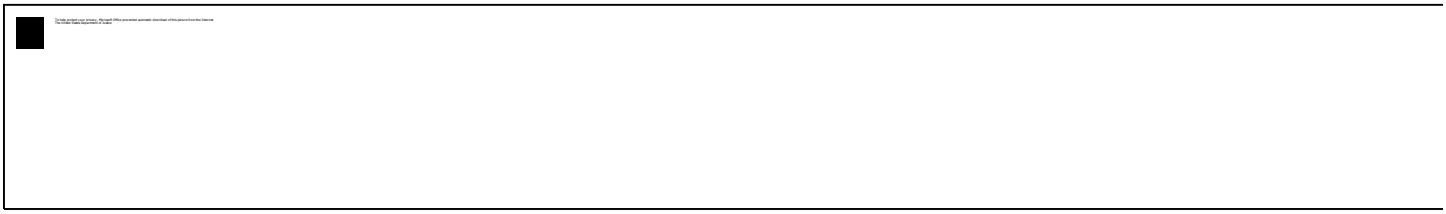

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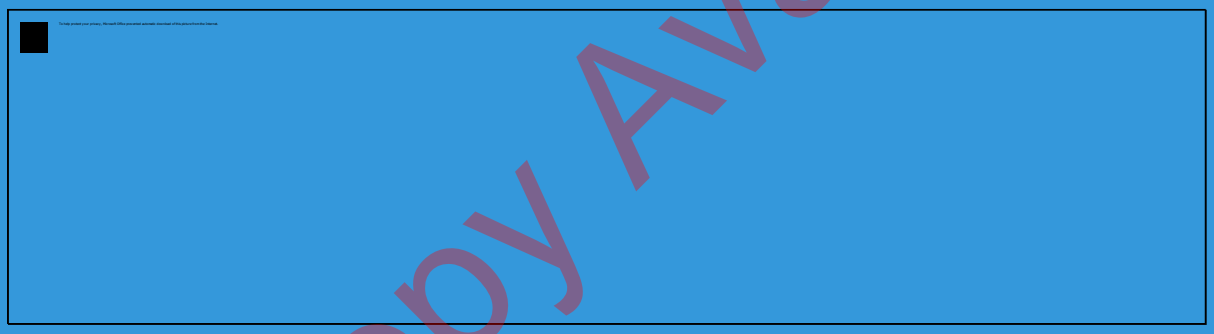

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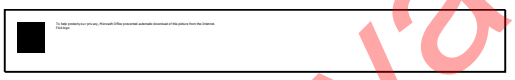

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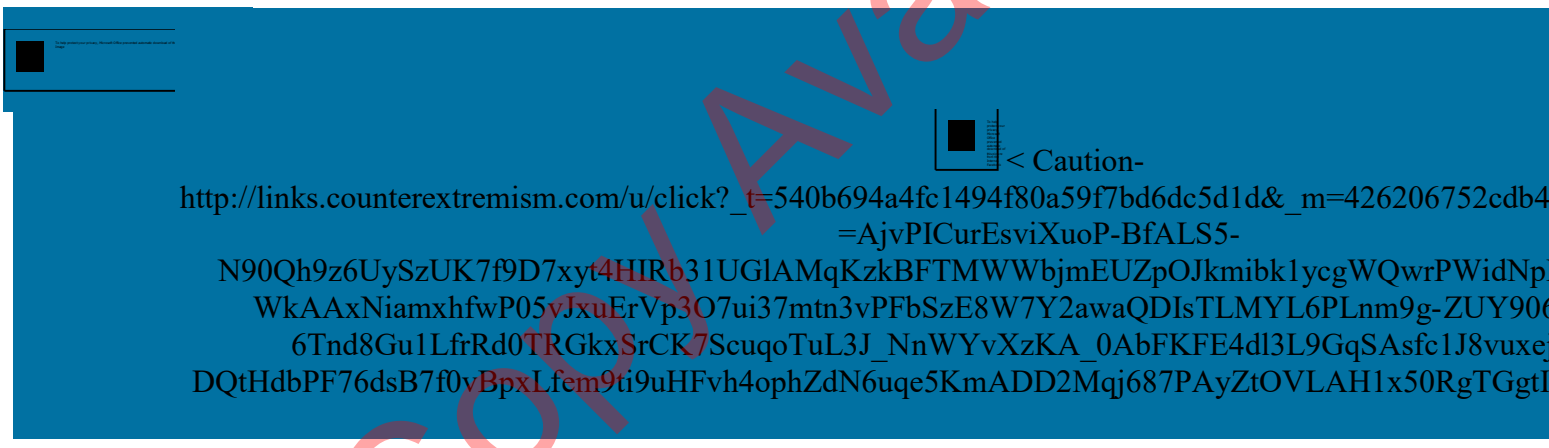

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“An Uzbek national was sentenced Thursday in Brooklyn federal court to 12 1/2 years in prison for supportin
terrorist organization, according to Seth DuCharme, the acting US Attorney for the Eastern District of New Y
pledged his allegiance to ISIS, had said if he couldn’t make it to Syria to wage jihad, he’d turn his homicidal
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"A former counter-terrorism chief has warned that an ‘unusual and toxic mix’ of groups are exploiting the tur
caused by the transfer of power in Washington DC. The FBI has warned of nationwide armed protests as Jo
the incoming President’s inauguration on January 20, with one group said to be planning an uprising. Sir Ivo
He said: ‘The transfer of power in a government, particularly in the US case when the transition lasts for wel

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“Islamic State (IS) cells have been accused of being behind a recent wave of assassinations against civilian
which has recently resumed its activities against civilians and military personnel in the area. On Jan. 12, uni
was a prominent tribal figure who played significant roles in conflict resolution. On Dec. 31, 2020, the US-le
national from Hwaij Dhiban and two alleged Iraqi nationals, were killed in the operation, according to the Sy
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"Three Syrian businessmen with close ties to the Syrian government have been linked to the company that
Haswani and brothers Imad and Mudalal Khuri, are also Russian citizens, according to UK government web
Tuesday – shows that companies formerly directed by Haswani and Imad Khuri have the same stated addre
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"With the US due to complete the withdrawal of another 2,500 troops from Afghanistan, the Afghan vice-pre
year President Donald Trump made an peace deal with the Taliban and agreed to drastically reduce US tro
tighten its grip on parts of the country. The current US presence in Afghanistan dates to 2001 when soldiers
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"A recent Iranian offer for Afghanistan to use Iran-backed Shiite militias in the fight against Islamic State mili
thousands of Shiite fighters from across the Middle East and beyond to fight on behalf of Syrian President B
designated terror group. Iranian officials, however, now say the Afghan government can take back these fig
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"Security forces raided two militant hideouts in a former insurgent stronghold in Pakistan's northwest Thursc
one of the slain militants was a bomb-making expert, the military said in a statement. It provided no further c

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series of operations. However, isolated militant attacks on troops have continued, raising fears the Taliban a
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"The U.N. chief and top officials urged the United States on Thursday to reverse its decision to declare Yem
deputy ambassador, Richard Mills, told the Security Council the U.S. has listened to warnings of the terroris
send the right signal if we want the political process to move forward," he said. In 2014, the rebel Houthis ov
recognized government, but years of U.N. efforts to get both sides to agree to a cease-fire and start peace n
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"Sudan says at least five women were killed in border attacks by Ethiopian government-backed militias and
disputed border. On Wednesday the situation further escalated after the Sudanese accused Ethiopian milita
General Commander of Sudan's Armed Forces, Lt. Gen. Abdul-Fattah Al-Burhan addressed soldiers station
protect it by all available means," he said. A video posted to the TSC Facebook page of Burhan's remarks s
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"A homemade bomb killed five civilians and wounded three others in eastern Algeria on Thursday, the defen
citizens died and three others were wounded when a homemade bomb exploded as their car drove in Oueic
the neighboring region of Khenchela, but it was not immediately clear if the two incidents were related. "Foll
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“A group of 21 people (15 women and six children), kidnapped by the islamist terrorists operating in the nort issue of the independent newsheet “Carta de Mocambique”, they were captured during a terrorist attack aga Maisha Ambasse, said “there were about 30 terrorists who took us from Matemo to Olumboa (a village on th helicopter arrived to rescue the hostages. “We're thankful that the helicopter saved us”, said Ambasse. “Oth launched what he called a “smart attack” to rescue the hostages.”

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“Since the earliest days of the internet, the propagation of extremist content online has been one of the mos beyond. Even though the use of online platforms is frequently highlighted by terrorist acts perpetrated by ho devastating terrorist attacks in the latter half of 2020, Europe has finally taken two significant, tangible steps trilogue state for over a year … In my work with the Counter Extremism Project (CEP), I have closely followe

CBS DFW: FBI, Other Law Enforcement Look To Counter Online Extremism In Wake Of Capitol Attac
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“The FBI is warning police departments across the country of violence in the coming days ahead of Preside landing to 9/11 to the election, there’s always groups out there that are going to spread conspiracy theories, ever before – and even organize. “We knew on the internet, prior to the attack on the Capitol, that people w election fraud. Facebook banned content promoting the phrase “Stop the Steal” and blocked President Trum mobile app stores.”

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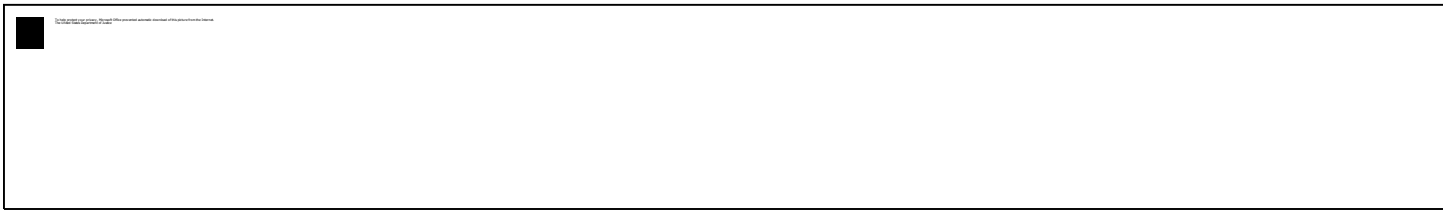

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As part of the petition process, APHIS prepared a draft plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) and draft environmental assessment (EA), and made these documents available for a 30-day public review and comment period on October 16, 2020.

APHIS considered all public comments and conducted a thorough review of the potential environmental impacts in its final EA pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), reaching a finding of no significant impact (FONSI).

APHIS concluded in its final PPRA that the MON 88702 cotton variety is unlikely to pose a plant pest risk to agricultural crops or other plants in the United States and is deregulating it effective January 19, 2021.

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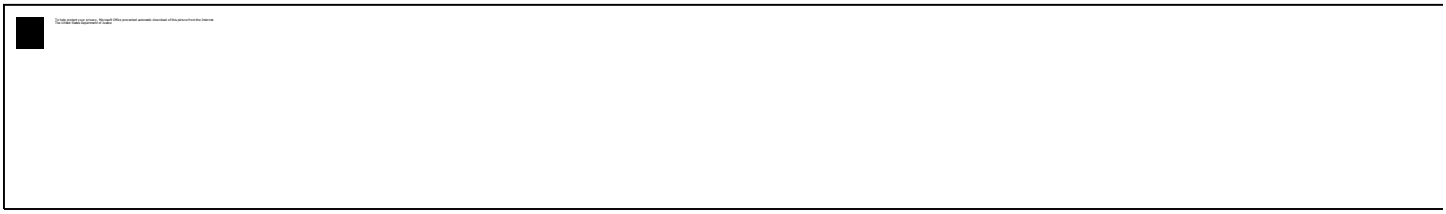

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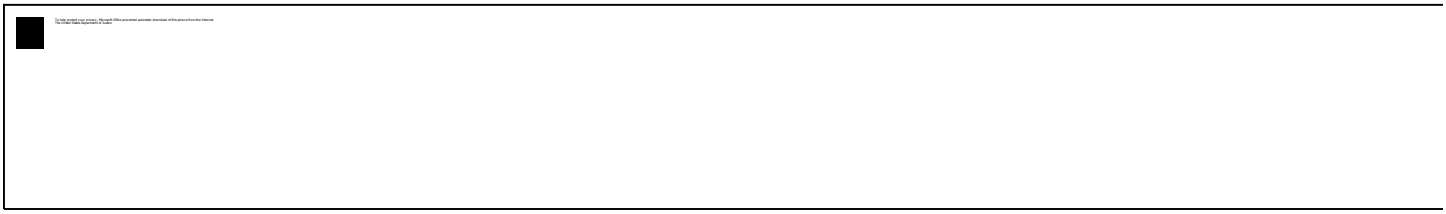

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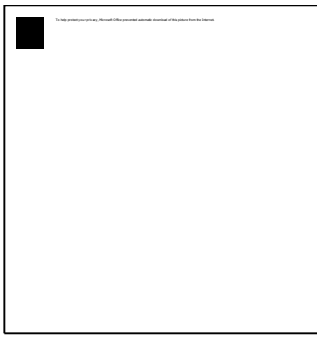

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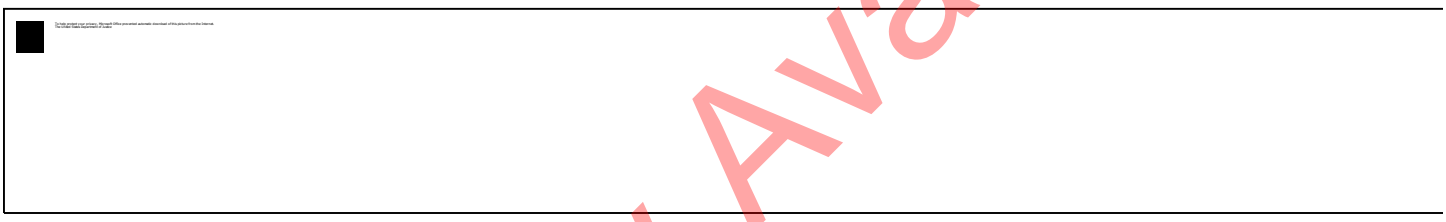

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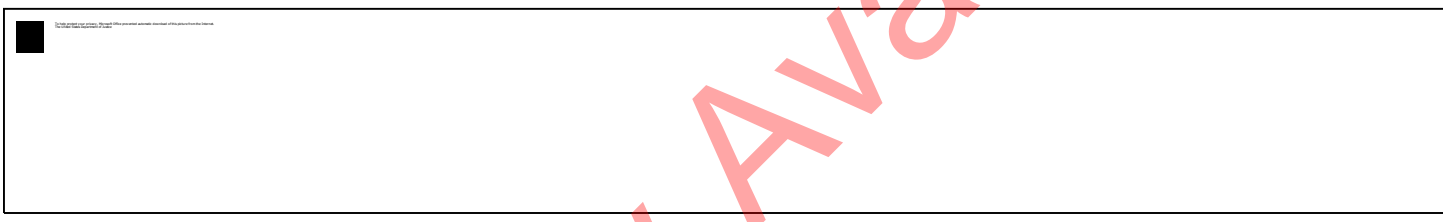

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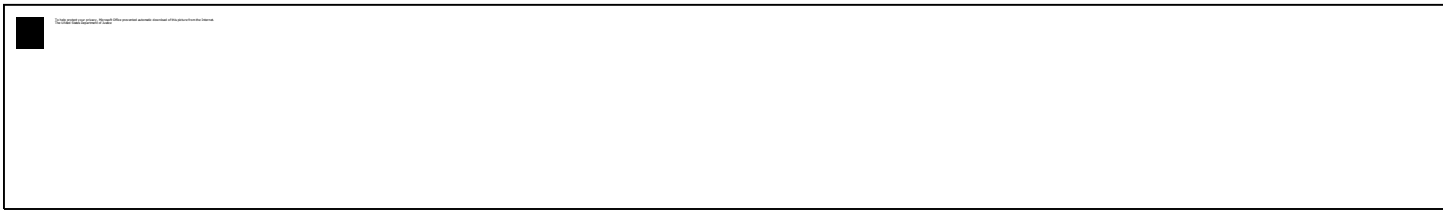

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DEA 2020 Year in Review: Combatting Serious Drug-Related Threats During the Pandemic

filled with new challenges and increased risks. While much of the world focused on combating the pandemic, DEA continued to implement initiatives to com

mothy J. Shea. "Despite this unparalleled disruption, DEA continually worked to identify and address threats to our communities, implementing significant c saving medications, and those suffering from substance use disorder have access to treatment. The people we serve are the reason we serve, and the su

n the United States died of a drug overdose between May 2019 and May 2020. The number of overdose deaths accelerated significantly during the pande

been an alarming increase in the number of deaths involving illicit stimulants, particularly methamphetamine. Overdose deaths connected to meth increase

lent crimes on the rise. Drug trafficking is a known contributor to violent crimes in America.

phetamine threat, violent crime associated with drug trafficking, the opioid epidemic, and to maintain an appropriate supply of controlled substances for leg

hamphetamine transportation hubs throughout the United States to prevent these deadly narcotics from reaching our communities. In October 2020, DEA's n seizure in San Diego totaling more than 3,000 pounds. These two seizures – together equaling a staggering 2.6 tons – could provide a single dose of me

more than 300 firearms, and more than 60,000 pounds of methamphetamine.

ut also in committing violent crimes. In August 2020, DEA began Project Safeguard, an initiative specifically designed to combat violent crime associated
Atlanta, Los Angeles, and Boston. DEA seized huge stashes of illicit drugs and over 30,000 rounds of ammunition, pipe bombs, and other explosives. Pro
nately 3,140 firearms, almost 200 kilograms of fentanyl, more than 240 kilograms of heroin, and more than 1,500 kilograms of methamphetamine.

rug trafficking organizations by removing key members responsible for wreaking havoc and impacting the safety of communities. With illicit financial gains

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nated law enforcement initiative in which federal law enforcement agencies worked in conjunction with state and local law enforcement officials to fight the

firearms, 17 kilograms of fentanyl, 18 kilograms of heroin, 217 kilograms of methamphetamine, and 84 kilograms of cocaine from the nine Operation LeGe

an 38 percent as of May 2020 as compared to the previous year. A driving factor for this startling increase is the distribution of clandestinely manufactured
stances into Schedule I to address the imminent hazard to public safety, making it illegal to manufacture, import, distribute, or possess a fentanyl-related su
tend this emergency scheduling action through May 2021 to ensure this progress continues and to allow time to secure permanent scheduling legislation.

used to manufacture counterfeit prescription drugs, which are often laced with fentanyl. This DEA-led initiative focuses on educating online retailers about

-Down Initiative. DEA's involvement in this effort, announced in September, resulted in 57 arrests, 19 administrative actions, over $1 million in civil fines, a
e for the unlawful distribution of 40 million medically unnecessary pain pills. Criminal and administrative actions like these send a clear message affirming D

substances and aggregate supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic. At the onset of the public health emergency declaration, a team of policy and regulato
olled substances. Appropriate adjustments to the Aggregate Production Quota (APQ) for substances vital for COVID-19 patient care were timed to allow bo
use disorder, and expanded access to medication assisted treatment. With the support of our public health partners, DEA issued 81 temporary registratio
ure that these actions would be helpful to the public health authorities who are on the front lines battling the pandemic. The agency continues to monitor an
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ping those affected by the violence of drug trafficking, drug addiction, and illness. DEA is committed to continuing our efforts to disrupt and dismantle violer

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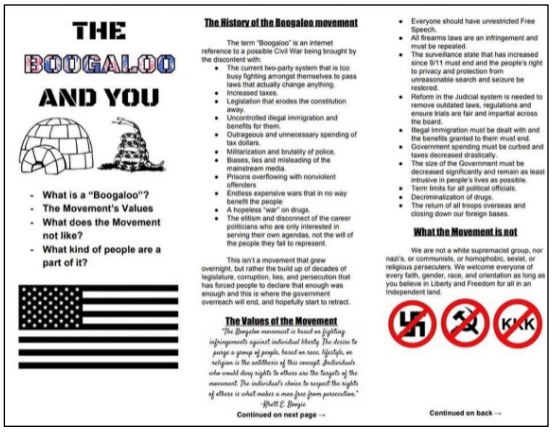
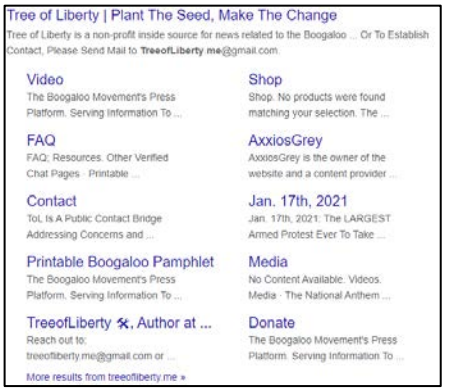
CFIX **VIOLENT EXTREMISM SNAPSHOT**

(U//FOUO) **Domestic Violent Extremists (DVEs) Migrate to Alternative Social Media Platforms** – In response to the 6 January 2021 breach of the U.S. Capitol, big tech companies such as Twitter and Facebook began deplatforming individuals and groups en masse. This included the removal of Parler from Amazon's server hosting service. In an effort to avoid censorship and maintain their online presence, DVEs of varying ideologies began migrating to existing alternative platforms such as MeWe, Telegram, Gab, Clouthub, Minds, and TikTok. Popular message boards such as 4chan and 8kun also experienced an increase in users. For encrypted communications, Signal Messenger and ProtonMail are being used. ***Analyst Note* – *For additional information on MeWe and Minds, please see CFIX Open Source Intelligence Bulletin titled "Violent Extremists and Other Threat Groups Use MeWe as an Alternative to Facebook and Use of Minds Crypto Social Network as an Alternative Platform by Violent Extremists".***

(U//FOUO) **Boogaloo Online Networks** – With the arrest of several individuals affiliated with the Boogaloo movement in 2020, many social media platforms began to remove any Booglaoo-related individuals, groups and hashtags. As a result, these individuals began migrating to alternative platforms and can currently be found on Telegram, MeWe, Minds, and TikTok. Prior to its removal, Parler, had become very popular with individuals supporting the Boogaloo. Although Twitter did remove an extensive number of Boogaloo related accounts in 2020, CFIX has observed a growing number of Boogaloo related accounts and hashtags on this platform. On TikTok, Boogaloo related accounts are still active; however, are more difficult to locate due to being shadowbanned. ***Analyst Note* – *When a channel is shadowbanned, the content is blocked and a name and/or hashtag search will bring back no results. The shadowbanning has no effect on subscribers of the channel. Additionally, new users are still able to locate and join these channels by clicking hashtags shared by other TikTok users they have subscribed to.***

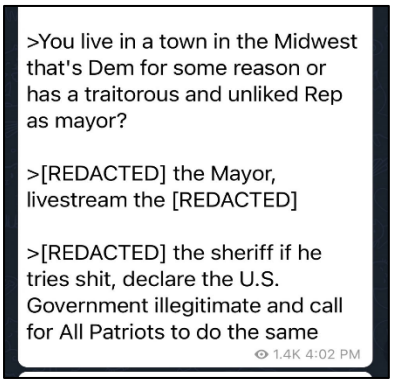


(U//FOUO) **Boogaloo Related News Site Gets Rickrolled** – Boogaloo networks on Twitter have been sharing the website URL "treeofliberty.me" which currently redirects users to a YouTube music video for the 1987 Rick Astley song "Never Gonna Give You Up" instead of the intended website. The Tree of Liberty website is described as a "non-profit inside source for news related to the Boogaloo" with a section dedicated to providing up-to-date information and downloadable material for January 17th armed protests at the state capitols.



(U//FOUO) **White Racially or Ethnically Motivated Extremists (WRMVEs) Hit with "Telegram Purge"** – In response to the migration of DVEs to alternative platforms, Telegram has again come under scrutiny for its continued hosting of violent extremist channels. This has resulted in the removal of several prominent accelerationist WRMVE channels that identify as part of the Terrorgram network. Many of these channels have been active 1-2 years and had thousands of followers. In response to these suspensions, channel admins have encouraged everyone to archive their favorite channels. They have also been creating back-up/clone channels so they can quickly resume their activities. At this time it appears that these account removals are a result of a coordinated effort by individuals to report these channels rather than Telegram proactively removing the channels for violating their Terms of Use. ***Analyst Note** – For additional information on how WRMVEs operate on Telegram, please see CFIX Open Source Intelligence Bulletin titled "Use of Telegram by White Supremacist Extremists".*

(U//FOUO) **DVE's Create Black Flag Depicting Ashli Babbit**[USPER] –DVEs across various social media platforms have shared a flag that was created to memorialize the events that occurred on 6 January at the U.S. Capitol. Ashli Babbit is described "the martyr that was shot in the neck" which is represented on the flag with the drop of blood. The four stars represent "the 4 Martyrs" that were killed at the Capitol and the background depicts that the event took place at the Capitol where blood was spilled. Many DVE's are using this as a battle flag and have encouraged any future actions be done under the banner of this flag. Many Boogaloo affiliated accounts on Twitter are urging followers to "raise the black flag" or "fly the black flag" along with posting .gifs of black flags or incorporating the black flag emoji (🏴) into their posts or profile descriptions. On various platforms, many anti-Government Violent Extremist (AGVE) and WRMVE are using this flag as their profile photos.

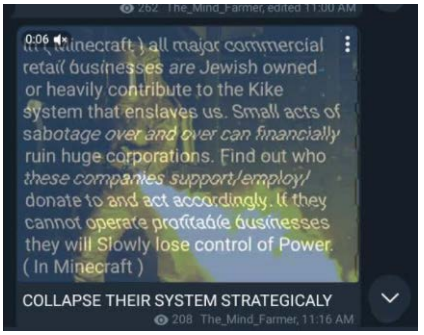


(U//FOUO) **WRMVEs Encourage Followers to Live Stream Attacks** – Following the January 6th breech of the U.S. Capitol, prominent WRMVE Telegram channels have mentioned livestreaming while inciting violent actions. In one post, subscribers of the channel were told that they were the new "jihadi john" and that like Jihadi John, they would need a rifle, a camera and fanaticism. However, they would also have some things that Jihadi John didn't, such as a livestream, a place on the Saints leaderboard, and a victory. Another prominent WRMVE channel provided a scenario where an individual lives in a Democratic Midwest town or a town with a "traitorous" Republican as mayor. It was suggested that the Mayor be killed on livestream. If the Sheriff tries to get involved, it was suggested that he/she be killed as well. ***Analyst Note** – WRMVEs frequently include the phrase "[REDACTED]" in their posts to circumvent threatening terminology.*

CFIX **VIOLENT EXTREMISM SNAPSHOT**

(U//FOUO) **WRMVEs Post Veiled Threats to Politicians** – Following the January 6th breech of the U.S. Capitol, WRMVEs have identified politicians as one of the greatest enemies. It has been suggested that instead of attending inauguration protests in Washington D.C. on 20 January, "smart ones" would instead exploit the divided attention and attack in other places. It was mentioned that politicians have family outside of Washington D.C. that should be "open for more professional ops". Another post that was shared extensively on WRMVE Telegram channels also commented that these politicians "have homes in your own states" that individuals can loot and burn and "they have families too". Supporters were encouraged to "make the statement loud and clear that WE ARE EVERYWHERE".

(U//FOUO) **WRMVEs Suggest Sabotaging Retail Businesses** – A WRMVE Telegram Channel posted a message suggesting that retail businesses be targeted as a means to "collapse their system strategically". The author of the post stated: "In (Minecraft) all major commercial retail businesses are Jewish owned or heavily contribute to the Kike system that enslaves us. Small acts of sabotage over and over can financially ruin huge corporations. Find out who these companies support/employ/donate to and act accordingly. If they cannot operate profitable businesses they will slowly lose control of power". ***Analyst Note* – *WRMVEs frequently use 'in Minecraft' as a coded reference for violent or criminal actions that are suggested or intended to take place in the real world.***



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GNET: Attack dates also have significance for reinforcing the identity of far-right groups, like the ones that stormed the US capital on 6 January 2021

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In the aftermath of the violent political events of 6 January 2021 at the US Capitol, a cascade of governmental officials, political pundits, media commentators, and scholars repeatedly stressed the notion that a President's words matter. The oft-repeated litany of Donald J. Trump calling on his supporters to "stand back and stand by" during a presidential debate, to descend on Washington, D.C. for a "wild" protest on 6 January 2021, and to "not take it any longer" and "fight like hell" immediately before his supporters stormed the US Capitol replayed over and over on traditional media outlets, online news sources, and on social media and culminated in the impeachment of the President.

While the words of national leaders do matter, the dates of planned attacks also have symbolic significance for violent extremist groups and their followers. Dates play an important role in constituting extremist groups, including those that seek to pursue political objectives through violence. Key event dates draw together individuals with common beliefs, attitudes, and behavioural tendencies that might otherwise fail to recognise their affiliation and connection. In short, as Myres (2018) noted, groups "are not born, nor do they die; their fate lies in the redistribution of their name across a network of signifiers." The dates serve as condensation symbols that emphasise the timeless nature of the groups and their ideological perspectives. The historic connections also imply that even if a group suffers temporary setbacks in the contemporary environment, the lasting nature of their identity formation assures ultimate victory (Charland, 1987).

Attacks dates often function as coded references for the ideological underpinnings of extremist groups. On the international stage, al-Qaeda and Islamic State (IS), for example, have planned and/or carried out attacks on Christian religious holidays to underscore the centrality of their Muslim identity. On Christmas day in 2009, al-Qaeda operative Umar Farouk attempted to down a Northwest Airliner travelling to Detroit, Michigan, while IS-inspired militants have carried out fatal attacks on the Berlin Christmas market, Palm Sunday attacks in Tanta, Egypt, and Easter Sunday attacks in Sri Lanka, to name but a few. The religious importance of the Christian holiday attacks draws heightened attention to the vulnerability of collectives that oppose the cause of extremist groups.

Attack dates also have significance for reinforcing the identity of far-right groups, like the ones that stormed the US capital on 6 January 2021. Take, for example, the current FBI warning about upcoming 17 January 2021 planned attacks by the Boogaloo Bois on federal and state capitols (Dickson, 2021). The 17 January date has historical importance to the Boogaloo movement because of the Davis-Coke controversy in 1874. Edmund J. Davis and Richard Coke were political adversaries in the 1873 Texas Gubernatorial contest. Coke, a Democrat who had previously served in the Confederate Fifteenth Texas Infantry and who had voted in the statehouse for the Texas secession from the union, received twice the number of votes in the election as Davis. Yet, Davis barricaded himself in his office and refused to transfer power to Coke because of a state Supreme Court ruling that rejected the election results due to rampant irregularities and fraud on both sides of the electoral contest. Davis requested federal assistance from President Ulysses S. Grant to protect his claim on the governorship, but none was

forthcoming. Coke's supporters used ladders to enter the Texas statehouse and axes to breach the Governor's office (as Davis had fled with whiskey). After their successful occupation, the Democrats would go on to control the Texas statehouse for the next century, effectively ending radical reconstruction efforts (Bishop, [n.d.]; Moneyhon, 1980; Noe, 2016).

Using the attack date as a code for the Coke-Davis controversy functions in several important ways to bolster the cause of the Boogaloo Bois. First, it reinforces the contemporary narrative that American elections are rife with fraud and unworthy of their members' trust. Second, it intimates that the court system has long been biased in favour of those who oppose white supremacy, with the implied conclusion that opinions of the course today should not have authoritative sway over group members. Third, it warrants the use of property destruction and forced entry to obtain the group's "just" cause. Fourth, it underscores that with unity, the cause of the Boogaloo movement not only wins the day in the short-term, but proffers the group's dominance for decades to come. Finally, it provides an imaginary anecdote to the certified results of a recent state of Georgia election where a state generally considered to be a lock for conservative causes elected its first Black senator and the first black Democratic senator from a southern state in a US election.

Other dates associated with the planned attacks of far-right support groups of President Trump also demonstrate the need to consider the implications of the attack dates carefully. While the first attack date of 6 January aligned with the certification of the 2020 Presidential election results, it simultaneously recalled when the Three Wisemen visited Jesus particularly for Orthodox Catholic and Anglican Christians. The multiple meanings of the 6 January date signaled the expansion of the fighting coalition likely planning to storm the capitol to evangelical adherents.

What the incidents described here make clear is that those interested in understanding and being able to better predict attacks by extremist groups need to pay special attention to any announced dates of the planned attacks. They should also identify historical dates of significance to extremist groups that might portend attacks even when they are not amplified on social media. Once identified, analysts should look beyond a specified date as a simple rubric for revealing the timing of the intended attack. Such information viewed historically can also give insights into the likely makeup of the coalescing group, the motivations of those participating, and the tactics the group might employ.

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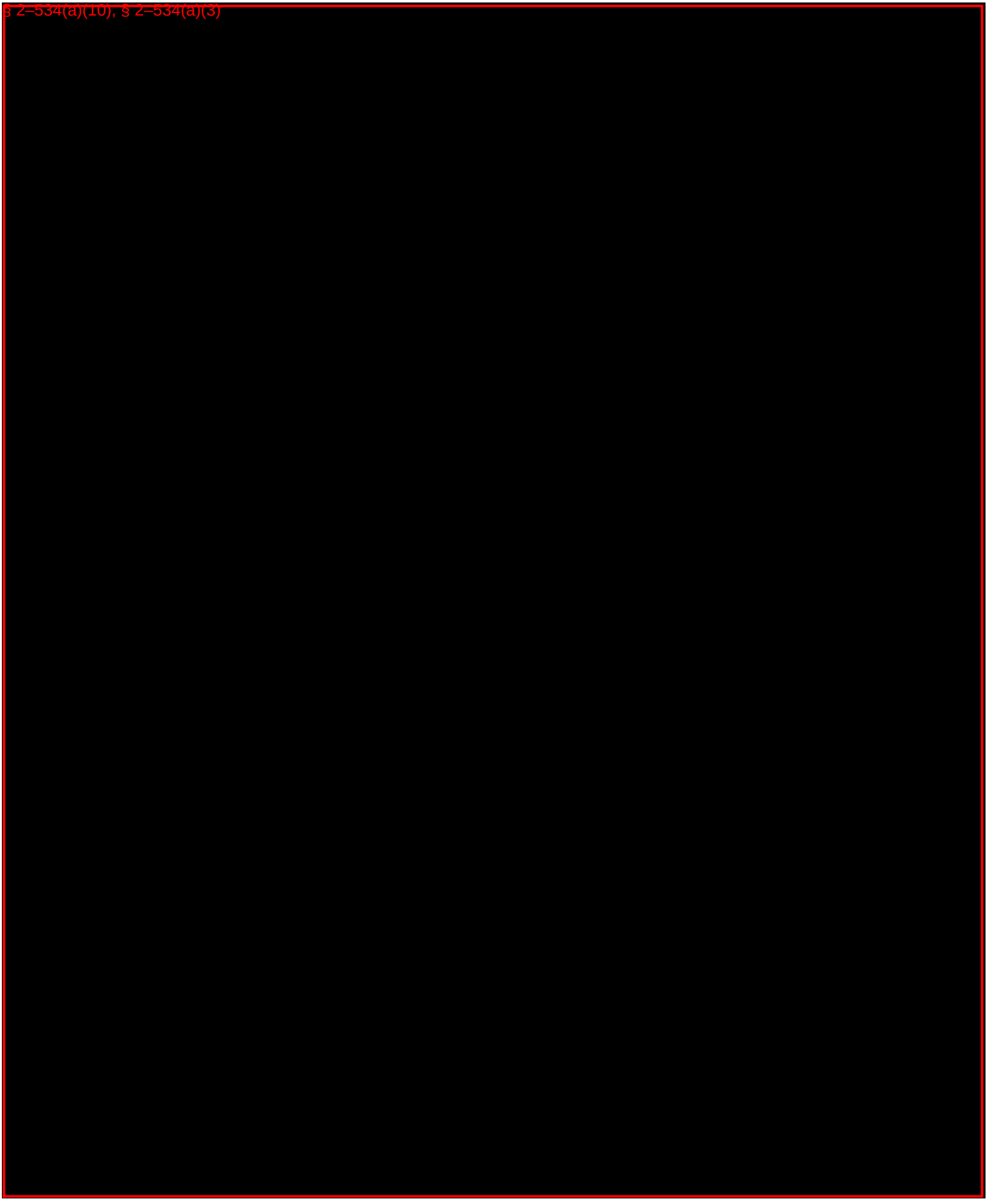

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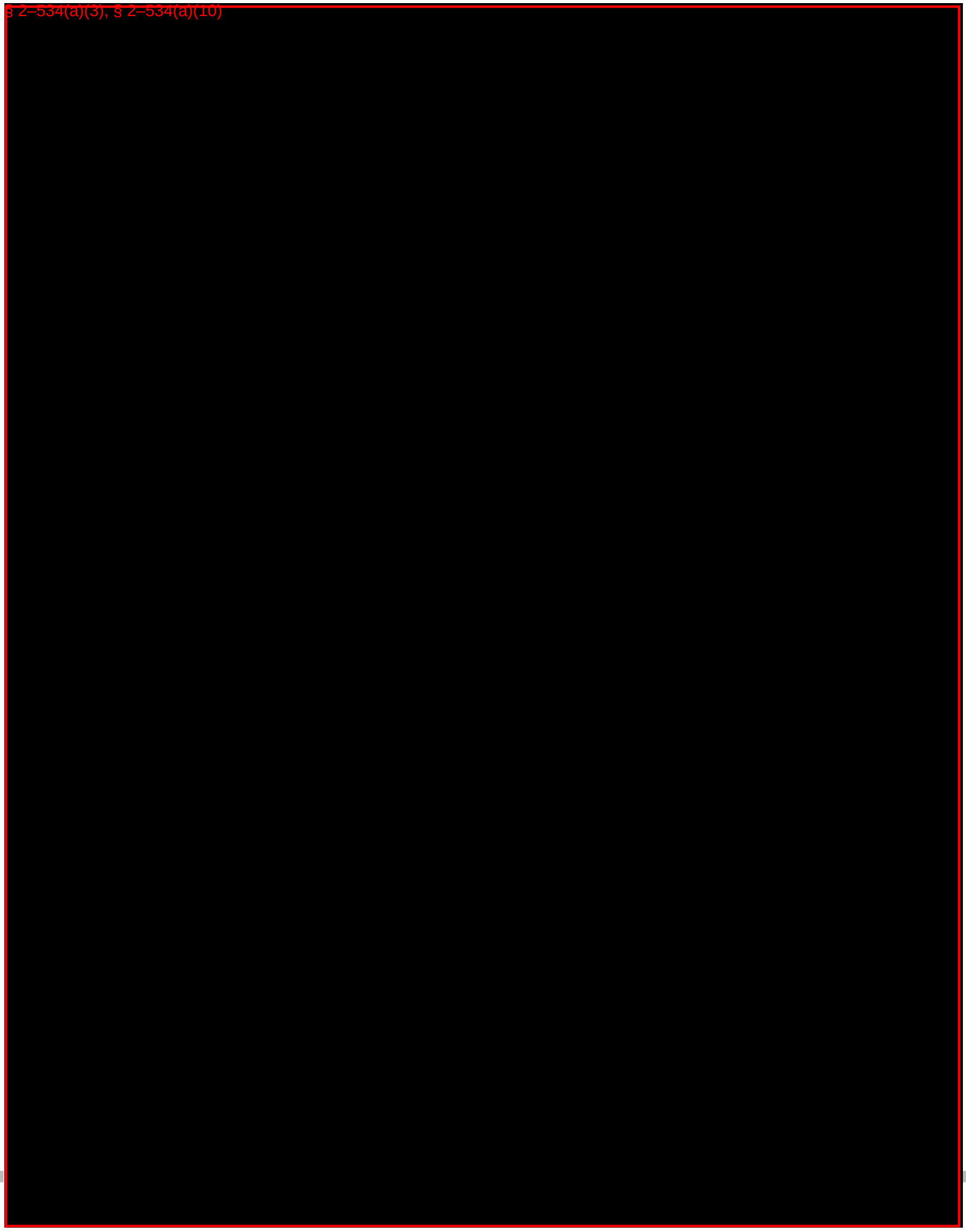

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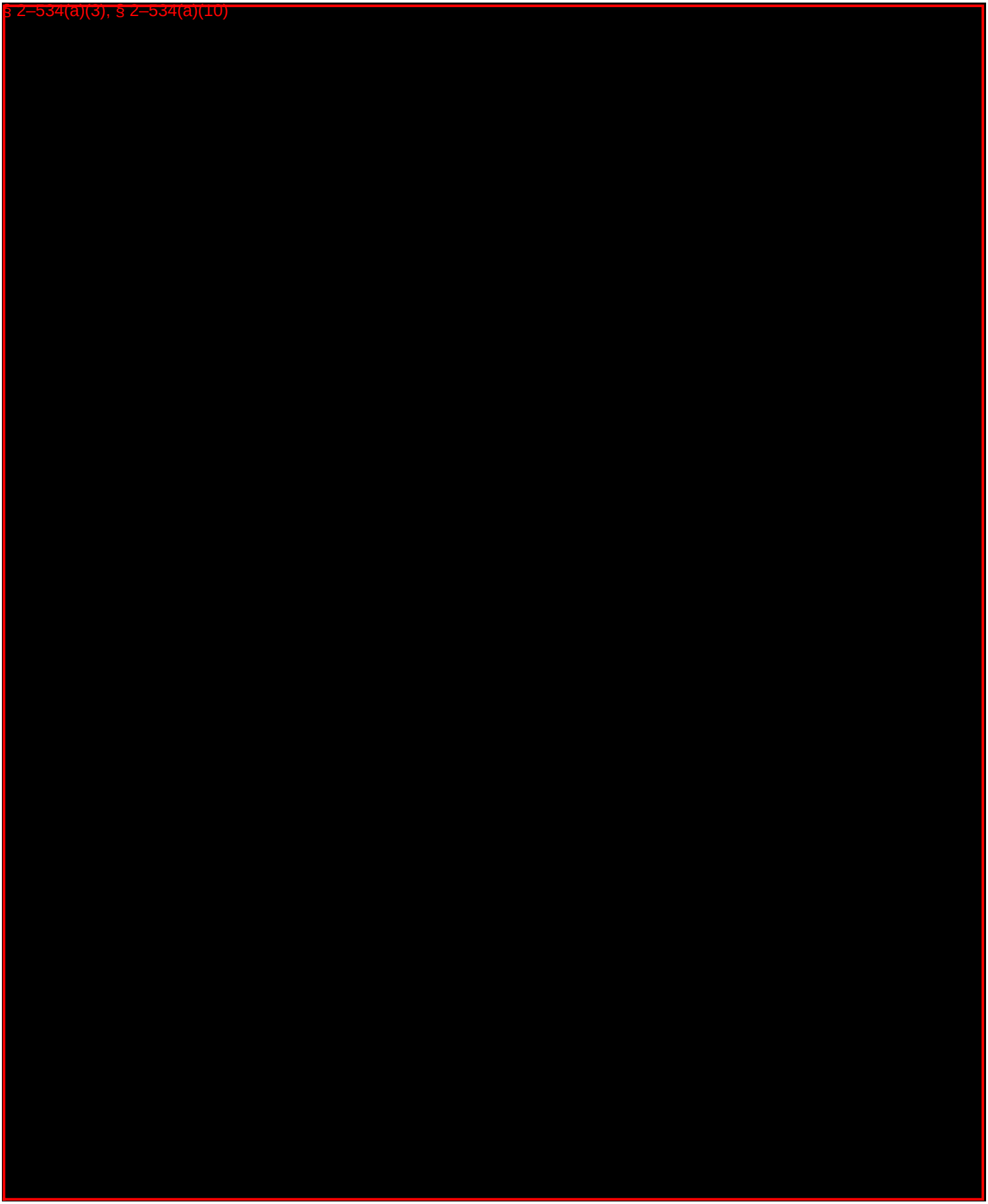

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Good afternoon COG CDU Subcommittee,

Thank you for everyone who was able to participate in today's CDU Subcommittee Coordination Call. Attached is the meeting summary for your reference.

In addition, a word document of this meeting summary has been uploaded to the § 2–534(e) [redacted]. This is a working document – if you have any updates you would like to provide from your agency/jurisdiction, please feel free to do so.

Instructions to access the SharePoint site are also attached – it is highly recommend you use Internet Explorer to fully use the site.

Thank you and please let us know if we can be of any support to you and your colleagues over the coming days.

Best,

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ACCESS

1. Use Internet Explorer (IE) as your browser (other browsers may work fine, especially if just handling PDFs, but IE is necessary for Word and Excel files). To find the IE browser in Windows, go to the Search Bar at lower left and type "IE".
2. Visit the direct URL address of the site you are trying to access OR visit 2-534(e) [redacted]
3. Determine if your organization is affiliated with IAMS by consulting the list below:

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Arlingtonva.us
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Maryland.gov (certain agencies like MDOT may not work at this time and must register as external users)
Montgomerycountymd.gov
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a. If you do **not** specifically see your organization (US Federal Government covers most federal agencies, State of Maryland is only good for @maryland.gov address), then your organization is not IAMS-affiliated. You must first establish a password by enrolling in IAMS before trying to log in. You may have received an initial email from IAMS support. It is not necessary to find that email, just visit 2-534(e) [redacted] and reset/create your password before trying to log in. Then return to Step 1 on this list and select "External Users" from the Authentication

Source dropdown list (see screenshot below). If you see your organization on the dropdown list and it is not in the table shown in these instructions on page 1 (ex. City of Frederick, City of Rockville, WMATA) you may select it, but you will still need to use the new IAMS password your just created.

b. If your organization **is** on shown in the table on page 1, select it and then select Next.

4. Log in with your email address as your username.
5. Your password is the one you previously set up in step 3a for "External Users", or your existing government password that you use at your workstation for IAMS-affiliated users.

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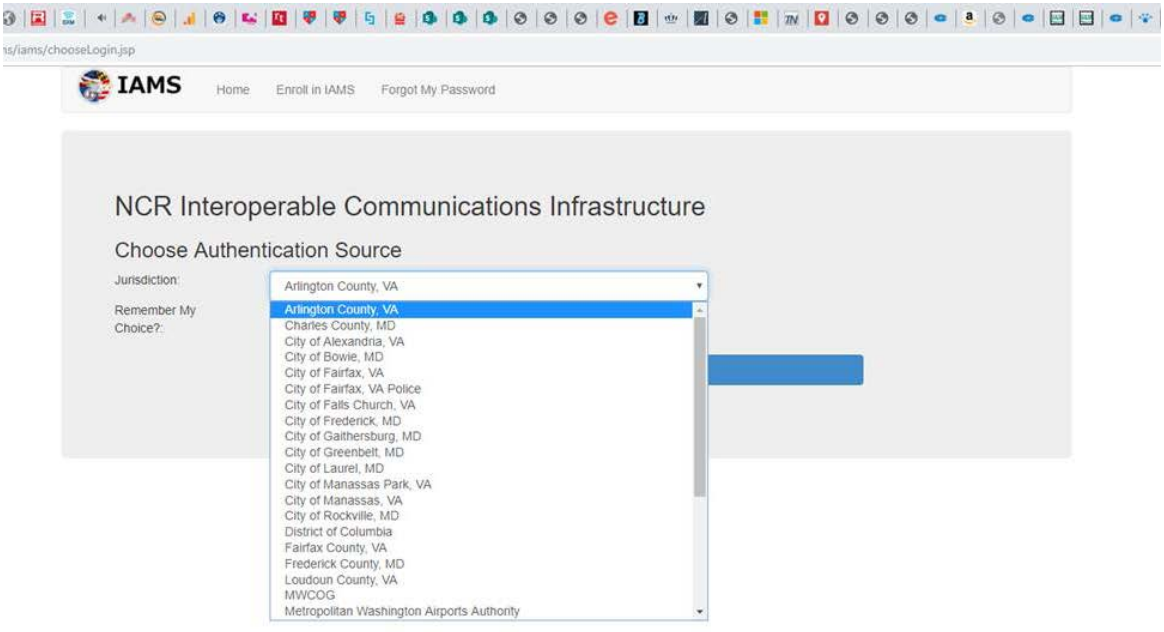
2. In Internet Explorer, go to Settings (gear icon at top right) > Internet Options > Security Tab > Trusted Sites Icon > Sites Button > make sure 2-534(e) is on the Websites List, or add it.
3. Close the browser and reopen it. Reboot the machine if necessary.

Those steps solve the problem for most people. If you are still experiencing an issue with a popup box saying the file is corrupt, follow the steps below.

1. Open Excel (also do this for Word if needed).
2. Click on File > Options.
3. Select Trust Center > Trust center settings.
4. Select Protected view.
5. Uncheck all the options under Protected View > OK.
6. Restart Excel/Word and try to open SharePoint files again.

If that does not help, as a work around, you may be able to right click to the left of the line (the check mark) the file is on in SharePoint, select Download, and then save it to your computer.

Authentication Source Screenshot



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AVIATION

Kenya Airways Plans More Pay Cuts Due to Pandemic
01/15/2021

Kenya Airways plans further pay cuts for employees of as much as 30% after the airline was hit by the coronavirus pandemic that has caused a slump in air travel, an internal memo showed on Friday. The latest cuts, of 5% to 30% for workers with monthly earnings exceeding 45,000 shillings ($409), take effect this month and will run for six to 12 months, the company's CEO Allan Kilavuka said in an internal memo seen by Reuters. He said in the memo that the company was grappling with debts which are at an unsustainably high level. Although domestic air travel resumed in Kenya in July, followed by international routes a month later, demand has stayed below pre-pandemic levels.

PIA Plane 'Held Back' by Malaysian Authorities Over UK Court Case
01/15/2021

A Pakistan International Airlines plane has been held back by Malaysian authorities over a British court case, the airline said on Friday, adding that it would pursue the matter through diplomatic channels. The Boeing 777 aircraft was seized after a court order, an airline spokesman said, and alternative arrangements were being made for passengers due to fly back to Pakistan. "A PIA aircraft has been held back by a local court in Malaysia taking a one-sided decision pertaining to a legal dispute between PIA and another party pending in a UK court," a PIA spokesman said in a statement.

First Syrian Plane Since 2011 Lands in Beirut
01/15/2021

A Cham Wings plane flying from Aleppo in Syria, landed at one o'clock after midnight at Beirut's Rafik Hariri International Airport following the restoration of air connectivity at Aleppo airport, the National News Agency reported Friday. The round-trip route was resumed after being halted since Syria's conflict began in 2011. Precautionary measures against the coronavirus were in place, with passengers required to show PCR tests taken less than three days before the flight, according to Syria's state news agency SANA. The head of Syrian Air in Lebanon, Rashed Attar, said the flight arrived in Beirut carrying 36 passengers and returned to Aleppo with 44 passengers. Attar said a weekly flight between Aleppo and Beirut will continue.

MARITIME

Turkey, Greece Expected to Resume Talks at NATO
01/15/2021

Turkish and Greek military delegations are expected to resume technical talks next week at the NATO headquarters, security sources said Friday. The technical talks to discuss maritime disputes between Turkey and Greece were agreed to be held and implemented by the military delegations of the two countries following a meeting held between President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg. Turkey, which has the longest continental coastline in the Eastern Mediterranean, has rejected maritime boundary claims by Greece and the Greek Cypriot administration, stressing that the excessive claims violate the sovereign rights of Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots.

Iran Fires Torpedoes from Homemade Submarine for First Time
01/15/2021

The Iranian naval force fired torpedoes from the home-made Fateh(Conqueror)-class submarine, as well as cruise missiles from the seashore and vessels on the second day of a large-scale drill in the country's southern waters. This is the first time Iran's indigenous submarine has fired torpedoes, reports Xinhua news agency. On Thursday, the cruise missiles and the torpedoes hit mock targets successfully during the last stage of the massive military drill in the Sea of Oman. A foreign submarine was detected approaching the area during the exercise and left the area immediately after a warning was issued, the statement added.

US Blacklists Chinese Firms, Executives Over South China Sea
01/15/2021

The Trump administration imposed fresh sanctions against Chinese firms and military over its "reckless and belligerent actions" in the South China Sea as well as labeled nine companies including Xiaomi as military controlled and added a government oil company to its Entity List. The Commerce Department said it has added China National Offshore Oil Corporation to its import-export Entity list over its combative actions in the South China Sea. In July, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the United States rejects most of China's maritime claims to the South China Sea, highlighting the United Nations' 2016 ruling that said the Nine-Dash-Line claim has no grounds.

RAIL / TRANSIT

Siemens Mobility Signs Landmark MOU to Install Egypt’s First High Speed Rail System
01/15/2021

The National Authority for Tunnels, a governmental authority under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transport of Egypt, and Siemens Mobility have signed a Memorandum of

Understanding (MoU) - together with the local companies Orascom Construction S.A.E. and The Arab Contractors (Osman Ahmed Osman & Co.) - to design, install and commission Egypt's first ever high-speed rail transportation system. Additionally, Siemens Mobility will be providing maintenance services. The agreement comprises a rail system with a network of 1000km, with the first being a 460km high-speed line. The order value of this initial high-speed line is around 3bn$.

VEHICLE / ROAD

Hyundai, Guangzhou District Sign Agreement on HFC Production
01/15/2021

Guangzhou Development District signed an investment cooperative agreement with South Korean automaker Hyundai to set up Hyundai Motor Company HTWO (Guangzhou) on Friday. According to the agreement, the construction of the company, which is 100 percent owned by Hyundai, will officially begin by the end of February with production scheduled to start in the second half of 2022. The new company expects to be able to produce more than 6,500 sets of hydrogen fuel cell systems annually at the preliminary stage, and production will be expanded according to market demands in the future.

PIPELINE / HAZMAT

Germany Approves Resuming Russia Gas Pipeline Work
01/15/2021

German authorities gave permission Friday for work to resume on a subsea pipeline bringing natural gas from Russia that's been the target of U.S. sanctions threats. The decision by the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency can be appealed, meaning there could be another halt to the construction on the Nord Stream 2 project, which has drawn major criticism from the United States, some other European countries and environmental groups. German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas added that he did not know whether the companies involved in building the pipeline had plans to immediately resume work following the Maritime and Hydrographic Agency's ruling.

COMMERCIAL USE OF SPACE

Blue Origin Aims to Get First Passenger into Space by April
01/15/2021

Jeff Bezos' private space tourism company Blue Origin aims to send its first passenger into the edge of space as early as April this year. The company announced the ambitious goal after it completed the fourteenth test flight of its New Shepard rocket and capsule Thursday. The rocket prototype called the NS-14 successfully flew and landed using the company's newly developed booster and upgraded capsule. The test flight is the last remaining step before the company moves forward to launching a manned rocket. Blue Origin's New Shepard spacecraft is designed to carry passengers

to the edge of space - or more than 340,000 feet above sea level. Passengers on board will be able to experience several minutes of zero gravity before the vessel returns back to Earth.

TERRORISM / EXTREMISM

46 Civilians Feared Killed in Eastern Congo Attack
01/14/2021

Forty-six civilians are reported to have been killed in an attack by suspected Islamist militants on a village in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, a senior provincial official said Thursday. Local security forces have been dispatched to the village in Irumu territory to investigate, Provincial Interior Minister Adjio Gidi said by phone. He said the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) were behind the raid. The Ugandan armed group is believed to have carried out a string of massacres in eastern Congo, killing more than 1,000 civilians since the start of 2019, according to U.N. figures. Islamic State has claimed responsibility for many suspected ADF attacks in the past, although U.N. experts have not been able to confirm any direct link between the two groups.

US Charges 14 Leaders of MS-13 Gang with Terrorism
01/14/2021

The United States has charged 14 leaders of the international criminal gang MS-13 on terrorism charges, the U.S. Department of Justice said on Thursday, part of an intensified crackdown on the group. The indictment, filed in Central Islip, New York, and unsealed on Thursday, charged the individuals with conspiracies to support terrorists, commit acts of terrorism and finance terrorism, according to the department. “The indictment announced today is the highest-reaching and most sweeping indictment targeting MS-13 and its command and control structure in U.S. history,” acting Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen said in a statement.

CYBER

12,000+ Workers’ Personal Data Leaked by UK Staffing Agency
01/14/2021

A recently discovered unsecured Microsoft Azure Blob contained deeply sensitive documents of more than 12,000 construction workers, including scans of passports, national IDs, birth certificates, and tax returns. The cloud storage also contains self-employment contracts that include personally identifiable information such as full names, addresses, UK national insurance numbers, and signatures. The database appears to belong to Nohow International, a UK-based recruitment and staffing agency that provides blue- and white-collar personnel services to companies across the UK and other countries. Presently, it is unclear if any malicious actors have accessed the unsecured Nohow Azure Blob and downloaded the deeply sensitive documents. The files were stored on a publicly accessible Microsoft Azure server. Accessing and

downloading files hosted on public servers requires almost no technical knowledge, which means that there's a good chance that the documents contained in this Blob may have been accessed by cybercriminals for malicious purposes.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING

Russia Follows US to Withdraw from Open Skies Treaty
01/15/2021

Russia said Friday it will withdraw from an international treaty allowing observation flights over military facilities following the U.S. exit from the pact. Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the U.S. withdrawal from the Open Skies Treaty last year "significantly upended the balance of interests of signatory states," adding that Moscow's proposals to keep the treaty alive after the U.S. exit have been cold-shouldered by Washington's allies. The ministry said that Russia is now launching the relevant procedural moves to withdraw from the pact "due to the lack of progress in removing the obstacles for the treaty's functioning in the new conditions."

Dutch Government Resigns Over Childcare Subsidies Scandal
01/15/2021

Prime Minister Mark Rutte announced the resignation of his government on Friday, accepting responsibility for years of mismanagement of childcare subsidies, which wrongfully drove thousands of families to financial ruin. Rutte said he had handed his resignation to King Willem-Alexander. The cabinet would remain in place in a caretaker capacity to manage the coronavirus crisis for now, with an election already due on March 17. The resignation follows a parliamentary inquiry last month that found bureaucrats at the tax service had wrongly accused families of fraud. The inquiry report said around 10,000 families had been forced to repay tens of thousands of euros of subsidies. Many of the families were targeted based on their ethnic origin or dual nationalities, the tax office said last year.

Indonesia Quake Kills At Least 42, Injures Hundreds
01/15/2021

A powerful earthquake killed at least 42 people and injured hundreds on Indonesia's island of Sulawesi on Friday, trapping several under rubble and unleashing dozens of aftershocks as authorities warned of more quakes that could trigger a tsunami. Thousands of frightened residents fled their homes for higher ground when the magnitude 6.2-quake struck 6 km (4 miles) northeast of the town of Majene, at a depth of just 10 km, shortly before 1.30 a.m. The quake and aftershocks damaged more than 300 homes and two hotels, as well as flattening a hospital and the office of a regional governor, where authorities told Reuters several people have been trapped under the rubble. The heightened seismic activity set off three landslides, severed electricity supplies, and damaged bridges linking to regional hubs, such as the city of Makassar. Heavy rain was also worsening conditions for those seeking shelter.

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Commercial UAS News

US Patent awarded for broadcast Remote ID (RID)

Ariascend, an Oregon unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) drone research and development company, announced that their CEO, Kenji Sugahara, was recently awarded a patent for broadcast remote identification of drones. The recent FAA announcement of the final rule on Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft and the upcoming ASTM standards, cements the patent's applicability and relevance in the industry.

Is this the regulation breakthrough commercial drones need?

- New rules are coming into force this week that will govern how drone operators across EU member states
- More clarity and consistency could pave the way for an acceleration in commercial drone use
- While in Europe, the regulations could serve as a model worldwide in the coming years

One-Handed Controller to Debut at CES 2021

Russian start-up Knuckles-5 has developed a fully one-handed controller for drones and video games that will make its official debut next month at CES 2021. The two traditional joysticks are replaced by two trackballs – one is moved by the index finger, while the other is moved by the thumb. Each trackball controls the drone along two axes of movement. Another two axes are controlled by a thumb-activated mini joystick, while a further two are controlled by an IMU (inertial measurement unit) that detects the direction in which the controller is being tilted. In total the device gives control over eight axes of movement.

FLY-R unveils its new range of UAVs based on the Rhomboidal Wing Configuration

FLY-R SAS unveiled its new corporate image, logo and website. The presentation includes several new FLY-R projects such as the R2-HSTD. The aerodynamics formula of the rhomboidal wing is a technology breakthrough and was largely proven by FLY-R on its R2-150 and R2-240 UAVs. It has now been extended to new models of UAVs up to 6m wingspan.

Sony's Airpeak drone unveiled to the public

Sony launched the Airpeak brand with the goal to further develop today's drone technology while achieving the utmost in value creation. As the first phase of this project, Sony will launch a new business targeted for professional photography and video production in the spring of 2021. In order to fully support the creativity of video creators, the payload of the drone can be equipped with an Alpha™ mirrorless camera to capture high quality, full frame aerial photography and video. Airpeak, the industry's smallest class of drone that can be equipped with the Alpha system, is capable of dynamic filming and precise, stable flight, and aims to contribute to the world of entertainment while also pursuing new possibilities for creative expression.

AUTEL Dragonfish

Autel Robotics today announced that Autel, a world leader in commercial/enterprise unmanned aircraft (drone) and aerial imaging, will release the new Dragonfish flight platform in second quarter, 2021. The

fixed-wing aircraft offers a 120 minute flight time, take off/landing in space-restricted areas, rapid deployment/assembly time of under three minutes, and a range of up to 30KM.

CES best of innovation award 2021 Skydio X2

Skydio X2 is the new autonomous drone product from Skydio, leading U.S. drone manufacturer and world leader in autonomous flight. Skydio X2 pairs Skydio's world-leading flight autonomy AI engine with a new ruggedized, foldable airframe and dual optical plus thermal sensor. X2 provides the ultimate aerial data collection solution for situational awareness, asset inspection, security patrol.

UAS Airspace Issues

Op-Ed: Brian Wynne and Kevin Burke on Remote Identification for Unmanned Systems

Following the publication of the final rule on remote identification for drones last week, the industry has voiced opinions both for and against the concept of Remote ID as well as the actual rule. DRONELIFE is honored to publish this joint op-ed from two of the industry's leading voices: AUVSI President and CEO Brian Wynne, and Kevin Burke, President and CEO of Airports Council International, North America (ACI-NA.)

New Members Appointed to the Drone Advisory Committee

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao announced new appointments to the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Drone Advisory Committee or DAC. "The Drone Advisory Committee is key to helping the FAA keep pace with innovation while protecting safety," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao. Members are executives who represent a variety of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) interests, including industry, research, academia, retail, technology, and state and local government.

UAS Emerging Capabilities

Drones That Can Detect Infected Citrus Trees Create New Opportunities in Precision Agriculture

As one of the winners at the most recent press showcases held during the Commercial UAV Expo, Agrowing Ltd., has an established track record when it comes to enabling powerful tools for farmers and growers. The provider of AI-enabling multispectral sensors consistently creates products that set it apart from the competition to enable real opportunities for users. The inherent power and utility of their products was readily apparent in their recent announcement about a significant breakthrough in leaf-level and aerial HLB detection in Citrus.

Drone Technology Extends Reach of Mobile IoT

Drones can be used for a variety of endeavors, from the solemn task of remote warfare to the antics of amateur aviators. But there's a lot more drone activity filling the gap between military tool and hobbyist toys as enterprises have begun to appreciate the operational and economic benefits of drone-enabled functions.

Variously referred to as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) or unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), drones are uniquely able to explore and report on locations that may be inaccessible via other means. In an IoT setting, a drone could act as a mobile sensor to gather data and relay it back to a cloud app or some other analytics service.

Pineapple waste used to build disposable drones

Researchers in Malaysia have developed a method to transform the fibre found in normally discarded pineapple leaves to make a strong material that can be used to build the frames for unmanned aircraft, e.g. drones.

Draganfly Patents Variable Center of Gravity for VTOL Delivery Drones

Draganfly Inc. has announced the awarding of a new patent for a vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) cargo delivery drone with variable center of gravity. The design is ideal for Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) and for transporting goods in hard to reach areas or flight over people at night.

Dubai Tech Company Develops Magnetic Shield C-UAS System

Cusp Technologies, a Dubai-based tech solutions company, has developed a new system for using magnetic beams in many applications specially in defense and space. One of its main applications is to repel hostile drone attacks.

French Drone Maker Unleashes Autonomous Swarm Concept at CES 2021

During CES 2021, French drone manufacturer Icarus Swarms announced a new UAS product line targeting security and emergency first-response industries. A company spokesperson says the new line is “based on a pioneering technology using intelligent pathfinding algorithms and microdrones coordinated in a swarm.”

How AI and connectivity could unlock a new drone age for the industry

The ability to fly connected drones “beyond visual line of sight” on automated missions could transform many business operations, experts believe. Today, if you want to inspect a building site or other installation with a drone you need a pilot standing nearby to keep an eye on the craft at all times and control it over a radio connection.

But, according to John McKenna, chief executive of sees.ai, a tech company working on how drones can be operated remotely using artificial intelligence, this means that a pilot “has to drive to the site, go through a health and safety induction before flying, and then after flying, pack up and drive back to the office.” This “wastes a lot of time”, he says, and is preventing drones from fulfilling their potential as useful monitors inspecting places that are difficult or dangerous for humans to reach. So his company is working on a project with Tokyo-based TerraDrone, and with Vodafone as technical partner, to see how drones could be operated remotely “beyond visual line of sight” (BVLOS) without compromising safety.

Red Cat partners with Skypersonic Completes Long Distance Drone Flight Remotely

Red Cat Holdings, Inc. (OTCQB: RCAT) (“Red Cat” or the “Company”), a leading brand in the drone industry, announced that Fat Shark, a wholly-owned subsidiary, had partnered with Skypersonic, the manufacturer of the Skycopter UAV, to complete a long-distance drone flight remotely. The flight consisted of a pilot, located in Orlando, Florida, controlling a drone flying in Detroit, Michigan. The flight integrated Fat Shark’s new digital technology, “Shark Byte” with Skypersonic’s Skycopter and remote

pilot software system. The pilot's flight instructions to the drone were transmitted through Skypersonic's servers located in Italy. The companies believe this represents the first commercial completion of a remote flight similar to how drones are used by military forces.

Drones could become the future of quantum internet

Researchers have managed to use drones to transmit light particles across large distances to transmit information. A team from the Nanjing University in China has transmitted data using drones over a one-kilometer (0.62 miles) distance. The paper released onto APS.org states that entanglement distribution has been achieved by flying a drone with a transmitter to send out entangled photons.

When a proton is entangled, no matter the distance between them, the other will perform a predicted behavior if something happens to one. Once this drone is up, another drone takes to the sky, equipped with an optical relay in it at about 0.62 miles away. This relay also reshapes the wavefront of photons, which is best explained when a rock is dropped into the water and it creates waves that spread out along the surface of the water in all directions with the same velocity.

The end goal for the researchers and scientists involved in the project is to have a mesh network of these drones in the air transmitting, receiving, and relaying data to create a network that could spread over the whole world, without the need for a large amount of ground infrastructure.

Researchers can now keep drones flying when a motor fails

Researchers at the University of Zurich and the Delft University of Technology have been able to keep a drone flying after a motor fails. The researchers have managed to use onboard cameras to keep the test drones in the air and flying safely.

This Lynchpin Contest drone has astonishing flight abilities

We always enjoy coming across a drone that has new capabilities. And we've never seen a drone like this one. A friend sent a text. Check out this video, it said. There was a YouTube link. I clicked. A weird-looking drone popped into view. But then that drone began doing things that appeared nearly impossible. It was rolling while maintaining position. It was flying in ways I'd never before seen – so it clearly had my attention. In a moment, I think it will have yours.

Tinamu Labs Showcases the Potential of Automated Indoor Drone Applications at CES 2021

Tinamu replaces large static sensor networks that consist of numerous fixed cameras with one flying sensor. Their drone-based inspection automation solution consists of a dashboard that visualizes relevant information, analytics software running on a secured cloud, and the drone system connected to a communication network. Their commercial drone use cases detail how the technology is being used for conveyor belt inspections, in warehouses and for infrastructure inspections.

UAS Policy

Tighter weapon controls to cover armed drones, 3D-printed guns

A proposed law on guns, explosives and weapons discussed in Parliament yesterday aims to further tighten controls and strengthen penalties for high-risk items such as automatic weapons. The changes

also aim to address new threats posed by technology shifts, such as 3D-printed guns and drones mounted with weapons.

Florida Senate bill seeks expanded use of drones

A bill filed Monday in the Florida Senate would allow law enforcement to use drones to monitor large crowds, assist with traffic control and collect crime-scene evidence.

Sen. Tom Wright, a New Smyrna Beach Republican who chairs the Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee, is sponsoring the bill (SB 44), which would expand the allowed uses of unmanned aircraft so law enforcement would be able to get aerial perspectives of crowds topping 50 people.

Army announces release of DoD Counter-Small UAS Strategy

Department of Defense leadership recently approved a new strategy to lead and direct Counter-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (C-sUAS) activities across the Department. This strategy will provide the framework for addressing sUAS hazards and threats in a variety of operating environments, including the U.S. homeland, host nations, and contingency locations.

More Shots Fired in U.S. – China Tech War, Implications for Commercial Drone Industry

On January 5, 2021, the President signed Executive Order (EO) 13971, Addressing the Threat Posed by Applications and Other Software Developed or Controlled by Chinese Companies, which prohibits persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States (U.S. citizens/residents and corporations) from transacting with persons that develop or control Chinese connected software applications or their subsidiaries. These prohibitions kick in 45 days from publication.

UAS Incidents and Events

Smaller, cheaper drones have outsized impact on the future of war

Azerbaijan's successful use of drones during its recent war with Armenia, specialists say, has captured the attention of military leaders around the world and accelerated a move toward a generation of unmanned aerial vehicles that are smaller, cheaper and easier to operate.

Even the leaders of major Western military powers such as Britain have signaled a coming shift in their drone strategies after watching Azerbaijani aircraft rain destruction on Armenian troops and traditional ground combat vehicles during the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict this fall.

NYPD, US Army, carried out drone detection trials in NYC

The ability to detect drones is important. And, over the course of two nights last fall, a division of the NYPD carried out an ambitious exercise designed to test multiple drone detection technologies. We like to think all drone operators are responsible, but we know that's not the case. We've all seen stories about drones delivering contraband to prisons, flying where they shouldn't, and even disrupting major sporting events. So there are plenty of good (and bad) reasons why police in a major city might want to ensure they have the ability to quicky and accurately detect drones. That's precisely what this exercise was about.

Drone pilot pleads guilty to chopper collision; could face one year in prison

In what appears to be a first, a drone pilot has pleaded guilty to colliding his drone into a Los Angeles Police Department helicopter. It's believed to be the first criminal conviction in the United States for unsafe operation of an unmanned aircraft.

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Thank you sir. We'll brief out as well. Please see below:

Metro will alter both bus and rail service schedules beginning Friday, January 15th through Thursday, January 21st.

Beginning with the start of rail service on Friday, January 15th through close of service on Thursday, January 21st, all trains will bypass 11 stations that are closed inside the perimeter. Two more stations – Metro Center and Gallery Place – will close Saturday, January 16th through Thursday, January 21st. Beginning on Saturday, January 16th through Thursday, January 21st, trains will operate on a Saturday schedule (every 15 mins. on all lines/every 12 mins. on Red) every day, bypassing all closed stations since residents are urged by local officials to stay out of the downtown core.

Rail station closures by line include:

Red	Yellow/Green	Blue	Blue/Orange/Silver
Farragut North	Archives-Navy Memorial	Arlington Cemetery	Farragut West
Judiciary Square			McPherson Square
Union Station			Federal Center SW
Metro Center*			Capitol South
Gallery Place*			Smithsonian
			Federal Triangle

*(*Closing Saturday)*

During this time, 26 bus routes will be detoured around the expanded security perimeter. Outside the perimeter, the level of bus service will remain normal on weekdays and weekends. However, on Wednesday, January 20th, all buses will operate on a Saturday schedule. Additional station closures and bus detours may be necessary on a temporary basis during this period for security reasons.

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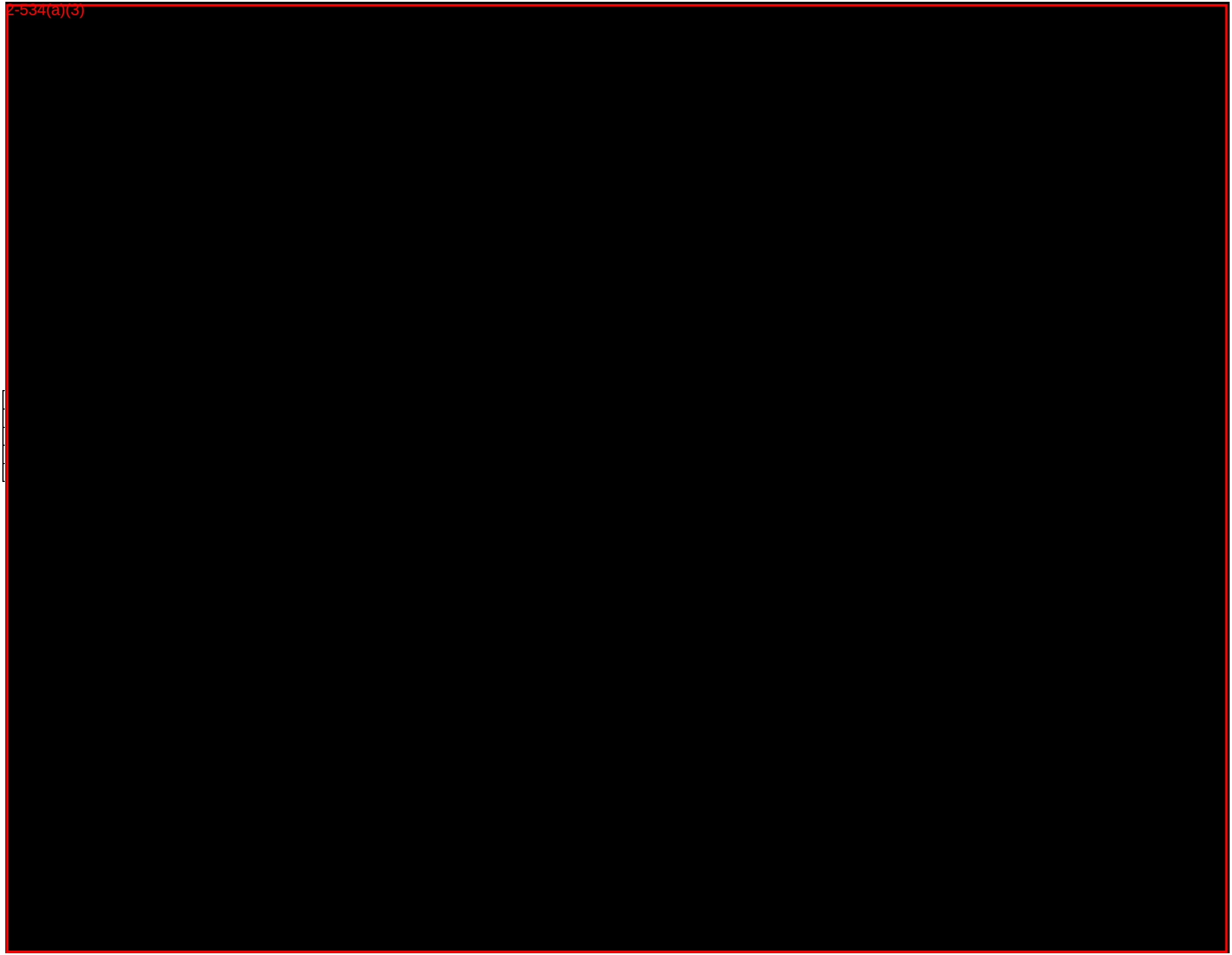

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Thank you sir. We'll brief out as well. Please see below:

Metro will alter both bus and rail service schedules beginning Friday, January 15th through Thursday, January 21st.

Beginning with the start of rail service on Friday, January 15th through close of service on Thursday, January 21st, all trains will bypass 11 stations that are closed inside the perimeter. Two more stations – Metro Center and Gallery Place – will close Saturday, January 16th through Thursday, January 21st. Beginning on Saturday, January 16th through Thursday, January 21st, trains will operate on a Saturday schedule (every 15 mins. on all lines/every 12 mins. on Red) every day, bypassing all closed stations since residents are urged by local officials to stay out of the downtown core.

Rail station closures by line include:

Red	Yellow/Green	Blue	Blue/Orange/Silver
Farragut North	Archives-Navy Memorial	Arlington Cemetery	Farragut West
Judiciary Square			McPherson Square
Union Station			Federal Center SW
Metro Center*			Capitol South
Gallery Place*			Smithsonian

Federal Triangle

*(*Closing Saturday)*

During this time, 26 bus routes will be detoured around the expanded security perimeter. Outside the perimeter, the level of bus service will remain normal on weekdays and weekends. However, on Wednesday, January 20th, all buses will operate on a Saturday schedule. Additional station closures and bus detours may be necessary on a temporary basis during this period for security reasons.

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We would like to schedule an Intelligence Subcommittee meeting for this coming Friday, 15 January, for 9:30 AM. Please send this invite to any one who might have been missed.

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BLUF: There are no ongoing situations at this time.

UPFRONT for 14 JAN 2021

(U) United States: 'We're all on high alert': Delta to Ban Checked Firearms, Increase Security On Flights to DC

(U) Starting this weekend, Delta Air Lines CEO Ed Bastian said the airline will ban passengers traveling to Washington, D.C., from checking firearms as part of increased security measures ahead of the inauguration. "We're all on high alert based on the events over the last couple of weeks up in Washington," Bastian said in an interview on CNBC early Thursday. Only law enforcement officials will be exempt from the ban. Bastian said the airline will also add other security measures at the airports and on planes — seen and unseen — in the coming days "as we look to the week ahead."

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(U) Source: USA Today

(U) United States: FAA Toughens Unruly Passenger Policy After Flight Disruptions in Wake of Capitol Riot

(U) The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will begin handing down stricter punishments to unruly airline passengers without a warning, including "fines of up to $35,000 and imprisonment." FAA Administrator Steve Dickson signed the order Wednesday directing the agency to take a "zero tolerance policy" in unruly passenger cases after the agency saw a "disturbing increase in incidents" of passengers disrupting flights with "threatening or violent behavior." "Historically, the agency has addressed unruly passenger incidents using a variety of methods ranging from warnings and counseling to civil penalties," the FAA said in a news release. "Effective immediately, however, the FAA will not address these cases with warnings or counseling. The agency will pursue legal enforcement action against any passenger who assaults, threatens, intimidates or interferes with airline crew members." The FAA's new policy will remain in effect through March 30.

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(U) Source: ABC News

(U) United States: DC Metro to Close 13 Stations for A Week Amid Threats of Inauguration Violence

(U) Metro will shut down more than a dozen stations near the U.S. Capitol and Mall for days around the presidential inauguration because of the possibility of violent protests. Starting Friday, the transit agency will begin closing 13 stations through the following Thursday, the day after President-elect Joe Biden is inaugurated on the steps of the Capitol. Metrobus service and routes also will be adjusted around a security perimeter guarded by fences and an expected 20,000 members of the National Guard. The transit precautions were made through coordination with the Secret Service, which is directing safety of the event after last week's attempted insurrection and riot at the U.S. Capitol that left five dead and wounded several others.

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(U) Source: Washington Post

(U) United States: Capitol Investigators Try to Sort Real Tips from Noise

(U) Potential threats and leads are pouring in to law enforcement agencies nationwide after the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. The challenge is now figuring out what's real and what's just noise. Investigators are combing through a mountain of online posts, street surveillance and other intelligence, including information that suggests mobs could try to storm the Capitol again and threats to kill some members of Congress. Security is being tightened from coast to coast. Thousands of National Guard troops are guarding the Capitol ahead of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration. Governors and lawmakers are stepping up protections at statehouses after an FBI bulletin this week warned of threats to legislative sessions and other inaugural ceremonies. A primary concern is the safety of members of Congress, particularly when they are traveling through airports, according to two U.S. officials briefed on the matter. Since last week, the FBI has opened 170 case files and received more than 100,000 pieces of digital media. The threats have ranged in specificity and complexity, according to officials briefed on them, making it difficult for authorities to determine which could be credible.

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(U) Source: AP

(U) United States, NY: Proud Boys Fan Stockpiled Ammo, Knives in NY Home: FBI

(U) A Proud Boys supporter who threatened to deploy "three cars full of armed patriots" to Washington last week was charged Wednesday with stockpiling military-style combat knives and more than 1,000 rifle rounds in his New York home, federal authorities said. Eduard Florea,

40, was charged with possessing ammunition as a convicted felon and denied bail after the FBI searched his Queens home and interviewed him about a series of threats about the deadly siege on the U.S. Capitol they said he made on the social network Parler. Prosecutors said the software engineer vowed to travel to the nation's capital and slice "a throat" at the Jan. 6 riot by supporters of President Donald Trump. Another post attributed to Florea threatened the life of U.S. Sen.-elect Raphael Warnock of Georgia, authorities said. "The time for peace and civility is over," Florea wrote, according to a criminal complaint. "I will be reaching out to patriots in my area so we can come up with a game plan." Assistant U.S. Attorney Francisco J. Navarro said Florea posed a flight risk and is "particularly dangerous in the current political environment." He said Florea applied to join the Proud Boys, a far-right group, but was not yet a member because he had not attended the requisite number of meetings. He said Florea traveled to Washington in December and was with the group when it vandalized a church. U.S. Magistrate Judge Sanket Bulsara ordered Florea held without bail, saying the evidence suggested "a premediated plan to exact violence against people in New York and people in Washington."

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(U) Source: AP

(U) United States: Coast Guard to Establish, Enforce Multiple Security Zones for the 59th Presidential Inauguration

(U) The Coast Guard will enforce three temporary security zones in the National Capital Region for the 59th Presidential Inauguration, beginning at 8 a.m., on January 13 and ending 8 a.m., January 25, 2021. During the enforcement period, entry into or remaining in the zones is prohibited by law, unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port of Maryland-National Capital Region. Persons or vessel violating this section may be subject to civil or criminal penalties pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 70036. The Coast Guard is establishing the security zones as described in Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §165.508. The Coast Guard will establish a security zone encompassing certain waters of the Potomac River and Anacostia River, and adjacent waters in Washington D.C. The Coast Guard may be assisted by other federal, state or local law enforcement agencies in enforcing this regulation. The U.S. Secret Service is the lead federal agency for this National Special Security Event.

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(U) Source: HS Today

(U) United States: Passengers Banned from U.S. Airlines Top 2,700, With Dozens Added in Wake of Capitol Riot

(U) During an Alaska Airlines flight from Washington, D.C. to Seattle last week, a number of passengers refused to wear masks and harassed crew members, the airline said. In response, Alaska banned 14 of the passengers on that Thursday flight — just some of a growing number of disruptive passengers' airlines are putting on their own no-fly lists. And now the Federal Aviation Administration has announced it will start taking legal action over such behavior going forward. Calling those passengers "rowdy" and "argumentative," Alaska Airlines said in a statement it has banned more than 300 passengers since August for violating its mask policy.

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(U) Source: CBS News

(U) United States: Washington (DC), Abide by Official Directives On 19-21 January Amid Additional Airspace Restrictions.

(U) Operators with flight plans via the capital Washington (DC) and surrounding areas on 19-21 January should plan operations accounting for additional temporary flight restrictions (TFRs) between Wilmington (Delaware state) and Washington (DC). On 19 January, a TFR will be applied to Wilmington from 18.00 to 22.00 (all times UTC) and varying restrictions will also be in effect for airspace between Wilmington and Washington (DC) from 20.30 to 23.00. Additional restrictions will be applied to the Washington (DC) Special Flight Rules Area (SFAR) from 13.00 on 20 January to 03.00 on 21 January. The restrictions coincide with the inauguration ceremony for President-elect Joe Biden on 20 January in Washington (DC).

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(U) United States: U.S. Border Closure Extended to Feb. 21

(U) The land borders between the United States, Canada and Mexico will remain closed to nonessential travel until at least Feb. 21. U.S. Homeland Security announced the U.S.-Mexico-border closure extension on Tuesday. Commercial trucks will continue to move freely across the borders, as the movement of essential goods remains exempt from the restrictions. "We are working closely with Mexico & Canada to keep essential trade & travel open while also protecting our citizens from the virus," DHS said in a tweet. "DHS is working closely with our counterparts in Mexico and Canada to identify appropriate public health conditions to safely ease restrictions in the future and support U.S. border communities." Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also announced Tuesday another 30-day extension of the closure of Canada's border with the U.S. until Feb. 21. The borders have been closed for nonessential travel since March to slow the spread of COVID-19.

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(U) Source: Freight Waves

(U) Uganda: Uganda Orders Internet Blackout Until Further Notice

(U) Uganda's communications regulator ordered telecoms operators in the country to suspend all internet gateways from Wednesday evening until further notice, South African telecoms company MTN Group said. The blackout came on the eve of a presidential election in which long-time leader Yoweri Museveni is facing an opposition galvanized by popular singer Bobi Wine, despite a campaign marked by brutal crackdowns. Ugandans reported difficulties accessing the internet via mobile devices and wireless connections on Wednesday evening and internet monitor NetBlocks said on Twitter that the country was experiencing a nationwide blackout from 7 p.m. (1600 GMT). "I can confirm that MTN Uganda and all Licensed Telecommunication Operators in the country have received a directive from Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) to implement a suspension of the operation of all internet Gateways and associated access points," Nompilo Morafo, MTN's group executive for corporate affairs told Reuters. The internet ban came day after Uganda banned all social media and messaging apps ahead of the vote, which the president said was in retaliation for Facebook taking down some pro-government accounts.

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(U) Source: Reuters

(U) Worldwide: Ship Insurers Primed to Raise Rates After Red Sea Attacks

(U) Insurers are set to raise the cost of providing cover for merchant ships through the Red Sea after a series of incidents that have hit vessels around Saudi Arabian waters, industry sources said. The possibility of more attacks on commercial shipping carrying oil and commodities through these waterways is growing after the outgoing U.S. administration's move to designate Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi movement as a foreign terrorist organization. "We are seeing increased rates for vessels making port calls in the Red Sea due to concerns over risk of attack by militia groups, whereas previously this was of an issue of more concern in the Arabian Gulf," said Mike Ingham with insurance broker Gallagher. "This will be impacting vessels travelling to Red Sea ports such as Jeddah." Every ship needs various forms of insurance, including annual war-risk cover as well as an additional "breach" premium when entering high-risk areas. These separate premiums are calculated according to the value of the ship, or hull, for a seven-day period. "The real debate is on the Red Sea side after the incidents involving explosive devices. Everyone is watching what happens next," one war underwriter said. The Red Sea is one of the world's busiest shipping lanes leading up to the Suez Canal, with thousands of transits made annually through the Bab al-Mandab waterway at its southern tip.

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(U) Source: Reuters

(U) New Zealand: New Zealand to Review Parliament Security After Door Attack

(U) Officials plan to review security at New Zealand's Parliament after a man armed with an axe smashed the main glass entrance doors early Wednesday. Police said they were called to the Parliament complex in Wellington just before 5:30 a.m. after getting reports that a man with an axe was on the grounds. Police said that after smashing the doors, the 31-year-old man didn't try to enter the building and was arrested within minutes without further incident. New Zealand's 120 lawmakers are currently on a summer break, and there were few people in the building at the time of the attack. The man has been charged with intentional damage and possession of an offensive weapon. If found guilty, he could face up to seven years in prison. A judge temporarily suppressed the man's name, a common practice in New Zealand's justice system. It was not immediately clear whether the recent attacks at the U.S. Capitol in Washington played any role in inspiring the New Zealand attack.

(U) I2W2 Actions/Comment: Provided for Situational Awareness

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NOAA WEATHER OUTLOOK
Today through Sunday, January 17, 2021

Today: Friday, January 15, 2021

Heavy Snow (Northwest, Upper Midwest, Northeast); Blizzard Conditions (Central Plains, Upper Midwest); Freezing Rain (Northwest, Northeast, Central Appalachians); Critical Fire Weather (Southern California, Southern Plains); High Winds (Plains)

- **As an area pf high pressure moves eastward into New Brunswick Canada, low pressure will progress into southern Wisconsin. A cold front will extend from the low thru the Ohio River Valley and into the Gulf of Mexico after passing thru western portion of Florida peninsula. A warm front will mark the leading edge of warm, moist air that will override a stubborn cold air mass over the Northeast.**
    - **Rain showers will occur from Florida to the New England maritime.**
    - **Mixed rain and snow will fall across much of the Tennessee River Valley, and thru the Great Lakes and into southern Ontario and northern New England. Snow is possible for some areas near the Canadian border, especially for northern Maine.**
    - **In colder air to the west, areas from North Dakota to the middle Mississippi River Valley will see snow, with some of it being heavy, especially across southern Minnesota and northern Iowa.**
    - **Freezing rain is possible for portions of the central Appalachians and upstate New York.**
    - **Winds behind the cold front will be gusty leading to elevated fire weather conditions across much of the Southern Plains. Winds will also be strong across much of the Central Plains, especially in the Missouri River Valley, leading to blizzard conditions.**
- **Meanwhile, in the Far West, high pressure will build across the northern Great Basin as a frontal system edges its way onshore in the Northwest.**
    - **Snow is possible across the Tetons and higher terrain of Wyoming and I-80 corridor from northern Utah into Cheyenne Ridge.**
    - **Rain showers will be prevalent from Vancouver to northern California.**
    - **Mixed rain and snow will fall across much of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and western Montana. Some of the higher valleys of Washington could see freezing rain.**
    - **As winds increase and relative humidity levels decrease across southern California, one can expect elevated to critical fire weather conditions for southern California. This will continue into Sunday at least.**

Tomorrow: Saturday, January 16, 2021

Low pressure will move from southern Wisconsin to Lower Michigan. The occluded front will extend from it to northern New Jersey. A cold front will drop south across the open waters of the west Atlantic, slicing across the Bahamas and Cuba.

- **Mixed wintry precipitation will be found across the eastern Great Lakes, Northeast, New England, Ohio River Valley and much of the central and northern Appalachians.**
- **Some areas of upstate New York, especially near Lake Champlain, as well as the Green and White Mountains of New Hampshire and Maine, will see some heavy snow with accumulations over 6 inches.**
- **A few rain showers are likely for parts of the central Northeast coastal region.**

Fair and dry weather on tap for the Great Plains, Mississippi River Valley and the South.

A combo of weather systems will slide across the western Central Plains, one in the Black Hills region of South Dakota and the other over southeast Colorado.

- **Snow will develop across the central Rockies and adjacent High Plains.**

Elsewhere, weak low pressure will move into the Northwest as high pressure remains across the Great Basin.

- **Additionally, rain and higher elevation snow expected for the Cascades and Olympic ranges.**
- **Offshore flow will lead to continued critical fire weather conditions across southern California.**

Day 3: Sunday, January 17, 2021

Low pressure will reside over southern Quebec with a cold front extending from it across the Northeast and Great Lakes.

- **Mixed wintry precipitation will fall across the Ohio River Valley.**
- **Light snow showers will be widespread from Upper Midwest to southern Great Lakes and Northeast.**
- **It will be quite windy in the Appalachians as troughs pass through the area.**

Weak storm systems will bring some snow across the northern Rockies and Northern Plains, as well as some mixed rain and snow from eastern Washington to eastern Montana.

Frontal system will move into Northwest US with rain showers from Vancouver to southwest Oregon as the result. Elevated to critical fire weather conditions will likely continue into late Sunday for southern California.

Severe Weather Outlooks

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Organized areas of severe thunderstorms not expected.

-- Some of the larger population centers in the risk area are:

Day 1 Risk	Area (sq. mi.)	Area Pop.	Some Larger Population Centers in Risk Area
No Risk Areas Forecast			

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Fire Weather Outlooks

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Elevated fire weather conditions also expected across a large portions of the central and southern Plains.

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Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook

Risk	Area (sq. mi.)	Area Pop.	Some Larger Population Centers in Risk Area
Critical	6,848	4,446,007	Riverside, CA...San Bernardino, CA...Ontario, CA...Fontana, CA...Santa Clarita, CA...

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Day 2 Fire Weather Outlook

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A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

FORECAST FOR BLUEMONT VA

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Showers likely, mainly after 4pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. Southeast wind 7 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
Tonight
Rain likely, possibly mixed with snow showers, mainly before 9pm. Patchy fog between 8pm and 1am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Southeast wind 7 to 10 mph becoming northwest after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 70%. Little or no snow accumulation expected.
Saturday
A chance of snow showers, mainly after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36. West wind 6 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.
Saturday Night
A slight chance of snow showers before 10pm. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 29. West wind 13 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.
Sunday
Mostly sunny, with a high near 39. West wind 11 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.
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Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.
M.L.King Day
Partly sunny, with a high near 37.
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Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.
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Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.
Tuesday Night
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Wednesday
Mostly sunny, with a high near 42.
Wednesday Night
Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.
Thursday
A chance of rain and snow showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 40. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

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Daily Weather Briefing
January 15, 2021

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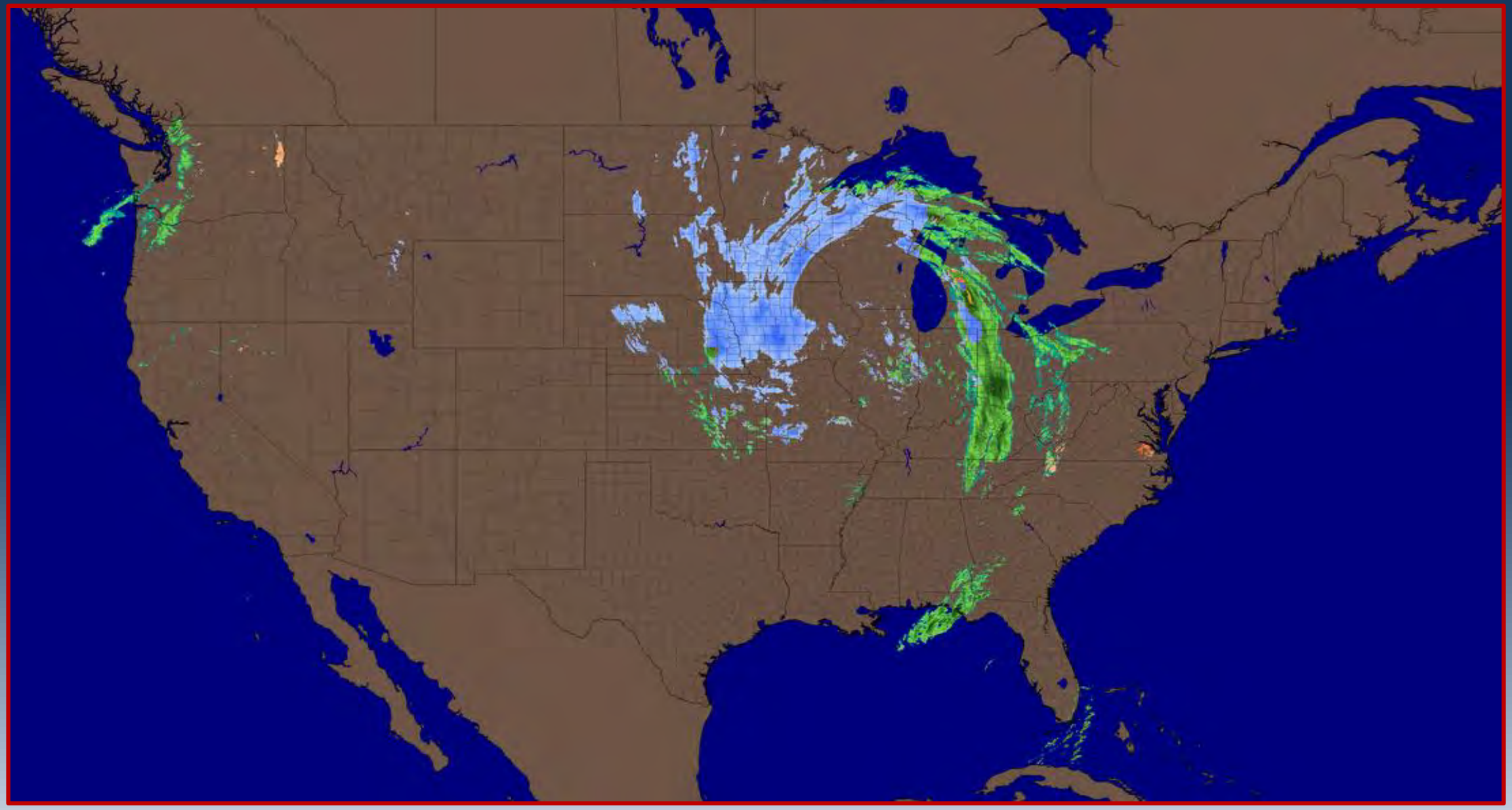
Current Radar



Watches, Warnings and Advisories

Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

- Blizzard Warning Pop: 4,071,911
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- Flood Warning Pop: 275,758
- Gale Warning Pop: 73,817
- Red Flag Warning Pop: 10,880,982
- Winter Weather Advisory Pop: 17,606,546
- Flood Advisory Pop: 10,120
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- Rip Current Statement Pop: 218,148
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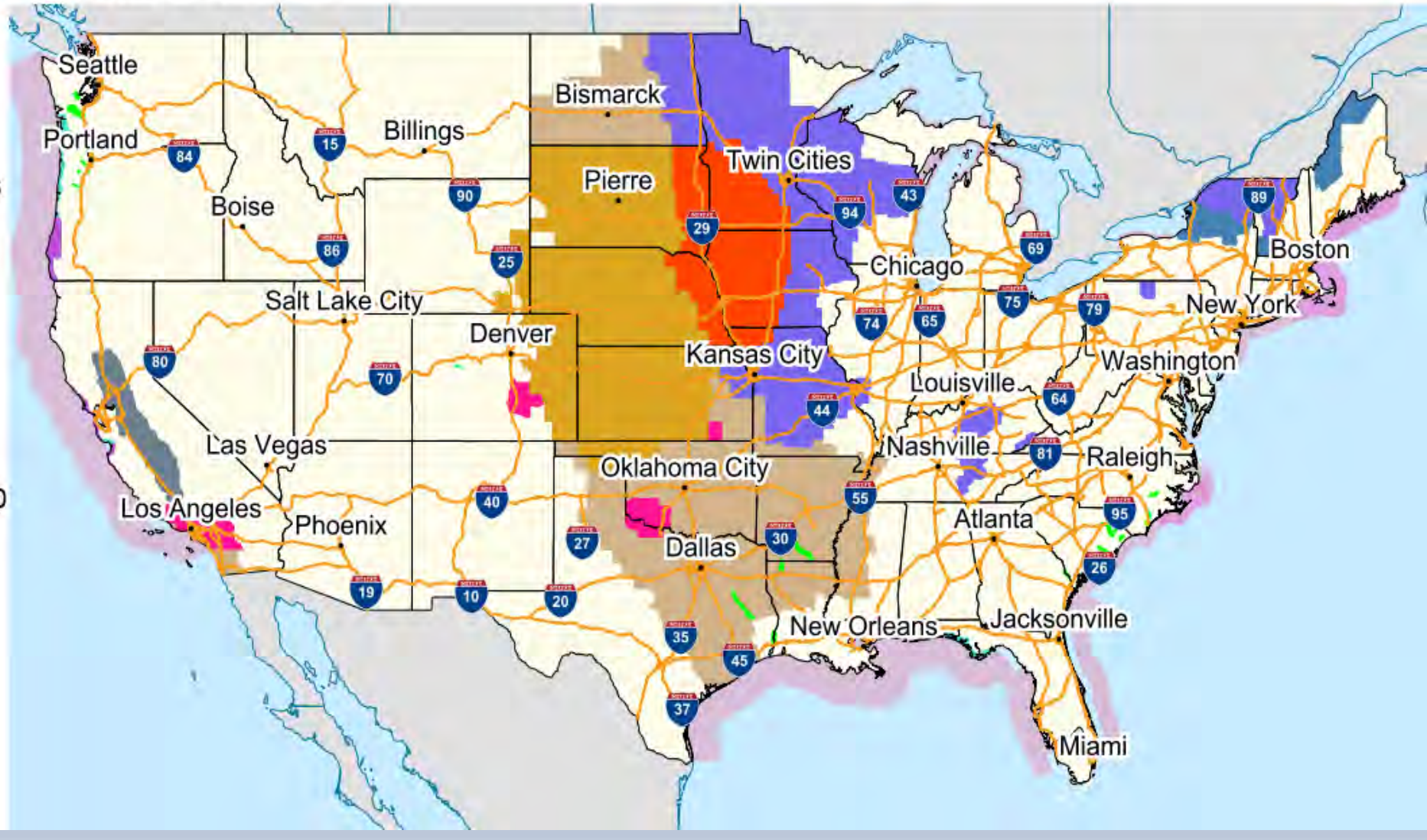

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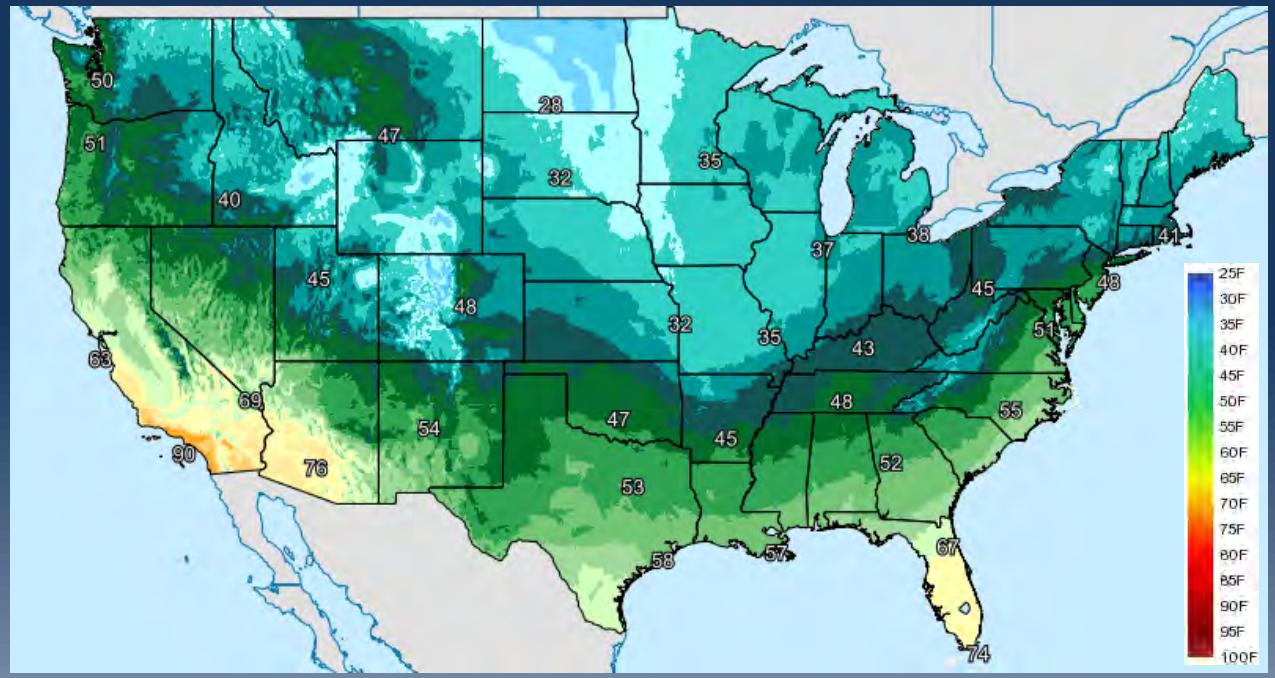

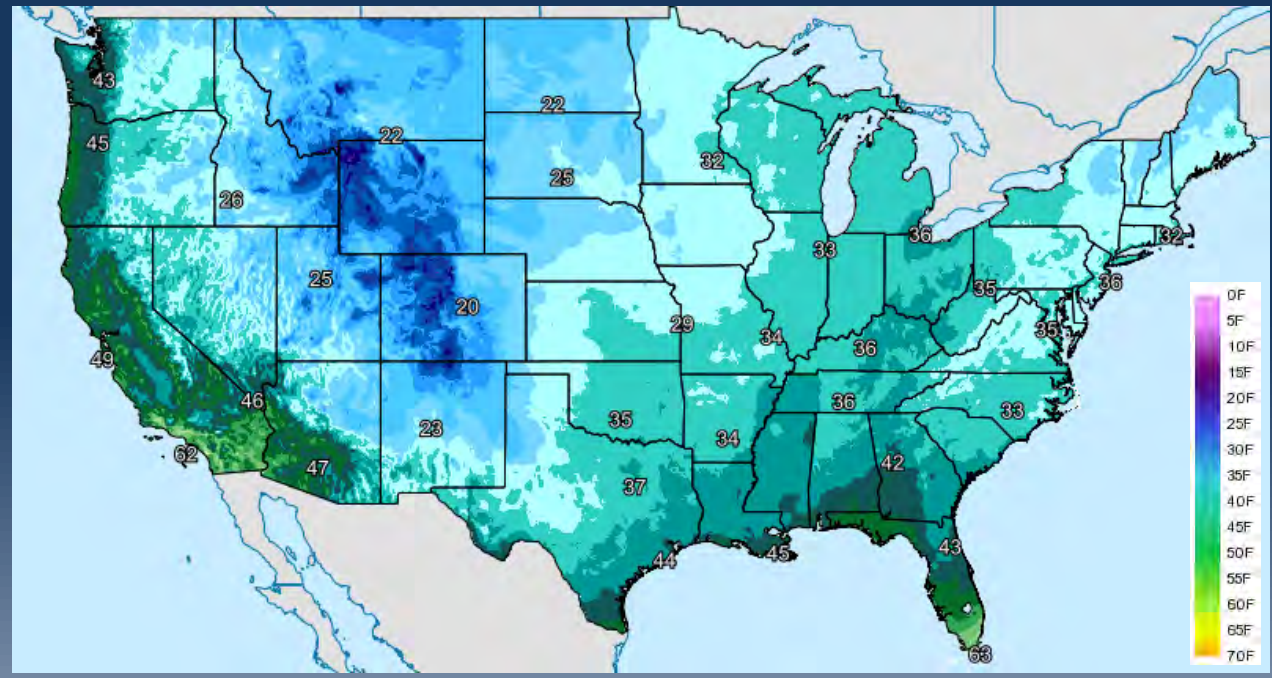

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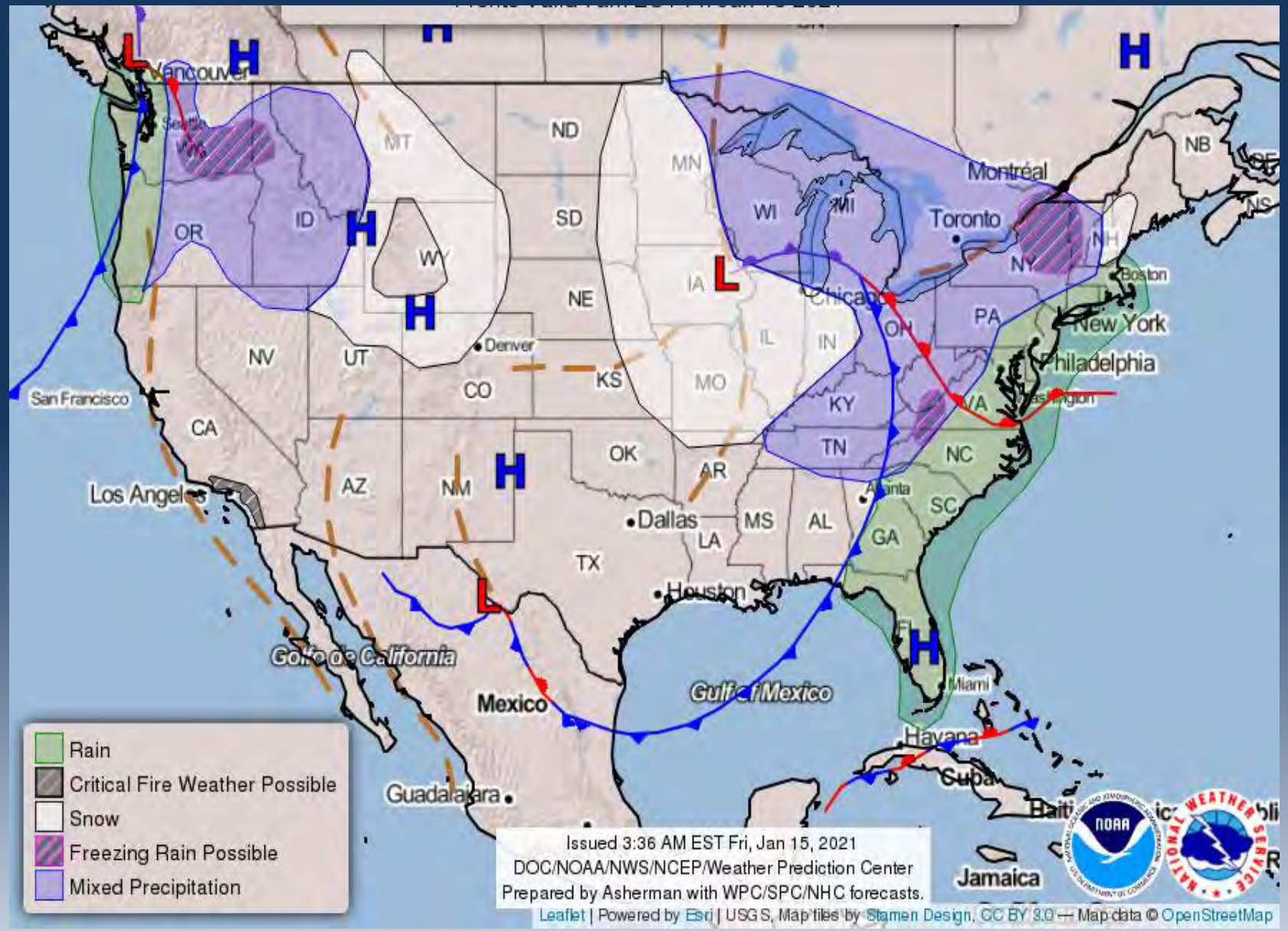

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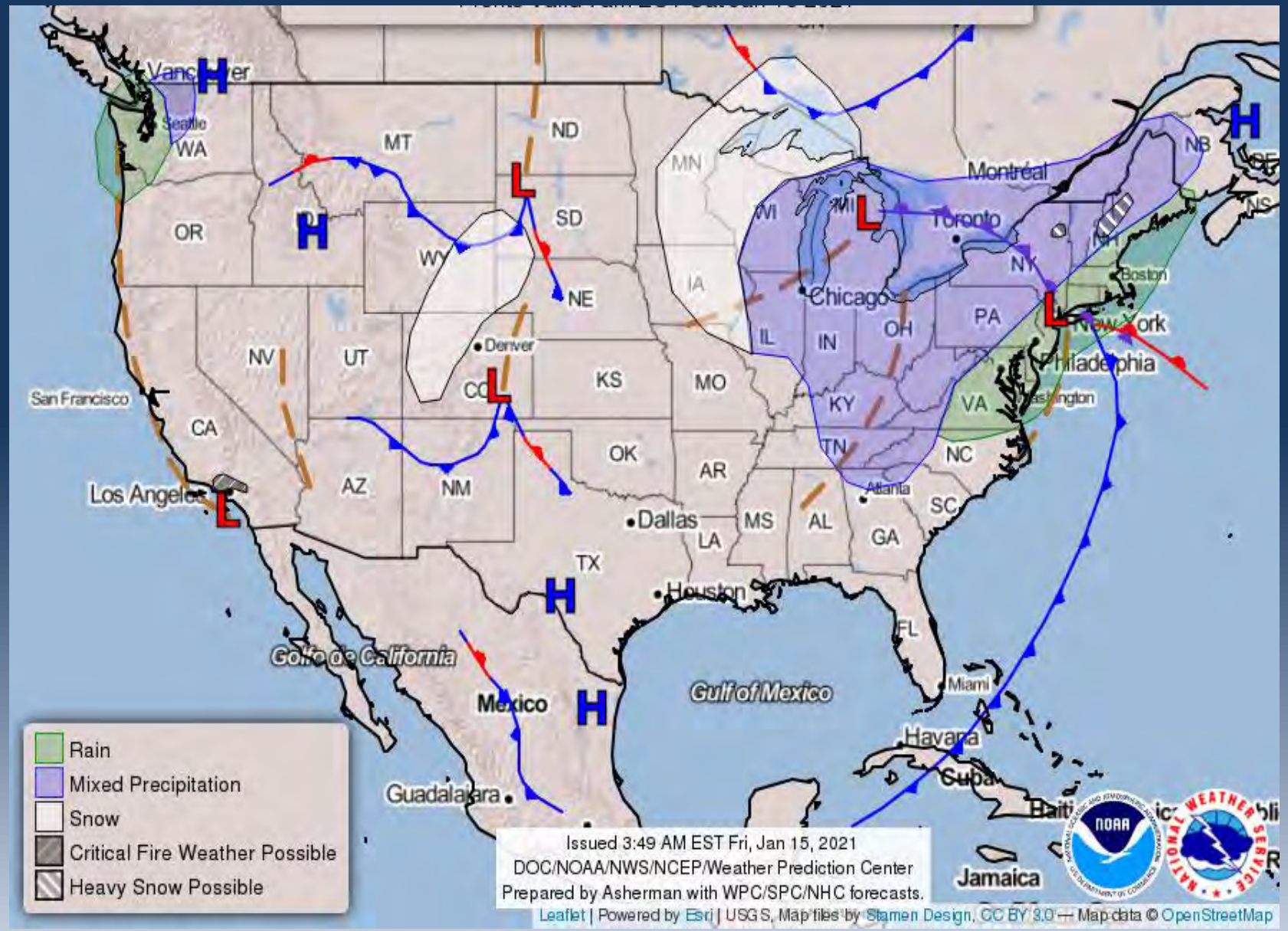

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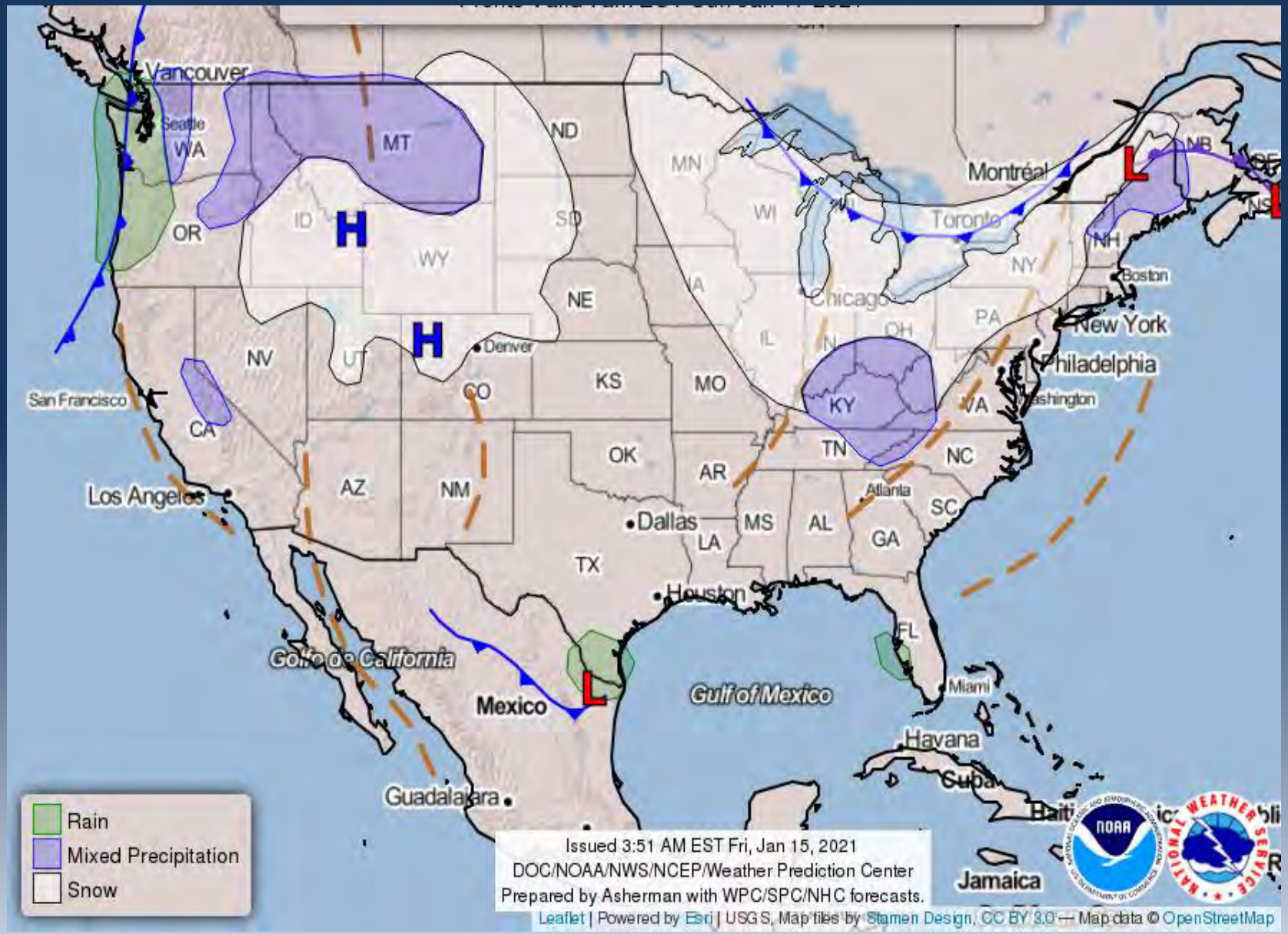

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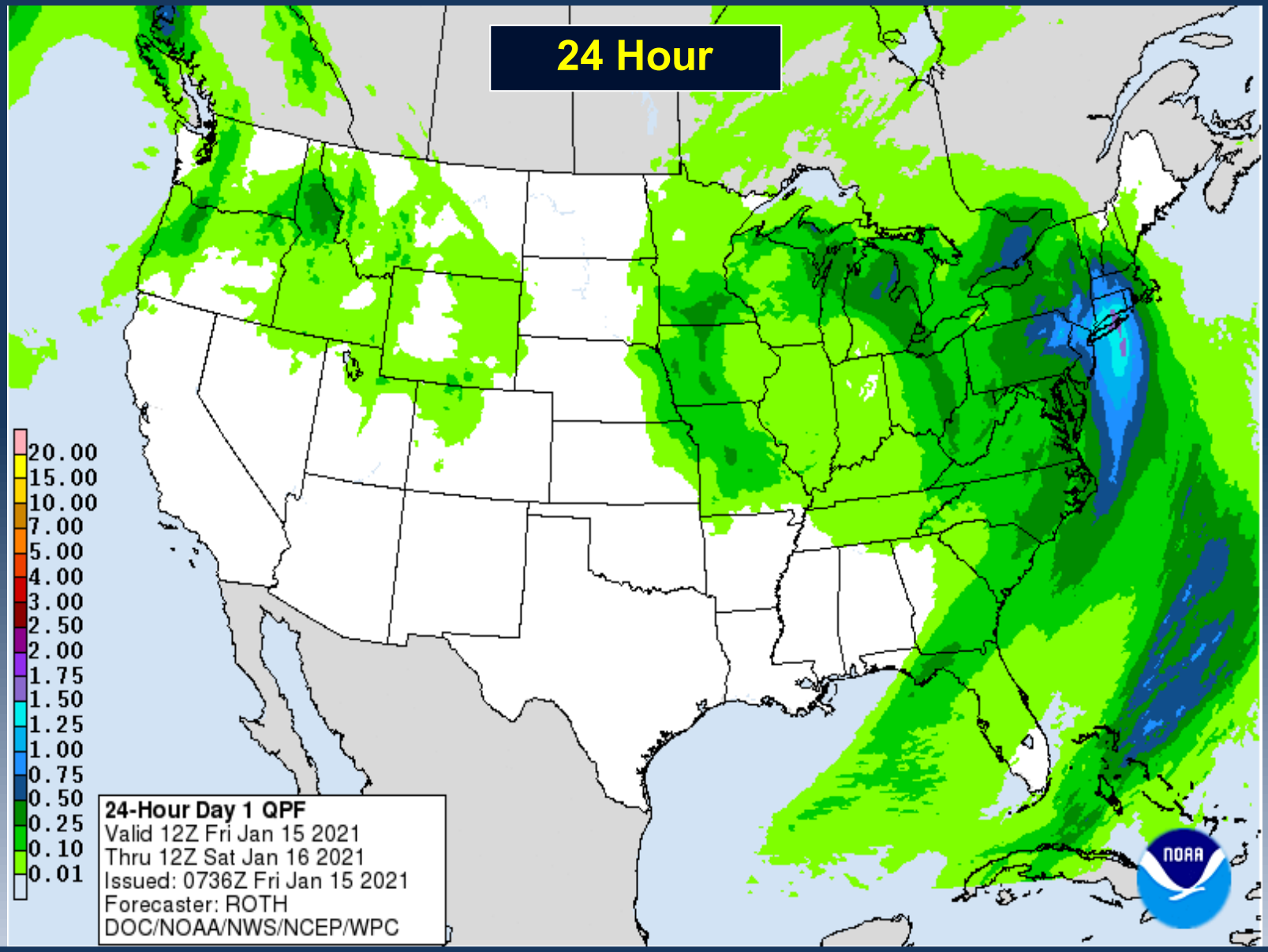

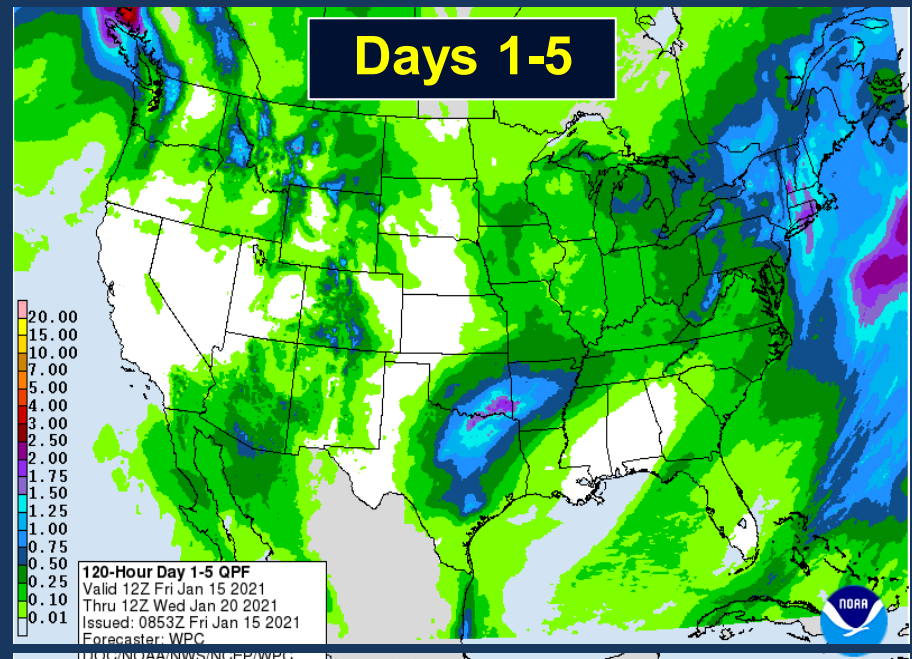

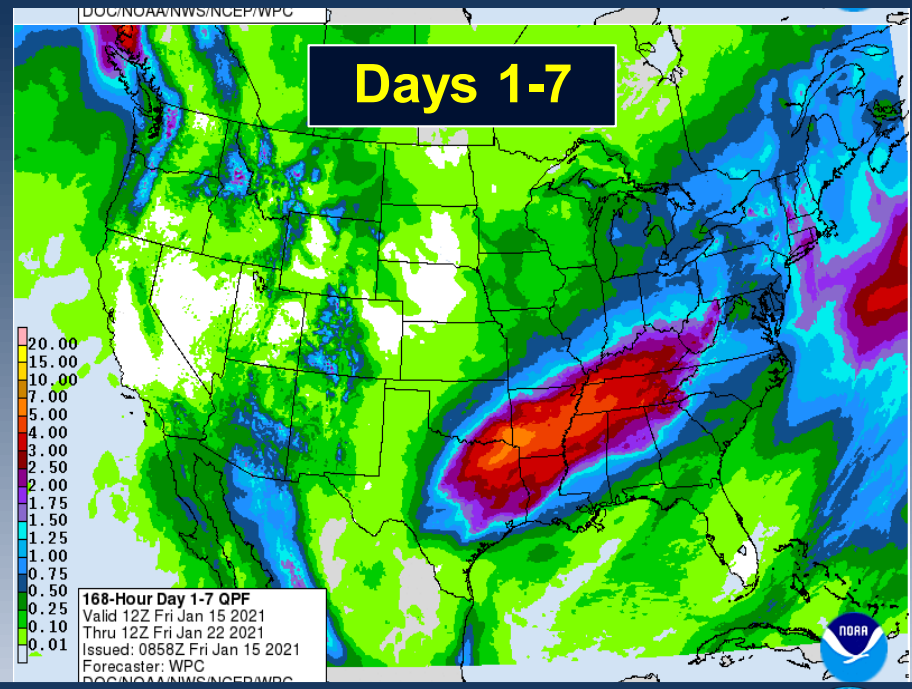

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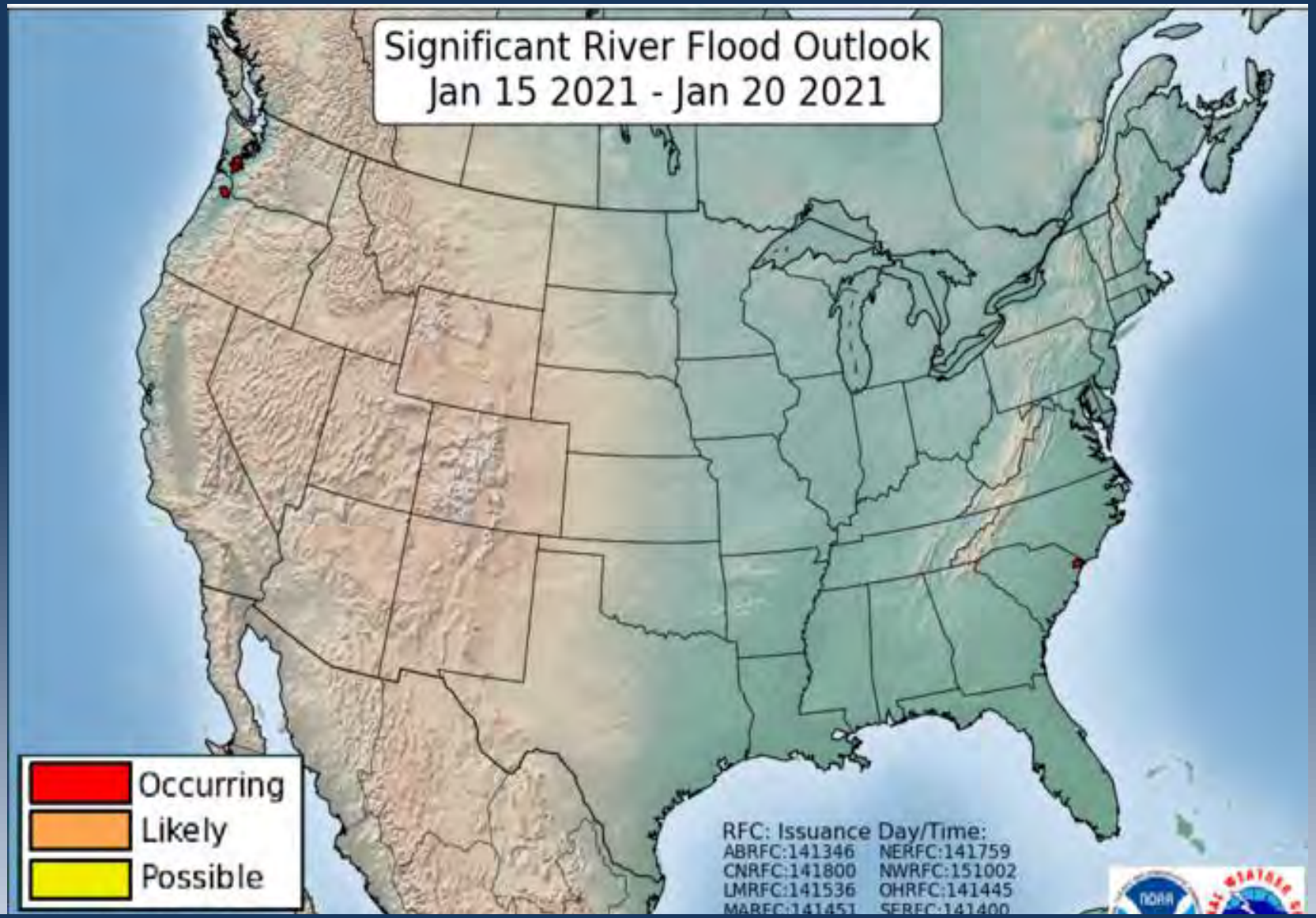
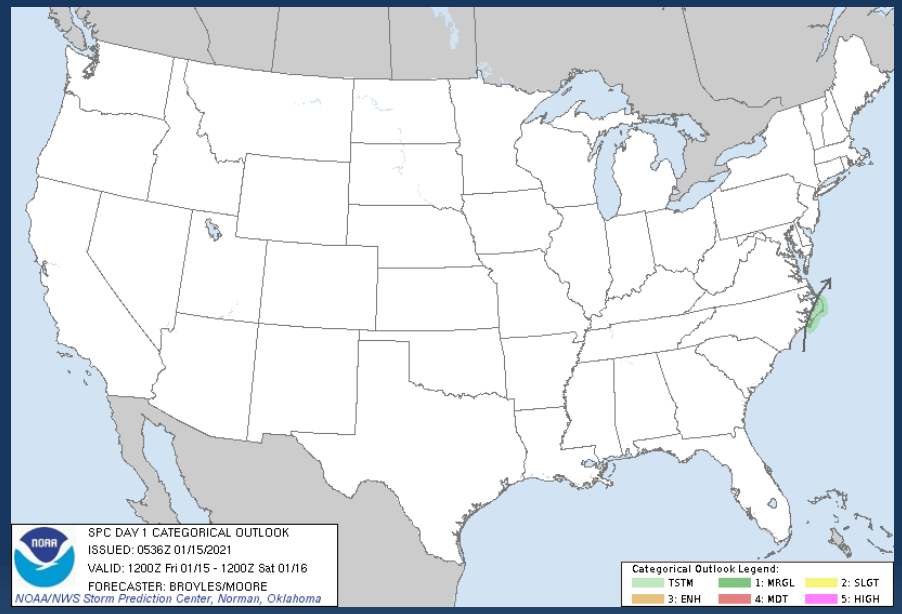


Today's Convective Outlooks

Categorical

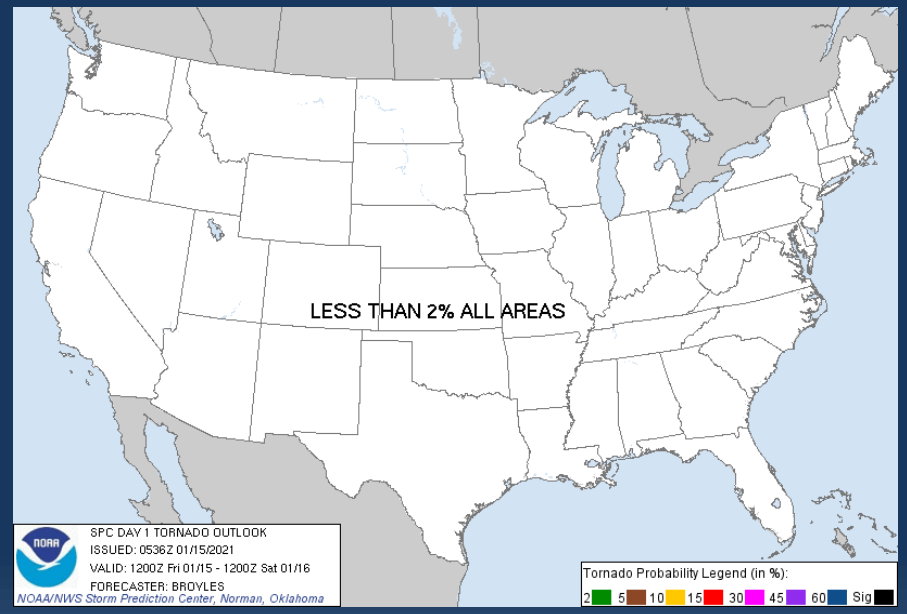
- Thunderstorms
- Marginal Risk
- Slight Risk
- Enhanced Risk
- Moderate Risk
- High Risk



Tornado

within 25 mi. of a point

- 2% any tornado
- 5%
- 10%
- 15%
- 30%
- 45%
- 60%
- 10% EF2+ tornado



Large Hail

within 25 mi. of a point

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- 15%
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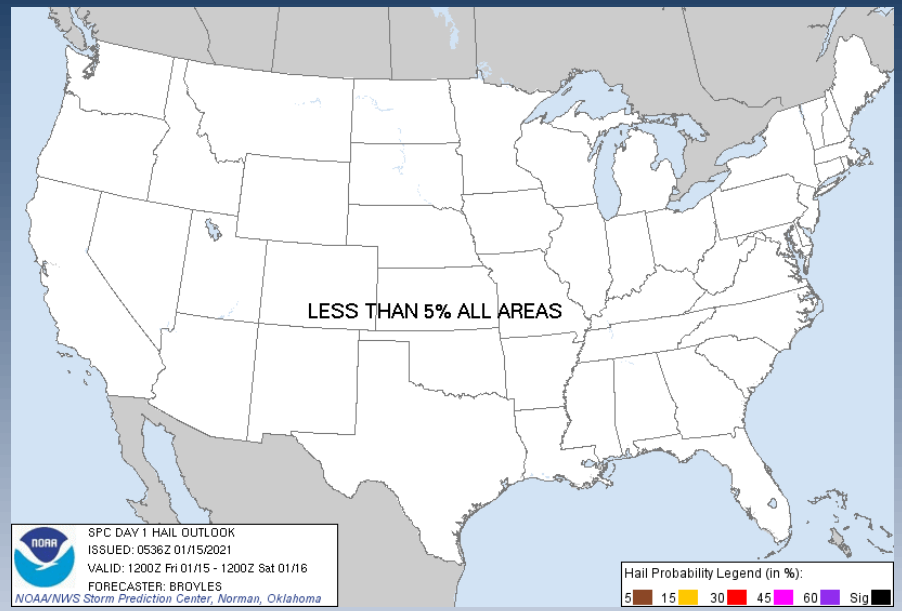
- 45%
- 60%
- 10% 2+ inch dia.



Damaging Wind

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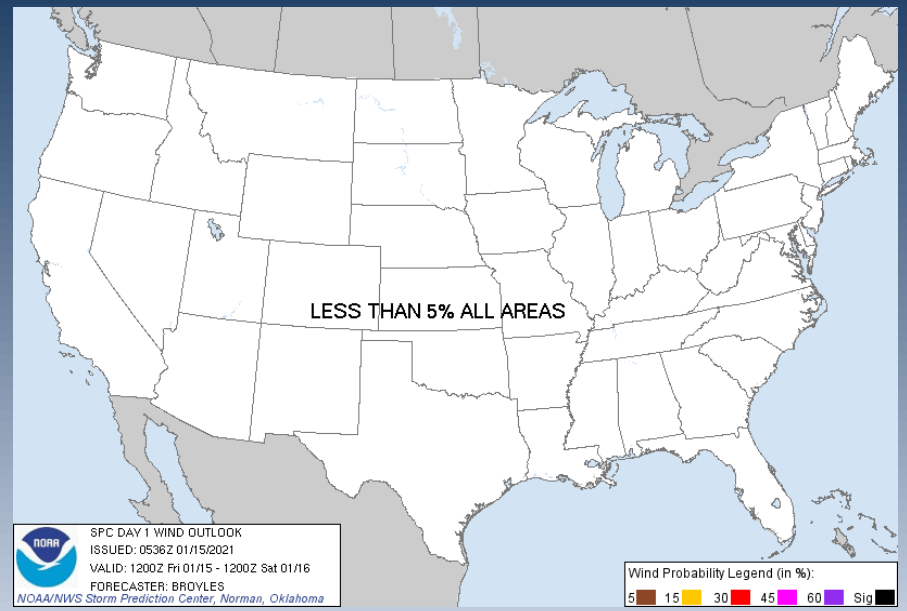
- 15%
- 30%
- 45%
- 60%
- 10% 65+ kts



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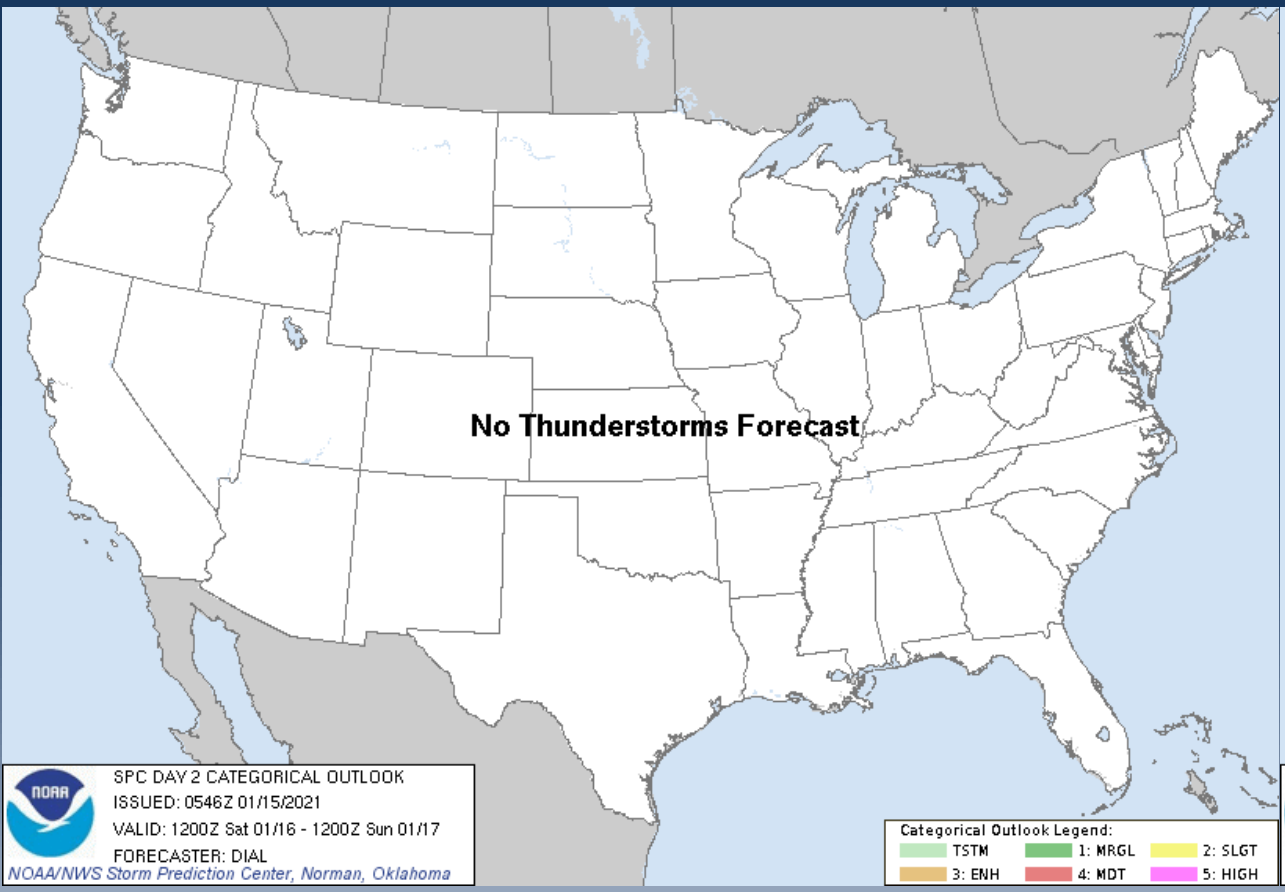

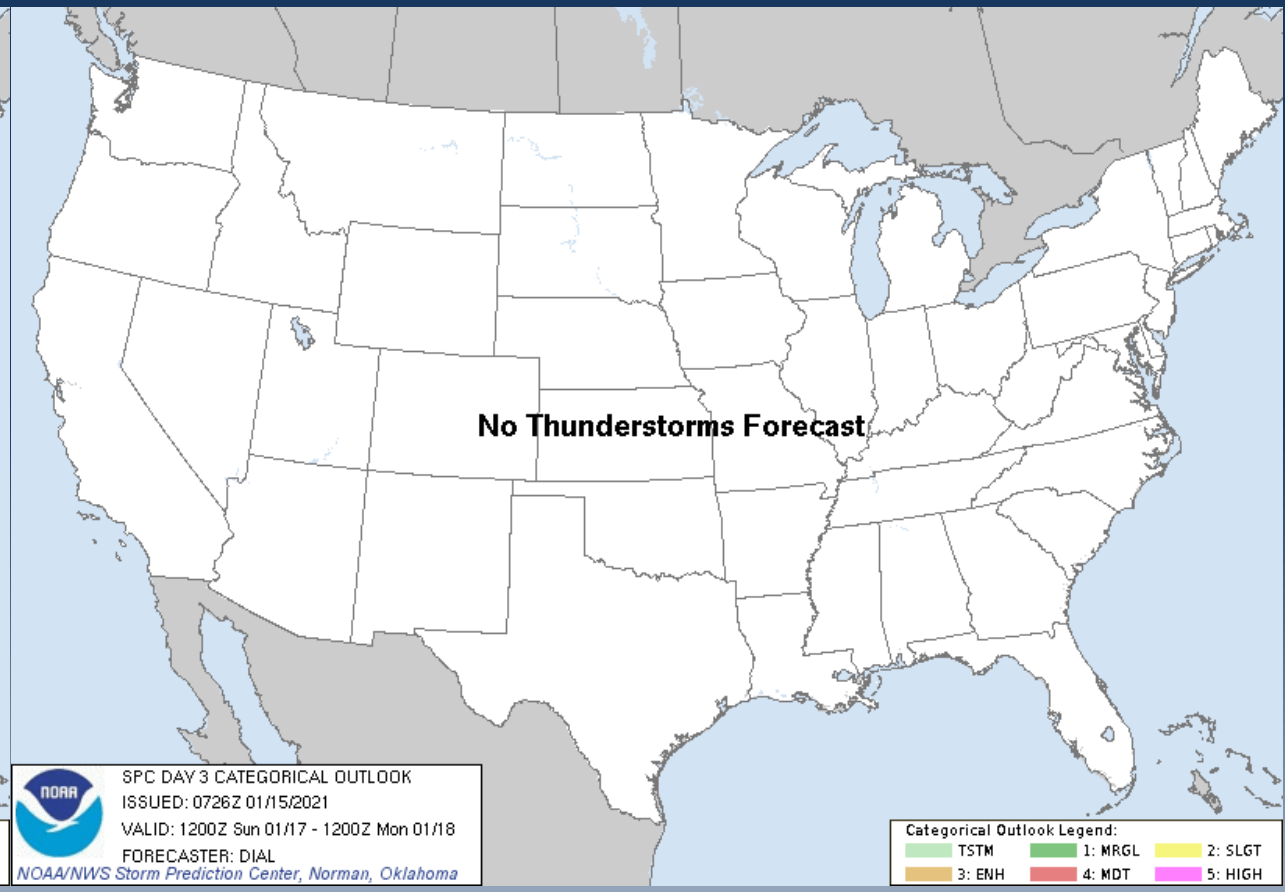

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Fire Weather Outlooks

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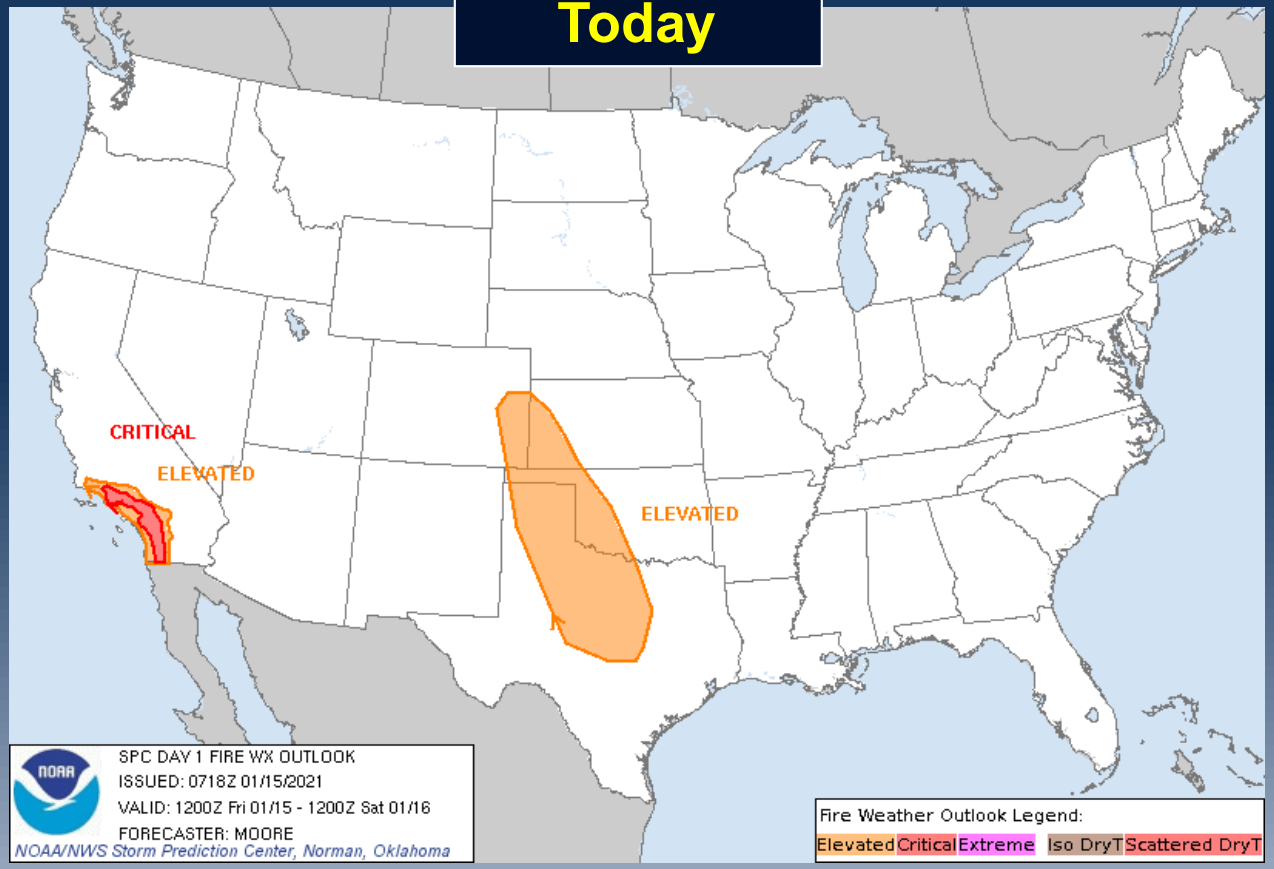

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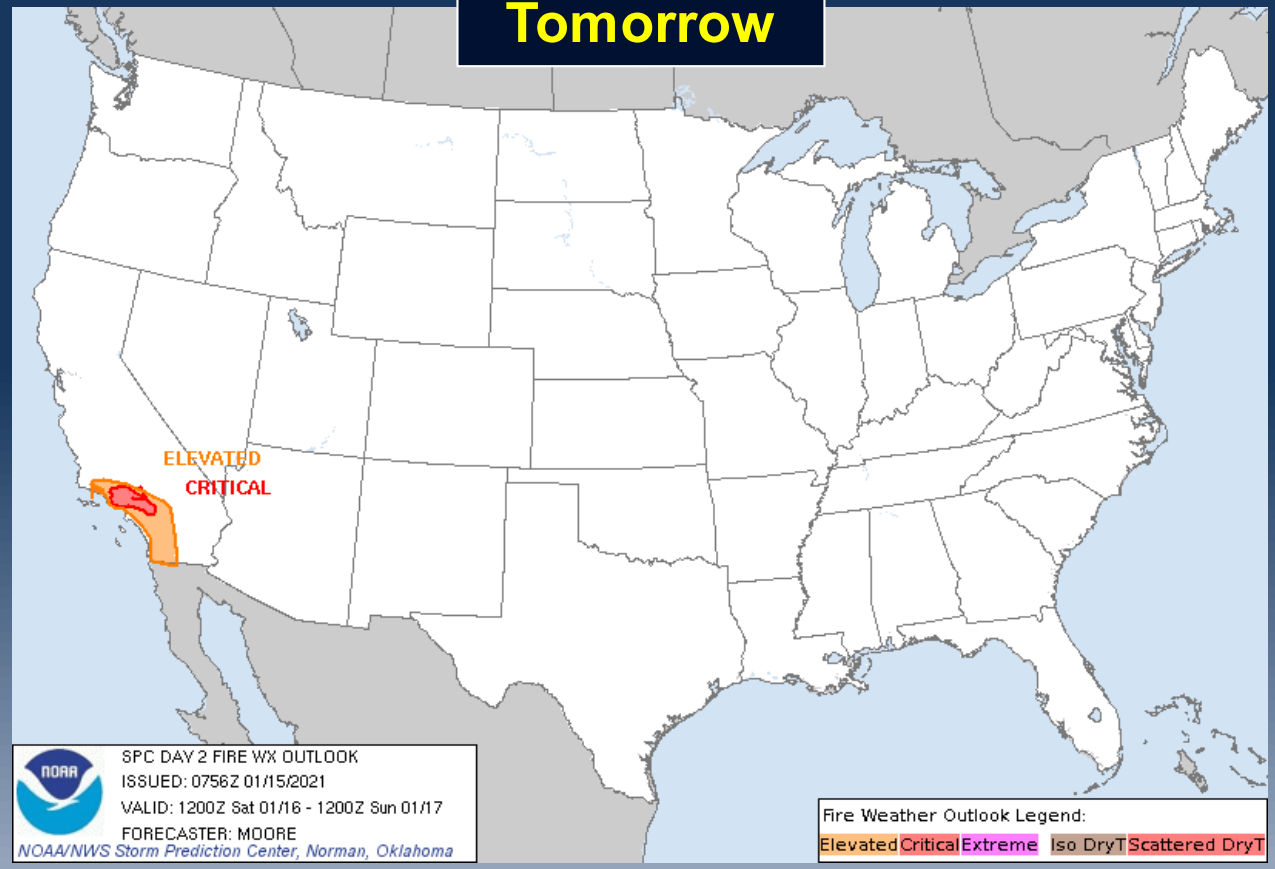

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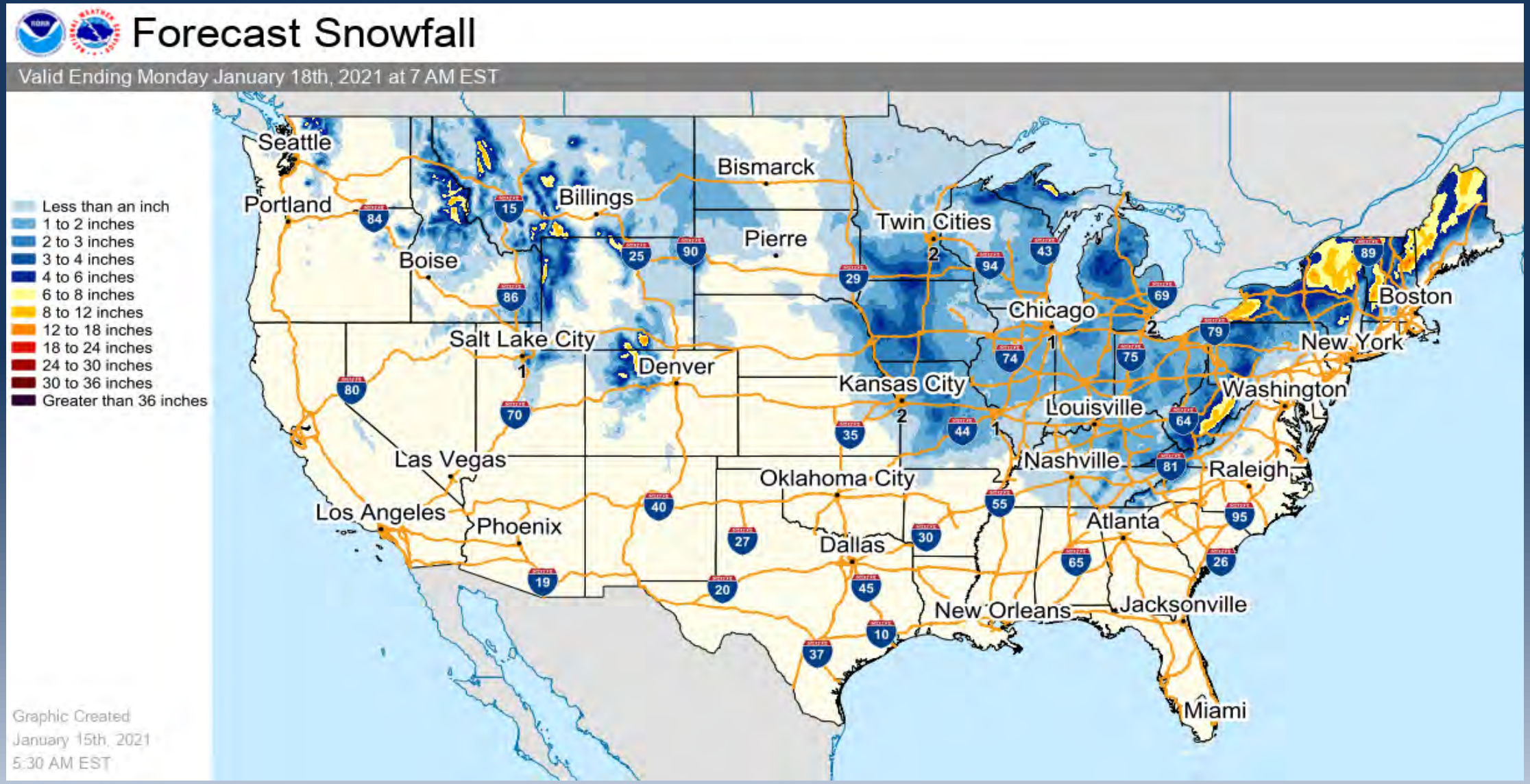

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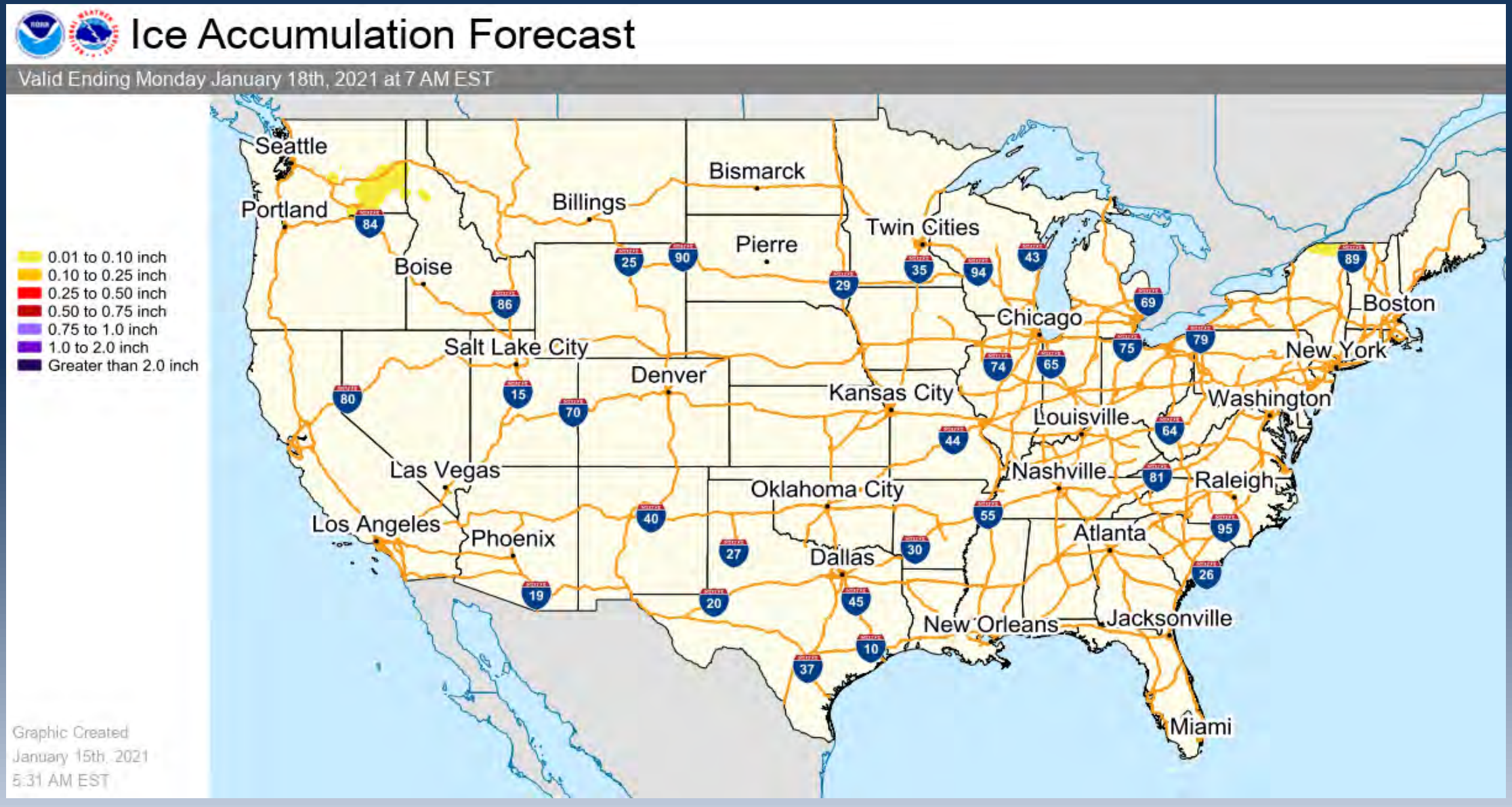
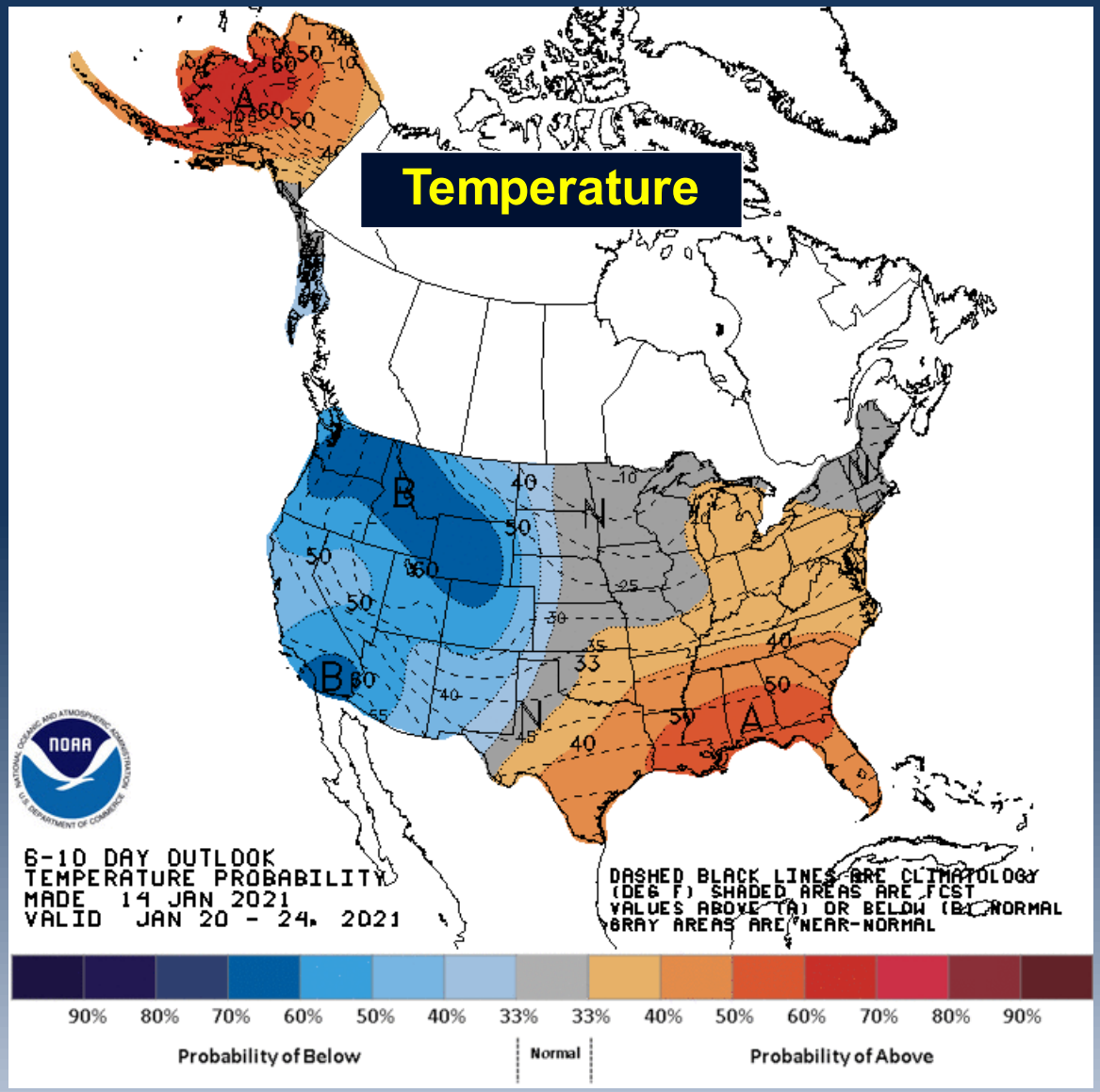
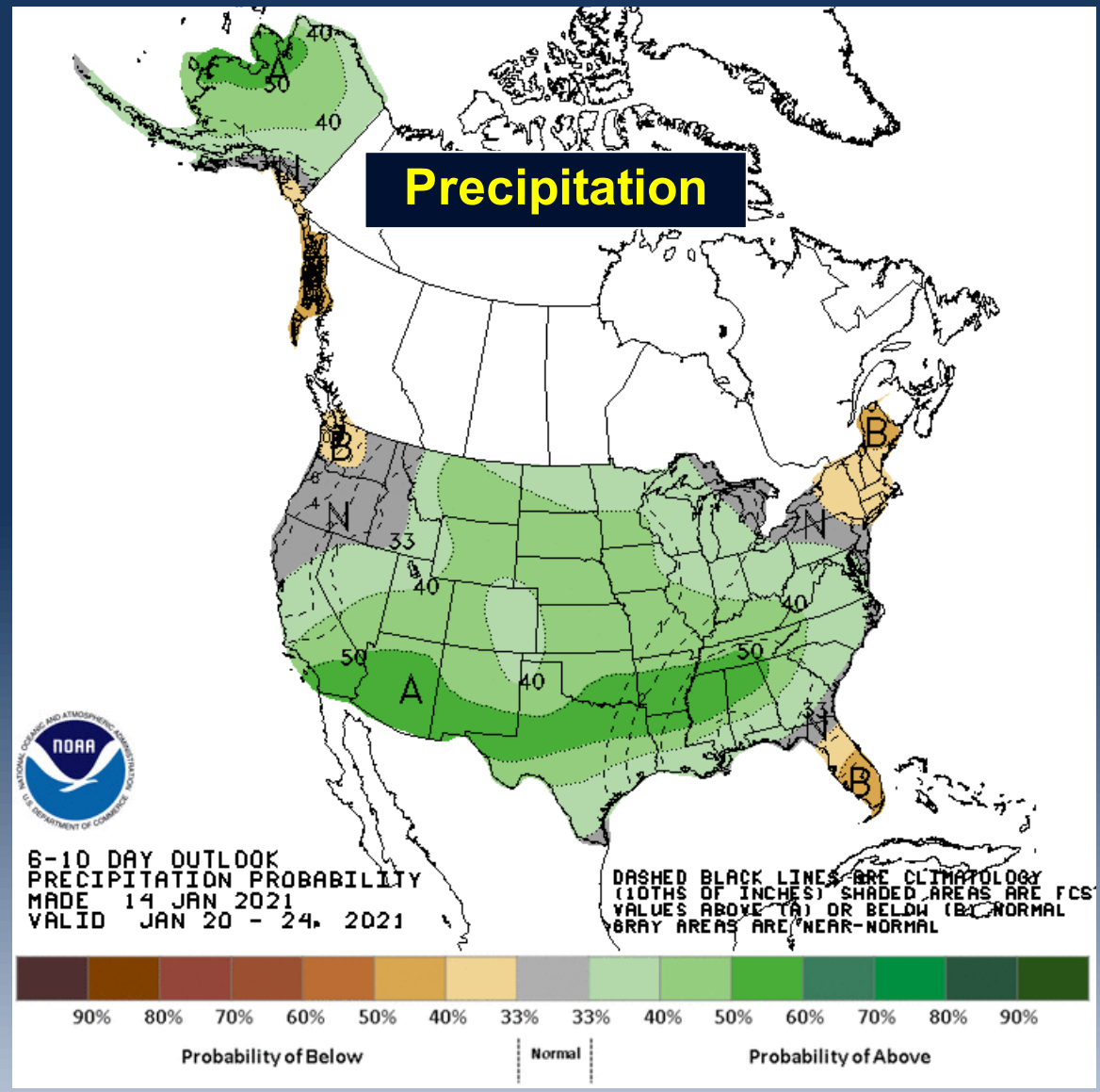


Great Lakes Ice Status

6-10 Day Outlook





[8-14 Day Outlook](#) [One-Month Outlook](#) [Seasonal Outlooks](#)

Space Weather Observations

SPACE WEATHER CONDITIONS on NOAA Scales

24-Hour Observed Maximums			Latest Observed			Predicted 2021-01-15 UTC			
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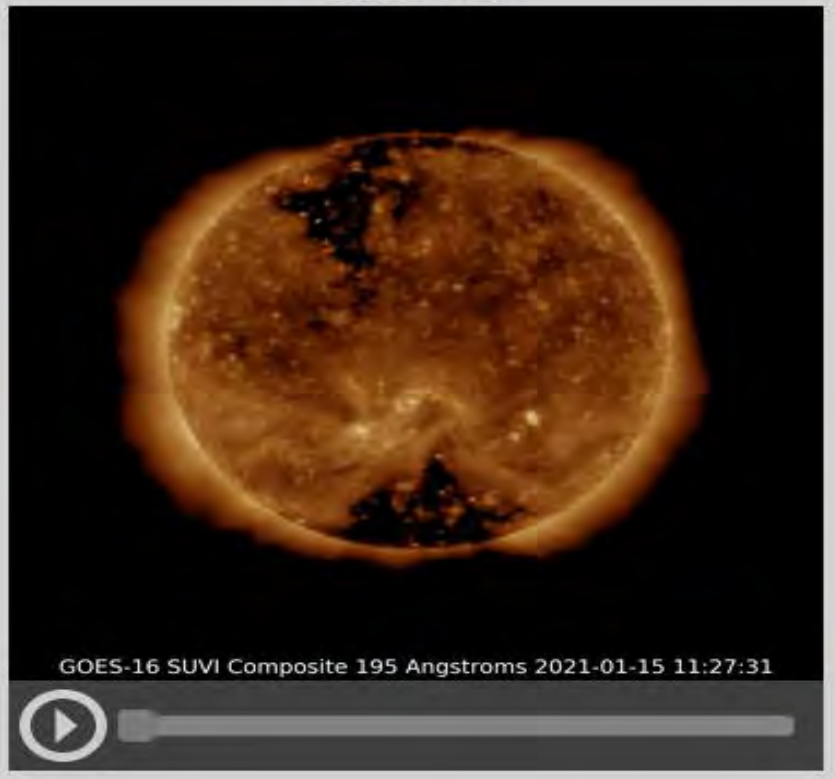

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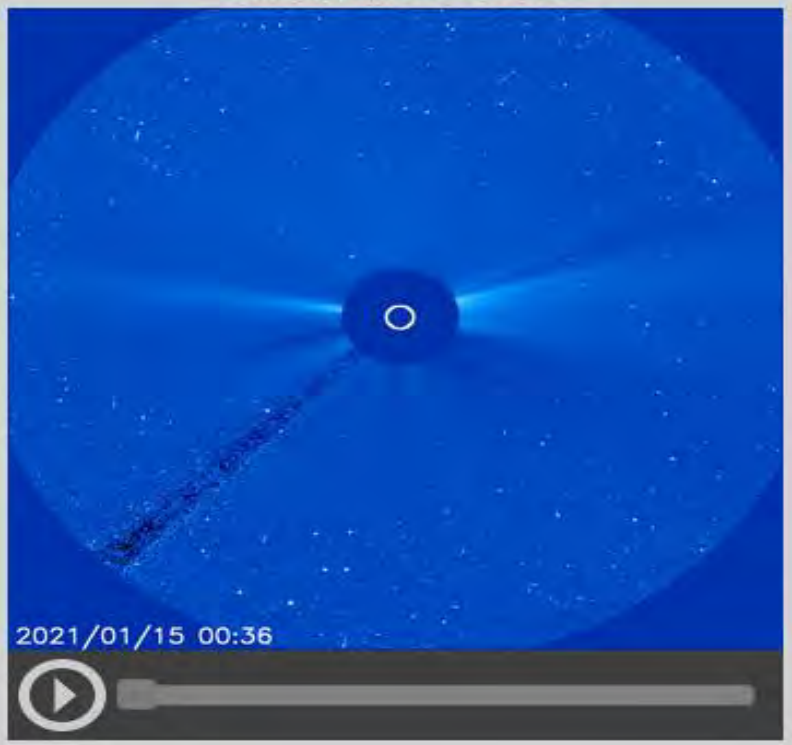

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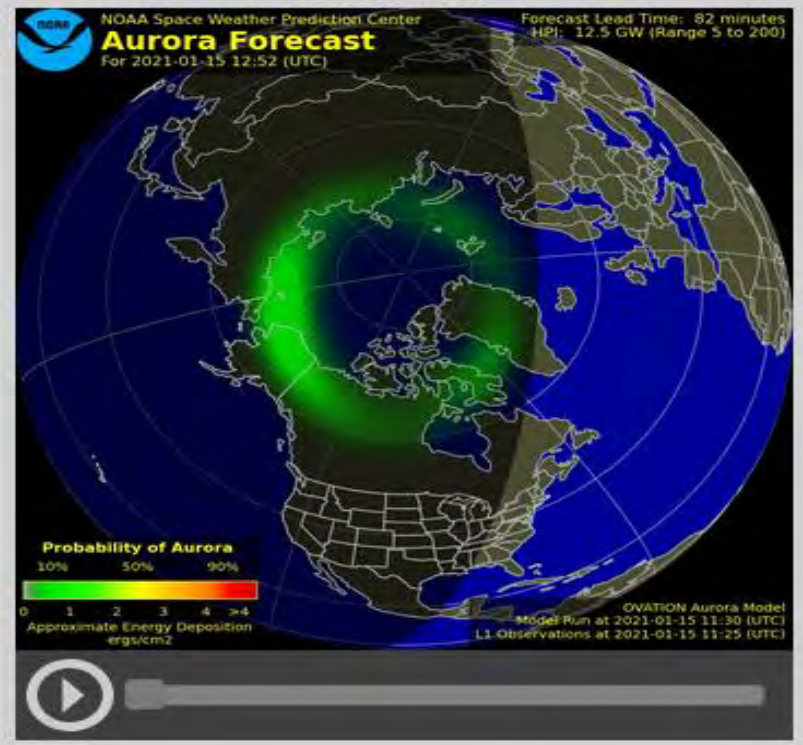

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Mostly Cloudy then Showers Likely	Rain/Snow Likely and Patchy Fog then Patchy Fog	Chance Snow Showers	Slight Chance Snow Showers then Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 42 °F	Low: 30 °F	High: 36 °F	Low: 29 °F	High: 39 °F	Low: 29 °F	High: 37 °F	Low: 27 °F	High: 39 °F

Today	Showers likely, mainly after 4pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 42. Southeast wind 7 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
Tonight	Rain likely, possibly mixed with snow showers, mainly before 9pm. Patchy fog between 8pm and 1am. Otherwise, cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Southeast wind 7 to 10 mph becoming northwest after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 70%. Little or no snow accumulation expected.
Saturday	A chance of snow showers, mainly after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 36. West wind 6 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.
Saturday Night	A slight chance of snow showers before 10pm. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 29. West wind 13 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.
Sunday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 39. West wind 11 to 17 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph.
Sunday Night	Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.
M.L.King Day	Partly sunny, with a high near 37.
Monday Night	Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.
Tuesday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 39.
Tuesday Night	Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.
Wednesday	Mostly sunny, with a high near 42.
Wednesday Night	Partly cloudy, with a low around 30.
Thursday	A chance of rain and snow showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 40. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

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CISA launches new effort to develop actionable metrics to quantify cyber risk < Caution-https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/94353-cisa-launches-new-effort-to-develop-actionable-metrics-to-quantify-cyber-risk > **(01/15) Security Magazine**
The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has launched a new cybersecurity effort: The Systemic Cyber Risk Reduction Venture on developing actionable metrics to quantify cyber risk. This information will be used to reduce shared risk to the nation's security. The effort, in partnership with the National Risk Management Center (NRMC), CISA will be focusing on using enterprise risk management best practices in 2021. According to Bob Kolasky, CISA Assistant Director for the National Risk Management Center, CISA is anticipating three overarching lines of effort**.**

CISA Warns of Cloud Attacks Exploiting Poor Cyber-Hygiene < Caution-https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/cisa-warns-of-cloud-attacks-poor/ > **(01/14) Info-Security Magazine**
A US cybersecurity agency is urging organizations to improve their cyber-hygiene after warning of multiple successful attacks targeting cloud services used by remote workers. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) revealed in a report yesterday that attackers are increasingly targeting corporate and personal laptops with phishing, brute force login attempts and possibly a “pass-the-cookie” attack to access cloud accounts. Although these attacks were not tied back to a single threat actor, they shared many of the same tactics.

CISA: Hackers bypassed MFA to access cloud service accounts < Caution-https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/94346-cisa-hackers-bypassed-mfa-to-access-cloud-service-accounts > **(01/14) Security Magazine**
In a new alert, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) announced that it is aware of several recent successful cyberattacks against various organizations’ cloud services. Threat actors are using phishing and other vectors to exploit poor cyber hygiene practices within a victims’ cloud services configuration. These types of attacks frequently occurred when victim organizations’ employees worked remotely and used a mixture of corporate laptops and personal devices to access their respective cloud services.

Can agencies comply with CISA's demands? < Caution-https://federalnewsnetwork.com/cybersecurity/2021/01/can-agencies-comply-with-cisas-demands/ > **(01/14) Federal News Network**

Federal agencies – and there are several of them at least – affected by the SolarWinds cybersecurity fiasco are under a new deadline. Days ago policy from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency gives them to the end of the month to complete forensic analysis and to harden their systems. Michael Hamilton questions whether this will be even possible, as he told Federal Drive with Tom Temin. He's the former vice chairman of the DHS Coordinating Council, now the chief information security officer at CI security.

CISA: Poor Cyber Hygiene Exploited to Compromise Cloud Security Services < Caution-https://healthitsecurity.com/news/cisa-poor-cyber-hygiene-exploited-to-compromise-cloud-security-services > **(01/14) HealthITSecurity**

Threat actors are successfully exploiting organizations with poor cyber hygiene to compromise cloud security services, according to a new Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency alert. CISA is aware of multiple, recent cyberattacks against a range of enterprise cloud services. Hackers are leveraging various tactics and techniques, such as phishing attacks and brute force login attempts, in an effort to exploit weaknesses in cloud security practices.

Cloud Attacks Are Bypassing MFA, Feds Warn < Caution-https://threatpost.com/cloud-attacks-bypass-mfa-feds/163056/ > **(01/14) Threatpost**

CISA has issued an alert warning that cloud services at U.S. organizations are being actively and successfully targeted. The Feds are warning that cybercriminals are bypassing multi-factor authentication (MFA) and successfully attacking cloud services at various U.S. organizations. According to an alert issued Wednesday by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), there have been "several recent successful cyberattacks" focused on compromising the cloud. Most of the attacks are opportunistic, taking advantage of poor cloud cyber-hygiene and misconfigurations, according to the agency.

US government warns of cyberattacks targeting cloud services < Caution-https://www.techrepublic.com/article/us-government-warns-of-cyberattacks-targeting-cloud-services/ > **(01/14) Tech Republic**

Organizations with remote workers who use cloud-based services are being warned of several recent successful cyberattacks against those services. In an advisory issued on Wednesday, CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) revealed that hackers have been employing successful phishing campaigns, brute force login attempts, and potentially pass-the-cookie attacks to exploit weaknesses in cloud security practices. In a pass-the-cookie attack, hackers steal cookies from a user's browsing session so they can then access a certain site as the victim.

Cyber criminals bypassing MFA to access cloud service accounts < Caution-https://www.itpro.co.uk/security/two-factor-authentication-2fa/358323/cyber-criminals-bypassing-mfa-to-access-cloud-service > **(01/14) ITPro**

The US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has warned organizations that hackers are bypassing multi-factor authentication (MFA) protocols to breach cloud service accounts. In a report, the CISA said it was aware of several recent successful cyber attacks against various organizations' cloud services. Hackers used "phishing and other vectors to exploit poor cyber hygiene practices within a victims' cloud services configuration."

CISA says multiple attacks on cloud services bypassed multifactor authentication < Caution-https://www.scmagazine.com/home/security-news/cloud-security/cisa-says-multiple-attacks-on-cloud-services-bypassed-multifactor-authentication/ > **(01/14) SC Magazine**

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) on Wednesday said it discovered several recent successful cyberattacks against the cloud services of multiple organizations, offering guidance on how security teams can bolster

associated security. CISA said in its report that threat actors have used a variety of tactics and techniques—including phishing, brute force login attempts, and possibly a so-called "pass-the-cookie" attack that bypassed multifactor authentication to exploit cloud security weaknesses.

CISA tells agencies to consider and blockers to fend off 'malvertising' < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/ad-blockers-security-nsa-dhs-wyden/?category_news=government > **(01/14) Cyberscoop**

The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency urged federal agencies on Thursday to deploy ad-blocking software and standardize web browser usage across their workforces in order to fend off advertisements implanted with malware. "With many agencies greatly expanding telework options, agencies should increase attention on securing federal endpoints, including associated web browsing capabilities," the Department of Homeland Security's cyber arm said in a guide for agencies.

COVID-19

The Covid-19 Death Toll Is Even Worse Than It Looks < Caution-https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-covid-19-death-toll-is-even-worse-than-it-looks-11610636840 > **(01/14) The Wall Street Journal**

The recorded death count from the Covid-19 pandemic as of Thursday is nearing 2 million. The true extent is far worse. More than 2.8 million people have lost their lives due to the pandemic, according to a Wall Street Journal analysis of data from 59 countries and jurisdictions. This tally offers the most comprehensive view yet of the pandemic's global impact. Deaths in these places last year surged more than 12% above average levels. Less than two-thirds of that surge has been attributed directly to Covid-19. Public-health experts believe that many, if not most, of the additional deaths were directly linked to the disease, particularly early in the pandemic when testing was sparse.

'We Cannot Afford Inaction': Biden Unveils $1.9 Trillion COVID-19 Relief Plan < Caution-https://www.npr.org/sections/biden-transition-updates/2021/01/14/956804924/biden-to-unveil-1-9-trillion-covid-19-relief-plan-including-1-400-stimulus-check > **(01/14) NPR**

President-elect Joe Biden outlined his plans for economic relief from the coronavirus crisis on Thursday, citing the need for a more robust vaccination plan as well as for additional direct payments to American families to help recover the U.S. economy. His plan, called the American Rescue Plan, is expected to cost $1.9 trillion. The package includes $1,400 direct stimulus checks, which would supplement the $600 checks Congress passed late last year. Biden also proposes an additional $160 billion for a national vaccine program, including $20 billion for distribution, and an additional $50 billion for expanded testing.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Cybersecurity and "Recognized Security Practices": New Statute modifies HIPAA < Caution-https://www.natlawreview.com/article/cybersecurity-and-recognized-security-practices-new-statute-modifies-hipaa > **(01/14) National Law Review**

On January 5, 2020, President Trump signed into law H.R. 7898. This new statute amends the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act to require the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to consider efforts by HIPAA covered entities and business associates to implement "recognized security practices" when assessing fines or penalties under the HIPAA Security Rule.

DHS Unveils Strategic Approach to Safeguard Critical Infrastructure, Supply Chain From Chinese Threats < Caution-https://www.govconwire.com/2021/01/dhs-unveils-strategic-approach-to-safeguard-critical-infrastructure-supply-chain-from-chinese-threats/ > **(01/14) GovConWire**

The Department of Homeland Security has created a strategy outlining its measures to address threats Chinese activity poses to the U.S.' immigration, critical infrastructure and cybersecurity, trade and maritime defense operations.DHS said

Wednesday its Strategic Action Plan applies input from the department's China Working Group and the department intends to continue its partnership with key stakeholders to confront national security challenges.

SOLARWINDS

Some UW Campuses That Contract With SolarWinds IT Provider Exploited in National Cyberattack < Caution-https://www.wpr.org/some-uw-campuses-contract-solarwinds-it-provider-exploited-national-cyberattack > **(01/15) Wisconsin Public Radio**

The national cyberattack that targeted the SolarWinds computer network monitoring software could have impacted some University of Wisconsin System campuses that use it. In mid-December, news broke that a massive computer breach gave hackers months to sift through United States government computer networks. It's been reported that cybersecurity experts believe the hack was carried out by Russia's foreign intelligence service known as the SVR.

Cybersecurity firm identifies third SolarWinds hack malware strain < Caution-https://www.foxbusiness.com/technology/cybersecurity-firm-third-malware-strain-solarwinds-hack > **(01/14) Fox Business**

One of the cybersecurity firms investigating the SolarWinds attack said it has identified a third malware strain involved in the hack. Security firm CrowdStrike identified and named the strain Sunspot, adding that the strain was also the first one used of the three -- the other two are called Sunburst and Teardrop. Sunspot was planted on the SolarWinds build server, creating the opening for Sunburst to first enter the system, according to Crowdstrike's report.

SolarWinds Cyber-Attack Has Significant Implications for Developers and Contractors < Caution-https://www.natlawreview.com/article/solarwinds-cyber-attack-has-significant-implications-developers-and-contractors > **(01/14) National Law Review**

ICYMI, on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) issued an update about what it termed "a major incident under the Federal Information Security Modernization Act": the global SolarWinds cyberattack that had compromised its email system. (SolarWinds is a software provider. In December, 2020, SolarWinds revealed that cybercriminals had injected malware into its Orion® Platform software, a platform used for centralized IT monitoring and management.

SolarWinds Hack Could Cost Cyber Insurance Firms $90 Million < Caution-https://www.crn.com/news/security/solarwinds-hack-could-cost-cyber-insurance-firms-90-million > **(01/14) CRN**

Cyber insurance vendors are expected to spend $90 million on incident response and forensic services for clients who were compromised by the SolarWinds hackers. "Although the SolarWinds attack is a cyber catastrophe from a national security perspective, insurers may have narrowly avoided a catastrophic financial incident to their businesses," said Samit Shah, director of insurance programs and partnerships for Boston-based cyber risk vendor BitSight.

CYBERSECURITY

Capitol Hill riot crackdown leaves extremists searching for more secure messaging platforms, US intel memo says < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/capitol-hill-riot-extremists-intelligence-bulletin-encryption/ > **(01/14) CyberScoop**

A law enforcement crackdown on domestic terrorists following the Capitol Hill riot will likely lead some violent extremists to turn to communications platforms they perceive to be more secure to discuss their activities, according to a U.S. intelligence bulletin obtained by CyberScoop. The arrests of Jan. 6 rioters could deter some domestic violent extremists (DVEs), but "lead others to adjust their tactics and to lessen law enforcement scrutiny," says the Jan. 13 memo from the Department of Homeland Security, FBI and the National Counterterrorism Center.

NSA advises companies to avoid third party DNS resolvers < Caution-https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/nsa-advises-companies-to-avoid-third-party-dns-resolvers/ > **(01/14) Bleeping Computer**

The US National Security Agency (NSA) says that companies should avoid using third party DNS resolvers to block threat actors' DNS traffic eavesdropping and manipulation attempts and to block access to internal network information. NSA's recommendation was made in a new advisory on the benefits (and risks) of using DNS over HTTPS (DoH) in enterprise environments, an encrypted domain name system (DNS) protocol that blocks unauthorized access to the DNS traffic between clients and DNS resolvers.

Telegram Bots at Heart of Classiscam Scam-as-a-Service < Caution-https://threatpost.com/telegram-bots-classiscam-scam/163061/ > **(01/14) Threatpost**

The cybercriminal service has scammed victims out of $6.5 million and continues to spread on Telegram. A new automated scam-as-a-service has been unearthed, which leverages Telegram bots in order to steal money and payment data from European victims. The scam, which researchers call Classiscam, is being sold as a service by Russian-speaking cybercriminals, and has been used by at least 40 separate cybergangs – which altogether made at least $6.5 million using the service in 2020.

NASCIO pushes feds for more cybersecurity help < Caution-https://gcn.com/articles/2021/01/14/nascio-advocacy-cyber.aspx > **(01/14) GCN**

For 2021, the National Association of State Chief Information Officers wants the federal government to address its long-standing cybersecurity concerns. Among its advocacy priorities, NASCIO is pushing for harmonized federal cybersecurity regulations, a dedicated cybersecurity grant program for state and local governments and widespread adoption of the .gov domain. For many years, states have complained that federal agencies' various security requirements for exchanging sensitive data places an undue burden on state governments as they struggle to comply with each agency's standards. In May 2020, the Government Accountability Office found that between 49% and 79% of federal agency cybersecurity requirements had conflicting parameters. NASCIO is urging Congress and agencies to streamline and coordinate their cybersecurity regulations to address duplicate regulations and inconsistent audit practices.

NSA warns against using DoH inside enterprise networks < Caution-https://www.zdnet.com/article/nsa-warns-against-using-doh-inside-enterprise-networks/ > **(01/14) ZD Net**

The US National Security Agency has published today a guide on the benefits and risks of encrypted DNS protocols, such as DNS-over-HTTPS (DoH), which have become widely used over the past two years. The US cybersecurity agency warns that while technologies like DoH can encrypt and hide user DNS queries from network observers, they also have downsides when used inside corporate networks. "DoH is not a panacea," the NSA said in a security advisory [PDF] published today, claiming that the use of the protocol gives companies a false sense of security, echoing many of the arguments presented in a ZDNet feature on DoH in October 2019.

ELECTION SECURITY

Iowa National Guard sending 250 troops to Washington, D.C. < Caution-https://apnews.com/article/biden-inauguration-joe-biden-capitol-siege-iowa-1e95e2f0982404474d6374515b350355 > **(01/14)AP News**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa is sending 250 soldiers and airmen to Washington, D.C., in response to a call for additional support during President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration next week, the head of the Iowa National Guard said Thursday. Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Ben Corell said initially Iowa had planned to send 15 members of the 185th Refueling Wing to Washington but because of the attack on the Capitol last week, all states and territories have been asked to help.

National Mall will be closed on Inauguration Day due to security concerns < Caution-https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/14/politics/national-mall-closed-inauguration-day/index.html > **(01/14) CNN**
The National Mall will be closed to the general public on Inauguration Day due to security concerns, according to an official familiar with discussions. The official said there will be no big screens, no toilets, no panels were people stand, and that the public will not be able to get down to the mall where traditionally thousands gather to watch the new president be sworn in.

Hiliicon Valley: Biden proposes big cyber investment | Facebook struggles with 'Stop the Steal' content | Google-Fitbit deal consummated < Caution-https://thehill.com/policy/technology/overnights/534336-hillicon-valley-biden-proposes-big-cyber-investment-facebook > **(01/14) The Hill**
CYBERSECURITY'S NEW PRESIDENTIAL ADVOCATE: President-elect Joe Biden made clear Thursday that cybersecurity will be a major focus for his administration, proposing more than $10 billion in cyber and IT funding as part of his $1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief plan. If approved by Congress, the plan would give the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the General Services Administration $9 billion to invest in launching new IT and cybersecurity shared services, while also carving out funds for hiring technology experts and improving incident response.

5G SECURITY

US agency taps Nokia for 5G security < Caution-https://www.lightreading.com/security/us-agency-taps-nokia-for-5g-security/d/d-id/766671 > **(01/14) Light Reading**
ESPOO, Finland – Nokia today announced it has been selected as a technology provider and collaborator by the National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) 5G Cybersecurity Project. Nokia will work with NCCoE and other key vendors, including members from government and industry to ensure the transition from 4G to 5G networks is secure. Nokia was selected by NCCoE to participate in the project due to its global success in 5G networks – including hardware and software, and mobile network security and 5G RAN expertise – to help refine a reference design and build use cases on standards-based solutions.

5G rollouts gather pace, despite obstacles and arguments over coverage < Caution-https://www.zdnet.com/article/5g-rollouts-gather-pace-despite-obstacles-and-arguments-over-coverage/ > **(01/14) ZD Net**
Mobile network providers in the UK are moving ahead with the deployment of 5G and have announced a range of new locations across the country that can now benefit from next-generation connectivity, even if few of us can get out and use it. Mobile operator O2 said that it has surpassed the target of reaching 150 locations across the country with 5G connectivity, with new networks opening, among other spots, in Bournemouth, Cheltenham, Doncaster and Southampton. O2 also announced that it has increased its 5G coverage footprint in larger cities including London, Birmingham, Glasgow, Bristol, Liverpool and Manchester.

RANSOMWARE

3 tips on how to approach crypto ransomware < Caution-https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/94348-tips-on-how-to-approach-crypto-ransomware > **(01/14) Security Magazine**
The virtual working environments of many employees during the pandemic have exposed numerous companies' vulnerabilities to the threat of ransomware. As more and more companies operate remotely, the number of threat actors targeting these businesses will continue to rise. Unsecure systems and unsuspecting employees are vulnerable to ransomware attacks. In fact, during the first half of this year, ransomware attacks increased by nearly 900%. Overall, 2020 has been a cybersecurity pandemic all its own, with a 72% increase in ransomware growth due to COVID-19.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Carbyne raises $25M for a next-generation platform to improve emergency 911 responses < Caution-https://techcrunch.com/2021/01/14/carbyne-raises-25m-for-a-next-generation-platform-to-improve-emergency-911-responses/ > **(01/14) Tech Crunch**

Emergency services continue to be a major force when it comes to coping with the COVID-19 health pandemic, and today a company that is building technology to help them run better is announcing a round of funding to continue expanding its business. Carbyne — an Israeli startup that has built a cloud-based platform aimed at emergency services to help them pinpoint more complete information about the people who are calling in, and to provide additional telemedicine services to start responding faster — has picked up $25 million.

Newsroom: Arlington Emergency Communications Center Leads Nation in Remote Call-Taking, Dispatching & Supervision < Caution-https://patch.com/virginia/arlington-va/newsroom-arlington-emergency-communications-center-leads-nation-remote-call > **(01/14) Patch**

On Wednesday, Jan. 13, the Arlington County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) became one of the first centers in the nation to implement capabilities that allow fire and emergency medical services (EMS) dispatchers and supervisors to deliver critical emergency communications services no matter where they are. Now, Arlington Fire-EMS dispatchers and supervisors are able work from a remote location, including from home. New capabilities in the 9-1-1 system allow for remote call-taking, dispatch, and supervision—breaking new ground in decentralizing and distributing public safety emergency communications.

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Good Evening Partners,

Attached is the final version of the Joint Threat Assessment (JTA) for the 59th Presidential Inauguration. Feel free to share the product with the appropriate entities in your agencies. Thank you for all of your assistance and input for the assessment!

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In a press release on Thursday, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced an indictment in Central Islip charging 14 high-ranking leaders from Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) with terrorism offenses.

The defendants operated as MS-13's "board of directors," known as the Ranfla Nacional, who directed violence and criminal activity around the world for almost two decades.

Specifically, the indictment charges the defendants with conspiracy to provide and conceal material support to terrorists, conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries, conspiracy to finance terrorism, and narco-terrorism conspiracy in connection with the defendants' leadership of MS-13 from El Salvador, the United States, Mexico, and elsewhere.

A high-ranking DOJ official said, "The indictment announced today is the highest-reaching and most sweeping indictment targeting MS-13 and its command-and-control structure in U.S. history."

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Justice Department Publishes Statement on 2016 President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology Report

Today, the Justice Department published a statement on the 2016 President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) Report, *Forensic Science in Criminal Courts: Ensuring Scientific Validity of Feature-Comparison Methods*. The statement is a response to PCAST's claims regarding what it described as forensic "feature comparison methods."

Published in September 2016, the PCAST report has been cited by several courts that have recently limited the scope of opinion testimony by firearms and toolmarks examiners regarding the source of a bullet or shell casing. These courts relied on certain aspects of the PCAST Report to support their decisions. In its Report, PCAST claimed that forensic "feature comparison" methods belong to the scientific discipline of metrology (measurement science); that feature comparison methods can *only* be deemed "foundationally valid" by adhering to PCAST's mandatory and non-severable set of experimental design criteria; and that error rates for feature comparison methods can *only* be established using these "appropriately designed" black box studies.

The Department disagrees with these claims and explains why they are erroneous. Specifically, it is the Department's position that:

- Traditional forensic pattern examination methods—as currently practiced—do *not* belong to the scientific discipline of metrology. Forensic examiners visually *compare* the individual features observed in two examined samples, they do not *measure* The result of this comparison is a conclusion that is stated in words (nominal terms), not magnitudes (measurements).
- PCAST's claim that forensic pattern examination methods can *only* be validated using its non-severable set of nine experimental design criteria is inconsistent with its own examples, international laboratory standards, and authorities in experimental design. There is no *single* scientifically recognized means by which to validate a scientific method.
- Casework error rates cannot be established through the exclusive and non-severable application of PCAST's experimental design criteria. No single error rate is applicable to all labs, examiners, or cases.

The full statement can be found here: U.S. Department of Justice Statement on the PCAST Report: *Forensic Science in Criminal Courts: Ensuring Scientific Validity of Feature-Comparison Methods* and a link to the abstract can be found here: U.S. Department of Justice Statement on the PCAST Report: Abstract.

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MS-13's Highest-Ranking Leaders Charged with Terrorism Offenses in the United States

CENTRAL ISLIP, NY - Earlier today, an indictment was unsealed in Central Islip, New York charging 14 of the world's highest-ranking MS-13 leaders who are known today as the Ranfla Nacional, which operated as the Organization's Board of Directors, and directed MS-13's violence and criminal activity around the world for almost two decades.

Specifically, the indictment charges the defendants with conspiracy to provide and conceal material support to terrorists, conspiracy to commit acts of terrorism transcending national boundaries, conspiracy to finance terrorism and narco-terrorism conspiracy in connection with the defendants' leadership of the transnational criminal organization over the past two decades from El Salvador, the United States, Mexico and elsewhere.

Defendant Borromeo Enrique Henriquez, aka "Diablito de Hollywood," is widely recognized as the most powerful member of the Ranfla Nacional. Three of the indicted defendants, Fredy Ivan Jandres-Parada, aka "Lucky de Park View" and "Lacky de Park View," Cesar Humberto Lopez-Larios, aka "El Grenas de Stoners" and "Oso de Stoners," and Hugo Armando Quinteros-Mineros, aka "Flaco de Francis," remain at large and should be considered armed and dangerous. Members of the public with information concerning their whereabouts are strongly encouraged to contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) toll-free MS-13 tip line, 1-866-STP-MS13 (1-866-787-6713), or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) at (866) 347-2423 or https://www.ice.gov/webform/ice-tip-form. Together, FBI and HSI have offered $20,000 in rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of each of the three fugitives. Henriquez and 10 other defendants are in custody in El Salvador. The United States will explore options for their extradition to the U.S. with the government of El Salvador.

Jeffrey A. Rosen, Acting Attorney General; Seth D. DuCharme, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York (EDNY); John J. Durham, Director of Joint Task Force Vulcan (JTFV); Christopher A. Wray, Director, FBI; and Derek Benner, Executive Associate Director, HSI, announced the unsealing of the indictment.

"The indictment announced today is the highest-reaching and most sweeping indictment targeting MS-13 and its command and control structure in U.S. history. When Attorney General Barr announced the creation of JTFV in August 2019, he envisioned a whole-of-government approach that would combine proven prosecution tools from the past with innovative strategies designed specifically to eliminate MS-13

leadership's ability to operate the gang and direct its terrorist activity. This indictment reflects an important step toward achieving that goal. By working side-by-side with our U.S. law enforcement partners and with our partners in El Salvador, we have charged MS-13's highest-ranking leaders with operating a transnational criminal organization that utilizes terror to impose their will on neighborhoods, businesses and innocent civilians across the United States and Central America," stated Acting Attorney General Rosen.

"MS-13 is responsible for a wave of death and violence that has terrorized communities, leaving neighborhoods on Long Island and throughout the Eastern District of New York awash in bloodshed," said Acting U.S. Attorney DuCharme. "Even when incarcerated, the Ranfla Nacional continued to direct MS-13's global operations, recruit new members, including children, into MS-13, and orchestrate murder and mayhem around the world. Today's ground-breaking indictment seeks to demolish MS-13 by targeting its command and control structure and holding MS-13's Board of Directors accountable for their terroristic actions."

"The FBI is committed to combatting all forms of terrorism that threaten the American people as well as our international partners," stated FBI Director Wray. "In collaboration with our federal, state, local and international partners, we took aggressive steps to target and pursue some of the highest levels of leadership of MS-13. This operation is a clear signal to others who engage in this type of transnational criminal activity: the FBI will work tirelessly to bring them to justice wherever they are based."

"For over a decade, HSI has remained steadfast in our resolve to dismantle transnational gangs like MS-13, stated HSI Executive Associate Director Benner. "As one of the most violent and dangerous criminal enterprises, MS-13 and La Ranfla Nacional were directly responsible for unthinkable violence and criminal activity in communities across the United States and throughout Central America. As a result of the hard work and substantial resources dedicated to Joint Task Force Vulcan by our domestic and international law enforcement partners, this indictment will have a lasting disruptive effect on the future global illicit activities of this transnational criminal organization."

As alleged in the indictment, the Ranfla Nacional comprises the highest level of leadership of MS-13. In approximately 2002, the defendants and other MS-13 leaders began establishing a highly-organized, hierarchical command and control structure as a means to effectuate their decisions and enforce their orders, even while in prison. They directed acts of violence and murder in El Salvador, the United States, and elsewhere, established military-style training camps for its members and obtained military weapons such as rifles, handguns, grenades, improvised explosive devices (IED) and rocket launchers. As leaders of MS-13, the defendants controlled swaths of territory and engaged in public relations efforts on behalf of the transnational criminal organization. Further, the defendants used MS-13's large membership in the United States to engage in criminal activities, such as drug trafficking and extortion to raise money to support MS-13's terrorist activities in El Salvador and elsewhere, and directed members in the United States to commit acts of violence, including murders, to further its goals.

As further alleged in the indictment, a central theme of the rules implemented by the Ranfla Nacional was the requirement of loyalty to MS-13, or to the "barrio." The requirement for loyalty was central to all aspects of life for MS-13 members. Members who disobeyed the rules, showed disloyalty to the gang or to its leaders, cooperated with law enforcement, or disrespected other members were subject to severe punishment, including death. The rules put in place by the Ranfla Nacional allowed the gang to flourish in parts of the United States, including within the EDNY where, under the defendants' command, MS-13 has committed numerous acts of violence—including murders, attempted murders, assaults, kidnappings, drug trafficking, extortion of individuals and businesses, obstructed justice and sent dues and the proceeds of criminal activity by wire transfer to MS-13 leaders in El Salvador.

As further outlined in the indictment, the Ranfla Nacional has exercised its power over the Government of El Salvador by committing acts of violence and intimidation over government officials, law enforcement and the population of El Salvador at large. In doing so the Ranfla Nacional has ordered the killing of law

enforcement and government officials in El Salvador as well as ordering a "green light," or killing, of a FBI Special Agent detailed to El Salvador investigating MS-13 and its members. Moreover, by controlling the level of MS-13's violence, the Ranfla Nacional exercised leverage with the Government of El Salvador. For example, as alleged in the indictment, from approximately 2012 until approximately 2015, the Ranfla Nacional entered into a "truce" with the then-Government of El Salvador. As part of this agreement, the Ranfla Nacional directed MS-13 to reduce homicides in El Salvador in exchange for improved prison conditions, benefits and cash payments. In 2015, when this agreement collapsed, the Ranfla Nacional blamed the United States, believing that the U.S. government pressured the government of El Salvador to end the "truce" as a condition of receiving funds from the United States. Thereafter, in early 2016, the Ranfla Nacional began planning for a major campaign of coordinated violence in El Salvador in retaliation for the harsher measures imposed on its members after the end of the "truce." As alleged in the indictment, the defendants ordered all cliques in El Salvador to create a specialized unit of MS-13 members to target police officers, military members, and government officials in El Salvador. These members underwent military training at MS-13 military training camps in El Salvador. The defendants also ordered all cliques, including those in the United States and in the EDNY, to provide profits from their MS-13-related criminal activity to be used to purchase weapons for the planned attacks on police in El Salvador. In total, the defendants collected over $600,000 U.S. dollars for this fund which was used to purchase weapons, including M-16s and M-60 machine guns, grenades, IEDs, and rocket launchers. Furthermore, the defendants ordered increased violence, including murders, in the EDNY and other parts of the United States, which saw a dramatic increase in MS-13 violence in 2016 and 2017.

Finally, as alleged in the indictment, the Ranfla Nacional directed the expansion of MS-13 activities around the world, most significantly into Mexico, where several high-ranking leaders were sent to organize operations there. In Mexico, MS-13 leaders made connections to obtain narcotics and firearms, conducted business with Mexican drug cartels such as the Zetas, Gulf Cartel, Cártel de Jalisco Nueva Generación (CJNG) and Sinaloa Cartel, and engaged in human trafficking and smuggling.

In August 2019, Attorney General William P. Barr created JTFV to carry out the recommendations of the MS-13 Subcommittee formed under the Attorney General's Transnational Organized Crime Task Force (TOC Task Force). The Attorney General's TOC Task Force resulted from President Donald J. Trump's February 2017 Executive Order directing the Departments of Justice, State, and Homeland Security, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to coordinate a whole-of-government approach to dismantle transnational criminal organizations, such as MS-13, and increase the safety of the American people.

Since its creation, JTFV has successfully implemented a whole-of-government approach to combatting MS-13, including increasing coordination and collaboration with foreign law enforcement partners, including El Salvador, Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala; designating priority MS-13 programs, cliques and leaders, who have the most impact on the United States, for targeted prosecutions; and coordinating significant MS-13 indictments in U.S. Attorney's Offices across the country, including the first use of national security charges against MS-13 leaders.

JTFV has been comprised of members from the Department of Justice's National Security Division and the Criminal Division, as well as U.S. Attorney's Offices across the country, including the EDNY; the District of New Jersey; the Northern District of Ohio; the District of Utah; the Eastern District of Virginia; the District of Massachusetts; the Eastern District of Texas; the Southern District of New York; the District of Alaska; the Southern District of Florida; the Southern District of California; the District of Nevada; and the District of Columbia. In addition, all Department of Justice law enforcement agencies are involved in the effort, including the FBI; the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the U.S. Marshals Service; and the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. In addition, HSI also plays a critical role in JTFV.

Acting Attorney General Rosen expressed his sincere thanks to Attorney General Raul Melara of El Salvador for the assistance of his office, as well as investigators from El Salvador's Policía Nacional Civil, Centro Antipandilla Transnacional unit for their invaluable cooperation. Additionally, numerous Department of Justice components contributed to this indictment, including: the National Security Division's Counterterrorism Section; the Justice Department's Office of International Affairs; the Criminal Division's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training; and Organized Crime and Gang Section; and the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Executive Office. Finally, consistent with President Trump's Executive Order and the Attorney General's whole of government approach, the Department of State has provided critical support for JTFV's mission.

The charges announced today are allegations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. If convicted, the defendants face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The government's case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys James Donnelly, Matthew Shepherd and Stewart Young from JTFV, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Paul G. Scotti, Justina L. Geraci and Megan E. Farrell from the EDNY's Long Island Criminal Division.

To learn more about the Justice Department's efforts in combating MS-13 from 2016 to 2020, see report at https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1329776/download.

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Age: 44

EFRAIN CORTEZ ("Tigre de Park View" and "Viejo Tigre de Park View")
Age: 51

RICARDO ALBERTO DIAZ ("Rata de Leewards" and "Mousey de Leewards")
Age: 47

EDUARDO ERAZO-NOLASCO ("Colocho de Western" and "Mustage de Western")
Age: 48

EDSON SACHARY EUFEMIA ("Speedy de Park View")
Age: 46

JOSE FERNANDEZ FLORES-CUBAS ("Cola de Western")
Age: 46

FREDY IVAN JANDRES-PARADA ("Lucky de Park View" and "Lacky de Park View")
Age: 45

LEONEL ALEXANDER LEONARDO ("El Necio de San Cocos")
Age: 40

CESAR HUMBERTO LOPEZ-LARIOS ("El Grenas de Stoners" and "Oso de Stoners")
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JOSE LUIS MENDOZA-FIGUEROA ("Pavas de 7-11" and "Viejo Pavas de 7-11")
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HUGO ARMANDO QUINTEROS-MINEROS ("Flaco de Francis")
Age: 48

SAUL ANTONIO TURCIOS ("Trece de Teclas")
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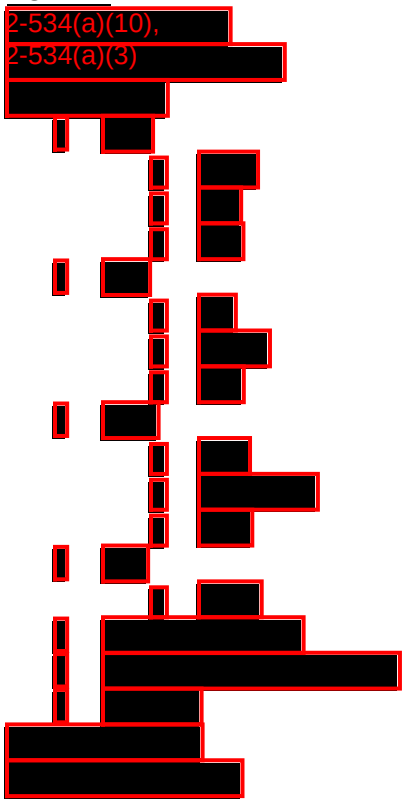

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ALCON,

Please see attached USCG Inauguration Mission Overview Placemat, provided by CAPT Ian Bastek, USCG LNO to NORAD & USNORTHCOM. I know we have USCG representatives on the sub-committee, but I have cc'd CAPT Bastek in case there are any additional questions.

Thanks!

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Thanks for putting these together Trish. If we could get answers that would be great.

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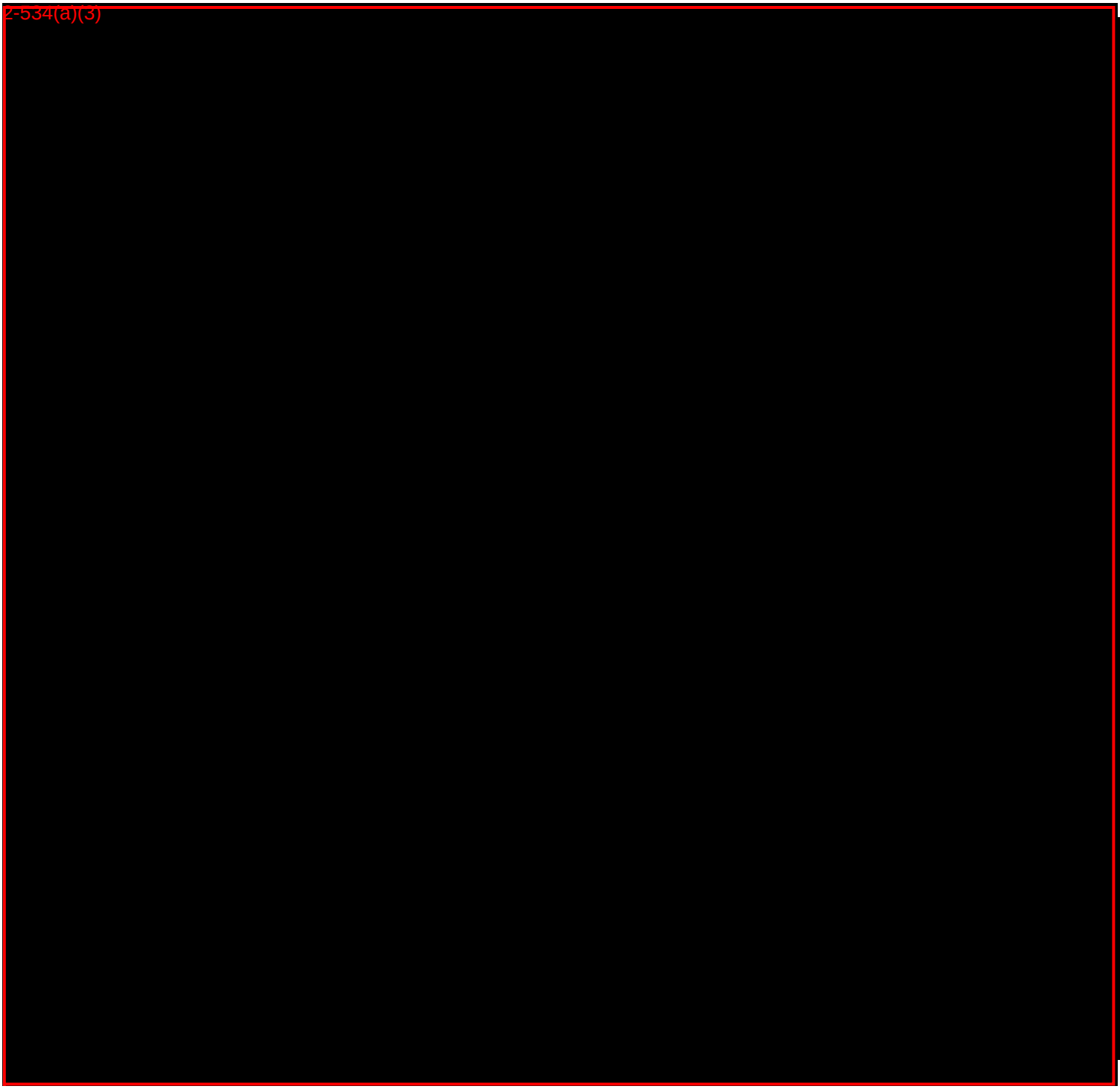
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Introduction

More than 150 million Americans cast ballots in the 2020 presidential election, setting a new record even as the COVID-19 crisis intensified (CNBC, 4 November 2020). Despite the heightened risk of political violence going into the vote (NPR, 22 October 2020), government officials, civil society organizations, and local communities organized to address the threat, with limited interference on Election Day and a peaceful resolution by the end of the week, as former Vice President Joe Biden was projected by national media to be the victor (VOA, 7 November 2020).

The results were immediately disputed. Tensions increased as it became apparent that a decisive outcome would be delayed beyond Election Day due to logistical challenges posed by the pandemic. Current President Donald Trump declared without evidence that the election was being "stolen," prompting a surge in protests outside vote-counting centers as well as threats against election officials (PBS, 17 November 2020). On the right, tensions persist amid a combined legal and disinformation campaign to discredit the process and to overturn Biden's victory. According to a late November poll from the Economist and YouGov, almost 90% of Trump voters believe the election result is illegitimate (Economist, 21 November 2020),[1] a finding echoed by a range of concurrent surveys (Newsweek, 10 November 2020; Politico, 9 November 2020). And just 27 of 249 Republicans in Congress — or 10% — have acknowledged Biden's win as of early December (Washington Post, 5 December 2020). As the president refuses to concede, hundreds of 'Stop the Steal' protests have been organized across the country, in which militias[2] and armed actors have taken an enlarged role. Members of right-wing armed groups like the Oath Keepers have announced that they will never recognize a Biden presidency, and are committed to resisting the administration's policies (Independent, 15 November 2020).

While the legal pathways to a second term have all but entirely closed for President Trump, with recounts confirming Biden's win and court cases producing no evidence of mass voter fraud, he has not formally conceded. Although the Trump administration has allowed the Biden team to begin the transition process, the president continues to hold rallies against the so-called "rigged election" and has called on Republican legislators in states like Georgia to appoint pro-Trump electors to the Electoral College (ABC News, 7 December 2020). Under these murky circumstances, where Trump supporters believe they have either lost the election or are at high risk of seeing the election stolen, right-wing mobilization is likely to spike relative to a clear electoral defeat and concession.

Building on the assumption that backers of a losing candidate are more likely to mobilize during the post-election period — particularly when a subset of the losing candidate's support base is organized, armed, and has a demonstrated capacity for violence — this report analyzes the potential for persistent

[1] Compared to 23% of Hillary Clinton's supporters in 2016, and 36% of Al Gore's supporters in 2000.

[2] Around the world, ACLED defines militias, which are a large and diverse range of actors, as armed and organized violent groups that are extra-legal — meaning they are, by definition, extra-military, extra-state, non-institutional entities. While some of these groups may be pro-government, they need not be. Those which are pro-government often only have indirect links to the state, yet may mobilize and operate with the assistance of important allies, including factions within the state. "[Pro-government militias] are made possible by a political culture that allows for unaccountable agents and actions. They present a serious threat because of the support they receive from state elites allowing them to perpetrate violence on behalf of those elites with impunity" (Raleigh & Kishi, 2018). ACLED chooses to use the same terminology — the word 'militia' — for all regions of global coverage, particularly to underline the consistencies in the activities and incentives of such actors across geographic regions. For more on ACLED definitions, see the ACLED Codebook.

right-wing unrest through the inauguration and beyond. Reviewing new ACLED data[3] covering the past seven months of political violence and demonstration activity, the report tracks key shifts in unrest from the start of the summer to the election and its aftermath. The risk of political violence in the coming weeks will be influenced by the type and degree of organized right-wing opposition to the incoming administration, as well as the efficacy of peacebuilding and violence mitigation efforts aimed at reducing polarization, fighting disinformation, and bridging partisan divides. ACLED analysis identifies four main trajectories through which right-wing mobilization could lead to violence in the post-election period (*see table*):

1. If right-wing demonstrations are limited largely to **militia groups**, especially national movements, then the risk of large-scale violence increases, namely events with multiple active shooters. This scenario is more likely in locations where mobilization is linked to local militia groups with histories of high levels of activity.
2. If demonstrations primarily involve the **mass mobilization of decentralized, armed individuals**, then the risk of small-scale, individualized violence will increase. This is a more likely scenario in locations experiencing left-wing protests or where new gun regulations are under consideration by local or state governments.
3. If demonstrations are frequently targeted by **violent sole perpetrators**, as seen in a rise in concurrent or post-protest car rammings, aggressive individual attackers, or 'leaderless resistance' modalities, then the risk of widespread individualized violence will increase. This is a more likely scenario in sites of sustained political uprisings or enduring local tension — such as areas where well-organized Black Lives Matter or leftist activism has persisted beyond the summer and into the fall.
4. If demonstrations are predominantly driven by **unarmed mass mobilization** of broadly unaffiliated, and heterogenous right-wing protesters, then the risk of lethal violence will decrease, while the risk of street-fighting, especially brawls with counter-protesters, will increase. This scenario is unlikely to manifest for sustained periods of time, but is more likely to take hold in areas where local and national actors perceive high levels of election fraud.

[3] ACLED coverage of the US has now been extended to the start of May 2020. Access here.

Potential trajectories for right-wing mobilization and violence in the post-election period

Trajectory	Likelihood (Short-term)	Likelihood (Medium-term)	Potential for Violence	Locations at Highest Risk
(1) Militia groups	Low	Moderate	Low to Moderate	Locations where mobilization is linked to local militia groups with histories of high levels of activity (*e.g. Lansing, Michigan*)
(2) Decentralized armed individuals	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Locations experiencing left-wing protests or where gun restrictions are under consideration by local or state governments (*e.g. Richmond, Virginia*)
(3) Violent sole perpetrators	High	High	High	Areas that have sustained uprising activity or enduring local political tension (*e.g. Portland, Oregon*)
(4) Unarmed mass mobilization	Very High	Very High	Low	Areas where election fraud is perceived by local and national actors (*e.g. Atlanta, Georgia*)

Shifting Trends: Pre- and Post-Election

Dominant Protest Movements

Demonstrations surged over the summer ahead of the general election, particularly in the immediate aftermath of George Floyd's killing by police in Minneapolis. Floyd's death at the end of May sparked a new phase of protests associated with Black Lives Matter (BLM), a movement challenging police violence and structural racism in America, which led to thousands of demonstrations around the country. While media coverage has focused on cases of looting and vandalism, fueling right-wing disinformation campaigns aimed at mischaracterizing BLM activists as "violent extremists" (ADL, 2020), the vast majority of demonstrations associated with the movement have remained peaceful. Although ACLED data indicate that 94% of these demonstrations have involved no violent or destructive activity as of late November,[4] a contemporaneous Civiqs poll measuring support for BLM found that 38% of total respondents — and 47% of white respondents — were opposed to the movement, even as support has remained high among Black and Hispanic communities (Civiqs, 29 November 2020). A similar poll in mid-September found that just 16% of White Republicans expressed support for the movement (Pew Research Center, 16 September 2020).

Against this backdrop, demonstrations associated with the BLM movement have been disproportionately met with government intervention compared to other types of protests. When authorities have engaged BLM-linked demonstrations, they have also disproportionately used force to disperse the demonstrators *(for more information, see ACLED's report on demonstrations and political violence trends throughout summer 2020).* Thousands have been arrested in what activists have decried as a "deliberate crackdown" (Al Jazeera, 16 November 2020), with reports that those detained have faced excessive charges threatening long prison terms, a "suppression tactic" used to discourage mobilization (The Guardian, 16 August 2020).

Under pressure from the heavy-handed state reaction, the number of demonstration events associated with the BLM movement has declined in the weeks and months following Floyd's death. Such a response — particularly the use of force against demonstrators, harsh consequences for those arrested, and intimidation by armed extra-legal actors like militia groups — can alter the incentives of participants in mass movements like BLM. Due to factors like protest fatigue, social movements are rarely able to sustain high levels of mass mobilization over time. In light of these trends, the diminished levels of BLM-linked demonstration activity since the initial spike in May is not surprising (*see navy line in graph below*). Nevertheless, demonstrations associated with the BLM movement continue, and have taken on a very local focus in recent weeks — such as multi-day protests in Omaha, Nebraska in response to the death of

[4] This activity includes violently disruptive and/or destructive acts targeting other individuals, property, businesses, other rioting groups, or armed actors. Such demonstrations can involve engagement in violence (e.g. clashes with police), vandalism (e.g. property destruction), looting, road-blocking using barricades, or burning materials like tires, among other activities. It is important to note that this category includes events where violence may have been initially instigated by the demonstrators as well as events where violence may have been initially instigated by police or other actors engaging the demonstrators. For more information on definitions and methodology, see the US Crisis Monitor FAQs.

Kenneth Jones;[5] demonstrations in Albuquerque, New Mexico calling for a thorough investigation into the case of Rodney Applewhite;[6] and protests in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma calling for justice in the case of Stavian Rodriguez.[7]

The Protest Spectrum: Types of Right- and Left-Wing Demonstration Events

For the purpose of this analysis, right-wing demonstrations encompass a range of distinct but interrelated movements, including: pro-Trump or anti-Biden rallies, as well as events that involve or express support for the Republican Party; pro-police demonstrations, such as those that involve supporters of the 'Back the Blue' or 'Blue Lives Matter' movements, which often organize as counter-protests against demonstrations associated with the BLM movement; demonstrations that involve QAnon conspiracy theory supporters or protesters associated with the 'Save Our Children' movement; protests that involve members of right-wing militias or street movements[8] either actively participating or standing by to 'keep the peace' during an event; and 'Stop the Steal' demonstrations, which have specifically emerged in the post-election period.

In contrast, demonstrations associated with the left-wing include protests that are anti-Trump or pro-Biden, as well as those involving or supporting the Democratic Party; those associated with the BLM movement advocating for an end to police violence and structural racism; those associated with Antifa; those involving left-leaning groups such as Abolish ICE, the NAACP, or the Democratic Socialists of America; and 'Count Every Vote' demonstrations, which have specifically emerged during the election period. Unlike demonstrations associated with the right-wing, which authorities attempt to disperse under 4% of the time, demonstrations associated with the left-wing are met with government intervention over 9% of the time. When authorities engage demonstrations associated with the right-wing, they use force nearly one-third or 34% of the time. Meanwhile, authorities use force in demonstrations associated with the left-wing over half or 51% of the time.

Not all demonstrations in the US can be categorized as right- or left-wing events. This report's analysis of right- and left-wing mobilization is limited to the events listed above, rather than all recorded demonstration events.

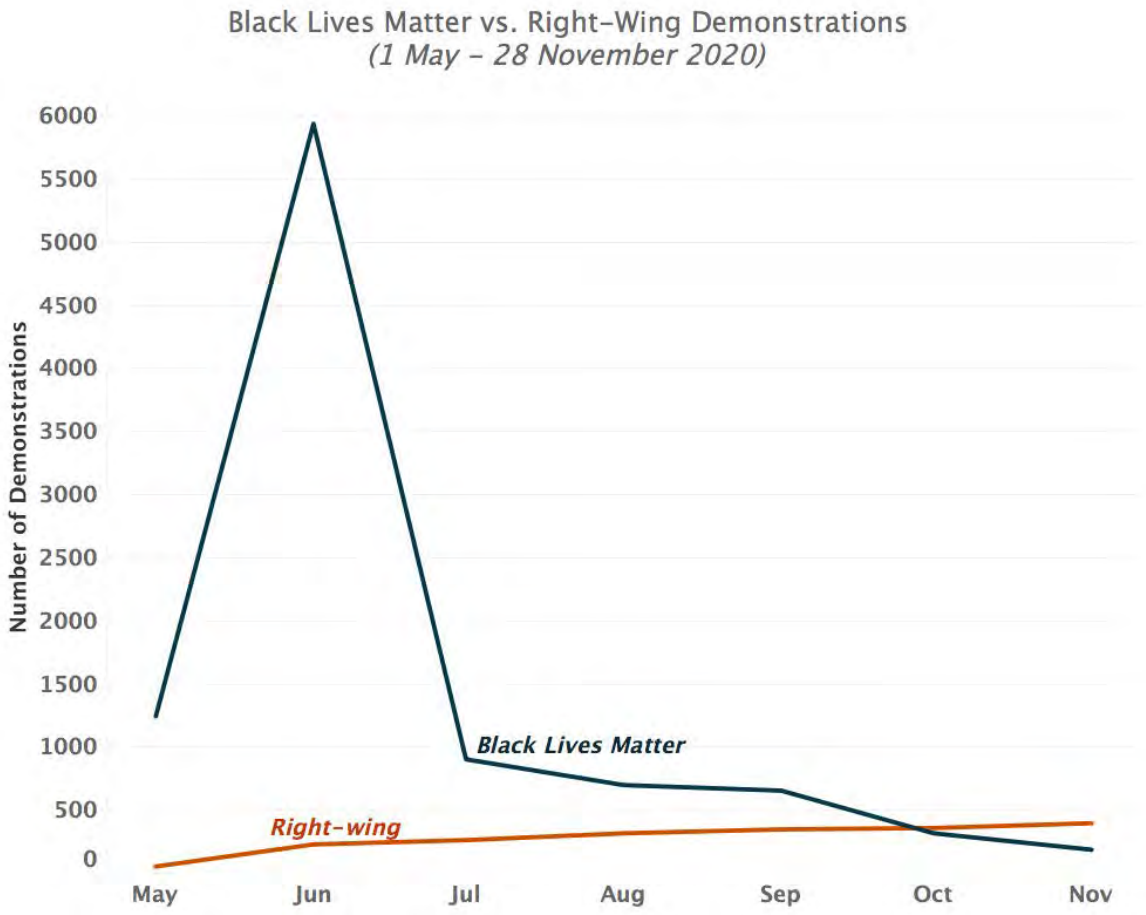
[5] Kenneth Jones was a Black man shot by two Omaha police officers during a traffic stop on 19 November (NBC News, 23 November 2020). The incident occurred during a traffic stop initiated by the two officers after they spotted a car with four occupants stopped in the middle of the road without emergency flashers activated. According to police, after Jones failed to comply with verbal commands to put his hands in the air, the two officers forcibly pulled him out of the car (KETV, 24 November 2020). One of the officers then reportedly saw a gun on Jones, prompting the officers to fire four shots at him (NBC News, 22 November 2020).

[6] Rodney Applewhite was an unarmed Black man killed by police on 19 November during a traffic stop while driving through rural New Mexico to his mother's house in Arizona for Thanksgiving. Police allege that Applewhite attempted to reach for the gun of an officer, though no further details have been provided (Santa Fe New Mexican, 30 November 2020).

[7] Stavian Rodriguez was a 15-year-old Latino teen killed by police after a failed armed robbery. Video of the incident appears to show Rodriguez with his hands up and his weapon on the ground when several shots were fired at him (KOCO, 25 November 2020).

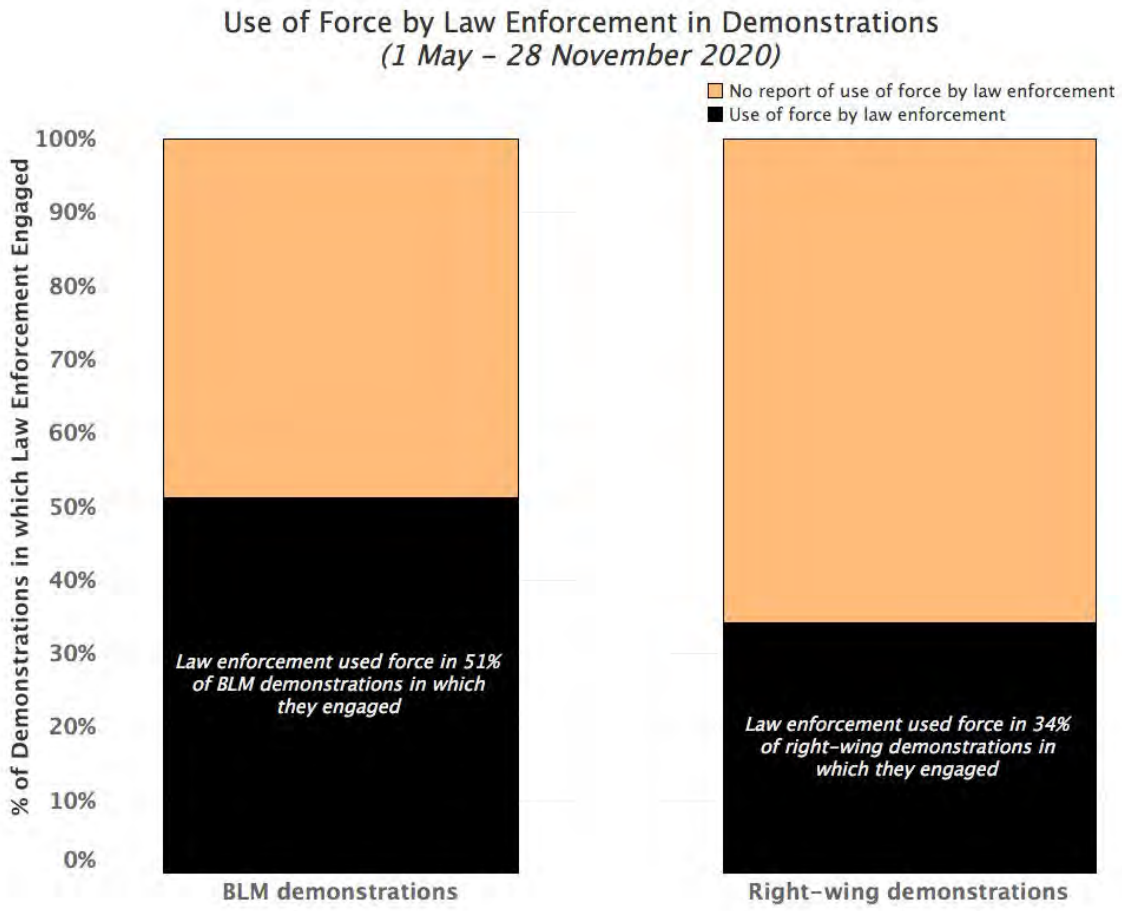
[8] Street movements are defined as a social movement predominantly taking to the street or public square to demonstrate or make their views known. These movements can range from peaceful and those favoring social justice, to violent and racist. The common factor is that presence on the street at crucial gatherings marks a primary form of political programming and activity (though is not always the sole modality for engagement). Contemporary right-wing street movements in the United States usually privilege street fighting and attacks on dissent as their usual organizing, though some do not engage in this type of response.

Meanwhile, right-wing demonstrations (*see inset box for definition*) have followed a different pattern, both in levels of activity and state response. Right-wing mobilization increased in the lead-up to the election and surpassed the number of BLM-linked demonstrations (*see brown line in graph below*). Yet right-wing demonstration activity has met with very limited government intervention, underscoring how these events consistently face low levels of force, rare arrests, minimal legal consequences, and infrequent intimidation by armed extra-legal entities,[9] particularly when compared with their left-wing and BLM counterparts. Armed and violent contingents like the Proud Boys, who previously responded to President Trump's order to "stand back, stand by" (Associated Press, 30 September 2020), have declared that the standby order has been "rescinded" in the post-election period (Forbes, 7 November 2020). Street-fighting has broken out at multiple demonstrations involving Proud Boys around the country since the election, including in North Carolina, New York, California, and Washington, DC (Daily Kos, 3 December 2020).



[9] On 3 December, Grand Master Jay, the leader of the Not Fucking Around Coalition (NFAC), was arrested on federal charges for allegedly pointing a gun at officers stationed on a roof in downtown Louisville during his group's gathering on 4 September (Associated Press, 3 December 2020). While the NFAC is an armed, organized, extra-legal group, it is distinct from most other militias in the US context in that it is a burgeoning Black separatist movement that, in many ways, is a direct reaction to many right-wing groups. The arrest of Jay is a rare example of an alleged 'militia' member being arrested for activities that took place at a demonstration in which they participated. Other arrests of predominantly white militia groups, like that of the Wolverine Watchmen, arrested for the plotted kidnapping of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer (Associated Press, 8 October 2020), are often tied to either actuated violence or an alleged unity of purpose towards committing violence in the future. Even the armed Black movement known as BLM757 based out of Richmond, Virginia shared in a press conference in Newport News, Virginia that they were only allowed to speak without intervention outside of a police precinct because of Boogaloo Boi Mike Dunn's militia on the scene (News2Share, 15 October 2020). Relatedly, in the same state, a mostly white gathering of 2nd Amendment activists and militia groups gathered in Richmond at the beginning of the year for a Lobby Day event organized by the far-right Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL) and actively broke local gun ordinances while police looked on (Reuters, 20 January 2020; MilitiaWatch, 16 April 2020). The VCDL is already planning a similar engagement in 2021, for which militia and other right-wing activists are likely to show up, this time for a car rally (Virginia Star, 30 November 2020).

Demonstrations associated with the right-wing have been met with law enforcement intervention far less frequently relative to BLM-linked demonstrations: under 4% of events, compared to nearly 10% of events. When authorities have engaged demonstrations associated with BLM, they have used force — such as firing less-lethal weapons like tear gas, rubber bullets, and pepper spray or beating demonstrators with batons — more than 51% of the time, compared to only 34% for right-wing demonstrations (*see graph below*).[10]



[10] As noted above, nearly 94% of demonstrations associated with the BLM movement involved no violent or destructive activity as of late November, meaning that such activity was reported in 6% of demonstrations. It is important to note that this 6% includes both those demonstrations in which demonstrators may have engaged in such activity, and were then met with use of force by authorities, *as well as* cases in which law enforcement used force against peaceful protesters who only responded violently as a result of police engagement. Provocative activity by law enforcement — such as showing up to peaceful events with riot gear, or using tactics like kettling in which protesters are cornered — has been common. ACLED does not systematically code these dynamics, including who initiated violence, given the limitations and biases in reporting on these factors (though available information is included in the 'Notes' section in ACLED data). Notably, even if all demonstrations in which BLM-associated demonstrators reportedly engaged in looting, vandalism, or violence are excluded from analysis — if the assumption were to be that the use of force by authorities under such circumstances is 'warranted' — nearly 5% of all peaceful BLM-linked protests were met with law enforcement intervention, and over 37% of these events saw the use of force by authorities. In comparison, less than 3% of peaceful right-wing protests were met with law enforcement intervention, and only 18% of these events saw the use of force by authorities. These trends suggest that government intervention and use of force are not merely set responses to demonstrator behavior, but rather part of a broader attitude, policy, or strategic approach to different types of mobilization in different local, state, and national contexts.

Armed Group Activity

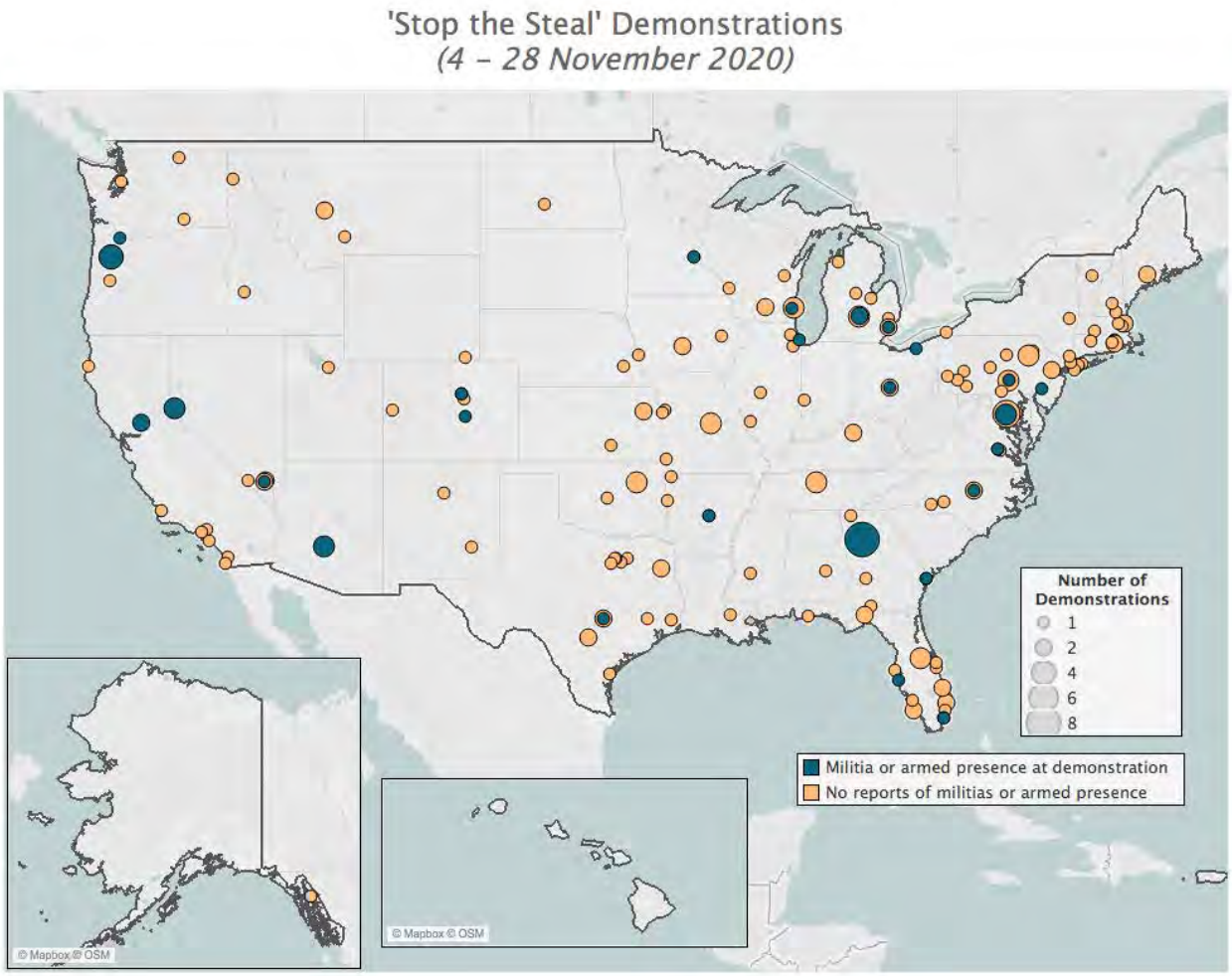
Militias and street movements have become increasingly active in right-wing demonstrations this year. Over the summer, right-wing militias primarily mobilized in response to the BLM movement and pandemic-related public health restrictions. In the run-up to the election, militias additionally organized around perceived threats to the sanctity of the election such as mass voter fraud, with groups like the Oath Keepers warning that they would arrive at polling stations and use violence if necessary to "protect" the vote from being "stolen" (Media Matters, 28 October 2020; NPR, 31 October 2020). A proactive approach by civil society groups and government officials aimed at preventing the threat of armed intimidation at the polls — including an "extremism crackdown" by federal law enforcement in Michigan (Detroit News, 29 October 2020) and the arrest of a Proud Boys member who threatened to blow up a polling location in North Dakota (Daily Beast, 30 October 2020) — may have reduced the risk of violence and resulted in limited militia activity on Election Day (USA Today, 3 November 2020).

Compounding the effects of increased attention and preventative measures aimed at mitigating the risk of militia activity at the polls, the strategic incentive for these groups to ramp up operations on Election Day itself decreased as the vote approached, particularly compared to the pre- and post-election periods. This is in part due to their overriding focus on perceived attacks against the sanctity of the election, such as 'deviations' like mass mail-in voting during the pandemic. Large-scale violence against polling centers on Election Day would undermine that sanctity and challenge the right-wing narrative that in-person voting was more valid than mail-in voting — a narrative pushed by the Trump administration, which actively discouraged voting by mail based on debunked allegations that the process is exceptionally vulnerable to fraud (Washington Post, 11 September 2020). Trends suggest that those voting in person on Election Day were disproportionately Republican supporters, with Democrats being more likely to have taken advantage of mail-in or early voting (FiveThirtyEight, 28 August 2020; The Hill, 15 September 2020), diminishing the incentive for militia groups to target polling centers filled with 'legitimate' right-wing voters on Election Day.

ACLED analysis of militia activity during elections around the world finds that these incentives change over the course of the electoral period: before the vote, armed groups have an incentive to intimidate and suppress voters, while afterward this incentive shifts to challenging election results and ballot counting. Joint research conducted by ACLED and MilitiaWatch prior to the US election outlined multiple factors that raise the risk of militia activity before, during, and after the vote, including perceptions of leftist coup activities — i.e. 'stealing' an election — as well as highly competitive votes in swing states — i.e. states where vote counting appears to be very close or delayed *(for more, see the ACLED and MilitiaWatch joint report).* Many of these drivers emerged on or after Election Day, contributing to the rise in right-wing protest activity in the aftermath of the vote and the increased role for militia groups within these demonstrations.

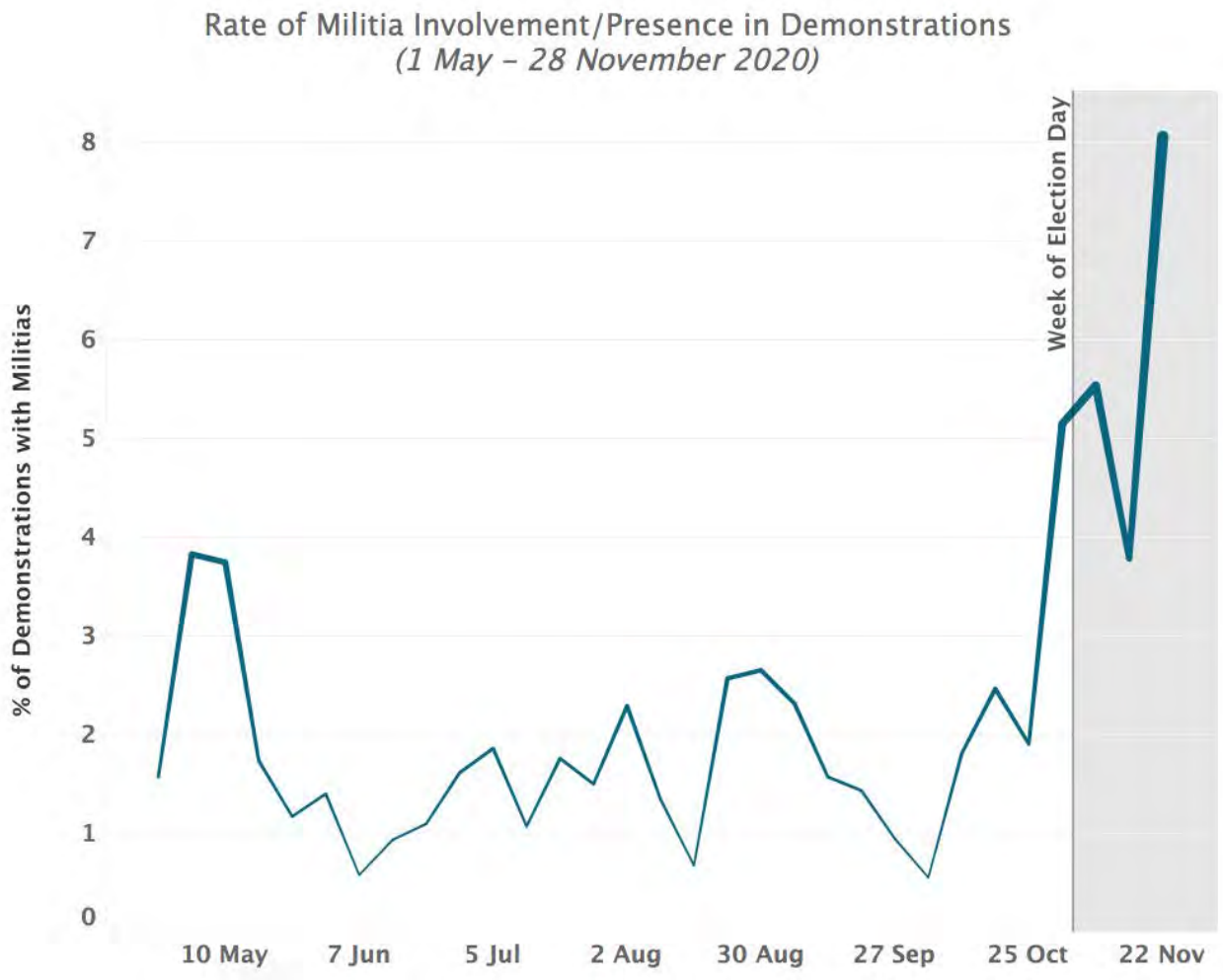
Late on the night of the election, when the preliminary results began to indicate that President-elect Biden was likely to win, President Trump sent out a tweet claiming that the vote was being "stolen," without presenting evidence (Vox, 4 November 2020). In response, a 'Stop the Steal' demonstration campaign quickly took form, with participants demanding the rejection of votes perceived to be illegitimate, such as predominantly Democratic mail-in ballots (*see map below*). These demonstrations, encouraged by the executive branch and many right-wing media outlets, rapidly spread across the country, often met with

counter-protesters calling on officials to 'Count Every Vote.'[11] Militias and armed individuals have been disproportionately active in 'Stop the Steal' demonstrations compared to other demonstrations.



As the movement escalated in the immediate aftermath of Election Day, the total percentage of demonstrations involving militias — both those in which they actively participated, as well as those they attended to 'keep the peace' — has also risen dramatically (*see graph below*). The increased rate of armed, organized, and mobilized militia members active at demonstrations around the country amplifies the latent threat of violence.

[11] Many 'Count Every Vote' rallies were pre-planned ahead of election week in anticipation of a long vote-counting period, while others emerged as counter-protests to 'Stop the Steal' demonstrations.



While demonstrations involving militias peaked in June in terms of gross numbers and then declined, they have since surged to roughly the same level in November. Right-wing mobilization is often posited as 'reactive,' in that it occurs in response to mobilization by the left. In June, the increase in involvement by right-wing militias in demonstrations can be seen as a reaction to the mass mobilization of the BLM movement (i.e. 'leftist organizing') — demonstrations associated with the BLM movement were at their height in the weeks following Floyd's killing at the end of May. Meanwhile, in November, the spike in right-wing militia involvement in demonstrations can be seen as a reaction to perceived 'leftist coup behavior' in the form of an attempt to 'steal the election.'

Unsurprisingly, 'Stop the Steal' demonstrations have been disproportionately competitive compared to other types of demonstrations, meaning that a high number of counter-protests, such as 'Count Every Vote' rallies, have also been present. Nearly one-third — or 32% — of 'Stop the Steal' demonstrations

have involved counter-protests.[12] This contrasts with only 9% of all 'Count Every Vote' demonstrations, less than 6% of demonstrations associated with the BLM movement, and just over 5% of demonstrations at large.

[12] If two protests occur at the same time, in the same place, and they are essentially 'counter' to one another, then the events are coded as a single event instead of as two separate events. While ACLED will code the two parties, ACLED does not code which side may have shown up first, or who is countering whom. Such information is limited and often biased in reporting. To the extent such information is noted in sources, it will be noted in the 'Notes' section of the data for users. Discussion of 'counter-protests' here refers to cases in which 'Stop the Steal' demonstrators showed up to protest and 'counter' another group *as well as* cases in which 'Stop the Steal' demonstrators were protesting and others showed up to 'counter' them. It is a measure of how 'competitive' such demonstrators can be, especially relative to demonstrations around other issues. Sometimes, other parties, such as police, may get involved in counter-protests — on behalf of one side or the other, or to 'keep the peace.' In such cases, police may be coded as one of the primary actors; ACLED defaults to coding the more important engagement in each event. Nevertheless, all events that capture a counter-demonstration include a 'tag' in the 'Notes', stylized as "[counter-protest]", which can be used to identify all counter-demonstrations. For answers to frequently asked questions about ACLED coding methodology in the US context, see these FAQs.

Potential Trajectories

The current trends in political violence and demonstration activity in post-election America are not a direct continuation of the trends identified over the summer: there has been a significant shift in the leading protest actors, the involvement of armed groups and individuals, and how they are in turn met by the authorities. Likewise, ACLED data do not indicate that these current trends will remain static through to the inauguration and initial stages of the next administration. The risk of political violence and unrest in the coming weeks will be influenced by the type and degree of organized right-wing opposition to the incoming administration, as well as the efficacy of peacebuilding and violence mitigation efforts aimed at reducing polarization, fighting disinformation, and bridging partisan divides. ACLED analysis identifies four main trajectories through which right-wing mobilization could lead to violence in the post-election period:

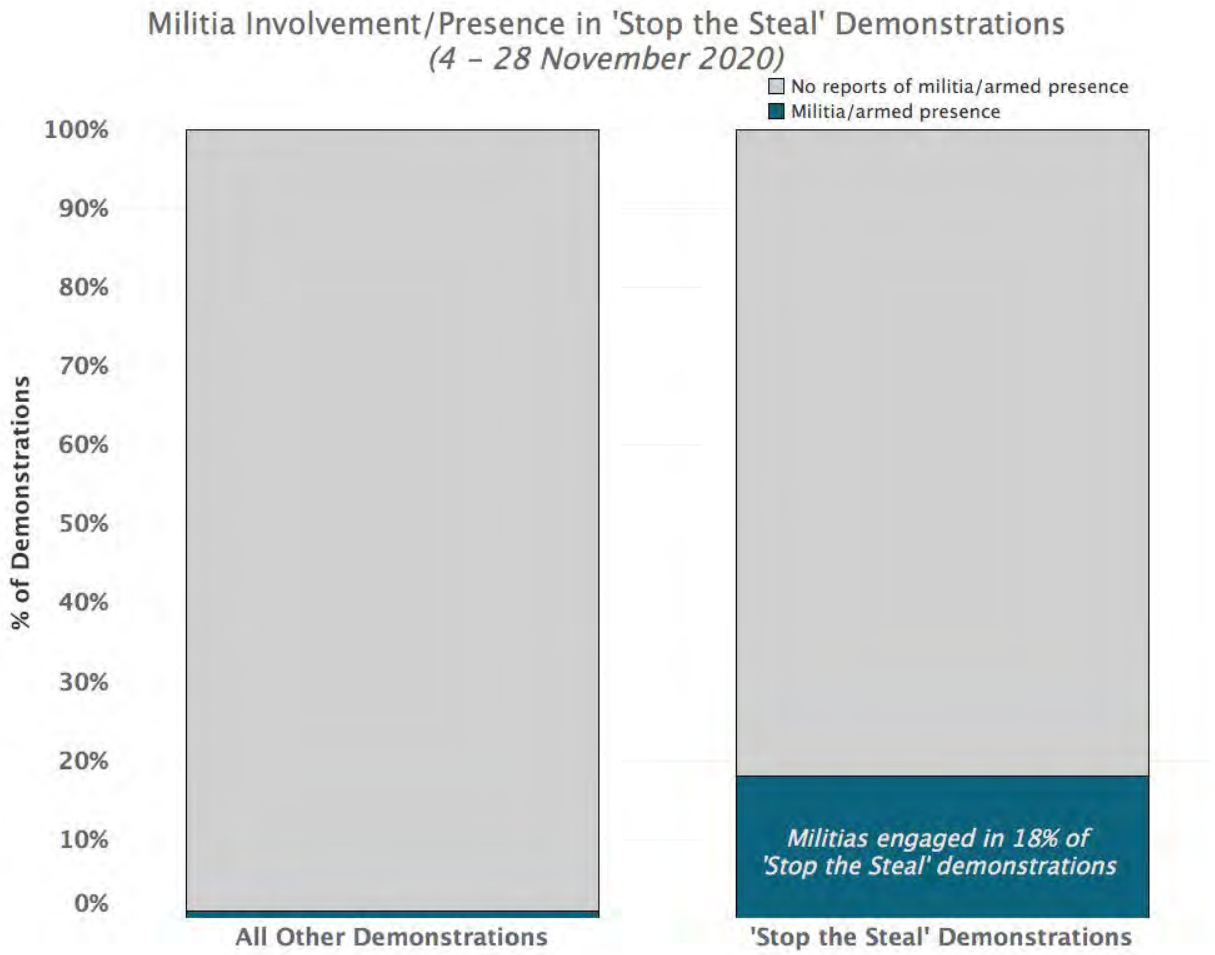
1. If right-wing demonstrations are limited largely to **militia groups**, especially national movements, then the risk of large-scale violence increases, namely events with multiple active shooters. This scenario is more likely in locations where mobilization is linked to local militia groups with histories of high levels of activity.
2. If demonstrations primarily involve the **mass mobilization of decentralized, armed individuals**, then the risk of small-scale, individualized violence will increase. This is a more likely scenario in locations experiencing left-wing protests or where new gun regulations are under consideration by local or state governments.
3. If demonstrations are frequently targeted by **violent sole perpetrators**, as seen in a rise in concurrent or post-protest car rammings, aggressive individual attackers, or 'leaderless resistance' modalities, then the risk of widespread individualized violence will increase. This is a more likely scenario in sites of sustained political uprisings or enduring local tension — such as areas where well-organized Black Lives Matter or leftist activism has persisted beyond the summer and into the fall.
4. If demonstrations are predominantly driven by **unarmed mass mobilization** of broadly unaffiliated, and heterogenous right-wing protesters, then the risk of lethal violence will decrease, while the risk of street-fighting, especially brawls with counter-protesters, will increase. This scenario is unlikely to manifest for sustained periods of time, but is more likely to take hold in areas where local and national actors perceive high levels of election fraud.

(1) Demonstrations limited largely to militia groups

If right-wing demonstrations are limited largely to militia groups, then there will be a higher risk of mass violence.[13] This is especially the case if national movements become increasingly involved in demonstration activity. National groups, especially relative to local, non-affiliated movements, tend to be more extreme ideologically among their members. With 'Stop the Steal' demonstrations, there has already been disproportionate engagement by militia groups relative to other protests: militia groups have participated in 18% of all 'Stop the Steal' demonstrations, while they have engaged in less than 1% of all

[13] A higher *risk* is not equivalent to actual occurrence and does not convey certainty. Rather, the assessment indicates that there is a higher possibility or probability of an occurrence. Looking to lessons learned from contexts elsewhere in the world, large numbers of highly organized, mobilized, and armed individuals will increase the likelihood of mass violence.

other demonstrations (*see graph below*).[14] For example, the day after the election, in Phoenix, Arizona, a member of AZ Patriots entered the Maricopa County Recorder's Office by impersonating a member of the press, live-streaming an allegation that the county had used a sharpie to invalidate ballots before being removed from the building. Following this allegation, more than 200 people — including members of AZ Patriots and III%ers, among others — rallied outside the ballot-counting facility in support of President Trump, alleging that some ballots had been improperly counted (Washington Post, 5 November 2020). The following day, Proud Boys were reportedly present at a 'Stop the Steal' protest in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (WHYY-FM, 5 November 2020; Twitter, 5 November 2020).

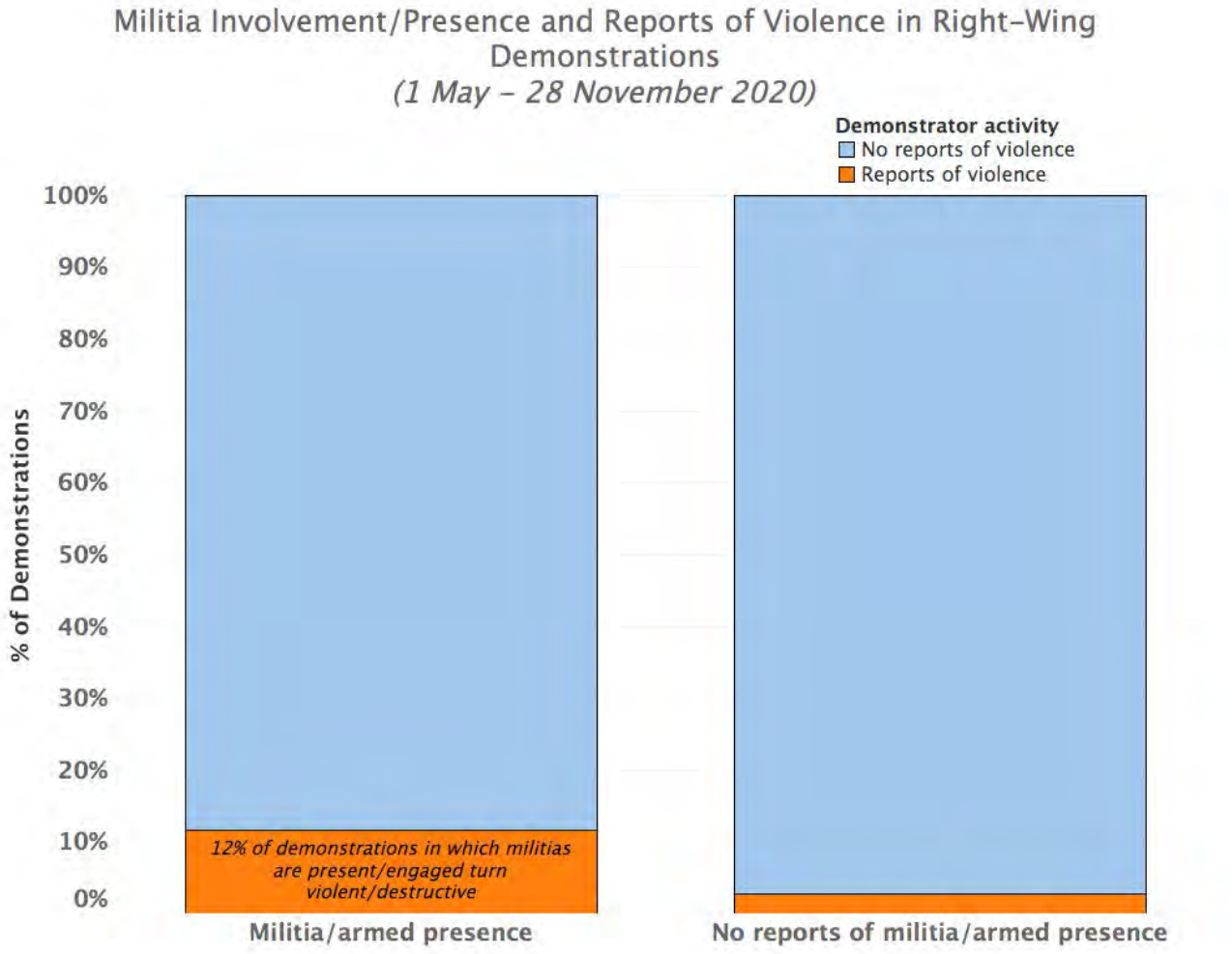


Recent militia-driven mobilizations have set their sights on state government leaders. In Atlanta, the III% Security Force militia has been highly involved in 'Stop the Steal' gatherings but has also organized multiple November weekend 'MAGA Drag' caravans outside the homes of Republican officials as well (Vanity Fair, 7 December 2020). In Michigan, local armed groups gathered outside the home of Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's home on the night of 5 December, which Benson described as an act "done with the primary purpose of intimidation of public officials" (Metro Times, 7 December 2020).

[14] While the trend is already clear, it is surely an undercount: many militia groups are organizing and attending these demonstrations outside of the mantle of their 'public militia affiliation' and instead as more quotidien unarmed protesters. This is likely due to a mix of reasons, from the additional organizational energy required to show up as a militia group, individual interests to show up at a protest not solely as an armed supporter, and the perceived urgency to join street or caravan movements. One other reason for this is the existence of 'gun-free' zones or areas that do not allow open carry — areas that without major organizing usually dissuade people from showing up armed to protest.

In addition to engagement in demonstrations, the number of recruitment and training events involving militias also remains higher than average relative to the last seven months. As some militia groups have involved themselves directly in the 'Stop the Steal' movement — such as the III% Security Force and the Oath Keepers — this concurrent rise in recruitment and training is to be expected given its strategic advantage.

Current trends indicate that when militias are involved in right-wing demonstrations, the demonstrations tend to turn violent or destructive more frequently — 12% of the time — relative to other right-wing demonstrations in which militias are not directly involved — less than 3% of the time (*see graph below*). In this sense, the presence of a militia at a demonstration increases the risk of violent or destructive activity even before the event begins.



Members of militia groups have become more primed for acting in the streets and explicitly on behalf of a political party, further reinvigorating an American far-right that has already been engaging in more aggressive speech and organizing online since the start of the summer. The election has been an important signpost and driver for militias, and it likely speaks to the internal turmoil of many groups that there has not been greater street organizing given their online communications around and after the election. Many within the militia milieu are highly suspicious and competitive of one another, for example,

and groups are often prone to splinters, reformations, and internal coups over lines of communication and membership (MilitiaWatch, 15 June 2019; MilitiaWatch, 11 September 2020). Coalition-building has been a major difficulty for many on the far-right in recent years, especially after the fallout of the right-wing killing of antifascist activist Heather Heyer at the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia in 2017 (NBC News, 7 December 2018).

There are signs that this pattern could change. 'Stop the Steal' demonstrations, and election-related demonstrations more largely, are attracting multiple militia groups, with participants either organizing in tandem or organically responding to the same event as a mobilizing factor. New coalitions are likely already being built during these rallies — which have put online fascists and militia leaders in the same organizing space once more (*see section below on Unarmed Mass Mobilization*). Online communications on and around local and national elections for many of these communities have been rife with call-to-action posts and discussion of the need to 'get organized,' and their adherents are highly electrified at the possibility of a 'leftist coup' (s*ee section below on Mass Mobilization of Decentralized, Armed Individuals*).

(2) Mass mobilization of decentralized, armed individuals

If demonstrations involve the mass mobilization of decentralized, yet armed, individuals, then there will be a higher risk of small-scale, individualized violence. This is especially the case if mobilization increasingly takes the form of 'muster calls' or armed 'calls to action.' Cases where armed and primed individuals have responded to networked calls to action have resulted in multiple shooting incidents targeting opposing demonstrators in recent months. Examples include Kyle Rittenhouse's response to a muster call by the Kenosha Guard in Wisconsin in late August (New York Times, 16 October 2020), or Steven Ray Baca's response to a muster call by the New Mexico Civil Guard in Albuquerque, New Mexico in June (The Guardian, 17 June 2020). While such violence has so far been small in scale and scope, it has proven lethal.

While this type of lethal violence has yet to become a feature of the post-election period, the risk of escalation is significant. Since the election, armed individuals have demonstrated the willingness to respond to calls to 'stop the steal'. For example, two armed QAnon supporters were arrested outside a vote-counting center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for carrying handguns without a license after driving there from Virginia two days after the election. Some reports indicate that they intended to deliver fraudulent ballots to the center (CNN, 7 November 2020). Their traveling from a distance to 'support the cause' highlights the draw of broad calls to action.

The following day in Detroit, Michigan, police investigated a bomb threat outside of a voting center where absentee ballots were being counted amidst rival pro-Trump and pro-Biden demonstrations (FOX2 Detroit, 6 November 2020). A similar incident was also reported in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 6 November (The Independent, 6 November 2020), as well as death threats targeting election officials with reminders that "this is what the Second Amendment is for" (Philly Voice, 9 November 2020).[15] Such incidents underline how calls to action can inspire those not formally affiliated with organized groups.

[15] Violent threats against poll workers and election officials have continued well past the vote in key swing states. According to a PBS investigation in mid-November: "The exact number of incidents of poll-worker intimidation is unknown. But a FRONTLINE review, based on questions to a dozen election and law enforcement agencies in five swing states, as well as local media reports, found examples of threats or acute security risks to election workers in Pennsylvania, Nevada, Michigan, Arizona and Georgia" (PBS, 17 November 2020).

Similarly, in mid-November, a number of people, including some armed with assault rifles and handguns, gathered in Johnson Square in Savannah, Georgia for a 'Stop the Steal' event (Savannah Now, 21 November 2020). Despite no reports suggesting these individuals were part of an organized militia, local or otherwise, the call to 'stop the steal' still served to inspire them to take up arms and 'join the fight.'

In the past, this type of mobilization has typically occurred around 'Second Amendment Rallies,' wherein supporters are asked to show up armed to a demonstration, often on the steps of a capitol building or in direct response to policy, proposed or otherwise. For example, this year, a series of pro-Second Amendment, pro-militia, and anti-lockdown protests have been reported in and around Lansing, Michigan. These began in the early days of the coronavirus pandemic, in response to public health restrictions, and have continued through the election period. These types of mobilizations provide an important on-ramp for recently radicalized individuals, or those who have become prone to commit violence without the social accountability of a more organized group, even if such accountability structures are typically weak. Many actors in this space also consider local law enforcement as at least tacit allies in their efforts to 'quell riots' or 'protect property.' These actors range from militia groups like the Oath Keepers, who showed up in Louisville, Kentucky to 'assist' police and 'guard' gas stations around protests over the Breonna Taylor[16] case, to more local groups like the gathering of armed vigilantes in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho ahead of fears of a rumored 'Antifa' action.

Importantly, this trajectory focuses on networked 'calls to action,' though is in line with a more decentralized response system. Muster calls, lobby days, declarations of restitution, and other calls to action tend to precede these events. This serves to make such incidents more predictable for policymakers and local law enforcement. In this way, it is distinct from the trajectory described below (*Increasing Attacks by Violent Sole Perpetrators*). The latter is more sporadic and less predictable, making its likelihood in both the short- and medium-term — as well as its potential for violence — higher.

(3) Increasing attacks by violent sole perpetrators

If demonstrations increasingly come under attack by violent sole perpetrators, there will be a higher risk of widespread individualized violence and disorder. This type of incident — including car rammings, individual assaults, or 'leaderless resistance' modalities — have become more common since May, and especially in support of President Trump around the election.

Car-ramming attacks have become increasingly common in the US, especially relative to other countries (NPR, 21 June 2020) — a trend that is at particularly high risk of intensifying given encouragement online (e.g. "All Lives Splatter" memes) (Bloomberg, 3 June 2020) and the major emphasis on 'Trump train' and caravan/convoy demonstrations in recent right-wing mobilization. In these types of demonstrations, supporters, usually in pick-up trucks, drive into and through towns, often making threats from their vehicles or online, and sometimes even intentionally ramming counter-protesters. Those engaging in these demonstrations are also often armed, which heightens the risk of violence (Vanity Fair, 7 December 2020; Washington Post, 1 November 2020). For example, two days before the election, a pro-Trump car

[16] Police killed Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old Black woman and paramedic, in Louisville, Kentucky last March during a botched raid on her apartment (New York Times, 1 September 2020). The lawsuit filed by Taylor's family alleges that police raided the "wrong house," and the targeted suspect had already been located elsewhere, while authorities have maintained that their warrant allowed them to search the premises as well and claim the raid in question was intentional (AP, 7 July 2020). The search warrant application is currently under investigation by the FBI.

caravan rally was held in Richmond, Virginia, with counter-protesters also present nearby (Richmond Times-Dispatch, 2 November 2020). While no injuries were reported, violence ensued. Some pro-Trump supporters sprayed chemical irritants at the counter-protesters. Witnesses report shots being fired, with at least one pro-Trump supporter allegedly firing a gun at a counter-protester. Another counter-protester stated that he narrowly avoided being run over by one of the vehicles participating in the caravan.

While car rammings have not been a tactic used exclusively by the right-wing — for example, in late July, several demonstrators taking part in a 'Defend the Police' rally, organized by the Northern Colorado Young Republicans, were hit by an SUV in Eaton, Colorado (Greeley Tribune, 25 July 2020) — they have disproportionately targeted the left.

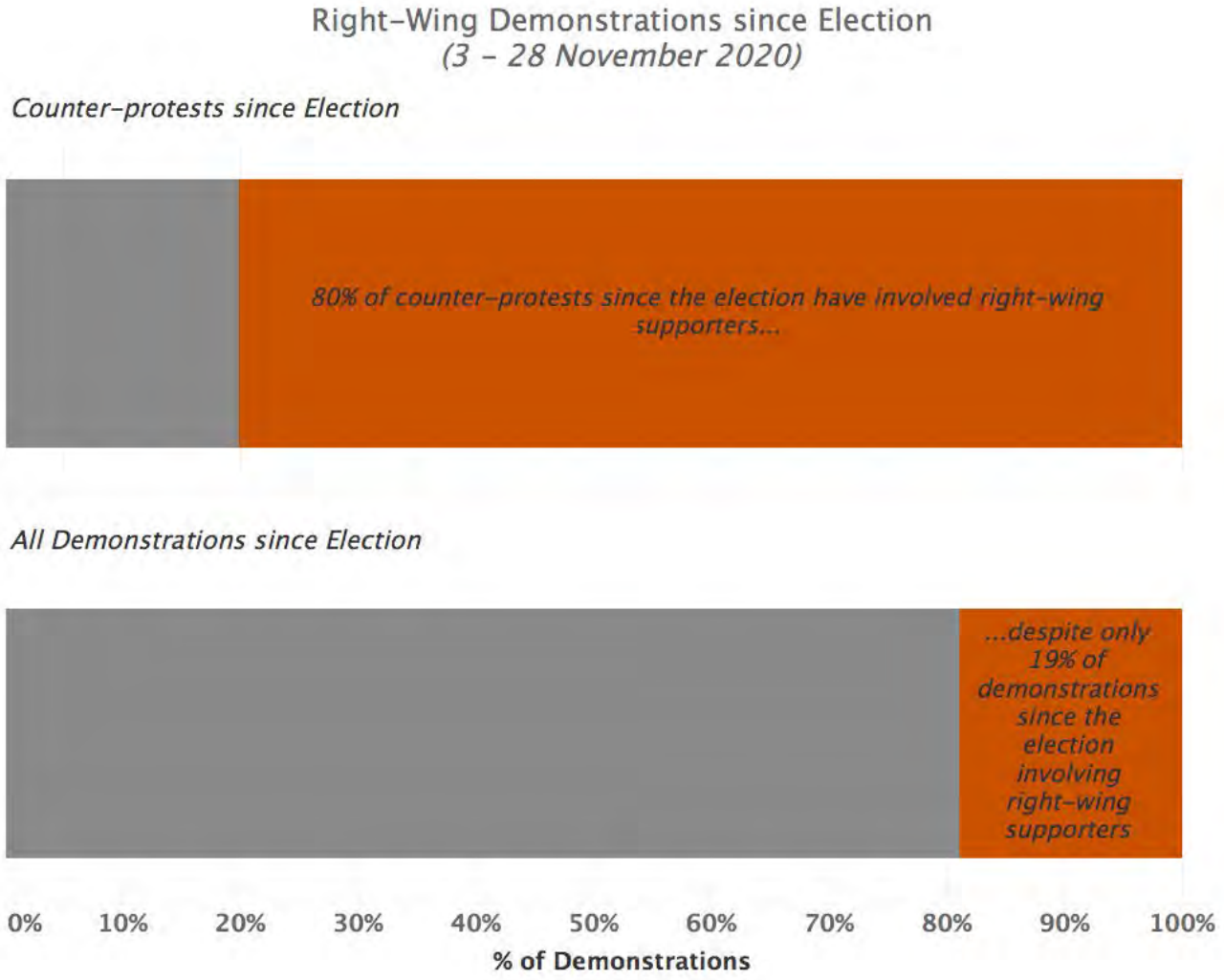
'MAGA Drag' events, as they are often termed around and beyond the election, have resulted in several high-profile events, aside from individual car-ramming attacks. For example, the week before the election, a group of drivers supporting President Trump surrounded a Biden/Harris campaign bus on a stretch of highway outside of Austin, Texas. Pro-Trump supporters, many of whom were armed, surrounded the bus on the interstate and attempted to drive it off the road (CNN, 1 November 2020). One of the drivers hit a Biden campaign staffer's car. The event, which caused the Biden campaign to cancel an event in nearby Pflugerville due to safety concerns (Texas Tribune, 31 October 2020), was "celebrated" by President Trump, who tweeted his support for those who had swarmed the bus (NPR, 1 November 2020). Since the vote, in mid-November, during a protest against the president while he was golfing at Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, Virginia, a pro-Trump counter-protester forcefully exhaled on two women demonstrators after they commented that he was not wearing a face mask during the pandemic. The Trump supporter was later charged with misdemeanor assault amid coronavirus concerns (Politico, 23 November 2020).

Individualized violence and intimidation is also common outside of these contexts, in the form of hate crimes. In recent weeks, ACLED has recorded multiple cases of property destruction targeting specific ethnic, religious, and political groups. In Alabama, unidentified assailants perpetrated an arson attack against a business owned by the leader of the local BLM chapter (WBRC, 12 November 2020), though there were no reports of anyone hurt in the incident. In Texas, the mailbox of a pro-Biden couple was spray-painted with swastikas weeks after all of their Biden-Harris signs were destroyed (KLTV, 16 November 2020). Likewise, a swastika painted on a newspaper was left outside the office of a left-leaning news outlet in Kentucky. Furthermore, the Jewish Center at the University of Kentucky was vandalized after the Rabbi claimed to have received death threats. In November, the FBI reported that hate crimes in the US rose to their highest levels in over a decade last year (AP, 16 November 2020).

Importantly, this trajectory focuses on how individual actors, outside of more 'firm networks,' may use gatherings to commit violence or to intimidate political rivals. Such gatherings can serve as a platform or area of operations for individuals prepared to commit violence or disorder to follow through on their ideation, often as people are leaving marches or after protests disintegrate. In this way, this trajectory is distinct from the one described above (*Mass Mobilization of Decentralized, Armed Individuals*). It is more sporadic and unpredictable, making its likelihood in both the short- and medium-term, as well as its potential for violence, higher than the former, which relies on networked 'calls to action' through a more decentralized response system.

(4) Unarmed mass mobilization

If demonstrations represent mass mobilization of unarmed, non-militia — or otherwise broadly unaffiliated — and heterogenous right-wing individuals, then there will be a lower risk of lethal violence, and yet a higher risk of street-fighting, especially brawls with counter-protesters. Right-wing demonstrations are highly competitive, and counter-protests disproportionately involve right-wing supporters. Approximately 19% of all demonstrations in the US since the election have been right-wing, but right-wing activists have participated in more than 80% of all counter-protests during the same period (*see graph below*).[17]



[17] It is important to remember that not all demonstrations can be categorized as right- or left-wing (i.e. the fact that less than 19% of demonstrations since the election have been right-wing does not mean that over 81% have been left-wing). For example, a large proportion of demonstrations in recent weeks have been related to the coronavirus pandemic *(for more, see this recent infographic from ACLED's COVID-19 Disorder Tracker).* While some of these can be categorized as right-wing (e.g. those involving armed right-wing groups challenging the state's authority to mandate mask-wearing) or as left-wing (e.g. those admonishing the Trump administration's handling of the pandemic), others cannot be easily categorized as such. For example, a protest involving restaurant staff advocating against coronavirus restrictions so that they can get back to work is not necessarily 'right-wing,' and a protest involving healthcare workers advocating for more access to personal protective equipment (PPE) to keep them safe is not necessarily 'left-wing.' Many of these types of demonstrations do not cite involvement by a right- or left-wing group, and sources do not report protesters making right- or left-wing claims. As such, the specific political stance of such protests cannot be definitively known — and is hence not grouped into right-wing or left-wing categories for this analysis.

Pro-Trump demonstrations have drawn numerous protesters, many of whom may not have previously taken to the streets over the summer. These individuals have been consuming a very particular strain of fringe media that has shaped the way they will respond, particularly around the acceptance of election results. Whether these sources be QAnon, anti-mask, or election fraud information streams, disinformation articles are often shared on friendly social media sites, like Parler, or on militia forums, such as MyMilitia (Conversation, 27 November 2020). There is also substantial spread of violent memes and content around attacking left- or BLM-associated protesters that have, in some instances, been tied directly to violence (Wall Street Journal, 25 October 2020).

In addition to a space to protest, these demonstrations also provide networking and recruitment opportunities. A collection of right-wing ideologies have been present at these demonstrations: a coalition of convenience and common purpose. It includes the likes of InfoWars, a right-wing conspiracy news site headed by Alex Jones, who has a history of involvement in street rallies; to the Groyper Army, Nick Fuentes' most recent evolution of the America First traditionalist, neo-fascist movement; to viewers of One America News Network (OANN), a far-right media outfit friendly to Trump and pro-Trump writers; to QAnon, the conspiracy theory originating from 4Chan users, detailing Trump's fight against the 'deep state' that opposes Trump and connects to theories that powerful Democrats run a secret pedophilia ring for the world's elite; to Proud Boys and other armed groups; and beyond.

These groups have already come together at protests since the election. On 14 November, thousands of Trump supporters made the trek to Washington, DC to participate in a large 'Stop the Steal' event called the 'Million MAGA March.' Attendees included hundreds of unarmed, unaffiliated protesters as well as groups like the Proud Boys, the Oath Keepers, Boogaloo Bois, the III%ers, QAnon, and the American Guard, among others, who were in turn met by counter-protesters, including BLM supporters and antifascists, among others (BuzzFeed, 15 November 2020). While the march during the day was largely peaceful, rioting and fighting between the right and left was reported both before and after the march, including fist fights; use of clubs and projectiles; setting off fireworks; spraying of irritants; multiple stabbings; and a car-ramming attack (Washington Post, 15 November 2020). Days later, a multi-day protest was held in Atlanta, Georgia, attracting hundreds of people. Right-wing influencers like Alex Jones of InfoWars, Nick Fuentes of Groypers, and Enrique Tarrio of the Proud Boys, among others, were in attendance. Demonstrators marched into the state capitol as part of a 'Stop the Steal' event amid Georgia's high-profile recount (Daily Mail, 18 November 2020). Several participants held 'We are Q' signs, in support of QAnon, and 'thin blue line' flags, expressing support for law enforcement. The group was met by a small group of counter-protesters, including BLM and Antifa supporters, among others (11Alive, 21 November 2020).

Such networking and recruitment across group identities has the potential for further ideological escalation into the future. Given the local nature of these protests, local politics also serve to impact the political inclinations of the demonstrators, in turn creating space for coalition building and cross-pollination among the participating movements. The 'Stop the Steal' mobilizations have moved from grassroots-organized protests in places like Arizona towards more centrally organized and nationally orchestrated mobilizations with a dedicated political action committee, such as the 'Million MAGA March'. With this national attention, a broader coalition of right-wing actors and ideologies have been mobilized and engaged in demonstrations, from militia groups and white nationalists to conspiracy theorists and internet trolls.

Conclusion

Pro-Trump and right-wing organizing has changed significantly since the election, and analysis of ACLED data indicates that it will likely continue to evolve going into the inauguration and initial stages of the Biden administration. Demonstrations have increasingly involved organized, armed militia groups. They have also involved armed, decentralized, and potentially violent individuals, especially those who may respond to 'muster calls' or travel from a distance to take action. And they have involved unarmed mass mobilization as well — all while sporadic attacks by sole perpetrators have become more common.

Right-wing groups and militias are already planning events on and around Inauguration Day, shifting in recent weeks from viewing the 'Stop the Steal' movement as the ultimate form of mobilization towards contesting the election with the assumption that the result cannot be changed before Biden takes office. The emergence of new groups and organizing parties indicates that militias and armed groups are not going away after the end of the election period. Given the resurgence of the modern militia movement in 2009, following the election and inauguration of former President Barack Obama, similar patterns are already beginning to replicate themselves — from militia recruitment to Tea Party-style political organizing.

Even as key trends in activity have changed, many of the same political strains that have impacted social movements, mobilization, and violence over the summer have persisted through the election and will continue into the near future. This includes the coronavirus crisis, which has worsened during the election and post-election period. Spikes in COVID-19 deaths have been highly correlated with demonstrations linked to the pandemic (*for more, see this recent infographic from ACLED's COVID-19 Disorder Tracker*) — both those demanding a stronger government response to curb the pandemic, as well as those opposed to public health restrictions. With cases and deaths surging (Washington Post, 7 December 2020), officials are likely to take further steps to slow the spread of the virus, such as the renewed stay-at-home order put in place in California (The Guardian, 7 December 2020). In December, President-elect Biden stated that he will ask Americans to wear face masks for the first 100 days after he takes office (CNN, 3 December 2020). A more forceful government response to the pandemic, especially at the national level, could lead to a major increase in counter-mobilizing on the right.

The future of right-wing mobilization will also be impacted by changes in gun regulation. Many on the armed right are extremely worried about President-elect Biden or other newly elected Democrats implementing gun restrictions (CNN, 12 November 2020). Concerns are primarily focused on potential AR-15 or high-capacity magazine bans, both of which would likely drive major armed right-wing mobilization to state capitols and Washington, DC (CBS News, 12 November 2020; Vox, 20 August 2020). The risk of armed unrest around the gun regulation debate is likely to grow, as increasingly militant pro-Second Amendment organizations have continued to thrive throughout 2020 (Mother Jones, 2 December 2020).

Lastly, core drivers of left-wing mobilization — which is also a major motivator of reactive right-wing counter-mobilization — largely remain in place. From unmet promises for social and racial justice, to COVID-19's massive economic impact, especially on marginalized communities, to persistent inequities in the healthcare system, the US has failed to meet many of the needs identified by these movements. The

intersection of future spikes in left-wing protest activity and the right-wing mobilization patterns outlined above could constitute significant flashpoints for violence and unrest.

President Trump's continued refusal to concede, support for disinformation campaigns aimed at delegitimizing the incoming administration, and reported preliminary planning to launch a 2024 bid to retake the White House on Inauguration Day (NBC News, 1 December 2020) — in addition to the potential for stronger public health restrictions, new gun regulations, and resurgent left-wing activism under President Biden — are among the range of drivers that could activate and shape the trajectories identified in this report. Monitoring these risk factors will be critical for efforts to prevent peaceful mobilization from devolving into political violence, and mitigating the threat of violent instability through the inauguration and beyond.

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U.S. Prosecutors Expect to Charge Hundreds of Capitol Rioters (/dr20210113-u-s-prosecutors-expect-to-charge-hundreds-of-capitol-rioters)

By Masood Farivar

U.S. prosecutors say they have identified more than 170 people for potential criminal charges in connection with the January 6 storming of the U.S. Capitol and that they expect that number to run into the hundreds in the coming weeks as a massive nationwide hunt for the pro-Trump rioters continues.

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Is Impeaching President Trump "Pointless Revenge"? Not If It Sends a Message to Future Presidents (/dr20210113-is-impeaching-president-trump-pointless-revenge-not-if-it-sends-a-message-to-future-presidents)

By Michael Blake

If Congress chooses to impeach President Trump, it is because there is a need to mark out, through a definitive statement, what no president ought to do. It will also set the moral limits of the presidency – and, thereby, send a message to future presidents who might be tempted to follow in President Trump's footsteps.

Vaccines

As the Vaccines Arrive, So Do the Questions (/dr20210113-as-the-vaccines-arrive-so-do-the-questions)

By Robin Rauzi

As the first COVID-19 vaccines are being administered across the United States—developed, tested, and approved with historic speed—countless questions have arisen about what comes next. Is one vaccine better than another? Can the United States both speed up inoculation and overcome some people's hesitance to get the shot?

Armed conflict

An Avalanche of Violence: Revealing Predictable Patterns in Armed Conflicts (/dr20210113-an-avalanche-of-violence-revealing-predictable-patterns-in-armed-conflicts)

New research finds that human conflict exhibits remarkable regularity despite substantial geographic and cultural differences.

Power plants

It's Getting Hot in Here: Warming World Will Fry Power Plant Production (/dr20210113-its-getting-hot-in-here-warming-world-will-fry-power-plant-production)

There's no doubt the Earth's temperatures are going up. The power plants that keep air conditioners pushing out cold air could soon be in a vicious cycle in a warming world–not able to keep up with growing demands on hotter days and driving up greenhouse gas emissions to dangerous levels.

Water security

Finding Toxic Chemicals in Drinking Water (/dr20210113-finding-toxic-chemicals-in-drinking-water)

Most consumers of drinking water in the United States know that chemicals are used in the treatment processes to ensure the water is safe to drink. But they might not know that the use of some of these chemicals, such as chlorine, can also lead to the formation of unregulated toxic byproducts.

Food security

Beating the "Billion-Dollar Bug" Is a Shared Burden (/dr20210113-beating-the-billiondollar-bug-is-a-shared-burden)

A lurking threat that has stymied US corn growers for decades is now returning to the forefront: western corn rootworm. Sometimes referred to as the "billion-dollar bug," the species' tiny larvae chew through the roots of corn plants, causing devastating yield losses. In 2003, farmers began planting a genetically engineered variety of corn known as "Bt," which produces a protein toxic to the pest species – but by 2009, the billion-dollar bug had already evolved adaptations for resistance to the toxin. Study shows how individual farming practices associated with greater corn rootworm damage can have farther-reaching effects.

Our picks

Cuba's Support for Terror | DoD Drone Strategy | Military Personnel and the Putsch (/dr20210113-cuba-s-support-for-terror-dod-drone-strategy-military-personnel-and-the-putsch)

- Survey Finds Global Mistrust Could Weigh on Vaccine Rollout
- UN Official: Terrorists Using Pandemic to Stoke Extremism
- Cuba's Support for Terror
- Critics Say Nashville Police Could Have Done More with Tip About Bomber
- Capitol Riots Create Concerns over Inauguration Security

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- Extremists Move to Secret Online Channels to Plan for Inauguration Day in D.C.

- Right-Wing Extremist Chatter Spreads on New Platforms as Threat of Political Violence Ramps Up
- Twitter Suspends 70,000 QAnon Accounts in Massive Purge Following Deadly Capitol Siege, Trump Ban
- Justice Dept. Investigating Sedition and Conspiracy Charges and Any Terror Links to Violent Storming of U.S. Capitol
- Schumer Says Democrats Will Probe Extremist Groups after Capitol Attack
- Military Personnel and the Putsch at the U.S. Capitol
- A Quixotic President

Domestic terrorism

FBI Issues Alert about Extremists' Plan to Disrupt Biden's Inauguration (/dr20210112-fbi-issues-alert-about-extremists-plan-to-disrupt-biden-s-inauguration)

The FBI is warning state and local and law enforcement around the country of plans for violent action by right-wing extremists in the day leading up to the inauguration of Joe Biden on 20 January. According to the FBI, various right-wing extremist groups are planning a series of protests in the capitals of all fifty states between 16 and 20 January, and in Washington, D.C. between the 17 and 20 of January.

Democracy watch

U.S. Capitol Mob Highlights 5 Reasons Not to Underestimate Far-Right Extremists (/dr20210112-u-s-capitol-mob-highlights-5-reasons-not-to-underestimate-farright-extremists)

By Alexander Hinton

In the wake of the mob incursion that took over the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, it's clear that many people are concerned about violence from far-right extremists. But they may not understand the real threat. While researching my forthcoming book, *It Can Happen Here: White Power and the Rising Threat of Genocide in the U.S.*, I discovered that there are five key mistakes people make when thinking about far-right extremists. These mistakes obscure the extremists' true danger.

The Russia connection

U.S. Hits Back at Russian Election Disinformation Ring (/dr20210112-u-s-hits-back-at-russian-election-disinformation-ring)

By Jeff Seldin

The United States is taking steps to punish members of a Russian-backed influence operation that sought to interfere with November's election and damage the campaign of President-elect Joe Biden. The Treasury Department on Monday announced sanctions against seven people and four companies, all connected to Ukrainian politician Andrii Derkach, previously identified by U.S. officials as a long-time Russian agent. Derkach fed Rudi Giuliani, Donald

Trump's personal lawyer, Russia-fabricated derogatory misinformation on Joe Biden, and Giuliani's role in the plot was to disseminate it on pro-Trump news outlets like One America Network.

Truth decay

Stopping the Deluge of Disinformation Flooding the Internet, Social Media (/dr20210112-stopping-the-deluge-of-disinformation-flooding-the-internet-social-media)

The use and spread of disinformation — false or misleading information intended to deceive people — is being amplified and accelerated at an alarming rate on the internet via social media. Within the U.S., this has quickly eroded trust in institutions that serve as the bedrocks of our society, such as science, the media, and government, to the point that we can't even agree on basic facts.

Nuclear power

Want Cheaper Nuclear Energy? Turn the Design Process into a Game (/dr20210112-want-cheaper-nuclear-energy-turn-the-design-process-into-a-game)

By Kim Martineau

Nuclear energy provides more carbon-free electricity in the United States than solar and wind combined, making it a key player in the fight against climate change. But the U.S. nuclear fleet is aging, and operators are under pressure to streamline their operations to compete with coal- and gas-fired plants. Researchers show that deep reinforcement learning can be used to design more efficient nuclear reactors.

Climate challenges

2020 Was on Par with Warmest Year Ever Recorded, Ends Warmest Decade on Record (/dr20210112-2020-was-on-par-with-warmest-year-ever-recorded-ends-warmest-decade-on-record)

Globally, 2020 was tied with the previous warmest year 2016, making it the sixth in a series of exceptionally warm years starting in 2015, and 2011-2020 the warmest decade recorded.

Our picks

The Latest Cyberattack Was Different | Worrying About the Wrong Threat | Russian Postcards, and more (/dr20210112-the-latest-cyberattack-was-different-worrying-about-the-wrong-threat-russian-postcards-and-more)

- Fear Spreads in Minnesota Town as 'Extremist Group' Moves to Open Church
- Americans Were Worried About the Wrong Threat
- Amazon, Apple Join In Moves Against Parler, Citing Extremist Content And Association With Capitol Riots

- U.S. Declares Cuba a State Sponsor of Terrorism
- Why the Latest Cyberattack Was Different
- FBI Probes Russian-Linked Postcard Sent to FireEye CEO after Cybersecurity Firm Uncovered Hack - Sources
- Fake News Victims Are Using Lawsuits to Shut Down the Lies. Can Courts Cure This Plague?
- How Will Biden's Pentagon Handle Extreme Right-Wing Media?
- Pompeo, in Tuesday Speech, to Accuse Iran of al Qaeda Links: Sources

Our picks: Democracy watch

How MAGA Extremism Ends | Time for Consequences | 3 Terrifying Plots to Overthrow Government, and more (/dr20210112-how-maga-extremism-ends-time-for-consequences-3-terrifying-plots-to-overthrow-government-and-more)

- How MAGA Extremism Ends
- House Democrats Briefed on 3 Terrifying Plots to Overthrow Government
- Extremists Intensify Calls for Violence Ahead of Inauguration Day
- The Capitol Riot Shows the Growing Danger of Right-Wing Extremism
- Canadian Proud Boys in "Panic" as Platforms Go Offline and Government Talks of Terror Listing
- Social-Media Watchdogs Detect Signs of Ongoing Extremist Threat
- Harvard Removes Republican Elise Stefanik from Advisory Committee
- Time for Consequences
- Twitter, in Widening Crackdown, Removes Over 70,000 QAnon Accounts

Democracy watch

U.S. Capitol Police Overrun by Mob After Declining Help (/dr20210108-u-s-capitol-police-overrun-by-mob-after-declining-help)

By Jeff Seldin

Law enforcement officials in charge of protecting the U.S. Capitol repeatedly declined offers of additional assistance ahead of Wednesday's protest-turned-riot that forced lawmakers to take shelter, delaying certification of the results of the country's presidential election. The allegations, from defense and military officials, come a day after large crowds of extremists supporting President Donald Trump pushed past barricades and members of the Capitol Police to rampage through the building.

Democracy watch

The Uncomfortable Questions Facing Capitol Police over the Security Breach by MAGA Mob

(/dr20210108-the-uncomfortable-questions-facing-capitol-police-over-the-security-breach-by-maga-mob)

By Tom Nolan

When die-hard Trump supporters are able to storm the U.S. Capitol and forcefully occupy offices in the House and the Senate, questions over security are going to be asked. Something clearly didn't go to plan on Wednesday. The man in charge of policing that day, U.S. Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund, has since announced he is resigning. But even with him gone, what will remain are serious questions that will need to be answered about how an angry mob was able to circumvent security and enter the Capitol building.

PERSPECTIVE: Capitol security failure

Tragedy at the Capitol: Four Questions that Demand Answers (/dr20210108-tragedy-at-the-capitol-four-questions-that-demand-answers)

How can the U.S. Capitol, surrounded by one of the largest concentrations of law enforcement and national security personnel in the world, be so quickly overrun by Trump insurrectionists hell-bent on "stopping the steal," halting our cherished democratic processes, and potentially harming lawmakers? Mark Nevitt writes that "it was always drilled home from my time in the military the importance of unity of command and unity of effort.... But prior to the insurrection, Trump himself incited it, in tweets and in a speech that morning. Shockingly, the person at the very top of the chain of command was not interested in protecting the Capitol nor the lawmakers inside during a time of national crisis."

Extremism

Extremists React to Pro-Trump Siege on Capitol

(/dr20210108-extremists-react-to-protrump-siege-on-capitol)

On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, pro-Trump extremists, including some identified right-wing extremists, stormed the U.S. Capitol building, interrupting the Congressional session affirming the election results and forcing a partial evacuation. In chatrooms and other extremist forums, many people cheered the actions of those at the Capitol, praising the trespassers as patriots who were willing to "stand up" to politicians and the government. many users shared their belief that war is coming, and some encouraged people to be prepared for further action.

Extremism

Capitol Hill Riots Prompt Germany to Revisit Online Hate Speech Law (/dr20210108-capitol-hill-riots-prompt-germany-to-revisit-online-hate-speech-law)

Numerous social networks were quick to impose bans President Donald Trump, preventing him from continuing to disseminate lies on their platforms, and, more importantly, blocking him from using his social media accounts to incite violence. For many critics, these restrictions came four years too late. The assault on the U.S. Capitol

by Trump supporters has led to fresh calls in Germany for more restrictions on extremist speech in Germany, too.

DHS

The Role of Congressional Oversight in Department Reform (/dr20210108-the-role-of-congressional-oversight-in-department-reform)

By Julia Siegel

The Scowcroft Center's Forward Defense project and the Center for a New American Security (CNAS) hosted a panel of former Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials to discuss why now is the time to streamline congressional oversight of DHS. The goal of the Forward Defense project is to craft sustainable, nonpartisan strategies that meet the complex security challenges of today and tomorrow, and the panel explored how fragmented congressional oversight impacts DHS and charted a path forward.

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Israelis hold torch-lit protest accusing PM of corruption

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Dozens of Israeli protesters carrying lit torches, megaphones and flags gathered at dawn Wednesday outside Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's official residence to highlight his corruption trial, which...

World Bank approves cash assistance to crisis-struck Lebanon

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BEIRUT (AP) — The World Bank approved a $246 million loan to Lebanon to provide emergency cash assistance to nearly 800,000 Lebanese reeling under the country's compounded economic and health crises.

Slow Anti-Americanism in Central Asia

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In an interview, Edward Schatz, an associate professor of political science at the University of Toronto, discusses how Central Asian social movements have used the United States in framing their efforts.

Russia Navalny: Poisoned opposition leader says he will fly home

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Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny says he has bought a plane ticket and will return to Russia on 17 January, months after he was poisoned in Siberia and sent to Germany for treatment.

Pakistan police arrest 7 armed men, recovers large cache of weapons

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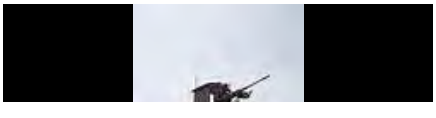
Authorities arrested seven armed men, and recovered at least a thousand bullets.



Rebels Launch Attacks Close To C.Africa Capital

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Rebel forces in the Central African Republic on Wednesday launched two attacks close to the capital Bangui that were swiftly repelled, Interior Minister Henri Wanzet Linguissara said. Armed groups opposed to President Fa...

AfDB pledges $6.5bn to help Sahel countries fight desertification

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Launched in 2007 by the African Union, the Great Green Wall initiative is a concerted attempt to roll back the Sahara desert increasing desertification.

Migrants at Risk as Coronavirus Shutters Mexico Shelters

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The coronavirus pandemic has forced migrant shelters in Mexico to close or limit capacity, exacerbating an already precarious situation for migrants vulnerable to the predations of criminal groups.

Suspected Money Launderers Can Maintain Bank Accounts in El Salvador

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In December, Héctor Gustavo Villatoro, the head of El Salvador's Financial System Superintendence (Superintendencia del Sistema Financiera – SSF) released a memo forbidding banks from severing commercial ties with allege...

Uganda elections 2021: Social media blocked ahead of poll

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Uganda has blocked access to social media and messaging apps ahead of Thursday's hotly contested election. A letter, seen by AFP and Reuters, was sent to all telecoms firms by the communications regulator ordering the im...

Ethiopia warns Sudan over military build-up amid border tensions

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Ethiopia has accused Sudanese forces of pushing further into a contested border region that has been the site of deadly clashes in recent weeks, warning that its "peaceful" approach to the dispute "has its limit". Sharin...

Eagerly anticipated COVID-19 vaccine to arrive in Baja California

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Baja California's Secretary of Health Alonso Pérez Rico — and thousands of other people — have been waiting for this day for a long time as the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine are expected to arrive in the state late...

Brazil results show Chinese vaccine 50.4% effective

1/13/2021

A coronavirus vaccine developed by China's Sinovac has been found to be 50.4% effective in Brazilian clinical trials, according to the latest results released by researchers. It shows the vaccine is significantly less ef...

Estonian government collapses over corruption investigation

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Estonia's prime minister has resigned after police and prosecutors launched an investigation into an alleged corruption scandal involving his left-leaning Centre party related to a property development.

Kim promotes self, demotes sister in Pyongyang power puzzle

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Party Congress ends with removal of economic czar who promoted marketization but offers little clarity on future plans

U.S. Unveils Plan to Counter China's Rise From India to Taiwan

1/13/2021

The Trump administration declassified its strategy to ensure continued dominance over China, which focuses on accelerating India's rise as a counterweight to Beijing and the ability to defend Taiwan against an attack....

SolarLeaks site claims to sell data stolen in SolarWinds attacks

1/13/2021

A website named 'SolarLeaks' is selling data they claim was stolen from companies confirmed to have been breached in the SolarWinds attack.

U.S. to require negative COVID-19 tests for arriving international air passengers

1/13/2021

Nearly all air travelers will need to present a negative coronavirus test to enter the United States under expanded test testing requirements announced on Tuesday.

Big data, meet physical security

1/13/2021

By the end of 2020, it is expected that more than 59 zettabytes of data will be generated globally. With access to data from sources such as social media, news and the dark web, encrypted connected security systems, and...

UK: People arriving from UAE ordered to isolate amid virus fears

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The United Kingdom removed the United Arab Emirates from its travel corridors list on Monday, following a surge of COVID-19 cases in the Gulf country.

'Unprecedented' violence as Uganda gears up for elections

1/12/2021

Opposition figures in Uganda criticised widespread violence by security forces ahead of Thursday's presidential election as main challenger Bobi Wine said soldiers raided his home and beat two security guards. "The terro...

Corruption Trial of French-Israeli Tycoon Begins in Switzerland

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From: OSAC Admin
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Subject: JOINT FBI-DHS-NCTC Intelligence Bulletin: "(U//FOUO) Domestic Violent Extremists Emboldened in Aftermath of Capitol Breach, Elevated Domestic Terrorism Threat of Violence Likely Amid Political Transitions and Beyond"
Attachments: FBI (U--FOUO) JIB - Domestic Violent Extremists Emboldened in Aftermath of Capitol Breach 01132021.pdf

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Subject: (U//FOUO) The 6 January 2021 Violent Breach by DVEs of the US Capitol Building Very Likely Will Serve as an Enduring Driver for Violence by a Range of DVEs
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1. **Armed Protests Being Planned At All 50 State Capitols, FBI Bulletin Says [ABC News] Multiple Field Offices**

- Starting this week and running through at least Inauguration Day, armed protests are being planned at all 50 state capitols and at the U.S. Capitol, according to an internal FBI bulletin.

- The FBI has also received information in recent days on a group calling for "storming" state, local and federal government courthouses and administrative buildings in the event President Donald Trump is removed from office prior to Inauguration Day.

- The group is also planning to "storm" government offices in every state the day President-elect Joe Biden will be inaugurated, regardless of whether the states certified electoral votes for Biden or Trump.

- "The FBI received information about an identified armed group intending to travel to Washington, DC on 16 January." "They have warned that if Congress attempts to remove POTUS via the 25th Amendment, a huge uprising will occur."

- See also Daily Mail – UK: **House Dems Are Briefed About Three More Plots To Attack The Capitol In The Next Few Days - Including The 'Largest Armed Protest To Take Place On American Soil'**

2. **Statement From Acting [DHS] Secretary Wolf On NSSE Designation [DHS] WFO**

- "In light of events of the past week and the evolving security landscape leading up to the inauguration and at the recommendation of Secret Service Director James Murray, I have instructed the U.S. Secret Service to begin the National Special Security Event operations for the 2021 Inauguration effective Wednesday, January 13th instead of January 19th."

- From MSN via Bloomberg: President Trump has approved an Emergency Declaration and authorizes the DHS and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to "identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency."

- The National Guard has received approval to deploy as many as 15,000 personnel to Washington before and during Joe Biden's inauguration, as law enforcement in the nation's capital and around the country brace for violence during the transition of power. **Trump Issues Emergency Declaration For Event: Inaugural Update**

- From MSN via Washington Post: As airlines and airports gird for more disruption when supporters of President Trump return to Washington for protests ahead of the inauguration, the head of the FAA issued a warning to air travelers: Causing a safety risk could mean a jail term or a $35,000 fine. **FAA Warns Of Jail Time, Fines As Airports And Airlines Prep For Unruly Passengers Ahead Of The Inauguration**

3. **Man Arrested At WA Capitol Part Of Group That Breached Gate At Governor's Mansion [MYNorthwest] SE**

- The Washington State Patrol arrested two people at the state capitol campus on Monday [Jan. 11] as the 2021 legislative session kicked off. WSP reported that the second arrest — a 30-year-old male — was also determined to have been one of the people that breached a gate at the governor's mansion last Wednesday [Jan. 6].

- Troopers say on Monday the man failed to comply with a lawful order after attempting to enter a restricted area.

- WSP announced the first arrest shortly after 8:20 a.m., taking a woman using an RV to block a roadway into custody. The woman reportedly "refused to comply with orders to move."

4. **2 Capitol Police Officers Suspended And At Least 10 More Under Investigation For Alleged Roles In Riot [CNN] WFO**

- Two US Capitol Police officers were suspended and at least 10 more are under investigation for their behavior during last week's assault on the Capitol, and federal agents will look at whether current and former law enforcement officers played a role in the riot.

- One of the Capitol police officers took a selfie with someone who was part of the mob that overtook the Capitol and the other wore a "Make America Great Again" hat and started directing people around the building, according to Rep. Tim Ryan, an Ohio Democrat.

- See also Daily Mail – UK: **One Capitol Cop Is Arrested, Two Are Suspended And 17 Are Under Investigation For Conduct During Invasion - Including One Who Took Selfies And Another Who Put On A MAGA Hat And Took Rioters Around Capitol**

5. **Rocky Mount [Virginia] Police Officer Placed On Leave For Being At Capitol Riot Says He And Fellow Officer Did Nothing Illegal [Roanoke Times – VA] WFO**

- A photograph circulating on social media of two off-duty Rocky Mount police officers inside the U.S. Capitol during Wednesday's riot sparked a Black Lives Matter protest Sunday [Jan. 10] outside the department's building on North Main Street.

- In the image, Rocky Mount Police Sgt. T.J. Robertson and Officer Jacob Fracker stand before a statue of John Stark, a Revolutionary War officer from New Hampshire. Robertson appears to be pointing at Fracker, while Fracker, who took the selfie, is making an obscene gesture at the camera.

- The Rocky Mount Police Department on Sunday [Jan. 10] said it notified federal authorities that two of its off-duty officers were present during the Capitol attack, which a town news release described only as "an event in Washington, D.C.

- "T.J. Robertson aka Thomas Robertson" and "Jacob Fracker" are positive in FBI holdings. Program Manager: DTOU

6. **Insurrectionist's Ex-Wife Identified Him To The Feds [The Cut via New York Post] WFO**

- An arrest affidavit for Larry Randall Brock — a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel whose image was widely circulated after he participated in the January 6 siege of Congress — states that Brock's ex-wife contacted the FBI's National Threat Operations Center on January 8.

- She reportedly said that she recognized his military gear, and added, "I just know that when I saw this was happening I was afraid he would be there. I think you already know he was there. It is such a good picture of him and I recognize his patch."

- "Larry Randall Brock" is positive in FBI holdings. Program Manager: DTOU

7. **Army Investigating Psychological Operations Officer Present At Capitol On Day Of Riot [MSN via Newsweek] WFO**

- The Army is investigating one of its active-duty officers who was at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, when rioters stormed the federal building.

- The 1st Special Forces Command said Monday [Jan. 11] that it was aware of Captain Emily Rainey's presence at the Capitol on the day of the riot and that the command, based at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, is "currently investigating to determine the facts as to her exact involvement."

- "Emily Rainey" is positive in FBI holdings. Program Manager: DTOU

8. **Minnesota Woman Melody Marie Black Kicked Off Flight After Being Identified As Capitol Rioter [VIDEO] [WCCO/CBS4 – Minneapolis, MN] MP**

- A Minnesota woman was kicked off a Delta flight from Washington D.C. to Minneapolis after being identified as a member of the riot at the U.S. Capitol building last week.

- Melody Black aka Melody Marie Black, from Red Wing [MN], was one of many identified as alleged Capitol rioters who were kicked off flights or arrested at airports around the nation this weekend.

- "Melody Black aka Melody Marie Black" is negative in FBI holdings.

9. **One Trump Fan's Descent Into The U.S. Capitol Mob [Wall Street Journal] WFO**

- On his second trip to the Capitol, Doug Sweet joined a mob of Trump supporters who smashed their way into the seat of the U.S. Congress, and finished his visit handcuffed facedown on the floor.

- "Doug Sweet" is positive in FBI holdings. Program Manager: DTOU

- Also from WSJ: An Oklahoma grandmother. The CEO of a Chicago-area marketing firm. A Florida man convicted of attempted murder. A leader of the group of far-right street brawlers known as the Proud Boys. An Iraq war veteran who works at a Seattle-area packaging plant. A newly sworn-in West Virginia lawmaker.

- In the days since the attack—resulting in five deaths, including a police officer who was killed and a rioter shot by police—a clearer picture of the angry mob has begun to emerge. **Conspiracy Theorists, CEO's And Grandmothers: Inside The Capitol Mob**

10. **New Questions Surrounding Canadian County [Oklahoma] Sheriff's Social Media Posts Amid His Attendance Of DC Trump Rally Turned To Riot** **[KFOR – Oklahoma City, OK] WFO**

- Canadian County Sheriff Chris West has said while he was in D.C. last week for the Trump rally, he did not push past police or enter the Capitol building. However, some recently surfaced social media posts are raising some questions.

- He insisted he did not push past any police officers or go inside the building with the rioters. Then over the weekend, posts from a since-deleted Facebook account, allegedly belonging to the sheriff, surfaced.

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- See also NPR – Tulsa, OK: **Sheriff, Mayors Among Oklahomans In Washington On Day Of Insurrection**

11. **U.S. Imposes Sanctions On Ukrainians Over Election Interference** **[Reuters]**

- The U.S. on Monday [Jan. 11] imposed sanctions on several Ukrainian individuals and entities, accusing them of U.S. election interference and associating with a pro-Russian Ukrainian lawmaker linked to efforts by President Donald Trump's allies to dig up dirt on President-elect Joe Biden and his son.

- The U.S. Treasury Department accused the seven individuals and four entities of involvement in a Russia-linked foreign influence network associated with Ukrainian parliamentarian Andriy Derkach.

- The pro-Russian lawmaker was hit with sanctions by the U.S. government in September over accusations he tried to interfere in the 2020 U.S. election won by Biden.

12. **Beavercreek [Oregon] Man Arrested, Charged After Firing Handgun Into The [Portland, OR] Hatfield Federal Courthouse** **[DOJ] PD**

- Cody Melby, 39, has been charged by criminal complaint with destruction of government property.

- At approximately 7:35pm on January 8, Melby allegedly jumped over a security fence at the Hatfield Courthouse and, using a 9mm handgun, fired several rounds into the building's exterior. Two courthouse security officers exited the building and approached Melby after observing him on a closed-circuit security camera. Melby told the officers he had a gun and the officers placed him in handcuffs without further incident.

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13. **Richlands [Virginia] Man Pleads Guilty To Possessing And Manufacturing An Unregistered Explosive Device [DOJ] RH**

- Cole Carini, 24, pleaded guilty today to one count of possessing and manufacturing an unregistered explosive device. A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for April 13, 2021. At sentencing, Carini faces up to ten years imprisonment and a $250,000 fine.

- On June 3, 2020, Carini went to a health clinic in Richlands suffering from suffering from extensive injuries to his hands, and shrapnel wounds to his neck and throat. After being interviewed at the hospital by officers, Carini reported that his injuries were caused by a lawn mower accident at his home.

- "Cole Carini" is positive in FBI holdings. Program Manager: DTOU

14. **FBI Probes Russian-Linked Postcard Sent To Fireeye CEO After Cybersecurity Firm Uncovered Hack - Sources [Reuters] WFO**

- The FBI is investigating a mysterious postcard sent to the home of cybersecurity firm FireEye's chief executive days after it found initial evidence of a suspected Russian hacking operation on dozens of U.S. government agencies and private American companies.

- U.S. officials familiar with the postcard are investigating whether it was sent by people associated with a Russian intelligence service due its timing and content, which suggests internal knowledge of last year's hack well before it was publicly disclosed in December.

15. **Twitter Suspends Over 70k Accounts For Sharing QAnon Content [New York Post]**

- Twitter said on Monday night [Jan. 11] it has permanently suspended over 70,000 accounts that were mainly in operation to share QAnon content.

- The social media giant said enforcement of the accounts began Friday [Jan. 8] — one of several safety measures the company has implemented in the wake of the deadly Capitol riot.

- Of the more than 70,000 suspensions, Twitter said many of the accounts were operated by a single user.

16. **8 Arrested In Minnesota Protest Over Line 3 Pipeline Project [AP News] MP**

- Eight people were arrested in a protest to oppose construction of the Enbridge Energy Line 3 oil pipeline replacement in northern Minnesota.

- More than 150 people gathered in Aitken County on Saturday [Jan. 9] to protest the project, the Northern Lights Task Force said in a news release. They blocked a road in one area, then traveled on buses and cars to another area south of Hill City, where authorities say they interfered with construction workers.

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CONUS

1. **FBI Assistant Director In Charge Steven M. D'Antuono's Remarks At Press Briefing Regarding Violence At U.S. Capitol [FBI] WFO**

- FBI Washington Field Office Assistant Director in Charge Steven M. D'Antuono delivered the following remarks during a [Jan. 12] press briefing at the Department of Justice regarding the January 6, 2021, violent activity at the U.S. Capitol. See press release for details.
- From Breitbart News: FBI WFO AD Steven D'Antuono said that, as part of its investigation into who attacked the U.S. Capitol on January 6, the FBI is "actively looking at" the guilty parties being put on a "No-Fly-List" for domestic travel in the U.S. **FBI 'Actively Looking' At Putting Capitol Attackers On 'No-Fly-List'**

2. **U.S. Pursuing Seditious Conspiracy Cases In 'Unprecedented' Probe Of Capitol Assault [Reuters] WFO**

- The United States has opened criminal investigations of more than 170 people who stormed the Capitol last week and plans to charge some of the most serious offenders with assault and seditious conspiracy for their role in the violence.
- Acting Washington, D.C., U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin expects hundreds of people ultimately to be charged as the FBI reviews more than 100,000 photos and videos of the unrest.
- From Daily Mail – UK: The FBI has released two photos of a suspect they want to question about the murder of US Capitol Police officer Brian Sicknick during last week's violent riots.
- The first photo shows an older bearded man wearing a blue knit cap with the letters 'CFD' stitched on it. The second photo, which does not show the suspect's face, appears to be a screengrab from a video in which a man was seen launching a fire extinguisher that struck a Capitol police officer on the head. **Feds Release Photo Of MAGA Rioter They Want To Question Over The Murder Of Capitol Cop Brian Sicknick Who Was Hit In The Head With A Fire Extinguisher**

3. **FBI Has Opened Over 160 Cases Tied To Pro-Trump Capitol Riot [Wall Street Journal] WFO**

- Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy has decided to allow National Guard members being sent to Washington through next week's presidential inauguration to carry weapons.
- The Joint Chiefs of Staff and the heads of the branches of the U.S. military called the Jan. 6 assault, in which a violent, pro-Trump mob forcibly entered the Capitol where lawmakers were certifying Mr. Biden's presidential victory, "a direct assault on the U.S. Congress, the Capitol building, and our constitutional process."
- From AP: Amid worry about renewed violence on Inauguration Day, the military's top leaders issued a written reminder to all service members Tuesday [Jan. 12] that the deadly insurrection at the Capitol last week was an anti-democratic, criminal act, and that the right to free speech gives no one the right to commit violence**.** **Top Military Leaders Remind Troops Of Limits Of Free Speech**
- See also Military Times via AP News: **Why The DC National Guard's Role Was Limited During US Capitol Riot**

4. **FBI Report Warned Of 'War' At Capitol, Contradicting Claims That There Was No Indication Of Looming Violence [Minneapolis Star Tribune via Washington Post] WFO**

- A day before rioters stormed Congress, an FBI office in Virginia issued an explicit internal warning that extremists were preparing to travel to Washington to commit violence and "war."
- A situational information report approved for release the day before the [Jan. 6] U.S. Capitol riot painted a dire portrait of dangerous plans, including individuals sharing a map of the complex's tunnels, and possible rally points for would-be conspirators to meet up in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and South Carolina and head in groups to Washington.

- "As of 5 January 2021, FBI Norfolk received information indicating calls for violence in response to 'unlawful lockdowns' to begin on 6 January 2021 in Washington. D.C.." "An online thread discussed specific calls for violence to include stating 'Be ready to fight. Congress needs to hear glass breaking, doors being kicked in, and blood from their BLM and Pantifa slave soldiers being spilled. Get violent. Stop calling this a march, or rally, or a protest. Go there ready for war. We get our President or we die. NOTHING else will achieve this goal."
- From AP: Steven D'Antuono, the FBI WFO Assistant Director, said that once he received the Jan. 5 warning, the information was quickly shared with other law enforcement agencies through the joint terrorism task force. **FBI Says It Warned About Prospect Of Violence Ahead Of Riot**

5. **In Part Due To Free Speech Worries, FBI Never Issued Intel Bulletin About Possible Capitol Violence [NBC] WFO**

- Analysts in the FBI's Intelligence Division gathered information about possible violence involving the Capitol on Jan. 6., but the FBI never distributed a formal intelligence bulletin, in part because of concerns that doing so might have run afoul of free speech protections, one current and two former senior FBI officials familiar with the matter told NBC News.
- While the FBI did share some threat intelligence with law enforcement, the lack of a comprehensive Joint Intelligence Bulletin compiled by the FBI's Intelligence Branch — which would have made assessments about possible threats and have been shared with relevant law enforcement agencies — left the Capitol Police and other agencies lacking the full picture of what the FBI had learned from human sources and social media postings about what extremists were saying about plans to assault the Capitol.
- The former officials said the reluctance to distribute such a document highlighted a longstanding FBI dilemma under which the bureau has been reticent about circulating intelligence related to far right or far left domestic terrorism, while regularly issuing bulletins about threats from violent Americans who have adopted the ideology of Al Qaeda or ISIS.

6. **House Democrats Briefed On 3 Terrifying Plots To Overthrow Government [Huffington Post] WFO**

- The first is a demonstration billed as the "largest armed protest ever to take place on American soil."
- Another is a protest in honor of Ashli Babbitt, the woman killed while trying to climb into the Speaker's Lobby during Wednesday's pro-Trump siege of the Capitol.
- And another demonstration, which three members said was by far the most concerning plot, would involve insurrectionists forming a perimeter around the Capitol, the White House and the Supreme Court, and then blocking Democrats from entering the Capitol — perhaps even killing them — so that Republicans could take control of the government.
- See also Daily Mail – UK: **'We Are Throwing The Kitchen Sink At This': Secret Service, FBI And National Guard Form Multi-Agency Command Center To Protect Biden's Inauguration From MAGA Unrest As All 50 States Beef Up Security Amid Fears Mobs Will 'Storm' Government Buildings**

7. **Man Arrested In Queens [New York] FBI Search After Alleged Online Posts Sought Armed Caravan To Go To D.C. [NBC4 – New York, NY] WFO**

- The suspect, Eduard Florea, was arrested by the FBI on a weapons-related charge. Florea, who was believed to be responsible for the online threats, did not appear to have been at the Capitol during the violent protests. Some of the postings allegedly talked about organizing an armed caravan to head to Washington D.C. following the protests that resulted in the deaths of five people.
- From WABC/ABC7 – New York, NY: Flores is the third person arrested Tuesday [Jan. 12] by FBI-NY in connection with the investigation into the Capitol riot. Aaron Mostofsky, a Brooklyn judge's son, was released on bond after he was charged with theft of property and unlawful entry. MTA employee Will Pepe from Beacon, New York, was also arrested on unspecified charges. **FBI Searching Queens [NY] Home After Discovering Online Threats About Capitol: Officials** "Eduard Florea", "Aaron Mostofsky" and "Will Pepe" are all positive in FBI holdings. Program Manager: DTOU

8. **FBI Pittsburgh Interviews Person Who Indicated There May Be Protests Leading Up To Inauguration Day [KDKA/CBS – Pittsburgh, PA] PG**

- The FBI office in Pittsburgh says it has interviewed a person in Pittsburgh who indicated there may be protests in the area leading up to Inauguration Day.
- FBI Pittsburgh announced Tuesday [Jan. 12] that officials are aware of the report and interviewed the "Pittsburgh based individual" who was "cited in the report."

9. **Suburban Chicago Man Arrested For Allegedly Threatening Violence At Upcoming Presidential Inauguration [DOJ] WFO**

- Louis Capriotti, 45, of Chicago Heights, Ill., is charged with transmitting a threat in interstate commerce, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago. Capriotti was arrested near his home this morning [Jan. 12].
- In a Dec. 29, 2020, voicemail for a U.S. House member from New Jersey, Capriotti allegedly stated that if certain individuals "think that Joe Biden is going to put his hand on the Bible and walk into that [expletive] White House on January 20th, they're sadly [expletive] mistaken." Capriotti further stated in the voicemail, "We will surround the [expletive] White House and we will kill any [expletive] Democrat that steps on the [expletive] lawn."
- For suspect photo see AP News: **Illinois Man Accused Of Threatening Inauguration Violence**

10. **Report: Olympic Gold Medalist Klete Keller Was Part Of Mob That Stormed Capitol [Yahoo via multiple sources] WFO**

- Klete Keller, who won two Olympic gold medals as a swimmer for Team USA, was reportedly part of the angry mob that invaded the U.S. Capitol building last Wednesday [Jan. 6].
- According to swimming site SwimSwam and the New York Times, Keller appears in a video posted by reporter Julio Rosas as part of a crowd surging to resist the Capitol Police. Keller is allegedly the tall, bearded man who appears several times in the middle of the crowd wearing an easily identifiable Team USA jacket.

11. **Wisconsin Man Arrested After Being Part Of Capitol Riot [AP News] WFO**

- A Wisconsin man who posted on Facebook that he was among those wanted for illegally entering the U.S. Capitol during last week's riot was arrested in Eau Claire on Tuesday and charged with a pair of misdemeanors in federal court.
- Kevin Daniel Loftus, 52, made an initial appearance Tuesday in U.S. District Court after being arrested for illegally entering either house of Congress, or adjacent areas, and disorderly conduct on the grounds of the Capitol.

12. **U.S. Capitol Police Intelligence Chief Warned Congress In July Of Right-Wing Attacks [Reuters] WFO**

- The director of intelligence for the U.S. Capitol Police warned Congress in July that rebellion against COVID-19 precautions had accelerated violence by right-wing "revolutionary extremists," according to congressional testimony.
- Four months before he joined the force, John K. Donohue, then a private security consultant, testified that the country desperately needed a sophisticated social media early-warning system, akin to the U.S. nuclear missile launch detection capability, to prevent a catastrophe.

13. **[New Hampshire] Man Accused Of Making Phone Threats To Members Of Congress [AP News] BS**

- A New Hampshire man has been accused of leaving phone messages in December threatening to hang six members of Congress if they didn't support President Donald Trump.
- Ryder Winegar, 33, of Amherst, was arrested in Boston on Monday [Jan. 11] and faced a federal magistrate on Tuesday [Jan. 12]. He was temporarily detained pending preliminary and detention hearings.

14. **Right-Wing App Parler Booted Off Internet Over Ties To [Capitol] Siege [AP News] WFO**

- The conservative-friendly social network Parler was booted off the internet Monday [Jan. 11] over ties to last week's siege on the U.S. Capitol, but not before digital activists made off with an archive of its posts, including any that might have helped organize or document the riot.
- Google yanked Parler's smartphone app from its app store Friday [Jan. 8] for allowing postings that seek "to incite ongoing violence in the U.S." Apple followed suit on Saturday [Jan. 9] after giving Parler a day to address complaints it was being used to "plan and facilitate yet further illegal and dangerous activities."
- But the death knell came from Amazon Web Services, the leading provider of cloud computing infrastructure, which informed Parler it would need to look for a new web-hosting service after Sunday [Jan. 10].

15. **Three Charged With Illegally Exporting Goods To Iran [DOJ] WFO**

- The Justice Department announced today [Jan. 12] that three individuals have been charged in an indictment with conspiracy to export U.S. goods to Iran in violation of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) and the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations (ITSR), as well as conspiracy to smuggle goods from the U.S., and conspiracy to engage in international money laundering.

- Arash Yousefi Jam, also known as Arash Yousefijam, 32, an Iranian national living in Ontario, Canada. Arash Jam was arrested by U.S. authorities on December 23, 2020.
- Amin Yousefi Jam, also known as Amin Yousefijam, 33, an Iranian national living in Ontario, Canada.
- Abdollah Momeni Roustani, also known as Abdollah Momeni, Ab Momeni, and Amir Amiri, 44, an Iranian national believed to be living in Iran.

OCONUS

1. **Afghan Forces Foil IS Plan To Assassinate Top U.S. Envoy [RFE/RL]**

- Afghan authorities said on January 12 they had foiled a plan by the jihadist Islamic State (IS) group to assassinate the top U.S. envoy in Kabul, as a wave of targeted killings continue to rock the country.
- Intelligence officers dismantled a four-member IS cell in the eastern province of Nangarhar that had planned to murder Ross Wilson as well as Afghan officials.
- Wilson, the U.S. charge d'affaires in Kabul, has steadfastly condemned a series of assassinations in the capital and other cities of prominent Afghans including journalists, activists, and politicians in recent months.
- "The main assassin and facilitator of the cell, Abdul Wahed, had planned to assassinate the U.S. ambassador in Afghanistan as well as some high-ranking Afghan officials". Their plan was foiled with their arrest."

2. **Pompeo Confirms No. 2 Al-Qaeda Leader Killed In Iran, Asserts Tehran Giving 'Home Base' To Terror Group [USA Today]**

- Abu Muhammad al-Masri, the No. 2 leader of al-Qaeda, was killed in Iran last summer, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo confirmed on Tuesday [Jan. 12] , though he did not say if the U.S. ordered his assassination or had a role in carrying it out.
- Pompeo confirmed al-Masri's death in a broader speech that cast Iran as the new "home base" for al-Qaeda – without offering direct new evidence.
- "Iran is indeed the new Afghanistan, as the key geographic hub for al-Qaeda," Pompeo said. "They're partners in terrorism, partners in hate. This axis poses a grave threat to the security of nations and to the American homeland itself."

3. **Interpol Issues Notices Over Lebanon's Massive Port Blast [AP News]**

- Interpol has issued a wanted notice for two Russians and a Portuguese man over explosive material that had been shipped to Beirut and stored at the city's port for six years until it exploded in August.
- The Interpol-issued Red Notices were for the owner and captain of the Rhosus, the ship that carried the 2,750 tons of ammonium nitrate to Lebanon in 2013, as well as a Portuguese nitrate trader who visited the port's warehouse in Beirut in 2014 where the material was stored.
- From Al Arabiya – UAE via AP: Lebanon's highest court said Monday [Jan. 11] the prosecutor investigating last year's massive explosion at the Beirut port that killed dozens and injured thousands can resume his work after a three-week pause following legal challenges to his authority. **Beirut Port Explosion Probe Can Resume, Says Lebanon High Court**

4. **Jordan Sentences Man To Death For Stabbings [2019] At Tourist Site [AP News]**

- Jordan on Tuesday [Jan. 12] sentenced a man to death by hanging for a 2019 stabbing attack [Nov. 6, 2019] at a popular tourist site that wounded eight people, including foreign tourists and their guide.
- A state security court found the man guilty. It sentenced another man to life in prison and a third to seven years for allegedly aiding in the attack at the Roman ruins of Jerash.
- The family of the suspect, who was apprehended immediately after the attack, identified him at the time as Mustafa Abu Tuameh, a 22-year-old resident of a nearby Palestinian refugee camp.
- The attack in Jerash, some 60 kilometers (40 miles) north of the capital, Amman, cast a shadow on Jordan's vital tourism industry, which over the past year has been decimated by the coronavirus pandemic.

5. **Russian Court Jails Three Crimean Tatars On Extremism Charges [RFE/RL]**

- The Southern Military Regional Court in the city of Rostov-on-Don on January 12 sentenced Enver Omerov to 18 years, Ayder Dzhepparov to 17 years, and Riza Omerov to 13 years in prison.
- The three men, who were arrested in June 2019, were found guilty of plotting to forcibly seize power in Crimea as members of Hizb ut-Tahrir, an Islamic group that is banned in Russia, but is legal in Ukraine.
- Enver Omerov was also found guilty of organizing the activities of a terrorist group.

6. **Six Daesh Suspects Arrested In Southern Turkey [Yeni Safak – TUR]**

- Six Daesh suspects have been arrested in Turkey's southern Adana province. Security forces raided the homes of the Iraqi and Syrian nationals, and arrested them.
- The suspects are accused of being active in Iraq and Syria on behalf of the terror group. A number of digital materials were also seized.

7. **Israel Thwarts Stabbing Attack At Tomb Of The Patriarchs [i24 – ISR]**

- Israeli Border Police shot a terrorist attempting a stabbing attack at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron early Wednesday [Jan. 13].
- The 22-year-old Palestinian suffered moderate injury to the lower body and was transferred to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba. No one else was injured in the incident.
- From Times of Israel: Israeli airstrikes after midnight Tuesday [Jan. 12] targeted a number of sites near the Iraqi border, Syrian media reported, with a watchdog group saying up to 16 people had been killed in the strikes.
- No comment from IDF; dead said to include 5 Syrian soldiers, 11 Iran-backed fighters; area bombed is a main route used by Tehran to smuggle weapons to terror groups like Hezbollah. **Monitor Says 16 Killed In Suspected Israeli Strikes In Eastern Syria**

8. **Iraqi Protesters Tell Police: Halt Arrests Or Brace For More [The National – UAE]**

- Protestors in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah will stop escalating rallies if security forces halt the mass arrest and intimidation of campaigners, movement leaders said on Tuesday [Jan. 12].

- Anti-government rallies flared up in recent days in Haboubi Square, where demands for the release of activists arrested in recent weeks were made.
- Three people have died and more than 100 wounded on both sides at the rallies.

9. **Terrorist With Explosives Held In Nowshera [Pakistan] [Dawn – Pakistan]**

- The Mardan Counter-Terrorism Department on Monday [Jan. 11] foiled a terrorism bid by arresting a terrorist and recovering explosives from him in the Rashakai area of Nowshera.
- Official sources said Mohammad Yaqoob was a key member of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Afghanistan.
- From Asharq Al-Awsat – UK: Gunmen riding on a motorcycle shot and killed a policeman in northwestern Pakistan on Tuesday [Jan. 12] as he escorted a team of polio workers. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. **Gunmen Kill Policeman Escorting Polio Workers In Pakistan**

10. **2 Men Of Slain IS 'Emir' In Philippines Yield In Basilan [Philippine News Agency]**

- Two followers of the slain self-declared "emir" of the Islamic State (IS) in the Philippines have surrendered to military authorities in Basilan province.
- The Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom), identified them as Ahmad Ontong, 35, resident of Barangay Upper Manggas, Lantawan, Basilan, and Absirin Abul, 38, resident of Barangay Palahanan, Hadji Muhtamad, also in Basilan.

11. **Demoted? Pushed Aside? Fate Of Kim Jong Un's Sister Unclear [AP News]**

- What has happened to Kim Yo Jong, the North Korean leader's influential sister?
- That is a question many who watch the cloistered, nuclear-armed country are wondering after she failed to appear in absolute leader Kim Jong Un's newly released lineup for the country's powerful Politburo in recent days.
- Some say Kim Jong Un may have demoted his sister over general policy failures. Others, however, believe he could be worried about her rapid rise and increasingly high profile as he tries to bolster his domestic authority in the face of growing economic challenges.

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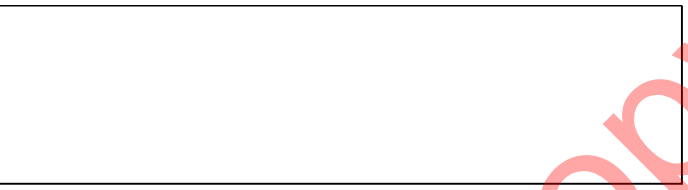

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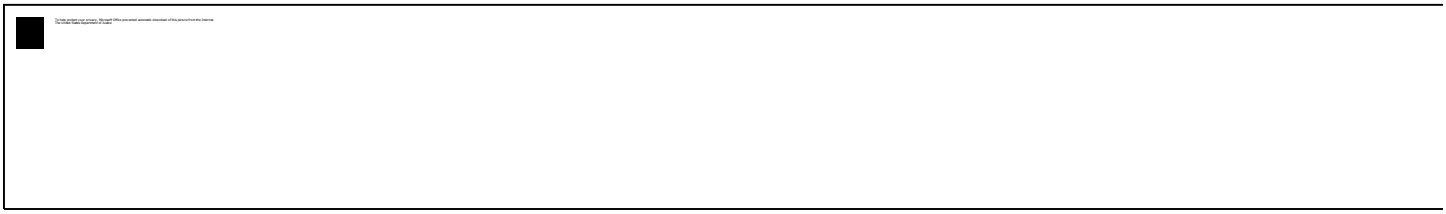

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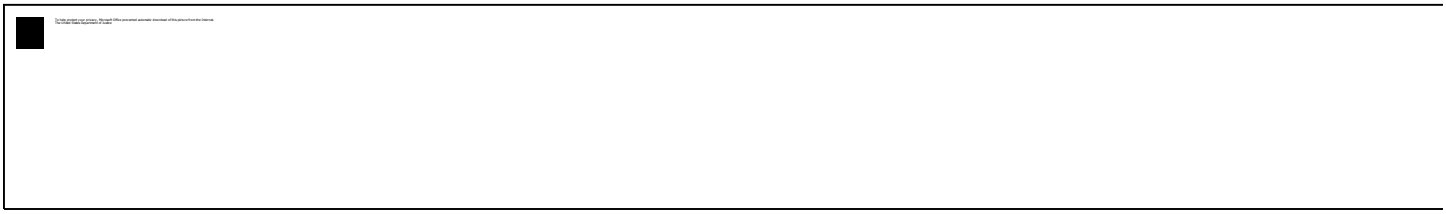

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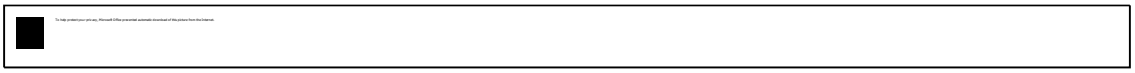

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By Adrian Zenz

In 2019 and 2020, the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR) introduced new policies to promote the systematic, centralized, and large-scale training and transfer of "rural surplus laborers" to other parts of the TAR, as well as to other provinces of the People's Republic of China (PRC). In the first 7 months of 2020, the region had trained over half a million rural surplus laborers through this policy. This scheme encompasses Tibetans of all ages, covers the entire region, and is distinct from the coercive vocational training of secondary students and young adults reported by exile Tibetans (RFA < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=69bd5a4796&e=ebf6228344 > , October 29, 2019).

The labor transfer policy mandates that pastoralists and farmers are to be subjected to centralized "military-style" (军旅式, *junlüshi*) vocational training, which aims to reform "backward thinking" and includes training in "work discipline," law, and the Chinese language. Examples from the TAR's Chamdo region indicate that the militarized training regimen is supervised by People's Armed Police drill sergeants, and training photos published by state media show Tibetan trainees dressed in military fatigues.

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By Ryan Oliver

In recent years, the People's Republic of China (PRC) has emerged as a leading producer of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) platforms for both commercial and military use, and its technologies are being used in unprecedented ways. For example, as the COVID-19 pandemic began to unfold in the early months of this year (China Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=c68e3476c3&e=ebf6228344 > , January 17; China Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=bfaba4d4bc&e=ebf6228344 > , January 29), UAVs started to appear in the skies across China. Public officials employed these UAVs to monitor the population, and to enforce restrictions (such as mandatory wearing of masks) intended to slow the spread of COVID-19 (Global Times < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=fc62ef4536&e=ebf6228344 > , January 31). UAVs have also been used to monitor water levels and property damage amid the severe flooding that China has experienced this summer (China Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=087e85df11&e=ebf6228344 > , July 29; CGTN < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=7e034ed3d6&e=ebf6228344 > , August 15). Such innovative—if sometimes controversial—practices reflect China's growing capabilities in the field of UAV technology.

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By Leo Lin

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=93cb7c72d8&e=ebf6228344 > coronavirus (新型冠状病毒, *xinxing guanzhuang bingdu*) in the People's Republic of China (PRC), wildlife trade and consumption have become a top issue in the country. The disease, which has caused 3,215 deaths in China and over 6,500 total deaths < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=6ad90f385d&e=ebf6228344 > worldwide (per official figures, as of March 15), has been identified as a zoonotic virus (i.e., one originating in an

(China Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=3cb08438e4&e=ebf6228344 > , January 17; WHO < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=4ae6d99a93&e=ebf6228344 > , February 28; Johns-Hopkins University, ongoing < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=dc416990bd&e=ebf6228344 >). China, as well as many other countries, suffered from the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in 2003. **[1]** SARS was also zoonotic in nature: its origin was traced to civet cats (CDC < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=efdb8b6e4d&e=ebf6228344 > , January 13, 2004), which are considered a delicacy among some mainland Chinese citizens.

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By John Dotson

Since January, much of the international news coverage surrounding the People's Republic of China (PRC) has been dominated by the story of the COVID-19 outbreak—a previously unknown coronavirus that first manifested in the central Chinese city of Wuhan in early December, and which has since rapidly proliferated throughout China and many other countries throughout the world (China Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=a690a63140&e=ebf6228344 > , January 29; Johns-Hopkins University, ongoing < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=f29b7cb9c8&e=ebf6228344 >). The COVID-19 pandemic has largely crowded out international attention to another viral outbreak that Chinese authorities and farmers have been battling for eighteen months: African Swine Fever (非洲猪瘟, *Feizhou Zhuwen*), which throughout 2018 and 2019 devastated pig populations in both the PRC and

primary staple meat in Chinese society. As such, it has had a significant impact on the Chinese economy, and has also given senior officials of the ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP) reason to fear the potential impacts on "social stability" (社会稳定, *shehui wending*)—the CCP's perennial overriding domestic concern.

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By John Calabrese

Over the years, unremitting hostility between the United States and the Islamic Republic of Iran has created opportunities as well as dilemmas for the People's Republic of China (PRC). The Trump administration's unilateral withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in May 2018, and the subsequent adoption of a "maximum pressure" campaign against Iran, presented mixed challenges and opportunities for the PRC. Beijing has sought to exploit the rift between Washington and Tehran without further fueling Sino-American tensions.

For the past year, Washington and Tehran have been locked in an action-reaction cycle of escalation. This dangerous spiral reached new heights with the January 2 U.S. drone strike that killed Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds Force commander General Qasem Soleimani, which was followed by retaliatory Iranian missile attacks on two coalition bases in Iraq that injured dozens of American troops. Although both sides managed to pull back from the brink of war in early January, underlying tensions remain—as does the possibility of a more direct military confrontation.

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A sweeping crackdown starting in late 2016 transformed Xinjiang into a draconian police state (China Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=9236486176&e=ebf6228344 > , September 21, 2017). While state control over reproduction has long been a common part of the birth control regime in the People's Republic of China (PRC), the situation in Xinjiang has become especially severe following a policy of mass internment initiated in early 2017 (China Brief < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=08eb8cc8bc&e=ebf6228344 > , May 15, 2018) by officials of the ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

In 2019, a growing number of witnesses testified to the fact that Xinjiang authorities were administering unknown drugs and injections to women in detention, forcibly implanting intrauterine contraceptive devices (IUDs) prior to internment, coercing women to accept surgical sterilization, and using internment as punishment for birth control violations (Washington Post < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=02539b7517&e=ebf6228344 > , November 17, 2019; Associated Press < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=145ee30c70&e=ebf6228344 > , November 26, 2018: Washington Post < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=247ee39fb3&e=ebf6228344 > , October 5, 2019). These initial claims were recently further corroborated by additional testimonies (Associated Press < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=55380b97d2&e=ebf6228344 > , June 28).

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By Ryan Fedasiuk

Over the past two years, a series of government and think tank reports have shed light on the united front, the collection of organizations the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) leverages to co-opt non-Party institutions and influence minority groups at home and overseas (USCC < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=6420f099a6&e=ebf6228344 > , August 2018; ASPI < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=918e612041&e=ebf6228344 > , June 2020). Facing heightened scrutiny, People's Republic of China (PRC) officials have repeatedly insisted that there is "no factual basis" to Western reporting on China's influence operations, and accused foreign analysts of "maliciously hyping up the normal foreign exchanges of the United Front Work Department" (MFA < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=f25ed62e1a&e=ebf6228344 > , June 2020; PRC Embassy in Sweden < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=15f99d96fb&e=ebf6228344 > , August 2019).

However, there is a universal truth known to government bureaucrats in every country: budgets speak louder than words. As this paper demonstrates, the scale and scope of funding for the united front system belie the Chinese government's claims about its importance and function. This article synthesizes information from more than 160 budget and expense reports from national and regional PRC government and Communist Party entities. **[1]** It finds that organizations central to China's national and regional united front systems spent more than $2.6 billion in 2019, exceeding funding for China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=002913e050&e=ebf6228344 > , 2020). **[2]** Nearly $600 million (23 percent) was set aside for offices designed to influence foreigners and overseas Chinese communities.

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By Timothy Rich and Andi Dahmer

The ill-defined sovereignty of Taiwan, which officially continues to exist under the political identity of the Republic of China (ROC), is often presented as a tension between two possible future outcomes: either unification with the People's Republic of China (PRC), or formal independence. This ambiguous status quo not only allows Taiwan's competing domestic supporters of unification or independence to believe in the possibility that their desired outcome could one day be attained, but has also led PRC officials to believe that widespread latent support for unification endures in Taiwan.

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By John Dotson

The "2019-nCov" virus epidemic that first appeared in December in the central Chinese city of Wuhan continues to sweep throughout the country: as of February 11, there were over 43,000 official reported cases of persons who had fallen ill from the virus, and over 1,000 reported deaths (Johns-Hopkins CSSE < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=892964aaae&e=ebf6228344 > , February 11). Aside from the human toll, the epidemic has resulted in large regions of Hebei Province being placed under quarantine, which is placing a severe strain on the Chinese economy. The crisis is also presenting

flat-footed in December and early January, is scrambling to stop the spread of the disease and to mount an effective medical response for those already affected.

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By Willy Wo-Lap Lam

The People's Republic of China (PRC) has sent a polite but blunt message to the incoming administration of U.S. President-elect Joseph R. Biden, urging the resumption of high-level ties while at the same time showing off China's military and economic might. In his belated congratulatory message to President-elect Biden, PRC President Xi Jinping, who is also General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), said that it was in the common interest to "promote [the] healthy and stable development" of bilateral relations. "We hope both countries [will] uphold the spirit of non-conflict, non-confrontation, mutual respect and win-win cooperation," Xi added (Xinhua < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=fc5974d0b2&e=ebf6228344 > , November 25). The nationalistic party tabloid *Global Times* said with cautious optimism that a Biden presidency might "bring changes to deteriorating bilateral relations that have been trapped in a vicious circle under the Trump administration" (Global Times < Caution-https://Jamestown.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=28b6673fcc2022a1dd557acae&id=d6b89bba0c&e=ebf6228344 > , November 8).

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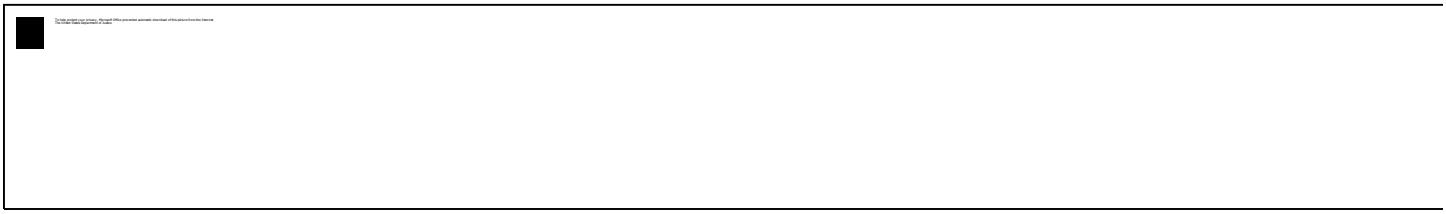

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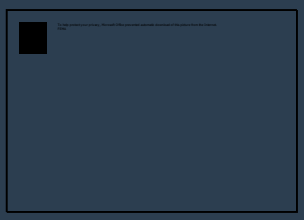

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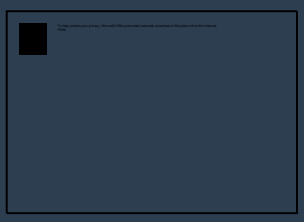

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The US military is an expeditionary force and constantly engaged in global missions. During deployment, servicemembers are often at risk from infectious diseases which have the potential to make the individual and the unit mission incapable and cause significant morbidity and mortality. Diseases such as malaria, dengue, diarrheal diseases, and many others threaten the force and require medical countermeasures to eliminate or mitigate the risk.

This webinar builds on Dr. Tim Endy's infectious disease webinar in February of 2020 and the HDIAC Infectious Disease State of the Art Report published in April of 2020; in this latest webinar, Dr. Stephen Thomas will explore the historical beginnings of global infectious disease threats. Dr. Thomas will review the epidemiology, clinical presentation, and current status of therapeutic and preventive measures for common threats. Additionally, U.S. military contributions to countermeasure development will be discussed.

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Presenter:
Dr. Stephen Thomas, (Colonel, US Army (Retired)), has nearly 30 years of experience in infectious disease research. He is currently the Chief of the Division of Infectious Disease at SUNY Upstate Medical University, a professor in both the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and the Department of Medicine, and is an Infectious Diseases Consultant for the Syracuse Veterans Army Medical Center. Prior to his work in Syracuse, Dr. (COL) Thomas was the Deputy Commander, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR) and WRAIR Chief of Virology, an Infectious Disease Consultant to the Surgeon General in US Army Medical Command, and the Director of Dengue Vaccine Development for the Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences in Bangkok. Dr. Thomas has authored numerous publications, most recently focusing on Zika and Dengue. He is a member of the Infectious Disease Society of America, the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, and the American College of Physicians. He received his BA from Brown University and his MD from Albany Medical College.

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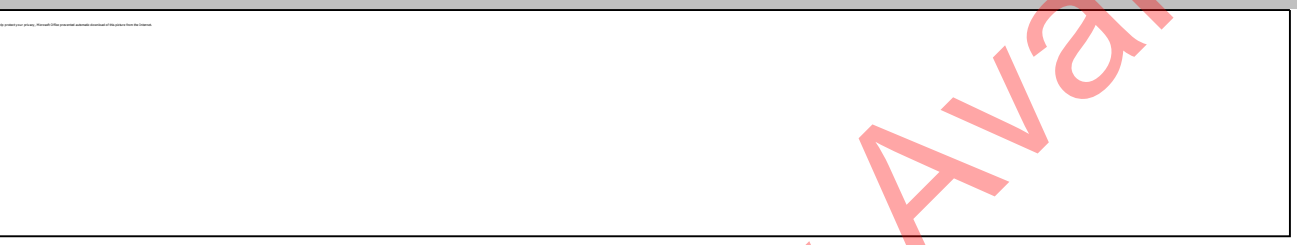

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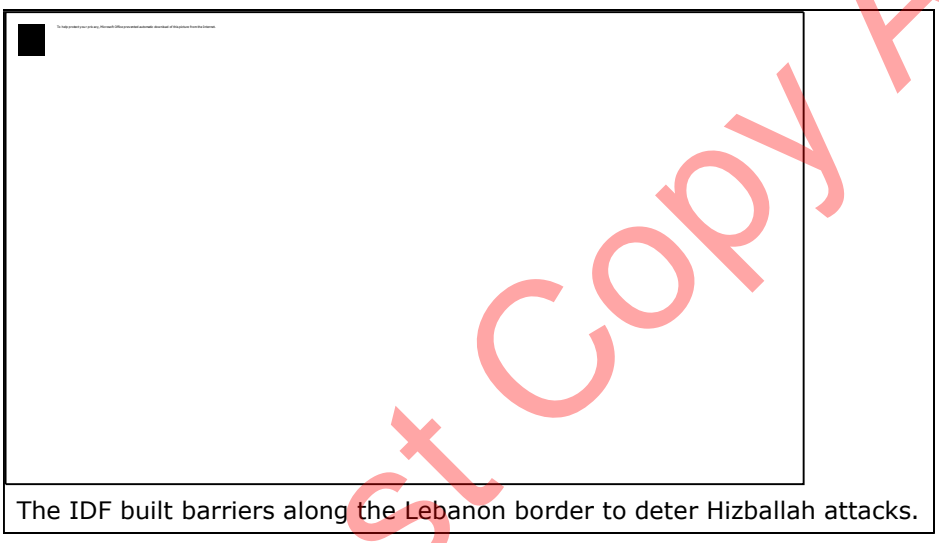

The IDF built barriers along the Lebanon border to deter Hizballah attacks.

The Iranian-backed terror army Hizballah may have its hands full dealing with Lebanon's ongoing economic, health and political crises < Caution-https://www.dw.com/en/lebanon-faces-its-worst-crisis-since-the-civil-war/a-54094075 > , but its secretary-general Hassan Nasrallah still found time < Caution-https://www.timesofisrael.com/hezbollah-says-its-precision-missiles-doubled-in-a-year-can-hit-all-of-israel/ > to threaten revenge against Israel for last July's death of an operative in an alleged Israeli air strike in Syria.

The threats are fueling tension along the Israeli-Lebanese border and contributing to what is an already explosive situation.

A senior Israeli military source warned < Caution-https://www.israelhayom.com/2021/01/01/idf-official-major-flare-up-in-north-could-be-inevitable/ > earlier this month that Hizballah was highly likely to attempt a cross-

Hizballah appears willing to risk an escalation even though it does not wish to initiate an actual war at this time. Rather, it wants to try to impose its "equations" on Israel, meaning an attempt to deter Israel from future strikes against its members in Syria by exacting a calculated price for such incidents.

Yet as the region knows well, and as the Second Lebanon War of 2006 has demonstrated, Hizballah's notions of calculated attacks can quickly backfire and spiral into larger events.

In next-door Syria, the Israel Air Force has spent years running a campaign to destroy sites built by Iran – sometimes in conjunction with its proxy, Hizballah and its ally, the Assad regime – for the assembly of precision missiles, their storage, and placement into launchers to target Israel. Alternatively, the missiles are sometimes smuggled into Lebanon for Hizballah's own arms depots.

Israel has drawn a red line banning the proliferation of precision missiles in Syria and Lebanon. The joint presence of Hizballah and Iranian Quds Force personnel, often found on the same Syrian military sites, means that Hizballah's operatives are at risk of Israel's preventative air strikes in Syria. In recent weeks, the Israeli campaign has reportedly moved into a higher gear < Caution-https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium.HIGHLIGHT-sensing-iranian-caution-israel-ramps-up-air-strikes-in-syria-1.9437652 > . According to international media reports, there have been three recent Israeli strikes on Iranian-linked targets in Syria, including a strike < Caution-https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/israeli-strikes-syria-kill-6-monitor-says > that reportedly killed six pro-Iranian fighters.

Despite Nasrallah's threats, which the Israeli military takes seriously, senior IDF commanders have indicated that they have no intention of scaling back the preventative campaign in Syria to disrupt Iran's effort to carve out a foothold in the region – even if that entails the possibility of additional Hizballah casualties.

"We have no interest in escalating, we do have an interest in continuing to act to foil the Iranian consolidation program in Syria and the precision missile program in Syria and Lebanon," the IDF Deputy Chief of General Staff, Maj. Gen. Eyal Zamir, told < Caution-https://www.ynet.co.il/news/article/r1WoROcSD > the Ynet news website in September.

"If tomorrow we have to act in Syria against strategic weapons and a Hizballah member will be present there – that won't prevent us from acting. Hence, I suggest that Nasrallah distance his people from Iranian infrastructure in Syria, and carefully consider his actions. We will not allow Hizballah to drag us into lengthy periods of tension. This is not a game that can continue for a long time."

In a sign of ongoing tensions, IDF units stationed on the Lebanese border in the past week have repeatedly < Caution-https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/suspects-approach-lebanese-border-escape-after-idf-fires-warning-shots-654837 > fired warning shots after suspicious individuals approached the border.

"Learning Competition"

Still, the high tensions haven't stopped the IDF's Northern Command, which is responsible for securing the area, from continuing to study Hizballah, draw lessons from its modus operandi, and upgrade its own battle preparations accordingly.

The "learning competition" between the IDF and Hizballah is a daily affair. The Iranian proxy, whose surface-to-surface firepower dwarfs that of most NATO armies, also continuously studies the IDF, gathering intelligence and drawing up its own future attack plans.

Hizballah's arsenal of projectiles and its well-trained operatives plan to target Israeli civilians while shielding themselves with Lebanese civilians. The IDF's challenge will be to detect and strike Hizballah's targets in order to

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A glimpse into this behind-the-scenes learning competition can be found in recent comments by senior IDF commanders, which were made available < Caution-https://www.idf.il/%D7%90%D7%AA%D7%A8%D7%99%D7%9D/%D7%A4%D7%99%D7%A7%D7%95%D7%93-%D7%94%D7%A6%D7%A4%D7%95%D7%9F/2020/%D7%A1%D7%99%D7%9B%D7%95%D7%9D-%D7%A9%D7%A0%D7%AA-2020-%D7%91%D7%92%D7%91%D7%95%D7%9C-%D7%9C%D7%91%D7%A0%D7%95%D7%9F/ > on the Hebrew version of the IDF's official website.

The IDF stated that it had spent last year studying Hizballah intensively. The Northern Command has installed an array of hi-tech cameras and radars along the Lebanese border barrier. Tunnel detection equipment < Caution-https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-destroys-hezbollah-flagship-attack-tunnel-after-studying-it/ > is in place to discover any new attempts by Hizballah to dig under the Israeli border.

The IDF's 91st Division, in charge of defending the border with Lebanon, would be the first to respond to any escalation, and it has been on high alert for months following Nasrallah's threats.

The division's Deputy Commander, Col. Yair Or, noted that it thoroughly examined an incident that occurred on Sept. 1, 2019, in which Hizballah narrowly missed < Caution-https://www.timesofisrael.com/reports-hezbollah-nearly-missed-manned-armored-car-driving-in-breach-of-orders/ > an IDF jeep after firing two Kornet guided anti-tank missiles at it, drawing many lessons that subsequently shaped battle procedures and preparations.

Hizballah fired those missiles as part of an attempt in "revenge" for the death of two of its operatives < Caution-https://www.timesofisrael.com/idf-identifies-2-killed-in-syria-strike-as-iranian-trained-hezbollah-fighters/ > in airstrikes in Syria in 2019 – marking the first Hizballah vengeance campaign that preceded the current effort. The 2019 attack by Hizballah also followed what it claims was an Israeli drone attack on its precision missile production program in the south Beirut Hizballah stronghold of Dahiya. The IDF fired 100 mortar shells at Hizballah positions in southern Lebanon in response to the missile attack.

Since then, the IDF's Northern Command built up fresh combat techniques and created improvements that served it well in 2020, when Hizballah again went for revenge attacks.

Hizballah has already attempted two attacks < Caution-https://www.timesofisrael.com/israeli-aircraft-strike-hezbollah-observation-posts-after-shots-fired-at-troops/ > since last summer, both of which failed due to IDF preparations.

Since Nasrallah insists on threatening further attacks, the escalation potential remains on the agenda.

In the meantime, Division 91 has built an array of new defensive systems on the border, created new paths for moving its forces and resources around, out of the sight of Hizballah, and setting up new surveillance locations. All of these measures are designed to give the IDF the advantage in the event of a new border escalation.

Israel's Message: Don't Try It

The Israeli-Lebanese border is 130 kilometers long (nearly 81 miles), and the IDF has dug an artificial cliff along parts of it to slow down future cross-border raids by Hizballah's elite Radwan Unit, which has gained combat experience in Syria. That cliff is due to be extended in the coming year.

Division 91, which has been on heightened alert for an extended period since the summer, does not believe that the threat of Hizballah attacks has passed. Its deputy commander, Col. Or, said that the IDF is working to "constantly to reduce the chance of a successful Hizballah retaliation to as low as possible, while continuing to protect northern Israeli civilian communities, and deal with border intrusions."

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number of reserve forces. New cooperation procedures with the Air Force, Navy, and the Intelligence Directorate are also in place, to enable faster firepower responses during escalations.

The guiding principle behind the IDF's new battle procedures is that Israel must be the side that "finishes" an incident, while destroying enemy capabilities. That concept informs all of the ways in which the military intends to activate force against Hizballah.

"The directive from our point of view is to respond in order to send a clear message – it is not worthwhile for the enemy to try and harm the IDF and the State of Israel," said Col. Or.

As Division 91 continues to bolster its capabilities, adding things like new surveillance drones and other measures that remain classified, the IDF's intelligence units continue to study Hizballah closely, passing on its information to operational units, even down to the individual combat soldier who takes up a position on the border.

"It's not a secret that with every passing year, Hizballah continues to consolidate – we see it building infrastructure and conducting patrols. Part of our effort is to disrupt and make things harder for Hizballah," said Col. Or.

These recent events all underline the fact that the IDF is in a good position to identify attempted breaches on the border, and is determined to respond forcefully to future Hizballah attacks. It remains far from clear, however, that Nasrallah is prepared to heed the warning and de-escalate.

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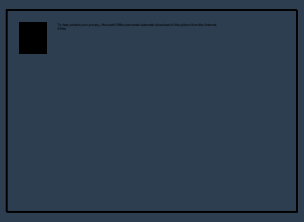

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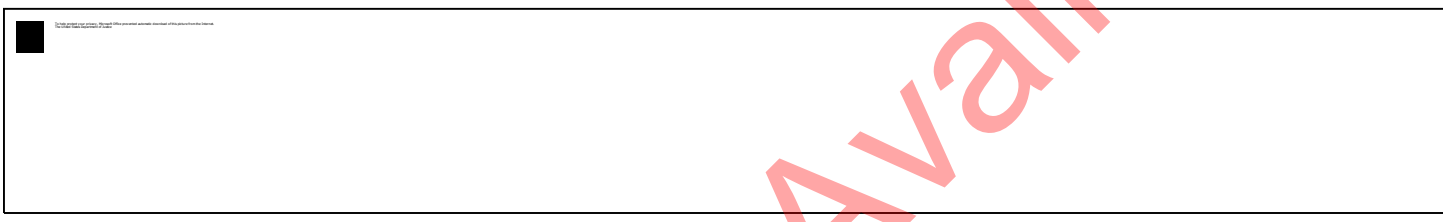

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This program supports Wrongful Conviction Review entities providing high quality and efficient post-conviction representation for defendants in post-conviction claims of innocence. Where possible, the program seeks to identify actual perpetrators of crimes, bring justice to victim(s), and enact measures to prevent future errors and ensure justice, thereby enhancing public safety.

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The purpose of this program is to enhance, test, implement, and evaluate policies, practices, and technology to address and reduce the use of contraband cellphones in correctional facilities.

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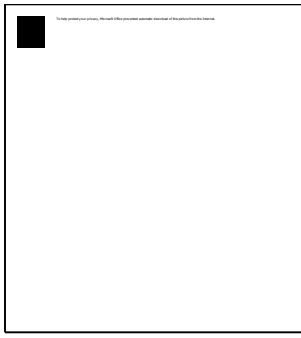

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2. Insurrectionist ‘Zip-Tie Guy’ identified as retired Air Force lieutenant colonel

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3. Have gun, will travel. National Guard comes to DC armed and ready to protect
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4. Officer killed in Capitol attack was an Air National Guard vet
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5. Pentagon begins process to purge Confederate names from military bases, property
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Italy's defense minister: The future of European defense must involve the United States
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The discussion about greater defense integration in Europe and more cooperation for the development of a common industrial base has sparked a lively debate about Europe's defense and the trans-Atlantic relationship.
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Canada's defense minister: Our investment in defense is an investment in North American security
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Denmark's defense minister: The fight for democratic values can only be won through cooperation with allies
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Singapore's defense minister: What will threaten future generations?
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Without a doubt, the COVID-19 pandemic was the defining event of 2020.

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Poland's defense minister: COVID-19 is forcing the military to reexamine its role
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While the new normal is reshaping our reality, the existing security threats have not disappeared.
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Lithuania's defense minister: Mission accomplished? Not yet.
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The European security order is still being challenged.
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Norway's defense minister: We must ensure strategic stability in the High North
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Finland’s defense minister: We’re preparing to thwart any potential military threat
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The security situation in Northern Europe is unstable and difficult to predict.
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Estonia’s defense minister: Overcoming the challenges of the next decade
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Paramount Group chairman: Africa’s defense industry is more than a weapons business
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Like most industries, defense manufacturers and service providers were severely affected by the enforced lockdowns that came in the wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic and had to adapt quickly to rescue their businesses from unprecedented challenges, with unpredictable consequences.
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Embraer defense executive: Will protectionism define the post-pandemic defense industry?
Defense News
While I’m writing this article, the world is facing the greatest global crisis of our generation. It is worth asking what a globalized world means after the COVID-19 pandemic, and mainly in the context of the defense industry.
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US Reps. Moulton and Banks: The future of defense is in public-private partnerships
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Unless we make drastic changes, we will lose.
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French Defence Staff chief: France is making moves to guarantee its survival in the face of existential threats
Defense News
The singularity of the military lies in its raison d'être: to wage war in order to guarantee France survives an existential threat.
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US Air Force chief of staff: How to prepare the service for tomorrow's fight
Defense News
While many acknowledge the growing threat and need for change in our Air Force to be ready for tomorrow's fight, the pressing question is: How?
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German Air Force chief: The service is undergoing upgrades to meet future challenges
Defense News
The challenge for NATO is not only in the reorientation toward a common defense against a peer competitor, but also to respond proportionally to adversaries testing our security across multiple domains every day.
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IISS analysts: Russian and Western defense firms face greater competition
Defense News
Over the next decade, companies from emerging defense industrial nations will provide greater competition for the Western and Russian firms that have previously assisted in their development.
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Lebanese Air Force chief: The future of air power, and its role in fighting terrorism
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The rapid evolution of technology has imposed radical changes to the principles of military planning, on the tactical and strategic level, within the armed forces in general, and air forces in particular, in the war against terrorism.
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The fundamental character of warfare is changing.
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Former Pentagon comptroller: Observations and opportunities for America’s defense budget
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As we look back at an inexplicable and difficult year, the time is right for a fresh start.
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India analyst: Can India implement reforms quick enough to rejuvenate its defense industry?
Defense News
Spurred as much by the economic considerations as the embarrassment of continued dependence on imports, the Indian government has taken several steps this year to galvanize defense production in the country.
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Airbus executive: What will be most important this year?
Defense News
This year will show how much the commitments of European governments to a stronger and more autonomous defense capability are worth.

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CEO of BAE Systems: Overcoming hardships for a better year
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Collaborative partnership with our customers has been essential to the defense industry's ability to press ahead over the past year.
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CEO of United Launch Alliance: The US must stay ahead of China in space
Defense News
The new year will present many challenges for the global defense industry.
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Overseas Operations

These US troops survived one of the greatest crises of the Trump era. A year later, they're still coping.
Washington Post
The U.S. soldiers scrambled from one bunker to the next, stumbling past charred wreckage, 30-foot-wide craters and puddles of diesel fuel. A barrage of ballistic missiles had briefly knocked some of them unconscious, and more were on the way.
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Pentagon

Military most to blame for helicopter noise around DC, new study finds
Military.com
Washington D.C. area residents complain that constant helicopter noise makes them feel like they're "living in a war zone," and they're right about one thing: the greatest proportion of the offending noise comes from military aircraft, according to a new study.
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Four-star AFRICOM commander reassures troops after siege at US Capitol
Military.com
The head of U.S. Africa Command sought to reassure his troops Friday that the American government remains strong and ready to meet any threat, despite the storming of the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob incensed by false claims of election fraud.
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Maryland senators urge Pentagon not to fire head of medical school
Politico
The Pentagon says the firing is over Thomas' poor management of a subordinate. Supporters say the effort is retribution for fighting against proposed budget cuts.
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Congress & Politics

VA's Wilkie is last Cabinet secretary to respond to Capitol siege
Military.com
Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie issued a statement Friday morning addressing the invasion of the U.S. Capitol, two days after a mob breached the building and two military veterans were killed, including a U.S. Capitol Police officer bludgeoned in the assault, according to law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press.
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House chairman: Biden Pentagon pick 'shares my commitment to civilian control of the military'
The Hill
House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith (D-Wash.) gave his full backing Friday to President-elect Joe Biden’s nominee to be Defense secretary, saying an “extensive conversation” reassured him.
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National security officials struggle to find new jobs
Politico
Conversations with seven former and current officials reveal that they have been tainted by their time working for Trump.

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Biden's Defense nominee could get $1.7 million as he leaves Raytheon
Reuters
President-elect Joe Biden's choice for U.S. defense secretary, retired General Lloyd Austin, stands to collect as much as $1.7 million connected with leaving Raytheon Technologies Corp, an ethics disclosure showed on Sunday.
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National Security

Pelosi asks military leaders to prevent Trump from starting a nuclear war in his final days
Military Times
Amid unprecedented turmoil among the nation's political leaders, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Friday asked the Joint Chiefs chairman to keep an "unstable" President Donald Trump from launching America into surprise military hostilities in his final days in office.
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The military can't legally curb a president's access to nuclear codes, experts say
Military.com
House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called Joint Chiefs Chairman Army Gen. Mark Milley Friday morning to discuss what she described as necessary precautions to prevent an "unhinged" president from accessing nuclear codes.
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US expects Iran to prepare for talks with Biden, not plot attacks in Trump's final days
Washington Examiner
President Trump's administration expects Iran to avoid attacking Americans in the near future as the regime prepares for an expected negotiation with President-elect Joe Biden later this year.
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'Brian did his job': Family remembers fallen Capitol officer, military veteran
The Associated Press

Sicknick’s death has shaken America as it grapples with how an armed mob could storm the halls of the U.S. Capitol as the presidential election results were being certified, sending hundreds of lawmakers, staff and journalists fleeing for safety.
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Videos show fatal shooting during rampage at the Capitol
The Associated Press
The Air Force veteran killed during the storming of the Capitol was shot as she began to climb through the broken part of a door leading into an area known as the Speaker’s Lobby, videos posted online show.
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Air Force vet photographed in Capitol riot arrested in Texas
The Associated Press
A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol was arrested Sunday in Texas, federal prosecutors said.
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North Korea's Kim threatens to build more nukes and bring U.S. to its 'knees' as Trump's term ends
NBC News
North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un called the U.S. his country's "arch-enemy."
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Military quick-reaction force not deployed during storming of Capitol because of a lack of planning, defense officials say
Washington Post
A small quick-reaction force assembled by the Defense Department to assist if needed during protests in Washington on Wednesday did not immediately respond when a pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol because of a lack of a prior planning with Capitol Police over how it might be deployed, Pentagon officials said.
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Army

Soldier dies in military vehicle accident in South Korea
Army Times
A U.S. soldier stationed at Camp Humphreys in South Korea died in a military vehicle accident at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex this week.
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Army tries (again) to protect Stryker: Rafael or Rheinmetall?
Breaking Defense
This year, the Army will fire live anti-tank warheads at two rival Active Protection Systems to assess how best to protect lightweight armored vehicles like its 8×8 Stryker.
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Army leader reveals Spc. Vanessa Guillen’s entire chain of command at Fort Hood was fired
Stars & Stripes
Leaders responsible for Spc. Vanessa Guillen from her squad to her battalion were fired during the disciplinary action that took place last month at Fort Hood, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston told soldiers Thursday at the base.
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Navy

Navy kicks off Naval Community College pilot program for sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen
Navy Times
The United States Naval Community College pilot program is underway.
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Unclear on unmanned: The US Navy’s plans for robot ships are on the rocks
Defense News
After a bruising, year-long fight with Congress, part of the Navy’s plan to field unmanned ships appears to be on life support, making 2021 a crucial year for plotting a path forward.
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Unclear on Unmanned, Pt. 2: On Capitol Hill, the U.S. Navy has a credibility problem
Defense News
The attack from the late Sen. John McCain was predictable but that did little to lessen the pain.
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Retired Naval Academy goat mascot Bill 33 has died
The Associated Press
The United States Naval Academy has announced that goat mascot Bill 33 has died.
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Navy issues posthumous Navy Cross to USS Indianapolis chaplain
USNI News
The Navy on Friday issued a posthumous Navy Cross to Lt. Thomas Conway, a chaplain who died after the sinking of the World War II cruiser USS Indianapolis (CA-35).
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Marine Corps

New in 2021: Marines and loitering munitions — from LAVs to infantry squads, the Corps wants more in the new year
Marine Corps Times
As the Corps looks to protect its small units in far-flung places, it has had to ditch light artillery and is instead looking for “loitering munitions” both large and small.
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1,000 US Marines arrive in Norway for cold-weather training
Stars & Stripes

More than 1,000 Marines and sailors have arrived in Setermoen, Norway for Arctic warfare training, Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa said Friday.
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Air Force

Sex with subordinate, inappropriate relationships cost fired warfare center commander two stars
Air Force Times
The two-star general who was fired from command of the Air Force Warfare Center in 2019 has retired as a colonel after an investigation found he had a sexual relationship with a female subordinate.
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Air Force takes steps to ensure disciplinary action is impartial
Stars & Stripes
The Air Force has begun tracking the demographics of some disciplinary actions to determine if punishment is meted out impartially.
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New program to deploy generals as USAF, Space Force ambassadors
Air Force Magazine
A new Air Force Recruiting Service program will deploy USAF and Space Force generals as ambassadors for their services to help underrepresented youth envision a future for themselves in the Total Force.
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US intel community expands with Space Force unit
The Associated Press
The U.S. intelligence community got larger on Friday with the addition of the U.S. Space Force.
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Nebraska bid to attract Space Command to Offutt Air Force Base includes $107 million
The Associated Press
Nebraska's bid to attract the U.S. Space Command's headquarters to Offutt Air Force Base includes $107 million of public and private money.
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Officials tour possible Space Command site at New Mexico's Kirtland Air Force Base
The Associated Press
Air Force officials have toured the grounds of Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque to evaluate the site as a possible location for the U.S. Space Command.
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Member of famed Tuskegee Airmen dies from coronavirus
The Associated Press
One of the famed Tuskegee Airmen — the first Black pilots in the segregated U.S. military and among the most respected fighter pilots of World War II — has died from complications of the coronavirus, it was announced Friday.
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National Guard

Army head says National Guard may be allowed to carry guns in DC
The Associated Press
Defense leaders are reviewing restrictions on the use of force by National Guard members and could allow troops to carry batons or guns in Washington, D.C., as they brace for more protests and possible violence around the Jan. 20 inaugural, The Associated Press has learned.
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National Guard activated for start of legislative session in Washington state
The Associated Press
Washington Gov. Jay Inslee has activated up to 750 members of the National Guard to work with the Washington State Patrol to protect the Capitol campus as the state Legislature prepares to convene its 105-day legislative session Monday.
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The National Guard’s role, origins explained
Wall Street Journal
State governors can call out these forces of citizen-soldiers to deal with emergencies, such as natural disasters and civil disturbances
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Elba native Wendy Johnson becomes Nebraska National Guard's first female two-star general
Omaha World-Herald
An Elba native was promoted to the rank of major general on Tuesday, becoming the first female general officer in the Nebraska National Guard to pin on a second star.
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Education & Transition

Veterans unemployment shows improvement amid negative reports on U.S. job market
Military Times
The jobless rate among U.S. veterans improved in December even as national employment numbers showed discouraging signs of sluggishness amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.
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Pay & Benefits

Nearly 175,000 military retirees, family members may soon have no Tricare Select coverage
Military Times
Nearly 175,000 beneficiaries who are working-age military retirees and their family members who were enrolled in Tricare Select may soon find their health care coverage has been dropped, because they haven’t set up payment plans for the newly required enrollment fees.
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Military Culture & History

Ed Guthrie, Nebraska's last known Pearl Harbor survivor, dies at 102
Omaha World-Herald
Edward Guthrie was born during the flu pandemic of 1918, died during the COVID-19 pandemic and lived 102 years in between. His death Thursday marked the end of an era.
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Podcasts

The Regime: How arms control treaties keep us safe
War On The Rocks
In this episode of Horns of a Dilemma, Amb. (ret.) Bonnie Jenkins discusses the array of treaty obligations, international law, and other agreements that make up the arms control and nuclear non-proliferation regime.
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Capitol breach and Cold Ware lessons for Sino-US ties
War On The Rocks
Chris, Melanie, and Zack begin the show with a sober look at the events of Jan. 6, when a pro-President Donald Trump mob ransacked the Capitol and drove legislators from both chambers.
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Stealth, Speed, Precision and Persistence: The Keys to the Aerospace Advantage
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Defense Industry

Saab to build underwater robots for French-British naval countermine program
Defense News
Swedish vendor Saab has received a contract to deliver underwater vehicles for blowing up sea mines to an Anglo-French program, the company announced Jan. 8.
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UAE's F-35 contracts expected to be signed before end of Trump administration
Defense News
A contract for the sale of F-35 Joint Strike Fighters to the United Arab Emirates is likely to be inked before the end of the Trump administration, according to a top U.S. State Department official.
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Pentagon's first demo of small counter-drone tech set for spring
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AFRL's Golden Horde 'swarms' would increase fighter lethality
Breaking Defense
The Air Force Research Laboratory's prototype 'swarming' munitions failed to hit their targets in their first flight demo, but experts see the potential for networked, autonomous munitions to eventually equip America's entire fighter fleet.
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Make it work
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An open letter to VA Secretary-designate McDonough
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Celebrating NATO's 72nd Anniversary: Time for members to renew their vows
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Five recommendations for America's military at this sensitive time
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The US Navy's littoral combat ship: Size doesn't matter
19FortyFive
Even as near-peer adversaries such as China have sought to increase their capabilities to expand beyond a "green water navy" to an actual "blue water navy," the LCS was designed as a shallow-draft vessel that could operate in littoral or coastal waters.
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Russia is part of the US response to China's European campaign
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UK defense secretary: Britain is paving a path for modernization and appropriate funding
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Italy’s defense minister: The future of European defense must involve the United States
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Denmark's defense minister: The fight for democratic values can only be won through cooperation with allies
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The new year will present many challenges for the global defense industry.
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Overseas Operations

These US troops survived one of the greatest crises of the Trump era. A year later, they’re still coping.
Washington Post

The U.S. soldiers scrambled from one bunker to the next, stumbling past charred wreckage, 30-foot-wide craters and puddles of diesel fuel. A barrage of ballistic missiles had briefly knocked some of them unconscious, and more were on the way.
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Pentagon

Military most to blame for helicopter noise around DC, new study finds
Military.com
Washington D.C. area residents complain that constant helicopter noise makes them feel like they're "living in a war zone," and they're right about one thing: the greatest proportion of the offending noise comes from military aircraft, according to a new study.
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Four-star AFRICOM commander reassures troops after siege at US Capitol
Military.com
The head of U.S. Africa Command sought to reassure his troops Friday that the American government remains strong and ready to meet any threat, despite the storming of the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob incensed by false claims of election fraud.
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Maryland senators urge Pentagon not to fire head of medical school
Politico
The Pentagon says the firing is over Thomas' poor management of a subordinate. Supporters say the effort is retribution for fighting against proposed budget cuts.
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Congress & Politics

VA's Wilkie is last Cabinet secretary to respond to Capitol siege
Military.com
Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie issued a statement Friday morning addressing the invasion of the U.S. Capitol, two days after a mob breached the building and two military veterans were killed, including a U.S. Capitol Police officer bludgeoned in the assault, according to law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press.

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House chairman: Biden Pentagon pick 'shares my commitment to civilian control of the military'
The Hill
House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith (D-Wash.) gave his full backing Friday to President-elect Joe Biden’s nominee to be Defense secretary, saying an “extensive conversation” reassured him.
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National security officials struggle to find new jobs
Politico
Conversations with seven former and current officials reveal that they have been tainted by their time working for Trump.
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Biden's Defense nominee could get $1.7 million as he leaves Raytheon
Reuters
President-elect Joe Biden’s choice for U.S. defense secretary, retired General Lloyd Austin, stands to collect as much as $1.7 million connected with leaving Raytheon Technologies Corp, an ethics disclosure showed on Sunday.
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National Security

Pelosi asks military leaders to prevent Trump from starting a nuclear war in his final days
Military Times
Amid unprecedented turmoil among the nation’s political leaders, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Friday asked the Joint Chiefs chairman to keep an “unstable” President Donald Trump from launching America into surprise military hostilities in his final days in office.
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The military can’t legally curb a president's access to nuclear codes, experts say
Military.com

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called Joint Chiefs Chairman Army Gen. Mark Milley Friday morning to discuss what she described as necessary precautions to prevent an "unhinged" president from accessing nuclear codes.
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US expects Iran to prepare for talks with Biden, not plot attacks in Trump's final days
Washington Examiner
President Trump’s administration expects Iran to avoid attacking Americans in the near future as the regime prepares for an expected negotiation with President-elect Joe Biden later this year.
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‘Brian did his job’: Family remembers fallen Capitol officer, military veteran
The Associated Press
Sicknick’s death has shaken America as it grapples with how an armed mob could storm the halls of the U.S. Capitol as the presidential election results were being certified, sending hundreds of lawmakers, staff and journalists fleeing for safety.
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Videos show fatal shooting during rampage at the Capitol
The Associated Press
The Air Force veteran killed during the storming of the Capitol was shot as she began to climb through the broken part of a door leading into an area known as the Speaker’s Lobby, videos posted online show.
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Air Force vet photographed in Capitol riot arrested in Texas
The Associated Press
A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol was arrested Sunday in Texas, federal prosecutors said.
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North Korea's Kim threatens to build more nukes and bring U.S. to its 'knees' as Trump's term ends
NBC News
North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un called the U.S. his country's "arch-enemy."
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Military quick-reaction force not deployed during storming of Capitol because of a lack of planning, defense officials say
Washington Post
A small quick-reaction force assembled by the Defense Department to assist if needed during protests in Washington on Wednesday did not immediately respond when a pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol because of a lack of a prior planning with Capitol Police over how it might be deployed, Pentagon officials said.
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Army

Soldier dies in military vehicle accident in South Korea
Army Times
A U.S. soldier stationed at Camp Humphreys in South Korea died in a military vehicle accident at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex this week.
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Army tries (again) to protect Stryker: Rafael or Rheinmetall?
Breaking Defense
This year, the Army will fire live anti-tank warheads at two rival Active Protection Systems to assess how best to protect lightweight armored vehicles like its 8×8 Stryker.
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Army leader reveals Spc. Vanessa Guillen’s entire chain of command at Fort Hood was fired
Stars & Stripes
Leaders responsible for Spc. Vanessa Guillen from her squad to her battalion were fired during the disciplinary action that took place last month at Fort Hood, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston told soldiers Thursday at the base.
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Navy

Navy kicks off Naval Community College pilot program for sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen
Navy Times
The United States Naval Community College pilot program is underway.
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Unclear on unmanned: The US Navy's plans for robot ships are on the rocks
Defense News
After a bruising, year-long fight with Congress, part of the Navy's plan to field unmanned ships appears to be on life support, making 2021 a crucial year for plotting a path forward.
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Unclear on Unmanned, Pt. 2: On Capitol Hill, the U.S. Navy has a credibility problem
Defense News
The attack from the late Sen. John McCain was predictable but that did little to lessen the pain.
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Retired Naval Academy goat mascot Bill 33 has died
The Associated Press
The United States Naval Academy has announced that goat mascot Bill 33 has died.
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Navy issues posthumous Navy Cross to USS Indianapolis chaplain
USNI News
The Navy on Friday issued a posthumous Navy Cross to Lt. Thomas Conway, a chaplain who died after the sinking of the World War II cruiser USS Indianapolis (CA-35).

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Marine Corps

New in 2021: Marines and loitering munitions — from LAVs to infantry squads, the Corps wants more in the new year
Marine Corps Times
As the Corps looks to protect its small units in far-flung places, it has had to ditch light artillery and is instead looking for "loitering munitions" both large and small.
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1,000 US Marines arrive in Norway for cold-weather training
Stars & Stripes
More than 1,000 Marines and sailors have arrived in Setermoen, Norway for Arctic warfare training, Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa said Friday.
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Air Force

Sex with subordinate, inappropriate relationships cost fired warfare center commander two stars
Air Force Times
The two-star general who was fired from command of the Air Force Warfare Center in 2019 has retired as a colonel after an investigation found he had a sexual relationship with a female subordinate.
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Air Force takes steps to ensure disciplinary action is impartial
Stars & Stripes
The Air Force has begun tracking the demographics of some disciplinary actions to determine if punishment is meted out impartially.
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New program to deploy generals as USAF, Space Force ambassadors
Air Force Magazine
A new Air Force Recruiting Service program will deploy USAF and Space Force generals as ambassadors for their services to help underrepresented youth envision a future for themselves in the Total Force.
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US intel community expands with Space Force unit
The Associated Press
The U.S. intelligence community got larger on Friday with the addition of the U.S. Space Force.
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Nebraska bid to attract Space Command to Offutt Air Force Base includes $107 million
The Associated Press
Nebraska’s bid to attract the U.S. Space Command’s headquarters to Offutt Air Force Base includes $107 million of public and private money.
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Officials tour possible Space Command site at New Mexico’s Kirtland Air Force Base
The Associated Press
Air Force officials have toured the grounds of Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque to evaluate the site as a possible location for the U.S. Space Command.
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Member of famed Tuskegee Airmen dies from coronavirus
The Associated Press
One of the famed Tuskegee Airmen — the first Black pilots in the segregated U.S. military and among the most respected fighter pilots of World War II — has died from complications of the coronavirus, it was announced Friday.
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National Guard

Army head says National Guard may be allowed to carry guns in DC
The Associated Press
Defense leaders are reviewing restrictions on the use of force by National Guard members and could allow troops to carry batons or guns in Washington, D.C., as they brace for more protests and possible violence around the Jan. 20 inaugural, The Associated Press has learned.
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National Guard activated for start of legislative session in Washington state
The Associated Press
Washington Gov. Jay Inslee has activated up to 750 members of the National Guard to work with the Washington State Patrol to protect the Capitol campus as the state Legislature prepares to convene its 105-day legislative session Monday.
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The National Guard's role, origins explained
Wall Street Journal
State governors can call out these forces of citizen-soldiers to deal with emergencies, such as natural disasters and civil disturbances
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Elba native Wendy Johnson becomes Nebraska National Guard's first female two-star general
Omaha World-Herald
An Elba native was promoted to the rank of major general on Tuesday, becoming the first female general officer in the Nebraska National Guard to pin on a second star.
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Education & Transition

Veterans unemployment shows improvement amid negative reports on U.S. job market
Military Times
The jobless rate among U.S. veterans improved in December even as national employment numbers showed discouraging signs of sluggishness amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

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Pay & Benefits

Nearly 175,000 military retirees, family members may soon have no Tricare Select coverage
Military Times
Nearly 175,000 beneficiaries who are working-age military retirees and their family members who were enrolled in Tricare Select may soon find their health care coverage has been dropped, because they haven't set up payment plans for the newly required enrollment fees.
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Military Culture & History

Ed Guthrie, Nebraska's last known Pearl Harbor survivor, dies at 102
Omaha World-Herald
Edward Guthrie was born during the flu pandemic of 1918, died during the COVID-19 pandemic and lived 102 years in between. His death Thursday marked the end of an era.
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Podcasts

The Regime: How arms control treaties keep us safe
War On The Rocks
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Capitol breach and Cold Ware lessons for Sino-US ties
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Defense Industry

Saab to build underwater robots for French-British naval countermine program
Defense News
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UAE’s F-35 contracts expected to be signed before end of Trump administration
Defense News
A contract for the sale of F-35 Joint Strike Fighters to the United Arab Emirates is likely to be inked before the end of the Trump administration, according to a top U.S. State Department official.
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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Pentagon’s first demo of small counter-drone tech set for spring
Defense News
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AFRL’s Golden Horde ‘swarms’ would increase fighter lethality
Breaking Defense
The Air Force Research Laboratory’s prototype ‘swarming’ munitions failed to hit their targets in their first flight demo, but experts see the potential for networked, autonomous munitions to eventually equip America’s entire fighter fleet.
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An effective defense must be coupled with deterrence to enhance security
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Make it work
Defense & Aerospace Report
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An open letter to VA Secretary-designate McDonough
Military Times
Many were surprised by the announcement from the Biden-Harris transition team of Mr. McDonough as secretary-designate for Veterans Affairs. This open letter is not a criticism of him, the selection or the VA.
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Celebrating NATO's 72nd Anniversary: Time for members to renew their vows
Proceedings
When NATO was formed in 1949, many hoped—but few imagined—it would become the most successful alliance in history and a pillar of strategic defense for our democracies and shared values.
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Five recommendations for America's military at this sensitive time
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The US Navy's littoral combat ship: Size doesn't matter
19FortyFive
Even as near-peer adversaries such as China have sought to increase their capabilities to expand beyond a "green water navy" to an actual "blue water navy," the LCS was designed as a shallow-draft vessel that could operate in littoral or coastal waters.
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Russia is part of the US response to China's European campaign
The Hill
The European Union (EU) recently announced an investment deal with China, concluding seven years of negotiations, and coinciding with the end of Germany's term as president of the Council of the EU.
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UK defense secretary: Britain is paving a path for modernization and appropriate funding
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Italy's defense minister: The future of European defense must involve the United States
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Canada's defense minister: Our investment in defense is an investment in North American security
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Denmark's defense minister: The fight for democratic values can only be won through cooperation with allies
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Poland's defense minister: COVID-19 is forcing the military to reexamine its role
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The European security order is still being challenged.
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Paramount Group chairman: Africa's defense industry is more than a weapons business
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Embraer defense executive: Will protectionism define the post-pandemic defense industry?
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IISS analysts: Russian and Western defense firms face greater competition
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Lebanese Air Force chief: The future of air power, and its role in fighting terrorism
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Defense News
The fundamental character of warfare is changing.
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Former Pentagon comptroller: Observations and opportunities for America's defense budget
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As we look back at an inexplicable and difficult year, the time is right for a fresh start.
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India analyst: Can India implement reforms quick enough to rejuvenate its defense industry?
Defense News
Spurred as much by the economic considerations as the embarrassment of continued dependence on imports, the Indian government has taken several steps this year to galvanize defense production in the country.
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Airbus executive: What will be most important this year?
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This year will show how much the commitments of European governments to a stronger and more autonomous defense capability are worth.
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CEO of BAE Systems: Overcoming hardships for a better year
Defense News
Collaborative partnership with our customers has been essential to the defense industry's ability to press ahead over the past year.

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CEO of United Launch Alliance: The US must stay ahead of China in space
Defense News
The new year will present many challenges for the global defense industry.
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Overseas Operations

These US troops survived one of the greatest crises of the Trump era. A year later, they're still coping.
Washington Post
The U.S. soldiers scrambled from one bunker to the next, stumbling past charred wreckage, 30-foot-wide craters and puddles of diesel fuel. A barrage of ballistic missiles had briefly knocked some of them unconscious, and more were on the way.
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Pentagon

Military most to blame for helicopter noise around DC, new study finds
Military.com
Washington D.C. area residents complain that constant helicopter noise makes them feel like they're "living in a war zone," and they're right about one thing: the greatest proportion of the offending noise comes from military aircraft, according to a new study.
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Four-star AFRICOM commander reassures troops after siege at US Capitol
Military.com
The head of U.S. Africa Command sought to reassure his troops Friday that the American government remains strong and ready to meet any threat, despite the storming of the U.S. Capitol by a pro-Trump mob incensed by false claims of election fraud.
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Maryland senators urge Pentagon not to fire head of medical school
Politico
The Pentagon says the firing is over Thomas' poor management of a subordinate. Supporters say the effort is retribution for fighting against proposed budget cuts.
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Congress & Politics

VA's Wilkie is last Cabinet secretary to respond to Capitol siege
Military.com
Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie issued a statement Friday morning addressing the invasion of the U.S. Capitol, two days after a mob breached the building and two military veterans were killed, including a U.S. Capitol Police officer bludgeoned in the assault, according to law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press.
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House chairman: Biden Pentagon pick 'shares my commitment to civilian control of the military'
The Hill
House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith (D-Wash.) gave his full backing Friday to President-elect Joe Biden’s nominee to be Defense secretary, saying an “extensive conversation” reassured him.
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National security officials struggle to find new jobs
Politico
Conversations with seven former and current officials reveal that they have been tainted by their time working for Trump.
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Biden's Defense nominee could get $1.7 million as he leaves Raytheon
Reuters
President-elect Joe Biden’s choice for U.S. defense secretary, retired General Lloyd Austin, stands to collect as much as $1.7 million connected with leaving Raytheon Technologies Corp, an ethics disclosure showed on Sunday.

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National Security

Pelosi asks military leaders to prevent Trump from starting a nuclear war in his final days
Military Times
Amid unprecedented turmoil among the nation's political leaders, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Friday asked the Joint Chiefs chairman to keep an "unstable" President Donald Trump from launching America into surprise military hostilities in his final days in office.
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The military can't legally curb a president's access to nuclear codes, experts say
Military.com
House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called Joint Chiefs Chairman Army Gen. Mark Milley Friday morning to discuss what she described as necessary precautions to prevent an "unhinged" president from accessing nuclear codes.
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US expects Iran to prepare for talks with Biden, not plot attacks in Trump's final days
Washington Examiner
President Trump's administration expects Iran to avoid attacking Americans in the near future as the regime prepares for an expected negotiation with President-elect Joe Biden later this year.
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'Brian did his job': Family remembers fallen Capitol officer, military veteran
The Associated Press
Sicknick's death has shaken America as it grapples with how an armed mob could storm the halls of the U.S. Capitol as the presidential election results were being certified, sending hundreds of lawmakers, staff and journalists fleeing for safety.
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Videos show fatal shooting during rampage at the Capitol

The Associated Press
The Air Force veteran killed during the storming of the Capitol was shot as she began to climb through the broken part of a door leading into an area known as the Speaker’s Lobby, videos posted online show.
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Air Force vet photographed in Capitol riot arrested in Texas
The Associated Press
A retired Air Force officer who was part of the mob that stormed the U.S. Capitol was arrested Sunday in Texas, federal prosecutors said.
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North Korea's Kim threatens to build more nukes and bring U.S. to its 'knees' as Trump's term ends
NBC News
North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un called the U.S. his country's "arch-enemy."
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Military quick-reaction force not deployed during storming of Capitol because of a lack of planning, defense officials say
Washington Post
A small quick-reaction force assembled by the Defense Department to assist if needed during protests in Washington on Wednesday did not immediately respond when a pro-Trump mob stormed the Capitol because of a lack of a prior planning with Capitol Police over how it might be deployed, Pentagon officials said.
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Army

Soldier dies in military vehicle accident in South Korea
Army Times
A U.S. soldier stationed at Camp Humphreys in South Korea died in a military vehicle accident at Rodriguez Live Fire Complex this week.
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Army tries (again) to protect Stryker: Rafael or Rheinmetall?
Breaking Defense
This year, the Army will fire live anti-tank warheads at two rival Active Protection Systems to assess how best to protect lightweight armored vehicles like its 8×8 Stryker.
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Army leader reveals Spc. Vanessa Guillen's entire chain of command at Fort Hood was fired
Stars & Stripes
Leaders responsible for Spc. Vanessa Guillen from her squad to her battalion were fired during the disciplinary action that took place last month at Fort Hood, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Michael Grinston told soldiers Thursday at the base.
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Navy

Navy kicks off Naval Community College pilot program for sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen
Navy Times
The United States Naval Community College pilot program is underway.
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Unclear on unmanned: The US Navy's plans for robot ships are on the rocks
Defense News
After a bruising, year-long fight with Congress, part of the Navy's plan to field unmanned ships appears to be on life support, making 2021 a crucial year for plotting a path forward.
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Unclear on Unmanned, Pt. 2: On Capitol Hill, the U.S. Navy has a credibility problem
Defense News
The attack from the late Sen. John McCain was predictable but that did little to lessen the pain.
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Retired Naval Academy goat mascot Bill 33 has died
The Associated Press
The United States Naval Academy has announced that goat mascot Bill 33 has died.
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Navy issues posthumous Navy Cross to USS Indianapolis chaplain
USNI News
The Navy on Friday issued a posthumous Navy Cross to Lt. Thomas Conway, a chaplain who died after the sinking of the World War II cruiser USS Indianapolis (CA-35).
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Marine Corps

New in 2021: Marines and loitering munitions — from LAVs to infantry squads, the Corps wants more in the new year
Marine Corps Times
As the Corps looks to protect its small units in far-flung places, it has had to ditch light artillery and is instead looking for “loitering munitions” both large and small.
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1,000 US Marines arrive in Norway for cold-weather training
Stars & Stripes
More than 1,000 Marines and sailors have arrived in Setermoen, Norway for Arctic warfare training, Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa said Friday.
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Air Force

Sex with subordinate, inappropriate relationships cost fired warfare center commander two stars
Air Force Times

The two-star general who was fired from command of the Air Force Warfare Center in 2019 has retired as a colonel after an investigation found he had a sexual relationship with a female subordinate.
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Air Force takes steps to ensure disciplinary action is impartial
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The Air Force has begun tracking the demographics of some disciplinary actions to determine if punishment is meted out impartially.
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New program to deploy generals as USAF, Space Force ambassadors
Air Force Magazine
A new Air Force Recruiting Service program will deploy USAF and Space Force generals as ambassadors for their services to help underrepresented youth envision a future for themselves in the Total Force.
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US intel community expands with Space Force unit
The Associated Press
The U.S. intelligence community got larger on Friday with the addition of the U.S. Space Force.
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Nebraska bid to attract Space Command to Offutt Air Force Base includes $107 million
The Associated Press
Nebraska’s bid to attract the U.S. Space Command’s headquarters to Offutt Air Force Base includes $107 million of public and private money.
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Officials tour possible Space Command site at New Mexico's Kirtland Air Force Base
The Associated Press
Air Force officials have toured the grounds of Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque to evaluate the site as a possible location for the U.S. Space Command.
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Member of famed Tuskegee Airmen dies from coronavirus
The Associated Press
One of the famed Tuskegee Airmen — the first Black pilots in the segregated U.S. military and among the most respected fighter pilots of World War II — has died from complications of the coronavirus, it was announced Friday.
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National Guard

Army head says National Guard may be allowed to carry guns in DC
The Associated Press
Defense leaders are reviewing restrictions on the use of force by National Guard members and could allow troops to carry batons or guns in Washington, D.C., as they brace for more protests and possible violence around the Jan. 20 inaugural, The Associated Press has learned.
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National Guard activated for start of legislative session in Washington state
The Associated Press
Washington Gov. Jay Inslee has activated up to 750 members of the National Guard to work with the Washington State Patrol to protect the Capitol campus as the state Legislature prepares to convene its 105-day legislative session Monday.
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The National Guard's role, origins explained
Wall Street Journal
State governors can call out these forces of citizen-soldiers to deal with emergencies, such as natural disasters and civil disturbances
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Elba native Wendy Johnson becomes Nebraska National Guard's first female two-star general
Omaha World-Herald
An Elba native was promoted to the rank of major general on Tuesday, becoming the first female general officer in the Nebraska National Guard to pin on a second star.
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Education & Transition

Veterans unemployment shows improvement amid negative reports on U.S. job market
Military Times
The jobless rate among U.S. veterans improved in December even as national employment numbers showed discouraging signs of sluggishness amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.
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Pay & Benefits

Nearly 175,000 military retirees, family members may soon have no Tricare Select coverage
Military Times
Nearly 175,000 beneficiaries who are working-age military retirees and their family members who were enrolled in Tricare Select may soon find their health care coverage has been dropped, because they haven’t set up payment plans for the newly required enrollment fees.
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Military Culture & History

Ed Guthrie, Nebraska’s last known Pearl Harbor survivor, dies at 102
Omaha World-Herald
Edward Guthrie was born during the flu pandemic of 1918, died during the COVID-19 pandemic and lived 102 years in between. His death Thursday marked the end of an era.
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Podcasts

The Regime: How arms control treaties keep us safe
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Capitol breach and Cold Ware lessons for Sino-US ties
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Defense Industry

Saab to build underwater robots for French-British naval countermine program
Defense News
Swedish vendor Saab has received a contract to deliver underwater vehicles for blowing up sea mines to an Anglo-French program, the company announced Jan. 8.
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UAE’s F-35 contracts expected to be signed before end of Trump administration
Defense News
A contract for the sale of F-35 Joint Strike Fighters to the United Arab Emirates is likely to be inked before the end of the Trump administration, according to a top U.S. State Department official.
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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Pentagon's first demo of small counter-drone tech set for spring
Defense News
The first opportunity for industry to demonstrate technology for the Pentagon's enduring counter-drone capability will take place in April, according to the two-star general in charge of the joint effort.
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AFRL's Golden Horde 'swarms' would increase fighter lethality
Breaking Defense
The Air Force Research Laboratory's prototype 'swarming' munitions failed to hit their targets in their first flight demo, but experts see the potential for networked, autonomous munitions to eventually equip America's entire fighter fleet.
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Commentary & Analysis

An effective defense must be coupled with deterrence to enhance security
Defense News
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Make it work
Defense & Aerospace Report
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An open letter to VA Secretary-designate McDonough
Military Times
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Celebrating NATO’s 72nd Anniversary: Time for members to renew their vows
Proceedings
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Five recommendations for America’s military at this sensitive time
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The US Navy’s littoral combat ship: Size doesn’t matter
19FortyFive
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Russia is part of the US response to China's European campaign
The Hill
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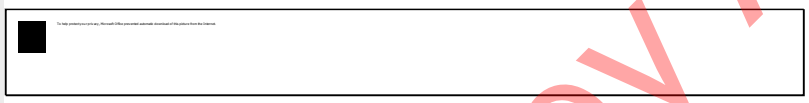

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COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you from getting COVID-19. You may have some sid
are normal signs that your body is building protection. These side effects may affect your ab
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Improving Ventilation in Your Home

Staying home with only members of your household is the best way to keep COVID-19 out o
However, if a visitor needs to be in your home, improving ventilation (air flow) can help prev

from accumulating in the air in your home. Good ventilation, along with other preventive ac
prevent you from getting and spreading COVID-19. There are ways you can improve ventila
Use as many ways as you can (open windows, use air filters, and turn on fans) to help clear a
your home faster.

- Bring as much fresh air into your home as possible.
- Filter the air in your home.
- Turn on the exhaust fan in your bathroom and kitchen.
- Use fans to improve airflow.
- Limit the number of visitors inside your home.

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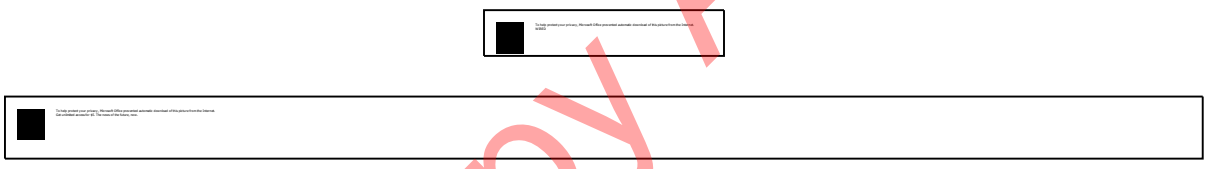

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Mark “Dewey” E. Kulp

Firefighter/EMT

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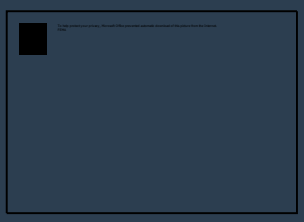

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Extremist Content Online: ISIS Releases New Propaganda Video

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(New York, N.Y.) – The Counter Extremism Project (CEP) reports weekly on the methods used by extremists to exploit the Internet and social media platforms to recruit followers and incite violence. Last week, ISIS released a new propaganda video from their self-proclaimed Sinai province titled "Bleeding Campaigns" depicting attacks with automatic weapons, snipers, and improvised explosive devices against the Egyptian armed forces. Additionally, the pro-ISIS propaganda group War and Media Agency released a video titled "The End and the Beginning" on multiple websites that offered a history of ISIS in Iraq and Syria and condemned anti-ISIS factions in both countries.

Meanwhile, members of extreme right, white supremacist, and neo-Nazi groups and online communities on Telegram and Parler praised the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol Building and urged additional violence, including on January 20. Additionally, CEP researchers located 11 white supremacist clothing companies using Instagram to advertise merchandise, including white supremacist or neo-Nazi themed streetwear and Mixed Martial Arts clothing. Finally, CEP researchers located a version of James Mason's book *Siege* on the print-on-demand website Lulu.

ISIS Releases New Propaganda Video

On Friday, January 8, ISIS released a new propaganda video from its self-proclaimed Sinai province titled "Bleeding Campaigns." The footage shows attacks using automatic weapons, snipers, and improvised explosive devices against the Egyptian armed forces in Sinai. The video also includes footage of the beheading of a man accused of being an Israeli spy and the execution of individuals identified as members of the Egyptian security forces.

The video was uploaded to Telegram, and links were spread via RocketChat. The video was posted to at least nine websites: the Internet Archive, Bcove.video, Mail.Ru, D.Tube, Pcloud, File.Fm, FromSmash.Com, Ok.Ru, and Dropbox. Approximately four hours later, the video was still available on six websites: the Internet Archive, Bcove.Video, D.Tube, File.Fm, FromSmash.Com, and Ok.Ru.

Pro-ISIS Propaganda Group Releases Video

On January 2, the pro-ISIS propaganda group War and Media Agency released a video titled “The End and the Beginning” on multiple websites. The video, over an hour-long, offered a history of ISIS in Iraq and Syria. The video condemned anti-ISIS factions in both countries, and sought to refute the accusations that it has similarities to the early Islamic Kharijite sect.

The propaganda piece also sought to portray the terrorist group as frequently engaging in combat with the Syrian government. The video concluded with previously released footage of pledges of allegiance from different ISIS regional groups and a declaration that the terrorist organization will continue fighting.

The video made extensive use of previously released ISIS propaganda footage, including combat footage, clips taken from execution videos, and the October 2017 ambush of U.S. and Nigerien soldiers in Tongo Tongo. The video also included footage taken from news reports of the November 2020 Vienna attack by Kutjim Fejzulai.

Links for the video were spread on Telegram, RocketChat, and Hoop. The video was uploaded to at least eight websites: the Internet Archive, Bcove.Video, Mail.Ru, pCloud, File.Fm, FromSmash.Com, Ok.Ru, and Dropbox. Approximately 72 hours later, the video was still available on three websites: the Internet Archive, Mail.Ru, and File.Fm.

Extreme-Right, White Supremacists, and Neo-Nazis Praise Storming of U.S. Capitol Building

Members of extreme right, white supremacist, and neo-Nazi groups and online communities praised the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol Building. Two official Proud Boys Telegram channels, belonging to the central organization and the group’s British chapter, posted statements and memes supporting the storming of the Capitol and denigrating racial justice movements. The group’s chairman, Enrique Tarrio, shared messages on Parler expressing his support for the attack, including urging those who entered the building to stay, stating that “When the people fear the government, there is tyranny, When the government fears the people, There is liberty.” At least one member of the Proud Boys was arrested by the FBI and is accused of participating in the violent mob that raided the Capitol Building.

A Telegram account belonging to the neo-Nazi group Nationalist Social Club (NSC) shared images of an individual displaying an NSC business card during protests outside of the Capitol. The same account also posted a photo of an alleged U.S. Capitol Police riot helmet with an NSC sticker to claim it as a trophy. It is unknown how the individual in the photo acquired the helmet. A Telegram account affiliated with the white supremacist Rise Above Movement encouraged their audience to attend the demonstrations at the Capitol, stating that it was an “opportunity,” and encouraged attacks against journalists.

Neo-Nazi accelerationist propaganda accounts on Telegram applauded the Capitol's storming and urged additional future violence. One prominent Telegram channel with over 7,500 subscribers expressed hope that the events on January 6 would lead to spiraling violence and urged followers to commit acts to heighten tension and promote disorder. The same channel argued that insurrectionists' ability to storm the Capitol proved that "police authority is a mirage." A notorious neo-Nazi accelerationist Telegram channel with approximately 3,900 members urged terrorist attacks on infrastructure during the month of January and shared a post encouraging violence targeting politicians in their home states on January 20 while the country is preoccupied with the inauguration. The channel has been removed twice by Telegram, most recently in September 2020 after it encouraged attacks on law enforcement officers and Jews, but has returned to the communications app. Another important neo-Nazi accelerationist Telegram channel with over 7,300 subscribers advocated for attacks on police officers. A channel with approximately 1,900 subscribers stated that the events of January 6 were a significant victory for bringing about the collapse of the established order, but that future actions would have to occur in the "battle that is won day by day, hour by hour." A channel that focuses on information and operations security stated that the attack on the Capitol Building would provide the neo-Nazi movement with additional recruits and urged their followers to keep up the momentum, promoting acts of terrorism and offering tips on operations security.

White Supremacist Street Wear Brands Use Instagram to Sell Merchandise

On January 5, CEP researchers located 11 white supremacist clothing companies that use Instagram to advertise merchandise. The accounts belonged to stores located in at least seven countries: the U.S., Serbia, Sweden, Australia, Ukraine, Germany, and the Czech Republic. The majority of the stores sell white supremacist or neo-Nazi themed streetwear and Mixed Martial Arts clothing. All of the Instagram accounts had links to external websites or Telegram accounts.

The Instagram accounts were created between December 2019 and November 2020. Accounts had between 246 and 5,723 followers, with an average of 1,687 followers. The accounts had an average of 73 posts each. All 11 accounts were reported to Instagram on January 8, but were still active 72 hours later.

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Researching Extremist Content on Social Media Platforms: Data Protection and Research Ethics Challenges and Opportunities

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Executive Summary

The nexus between terrorism and technology is socially and politically more relevant than ever. Almost every mobilisation and radicalisation process and every violent attack, whether carried out or prevented, has an online component to it. Researchers, not least those involved in GNET, are meeting head on the challenge of analysing these processes in difficult empirical online environments. Even when taking into account ever changing platforms and policies, as well as the shift towards ever more closed and encrypted spaces, there is abundant empirical data. This abundance creates challenges and opportunities of its own,[1] yet there are also hard limits to and grey zones around what a researcher dealing with extremist online content can and is allowed to do, which brings in ethical and data protection considerations. Discussions of such topics gained much relevance in recent years and are particularly lively in international research consortia.

While summarising the state of these discussions around ethics and privacy, this GNET report identifies the limits of and opportunities for research and formulates related recommendations for researchers and tech companies. It proceeds in three steps: first, it summarises some of the main ethical considerations that a researcher in this academic field should bear in mind; second, it provides an overview of the main data protection principles that are to be observed and highlights the opportunities for and balancing acts required of researchers in this regard; and third, it discusses the interplay between researchers, data sources and the policies of platforms, condensing in this context some key recommendations for researchers, tech companies and regulators. The most important points are: first, more cross-platform access points and databases would provide incentives for a broader and more vibrant research field; second, badly needed international research collaboration around analysing extremist online content would benefit from greater international harmonisation and a convergence of data protection rules; third, data protection regimes should not be seen as inconveniences but as enabling research by providing a clearer demarcation of what is and is not possible; and, lastly, the dynamic empirical field requires regular mechanisms of exchange between tech companies, researchers and regulators to adapt policies, habits and legal frameworks in a way that does justice to the social and political relevance of the nexus between extremism and technology.

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1 Introduction

The digital space played a central role in the radicalisation processes of many perpetrators of past attacks:[1] extremists including Anis Amri (Berlin, Germany), Brenton Tarrant (Christchurch, New Zealand) and Stephan Balliet (Halle, Germany) took advantage of social media platforms not only to gather and distribute information, and to network and stage, but also to exchange ideas with like-minded people and sometimes even to share an attack live for thousands of viewers. It is through this communication by radical or extremist actors that we can learn much about the radicalisation processes that take place in the virtual world. The content and its presentation, as well as the way in which these actors communicate, are of central importance in that regard and can serve as a background against which to develop the most appropriate preventative and demobilising measures.

In the context of this research field, data retrieved from social media naturally has become increasingly important.[2] This is exemplified by numerous scientific publications based on data from social media: for instance, Facebook,[3] Twitter,[4] YouTube[5] and Instagram.[6] An extremely large pool of data can now be accessed and used to develop and test hypotheses.[7] These opportunities go hand in hand with limitations and pitfalls. This relates to potential ethical and data protection requirements, which certainly provide challenges for researchers but also many opportunities. While transparency and the guideline "maximising benefits and minimising harm" are essential throughout the entire research process, there are further principles and guidelines that need to be considered. In the first two sections, we summarise some key ethical considerations that a research process in this academic field should include and we provide insights

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into the main data protection principles to be observed.[8] We then highlight the opportunities available to and balancing acts required of researchers in this regard. In the third section, we discuss the interplay between researchers, data sources and policies of platforms, and give some key recommendations.

8 In Sold, Abay Gaspar, and Junk, "Designing Research on Radicalisation using Social Media Content: Data Protection Regulations as Challenges and Opportunities" we discuss some of these elements in greater depth, as do the chapters from de Koning et al. "On Speaking, Remaining Silent and Being Heard: Framing Research, Positionality and Publics in the Jihadi Field," in *Jihadi Audiovisuality and its Entanglements. Meanings, Aesthetics, Appropriations*, ed. Christoph Günther and Simone Pfeifer (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020) and "Ethics in Gender Online Research: A Facebook Case Study," in *Jihadi Audiovisuality and its Entanglements. Meanings, Aesthetics, Appropriations*, ed. Christoph Günther and Simone Pfeifer (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020) in the same volume by Günther and Pfeifer *Jihadi Audiovisuality and its Entanglements. Meanings, Aesthetics, Appropriations* (Edinburgh: Edingburh University Press, 2020).

2 Central Ethical Considerations

Ethical considerations play a role in almost every research project. Research ethics thereby "seeks to protect the people involved, not solely ensuring compliance with the legalities".[9] When analysing content from social media platforms, personal data is ubiquitous.[10] While it neither raises completely new ethical issues nor invalidates "recognised norms and values of research ethics",[11] the oftentimes fairly easy access to and the sheer quantity of this kind of data, as well as the speed in which platforms, contexts and events change, make it not only a necessity but also quite a challenge to provide enough space for ethical considerations and adapt such considerations to changing platforms, visualities and policies. Thus, as in any research project, societal and scientific interests need to be balanced against an individual's right to privacy. However, the use of data from social media raises some particular challenges and can "present a potential minefield".[12]

Even though there is no generally accepted guideline that declares that ethical principles must be considered mandatory, some ethical principles have been repeatedly emphasised as particularly relevant in the literature. We can divide these principles into three categories: first, those that concern the relationship between the researcher and individual research subjects. Second, principles concerning the societal dimension. Third and last, those that are self-reflective and concern the researchers themselves. We summarise those findings below with the aim of making them easily accessible for future research on extremism and technology.

Ethical principles that concern the individual research subject

Principles that concern the individual research subject cover *confidentiality* or *respect for persons*, and *beneficence.* Ensuring *confidentiality* means that researchers who know the identity of a research subject need to take steps to ensure that this identity is not revealed to or by others. Whenever possible, consent should be obtained when using a person's data for research purposes.[13] Informed consent ensures that a person's personal rights and right to informational self-determination are guaranteed. Consequently, researchers are obliged to be transparent and ensure that subjects

9 NESH*A Guide to Internet Research Ethics* (2019), 3, https://www.forskningsetikk.no/en/guidelines/social-sciences-humanities-law-and-theology/a-guide-to-internet-research-ethics/.
10 Personal data is any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (a "data subject") see article 2 (1) GDPR.
11 National Committee for Research Ethics in the Social Sciences and the Humanities NESH, *A Guide to Internet Research Ethics*, 2.
12 Sold, Abay Gaspar, and Junk, Designing Research on Radicalisation using Social Media Content: Data Protection Regulations as Challenges and Opportunities, 52; see also: Farina Madita Dobrick et al., *Research Ethics in the Digital Age: Ethics for the Social Sciences and Humanities in Times of Mediatization and Digitization*, ed. Farina Madita Dobrick, Jana Fischer, and Lutz M. Hagen (Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2018), 1.
13 NESH, *A Guide to Internet Research Ethics*, 2.

know that they are being researched, that they are informed about the upcoming research project in a comprehensible format and that they are given the opportunity to agree to participate voluntarily or to decline to do so. However, asking for informed consent is far from an easy task when dealing with extremist content, as seeking to obtain the research subjects' consent may jeopardise the research: knowing that their data will be observed or even analysed often leads people to modify their behaviour. For example, if individuals knew that they (or their online threads, posts and comments) were being observed, they may act differently, communicate through other channels, stop expressing their opinions virtually or adapt them.

Further problems arise when data from many different people is to be used for research purposes.[14] For example, it can hardly be guaranteed that users of 100,000 Twitter accounts, for example, will give their consent in a timely fashion to researchers to use their data. In such cases, researchers may offer an opt-out approach, allowing individuals to withdraw their consent at any time during the research project. The advantage of this approach is that researchers do not have to obtain the consent of all individuals in advance. This option can also be employed if the amount of personal data is relatively small or if the data is anonymised. Researchers should always treat data collected during a study and after its completion confidentially. Whether or not individuals have given their consent to the analysis has no impact. In all cases data should be pseudonymised or made anonymous by researchers. However, anonymisation is often difficult[15] and people can often still be identified after anonymisation.[16] Researchers thus must ask themselves where and how the data is stored, whether the software used is trustworthy, how comprehensive a software vendor's privacy policy is and whether, for example, there is a need for an encryption program.

Furthermore, the principle of *beneficence* applies: researchers are required to ensure that no harm is done to participants and that the benefits of the study are maximised. For example, in a study on foreign combatants, the researcher must guarantee that all data is made anonymous in such a way that the person cannot be re-identified, as this could possibly result in prosecution or public condemnation. If such anonymisation cannot be guaranteed (for example, due to the constant monitoring of the researcher during meetings with the participant or because the omission of a participant's personal data would make it impossible to test hypotheses), the study may have to be discontinued or redesigned.

As far as maximising the benefits and minimising the risks are concerned, the latter in particular is still a complex undertaking.[17] However, the benefits of data collected online can be maximised with less effort while researching digital topics. Reasons for this include low-threshold possibilities for providing data and codes for reproducibility (for example, Harvard Dataverse or GitHub) or high-quality open-access journals that can reach a large audience (such as the newly founded *Global Studies Quarterly* by ISA or *Texas National Security Review* by UT Austin).

14 Elizabeth Buchanan, "Considering the ethics of big data research: A case of Twitter and ISIS/ISIL," *PLoS ONE* 12, no. 12 (2017): 2, https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0187155.
15 Buchanan, "Considering the ethics of big data research: A case of Twitter and ISIS/ISIL," 4.
16 Matthew J. Salganik, *Bit by Bit. Social Research in the Digital Age* (New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2018), 40. Ideally, and according to Rectical 26 GDPR, persons need to be completely unidentifiable.
17 Salganik, *Bit by Bit. Social Research in the Digital Age*, 298.

Ethical principles that concern the societal dimension

The principles relating to the societal dimension of a research project refer to *justice*, *respect for law and the public interest*. The *justice* principle points to the fact that scientists must ensure a balance of the costs and benefits to different social groups affected by a given research project. Minorities and vulnerable groups must not bear the costs while at the same time majorities and wealthy groups enjoy benefits.[18]

The principle *respect for law and the public interest* stipulates that laws and site policies relevant to research (for example, of social media companies) must generally be observed.[19] A central problem with digital research is the wide range of responsibilities that have to be observed, such as when collecting data on political extremists in different countries. In very rare cases, however, it is also possible to violate the conditions of use. For instance, New York University made a conscious decision to violate Facebook's terms of use to collect data on Facebook's political advertising strategy, presumably because Facebook continues to refuse to provide researchers with that data.[20] Since political advertising and misinformation in the digital domain are important issues for electoral integrity and the improvement of democracy, and since data should be used exclusively for the common good, the company's terms of use could be violated in this case. Furthermore, in order to satisfy the public interest, researchers must discuss their decisions transparently in public.[21] It is only then that the public is able to hold ethical debates about what scientists do and opinions from such debates can be fed back into research designs, making research projects not only more accountable but also more focused in terms of content. *Transparency* refers both to disclosing and explaining the research project to research participants and to being open about data collection and processing methods when presenting or publishing research results.

Ethical principles with regard to researchers themselves

Researchers are obviously part of any research process – their wellbeing should be of concern for any academic as well as for institutional environments. This relates to the *safety and/or security of the researcher*. In particular, when the topic is as sensitive as that of radicalisation, research must be designed in such a way that researchers themselves are protected. Dangers could entail physical threats and intimidation by others but researcher safety should also include psychological support as well, as there are limits to coping with the potentially harrowing content to be analysed. These aspects need to be taken into account before a project is started, but are all too often forgotten or not fully ensured by the institutions involved in research.

18 Salganik, *Bit by Bit. Social Research in the Digital Age*, 298; NESH*A Guide to Internet Research Ethics*, 5–6; British Psychological Society, *Ethics Guidelines for Internet-mediated Research* (2017), 17, www.bps.org.uk/publications/policy-and-guidelines/ research-guidelines-policy-documents/research- guidelines-poli.
19 Salganik, *Bit by Bit. Social Research in the Digital Age*, 300.
20 "Facebook to researchers: Stop using our data," 2020, https://edition.cnn.com/2020/10/24/tech/facebook-nyu-political-ad-data/index.html.
21 Salganik, *Bit by Bit. Social Research in the Digital Age*, 300–01.

Another issue concerns *trust*, which operates from the perspective of both the researched and the researchers. For example, researchers must question whether an online profile is a fake. There are limits to what can be verified, as well as to the transparency of one's own identity (safety and security might mean concealing one's identity). Many users employ fictitious names, provide incorrect location information or choose different languages. Often contributions are written in English, which makes it difficult to assign users nationalities.

Moreover, platform shifts, in which a thread on one platform is linked to another on a different platform, are challenging for researchers. Abbreviations, neologisms, the mixture of different languages and incomplete sentence structure are characteristics of internet conversations and pose further challenges.[22] Automated content analysis by programs is thus more difficult and poses an additional set of challenges.[23] One way of coping with these intricacies is embedded research. The role, whether active or passive, that researchers adopt during the data collection process can have serious consequences for the internal validity of a research design and raises a subset of ethical questions. If researchers manage to assume a completely passive/observational role in the data collection process at all times, they will presumably not influence the observed communication processes – which might be of utmost importance for the validity of the research findings. However, there are often limits to observational roles (for instance, via targeted questions to the researcher's profile) and there is a fine line to walk between non-intrusive and intrusive observations.

From an ethical perspective, privacy settings are also relevant for the implementation of a research project. If settings are chosen that make content publicly viewable, a researcher's analysis of such data is seen to constitute less of an invasion of the subject's privacy than if the data was only shared among 'friends' or an even smaller user-defined subset of selected persons. Ethical questions that arise when conducting research with data from social media are accompanied by legal questions. Since possible damage can be neither completely avoided nor comprehensively anticipated, the aim of both ethical reflection and legal requirements is to establish a balanced relationship between expected benefits of research and privacy interests.[24] Even if legal requirements and ethical considerations are interdependent and can only be understood as a package, both need to be addressed separately by researchers. Below we address legal recommendations we have extracted from the literature.

22 Albert Bifet and Eibe Frank, "Sentiment knowledge discovery in Twitter streaming data," in *Discovery Science*, ed. Bernhard Pfahringer, Geoff Holmes, and Achim Hoffmann, Lecture Notes in Computer Science (Heidelberg: Springer VS, 2010); Simon Carter, Wouter Weerkamp, and Manos Tsagkias, "Microblog language identification. Overcoming the limitations of short, unedited and idiomatic text," *Language Resources and Evaluation* 47, no. 1 (2013).

23 See Alrhmoun, Maher, and Winter, *Decoding Hate: Using Experimental Text Analysis to Classify Terrorist Content*.

24 Anne Lauber-Rönsberg, "Data Protection Laws, Research Ethics and Social Sciences," in *Research Ethics in the Digital Age. Ethics for the Social Sciences and Humanities in Times of Mediatization and Digitization*, ed. Farina M. Dobrick, Jana Fischer, and Lutz M. Hagen (Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2018), 41.

3 Central Data Protection Principles – Legal Limits, Challenges and Opportunities for Researchers

In social media in general, but particularly in social networks, individuals (and groups) often reveal a great deal of information about themselves. They may provide personal information such as their ethnic origin, political opinions, religious and ideological convictions, sex habits, sexual orientation, health and affiliations, such as trade union membership. Some of this personal information may be of interest to researchers conducting studies in various fields. If, in whatever context, personal data is to be collected or used, data protection regulations must be observed. In the following, we provide an overview of the data protection legal framework of observational empirical social research in social media based on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).[25]

Although the regulation contains several important privileges for scientific research, it gives no special grounds for processing. The legality of processing for research purposes is often assessed on the basis of a balance of interests in each individual case. Some personal data is particularly sensitive and is therefore subject to increased protection (for example, religious beliefs or political views that are of great relevance for examining extremist content on social media platforms). Depending on the research project, researchers may also be confronted with limits, challenges and opportunities. These will be discussed below, divided between whether consent was obtained or not, since this is of crucial importance.

Legal regulations for research with personal data with the consent of the persons concerned'

Much of the data available in social media is personal. Even if this information can be accessed online without significant barriers and was deliberately posted by the persons concerned, it is still protected as personal data by the GDPR. The collection and analysis of personal data is inevitable in many research projects. In the European Union, the legal protection applicable to such personal information is set out in the regulation.[26] Since the GDPR does not provide for specific authorisation for the processing of personal data for the purposes of scientific research, the permissibility of data processing is governed in particular by articles 5, 6 and 9. According

25 The GDPR is applicable as of 25 May 2018 in all EU member states. The goal is to harmonise data privacy laws across Europe.

26 The scope of the regulation includes all kinds and forms of "handling" data and thus the collection, storage, structuring and so on. See article 4 (2) GDPR.

to the GDPR, the processing of personal data is generally prohibited unless this is expressly permitted by law or with the consent of the person concerned.

By giving or refusing consent, a person can decide on the disclosure and use of their personal data. They must be given the opportunity to decide in each individual case whether and under what conditions their data may be processed. In order to ensure this, the data protection regulations for consenting to the processing of personal data specify certain content and formal requirements for consent. According to the GDPR, these are in particular the specific designation of the intended purpose of the use of the data, sufficient information of the data subject about the intended processing of their data, the voluntary nature of the consent and the possibility of revoking the consent to any time of the research process.

In addition to the declared consent of a person, data may also be used by researchers if the data subject has consciously published sensitive data. In such a case, article 9 (2) (e) of the regulation lifts the processing prohibition under paragraph 1 and the data subject has no special need for protection. The conscious publication of the data by the data subject can be seen as a kind of waiver of the special protection of article 9. Nevertheless, even if the data is published by the person concerned, the data is not completely removed from the GDPR's protection.[27] In particular, article 6 applies and the data still requires a legal basis for processing, even if article 9 has been waived.[28]

This leads to a question: what is meant by data that has been "made public"? Data is considered to be made public if it is made available to the public by an unspecified number of persons without any significant barrier to admission. Consequently, another central aspect in relation to data protection requirements concerns the type of social media from which the data originated. Does it come from open or closed (parts of) social media, or from social media set up specifically for research purposes? The primary demarcation criterion here is the "access hurdle through registration and login".[29] Depending on the platform, users have the possibility to limit the addressees of their content. Some social media is set up specifically for research purposes, wherein user consent to the processing of personal data proves to be a practicable solution, but this is not the case with other social media. Consequently, the legal requirements for the processing of personal data become relevant. This also applies if the data collected stems from publicly available sources.[30] Moreover, "public information can fall within the scope of private life where it is systematically collected and stored in files held by the authorities".[31] In addition, individuals also have a right to privacy even when they willingly enter the public arena. Data from semi-public or even closed communication spaces is even more in need of protection than data from public spaces.

27 Golla, Hofmann, and Bäcker, "Connecting the Dots: Sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung in Sozialen Online-Medien im Lichte von DS-GVO und BDSG-neu," 92.

28 At this point it should be noted that article 6 GDPR is also applicable at the same time as article 9 GDPR. The two then stand side by side and must both be fulfilled.

29 Golla, Hofmann, and Bäcker, "Connecting the Dots: Sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung in Sozialen Online-Medien im Lichte von DS-GVO und BDSG-neu," 96.

30 Ian Brown and Josh Cowls, *Check the Web. Assesing the Ethics and Politics of Policing the Internet for Extremist Material*, Oxford Internet Institute (2015), 46. Public spaces are characterised by unrestricted access with the co-presence of strangers. In contrast to this, "[p]rivate spaces are characterized by restricted access … and the absence of strangers" Nicolas Legewie and Anne Nassauer, "YouTube, Google, Facebook: 21st Century Online Video Research and Research Ethics," *Forum: Qualitative Social Research* 19, 32, no. 3 (2018).

31 European Court of Human Rights Application, "Rotaru v Romania no. 28341/95," (2000): § 43.

However, as mentioned above, obtaining consent may often jeopardise research or is simply impossible due to the sheer number of people whose consent would have to be obtained. This is not only the case in research on radicalised or extremist individuals or collectives, but also in many other sensitive research areas. For this reason, below we turn to the legal regulations for research with personal data without the consent of the persons concerned.

Legal regulations for research with personal data without the consent of the persons concerned

Since research often has to rely on personal data in order to achieve research objectives, legislators have laid down eligibility criteria for research. This allows restrictions to be placed on the right to informative self-determination for the purpose of scientific research. If data is used for an investigation that does not fall into the specific categories of article 9 of the GDPR, the lawfulness of its processing is governed exclusively by article 6 instead. Accordingly, at least one of the bases set out in this article must apply when personal data is processed. Consequently, the processing of personal data without consent is only permissible in limited circumstances: for example, if either the data subject's legitimate interests are not affected at all or the public interest in carrying out the research project outweighs the data subject's legitimate interests and the research purpose cannot otherwise be achieved or only with disproportionate effort. If such a condition is met, the research may be carried out without the consent of the person(s) concerned. The lawfulness of processing without consent often depends on a balance between the right to privacy and the benefits of the research. In any case, it is necessary to weigh the research interest against the data subject's legitimate interests.

In accordance with article 9 (2) (j) of the GDPR, there are also statutory provisions for the processing of special categories of personal data for research purposes: first, the existence of a *specific research question and concept*. For the purpose of scientific research, researchers must show that the respective research project meets scientific requirements in terms of its structure and content. Second, researchers must prove *the impracticability of the project* without the concrete personal data. Researchers need therefore to explain in detail why it is urgently necessary for the research project to collect the relevant personal data. For example, scientists should ask themselves whether research could be conducted with less data or other types of data. Third, interests must be balanced again, such as the quantity of data and the special circumstances of subjects. Thus, in order to legitimise data processing for research purposes without the consent of the data subject, it must be shown why the research interest (significantly) outweighs the interest of the data subject in the protection of their data.

To this end, the *principles of necessity, appropriateness and proportionality* of the processing of personal data must be observed and access regulations must be established to ensure that personal data is used in accordance with data protection regulations: first, researchers must demonstrate that the project pursues a *legitimate purpose*. It is true that research in general may be viewed as a

legitimate purpose.[32] Nevertheless, the processing of personal data for a research project without the consent of the data subjects should only be considered if the research purpose cannot be achieved by other means.[33] *Necessity* is to be understood as another precondition for proportionality. A measure is necessary if no milder – that is, less intrusive – measure could achieve the same goal. The necessity test should be considered the first step with which a proposed measure involving the processing of personal data must comply. Should the respective measure not pass the necessity test, there is no need to examine its proportionality. A measure that is not proven to be necessary should be modified to meet the requirement of necessity.

The processing of data obtained online without consent of the data project must also be *appropriate*. The principle of appropriateness requires that the content and form of action not exceed the necessary level to achieve the objectives. In order to examine the appropriateness of the intervention, researchers must weigh up the legal justification for carrying out the intervention (often based on the perceived societal benefit of the research) against the obligation to protect the individual whose privacy is violated by the intervention. After this consideration, researchers must also demonstrate that, according to article 89 of the GDPR, measures and safeguards to protect data subjects, such as, for example, pseudonymisation, are respected.

Another relevant aspect when considering the research project from a data protection perspective refers to the researcher's activity or passivity. The question of whether the researchers are passive observers when collecting the data – that is, whether they have chosen a non-reactive collection method – also has an impact on data protection requirements. In the case of such a procedure, the researcher does not take an active role at any time and does not enter into the discourse. Although such passive observation also rules out obtaining consent from the outset,[34] the intervention is kept to a minimum in that no influence is exerted on what is commented on or posted. Meanwhile, engaging in research with an active approach means that it is possible to obtain consent for the collection and analysis of personal data, but this also introduces the risk of producing interfering content, (further) advancing the discourse or potentially influencing the posting behaviour of others.

Individuals whose consent cannot be obtained should be offered further protection. According to article 89 (1) of the GDPR, technical and organisational measures must be taken to ensure, in particular, that the principle of data economy is respected. Important aspects in this respect are the reduction in the amount of data collected and limiting the scope of processing solely to the extent necessary for the purpose, the specification of a storage period, and a regulation on the accessibility of the data. Insofar as the purposes pursued can also be achieved with anonymised or pseudonymised data,

32 Golla, Hofmann, and Bäcker, "Connecting the Dots: Sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung in Sozialen Online-Medien im Lichte von DS-GVO und BDSG-neu," 90.

33 Sold, Abay Gaspar, and Junk, Designing Research on Radicalisation using Social Media Content: Data Protection Regulations as Challenges and Opportunities, 62–63.

34 Kerstin Eppert et al., *Navigating a Rugged Coastline: Ethics in Empirical (De-)Radicalization Research*, core-nrw Netzwerk für Extremismusforschung in Nordrhein-Westfalen (Bonn, 2020), 9, https://www.bicc.de/fileadmin/Dateien/Publications/other_publications/Core-Forschungsbericht_1/CoRE_FP_1_2020.pdf.

article 89 (1), sentences 3 and 4, of the GDPR stipulates that this needs to be the case. As far as data archiving is concerned, role concepts and secure access solutions are obvious.[35]

Furthermore, even if personal data may be processed (by virtue of consent or a legal provision), technical and organisational measures must be taken to ensure that the purposes of data protection are met. For example, this could be achieved by storing identifiers and data separately. In addition, the data should be earmarked for a specific purpose. Information therefore will only be held and examined for the purpose for which it was collected.

35 Golla, Hofmann, and Bäcker, "Connecting the Dots: Sozialwissenschaftliche Forschung in Sozialen Online-Medien im Lichte von DS-GVO und BDSG-neu," 94.

4 Data Source, Platform Policies and Researchers – Overview, Interplay and Recommendations

In addition to ethical principles and data protection regulations, users and researchers must comply with and take into account the legal agreements of the respective platform, as well as other individual restrictions when using third-party programs. The fact that, on the one hand, leading platforms utilise different policies and, on the other, such policies are often long or difficult to understand poses a challenge of its own. Below we provide a brief overview of the most relevant policies of leading tech companies and derive some general recommendations.

Twitter

With Twitter's new privacy policy, which is in accordance with the GDPR and came into effect in May 2018, Twitter gives its users more control over their data. Since it applies to every user regardless of their location, it appears that GDPR protection will be extended to all users around the globe. Twitter collects information about the IP address and device type from users as soon as they are look at tweets. Of course, data is also generated and collected when a user sends tweets, interacts with other users, retweets, likes and more. According to Twitter's privacy policy, direct messaging content is excluded from data collection and processing. The collected data is used to suggest tweets, track accounts and target advertising. To a certain extent, Twitter offers its users controls about what kinds of data are allowed to be collected. For instance, users can set their accounts to public or private and turn on or off photo-tagging by others. Users can also download information that was shared by the user on Twitter. For example, in addition to public tweets, which "are immediately viewable and searchable by anyone around the world", users are also given the opportunity to use "non-public ways to communicate on Twitter too, through protected Tweets and Direct Messages".[36] Additionally, it is also possible to use Twitter under a pseudonym and "data is kept for up to 18 months, or until account deletion".[37] With the launch of its API v2 in August 2020, "Twitter is making it easier for businesses, academics, and third-party developers to build on its platform":[38] it offers third-party developers access to features long absent from their clients, including "conversation threading, poll results in Tweets, pinned Tweets on

36 Twitter, *Twitter Privacy Policy* (2020), https://cdn.cms-twdigitalassets.com/content/dam/legal-twitter/site-assets/privacy-june-18th-2020/Twitter_Privacy_Policy_EN.pdf.

37 Identity Guard, "What You Need to Know About Twitter's Privacy Policy," (2018), https://www.identityguard.com/news/twitter-privacy-policy.

38 "Twitter launches new API as it tries to make amends with third-party developers," 2020, https://www.theverge.com/2020/8/12/21364644/twitter-api-v2-new-access-tiers-developer-portal-support-developers.

profiles, spam filtering, and a more powerful stream filtering and search query language".[39] In addition, there is also access to a real-time tweet stream.

API access has been reorganised by Twitter on three levels: during the early access period it was possible "to listen and to analyse the public conversation".[40] However, since only the free, basic access level has been launched, which limits the number of API calls developers can make, it remains to be seen what changes and opportunities will arise for researchers. A central advantage of Twitter compared to other social networks is its open communication. Individual tweets as well as entire conversations can be searched and viewed by anyone, regardless of whether they are a user or have a Twitter mutual following with the person in question. Thus researchers have access to not only comprehensive and unfiltered data but also data protection. One limitation of researching Twitter is that data use must not harm its economic interests. The creation, enrichment and distribution of large databases with tweets is prohibited, even for non-commercial purposes.[41] Results cannot be weighed or compared because researchers do not have information about overall Twitter activity.

Facebook

Similar to Twitter, Facebook has not only revised its data protection policy in accordance with GDPR but also made it applicable to its customers worldwide. Facebook, Instagram, Messenger and other products and features offered by Facebook collect different types of information depending on a user's interactions with Facebook products. This includes information and uploaded content, data of a user's social networks (such as the accounts, groups, hashtags and so on with which they interact), usage information and data on internal platform purchases, as well as data on other users' interactions with a user's content and profiles. In addition, data is collected on devices connected to Facebook or Instagram, including device attributes, cursor movements, internet providers, phone companies and device settings. Facebook uses this data to refine its own products and customise content and account recommendations. It also makes the data available to third party customers. In addition, data is not only shared with advertisers, but also with third parties who run apps on Facebook or otherwise use its services. As with other social media platforms, users can restrict data collection through their settings, as well as download and access the user data collected on them. Some data is subject to special protections: users can choose to provide Facebook information about their religious or political views, health, racial or ethnic origins, philosophical beliefs or trade union membership.[42] Although Facebook recently has made some improvements in terms of privacy,[43] the user interface is still not transparent enough. Furthermore, in contrast to personalised advertising, users can barely limit data collection. Facebook gives its users the possibility to access their Facebook information, including

39 "Twitter ändert APl zugunsten von Third-Party-Entwicklern," 2020, https://onlinemarketing.de/technologie/twitter-api-third-party-entwicklern.
40 "Twitter API v2: Early Access," 2020, https://developer.twitter.com/en/docs/twitter-api/early-access.
41 Michael Beurskens, "Legal questions of Twitter research. Twitter and society," in *Digital Formations*, ed. Katrin Weller (New York et al.: Peter Lang, 2014).
42 "Data Policy," 2020, https://www.facebook.com/policy.php.
43 "Mit mehr Kontrolle über die eigene Privatsphäre ins neue Jahrzehnt," 2020, https://about.fb.com/de/news/2020/01/mehr-kontrolle-uber-die-eigene-privatsphare/.

photos, posts, reactions and comments using the so-called "Access Your Information" tool. Additionally, users are able to download a copy of their Facebook information using the "Download Your Information" tool.

Facebook also provides researchers and academics information and content to conduct research.[44] In response to the Cambridge Analytica debacle in 2018, Facebook promised a research initiative to give academics access to its data while keeping user information private. Despite launching a new data access hub to give researchers the opportunity to see all the Facebook datasets available to them, Facebook continues to be criticised[45] for failing to support researchers sufficiently.

Google

Google, unlike Facebook and Twitter, seems to have so far refrained from applying its revised privacy policy, which is in line with the GDPR, to regions outside the EU. For example, it has been reported that users in the UK will lose GDPR protection and now have to accept that, unlike in the EU, where it must be stored on servers in accordance with GDPR rules, their data is stored in the USA – and this means that data protection levels vary according to guidelines that service provides by and large set themselves. As YouTube is only one part of Google's empire, which consists of dozens of apps, services and a mobile operating system, the company is therefore likely to collect more data about its users than, for example, Twitter or Facebook. Among other things, YouTube collects data on user interaction, comments, video uploads, video consumption and much more. While YouTube does share user data with third parties who post ads on the site and provides an API, it is explicitly stated that YouTube does not sell data to third parties, such as other social media companies. YouTube offers users who want access to their data numerous options to review and even delete data.

TikTok

Unlike many large social media companies, TikTok takes a regionally segmented approach to privacy policy. In Europe, for example, there is a directive that takes certain GDPR requirements into account. For the USA and other countries, separate guidelines apply. In addition to the usual data points (usage activities, device information, location data, phonebook when accessed, information on third-party content shared on the platform), content is also collected and analysed. TikTok does not appear to provide researchers with access to an API or other means to collect data legally. Instead, IT specialists have found ways to create unofficial APIs to collect data on users, views and interactions.[46]

44 For further details see "Facebook Research. Supporting exciting and innovative research through meaningful engagements," 2020.
45 See "Facebook needs to share more with researchers," World View, 2020, https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00828-5, for instance.
46 "How to Collect Data from TikTok," 2020, https://towardsdatascience.com/how-to-collect-data-from-tiktok-tutorial-ab848b40d191.

Telegram

Similar to TikTok, Telegram also maintains a separate privacy policy for European users. As communication platform, Telegram only stores basic information about users (telephone number, email address, username, and so on). Regular chats (which are called "cloud chats") between users and group chats are also stored. Secret chats are said to be fully encrypted throughout, and only visible to users who are involved in them. Telegram also does not provide researchers with any means of collecting and analysing data, such as an API. However, researchers have created their own scraper to access public channels, interactions and messages for research purposes.[47] While scraping is an attractive tool for evaluating social networks for research purposes, it represents, in terms of legality and ethical considerations, a particularly contested way of retrieving data.[48]

General Recommendations

The picture from this overview is at best diffuse: some data is available to researchers, depending on the platform. Generally, platforms reserve the rights to data, and to process or pass it on. However, not all platforms have clearly spelled out the access points and terms of reference for scientific use. A further opening up of many tech companies to science would also be desirable with clear-cut, durable and harmonised APIs and with regard to searches (for instance, for datasets that are created using a search term). On Twitter, for example, tweets linked by replies are not included in search results. Data Grants[49] is a pilot programme to give researchers access to public and historical data, but such access is limited to a few projects selected by Twitter.

The research and investigation of often violent political online extremism is high on the agendas of various political and societal institutions as well as of technology companies. Databases with user data are, as discussed earlier in this report, subject to the respective national data protection regulations. These limit, for good reasons, the sharing of existing data with other scientists domestically and, particularly, internationally. In this context it is worth questioning researchers' potential use of collected data for further analysis and projects. While the GDPR applies to all EU member states, rules for collaboration with outside partners are less clear, even though there is an increasing convergence of standards around the world and tech companies like Facebook implement and push for global rules.

While there still exists a variety of constraints, the tendency is promising. Furthermore, there are certain privileges for researchers in most data protection regulations, including the GDPR. If certain principles are balanced systematically and transparently in data protection strategies for given research projects and in close discussion with data protection officers (and, in some instances, with the platforms), the necessary analyses and access to findings for further researchers are possible in almost every case. Still, there are some limits to reproducing results if data is retrieved from encrypted spaces and under conditions of pseudonymisation or anonymisation.

47 Jason Baumgartner et al., *The Pushshift Telegram Dataset* (2020).
48 Sebastian J. Golla and Max von Schönfeld, „Kratzen und Schürfen im Datenmilieu – Web Scraping in sozialen Netzwerken zu wissenschaftlichen Forschungszwecken," *Kommunikation und Recht* (2019).
49 See "Introducing Twitter Data Grants," 2014, https://blog.twitter.com/engineering/en_us/a/2014/introducing-twitter-data-grants.html.

This is aggravated by the fact that more and more extremist content is quickly deleted. If deleted extremist content were to be safely hosted, researchers with access to such content would likely find themselves able to provide more thorough analysis. In this regard, there is much to discuss with online and print academic publishers, for instance, around ensuring a high degree of external validity for a published study without providing incentives for violating data protection requirements and research ethics. If this balance is not struck, research will yield far too few relevant results.

Close cooperation between tech companies and researchers regarding knowledge-sharing, technical collaboration and shared research is a win-win situation for both sides. Researchers could make much more use of flagging problematic content, for instance, but they should critically engage with the implications of flagging according to the ethical standards outlined above. Tech companies need to be transparent about their mechanisms for dealing with flagged content and aware of the ethical and research-practical challenges researchers face in this regard. One solution could be the provision of an option to deal with content flagged by researchers differently from other content: companies could monitor such content closely without deleting it. An example of successful cooperation between tech companies and researchers is the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT). One of GIFCT's central objectives is to "empower researchers to study terrorism and counterterrorism, including creating and evaluating best practices for multi-stakeholder cooperation and preventing abuse of digital platforms".[50] GNET is funded by GIFCT and the dialogues that this enables – both critical and open – are immensely valuable and need to continued permanently if they are to deepen.

There are several tools or at least initiatives across platforms that are of interest to researchers working with public content from social media. CrowdTangle[51] is one such tool, which allows for analysing public content in social media and compiling it into reports. CrowdTangle makes accessible the timing of a post, the type of contribution (video, image, text) and information about which page, public account or public group it was posted to and how many interactions (e.g. "Like" information, reactions, comments, how often the contribution was shared) or video views it generated, as well as which other public pages or accounts have shared it. While this is a good start, there is room for improvement and expansion. Among other things, criticism has been levelled at CrowdTangle that it is not particularly useful to researchers since it is difficult to scan for patterns not identified in advance.[52] Moreover, many research projects require specifically non-public data. Besides CrowdTangle or a possible revision of its offering, more initiatives are welcome. As users shift from one platform to another, as extremist networks span various platforms and as content is increasingly cross-posted across platforms, cross-cutting tools would be a boost for further research and would bring more disciplines and scholars on board to analyse the various social and political challenges that arise from the online dynamics of extremism: more of such initiatives are needed and welcomed.

50 "Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism: Evolving an Institution," 2020, https://www.gifct.org/about/.
51 Comprehensive access to CrowdTangle is only available to selected companies and organisations that meet the requirements. However, the CrowdTangle Link Checker Chrome Extension is available to all interested parties. The extension shows how often a URL has been shared, which public pages or accounts have shared the URL and the interaction data for these posts.
52 Hegelich, "Facebook needs to share more with researchers."

5 Concluding Remarks

Some researchers still avoid working with data from social media or embark upon research projects without giving data protection issues and ethical principles sufficient attention – or any at all. In order to reduce the hesitation felt by researchers, this report has offered insights into the key ethical considerations and data protection requirements that scientists are confronted with when working with personal data from social media, and outlined challenges and limitations such work poses. Despite these hurdles, we cannot and should not avoid the analysis of data from the digital world. Online and offline worlds have long been closely linked. In order to better understand phenomena, a consideration of both worlds is inevitable. Thus, our goal is to encourage other researchers to work with data from social media. To this end, the report also pointed out opportunities.

Whenever possible, researchers must fulfil their duties and responsibilities and mitigate any risk against research subjects. Researchers should also obtain informed consent whenever possible, delete highly identifiable information and reserve the acquisition of informed consent to the dissemination stage of a project. Researchers must consider ethical and data protection requirements at all stages of a research project (from its very beginning until the dissemination of results and the handling of the data after completion of a project).

Data from different platforms is of interest to researchers. The privacy policies applied by individual tech companies are as different as the platforms themselves. While there is some overlap – for example, Facebook and Twitter comply with GDPR requirements for their global users – there are also differences, some of which have been discussed in this article. Although more emphasis has been placed on a user-friendly policy in recent years, not least because of increased requirements and pressure on platform operators, it is often unclear what opportunities are available to researchers. There is an urgent need for further improvements in terms of rights and access for researchers across platforms. Even if there have been positive developments, there is a need for tech companies to make further concessions to researchers. At the same time, researchers should also make more use of existing offers from tech companies – and they should do so in accordance with the basic ethical and legal principles that this report outlined and that are, rightly used in a research designs, less constraints than enablers.

Policy Landscape

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Introduction

Researching terrorist and/or extremist contents has for decades brought forth challenging questions on the legality, morality and practicality for researchers, governments, activists and law enforcement agencies alike. On the one hand, there is data protection legislation and the constraints by which researchers must operate when handling personal data. On the other, there is the legislation around counterterrorism and the ways in which terrorist and extremist data may be used for research purposes. This creates an increasingly complex field for researchers to navigate, with risks to themselves and others.

In this report, we will take a slightly different approach to previous reports, in that we will address the policy landscape on personal data protection in eight of the nine countries first. Then the report will give an in-depth overview of the counterterrorism landscape in the ninth country, the UK, and address some of the difficult questions researchers interested in researching terrorism may come across.

Data protection on social media platforms: addressing the challenges and assessing new developments

Canada

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC) has responsibility for the protection and promotion of individuals' data privacy rights. The OPC's mandate includes enforcing compliance with both the Privacy Act, which governs how federal government agencies handle personal data, and the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA), which covers the private sector. PIPEDA is a federal law, but the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Quebec have individual data privacy laws that are substantively similar.[53]

Generally speaking, PIPEDA obliges private organisations to "obtain an individual's consent when they collect, use or disclose that individual's personal information," and comply with legislative demands

53 'PIPEDA in brief,' Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. Accessed: https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/privacy-topics/privacy-laws-in-canada/the-personal-information-protection-and-electronic-documents-act-pipeda/pipeda_brief/

to safeguard that data. Under PIPEDA, corporations must follow ten 'fair information principles' to ensure individuals' data rights are protected, including accountability, consent, limiting collection, limiting use, disclosure, and retention, accuracy and safeguards.[54]

As well as horizon-scanning research to scope out new technologies and their impact on Canadians' data rights,[55] PIPEDA also gives the OPC enforcement powers for breaches of data protection. These enforcement powers include investigatory powers and financial disincentives – companies who fail to report data breaches to the OPC can be fined up to $100,000. Similarly to New Zealand, this fine falls far below those of other jurisdictions, such as the GDPR's €20,000,000 (or up to 4% of total annual turnover).

In November 2020, Canada's Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry proposed a new piece of legislation to protect personal data. In a press release, the ministry cited the coronavirus pandemic as the context for modernising and updating privacy laws, since many more individuals are making use of technology to communicate with one another.[56]

The proposed legislation, the Digital Charter Implementation Act (DCIA), would establish a new privacy law for the private sector including social media platforms. The DCIA would include far stronger oversight and enforcement powers for breaches – up to 5% of revenue or $25 million – as well as requiring transparency from businesses relating to their use of algorithms and artificial intelligence. The DCIA would mean that "Businesses would have to be transparent about how they use such systems to make significant predictions, recommendations or decisions about individuals. Individuals would also have the right to request that businesses explain how a prediction, recommendation or decision was made by an automated decision-making system and explain how the information was obtained."[57] Ghana's Data Protection Act 2012 has a similar clause (see below).

European Commission

As part of the European Commission's initiative to "get Europe fit for the digital age", the EC has concentrated on regulating the many facets that digital services comprise. This includes personal data protection and privacy. The European Union's data privacy is regulated by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The GDPR came into force in 2016. It serves to "protects citizens' fundamental right to data protection whenever personal data is used by criminal law enforcement authorities for law enforcement purposes" and to " will in particular ensure that the personal data of victims, witnesses, and suspects of crime are duly protected and will facilitate cross-border cooperation in the fight against crime and terrorism".[58] Crucially, it applies to companies who operate within the European market,

54 Ibid.
55 'Research,' Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. Accessed: https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-actions-and-decisions/research/
56 'New proposed law to better protect Canadians' privacy and increase their control over their data and personal information,' Government of Canada, 17 November 2020. Accessed: https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2020/11/new-proposed-law-to-better-protect-canadians-privacy-and-increase-their-control-over-their-data-and-personal-information.html
57 'Fact Sheet: Digital Charter Implementation Act, 2020,' Government of Canada. Accessed: https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/062.nsf/eng/00119.html
58 https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/data-protection-eu_en

regardless of where they are based. This means that companies such as Google also need to abide by GDPR principles or risk being fined and/or sued.

Alongside the GDPR, a European Data Protection Supervisor was also established. This is an independent EU body, tasked with ensuring compliance and handling any complaints under the GDPR.[59]

Aside from protecting the rights of citizens, the GDPR also gave relevant authorities the tools to ensure compliance and aimed to increase accountability for those who handle personal data. Since 2018, when all EU member states needed to have put into action the GDPR, thousands of complaints have been filed, and hundreds of fines have been issued for breaching the regulation. Perhaps one of the most high-profile was France's fining of Google for "lack of transparency, inadequate information and lack of valid consent regarding ads personalisation" and issuing a €50,000,000 fine.[60]

In addition to the GDPR, there is also the Data Protection Law Enforcement Directive. Directive 2016/680 relates to the processing of personal data by law enforcement agencies where one is a suspected perpetrator, a witness or a victim of crime.[61] However, the delineation between the GDPR and Directive 2016/680 in their respective scopes of application is blurred, with a risk that one data processing operation might fall under the GDPR in EU member states, but under the Directive in others.[62]

Finally, there is the EU Directive on the Security of Network and Information Systems (NIS), which provides legal measures to boost cybersecurity.[63] This is in particular related to: enhancing member states' preparedness; increasing cooperation among member states; reinforcing vital infrastructure across the EU.[64]

While data privacy regulation has, to some extent, jurisdictional limits, the EC is also seeking to implement the e-Privacy Regulation (replacing the e-Privacy Directive).[65] This regulation, in turn, seeks to protect the privacy of citizens on online platforms, such as messenger applications. While the European Parliament has adopted the e-Privacy Regulation, discussions have stalled at the European Council level.[66] Some have argued that this emphasis on data protection is in contradiction to the EU's counter-terrorism legislation.[67]

France

France, as an EU member state, implemented the GDPR in May 2018 and the NIS in 2019. If and when the European Council is able to conclude negotiations on the e-Privacy Directive, as discussed above, the Directive will govern citizens' data protection alongside the GDPR and the NIS.

59 See https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/data-protection-eu_en
60 See https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-46944696
61 See https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/data-protection-eu_en
62 See https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/13600869.2017.1370224?needAccess=true, p.253
63 See https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/network-and-information-security-nis-directive
64 Ibid.
65 See https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2020:0568:FIN:EN:PDF
66 See https://www.europarl.europa.eu/legislative-train/theme-a-europe-fit-for-the-digital-age/file-jd-e-privacy-reform
67 See https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/human-rights-in-europe-should-not-buckle-under-mass-surveillance

A requirement under the NIS is the establishment of a data protection authority. In France this is the Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés (CNIL). So far CNIL has issued fines to Google and others for breaching the GDPR.

Ghana

Ghana's flagship data privacy legislation is codified in its Data Protection Act, passed in 2012. Similarly to such other countries as Canada and New Zealand, the Act establishes a Data Protection Commission (DPC), which has oversight and enforcement powers to ensure compliance with the Act's responsibilities.[68]

The Data Protection Act 2012 covers both public and private sector data controllers, obliging them to abide by eight data protection principles, including accountability, specification of purpose and openness.[69] Akin to other countries, the DPC has the power to impose fines on data controllers that breach responsibilities as laid out in the Act.

One of the most innovative aspects of Ghana's Data Protection Act, especially considering that it was passed in 2012, is a clause that gives individuals the right to freedom from automated decision-making. This clause means that "important decisions about you based on your personal details should have a human input and must not be automatically generated, unless you agree to this."[70] This modern and consent-based model for automated and algorithmic data processing could potentially have far-reaching consequences for the ways in which researchers could access and process social media data using software. Although the clause currently relates to information that "significantly affects that individual,"[71] if the Ghanaian government moves to strengthen that clause, it could mean that researchers would have difficulty in using automated data-scraping software.

However, the Data Protection Act 2012 currently undermines its citizens' data rights via a clause stating that "personal data which is processed for research purposes … may be kept indefinitely."[72] Furthermore, if "the data is processed in compliance with the relevant conditions" then "personal data which is processed only for research purposes is exempt from the provisions of this Act."[73] This severely compromises individuals' data rights since researchers can meet the minimum requirements for data protection and otherwise process the data in an unethical manner. The broad and vague definition of 'research' also means that individual data rights can be imperilled with relative ease.

68 See https://www.dataprotection.org.gh/
69 'The Data Protection Principles,' Data Protection Commission. Accessed: https://www.dataprotection.org.gh/data-protection/data-protection-principles
70 'Data Protection for Individuals,' Data Protection Commission. Accessed: https://www.dataprotection.org.gh/data-protection/data-protection-for-individuals
71 Data Protection Act 2012, s.41. Accessed: https://www.dataprotection.org.gh/index.php/resources/downloads/data-protection-act/38-data-protection-act-2012-act-843
72 Ibid., s.65.
73 Ibid.

Japan

Provisions for data protection in Japan are made by the Act on the Protection of Personal Information 2003 (APPI). The responsibility to enforce compliance with the APPI lies with the Personal Information Protection Commission (PPC), established in 2016 in order to centralise previously disparate regulatory authorities.

The PPC has lower-than-average oversight and enforcement powers: data breaches can result in fines and imprisonment. However, the fines for breaches are extremely low – up to ¥300,000 (just above £2,000, or around $2,800).[74] The APPI also does not insist upon any direct obligations on entities that process personal data, but rather imposes light-touch supervisory and guidance measures. This is especially important as regards academic research, since the APPI is extended in terms of its territorial scope beyond Japan, so that anyone handling data about Japanese individuals – even if this handling takes place outside Japan – is obliged only to abide by these light-touch measures.

The APPI was revised and amended in 2020, with significant consequences. Unlike the general global trend towards strengthening citizens' data rights, the 2020 amendments relax a data processor's obligations significantly. For pseudonymously processed information, the purpose of data use may be changed beyond the scope of original use, the obligations to notify the PPC of a data breach no longer apply and individuals no longer have the right to access, correct or request the cessation of use of their data.[75]

In another setback for individual data rights, researchers are also exempted from the APPI, since it "only applies to persons or entities that handle personal information in the course of their business."[76] In reality, this means that Japanese citizens whose personal data is accessed and processed by researchers have very few data rights.

New Zealand

In New Zealand, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner (OPC) has responsibility for the protection of personal information and data. The office was established in 1993 as part of the Privacy Act of the same year, New Zealand's first substantive piece of legislation to govern personal data. This legislation controls how personal information is "collected, used, disclosed, stored, and given access to."[77] The OPC's functions are both reactive and proactive: not only does it investigate complaints about breaches of privacy and enforces compliance with the Privacy Act, but the Commissioner also monitors developments in emerging technologies for their potential impact on individual privacy.[78]

74 Act on the Protection of Personal Information 2003, s.56. Accessed: https://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/hourei/data/APPI.pdf
75 'Japan – Data Protection Overview,' Data Guidance. Accessed: https://www.dataguidance.com/notes/japan-data-protection-overview
76 Ibid.
77 'What is personal information and the Privacy Act?,' Data.govt.nz. Accessed: https://www.data.govt.nz/manage-data/privacy-and-security/what-is-personal-identifiable-information-and-the-privacy-act/
78 'What we do,' Office of the Privacy Commissioner. Accessed: https://www.privacy.org.nz/about-us/what-we-do/

In December 2020, new legislation came into force in New Zealand that protects personal information: the Privacy Act 2020. The new act was proposed "in response to the way technology has revolutionized the handling of personal data,"[79] since the nature and volume of personal data has changed almost beyond recognition since 1993. Given this, changes to the 1993 act are remarkably few; the current commissioner stated that this was because "the Privacy Act is a technology-neutral piece of legislation with a principle-based approach that has made it resilient in the face of technological changes."[80]

The main change in the new act is to protect New Zealanders' personal data abroad: information can now not be "disclosed overseas unless there are safeguards comparable to New Zealand law."[81] The 2020 act also explicitly has an "extraterritorial effect" built in to it, so that any business operating in New Zealand will be subject to the data protection obligations, even if there is no physical presence there.[82] These jurisdictional points are interesting, since many major tech and social media companies are based overseas, particularly in the United States – which has weaker data protection laws. With many countries adopting similar legislation, international pressure is increased on the USA to toughen up its own data privacy laws to keep up with overseas obligations.

The Privacy Act 2020 also gives the OPC greater enforcement powers, including increasing the maximum fine for breaches of privacy principles from $2,000 to $10,000. In terms of the international context, this fine falls far below those of other jurisdictions, such as the GDPR's €20,000,000 (or up to 4% of total annual turnover), or Australia's $10,000,000 maximum. Additionally, New Zealand's new act failed to reflect the GDPR's "right to be forgotten," in which individuals can request personal information to be deleted.[83] This right is particularly important considering data ethics as it relates to research, since users posting extremist content on social media platforms – content that may be used for research purposes – have the right to delete it.

UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate

As for within the UN system, data protection there falls under the scope of work of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). UNCTAD has discussed the need to balance data protection with surveillance and the challenges this brings. It has described how, following a high profile court case referred to the European Court of Justice, there is now "a direction to place conditions and restrictions on surveillance in any data protection regime in Europe, and this may have knock-on effects on all those jurisdictions that follow European law closely."[84]

79 'Input of the New Zealand Human Rights Commission: OHCHR Report on the Right to Privacy in the Digital Age,' United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, 10 April 2018. Accessed: https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/DigitalAge/ReportPrivacyinDigitalAge/HRC_NewZealand.pdf

80 'Media Release: Privacy Act turns 25,' Office of the Privacy Commissioner, 19 February 2018. Accessed: https://www.privacy.org.nz/assets/Uploads/2018-02-19.pdf

81 'Privacy Act 2020: One Small Step for New Zealand, but No Giant Leaps in Sight,' Equal Justice Project, 31 August 2020. Accessed: https://www.equaljusticeproject.co.nz/articles/37tbkho3ex74g87sw2n6yz6beyso4a2020

82 'Privacy 2.0: Key changes in the Privacy Act 2020,' Office of the Privacy Commissioner, 16 June 2020. Accessed: https://www.privacy.org.nz/blog/key-changes-in-the-privacy-act-2020/

83 'Privacy Act 2020,' Equal Justice Project, 31 August 2020. Accessed: https://www.equaljusticeproject.co.nz/articles/37tbkho3ex74g87sw2n6yz6beyso4a2020

84 See https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/dtlstict2016d1_en.pdf, p.16

Jurisdiction is another incredibly difficult area, particularly when it comes to online data protection. UNCTAD notes that the GDPR has an extraterritoriality clause, article 3, which in effect tries to ensure "local data protection" that is targeted at local residents, regardless of the location of the business.[85]

United States

Unlike many other nations, the USA has no central federal privacy law. Instead, there are several data privacy laws that focus on separate aspects of data privacy – for instance, health data is protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act 1996 and personal data held by the government is subject to the US Privacy Act of 1974.

Crucially, personal data and data privacy on the internet in the United States currently has no federal regulation. In the USA, the internet is somewhat of a regulatory Wild West, in which individuals, groups, organisations and corporations can access and process data without specific data rights regulation.

At present, the only way for individual data rights to be protected on social media platforms is via the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). For instance, in 2019 the FTC was able to levy a huge $5,000,000,000 fine from Facebook for violating privacy as part of the Cambridge Analytica scandal.[86] The FTC investigated and fined Facebook under its powers as laid out in Section 5, which relates to "unfair or deceptive acts or practices." Facebook shared users' personal information with third-party apps downloaded by a users' 'friends', but since many users were unaware of these practices and did not have recourse to opt out of them, it constituted an unfair or deceptive act.[87] This legal point is important, since it means that if a company does not disclose information about their data processing or handling, it cannot be held liable against the "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" clause.

A handful of states have passed legislation to protect consumer data privacy, most importantly California. Since many of the major social media and tech companies are based in California, data protection regulation there is of great importance. The California Online Privacy Protection Act 2004 was the first act to require websites to post their privacy policies and crucially this extends to any website that Californians can access, which therefore obliges virtually all American websites to comply.

On 1 January 2020, the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) came into effect. The CPPA is a landmark for US data protection, since it applies to "for-profit businesses that do business in California" or meet other requirements relating to revenue and Californians' data. In practice, this means that major tech and social media companies fall under the CPPA's scope. The CCPA guarantees individuals the right to know what personal information is collected about them, the

85 Ibid., p.20.
86 Julia Carrie Wong, 'Facebook to be fined $5bn for Cambridge Analytica privacy violations – reports,' *The Guardian*, 12 July 2019. Accessed: https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2019/jul/12/facebook-fine-ftc-privacy-violations
87 'FTC Imposes $5 Billion and Sweeping New Privacy Restrictions on Facebook,' Federal Trade Commission, 24 July 2019. Accessed: https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2019/07/ftc-imposes-5-billion-penalty-sweeping-new-privacy-restrictions

right to delete this information, the right to opt-out of the sale of their personal information. Businesses are required to give consumers notices to explain their privacy practices.[88]

The passage of the CPPA and the FTC's Facebook fine signal a political appetite in the USA to protect individuals' data rights. In February 2020, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand proposed a sweeping data protection act that would establish an independent federal enforcement agency.[89] Although this falls short of guaranteeing specific privacy rights and obligations for all Americans, it suggests that the USA may be moving in the direction of establishing federal legislation.

Researching Extremist Content in the UK: Prevent, counter-terrorism legislation and policy developments

In the wake of the terror attacks on 11 September 2001 in New York City and the Pentagon in the USA, many Western nations tightened their internal security measures in an attempt to prevent attacks on their own soil. Counter-terrorism policy in the West became increasingly concerned with and centred around the notion of radicalisation – that individuals can increasingly come to identify with terrorist values, eventually coming to espouse them or even carry out violent attacks for terrorist causes. This process of radicalisation has been attributed to a wide range of social and individual factors: exposure to ideology, victimisation, alienation, socialisation, social networks, the internet, deficiencies in family bonds, trauma, relative social and economic deprivation, and "cultures of violence".[90] Given the sheer number of possible 'routes to radicalisation', governments have come to "believe that they can pre-empt future terrorist attacks through a range of interventions in everyday life."[91]

In 2003, the Home Office in the UK launched the Prevent strategy as part of its wider counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. Prevent was revised and relaunched in 2011, in order to target individuals who are 'vulnerable' to radicalisation,[92] particularly within civic institutions such as schools, registered childcare providers, universities, colleges, prisons, probation services, healthcare, social services and immigration enforcement. The Prevent strategy occupies the 'pre-criminal space'[93] – it intervenes before any criminal activity has taken place in the hopes of disrupting the radicalisation pathway.[94]

88 'California Consumer Privacy Act,' State of California Department of Justice. Accessed: https://oag.ca.gov/privacy/ccpa

89 'A run-down of US Sen. Gillibrand's proposed Data Protection Act,' International Association of Privacy Professionals, 21 February 2020. Accessed: https://iapp.org/news/a/an-run-down-of-sen-gillibrands-proposed-data-protection-act/

90 Katherine E. Brown & Tania Saeed (2015), 'Radicalization and counter-radicalization at British universities: Muslim encounters and alternatives,' *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, vol. 38 no. 11, pp.1952–68.

91 Ibid.

92 'Prevent Strategy' HM Government, June 2011. Accessed: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/97976/prevent-strategy-review.pdf

93 David Goldberg, Sushrut Jadhav & Tarek Younis (2017), 'Prevent: What is Pre-Criminal Space?', *British Journal of Psychology* Bulletin, vol. 41 no. 4, pp.208–11.

94 Interestingly, the term 'pre-crime' was coined by Philip K. Dick, author of the science fiction short story *Minority Report*. See: Goldberg, Jadhav & Younis, pp.208–11.

Prevent is focused on "providing support and re-direction to individuals at risk of, or in the process of being groomed/radicalised into terrorist activity before any crime is committed."[95] By framing Prevent as a safeguarding rather than a criminalising action, Prevent is positioned as a protective rather than a repressive programme. The effect of framing it in this way is that responsibility for operationalising Prevent falls to civic institutions. These institutions, such as universities, are obliged to anticipate, monitor and intervene in possible instances of radicalisation as part of their duty of care. It also means that employees and employers are on the lookout for an impossibly vast, complex and vaguely defined number of indicators that a person is vulnerable to radicalisation. In this environment, institutions understandably take an overly cautious approach.

In its early years, the Prevent strategy in universities focused on student communities, particularly British Muslim students. Institutions began to scrutinise lectures, speaker events and student society events in order to comply with the Prevent strategy and avoid any ambiguity as to whether extremist beliefs were being glorified on campus. There have been countless examples of Muslim students being disproportionately targeted and questioned on campus under the auspices of Prevent,[96] including a student who was referred to the University of Staffordshire's security team for reading a textbook for his postgraduate course on terrorism, crime and global security.[97] Nearly 2,500 events in around 300 universities were either cancelled or modified (for example, speakers disinvited) in 2017–18.

The picture is complicated when it comes to academic researchers who study extremism and terrorism. Exposure to extremist and terrorist content and values is far more obvious and direct, since research often includes the access and collection of terrorist and extremist content, such as official statements released by terrorist groups, terrorist propaganda (including visual media), social media posts in support of extremist views, online messageboards and so on. In particular, research with an emphasis on data collection 'from the field', such as interviews with convicted terrorists or radicalised individuals, means that the researcher is in sustained contact with individuals identified as having extremist or terrorist beliefs.

This opens up interesting questions about the nature of risk in research: can and should academic researchers be understood as vulnerable to radicalisation? What are the implications of this from legal and policy standpoints? What are the effects of this on research and researchers?

The UK's foremost pieces of counter-terrorism legislation, as it relates to researching extremism, are the Terrorism Acts of 2000 and 2006. Sections 57 and 58 of the 2000 act established the possession of materials which "give rise to a reasonable suspicion that his

95 Charlotte Heath-Kelly and Erzsébet Strausz, 'Counter-terrorism in the NHS: Evaluating Prevent Duty Safeguarding in the NHS,' University of Warwick. Accessed: https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/pais/research/researchcentres/irs/counterterrorisminthenhs/project_report_60pp.pdf

96 'The Impact of Prevent on Muslim Communities: A Briefing to the Labour Party on how British Muslim Communities are Affected by Counter-Extremism Policies,' The Muslim Council of Britain, February 2016. Accessed: http://archive.mcb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/MCB-CT-Briefing2.pdf; Barbara Cohen and Waqas Tufail, 'Prevent and the normalization of Islamophobia,' *Islamophobia: Still a challenge for us all*, Runnymede Trust. Accessed: https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/161895664.pdf

97 Randeep Ramesh & Josh Halliday, 'Student accused of being a terrorist for reading book on terrorism,' *The Guardian*, 24 September 2015. Accessed: http://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/sep/24/student-accused-being-terrorist-reading-book-terrorism

[*sic*] possession is for a purpose connected with the commission, preparation or instigation of an act of terrorism,"[98] or that that information is "likely to be useful to a person committing or preparing an act of terrorism."[99] In other words, it is a crime to possess any information or material relating to extremism or terrorism, particularly if that information could aid individuals or groups in recruiting or radicalising others, or carrying out violent attacks.

The Terrorism Act of 2006 builds upon and extends the possession offences laid out in the 2000 Act to now also include the dissemination of these materials (section 1) and creates an offence for glorifying terrorism (including via the possession and dissemination of these materials; section 2). The first section refers to individuals or groups who intend to "directly or indirectly encourage or otherwise induce [others] to commit, prepare, or instigate acts of terrorism,"[100] including statements that "glorify the commission or preparation … of such acts."[101] Furthermore, any UK citizen, including researchers, are subject to these offences even when overseas.[102] In other words, a researcher could be overseas on a fellowship or conducting fieldwork and could still be charged by UK law for encouraging terrorism. The second section covers the dissemination of terrorist publications. More specifically, it criminalises the distribution, circulation, giving, selling, lending, offering, sending electronically of terrorist publications or providing services to others that enable them to obtain, read, listen to, look at, acquire, buy or borrow them.[103]

The problems this creates for academics who teach and research extremism and terrorism are clear. A lecturer who shows a video clip of Islamic State propaganda for their seminar class, for example, could be said to committing several offences: the possession of terrorist material, indirectly encouraging others to commit acts of terrorism and disseminating terrorist publications.

Indeed, the 'Nottingham Two' case exemplifies the point. In May 2008, Rizwaan Sabir, a Master's student at the University of Nottingham, was emailing his academic adviser, Hicham Yezza, to prepare his PhD research proposal on Islamic terrorism. Sabir had browsed the US Department of Justice website and downloaded a government document named 'Military Studies in the Jihad Against the Tyrants: the Al-Qaeda Training Manual' (which had been used in a legal trial to prosecute a group responsible for bombings in East Africa).[104] The document was freely available through the university's library system and can be purchased at UK high street bookshops, such as Waterstones.[105] A colleague noticed the document on Yezza's computer and reported it to the university, which notified the police. Both Sabir and Yezza were arrested without a warrant under the Terrorism Act 2000. Sabir was held for seven days in solitary confinement.[106]

98 *Terrorism Act 2000*, s.57. Accessed: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/11/section/57
99 Ibid., s.58.
100 *Terrorism Act 2006*, s.1.2 (b)(i). Accessed: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2006/11/section/1
101 Ibid., s.1.3 (a).
102 Ibid., s.17.
103 Ibid., s.2.
104 Rizwaan Sabir, 'Damages for my unjust "terror" arrest,' *Al Jazeera*, 21 September 2011. Accessed: https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2011/9/21/damages-for-my-unjust-terror-arrest/
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106 Rizwaan Sabir and Hicham Yezza were released without charge. In 2011, Sabir brought legal proceedings against Nottinghamshire Police for false imprisonment and racial discrimination, which was settled out of court. See Sabir, 'Damages for my unjust "terror" arrest'.

The 2000 act has been modified over time and in response to various political and social shifts. The first major development came in 2015 with the passage of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act, which strengthened institutions' obligations to comply with the Prevent strategy. Universities now have a specific legal duty "to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism"[107] and requires them to have clear policies and procedures for researchers working in this area. The 2015 act operates using a risk-based approach, meaning that institutions must continually monitor and assess research activities and act to mitigate any risks these pose. In practice, many universities have now absorbed this Prevent risk assessment into their research ethics procedures.[108] Lived experience of these procedures suggests that ethics review boards have expanded a view of risk that places institutional reputation at the forefront of its concerns. The Prevent strategy could be seen to have empowered institutional review boards to mire research ethics applications – for all types of "risky, 'politically sensitive' research"[109] – in complex and slow bureaucracy in the hopes of "frustrating and deterring potential threats to an institution's reputation."[110] This, in turn, has raised serious concerns over academic freedom.

A second major shift came into force in April 2019 with the passage of the Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act. The act extended the criminal sentences available for all offences outlined above in the Terrorism Acts of 2000 and 2006; for instance, the maximum sentence for the dissemination of terrorist publications more than doubled, from seven to 15 years' imprisonment.[111]

Four new measures in the 2019 Act crucially impact academic research on extremism and terrorism:

1. The act creates an offence of obtaining or viewing terrorist material over the internet;[112]
2. It explicitly excludes individuals carrying out journalistic work or academic research from the collection of information (including over the internet) (Section 58 of the Terrorism Act 2000) offence;[113]
3. It creates an offence for citizens to enter or remain in a "designated area" outside of the UK.[114] The Secretary of State has the authority to designate such an area on a case-by-case basis, for "the purpose of protecting members of the public from a risk of terrorism";[115]
4. It extends a section of the Terrorism Act 2006 to include the dissemination of terrorist publications as an offence outside the UK (whereas previously it covered only glorification of terrorism).

107 'Statutory guidance: Revised Prevent duty guidance for England and Wales,' UK Home Office, updated 10 April 2019. Accessed: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance/revised-prevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales#c-a-risk-based-approach-to-the-prevent-duty

108 See, for example, 'Oversight of security-sensitive research material in UK universities,' Universities UK, November 2019. Accessed: https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2019/Oversight-security-sensitive-research-material-guidance-3.pdf

109 Adam Hedgecoe (2015), 'Reputational Risk, Academic Freedom and Research Ethics Review,' *Sociology*, vol. 50 no. 3, p.495.

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111 *Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019*, s.7. Accessed: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2019/3/section/7

112 Ibid., s.3.

113 Ibid., s.7.

114 *Terrorism Act 2000*, s.58(b). Accessed: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/11/section/58B

115 'Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Bill: Supplementary Delegated Powers Memorandum,' UK Home Office, 5 September 2018. Accessed: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/739267/Supplementary-Delegated-Powers-Memo-designated-area-offence.pdf

Point 2 above – the exclusion of academics from the collection of terrorist material (including on the internet) –at first sight seems like a welcome development that reinstates academic freedom to research terrorism and extremism without fear of legal repercussions. However, a crucial point is that although academic researchers are now explicitly exempt from Section 58 of the Terrorism Act 2000 (possession of terrorist materials), there is no explicit legal protection for academics from Sections 1 (glorification of terrorism) or 2 (dissemination of terrorist materials) of the Terrorism Act 2006.[116]

What this means in practice is that academics accessing and collating extremist materials online for research or teaching would likely have a clear legal defence. However, if they excerpted these materials in journal articles or academic books, or showed them in class as examples of extremist propaganda without explicitly denouncing the groups, the researcher could find themselves in murky legal waters. Furthermore, the Terrorism Act 2000 means that researchers can be arrested without a warrant and held for 28 days while charges may be brought against them, as happened to Rizwaan Sabir and Hicham Yezza.

Similarly, researchers conducting fieldwork or data collection overseas may find themselves subject to this new legislation. If an academic was conducting fieldwork overseas, or plans to do so, in an area in which the Secretary of State declared to be a "designated area", it would be an offence to enter or remain.

Overall, the legal picture for researchers of terrorism and extremism is unclear. Although last year's legislation signals an understanding from the government that researchers will be in possession of compromising material, other legislation remains on the books to which academics very much remain subject. Legislation, policy and academia all reflect and entrench the current political climate; in this era of heightened Islamophobia and broad support for anticipatory surveillance and policing, Prevent and the Terrorism Acts very much speak to both phenomena.

An important factor to consider as we weigh up researchers' likelihood to be impacted by the UK government's counter-terrorism governance (such as the Prevent strategy) and legislation is the disproportionate effect on Muslims. "Islamist extremism" makes of 65% of all referrals to Prevent, meaning that "Muslims have an approximate 1 in 500 chance of having been referred to Prevent last year, approximately 40 times more likely than someone who is not a Muslim." Similarly, over half (54%) of terror-related arrests made in 2017 in the UK were of those deemed to have an "Asian ethnic appearance."[117] The statistical reality is that students and researchers racialised and minoritised as Muslim have been at far greater risk from being exploited – either referred to Prevent, or even criminalised – by the legal grey area.

116 "Sections 2 and 3 of the Terrorism Act 2006 also outlaw the dissemination of terrorist publications, including by electronic means, and give a very wide definition of 'terrorist publication' and 'statements' that could be construed as encouraging or inducing the commission preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism. *Academic research is not a defence under the Terrorism Act 2006* [emphasis mine]." 'Oversight of security-sensitive research material in UK universities,' Universities UK, November 2019. Accessed: https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2019/Oversight-security-sensitive-research-material-guidance-3.pdf

117 'Operation of police powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and subsequent legislation: Arrests, outcomes, and stop and search, Great Britain, financial year ending 31 March 2017,' UK Home Office, June 2017. Accessed: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/619016/police-powers-terrorism-mar2017-hosb0817.pdf

To date, we have seen that Muslims have been unfairly targeted by counter-terrorism legislation on campus. However, November 2020 saw the greatest ever number of referrals relating to far-right extremism: 43%, compared to 30% for Islamist extremism.[118] This development poses interesting questions about racial profiling and research on extremism and terrorism: will non-Muslim researchers become understood as "vulnerable" and "at risk of radicalisation" for researching white supremacist terrorism? If so, what social and political responses might this trigger? A growing number of critics have come to understand Prevent and counter-terrorism legislation as a mechanism to surveil and control Muslim communities on campus and beyond.[119] If that function has now been established, what function might Prevent now play – if any?

Concluding remarks: a shifting global landscape

The ethical and legal issues facing researchers seeking to access and process individuals' data are complex and varied. In the face of fast-paced legal and political changes on both national and international scales, the global outlook for researchers working in the areas of extremism and terrorism is one of change and uncertainty.

In terms of access of data for research purposes, there is a general global trend towards strengthening data protection legislation in order to better protect individuals' data rights (with some exceptions, such as Japan above). This means that researchers are likely to be more constrained in the future with regard to the data available to them and the ways in which they can process and use this data. As corporations seek to keep abreast of a patchwork of national and supranational legislation, social media platforms need to update and alter their privacy policies consistently. Since the consequences for not doing so – seen, for instance, in the USA's Federal Trade Commission's $5,000,000,000 Facebook fine – become ever more severe, it is possible that platforms will adopt a more conservative approach to their privacy policies to ensure financial and reputational security.

At the same time, the legal and policy outlook for researchers working in the areas of extremism and terrorism is also uncertain. In the UK, a climate of anticipatory policing justified via national security threats produced a policy environment in which researchers are at risk of being criminalised for their proximity to certain material. As the 'War on Terror' progressed through the 2000s, the UK legislative context reflected a law-and-order approach to counter-terrorism, resulting in several legal developments that constrain the material that academics can access, talk about, write about, teach and publish. However, as global attention shifts away from the so-called 'Islamic threat' and towards a consciousness of violent white supremacy, the existing policy and legal frameworks that were designed to target a minority become problematic.

118 Jamie Grierson & Dan Sabbagh, 'Largest number of Prevent referrals related to far-right extremism,' *The Guardian*, 26 November 2020. Accessed: https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/nov/26/just-one-in-10-prevent-referrals-found-at-risk-of-radicalisation

119 Fahid Qurashi (2018), 'The Prevent strategy and the UK "war on terror": embedding infrastructures of surveillance in Muslim communities,' *Palgrave Communications*, vol. 4 no. 17 (2018); 'Liberty's written evidence to the JCHR's Inquiry on Freedom of Expression in Universities,' Liberty, December 2017. Accessed: https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Libertys-Evidence-to-the-JCHRs-Inquiry-into-Freedom-of-Expression-in-Universities-Dec-2017.pdf

Present mechanisms of denunciation by colleagues and peers in universities relied on racial profiling to a great extent; how will such approaches function when considering Western researchers working on the areas of white supremacy.

The nature and extent of research into extremism and terrorism in the West may change considerably given this shifting global context in the years to come. For instance, it may become harder to carry out large-scale quantitative analysis if data privacy laws and corporate privacy policies are strengthened, or to access individuals involved in terrorist groups or acts. This could mean that methodologies available to extremism researchers change, perhaps becoming more qualitatively focused, smaller scale or emphasising digital ethnography.[120] Although these shifts are alarming, considerable benefits could be gained: more intimate and nuanced encounters with extremism and terrorism that can better reflect the complexities and contradictions of individuals with extremist beliefs online.

120 See, for example: Sarah Pink et al. (eds.), *Digital Ethnography: Principles and Practice* (2015), SAGE Publications Ltd.

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Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Homeland Security

January 12, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR: All DHS Components

FROM: Pete Gaynor
Acting Secretary

SUBJECT: Expanding the Period of Designation of the 59th Presidential Inauguration as a National Special Security Event

The 59th Presidential Inauguration was designated as a National Special Security Event (NSSE), pursuant to Presidential Policy Directive-22. The period of the 59th Presidential Inauguration as an NSSE currently lasts from January 19 – January 21, 2021.

The Department has received multiple requests, including from Congress and the Mayor of Washington, D.C., to extend the period of the NSSE up to a week in advance of the 59th Presidential Inauguration on January 20, 2021. In light of these requests, recent events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, and planned events in Washington, D.C. prior to the inauguration, I have determined that extending the NSSE to begin on January 13, 2021 is necessary to provide for a unified command and control and ensure the safety and security of this special event.

The designation of the 59th Presidential Inauguration for this period of time allows the full resources of the Federal Government to be brought to bear in the development of event security and incident management plans to ensure the safety of all participants.

cc: National Security Council
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Intelligence Summary

United States Capitol Riot Data Archives

On January 11, 2021, analysts with the Internet Cover Operations Program (iCOP) identified social media posts from individuals making a collective effort to archive data from the January 6, 2021, protests on the United States Capitol.

Analysis

Background

The violent protests that took place at the United States Capitol building on January 6, 2021, has elicited a response from the major tech companies to remove the alternative Social Media platform, Parler from their respective platforms. Specifically, Google and Apple have removed the mobile application from their App Stores while Amazon has suspended their web hosting services noting that the violent nature of the content violates the terms of service.[i] Parler Chief Executive Officer John Matze informed the public, "There is the possibility Parler will be unavailable on the internet for up to a week as we rebuild from scratch" and "We will try our best to move to a new provider right now as we have many competing for our business".[ii] As of January 10, 2021, at 2359 hours, Parler has been shut down and is no longer accessible.

Parler Website Dump

Twitter user '@donk_enby', an experienced Mobile Reverse Engineer and Data Miner[iii], released an archive of Parler posts made during the January 6, 2021, US Capitol protest (Image 1). The tweet posted on January 9, 2021, at 0820 hours provided a URL to access the archived data which includes raw files of images/videos posted on Parler with metadata.[iv] Additionally, '@donk_enby' provides a Reverse Engineer Parler Application Programming Interface (API) as a Python library with all endpoints present in the iOS app. This provides individuals the ability to identify individuals on the platform, check internal moderators/admins user interfaces, view influencer network status, etc.[v] Please see (Attachment #1 – API Screenshots) below for further details.

Image 1

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Capitol Protest Public Media Server

On January 6, 2021, at 1849 hours, the search engine and data archive company Intelligence X, tweeted that they set up a secure public media server for users to submit pictures and videos for archive and public sharing from the Capitol Protest[vi] (Image 2). The server utilizes features including duplicate management/archival redundancy services, spreadsheet (CSV/XLSX) based viewer with file information/metadata, and 80+ Terabytes of available storage space. Content can be viewed from the web based URL or from Windows File Explorer. As of January 10, 2021, the media server has over 200 Gigabytes of data and has surpassed 10 Terabytes of download traffic.[vii]

Image 2

Final Assessment

Although Parler is currently inactive and inaccessible, efforts fronted by '@donk_enby', Intelligence X, and public contributions of data can assist law enforcement in the analysis and identification of parties involved in the US Capitol Protests. The archived information can assist in the possible mitigation of future violent protests. For questions regarding this report please contact ISIAR@usps.gov.

End of Report

[i] https://techcrunch[.]com/2021/01/09/amazon-web-services-gives-parler-24-hour-notice-that-it-will-suspend-services-to-the-company/
[ii] https://twitter[.]com/parlertakes/status/1348097074772930560
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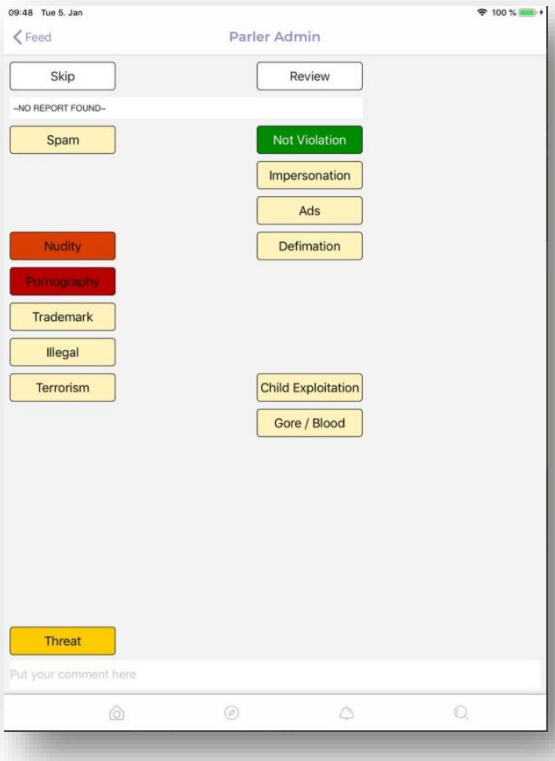

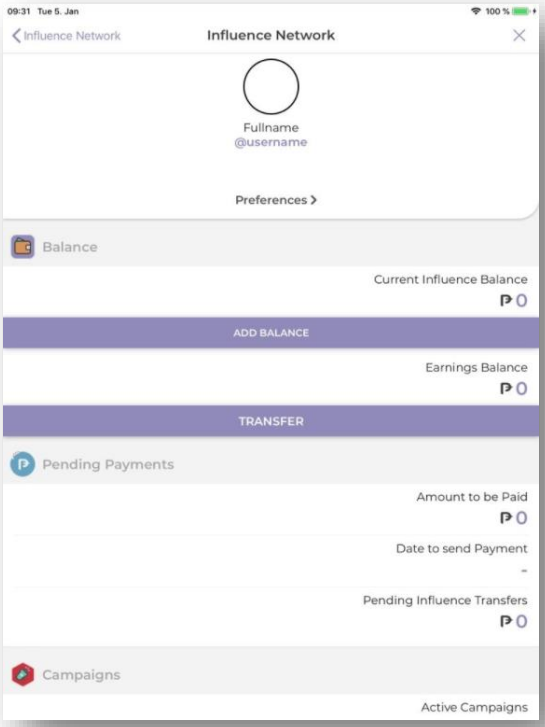

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Intelligence Summary

Nationwide Coordination of Militia Groups and Threat to Nancy Pelosi

Analysts with the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) Internet Covert Operations Program (iCOP), have identified a website; givemebass[.]com, that is attempting to coordinate militia groups nationwide. At this time there is no intelligence to indicate a specific goal, however, a post directly associated to the site founder also promotes a threat against Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi on the platform Wimkin.

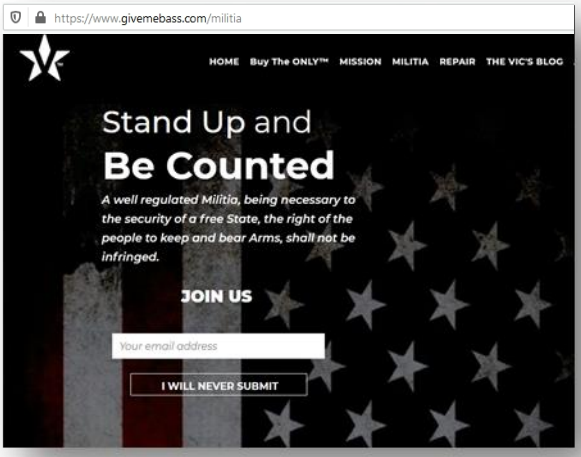

Image 1

Image 2

iCOP analysts are actively monitoring the website and Wimkin account for new information or posts, and will provide intelligence updates as needed.

Analysis

Website Analysis

The website givemebass[.]com (Image 1) is being promoted on the Social Media Platform Wimkin[1] by the user 'Vik Freeman.' The account 'Vik Freeman' was previously reported on by iCOP for advertising the 'Million Militia March'[2] to be held on January 20, 2021. At this time the page for the 'Million Militia March' is no longer available on Wimkin. The website givemebass[.]com is hosted using the company 'bluehost[.]com'. Analysts have attached a domain network diagram, for more information please see (Attachment 1: Domain Network Diagram – givemebass.com*).* Analysts also identified the websites domain history records and found that it was registered using GoDaddy[.]com on April 27, 2013 to the following individual:

- Name: Joshua Sayles
- Address: § 2–534(a)(2) [redacted]

[1] Wimkin[.]com is an "Uncensored Social Media Platform…designed as a place for conservatives where they can share their opinions and what they believe to be fact without having to worry about their doing time in jail."
[2] An iCOP Intelligence Report on "Wimkin and the Million Militia March" is available upon request.

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- Subscriber Info: Josh Sayles | [redacted]

For more information please see, (Attachment 2: Domain History Record – givemebass.com) below. The website also provides an email and phone number in its contact section which includes the mail recipient [redacted] and the phone number [redacted]. The carrier resolves to 'Go-TextMe (Sybase)' with the location as San Diego, CA.

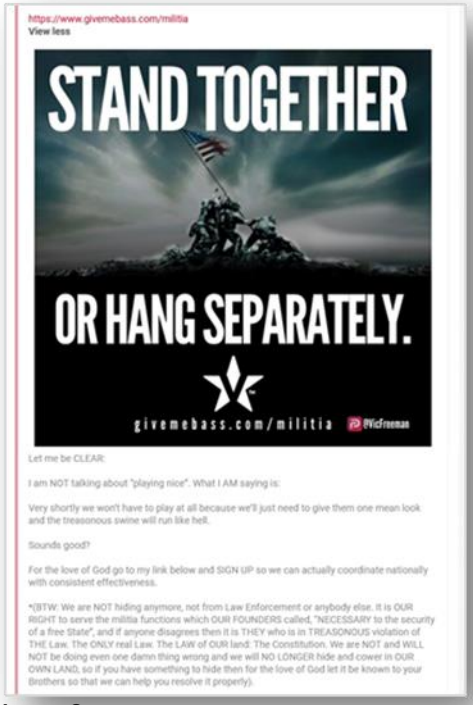

Image 3

Militia Coordination

The Wimkin account 'Vik Freeman' has been promoting the website 'givemebass[.]com' as a portal for communication and coordination which has been posted to multiple militia pages on Wimkin. Image 3 is a screenshot of one of the posts designed for promoting the coordination of militia groups through the site, stating "I am not talking about "playing nice" What I am saying is: Very shortly we won't have to play at all because we'll just have to give them one mean look and the treasonous swine will run like hell. Sounds Good? For the love of God go to my link below and SIGN UP so we can actually coordinate nationally with consistent effectiveness."[3] Analysts are subscribed to the website and are monitoring any messages sent from the site's coordinator, however, as of January 11, 2021 no updates have been received. Analysts identified that the post was shared across multiple Wimkin pages to include Henry Balsz's, the self-proclaimed Commanding Officer of the 'West Coast Patriots 3%' Group located near Fernley, Nevada.[4]

Threat to Nancy Pelosi

iCOP analysts identified the post above (Image 2) made by 'Vik Freeman' on their Wimkin account on January 10, 2021 which stated "Demand Pelosi be Executed." The post asked viewers to register at the site givemebass[.]com and used the following hashtags of a violent nature: #executethemfortreason, #executepelosi, #firingsquad seen on Image 4 on the right.

Image 4

[3] hxxps://wimkin.com/vicfreeman/
[4] hxxps://wimkin.com/profile-1032/

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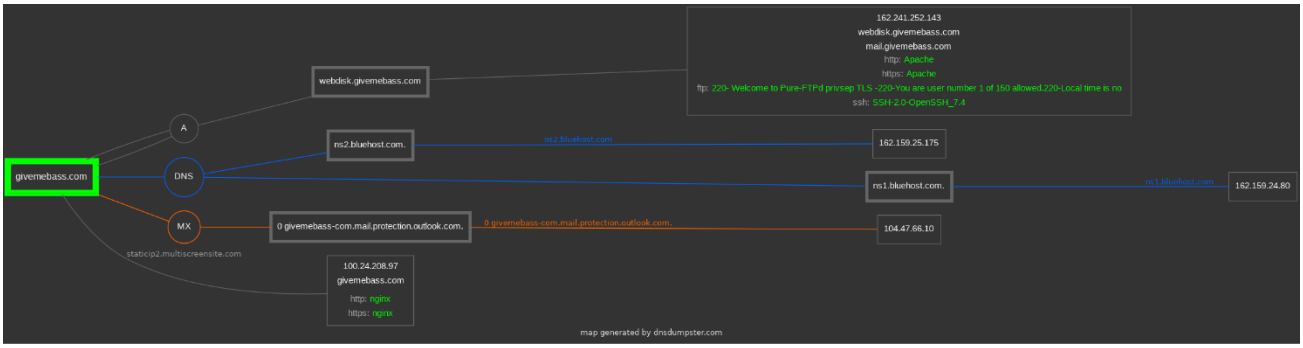

Attachment 2: Domain History Record – givemebass[.]com

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   Expires on: 27-Apr-15
   Last Updated on: 27-Apr-13

Registrant:
Joshua Sayles
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Administrative Contact:
   Sayles, Joshua § 2–534(a)(2)
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Technical Contact:
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Domain servers in listed order:
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   NS32.DOMAINCONTROL.COM
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Good Afternoon Partners,

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Department of Homeland Security
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
Active Shooter Preparedness Webinar

Wednesday, April 7, 2021
10:00 AM EST

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Four drug traffickers from Colombia used a makeshift submarine to move cocaine into Mexican waters this week.

The seizure took place near the beach resort area of Huatulco, Oaxaca, when military forces working coast guard operations intercepted the makeshift submarine, the Mexican Navy revealed. A military surveillance aircraft spotted the submarine and coordinated the capture.

Authorities arrested four men identified only as Colombian nationals. Sailors seized the boat and 106 bundles of cocaine. A total weight for the cocaine remains undisclosed. Mexico's Navy claimed the four suspected drug runners and their equipment would be turned over to the Oaxaca Attorney General's Office for criminal handling.

Mexico's southern beaches are commonly used by South American drug traffickers to smuggle large quantities of cocaine–typically bound for the U.S. border. In many cases, particularly in Michoacán and Jalisco, authorities at the local, state and even federal level are complicit in the smuggling operations.

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DAILY CLIPS
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CISA

CISA, NASCAR target Daytona 500 fan safety < Caution-https://homelandprepnews.com/stories/60001-cisa-nascar-target-daytona-500-fan-safety/ > **(01/08) Homeland Preparedness News**
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and NASCAR officials recently joined Daytona International Speedway personnel, first responders, and law enforcement officials in conducting a Daytona 500 fan safety tabletop exercise. The exercise serves as an example of the planning and coordination occurring before race day on Feb.14 to keep fans safe. "The Daytona 500 is one of the biggest sporting events of the year, and keeping everyone involved safe is an equally big task," CISA Acting Assistant Director for Infrastructure Security Scott Breor said. "CISA has a longstanding relationship with NASCAR and the Dayton 500, and we look forward to continuing to work with them and all our partners throughout the region to do our part to ensure the race is safe and secure."

National Maritime Cybersecurity Plan Includes New Contract Mandates, Intel Sharing < Caution-https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/maritime-security/national-maritime-cybersecurity-plan-includes-new-contract-mandates-intel-sharing/ > **(01/08) HSToday**
The new five-year National Maritime Cybersecurity Plan released by the White House this week focuses on new standards for port owners, shippers, and operators and forthcoming mandates that contractors meet cyber standards. National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien said Tuesday that the plan "articulates how the United States government can buy down the potential catastrophic risks to our national security and economic prosperity created by technology innovations to strengthen maritime commerce efficiency and reliability."

COVID-19

Hospitals thought they'd see Covid-19 vaccine shortages. Sometimes, they have to throw away doses. < Caution-https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/10/health/covid-19-vaccine-unused/index.html > **(01/10) CNN**
In some hospitals, health centers and pharmacies in the United States, there are vials of Covid-19 vaccines that aren't making it into arms. Out of the more than 22 million doses of vaccine that have been distributed to hospitals and

pharmacies so far in the United States, only about 6.7 million people have received their first dose, according to data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There's no one reason for the slow rollout or doses going unused; experts say it was never going to be easy to begin a mass vaccination campaign during a pandemic.

Covid live updates: London mayor warns hospitals may be overwhelmed; UK greenlights a third vaccine < Caution-https://www.cnbc.com/2021/01/08/coronavirus-live-updates.html > **(01/08) CNBC**
The U.S. recorded more than 4,000 Covid-19 deaths in a single day on Thursday, according to Johns Hopkins University data, the highest one-day death toll of the pandemic and a dramatic warning that the nation's Covid crisis is still trending in the wrong direction. Cases and hospitalizations continue to rise, even as millions of vaccine doses ship out across the country. Health networks and emergency services have been drained, and hospitals overcrowded, with more than 132,000 people currently hospitalized across the country, according to The Atlantic's COVID Tracking Project.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Ribbon Upgrades Datora Telecom's Network With Cloud-Native SBC SWe < Caution-https://aithority.com/it-and-devops/cloud/ribbon-upgrades-datora-telecoms-network-with-cloud-native-sbc-swe/ > **(01/08) AI Thority**
Ribbon Communications, a global provider of real time communications software and network solutions to service providers, enterprises, and critical infrastructure sectors, announced that Datora is migrating its network from Ribbon's appliance-based SBCs to Ribbon's cloud-native SBC Software Edition (SBC SWe). Datora will leverage the SBC SWe for both network interconnect and network access use cases.

National Security Implications of Deferred Maintenance in Infrastructure < Caution-https://www.lawfareblog.com/national-security-implications-deferred-maintenance-infrastructure > **(01/08) Lawfare**
Rome wasn't built in a day, but pieces of infrastructure at the heart of the Roman empire have survived for more than 2,000 years. Though Roman roads were (and are) incredibly resilient, even most ancient structures require periodic maintenance to remain functional. Deferred maintenance of critical infrastructure is a local, state and federal challenge that is a global phenomenon. According to a 2019 report release by the Volcker Alliance, a nonpartisan think tank, deferred maintenance in the United States could already exceed an estimated $1 trillion, or 5 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product. The National Park Service alone accounts for more than $11 billion of deferred maintenance.

SOLARWINDS

Further Fall-Out from Russian Hacking of SolarWinds < Caution-https://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/further-fall-out-from-russian-hacking-7395225/ > **(01/08) JD Supra**
U.S. intelligence agencies, including the FBI, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, have confirmed that Russia was behind the SolarWinds hack. It is reported that the FBI is investigating whether Russia hacked into project management software JetBrains' TeamCity DevOps tool to originally plant its malware in SolarWinds Orion, causing a cascade of downstream opportunities for Russia to access numerous governmental agencies' systems, as well as thousands of private company systems.

Risk & Repeat: SolarWinds attacks come into focus < Caution-https://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/podcast/Risk-Repeat-SolarWinds-attacks-come-into-focus > **(01/08)Tech Target**
Several organizations, including Microsoft and the U.S. Department of Justice, have disclosed breaches in which suspected Russian state-sponsored hackers exploited the SolarWinds backdoor and gained access to sensitive data. At the same time, other companies such as VMware, Cisco and Intel have disclosed that they received the malicious SolarWinds Orion updates but found no evidence that the backdoor was exploited. As a result, authorities believe the SolarWinds attacks were part of a cyberespionage campaign that targeted specific organizations for intelligence gathering, though events are still unfolding.

SolarWinds hires former CISA director Chris Krebs to consult on hack aftermath < Caution-https://www.cnet.com/news/solarwinds-hires-former-cisa-director-chris-krebs-to-consult-on-hack-aftermath/ > **(01/08) CNET**

SolarWinds is getting help on the massive hack that infected its software and spread to thousands of its government and private sector clients. The Texas-based IT software company has hired Chris Krebs, former director of the US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, to consult on the breach. SolarWinds is currently investigating how hackers penetrated its systems and inserted malicious software into an update to the company's popular Orion products.

SolarWinds' New CEO Will Make These 5 Changes Post-Hack < Caution-https://www.crn.com/slide-shows/security/solarwinds-new-ceo-will-make-these-5-changes-post-hack > **(01/08)CRN**

New SolarWinds CEO Sudhakar Ramakrishna (pictured) struck a different tone in his first public communication just seven days after starting as CEO of the embattled IT infrastructure management vendor. Unlike his predecessor Kevin Thompson, who is an accountant by training and led the firm from March 2010 to December 2020, Ramakrishna comes from a security background, having most recently led Pulse Secure. During his five years as Pulse Secure's CEO, Ramakrishna had to deal with hackers exploiting a widely known flaw in the company's VPN appliance to carry out ransomware attacks many months after a patch had already been rolled out.

CISA: SolarWinds hackers also used password guessing to breach targets < Caution-https://www.zdnet.com/article/cisa-solarwinds-hackers-also-used-password-guessing-to-breach-targets/ > **(01/08) ZDNet**

The US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) said today that the threat actor behind the SolarWinds hack also used password guessing and password spraying attacks to breach targets as part of its recent hacking campaign and didn't always rely on trojanized updates as its initial access vector.The new developments come as CISA said last month in its initial advisory on the SolarWinds incident that it was investigating cases where the SolarWinds hackers breached targets that didn't run the SolarWinds Orion software.

CYBERSECURITY

State Department Approves Creation of Cyber Bureau < Caution-https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2021/01/state-department-approves-creation-cyber-bureau/171276/ > **(01/08) Nextgov**

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo approved the creation of a new bureau within the department to lead diplomatic efforts on cybersecurity and emerging technology issues. According to a State Department announcement Thursday, the bureau stems from a "need to reorganize and resource America's cyberspace and emerging technology security diplomacy" in response to national security threats posed by China, Russia, Iran, North Korea and other actors. The State Department notified Congress of its intent to create the bureau in June 2019, two years after then-Secretary of State Rex Tillerson announced plans to close the department's cyber coordinator office—which handled similar duties—and shift some of its responsibilities to the Bureau of Economic Affairs.

Hackers breaking into networks without SolarWinds, CISA says < Caution-https://gcn.com/articles/2021/01/08/cisa-saml-warning.aspx > **(01/08) GCN**

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency says hackers are breaching federal networks by exploiting methods besides the SolarWinds Orion vulnerabilities."Specifically, we are investigating incidents in which activity indicating abuse of Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) tokens consistent with this adversary's behavior is present, yet where impacted SolarWinds instances have not been identified," according to updated guidance published Jan 6. "CISA is continuing to work to confirm initial access vectors and identify any changes to the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs)."

What Was Old Is New Again in IP Litigation — Thanks To Suspected Russian State-Sponsored Hack < Caution-https://www.natlawreview.com/article/what-was-old-new-again-ip-litigation-thanks-to-suspected-russian-state-sponsored > **(01/08) National Law Review**
Top technology trends in the legal profession for 2021 are likely to include artificial intelligence, block chain and cryptocurrencies, autonomous vehicles, digital health, and … court filings on paper. Following a recent widespread cybersecurity breach, the United States federal courts are prohibiting electronic filing of highly confidential documents. Parties must file such documents on paper or as electronic files on a secure electronic device. In mid-December, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued an emergency directive disclosing a cyberattack to the networks of local, state, and federal agencies, as well as private companies.

Chrome, Firefox updates fix severe security bugs < Caution-https://www.welivesecurity.com/2021/01/08/chrome-firefox-updates-fix-severe-security-bugs/ > **(01/08) WeLiveSecurity**
Google and Mozilla are each urging users to patch serious vulnerabilities in their respective web browsers, Chrome and Firefox, that could be exploited to allow threat actors to take over users' systems. The security fixes will be rolled out to Windows, Mac, and Linux over the next few days. Importantly, none of the flaws has been spotted as being abused in the wild.The new stable release of Chrome, 87.0.4280.141, brings 16 security fixes; and while the tech giant won't disclose details for all of them until the majority of its userbase has received the updates, it did highlight patches for 13 vulnerabilities that were reported by external researchers.

Missing laptops raise cyber risks from U.S. Capitol mayhem < Caution-https://fortune.com/2021/01/08/capitol-riots-missing-laptops-cyber-risks/ > **(01/08) Fortune**
Federal authorities are assessing the cybersecurity risks created by rioters roaming freely through congressional offices during Wednesday's rampage at the U.S. Capitol, including missing laptops and computers that were left unsecured. While there is no indication that hacking into computer networks was a goal of the rioters, at least three computers were reported missing and the potential exists that the intruders gained access to sensitive systems when members of Congress and their staff hastily took cover, according to cybersecurity experts. As a result, the House and the Senate should devote resources to mitigating any potential vulnerabilities, they said.

ELECTION SECURITY

Despite unprecedented challenges, Georgia's long election proved resilient < Caution-https://thefulcrum.us/voting/georgia-election-2649791135 > **(01/08) The Fulcrum**
Even during the most expensive, contentious and turbulent election cycle in American history, democracy still prevailed — even in long-controversial Georgia, where the spending, campaigning and rhetoric continued into early January. Voters came out in record numbers despite the raging Covid-19 pandemic and the election's integrity withstood repeated attacks from President Trump and his loyalists, including Wednesday's violent invasion of the Capitol while Congress certified the Electoral College count and Joe Biden's victory.

Election security expert David Becker on Trump's election challenges aid assault on Capitol < Caution-https://www.cbsnews.com/news/election-security-expert-david-becker-on-trumps-election-challenges-amid-assault-on-capitol/ > **(01/08) CBS News**
The months of disinformation on social media generated by President Trump and his allies and supporters about the outcome of the election "is directly tied to the domestic terrorism we saw at the Capitol," says CBS contributor David Becker, an election law expert. Becker said that the storming of the U.S. Capitol Wednesday by pro-Trump rioters who had been spurred on by the president as Congress tallied Electoral College votes was "a shameful episode in American history."

Dominion sues Trump lawyer Sidney Powell for defamation, seeks $1.3 billion < Caution-https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2020-election/dominion-sues-trump-lawyer-sidney-powell-defamation-seeks-1-3-n1253464 > **(01/08)NBC News**

Dominion Voting Systems, one of the biggest election equipment manufacturers in the U.S. and the subject of numerous incoherent conspiracy theories about the 2020 election, has sued lawyer Sidney Powell, who pushed President Donald Trump's attempts to overturn election results, for defamation.

"Powell falsely claimed that Dominion had rigged the election, that Dominion was created in Venezuela to rig elections for Hugo Chávez, and that Dominion bribed Georgia officials for a no-bid contract," the lawsuit states.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

Cyber czar to draw on new powers from defense bill < Caution-https://thehill.com/policy/cybersecurity/533457-cyber-czar-to-draw-on-new-powers-from-defense-bill > **(01/09) The Hill**

New authorities from the recently enacted defense bill are expected to help the U.S. government in its response to the SolarWinds hack believed to be perpetrated by Russia. The annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which became law this past week after Congress overrode President Trump's veto, formally established a cyber czar position at the White House, in addition to granting numerous other cybersecurity powers that could help the incoming Biden administration respond to the Russian hack.

SUPPLY CHAIN

Energy Dept. sets deadline to enforce China-focused bulk power order to protect military installations < Caution-https://insidecybersecurity.com/daily-news/energy-dept-sets-deadline-enforce-china-focused-bulk-power-order-protect-military > **(01/08) Inside Cybersecurity**

The Energy Department will prohibit electric utilities serving "critical defense facilities" from using bulk power equipment made by Chinese companies starting on Jan. 16, according to an Energy Department notice published this week. The Energy Department was directed by President Trump in a May 2020 executive order to take steps to secure bulk power systems from foreign adversaries. The prohibition order was announced by DOE on Dec. 17. The Federal Register notice sets up an official deadline and processes to implement the order.

5G SECURITY

Europe not getting grip on 5G security – report < Caution-https://www.lightreading.com/security/europe-not-getting-grip-on-5g-security---report/d/d-id/766509 > **(01/08) Light Reading**

The European Court of Auditors (ECA) seems largely unimpressed by findings from its year-long probe into how European Union (EU) member states are dealing with 5G security. According to Euractiv, the ECA has identified a worryingly divergent approach across different EU nations. Paolo Pesce, part of the ECA team conducting the 12-month review, remarked that although "member states have started to develop and implement necessary security measures to mitigate risks, they seem to be progressing at a different pace."

The Danger of Exaggerating China's technological prowess < Caution-https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-danger-of-exaggerating-chinas-technological-prowess-11610117786 > **(01/08) The Wall Street Journal**

The U.S.-China relationship will be the great geopolitical rivalry of the early 21st century, and every facet of the competition will involve the two big powers' capabilities in science and technology. Figures from across the political spectrum worry about a technology race with China, and many Americans fear that China has already surpassed us in such frontier technologies as artificial intelligence and 5G broadband communications.

RANSOMWARE

Some ransomware gangs are going after top execs to pressure companies into paying < Caution-https://www.zdnet.com/article/some-ransomware-gangs-are-going-after-top-execs-to-pressure-companies-into-paying/ > **(01/09) ZDNet**

A new trend is emerging among ransomware groups where they prioritize stealing data from workstations used by top executives and managers in order to obtain "juicy" information that they can later use to pressure and extort a company's top brass into approving large ransom payouts. ZDNet first learned of this new tactic earlier this week during a phone call with a company that paid a multi-million dollar ransom to the Clop ransomware gang.

Ransomware Attacks on The Healthcare Sector Are Skyrocketing < Caution-https://www.forbes.com/sites/leemathews/2021/01/08/ransomware-attacks-on-the-healthcare-sector-are-skyrocketing/?sh=b3488102d250 > **(01/08)Forbes**

In the spring of last year a number of criminal hacker crews pledged to leave hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare entities alone until the Covid-19 pandemic passed. At least one ransomware gang saw that as an opportunity. A recent report from Checkpoint Security notes that ransomware attacks against healthcare orgs have jumped about 45% since early November. That followed an alarming 71% spike in October. Checkpoint notes that healthcare entities were actually the number one target of ransomware attacks that month.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

'Red flag' laws may have prevented Nashville bombing < Caution-https://www.timesnews.net/opinion/blogs/red-flag-laws-may-have-prevented-nashville-bombing/article_42b3efba-5117-11eb-bc9e-4f7eacea5dbd.html > **(01/08) Times News**

“You’re not doing anything wrong, OK? You’re not in trouble. But there’s something serious happening. ... Do you mind going down to ...?” These words were spoken by a female police officer around 6:15 p.m. on Christmas Day near the interior entrance to Dick’s Last Resort on 2nd Avenue North in Nashville. She, along with five other police officers, were knocking on doors on residential floors of the easternmost buildings of the block urging people to immediately evacuate and to avoid 2nd Avenue.

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(U) GLOBAL

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(U) NATIONAL

Domestic Terrorism Cases Opened FollowingUS Capitol Violence < Caution-https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-capitol-cases/at-least-25-domestic-terrorism-cases-opened-as-result-of-assault-on-capitol-lawmaker-idUSKBN29F0NZ >

- At least 25 domestic terrorism cases have reportedly openedfollowing the 6 January violence at the US Capitol that left five dead,including a US Capitol Police officer.
- In a 10 January statement, the US Justice Department announced thearrests of Larry Rendell Brock of Texas and Eric Gavelek Munchel of Tennesseefor violent entry and disorderly conduct on the US Capitol grounds.

Pittsburgh Man Charged with ThreateningCommunications, Impeding FBI Investigation < Caution-https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdpa/pr/pittsburgh-man-charged-threatening-communications-and-impeding-fbi-investigation >

- On 7 January, former University of Pittsburgh student Khaled Miah,27, was charged by federal criminal complaint with making interstatethreatening communications and impeding or retaliating against a federal lawenforcement officer.
- Miah used his Twitter account to threaten and harass FBIPittsburgh agents, and subsequently deleted the threatening posts to obstructthe FBI investigation into his online conduct.
- According to FBI forensic analysis of Miah's electronic devices,evidence indicated he idealized the Boston Marathon bombers, Tamerlan andDzhokhar Tsarnaev, and visited multiple Massachusetts landmarks associated withthe bombings.

(U) CALIFORNIA

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Upcoming Events

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Training < Caution-https://www.jric.org/default.aspx/MenuItemID/263/MenuGroup/Public.htm >

For the safety of students and instructors,and in accordance with social distancing guidance amid the COVID-19 pandemic, JRICTLO will be limiting the number of students in each training class.

- 19 January: SovereignCitizen Extremists < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=969&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Corona
- 20 January: BehavioralThreat Assessment - Preventing the Active Shooter < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=980&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Riverside
- 21 January: CyberWarrior Academy < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=971&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Corona
- 25 January: FundingTerrorism and Domestic Sex Trafficking < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=974&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Riverside
- 4 February: SovereignCitizen Extremists < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=977&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Foothill Ranch
- 8 February: FundingTerrorism and Domestic Sex Trafficking < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=978&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Foothill Ranch
- 11 February: PolicingViolent Extremism (ISIS/ISIL) < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=975&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Corona
- 17 February: BehavioralThreat Assessment - Preventing the Active Shooter < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=980&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Riverside
- 23 February: SovereignCitizen Extremists < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=979&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Wilmington
- 25 February: CyberWarrior Academy < Caution-https://www.jric.org/EBForms.aspx?EBID=973&EBType=WLR&RefID= > in Camarillo
- 11 March: PolicingViolent Extremism (ISIS/ISIL) < Caution-https://www.jric.org/default.aspx/MenuItemID/263/MenuGroup/Public.htm?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1 > in San Bernardino
- Additional training offered by LosAngeles HIDTA < Caution-https://lahidtatraining.org/(X(1)S(cnveej1gugslnspnyq4jetuf))/default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1 > .

(U) Guidance for Critical Infrastructure Workers Exposed to Persons withCOVID-19 < Caution-https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-infrastructure-sectors.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2FCaution-www.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Fcritical-workers%2Fimplementing-safety-practices.html >

CDCguidance recommends, with possible exception noted below, individuals exposedto a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should be quarantined for 14days, consistent with public health guidance. Additional exceptions are listedon the CDC website.

- **CriticalInfrastructure workers who are symptomatic**

Critical infrastructure workers, who develop a temperature equalto or higher than 100.4 F or symptoms consistent with COVID-19 shouldimmediately separate themselves from others, inform their

established point ofcontact at their workplace (e.g., supervisor or occupational health program),and arrange for medical evaluation and testing.

- **Criticalinfrastructure workers who are not symptomatic**

Critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continuework following exposure to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 inlimited circumstances and as a last resort to preserve public health or safety,provided they remain asymptomatic and have not tested positive. The CDC provides additional risk mitigationprecautions on their website.

(U) NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY DATES

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China Detains First U.S. Citizen Under Hong Kong National Security Law

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Demonstration Alert: Tirana (Albania), Protests Expected Near Office of the Prime Minister (January 11)

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Health Alert: Dominican Republic, Updated Curfew Information

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Upcoming OSAC Events

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Philippines

VIRTUAL Country Chapter Meeting: Manila, Philippines (January 14)

Europe

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External News

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Cameroon

Cameroon Deploys Troops as Separatists Threaten African Nations Championship

Central African Republic

French jets fly over CAR as tens of thousands flee vote tensions

Congo, Democratic Republic of the

Six gorilla rangers killed in ambush at DR Congo's Virunga national park

Ethiopia

Report: Hospitals in Ethiopia’s Tigray struck by artillery

Mali

Six French soldiers wounded in latest suicide bomb attack in Mali

South Africa

‘South Africa is going to get a third wave of coronavirus, even a fourth’

East Asia & Pacific

China

China brings in new law to fight Trump's sanctions

Indonesia

Sriwijaya Air crash: Indonesia divers search wreckage as black box hunt resumes

New Zealand

New Zealand Reserve Bank suffers data breach via hacked storage partner

Europe

Greece

With eye on Turkey, Greece to extend western coastal waters

United Kingdom

English health official warns pandemic entering worst weeks

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Lebanon

Lebanon considers tighter lockdown amid coronavirus surge

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United States Merchant Marine Academy Superintendent Receives Third Star

WASHINGTON – Today, Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao promoted U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA or the Academy) Superintendent, Rear Admiral Jack Buono to Vice Admiral in the U.S. Maritime Service (USMS) at a small ceremony in the Department of Transportation headquarters, Washington, D.C.

"Vice Admiral Buono deserves this third star – he's been a great leader, especially during COVID-19, and has put USMMA at Kings Point on a solid foundation to develop our country's future maritime leaders," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

Vice Admiral Buono will continue to lead at USMMA, where he has been stationed since joining the Academy in November 2018. The promotion makes Vice Admiral Buono the first USMMA graduate to serve in this position at this rank.

Prior to his appointment as Superintendent, Vice Admiral Buono had nearly 40 years of maritime experience in the private sector. He retired from his last private sector employer in 2016.

"This well-deserved promotion is an indication of the trust and confidence we have in Vice Adm. Buono's leadership in the critical role of preparing our Nation's next generation of leaders – afloat and ashore," said Maritime Administrator Mark H. Buzby. "His steady hand on the wheel continues to steer Kings Point fair."

Vice Admiral Buono is a Master Mariner and a 1978 graduate of the Academy. During his tenure as Superintendent, he has been responsible for implementing the Academy's strategic plan which includes updating institutional culture, governance, communications, infrastructure, academics and athletics. More recently, Vice Admiral Buono has guided the Regiment of Midshipmen and the Academy community through the global health crisis while maintaining a strong focus on accomplishing the mission of the Academy. His inspirational leadership has rallied the entire Academy family – students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni.

"I am truly humbled and honored by this promotion, and I look forward to continuing to develop the future of this national treasure we call USMMA," said Vice Admiral Buono. "We will continue to press forward with our

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mission: developing leaders of exemplary character committed to serving the national security, marine transportation and economic needs of this great Nation."

Other recent and significant accomplishments at USMMA under the guidance of Vice Admiral Buono include: the first-ever semi-virtual graduation ceremony for the Class of 2020, the pivot to distance learning during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency, maintaining at sea training experience for Midshipmen aboard U.S. Flag merchant ships and two state maritime academy training vessels, and the milestone achievement of sending the Regiment of Midshipmen home for the recent holiday break COVID-free.

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The United States Merchant Marine Academy, located in Kings Point, N.Y., educates and graduates leaders of exemplary character who are inspired to serve the national security, marine transportation, and economic needs of the United States as licensed Merchant Marine Officers and commissioned officers in the Armed Forces. President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Academy, which was established under the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1943. It is administered by the Maritime Administration < Caution-https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMTEuMzMxMTk2ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5tYXJhZC5kb3QuZ292LyJ9.mCRmyMdJeReKcgVT4G6RCX_UsqofWBJBodboav8qTec/s/1086151984/br/92933183483-l > under the auspices of the Department of Transportation. < Caution-https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMTAxMTEuMzMxMTk2ODEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy50cmFuc3BvcnRhdGlvbi5nb3YvIn0.6neBgpQ7jIBUPNid27Xnkf3luWU9rjAfPbL_93mDw8I/s/1086151984/br/92933183483-l >

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The United States Maritime Service was established in 1938 under the provisions of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 as a voluntary organization to train individuals to become officers and crewmembers on merchant ships. Subsequently, Merchant Mariners moved personnel and supplies into and out of World War II theaters around the globe. Despite their significant contributions to the Allied victory in World War II, USMS training establishments and facilities were deactivated in 1954, and the USMS was, with one exception, dissolved or absorbed into other federal departments. The Secretary of Transportation has the authority, with the approval of Congress, to reactivate the USMS in times of war. The Maritime Administrator is recognized as the Commandant of the USMS.

As the single exception to the deactivation of the USMS, the Secretary of Transportation is afforded the authority to maintain the tradition of uniformed USMS officer presence at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the six maritime academies. At USMMA, these uniformed officers include the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Dean, Commandant, company officers, and many of the faculty.

The presence of uniformed USMS officers is an integral part of the regimental and educational system at the Academy. Since 1943, USMMA has implemented a proven developmental system that includes the regiment, academics, athletics and Sea Year to accomplish its mission of developing leaders of exemplary character that are committed to the national security, marine transportation, and economic needs of the United States. The

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presence of a uniformed cadre of officers at the Academy teaches midshipmen the time-honored traditions of shipboard hierarchical command and control, preparing them for a lifetime of service.

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Experiencing or exposure to traumatic events during childhood and continuing into adulthood is all too common. Less known is that trauma is a dominant factor in the lives of individuals involved with the criminal justice system; in what occurs while in the system; and in how transitioning and living in the community is impacted. With this increasing awareness, criminal justice professionals are considering what this means in their correctional settings, how to manage this population, and provide effective services. Often overlooked is the challenge of staff who are also affected by trauma in their personal and work lives, as organizational stress and trauma create additional challenges for the workplace.

In this Community Services Division-sponsored webinar series, NIC's Maureen Buell facilitates a stimulating discussion featuring Stephanie Covington, PhD, of the *Center for Gender and Justice* and Nena Messina, PhD of *Envisioning Justice Solutions*. This dynamic three part webinar series focuses on the following topics: 1) The Association between ACEs and Criminal Justice Involvement; 2) Trauma Informed Treatment and Theory; and 3) Becoming Trauma Informed and Moving to Trauma Responsive.

As demand outpaced the limited number of registrations, the linked content is now streaming and shareable. The linked content includes the downloadable recorded sessions, a list of resources referenced during the presentations, and a Q&A document that memorializes questions brought up in the chat. By accessing this robust series you will explore the issues, find helpful answers, and learn from subject matter experts. Below are testimonials from webinar participants. We think you will agree!

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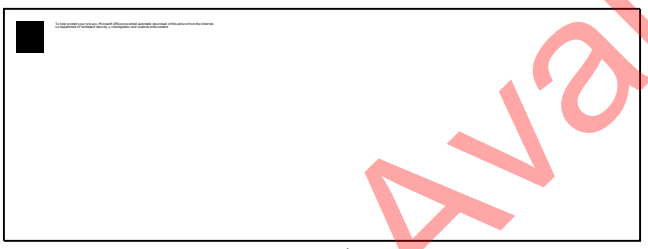

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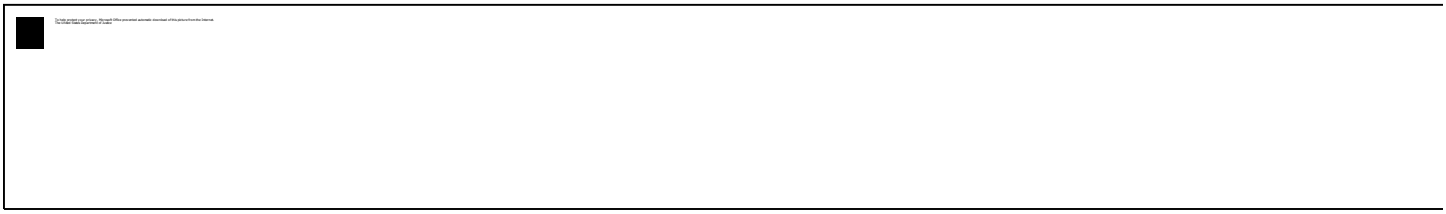

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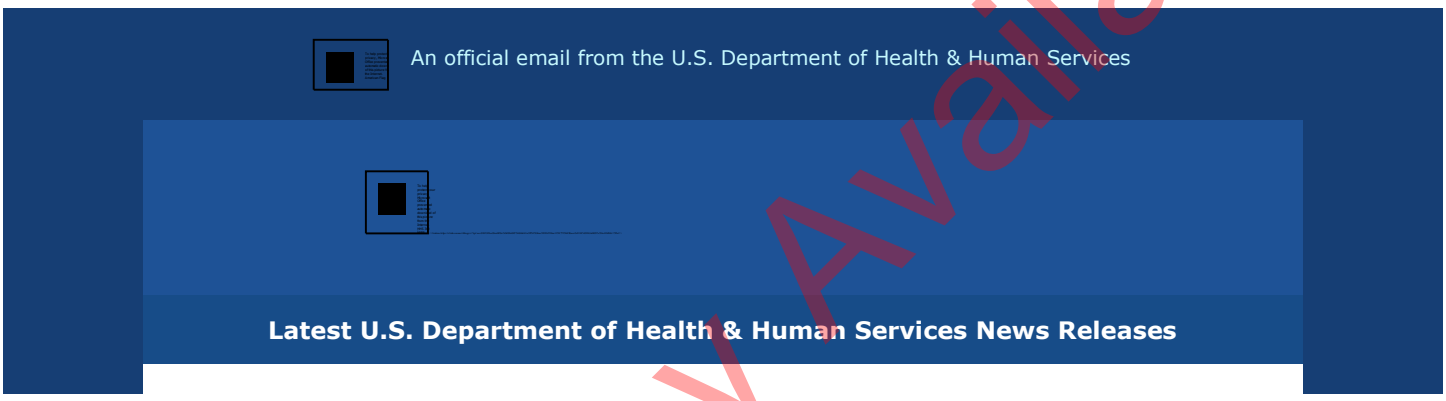

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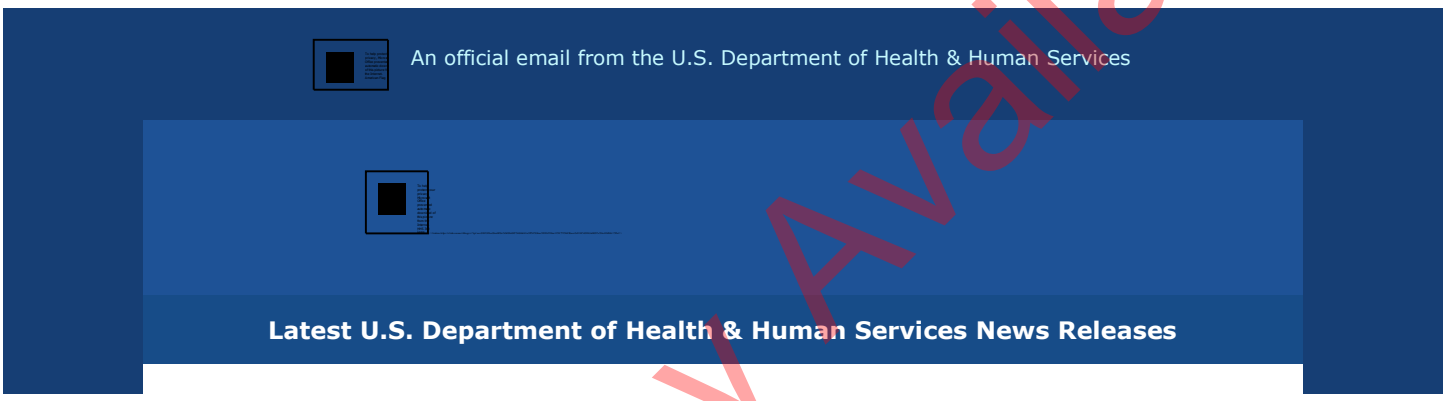

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"At least 25 people are under investigation for terrorism related to Wednesday's siege at the Capitol, accord
and was told that "at least 25 domestic terrorism cases have been opened as a result of the assault on the
reserve duty – may have been involved in the riot, and the military will investigate them as necessary. "Ther
shut down Congress as it formalized President-elect Joe Biden's Electoral College victory. Five people died
their affiliation," Justice spokesman Marc Raimondi said Sunday."

The New York Times: U.S. To Declare Yemen's Houthis A Terrorist Group, Raising Fears Of Fueling

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“Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will designate the Houthi rebels in Yemen as a foreign terrorist organizatio the world’s poorest nations. It is not clear how the terrorist designation will inhibit the Houthi rebels, who hav designation in his last full week as secretary of state, and more than a month after meeting with Crown Prin aggravated a humanitarian crisis that has led to millions of hungry Yemenis. Spokespeople for the State De announced. The imminent announcement was reported earlier Sunday evening by Reuters.”

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“Cameroon said Saturday that at least 22 people, including four soldiers, were killed in two Friday morning a regions. Officials warn of a new wave of violence and killing they say is being prepared by the separatists ar Boko Haram suicide bombers from neighboring Nigeria in their midst. He said some scared people fled into He said three were shot by the terrorist group in Mozogo, a town in Cameroon’s Mayo Sava administrative u condolence and we condemn this act of Boko Haram and all measures will be taken with our vigilant commi

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“Trump or war. Today. That simple.” “If you don't know how to shoot: You need to learn. NOW.” “we will stor Capitol by President Donald Trump's zealous supporters, the warning signs were clear: online posts from ha sense of the violence that left five dead -- including an officer with the US Capitol Police -- experts warn that supremacists, from these far-right extremists -- they feel emboldened in this moment,” said Jonathan Green

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“Three Sri Lankan nationals were charged Friday in federal court in Los Angeles with supporting an ISIS cel
Hayathu Moahmed are accused of conspiring to provide material support to ISIS. Naufar and Milhan are als
lawyers who could speak on their behalf. Sri Lankan authorities arrested Naufar, Riskan and Milhan but hav
Angeles would be the proper venue, the agent wrote. John C. Demers, an assistant attorney general who le
working toward a “shared goal of holding these defendants accountable for their crimes.”

The New York Times: Fear Spreads In Minnesota Town As ‘Extremist Group’ Moves To Open Church
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“Maria Barron came to rural Minnesota 10 years ago from Mexico so her husband could work in a nearby da
played outside with children of Mexican and Central American families that settled nearby. But in Decembe
church on Main Avenue, about four blocks from Ms. Barron’s church. The group, the Asatru Folk Assembly,
Southern Poverty Law Center. The 3-1 vote in December to approve a permit for the group has made Murd

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Man Faces Terrorism Charges Over Fake Bomb Call, Threat To Lawmak
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“A Michigan man faces terrorism and other felony charges after allegedly calling in a fake bomb threat to the
used his cell phone to threaten to kill state Rep. Cynthia Johnson, D-Detroit, and her family, identifying hims
investigation of the Dec. 12 voicemail message that threatened Johnson. But Gideon D'Assandro, a spokes
with us about the matter,” said MSP spokeswoman Shanon Banner. “However, they did not refer the compla
“The guy is white; I am Black,” Johnson said. “If I was a white woman I think this would be handled a little di

Syria

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“The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights revealed that ISIS has made a “strong comeback” to the Syrian
to fly over the Badia, carrying intense strikes against ISIS positions in the Hama countryside. The war monit
contain the attack even with Russian air cover. The fighter jets carried out over 130 strikes in the past 48 ho
regime-backed National Defense militia in clashes with ISIS in the al-Shoula region in western Deir Ezzor du

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Syrian and non-Syrian nationalities, including at least two Russians, and 145 Iranian-backed non-Syrian mil

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"During clashes with a suspected Islamic State sleeper cell in Syria's al-Hol camp on Friday, a member of th
camp, which houses tens of thousands of Islamic State-affiliated women and their children. The patrol cond
authorities added, the militant detonated an explosive belt he was wearing, killing himself and an Asayish m
sleeper cell attacks persist in areas liberated from their brutal rule, including in al-Hol camp. According to th
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"Languishing in a tent in northern Iraq, Nour yearns to return home but can't because she is accused of sup
due to long-standing wrangles being repackaged by neighbors or authorities into accusations they belong to
brother left their hometown near the northern city of Mosul and joined the militants in 2014, the year ISIS se
influential local sheikh, AFP reported. "He resented us because we owned land that he claimed belonged to
father's or my brother's fault," she added."

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"A roadside bomb exploded in Afghanistan's capital Sunday, killing at least three people in a vehicle. It was
public protection forces — a security force — was one of the three killed in the attack. One other person wa
educational institutions that killed 50 people, most of them students. IS has claimed responsibility for rocket
keeping their promise not to attack U.S. and NATO troops. Sunday's attack comes as Afghan negotiators ar
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"The Afghan government is investigating an air strike by its military in the southern province of Nimroz that l said on Sunday that initial information showed the deaths were all of Taliban insurgents fighting Afghan sec strike in Khashrod district has resulted in heavy casualties for the Taliban, and investigations into allegations Afghan air force targeted a residential house where it suspected Taliban were present. The official said the Zaranj, to prove that the deceased were not Taliban fighters."

Newsweek: Why Is The Taliban Murdering Journalists—Even As It's Trying To Rebrand? < Caution-
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"Despite ongoing peace talks, unprecedented violence in Afghanistan endures. In addition to regular attacks weeks. Notably, at least 51 journalists have been killed since 1992 in Afghanistan, ten this year alone, and i comparisons to the targeted assassinations by mujahideen in the early 1990s prior to the collapse of the So Afghan minister of communication, told me. "Taliban consider media as anti-Taliban propaganda, so journal killings. These figures remain opposed to the Taliban and as such present a threat to the group, its ideology

Pakistan

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"A Pakistan court on Friday sentenced Zaki ur Rehman Lakhvi, a senior official of militant group Lashkar-e- sentence are not related to any specific incident. He was sentenced to five years concurrently on three cour people were killed, but Islamabad has said that Delhi has not given it concrete evidence that it can use in a welcomed his arrest but called for him to be tried for the Mumbai attacks, too. "We will follow his prosecution

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"Hundreds of Shia Pakistanis gathered on Saturday to bury 11 coal miners from the Hazara community kille

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Sunday in Machh, an area 17km (30 miles) east of Quetta, capital of Pakistan's troubled Balochistan provin assure their protection. Ethnic Hazaras make up most of the Shia population in Quetta. Balochistan is the c heretics. Authorities on Friday promised the arrest of the attackers, payment of compensation to the bereav deaths."

Lebanon

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"The leader of Lebanon's militant group Hezbollah has denied accusations it is involved in amphetamine pro 2020 of 14 tonnes (30,100lb) of the drugs in Italy. The drugs came from the Syrian port of Latakia, accordin investigating the Islamic State, the Italian and Russian Mafia and other criminal networks." He said Hezbolla the drugs trade. In the televised speech, the secretary-general of Hezbollah said, "Our position on drugs, of involvement in the drugs business was banned by religious scholars, "even if the plan was to pass it on to th

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"Nigerian military said it obliterated Boko Haram terrorists in a major victory on Saturday, leaving 28 dead a Saturday. A statement on Sunday signed by Acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brigadier General Haram/Islamic State's West Africa Province criminals with uncommon ferocity. Onyeuko said: "the latest en Haram criminals ambush site. "The troops from HQ Sector 2 who were led by the Commander Sector 2 and resulting in high casualty on the terrorists."

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"Boko Haram terrorist sect has killed some commuters at Aligambori, near Gajiram, along the Maiduguri-Mo the route, Ya lawan Dawo, the terrorists also snatched 11 vehicles from drivers and took them to the bush. " said the Maiduguri-Monguno Road had been a nightmare to both drivers and commuters as they were alwa belongings and demanding money from drivers. He said, "They have four roadblocks along that road. There

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"The six were injured in an explosion on Friday in the volatile "Three Borders" region between Mali, Burkina Barkane anti-Islamist operation, were injured in the explosion of a car bomb, reportedly driven by a suicide a approached by an unidentified vehicle driven at high speed, and the French manouvred to block the road to repatriated on Saturday for further medical treatment. This is the third attack to target French peacekeepers that only jihadists had been targeted. This follows claims by locals that a wedding had been hit."

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"Moroccan authorities said late Thursday they arrested a Lebanese national affiliated with the Hezbollah par upon intelligence provided by the National Security Directorate, (DGST), arrested the Hezbollah member las several victims in Morocco. He also used stolen French and Portuguese passports, fooled his victims claimi identity documents, French driving licenses with Portuguese, French, and Italian names as well as an unspe circumstances of the declaration of the theft of the seized passports."

AfricaCaution-news: France Promise Continued Support To Burkina Faso In Fight Against Extremis
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"France is "determined to continue to accompany" Burkina Faso, which has been plagued by an unpreceden accompany Burkina Faso in the field of security and in its economic and social development policy," Le Dria President Kaboré who is beginning his second term. Burkina Faso is, along with Mali and Niger, one of the deadly attacks against military camps of the three countries in the region known as the "three borders" betw

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“Tunisian Interior ministry Thursday announced the arrest of a prominent member of global terror group al Q terrorist” was planning terror attacks in conjunction with Okba Ibn Nafaa brigade which takes its name from has been in a state of emergency since 2015 after three major terror attacks. They killed dozens of the peop militants.”

United Kingdom

BBC Caution-news: Man Arrested In Redhill Over Islamic Terrorism < Caution-
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“A man has been arrested in Surrey on suspicion of terrorism offences, Counter Terrorism Policing South E is linked to Islamic terrorism and there is not believed to be any imminent threat to the public, a CTPSE spo

Europe

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“Eva's pale, triangular face glows in the frame created by her coal-black shawl and hood. Her pale brown ey is from another world, capable of nothing, or anything. We cannot print her photograph because it might enc stronghold, fell in March 2019. Her brother Endri, 14, is luckier. He was brought home from Syria by Albania again in his arms. “That camp,” Albanian Interior Minister Sander Lleshaj tells me, “is hell on Earth, as witne and later had her UK citizenship revoked.”

Canada

The Independent: Calls In Canada For Proud Boys To Be Designated Terror Group After Capitol Riot
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“Canadian opposition party leader Jagmeet Singh has strongly condemned the far-right, white supremacist New Democratic Party (NDP), the fourth-largest in terms of seats in Canada’s House of Commons, Mr Sing

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hate here in Canada by banning and designating the Proud Boys as a terrorist organisation", Mr Singh said has also launched a public petition to designate the Proud Boys a terror group and put a ban on its activities Singh said. The petition on the NDP website does not provide a live count of signatures, but Mr Singh claim

Southeast Asia

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"A Muslim extremist group, primarily made up of teenagers, attacked a church in the Philippines, peppering Freedom Fighters, a terrorist group based in the southern Philippines, attacked a parish church after conduc said the BIFF had also plotted to set ablaze Sta. Teresita parish church and the church-run Notre Dame of I BIFF laid siege to the police station of Datu Piang and burned a police patrol vehicle on December 3. The a their homes."

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"Parler, the conservative alternative to Twitter Inc (NYSE: TWTR) and Facebook Inc, (NASDAQ: FB) continu Apple removed it from its App Store, and Amazon stopped providing cloud hosting services through Amazo Amazon employees earlier in the day had demanded the move, saying they did not want to be associated w distance themselves from violent content on Parler. On Friday, Twitter permanently removed Donald Trump

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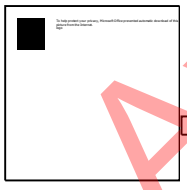

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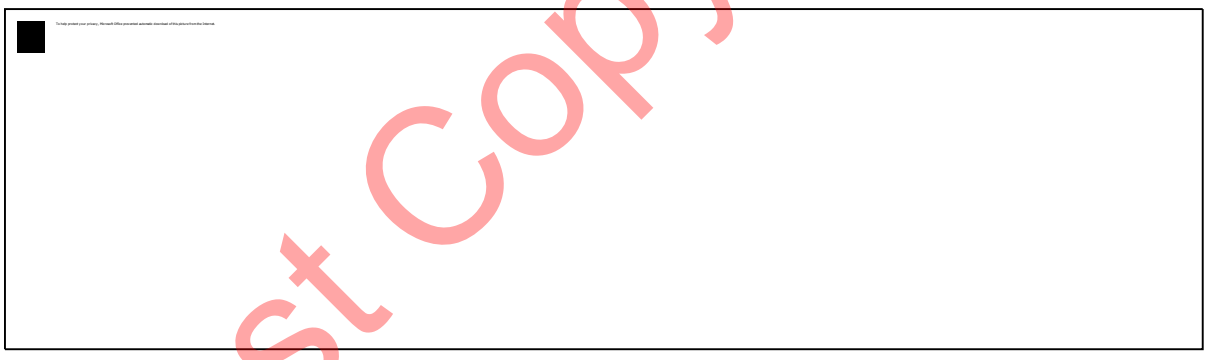

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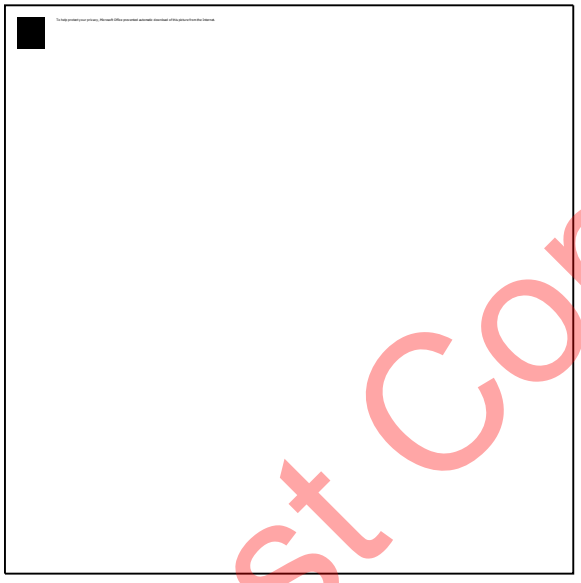

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New and Noteworthy: Man With Far-Right History Accused of

A Massachusetts man who reportedly espoused right-wing conspiracy theories is charged in the planting of a hoax explosive that Queens, New York, mall. Louis Shenker, 22, turned himself in to police on January 5 and faces counts of placing a false bomb ar property. Shenker is accused of abandoning a Tesla vehicle containing a makeshift item of wires connected to an aerosol can on garage of the Queens Place Mall. The mall was evacuated as authorities investigated the vehicle, finding the fake bomb and a Bl there to discredit the movement or cause a diversion. Police also rescued a dog trapped inside the vehicle, leading to an addition abandonment of a disabled animal. Online accounts and activity allegedly tied to Shenker contain far-right sentiments and conspi and the election. He was previously arrested in December on arson and criminal mischief charges. Authorities are looking into the suspect who may have stolen the vehicle used in the incident and transported it to New York.

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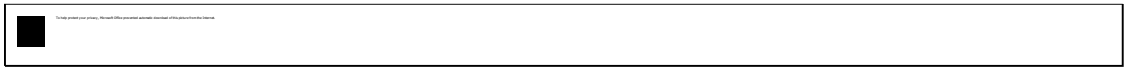

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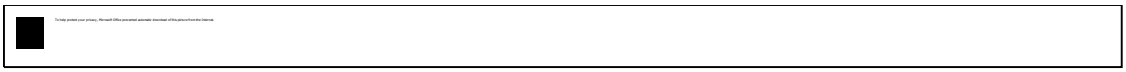

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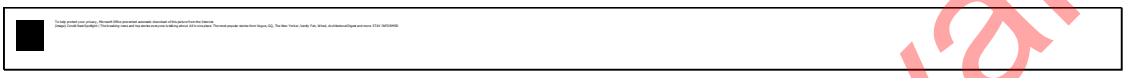

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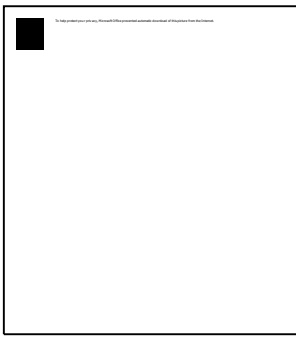

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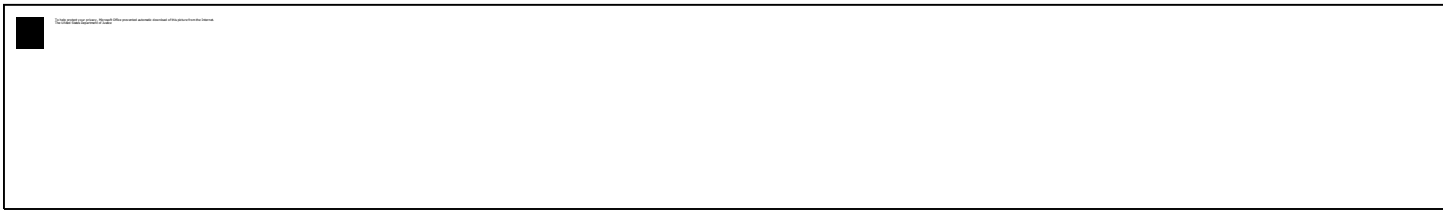

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Today's Top 5

1. This is why the National Guard didn't respond to the attack on the Capitol
Military Times
Hundreds of National Guard troops were posted in the streets of Washington, D.C., on Wednesday afternoon, but there was little they could do to respond as pro-Trump rioters overran the Capitol.
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2. 'I thought I'd have to fight my way out': Combat veteran lawmakers took action after Capitol stormed
Washington Post

On Wednesday, after chemical irritants were fired in the Capitol to repel a pro-Trump mob, Rep. Ruben Gallego thought of the moment years ago when he entered a Marine Corps gas chamber.
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3. Army secretary: 6,200 National Guard troops to be in DC area 'by the weekend'
Army Times
By the end of the weekend, there will be 6,200 National Guard troops from six states and the District of Columbia deployed in the National Capitol Region, Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy said in a Thursday press conference. The personnel will be on duty for "no less than the next 30 days," said McCarthy.
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4. Biden won't have his defense secretary in place on Day One
Defense News
U.S. President-elect Joe Biden is pressuring Congress to quickly confirm his nominees for national security roles, but it appears the congressional calendar won't permit his pick for defense secretary to be in place on Day One of the Biden administration.
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5. Exclusive: How the Space Force foiled an Iranian missile attack with a critical early warning
C4ISRNET
One year ago on the night of Jan. 7, 2020, Americans were shocked to learn that Iran had launched more than a dozen ballistic missiles at U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq.
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US airstrike on Somalia kills 5 al-Shabaab members
UPI
Five people believed to be al-Shabaab members, including one leader, were killed in a joint U.S.-Somali airstrike in the vicinity of Saaxa Weyne, Somalia, Thursday.
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Pentagon

Biden to pick Brett McGurk for top White House Middle East role
Al-Monitor
Picking the former defeat-ISIS envoy to oversee US Middle East policy sends a strong signal to Turkey.
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Now it can be told: How Neil Sheehan got the Pentagon Papers
New York Times
It was a story he had chosen not to tell — until 2015, when he sat for a four-hour interview, promised that this account would not be published while he was alive.
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Acting Pentagon chief condemns violence, commends law enforcement response to Capitol attack
The Hill
Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller on Thursday condemned the violent attacks on the U.S. Capitol more than 24 hours after President Trump's supporters were cleared from the premises.
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Congress & Politics

Nebraska delegation secures money for nukes, Offutt planes, cyberdefense in big defense bill
Omaha World-Herald
People who work at Nebraska's Offutt Air Force Base and Omaha's University of Nebraska Medical Center could benefit from Nebraska contributions to the nation's newest defense policy bill, passed last week over a presidential veto.

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Pelosi, Democrats call for Trump's removal after riot
Defense News
Top Democrats in the House and Senate have joined a growing call for President Donald Trump to be removed from office immediately, accusing the president of fomenting Wednesday's violence at the U.S. Capitol.
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National Security

Capitol in chaos: what the national security community needs to know
Defense News
Here are the key events Defense News has been tracking.
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Another senior Trump national security aide resigns in the wake of Capitol riot
Defense News
A top national security aid involved in the Trump administration's recent diplomatic breakthroughs in the Middle East and its late-stage push to shift to a more Navy-focused defense policy is leaving his post a day after an insurrectionist mob stormed the U.S. Capitol.
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A top Trump adviser on the Middle East to step down following riot
Defense News
Rob Greenway, a top adviser to President Donald Trump on the Middle East, is expected to step down Thursday as part of an exodus at the National Security Council following Wednesday's storming of Capitol Hill by Trump supporters, an official with knowledge of the situation told Defense News.
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Extremists consider Capitol raid a success, UNO counterterrorism expert says
Omaha World-Herald
"How they're portraying it on their channels is that this is a success," said Gina Ligon, director of UNO's National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center. "I think you'll see more of this at the state level."
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Justice Department warns of national security fallout from Capitol Hill insurrection
Politico
The mob that rampaged inside the halls of Congress on Wednesday might have taken a lot more than Americans' illusions of invulnerability.
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Capitol rioters planned for weeks in plain sight. The police weren't ready.
Defense One
Insurrectionists made no effort to hide their intentions, but law enforcement protecting Congress was caught flat-footed.
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US Capitol now more vulnerable as a result of Wednesday's mob attack, former DHS official says
Defense One
A lack of coordination among authorities was evident and will make securing the seat of legislature harder.
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Army

'Too early to know' how mandated studies will impact ACFT implementation
Army Times
The new Army Combat Fitness Test officially became the service's test of record in October, but lawmakers have ordered a pause on further implementation pending an independent study to determine how it will impact deployed soldiers, recruiting and retention.

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This Army Ranger-turned-Congressman was last out of the House chamber during the Capitol riots
Task & Purpose
It's been over a decade since Rep. Jason Crow (D-Colo.) felt the need to prepare to fight his way out of a situation.
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Fort Drum soldier, teen connection remains unclear in Cpl. Harris' murder
Watertown Daily Times
A Fort Drum soldier and a 16-year-old boy accused of killing another soldier will face murder and other charges only in New Jersey, even though the alleged kidnapping occurred in the north country.
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Navy

The Navy hospital ship politicians want in LA is stuck in maintenance in Portland
Military.com
Hospitals in Los Angeles are so overloaded with coronavirus patients that ambulance crews have been instructed not to transport people to medical facilities if they're unlikely to survive. But a Navy ship that could offer a reprieve is stuck in an Oregon shipyard.
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'Friends with everybody': petty officer died after Jacksonville traffic accident
Navy Times
A Florida-based Navy petty officer died last month following a traffic accident in Jacksonville.
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Naval Community College kicks off pilot program this month with 600 students
USNI News

The United States Naval Community College will begin serving its first class of about 600 students, under a pilot program running from January through June.
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Naval Academy's first Black female brigade commander aims to remind midshipmen of their purpose of service
Capital Gazette
When Midshipman 1st Class Sydney Barber was little, she wanted to be a missionary.
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Retired Navy football mascot Bill 33, the goat at center of Army-Navy scandal, dies at 13
Capital Gazette
Bill XXXIII (33), the Naval Academy goat mascot affectionately known as "Blue Eyes" and who played a central role in an Army-Navy prank gone too far nine years ago, has died, the Naval Academy announced Thursday. He would have been 14 years old next week.
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Marine Corps

Investigation of Marine convicted in DC barracks shooting reveals unit history of firearm negligence
Marine Corps Times
At approximately 5 a.m. on New Year's Day 2019, Lance Cpl. Andrew Johnson had just been relieved from his post.
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New in 2021: Marine deserter faces murder trial in shooting death of mother's boyfriend
Marine Corps Times
A Marine veteran who prosecutors allege deserted his North Carolina base to return to his Virginia home and kill his mother's boyfriend then fled police, evading capture for 18-days, now faces a trial in March.
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This Marine's new jaw was made out of his leg bone in a breakthrough new surgery
Task & Purpose
A lucky Marine made military medical history by becoming the first service member to receive a reconstructed jaw made out of one of his leg bones, complete with 3D-printed teeth, all in one surgery.
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Civilian MARFORRES employee pleads guilty in military transportation bribery case
The Associated Press
A former federal employee has pleaded guilty in New Orleans after prosecutors said he agreed to take $250,000 in bribes to steer transportation contracts to a Georgia businessman.
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What kind of uniform is that? Marines drill for inauguration in unique style
Stars & Stripes
The Marines preparing for Inauguration Day ceremonies wore black face masks, white gloves — and an unusual combination of a Vietnam-era field jacket in woodland camouflage with their khaki-and-olive green service dress uniforms.
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Air Force

NCO earns commendation for bravery in Camp Taji attack
Stars & Stripes
Senior Master Sgt. Rick Johnson had deployed twice before to combat zones, but he never experienced the panic and confusion he saw in Iraq last March during a fatal rocket attack on Camp Taji.
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‘We are in danger of losing our republic’ Air Force strategy chief says in wake of Capitol attack
Air Force Times
The three-star general in charge of strategy for the Air Force issued a grim warning for the United States on Thursday after extremists attacked the Capitol: The nation is now under a greater threat than it was after 9/11.
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Department of the Air Force cracks down on climate, disciplinary issues
Air Force Magazine
The Department of the Air Force recently rolled out two policy changes aimed at holding commanders more accountable for climate-related deficiencies and disciplinary equity within their units.
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The Air Force is coming for your raunchy patches and coins
Task & Purpose
The Air Force on Tuesday directed commanders to review their official and unofficial unit emblems, morale patches, mottos, nicknames, coins and other forms of unit identity “to ensure an inclusive and professional environment,” service officials wrote in a press release.
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The Air Force’s top enlisted leader is looking into why an airman was punished for attempting suicide
Task & Purpose
The Air Force’s top enlisted leader is looking into an incident involving an airman who was sent a Letter of Reprimand and a Letter of Counseling shortly after attempting suicide.
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National Guard

NY National Guard troops not arriving in DC until ‘before early next week’
Army Times
The New York National Guard is sending 1,000 troops to Washington, D.C., at the request of U.S. National Guard officials, said a New York Guard spokesman and Governor Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday evening.
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Maryland governor describes delayed permission to send National Guard
The Associated Press

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said Thursday he immediately mobilized state police and National Guard members when asked to go to Washington to help protect the U.S. Capitol, but the state was repeatedly denied permission before finally being authorized to send help by a defense official.
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The National Guard is fencing off the US Capitol complex for at least 30 days
Military.com
The U.S. Capitol is getting its own version of a border wall Thursday in response to the infiltration and vandalism of the building Wednesday by supporters of President Donald Trump.
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The vaccine rollout and civil unrest is keeping the National Guard busy after an 'unprecedented' 2020
CNN
The U.S. National Guard was so busy last year with "unprecedented" domestic deployments -- helping with Covid-19, civil unrest and natural disasters -- it referred to 2020 as Year of the Guard.
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Space Force

Did the Space Force just ruin OTAs for everyone?
Breaking Defense
A contracting slip-up by the Space Force has inspired new scrutiny of a streamlined acquisition process known as Other Transaction Authority (OTA). OTAs have soared in popularity in recent years, but a story by The Washington Post — which said a Space Force contractor “acted fraudulently” and derided OTAs in general as a “loophole” — has given skeptics new ammunition in their fight for restrictions.
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Pay & Benefits

Five more military families sue privatized landlord alleging mold, vermin, lead paint and raw sewage
Military Times
Five military families are suing the privatized housing landlords for Randolph Air Force Base for their “deplorable” housing conditions which they say led to medical and financial problems.
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Military Culture & History

Trump rioters keep Army surplus stores alive with outfit selections for Capitol invasions
Military Times
As Congress moved Wednesday to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election and name former Vice President Joe Biden as the next President of the United States, a horde of rioters descended upon the Capitol in the building's first mass breach since the War of 1812.
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Podcasts

Storming the Capitol with Mackenzie Eaglen
Holding the Line
We dive into issues about the U.S. military and, most importantly with the incoming Biden administration, what is likely to occur with defense budgets and how that can affect national security during the next 3-4 years.
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Defense Industry

Space Development Agency confirms SpaceX, L3Harris awards following protest
C4ISRNET
Following a protest by Raytheon Technologies, the Space Development Agency has reevaluated awards it made for eight satellites capable of tracking hypersonic weapons, opting to stick with its original vendors: SpaceX and L3Harris.
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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Defense research director has a vision to connect with new, innovative companies
C4ISRNET
The new director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency wants to create a storefront where companies can go to learn how to sell their products to the Pentagon.
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New strategy wants to counter increasingly complex drone threats
Defense News
The Pentagon released a new strategy Jan. 7 to counter increasingly complex small drone threats, one that focuses on establishing a common threat picture, architecture and protocol across the services.

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Defense Department must determine the threat from quantum computers
C4ISRNET
The U.S. Department of Defense must determine the national security threat posed by quantum computing, as part of the new annual defense policy law.
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Hyten outlines future steps to dominate the electromagnetic spectrum
C4ISRNET
In rebuilding the Pentagon's electronic warfare prowess — and executing a recently released strategy to do so — the department's No. 2 officer bestowed a great deal of responsibility upon the services.
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International

Third Chinese aircraft carrier nears completion amid shipyard expansion
The Diplomat
A major Shanghai shipyard is being significantly expanded amid news that work has begun there on China's fourth aircraft carrier.
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NATO chief calls for revitalization of alliance in 2021
UPI
The coming year will be critical for relations between North America and Europe -- and for Afghanistan peace talks -- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said.
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China, Russia, Iran spin Capitol insurrection

Defense One
As allies lamented the “disgraceful” scene, adversaries used Wednesday’s riot to attack U.S. democracy.
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China’s next-gen J-20 stealth fighter jettisons Russian engine in favour of home-grown technology
South China Morning Post
China will cease using the Russian engine currently fitted on China’s new generation J-20 stealth fighter jet, replacing it with an upgraded home-grown engine.
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The Iraqi Air Force’s F-16 fleet is on the brink of collapse despite showy flybys
The Drive
A high-profile 23 F-16 flyover may only have served to paper over the cracks in what is an increasingly precarious Iraqi Viper fleet.
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Kim says N Korea to take military capabilities to ‘higher level’
Al Jazeera
North Korean leader says to secure a ‘peaceful environment’ he wants to strengthen the country’s defence capabilities.
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Iraqi judge issues arrest warrant for Donald Trump over Soleimani killing
Al-Monitor
The charge of premeditated murder carries a death sentence under Iraqi law but is not likely to be enforced.
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Embrace new ways to buy software or the Pentagon will fall behind

C4ISRNET
We are reminded almost daily that our national security rests on a foundation of software.
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Honoring the legacy of Maj. Beau Biden
Military Times
President Biden is the first president since Dwight Eisenhower to have a child deployed to a combat zone.
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Anticipating the 2021 Missile Defense Review
RealClear Defense
On the incoming Biden administration's to-do list is a review of missile defense policy and posture.
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“I’m not a sir”—dearth of women causes Marines to expect male leadership
The War Horse
When I got to the fleet, with my brown hair always tucked back into a tight regulation bun, Marines would often surprise me—by calling me “sir.”
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How Russia sways its way to more influence in Libya
War On The Rocks
Russia has been doing well in Libya — and it likes the fact that few seem to notice it.
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How will Biden’s Pentagon handle extreme right-wing media?
Defense One
The Capitol riot was just the latest tell for propaganda outlets masquerading as newsrooms.

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A cyber opportunity: Priorities for the first national cyber director
War On The Rocks
Despite the negative headlines surrounding the SolarWinds hack, President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will soon inherit an executive branch moving slowly in the right direction on cyber security.
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The US Navy needs more firepower on the cheap
19FortyFive
Low upfront cost + low operating cost = cheap.
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Hypersonics illustrate supply chain vulnerabilities
National Defense
Hypersonics — the science behind missiles that travel in excess of Mach 5 and can quickly change trajectory mid-flight — illustrate the challenges faced by U.S. companies working on emerging technologies.
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The military stayed out of the insurrection, but it isn’t over yet
Foreign Policy
To be sure, the insurrectionists succeeded in a number of things.
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US airstrike on Somalia kills 5 al-Shabaab members
UPI
Five people believed to be al-Shabaab members, including one leader, were killed in a joint U.S.-Somali airstrike in the vicinity of Saaxa Weyne, Somalia, Thursday.
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Pentagon

Biden to pick Brett McGurk for top White House Middle East role
Al-Monitor
Picking the former defeat-ISIS envoy to oversee US Middle East policy sends a strong signal to Turkey.
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Now it can be told: How Neil Sheehan got the Pentagon Papers
New York Times
It was a story he had chosen not to tell — until 2015, when he sat for a four-hour interview, promised that this account would not be published while he was alive.
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Acting Pentagon chief condemns violence, commends law enforcement response to Capitol attack
The Hill
Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller on Thursday condemned the violent attacks on the U.S. Capitol more than 24 hours after President Trump's supporters were cleared from the premises.
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Congress & Politics

Nebraska delegation secures money for nukes, Offutt planes, cyberdefense in big defense bill
Omaha World-Herald
People who work at Nebraska's Offutt Air Force Base and Omaha's University of Nebraska Medical Center could benefit from Nebraska contributions to the nation's newest defense policy bill, passed last week over a presidential veto.
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Pelosi, Democrats call for Trump's removal after riot
Defense News
Top Democrats in the House and Senate have joined a growing call for President Donald Trump to be removed from office immediately, accusing the president of fomenting Wednesday's violence at the U.S. Capitol.
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National Security

Capitol in chaos: what the national security community needs to know
Defense News
Here are the key events Defense News has been tracking.
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Another senior Trump national security aide resigns in the wake of Capitol riot
Defense News
A top national security aid involved in the Trump administration's recent diplomatic breakthroughs in the Middle East and its late-stage push to shift to a more Navy-focused defense policy is leaving his post a day after an insurrectionist mob stormed the U.S. Capitol.
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A top Trump adviser on the Middle East to step down following riot
Defense News
Rob Greenway, a top adviser to President Donald Trump on the Middle East, is expected to step down Thursday as part of an exodus at the National Security Council following Wednesday's storming of Capitol Hill by Trump supporters, an official with knowledge of the situation told Defense News.
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Extremists consider Capitol raid a success, UNO counterterrorism expert says
Omaha World-Herald
"How they're portraying it on their channels is that this is a success," said Gina Ligon, director of UNO's National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center. "I think you'll see more of this at the state level."
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Justice Department warns of national security fallout from Capitol Hill insurrection
Politico
The mob that rampaged inside the halls of Congress on Wednesday might have taken a lot more than Americans' illusions of invulnerability.
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Capitol rioters planned for weeks in plain sight. The police weren't ready.
Defense One
Insurrectionists made no effort to hide their intentions, but law enforcement protecting Congress was caught flat-footed.
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US Capitol now more vulnerable as a result of Wednesday's mob attack, former DHS official says
Defense One
A lack of coordination among authorities was evident and will make securing the seat of legislature harder.
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Army

‘Too early to know’ how mandated studies will impact ACFT implementation
Army Times
The new Army Combat Fitness Test officially became the service’s test of record in October, but lawmakers have ordered a pause on further implementation pending an independent study to determine how it will impact deployed soldiers, recruiting and retention.
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This Army Ranger-turned-Congressman was last out of the House chamber during the Capitol riots
Task & Purpose
It’s been over a decade since Rep. Jason Crow (D-Colo.) felt the need to prepare to fight his way out of a situation.
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Fort Drum soldier, teen connection remains unclear in Cpl. Harris’ murder
Watertown Daily Times
A Fort Drum soldier and a 16-year-old boy accused of killing another soldier will face murder and other charges only in New Jersey, even though the alleged kidnapping occurred in the north country.
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Navy

The Navy hospital ship politicians want in LA is stuck in maintenance in Portland
Military.com
Hospitals in Los Angeles are so overloaded with coronavirus patients that ambulance crews have been instructed not to transport people to medical facilities if they're unlikely to survive. But a Navy ship that could offer a reprieve is stuck in an Oregon shipyard.
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‘Friends with everybody’: petty officer died after Jacksonville traffic accident
Navy Times
A Florida-based Navy petty officer died last month following a traffic accident in Jacksonville.
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Naval Community College kicks off pilot program this month with 600 students
USNI News
The United States Naval Community College will begin serving its first class of about 600 students, under a pilot program running from January through June.
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Naval Academy's first Black female brigade commander aims to remind midshipmen of their purpose of service
Capital Gazette
When Midshipman 1st Class Sydney Barber was little, she wanted to be a missionary.
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Retired Navy football mascot Bill 33, the goat at center of Army-Navy scandal, dies at 13
Capital Gazette
Bill XXXIII (33), the Naval Academy goat mascot affectionately known as "Blue Eyes" and who played a central role in an Army-Navy prank gone too far nine years ago, has died, the Naval Academy announced Thursday. He would have been 14 years old next week.
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Marine Corps

Investigation of Marine convicted in DC barracks shooting reveals unit history of firearm negligence
Marine Corps Times
At approximately 5 a.m. on New Year's Day 2019, Lance Cpl. Andrew Johnson had just been relieved from his post.
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New in 2021: Marine deserter faces murder trial in shooting death of mother's boyfriend
Marine Corps Times

A Marine veteran who prosecutors allege deserted his North Carolina base to return to his Virginia home and kill his mother's boyfriend then fled police, evading capture for 18-days, now faces a trial in March.
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This Marine's new jaw was made out of his leg bone in a breakthrough new surgery
Task & Purpose
A lucky Marine made military medical history by becoming the first service member to receive a reconstructed jaw made out of one of his leg bones, complete with 3D-printed teeth, all in one surgery.
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Civilian MARFORRES employee pleads guilty in military transportation bribery case
The Associated Press
A former federal employee has pleaded guilty in New Orleans after prosecutors said he agreed to take $250,000 in bribes to steer transportation contracts to a Georgia businessman.
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What kind of uniform is that? Marines drill for inauguration in unique style
Stars & Stripes
The Marines preparing for Inauguration Day ceremonies wore black face masks, white gloves — and an unusual combination of a Vietnam-era field jacket in woodland camouflage with their khaki-and-olive green service dress uniforms.
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Air Force

NCO earns commendation for bravery in Camp Taji attack
Stars & Stripes
Senior Master Sgt. Rick Johnson had deployed twice before to combat zones, but he never experienced the panic and confusion he saw in Iraq last March during a fatal rocket attack on Camp Taji.
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‘We are in danger of losing our republic’ Air Force strategy chief says in wake of Capitol attack
Air Force Times
The three-star general in charge of strategy for the Air Force issued a grim warning for the United States on Thursday after extremists attacked the Capitol: The nation is now under a greater threat than it was after 9/11.
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Department of the Air Force cracks down on climate, disciplinary issues
Air Force Magazine
The Department of the Air Force recently rolled out two policy changes aimed at holding commanders more accountable for climate-related deficiencies and disciplinary equity within their units.
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The Air Force is coming for your raunchy patches and coins
Task & Purpose
The Air Force on Tuesday directed commanders to review their official and unofficial unit emblems, morale patches, mottos, nicknames, coins and other forms of unit identity “to ensure an inclusive and professional environment,” service officials wrote in a press release.
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The Air Force’s top enlisted leader is looking into why an airman was punished for attempting suicide
Task & Purpose
The Air Force’s top enlisted leader is looking into an incident involving an airman who was sent a Letter of Reprimand and a Letter of Counseling shortly after attempting suicide.
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National Guard

NY National Guard troops not arriving in DC until ‘before early next week’
Army Times
The New York National Guard is sending 1,000 troops to Washington, D.C., at the request of U.S. National Guard officials, said a New York Guard spokesman and Governor Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday evening.
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Maryland governor describes delayed permission to send National Guard
The Associated Press
Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said Thursday he immediately mobilized state police and National Guard members when asked to go to Washington to help protect the U.S. Capitol, but the state was repeatedly denied permission before finally being authorized to send help by a defense official.
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The National Guard is fencing off the US Capitol complex for at least 30 days
Military.com
The U.S. Capitol is getting its own version of a border wall Thursday in response to the infiltration and vandalism of the building Wednesday by supporters of President Donald Trump.
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The vaccine rollout and civil unrest is keeping the National Guard busy after an 'unprecedented' 2020
CNN
The U.S. National Guard was so busy last year with "unprecedented" domestic deployments -- helping with Covid-19, civil unrest and natural disasters -- it referred to 2020 as Year of the Guard.
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Space Force

Did the Space Force just ruin OTAs for everyone?
Breaking Defense
A contracting slip-up by the Space Force has inspired new scrutiny of a streamlined acquisition process known as Other Transaction Authority (OTA). OTAs have soared in popularity in recent years, but a story by The Washington Post — which said a Space Force contractor “acted fraudulently” and derided OTAs in general as a “loophole” — has given skeptics new ammunition in their fight for restrictions.
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Pay & Benefits

Five more military families sue privatized landlord alleging mold, vermin, lead paint and raw sewage
Military Times
Five military families are suing the privatized housing landlords for Randolph Air Force Base for their “deplorable” housing conditions which they say led to medical and financial problems.

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Military Culture & History

Trump rioters keep Army surplus stores alive with outfit selections for Capitol invasions
Military Times
As Congress moved Wednesday to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election and name former Vice President Joe Biden as the next President of the United States, a horde of rioters descended upon the Capitol in the building's first mass breach since the War of 1812.
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Podcasts

Storming the Capitol with Mackenzie Eaglen
Holding the Line
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Defense Industry

Space Development Agency confirms SpaceX, L3Harris awards following protest
C4ISRNET
Following a protest by Raytheon Technologies, the Space Development Agency has reevaluated awards it made for eight satellites capable of tracking hypersonic weapons, opting to stick with its original vendors: SpaceX and L3Harris.
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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Defense research director has a vision to connect with new, innovative companies
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New strategy wants to counter increasingly complex drone threats
Defense News
The Pentagon released a new strategy Jan. 7 to counter increasingly complex small drone threats, one that focuses on establishing a common threat picture, architecture and protocol across the services.
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Defense Department must determine the threat from quantum computers
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The U.S. Department of Defense must determine the national security threat posed by quantum computing, as part of the new annual defense policy law.
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Hyten outlines future steps to dominate the electromagnetic spectrum
C4ISRNET
In rebuilding the Pentagon's electronic warfare prowess — and executing a recently released strategy to do so — the department's No. 2 officer bestowed a great deal of responsibility upon the services.
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International

Third Chinese aircraft carrier nears completion amid shipyard expansion
The Diplomat
A major Shanghai shipyard is being significantly expanded amid news that work has begun there on China's fourth aircraft carrier.
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NATO chief calls for revitalization of alliance in 2021
UPI
The coming year will be critical for relations between North America and Europe -- and for Afghanistan peace talks -- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said.
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China, Russia, Iran spin Capitol insurrection
Defense One
As allies lamented the “disgraceful” scene, adversaries used Wednesday’s riot to attack U.S. democracy.
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China’s next-gen J-20 stealth fighter jettisons Russian engine in favour of home-grown technology
South China Morning Post
China will cease using the Russian engine currently fitted on China’s new generation J-20 stealth fighter jet, replacing it with an upgraded home-grown engine.
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The Iraqi Air Force’s F-16 fleet is on the brink of collapse despite showy flybys
The Drive
A high-profile 23 F-16 flyover may only have served to paper over the cracks in what is an increasingly precarious Iraqi Viper fleet.
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Kim says N Korea to take military capabilities to ‘higher level’
Al Jazeera
North Korean leader says to secure a ‘peaceful environment’ he wants to strengthen the country’s defence capabilities.
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Iraqi judge issues arrest warrant for Donald Trump over Soleimani killing
Al-Monitor
The charge of premeditated murder carries a death sentence under Iraqi law but is not likely to be enforced.
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Embrace new ways to buy software or the Pentagon will fall behind
C4ISRNET
We are reminded almost daily that our national security rests on a foundation of software.
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Honoring the legacy of Maj. Beau Biden
Military Times
President Biden is the first president since Dwight Eisenhower to have a child deployed to a combat zone.
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Anticipating the 2021 Missile Defense Review
RealClear Defense
On the incoming Biden administration's to-do list is a review of missile defense policy and posture.
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“I’m not a sir”—dearth of women causes Marines to expect male leadership
The War Horse
When I got to the fleet, with my brown hair always tucked back into a tight regulation bun, Marines would often surprise me—by calling me “sir.”
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How Russia sways its way to more influence in Libya
War On The Rocks
Russia has been doing well in Libya — and it likes the fact that few seem to notice it.
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How will Biden's Pentagon handle extreme right-wing media?
Defense One
The Capitol riot was just the latest tell for propaganda outlets masquerading as newsrooms.
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A cyber opportunity: Priorities for the first national cyber director
War On The Rocks
Despite the negative headlines surrounding the SolarWinds hack, President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will soon inherit an executive branch moving slowly in the right direction on cyber security.
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The US Navy needs more firepower on the cheap
19FortyFive
Low upfront cost + low operating cost = cheap.
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Hypersonics illustrate supply chain vulnerabilities
National Defense
Hypersonics — the science behind missiles that travel in excess of Mach 5 and can quickly change trajectory mid-flight — illustrate the challenges faced by U.S. companies working on emerging technologies.
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The military stayed out of the insurrection, but it isn't over yet
Foreign Policy
To be sure, the insurrectionists succeeded in a number of things.
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US airstrike on Somalia kills 5 al-Shabaab members
UPI
Five people believed to be al-Shabaab members, including one leader, were killed in a joint U.S.-Somali airstrike in the vicinity of Saaxa Weyne, Somalia, Thursday.
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Pentagon

Biden to pick Brett McGurk for top White House Middle East role
Al-Monitor
Picking the former defeat-ISIS envoy to oversee US Middle East policy sends a strong signal to Turkey.
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Now it can be told: How Neil Sheehan got the Pentagon Papers
New York Times
It was a story he had chosen not to tell — until 2015, when he sat for a four-hour interview, promised that this account would not be published while he was alive.
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Acting Pentagon chief condemns violence, commends law enforcement response to Capitol attack
The Hill
Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller on Thursday condemned the violent attacks on the U.S. Capitol more than 24 hours after President Trump's supporters were cleared from the premises.

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Congress & Politics

Nebraska delegation secures money for nukes, Offutt planes, cyberdefense in big defense bill
Omaha World-Herald
People who work at Nebraska's Offutt Air Force Base and Omaha's University of Nebraska Medical Center could benefit from Nebraska contributions to the nation's newest defense policy bill, passed last week over a presidential veto.
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Pelosi, Democrats call for Trump's removal after riot
Defense News
Top Democrats in the House and Senate have joined a growing call for President Donald Trump to be removed from office immediately, accusing the president of fomenting Wednesday's violence at the U.S. Capitol.
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National Security

Capitol in chaos: what the national security community needs to know
Defense News
Here are the key events Defense News has been tracking.
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Another senior Trump national security aide resigns in the wake of Capitol riot
Defense News
A top national security aid involved in the Trump administration's recent diplomatic breakthroughs in the Middle East and its late-stage push to shift to a more Navy-focused defense policy is leaving his post a day after an insurrectionist mob stormed the U.S. Capitol.
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A top Trump adviser on the Middle East to step down following riot
Defense News
Rob Greenway, a top adviser to President Donald Trump on the Middle East, is expected to step down Thursday as part of an exodus at the National Security Council following Wednesday's storming of Capitol Hill by Trump supporters, an official with knowledge of the situation told Defense News.
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Extremists consider Capitol raid a success, UNO counterterrorism expert says
Omaha World-Herald
"How they're portraying it on their channels is that this is a success," said Gina Ligon, director of UNO's National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center. "I think you'll see more of this at the state level."
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Justice Department warns of national security fallout from Capitol Hill insurrection
Politico
The mob that rampaged inside the halls of Congress on Wednesday might have taken a lot more than Americans' illusions of invulnerability.
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Capitol rioters planned for weeks in plain sight. The police weren't ready.
Defense One
Insurrectionists made no effort to hide their intentions, but law enforcement protecting Congress was caught flat-footed.
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US Capitol now more vulnerable as a result of Wednesday's mob attack, former DHS official says
Defense One
A lack of coordination among authorities was evident and will make securing the seat of legislature harder.

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Army

'Too early to know' how mandated studies will impact ACFT implementation
Army Times
The new Army Combat Fitness Test officially became the service's test of record in October, but lawmakers have ordered a pause on further implementation pending an independent study to determine how it will impact deployed soldiers, recruiting and retention.
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This Army Ranger-turned-Congressman was last out of the House chamber during the Capitol riots
Task & Purpose
It's been over a decade since Rep. Jason Crow (D-Colo.) felt the need to prepare to fight his way out of a situation.
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Fort Drum soldier, teen connection remains unclear in Cpl. Harris' murder
Watertown Daily Times
A Fort Drum soldier and a 16-year-old boy accused of killing another soldier will face murder and other charges only in New Jersey, even though the alleged kidnapping occurred in the north country.
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Navy

The Navy hospital ship politicians want in LA is stuck in maintenance in Portland
Military.com
Hospitals in Los Angeles are so overloaded with coronavirus patients that ambulance crews have been instructed not to transport people to medical facilities if they're unlikely to survive. But a Navy ship that could offer a reprieve is stuck in an Oregon shipyard.
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'Friends with everybody': petty officer died after Jacksonville traffic accident

Navy Times
A Florida-based Navy petty officer died last month following a traffic accident in Jacksonville.
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Naval Community College kicks off pilot program this month with 600 students
USNI News
The United States Naval Community College will begin serving its first class of about 600 students, under a pilot program running from January through June.
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Naval Academy's first Black female brigade commander aims to remind midshipmen of their purpose of service
Capital Gazette
When Midshipman 1st Class Sydney Barber was little, she wanted to be a missionary.
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Retired Navy football mascot Bill 33, the goat at center of Army-Navy scandal, dies at 13
Capital Gazette
Bill XXXIII (33), the Naval Academy goat mascot affectionately known as "Blue Eyes" and who played a central role in an Army-Navy prank gone too far nine years ago, has died, the Naval Academy announced Thursday. He would have been 14 years old next week.
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Marine Corps

Investigation of Marine convicted in DC barracks shooting reveals unit history of firearm negligence
Marine Corps Times
At approximately 5 a.m. on New Year's Day 2019, Lance Cpl. Andrew Johnson had just been relieved from his post.
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New in 2021: Marine deserter faces murder trial in shooting death of mother's boyfriend
Marine Corps Times
A Marine veteran who prosecutors allege deserted his North Carolina base to return to his Virginia home and kill his mother's boyfriend then fled police, evading capture for 18-days, now faces a trial in March.
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This Marine's new jaw was made out of his leg bone in a breakthrough new surgery
Task & Purpose
A lucky Marine made military medical history by becoming the first service member to receive a reconstructed jaw made out of one of his leg bones, complete with 3D-printed teeth, all in one surgery.
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Civilian MARFORRES employee pleads guilty in military transportation bribery case
The Associated Press
A former federal employee has pleaded guilty in New Orleans after prosecutors said he agreed to take $250,000 in bribes to steer transportation contracts to a Georgia businessman.
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What kind of uniform is that? Marines drill for inauguration in unique style
Stars & Stripes
The Marines preparing for Inauguration Day ceremonies wore black face masks, white gloves — and an unusual combination of a Vietnam-era field jacket in woodland camouflage with their khaki-and-olive green service dress uniforms.
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Air Force

NCO earns commendation for bravery in Camp Taji attack
Stars & Stripes
Senior Master Sgt. Rick Johnson had deployed twice before to combat zones, but he never experienced the panic and confusion he saw in Iraq last March during a fatal rocket attack on Camp Taji.
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'We are in danger of losing our republic' Air Force strategy chief says in wake of Capitol attack
Air Force Times
The three-star general in charge of strategy for the Air Force issued a grim warning for the United States on Thursday after extremists attacked the Capitol: The nation is now under a greater threat than it was after 9/11.
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Department of the Air Force cracks down on climate, disciplinary issues
Air Force Magazine
The Department of the Air Force recently rolled out two policy changes aimed at holding commanders more accountable for climate-related deficiencies and disciplinary equity within their units.
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The Air Force is coming for your raunchy patches and coins
Task & Purpose
The Air Force on Tuesday directed commanders to review their official and unofficial unit emblems, morale patches, mottos, nicknames, coins and other forms of unit identity "to ensure an inclusive and professional environment," service officials wrote in a press release.
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The Air Force's top enlisted leader is looking into why an airman was punished for attempting suicide
Task & Purpose
The Air Force's top enlisted leader is looking into an incident involving an airman who was sent a Letter of Reprimand and a Letter of Counseling shortly after attempting suicide.
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National Guard

NY National Guard troops not arriving in DC until 'before early next week'
Army Times
The New York National Guard is sending 1,000 troops to Washington, D.C., at the request of U.S. National Guard officials, said a New York Guard spokesman and Governor Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday evening.

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Maryland governor describes delayed permission to send National Guard
The Associated Press
Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said Thursday he immediately mobilized state police and National Guard members when asked to go to Washington to help protect the U.S. Capitol, but the state was repeatedly denied permission before finally being authorized to send help by a defense official.
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The National Guard is fencing off the US Capitol complex for at least 30 days
Military.com
The U.S. Capitol is getting its own version of a border wall Thursday in response to the infiltration and vandalism of the building Wednesday by supporters of President Donald Trump.
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The vaccine rollout and civil unrest is keeping the National Guard busy after an 'unprecedented' 2020
CNN
The U.S. National Guard was so busy last year with "unprecedented" domestic deployments -- helping with Covid-19, civil unrest and natural disasters -- it referred to 2020 as Year of the Guard.
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Space Force

Did the Space Force just ruin OTAs for everyone?
Breaking Defense
A contracting slip-up by the Space Force has inspired new scrutiny of a streamlined acquisition process known as Other Transaction Authority (OTA). OTAs have soared in popularity in recent years, but a story by The Washington Post — which said a Space Force contractor “acted fraudulently” and derided OTAs in general as a “loophole” — has given skeptics new ammunition in their fight for restrictions.
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Pay & Benefits

Five more military families sue privatized landlord alleging mold, vermin, lead paint and raw sewage
Military Times
Five military families are suing the privatized housing landlords for Randolph Air Force Base for their “deplorable” housing conditions which they say led to medical and financial problems.
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Military Culture & History

Trump rioters keep Army surplus stores alive with outfit selections for Capitol invasions
Military Times
As Congress moved Wednesday to certify the results of the 2020 presidential election and name former Vice President Joe Biden as the next President of the United States, a horde of rioters descended upon the Capitol in the building’s first mass breach since the War of 1812.
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Podcasts

Storming the Capitol with Mackenzie Eaglen
Holding the Line
We dive into issues about the U.S. military and, most importantly with the incoming Biden administration, what is likely to occur with defense budgets and how that can affect national security during the next 3-4 years.
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Defense Industry

Space Development Agency confirms SpaceX, L3Harris awards following protest
C4ISRNET
Following a protest by Raytheon Technologies, the Space Development Agency has reevaluated awards it made for eight satellites capable of tracking hypersonic weapons, opting to stick with its original vendors: SpaceX and L3Harris.
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Cyber, Space & Unmanned

Defense research director has a vision to connect with new, innovative companies
C4ISRNET
The new director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency wants to create a storefront where companies can go to learn how to sell their products to the Pentagon.
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New strategy wants to counter increasingly complex drone threats
Defense News
The Pentagon released a new strategy Jan. 7 to counter increasingly complex small drone threats, one that focuses on establishing a common threat picture, architecture and protocol across the services.
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Defense Department must determine the threat from quantum computers
C4ISRNET
The U.S. Department of Defense must determine the national security threat posed by quantum computing, as part of the new annual defense policy law.
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Hyten outlines future steps to dominate the electromagnetic spectrum
C4ISRNET
In rebuilding the Pentagon’s electronic warfare prowess — and executing a recently released strategy to do so — the department’s No. 2 officer bestowed a great deal of responsibility upon the services.
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International

Third Chinese aircraft carrier nears completion amid shipyard expansion
The Diplomat
A major Shanghai shipyard is being significantly expanded amid news that work has begun there on China’s fourth aircraft carrier.
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NATO chief calls for revitalization of alliance in 2021
UPI

The coming year will be critical for relations between North America and Europe -- and for Afghanistan peace talks -- NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said.
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China, Russia, Iran spin Capitol insurrection
Defense One
As allies lamented the “disgraceful” scene, adversaries used Wednesday’s riot to attack U.S. democracy.
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China’s next-gen J-20 stealth fighter jettisons Russian engine in favour of home-grown technology
South China Morning Post
China will cease using the Russian engine currently fitted on China’s new generation J-20 stealth fighter jet, replacing it with an upgraded home-grown engine.
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The Iraqi Air Force’s F-16 fleet is on the brink of collapse despite showy flybys
The Drive
A high-profile 23 F-16 flyover may only have served to paper over the cracks in what is an increasingly precarious Iraqi Viper fleet.
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Kim says N Korea to take military capabilities to ‘higher level’
Al Jazeera
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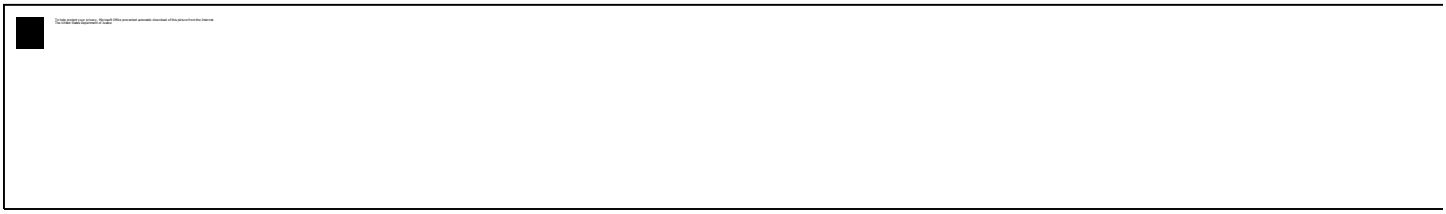

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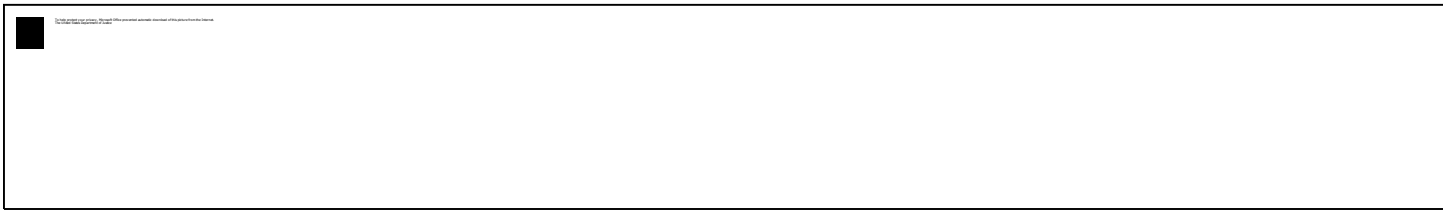

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Cc: HUGH PHILLIPS (PID); External-htstapleton@fbi.gov
Subject: USCG Social Media roll-up
Attachments: MIFC LANT Presidential Inauguration Protest Activity 11JAN21.pdf

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Good afternoon,

Please see the follow up from our SC call, provided by:

LT Joe Dillon
Chief of Intelligence
US Coast Guard Sector Maryland-NCR
Office: (410) 576-2664
Cell: § 2–534(a)(2)

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Sacco, Cristina (EOM)

Subject: Verizon Wireless After Action Report for Network Performance on January 6, 2021
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Start: Thu 1/14/2021 11:00 AM
End: Thu 1/14/2021 12:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Not yet responded

Organizer: Guddemi, Charles (HSEMA)

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The Verizon Wireless Team will provide information on the performance of their network in the downtown D.C. Area during the First Amendment Demonstration at the Ellipse and U.S. Capitol Attack on January 6, 2021.

Microsoft Teams meeting

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For the latest information on the District Government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.

Sacco, Cristina (EOM)

From: Loftus, Ashlea (WF) (FBI) <ALOFTUS@fbi.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 6:51 AM
To: Madeline Marcenelle; Donell, Harvin; darrin.bovia@dc.gov
Cc: Larubbio, Joseph (WF) (FBI); Stenger, Kathleen E. (WF) (FBI)
Subject: Fwd: FBI DAILY SITREP (U//LES)
Attachments: NC3 Awareness Bulletin 01102021.pdf; Jan10ope-FINAL.pdf

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Good morning,

With attachments.

Vr,

Ashlea Loftus
Intelligence Analyst
FBI Washington
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Liaison Officer to National Capital Region Threat Intelligence Consortium (NTIC)

On Jan 10, 2021 8:07 PM, "Loftus, Ashlea (WF) (FBI)" <ALOFTUS@fbi.gov> wrote:
Good evening,

Please see below regarding the attached documents. Note the classification is U//LES and should be handled accordingly. Let me know if you habe any questions!

Vr,

Ashlea Loftus
Intelligence Analyst
FBI Washington
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From: "Chervenak, Sarah L. (OPE) (FBI)" <slchervenak@fbi.gov>
Date: Jan 10, 2021 8:05 PM
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Thank you.

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AWARENESS BULLETIN

NATIONAL CRISIS COORDINATION CENTER (NC3) SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: WEAPONS STOCKPILE AT US CAPITOL BREACH SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE

January 10, 2021

(U//LES) On 10 January 2021, FBI agents conducted a search warrant of a residence associated with an individual identified as illegally entering the US Capitol on 6 January 2021. The individual was pictured wearing body armor and a combat helmet on the floor of the US Capitol. The search located the below pictured weapons.

(U) The FBI suggests arresting agencies exercise caution and consider use of SWAT when affecting the arrest of individuals who displayed body armor or other armament during criminal activity conducted at the US Capitol.

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Sacco, Cristina (EOM)

From: Varanelli, Mark <Mark_Varanelli@nps.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 5:36 AM
Subject: 1.11.2021 USPP WMA Daily LE Operational Snapshot
Attachments: (U--LES) USPP Information Note 21-01948 (1.11.2021 Operational Snapshot).pdf

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From: Graves, David L CIV DTRA OI (USA) <david.l.graves6.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 5:28 AM
To: Graves, David L CIV DTRA OI (USA)
Subject: LE-1 [MAY CONTAIN USPER INFO]
Attachments: USCP-ID BOLO CARTER Sterling.pdf; LVMPD ShotSpotter Quarterly Report Q4 2020.pdf; [DHS NOC] Operational Summary--NOC Media Monitoring--10 January 2021 (0255).pdf; OSAC Morning Newsletter 1-10-2021.pdf; [DHS NOC] Operational Summary--NOC Media Monitoring--9 January 2021 (0355).pdf; SNCTC 24-Hour Report_ 7 January 2021.pdf; SNCTC 24-Hour Report_8 January 2021.pdf; U-LES ABT OMG Benefit Ride 01152021-01162021 Bulletin.pdf; (U-FOUO) 08 January Weekly SAR Snapshot.pdf; PoliceOne Law Enforcement News 1-11-2021.pdf; USDOJ - Three Foreign Nationals Charged with Conspiring to Provide Material Support to ISIS.pdf; USDOJ - Two Quebec Men Extradited to North Dakota from Canada as Part of 'Operation Denial'.pdf; USDOJ - Man Arrested for Illegally Entering Office of Speaker of the House.pdf; [DHS NOC] Operational Summary--NOC Media Monitoring--11 January 2021 (0320).pdf; DMWA210111.pdf; Border Security Alert - Volume 19, Issue 14.pdf; [DHS NOC] (U) At Least 25 Domestic Terrorism Cases Opened; Pentagon Aware Of 'Further Possible Threats'-MMC Update 15.pdf; (U) USCG Daily Operations Summary - 10 Jan 2021.pdf; FEMA National Situation Report 01-11-21 (0300 ET).pdf; OSAC Afernoon Newsletter 1-10-2021.pdf; 01-11-2021 DailyIntelBriefing (FOUO_LES).pdf; (UFOUO) 59th Presidential Inauguration (Initial) - Washington, DC (Awareness NOC 1060-20) 0400 ET 11 JAN 21.pdf

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Graves, David L CIV DTRA OI (USA)

To: Graves, David L CIV DTRA OI (USA)
Subject: FW: [DHS NOC] (U) At Least 25 Domestic Terrorism Cases Opened; Pentagon Aware Of 'Further Possible Threats'-MMC Update 15 [Security Incident U.S. Capitol - Washington, DC] NOC 0378-20-2

From: NOC Media Monitoring
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 9:46 PM
Subject: (U) At Least 25 Domestic Terrorism Cases Opened; Pentagon Aware Of 'Further Possible Threats'-MMC Update 15 [Security Incident U.S. Capitol - Washington, DC] NOC 0378-20-2

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Graves, David L CIV DTRA OI (USA)

To: Graves, David L CIV DTRA OI (USA)
Subject: FW: [DHS NOC] Operational Summary--NOC Media Monitoring--9 January 2021 (0355)

From: NOC Media Monitoring
Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 3:54 AM
Subject: Operational Summary--NOC Media Monitoring--9 January 2021

MEDIA MONITORING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY (OPSUM)
24 Hour Summary, January 9, 2021

TODAY'S OPSUM COVERS THE FOLLOWING NOC PRIORITIES

- **NOC Priority Items with New Information**
  - COVID-19 – U.S. < #COVID >
  - Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border < #border >
- **Other Significant Events**
  - Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC < #Capitol >
  - Global Terrorism < #terrorism >
- **NOC Priority or Numbered Items with Nothing Significant to Report**
  - Southwest Border Events with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - CBRNE Threats/Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Mass Migration in the Caribbean with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - Global Aviation Cargo Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Suspicious Activity Reporting:
    - Religious, Cultural, and Educational Facilities
    - Postal Shipments
    - National Critical Infrastructure
    - Mass Transit
    - Mass Gatherings and Special Events
  - Presidential Inauguration – Washington, DC

NOC 0051-20: COVID-19 – U.S.
United States

- As of 12:22 a.m. ET Saturday, the United States has confirmed a total of 21,862,773 coronavirus cases and 368,773 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452293416%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=RKfmxwgahYg9Z9awmQsWPZYKzPyXoOXsLd5kHQPfyrU%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The United States reported 280,292 coronavirus cases and 4,279 deaths Thursday, marking the first time the United States has surpassed 4,000 daily coronavirus deaths since the outbreak started ABC News < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5rhnex

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- *The United States has surpassed 300,000 new daily COVID-19 cases for the first time on Friday, according to the COVID Tracking Project (Social Media) Twitter [ABC]* < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2pesosb&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452313326%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2Bkgy89CRzGLafCmgzvpILwoST8378Lg7hKkmX%2FXackA%3D&reserved=0 >
  - *There were 310,080 new cases reported nationwide and New Jersey and California both "greatly influenced" the surge in cases, the tracker said (Social Media)*

- The coronavirus variant found in the United Kingdom (UK) has now been detected in a total of eight states, with officials announcing new cases of the variant in Pennsylvania, Texas, and Connecticut ABC News < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3z2rmp3&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452323286%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=xSbqszRCP60vKZ%2FmEAOUFRkC9obVEg5dZkm2aFFqVPQ%3D&reserved=0 >
- In a statement released on Friday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said that coronavirus variants can mutate over time, which may lead to false negative results with molecular tests Reuters < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxsudd5b&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452323286%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=r%2BhJFdrVi%2BZ2tCahRuyPSvVJxB%2BgT5oPyz4yDG%2FebF8%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The TaqPath COVID-19 combo kit and Linea COVID-19 assay kit were found to have significantly reduced sensitivity due to certain mutations, including the B.1.1.7 variant, which originated in the UK according to the FDAU.S. Food & Drug Administration < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyygro8g8&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452333241%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=zNafbSB%2BcB3eNyhvla%2Fgd%2FAbUrmz9Uc6PmmdTlrZI2Q%3D&reserved=0 >
- White House coronavirus task force announced the possibility of a new U.S. version of a more transmissible coronavirus variant in a report released on January 3 CNN < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5xft8ay&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452333241%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=E604I5gDyzpx9FDRfHq59DgBiiR5eMs9u2JNCN9EFxI%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The task force noted that the acceleration in transmission suggests there may be a U.S. variant that has evolved domestically, in addition to the UK variant that has been detected in several states

Arizona*(Social Media)*

- *Arizona reported 9,909 new coronavirus cases and 297 new deaths on Thursday, the highest single-day tally yetTwitter [ABC]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3xd9353&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452343198%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qkQAd9l2LXlrgbzpt2hsaFo4eTSMzeXVL2nHmUp7HOk%3D&reserved=0 >
    - *Arizona currently leads the nation in hospitalization rates and has the highest seven-day average of coronavirus infections per capita of any region in the world, based on Johns Hopkins University data*
        - *There were 4,920 hospitalizations reported in Arizona on Thursday, the highest number for the fourth consecutive day*

California*(Social Media)*

- *In California, San Diego County public health officials reported a record 4,550 new COVID-19 infections Friday along with 33 deaths from the virus as hospitalizations again reached a new recordTwitter [CBS8]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4zbacev&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452353150%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ki50%2BBaMn3Jo4flXo2eev0bisbYATtMO5BUVf%2BX9kzI%3D&reserved=0 >

Georgia*(Social Media)*

- *In Georgia, more than 10,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 were reported Friday, a new one-day record in the stateTwitter [cbs46]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2pesosb&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452353150%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LeI3GK24pRGsXIVs61378RF%2FTaonsa0RL6MPJJ51y8o%3D&reserved=0 >
    - *Overall, the state of Georgia has reported 620,247 cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic began*
    - *The state has confirmed 10,180 deaths from COVID-19 along with 44,187 hospitalizations and 7,690 ICU admissions in total*

Louisiana*(Social Media)*

- *In Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) reported the second highest death count from COVID-19 since the first wave of the pandemic on Friday Twitter [wdsu]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxu4dglg&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452363106%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2XHqC%2BglQcapTRE9N5NweD040Va7YEe06j4UKb1yT%2Fw%3D&reserved=0 >
    - *According to the LDH, a total of 105 people died from the virus across the state in one day*
    - *The highest death count reported in the state since the pandemic began was 129 deaths in a day back in April of 2020*

Cyprus

- In Cyprus, the country will introduce a new lockdown to quell rising COVID-19 infections from January 10, its health ministry said on Friday, the country's second since the start of the pandemic Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2pyecjr&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452363106%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs

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- Retail businesses such as hairdressers, beauty parlors and large department stores will shut until January 31, a senior health official told a news conference
- People will be allowed to leave home just twice a day for specific reasons such as buying groceries or medicines and taking exercise, while a current curfew banning movement from 9 p.m. local time to 5 a.m. daily will remain in force

Germany

- In Germany, the COVID-19 death toll increased by 1,188 in the past 24 hours - a new single-day record - according to the country's disease control agency, the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) CNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxqaoas2&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452373062%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=SToJxrrLgexDOwaK5NLLfWMqrB1yVdXbJJSfw3QVgYM%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The previous record was 1,129 fatalities reported on December 30
    - The RKI said Friday morning that 31,849 new coronavirus cases have been reported in the country in the previous 24 hours, bringing the national total to 1,866,887
    - At least 38,795 people have died due to COVID-19 in Germany so far

United Kingdom

- *The Moderna Inc vaccine has become the third vaccine to be approved for use in the UK (Social Media)Twitter [Sky News]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxgb67fd&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452373062%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Lw82aCGkR7FniK7dynn1AMlhAGefLt7m9fhWDGmX%2Btc%3D&reserved=0 >
    - *The UK government has already ordered seven million doses, with a further 10 million expected to follow, but it will likely not become available until March (Social Media)*
- The UK recorded its highest daily death toll on Friday since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic as London declared a major incident, warning that its hospitals were at risk of being overwhelmed Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3kznc7h&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452383018%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=4Nb5tcBtQpKmgiiMJfghA5rPi53DEr%2FSuR44NWGTC3g%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Britain has the world's fifth-highest official death toll from COVID-19 at nearly 80,000, and the 1,325 deaths reported on Friday surpassed the previous daily record from last April

Worldwide

- As of 12:22 a.m. ET Saturday, there were 88,860,500 coronavirus cases and 1,913,419 related deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452383018%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2FOWSXM4K7X07HqkhIT8noSb%2BCmioQV87LSdZN1ygzGs%3D&reserved=0 >
- *Pfizer Inc and BioNTech's coronavirus vaccine appeared to work against a key mutation in the highly transmissible new variants of the coronavirus discovered in the UK and South Africa, media reported Friday citing a laboratory study conducted by the U.S. drugmaker (Social Media)Twitter*

[Reuters] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy38rjyax&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452392980%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=yL%2B8%2FSWtvXhMiBQS1YxIsvHvjwV6A3xhZoP8RG1MzzQ%3D&reserved=0 >

- *AstraZeneca, Moderna Inc, and CureVac are also testing whether their vaccines work against coronavirus variants (Social Media)*

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NOC 0602-18: Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border

- Federal and county authorities shut down two suspected stash houses in south Laredo, Texas, and detained more than 100 migrants who had crossed the border illegally, media reported Thursday Laredo Morning Times < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyylqnvff&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452392980%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2hksmUxW09pcJt41zgeiSufemUV5IGkolklX8R3rnME%3D&reserved=0 >
  - During the mid-afternoon of Wednesday, U.S. Border Patrol, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Webb County Precinct 2 Constable's Office conducted a consensual search of a home on Lane Street
    - Authorities then discovered and detained 44 migrants
  - Within a few hours, agents discovered that a second home on San Luis Street was also harboring 70 migrants
  - All 114 migrants were from the countries of Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador
- Honduran migrants have organized another caravan scheduled to leave from the country's northern city San Pedro Sula on January 15, bound for the U.S. border, media reported Friday Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxoqxqea&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452402935%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=IZ8BQxsFLa1DdjLSTjdvnpidQLVPI8Q4TV%2FfUZjjfws%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The United States, its Central American allies, and Mexico will reportedly not allow the group of migrants to travel to the U.S. border, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection official said on Friday
  - "Migrant caravan groups will not be allowed to make their way north in violation of the sovereignty, standing public health orders, and immigration laws of the respective nations throughout the region," the official addedWGN Radio 720 (Border Report) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxfxobpp&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452402935%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=0kDr5SHhty%2B6dKEv9aLteTYSnFdv6a1VA5wI0NOp22c%3D&reserved=0 >

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Other Significant Events

NOC 0378-20-2: Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC

- The Senate Homeland Security and Rules committees jointly announced they will hold hearings on the security failures ahead of the security incident at the Capitol on Wednesday CNN < Caution-

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- The House Appropriations and Administration committees say they intend to investigate the riots

- *Thirteen individuals have been charged so far in federal court in the District of Columbia related to crimes committed at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C, on Wednesday, the U.S. Department of Justice announced on Friday (Social Media)Twitter [Justice Department] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5wgdtar&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452412891%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JaA837IIRjHuA3McO9BTqIMHFw69LdV1HwCrfE8ZspA%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - *The 13 individuals were charged with federal crimes including interstate threats to lawmakers; knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful entry; violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; theft of public money, property, or records; possession of an unregistered firearm; assault on a federal law enforcement officer; and knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions (Social Media)*
  - *In addition, approximately 40 individuals have been arrested and charged in Superior Court with offenses including, but not limited to, unlawful entry, curfew violations, and firearms-related crimes (Social Media)*
  - A suspect who was seen sitting at the desk of a senior representative's office during Wednesday's security incident at the U.S. Capitol Building was arrested in Arkansas CNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyqskvn3&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452412891%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vpM%2F0STOVOIyeDp%2B3eTHXIi4a%2BavZ1SZUmzxHRtefZ8%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The suspected was charged with entering and remaining on restricted grounds, violent entry, and theft of public property
  - Another resident of Alabama was charged in connection with the pipe bomb found on the south side of the Capitol building, 11 Molotov cocktails, and military-style weapons found in his pickup truck
  - *A West Virginia state representative on Friday has been charged for entering restricted areas of the Capitol with rioters on Wednesday (Social Media) Twitter [The Associated Press – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyytqpu3z&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452422848%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Utx83JcR1TX09yyYIiGnHBAYhK2GwYR1sg17wDiNj2M%3D&reserved=0 >*

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Global Terrorism

Cameroon*(Social Media)*

- *Thirteen civilians, eight of them children, died Friday when a woman suicide bomber blew herself up in a jihadist attack on Mozogo village in northern Cameroon, a traditional chief and a police officer told mediaTwitter [AFP News Agency]* < Caution-

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- *The attackers arrived in the middle of the night brandishing machetes, according to the chief*
  - *The panicked villagers tried to run off into the nearby forest, and in the stampede the suicide bomber detonated her device, he said*
- *Officials attributed the attack to Boko Haram*
- *A police source said that in addition to the suicide bomber, the other fatality among the attackers was a man who was killed by the local defense forces*

Germany

- The German Office of the Prosecutor General arrested three individuals in Germany on suspicion of financing terrorism early Thursday morning local time NDR < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2FCaution-www.ndr.de%2Fnachrichten%2Fniedersachsen%2Foldenburg_ostfriesland%2FVorwurf-Terrorfinanzierung-Festnahme-in-Delmenhorst%2Cterrorfinanzierung102.html&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452432803%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=SL2g%2FkhvVnUQmhc8ysdvAO0gOPW6hXA20VvEV6mRGNk%3D&reserved=0 > (Translated by Google) < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy29qyjya&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452432803%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QJCxtXNqSl5Lygb7v2EyfPm5svCo%2BLcvyLrnleuGy6w%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The suspects were arrested in Delmenhorst, Ulm, and Munich and are accused of collecting funds for the al Qaeda-linked group Hay'at Tahrir al Sham in Syria Augsburger Allgemeine < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2FCaution-www.augsburger-allgemeine.de%2Fneu-ulm%2FIslamist-in-Ulm-festgenommen-id58864346.html&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452442760%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tenC3KcUru3lqQ9ewuaJBKi1zEWpkwTu0HMdJ5P5H6g%3D&reserved=0 > (Translated by Google) < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxevyv7g&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C49af63d59b7248ee74cf08d8b47ab7e7%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637457786452442760%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7sT1YyBBmTFvLKdl47VDykubaUcVtAa1PBJjwDDMvck%3D&reserved=0 >
    - One suspect is said to part of a network that collects donations from Europe for a Syrian militia
  - The accused are suspected of financing terrorism, supporting a terrorist organization abroad, and violating the Foreign Trade Act

Tunisia

- Tunisia has arrested a suspected branch leader of Al-Qaeda in North Africa, along with several others suspected of planning "terrorist" attacks, a judicial spokesman said Friday The North Africa Journal (AFP) < Caution-

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- "Two dangerous wanted individuals, one of whom is an Al-Qaeda leader," were arrested in Tunis, the spokesman told AFP
- Authorities also arrested three others accused of providing material and logistical support for organizing "terrorist" acts, the spokesman added, without providing details of what type of operations were planned
    - All five suspects were Tunisian, he said
- The interior ministry had said in a statement late Thursday that the arrested branch leader had already carried out "missions" abroad in an area where jihadist groups operate, without specifying which country

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MEDIA MONITORING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY (OPSUM)
24 Hour Summary, January 10, 2021

TODAY'S OPSUM COVERS THE FOLLOWING NOC PRIORITIES

- **NOC Priority Items with New Information**
  - COVID-19 – U.S. < #COVID >
  - Presidential Inauguration – Washington, DC < #presidentialinauration >
- **Other Significant Events**
  - Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC < #Capitol >
  - Cyber Security < #Cyber >
  - Global Terrorism < #terrorism >
- **NOC Priority or Numbered Items with Nothing Significant to Report**
  - Southwest Border Events with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - CBRNE Threats/Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Mass Migration in the Caribbean with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - Global Aviation Cargo Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Suspicious Activity Reporting:
    - Religious, Cultural, and Educational Facilities
    - Postal Shipments
    - National Critical Infrastructure
    - Mass Transit
    - Mass Gatherings and Special Events

NOC 0051-20: COVID-19 – U.S.
United States

- As of 1:21 a.m. ET Sunday, the United States has confirmed a total of 22,137,929 coronavirus cases and 372,508 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Cconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215359004%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=bUF8vm3y7tK%2BdUG2EJSZMzcBRK1fM5vhXf8yykIH%2BYc%3D&reserved=0 >

Cuba

- In Cuba, a senior epidemiologist said on Saturday irresponsible partying over year-end, often with relatives from abroad, fueled a surge in coronavirus infections Reuters < Caution-

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- Authorities in the capital announced new containment measures including suspension of interprovincial transport, cultural activities, and the use of public spaces such as the famous Malecon boulevard during night hours

Iran

- Iranian officials prohibited importing vaccines from the United States or the United Kingdom, in a new policy issued by state officials on Friday local time Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6jrr3rn&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215368961%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Kgj3DVgCl%2B7bcD9a0dTllvyuwrzjS7TGgP3vKOxxQiI%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Authorities expanded on the policy and prohibited foreign companies from testing coronavirus vaccines on Iranians, in a statement issued on Saturday
  - Iran launched human trials of its first domestic coronavirus vaccine candidate late last month

Japan

- Japan reported a record single-day number of new COVID-19 cases for the fourth consecutive day on Friday, just as Tokyo and surrounding prefectures went into a state of emergency CNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy65l6r9q&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215378920%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=F33c35yM6hJN042KLtIoea806UxDhZYcF28z9pC%2B%2B%2FQ%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The country reported 7,851 new infections on Friday, according to the health ministry
  - Thursday had been the first time cases surpassed the 7,000 mark since the beginning of the pandemic

Jordan

- The Jordan Food and Drug Administration announced Saturday that it has authorized the emergency use of the Chinese Sinopharm vaccine against coronavirus Roya News < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyy6jao53&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215378920%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gSH5volkVXz0ZM65EKa96jLtv4prm5Sz2w8RMFicQmI%3D&reserved=0 >
  - This will be the second vaccine available for use in Jordan following the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine

Mexico

- In Mexico, the country reported a record 16,105 new confirmed coronavirus cases on Saturday, along with 1,135 additional fatalities, according to health ministry data, bringing its total tally to 1,524,036 infections and 133,204 deathsReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxp89z7y&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215388878%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ZAzxZ0%2BjSMk6t7%2FrWTh1JP%2B8b70M91QtpWVU2k0tWZM%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The new daily death toll marks the fifth consecutive day that officials have reported more than 1,000 fatalities due to the highly contagious disease caused by the virus

Worldwide

- As of 1:21 a.m. ET Sunday, there were 89,637,684 coronavirus cases and 1,926,626 related deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215388878%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gnc4Et9us7RtWgxQoSqoZkZSxXJhY1zMKVV4f7Iw9jM%3D&reserved=0 >

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NOC 1060-20: Presidential Inauguration – Washington DC

- More than 5,000 troops from six states will join the 1,100 D.C. National Guard members currently working in Washington, D.C., to "assist civilian law enforcement with security operations" through Wednesday, January 20 - the day of the presidential inauguration, according to officials, media reported FridayWUSA < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy46kbgrg&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215388878%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=CtWOlNlq2txgBCtBFWSxBFsIRUIhR7x8M3HlH7eT9VQ%3D&reserved=0 >
  - National Guard troops from Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New York will deploy to D.C., a military official said WTVR < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyx9rv6vs&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215398830%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vIv4osSsEKupKs9yKkLfMFkOCFaQ%2Barvlfj9E8sbGGE%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The Virginia National Guard plans to provide about 2,000 personnel in total to join other state's National Guard soldiers in Washington, D.C. WTKR < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy35cbqzp&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215398830%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=I8t8LEXBmvF81WWHGXHuY4SIsxnCLtvjMb2SJ4k8E0g%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The National Guardsmen leaving from the 102nd Military Police Battalion HQ in Auburn, New York, are part of a force of 1,000 National Guard soldiers deploying to D.C. to support security operations for the presidential inaugurationWSTM < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy64m77g6&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215408786%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=YN92ifcTCFJdCLs0otVn4rtyVCYv1EI4%2FM3hRQDWKiA%3D&reserved=0 >
  - From Pennsylvania, approximately 1,000 National Guard members have been activated to support the D.C. National Guard and local civilian authorities through the January 20 presidential inauguration Connect FM (WCED) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3rxzflg&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215408786%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=jS7B8nLoyfj6Q%2FlmxInGmBUKsOzrgVV0dMeb3VUjtqc%3D&reserved=0 >

- Nearly 500 of New Jersey's National Guardsmen have started bussing down to Washington, D.C.NJ.com < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy67znfgf&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215418753%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tK2Ucu6nK0rEQW5LH%2BO52%2F3K1%2BoMcGW7Wjo4W3svNxE%3D&reserved=0 >

- U.S. Army and Air National Guard members deploying to Washington, D.C., to help guard the capital and stay through the January 20 inauguration will have access to lethal weapons at their commanders' discretion, Guard commanders said FridayYahoo News (Military.com) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4qh42kr&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215418753%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=blevQO36%2BcqcGdVIHIs1NbxLSpVrMA5A5qlZkpjRZPs%3D&reserved=0 >

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Other Significant Events

NOC 0378-20-2: Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC

- *A suspect photographed stealing property from the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., during the January 6 security incident was arrested on a federal warrant in Pinellas County, Florida, on Friday (Social Media)Twitter [WFLA - Reporter]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6fywejd&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215418753%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wadgjl4sa222dUnARyLiRActTgFH4SH11CGqWBw6yV4%3D&reserved=0 >
  - *An acquaintance of the suspect recognized him in the photo and notified the FBI (Social Media)*
    - *Before being deleted or taken down, the suspect's social media accounts had posts indicating that he was in Washington, D.C., ahead of the riots (Social Media)*
- *Three men were charged today in federal court in the District of Columbia in connection with the security incident at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Saturday (Social Media)Twitter [FBI]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6yjz2k2&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215428701%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=E0plqGrU7xojXa3jqDrxKWDpfG89hmM9mcBRsmYKW8g%3D&reserved=0 >
  - *One resident of Arizona was taken into custody and charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority, and with violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds (Social Media)*
    - *This individual carried a spear, approximately six feet in length, with an American flag tied just below the blade (Social Media)*
  - *The U.S. Department of Justice also announced charges against a resident of Florida and a West Virginia lawmaker who were both arrested yesterday (Social Media)*
- *A senior leader of the Proud Boys, a right-wing extremist group, was arrested for unlawful entry into the U.S. Capitol Building during the January 6 security incident, the U.S. Department of Justice announced on Friday (Social Media)Twitter [FBI]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2kchfhh&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215428701%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLC

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  - Federal officials took him into custody Thursday after he arrived on a flight to the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport in Honolulu, Hawaii KITV < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy54uexfx&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215438657%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=TvivxJhB2cM7PRv%2FkRmG68MoQyKGWNLdQruic9enlkA%3D&reserved=0 >

- An Atlanta-area man was arrested and charged with "making interstate threats to Speaker Nancy Pelosi," according to the FBI, media reported Saturday WXIA < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2lpydcq&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215438657%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LR7rq4fkqxhAH2mrco%2BZboMeJDS41DiH7ayoDaj8JTE%3D&reserved=0 >
  - *According to media, the man wrote in two text conversations that took place on January 6 and January 7, respectively, that he was "headed to DC with a [expletive redacted] ton of 5.56 armor piercing ammo [purple devil emoji]" and "thinking about heading over to Pelosi [expletive redacted]'s speech and putting a bullet in her noggin on Live TV [purple devil emoji]" (Social Media) Twitter [Reporter - NBC 4]* < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3u5pzmt&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215448611%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=IanWR3IbqFId%2FUm8KO1zzPElTB8oxjomqFpvFKZEZM8%3D&reserved=0 >
    - CNN states that FBI agents found three guns after searching through his belongings Wednesday
  - Media reported that several social media accounts reportedly connected to the man show numerous posts supporting the riot at the Capitol, conspiracy theories, and "QAnon" claims
- *Security will be tightened for members of Congress while they travel following the security incident at the U.S. Capitol and after at least three lawmakers were harassed at airports, media reported Saturday (Social Media)Twitter [MSNBC]* < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6lfnaxp&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215448611%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Q%2FGol8WlzSXIqmfY%2BlnWmVQoLT6luZGKzc2v5OoqGlc%3D&reserved=0 >
  - *The Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority and U.S. Air Marshals will increase security for congressional travel to and from Washington, according to a memo obtained by NBC News (Social Media)*
  - *The memo asks members of Congress to consider submitting plans to law enforcement officials to "ensure an increased security posture" at Washington Dulles, Ronald Reagan National, and Baltimore/Washington airports (Social Media)*
  - *Capitol police will be stationed at the airports through the January 20 inauguration (Social Media)*

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Cyber Security

- The U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) confirmed that the threat actor behind the SolarWinds hack also used password guessing and password spraying attacks to breach

targets, media reported on FridayZDNet < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4x6tjll&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215458571%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=jndWpG430HLuelQFuOGuWXobVIcAI7W7N%2FF6VwyMES8%3D&reserved=0 >

- In their statement made on Wednesday, the agency said, "CISA incident response investigations have identified that initial access in some cases was obtained by password guessing, password spraying, and inappropriately secured administrative credentials accessible via external remote access services"
- Once threat actors gained access to internal networks or cloud infrastructure, they escalated access to gain administrator rights and forged authentication tokens that allowed them to access other local or cloud-hosted resources inside a company's network
- CISA published a second advisory to help victims deal with these "to-cloud" escalations, with guidance on how to search Microsoft-based cloud setups for traces of this group's activity and then remediate servers
    - The company added that the guidance is "irrespective of the initial access vector" that the SolarWinds hackers initially leveraged and should apply even if the initial access vector was the Orion app or a password guessing/spraying attack

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Global Terrorism

Turkey

- Two Islamic State (ISIS) suspects planning a major attack in Turkey were arrested in the capital Ankara, media reported Saturday Anadolu Agency < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4qsw2jl&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C1fc9f0d7a0a24d2bf1ec08d8b5361754%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637458591215458571%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=bMH%2Fx1FikTGm7zZ%2FUv%2Fd1g1XgwX8OPn1N1eC9okONK8%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The two Syrian nationals were arrested in an operation by teams of the National Intelligence Organization and gendarmerie in the capital's Yenimahalle district, said a security source
    - The suspects worked for ISIS in Syria's Deir Ez-Zour region and were involved in several attacks on civilians, the source said
    - Turkish authorities have determined that the suspects were in contact with ISIS terrorists in Syria, and organizational documents and digital materials were also found at their location, according to the source

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MEDIA MONITORING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY (OPSUM)
24 Hour Summary, January 11, 2021

TODAY'S OPSUM COVERS THE FOLLOWING NOC PRIORITIES

- **NOC Priority Items with New Information**
  - COVID-19 – U.S. < #COVID >
  - Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border < #border >
  - Presidential Inauguration – Washington, DC < #presidentialinauration >
- **Other Significant Events**
  - Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC < #Capitol >
  - Cyber Security < #Cyber >
- **NOC Priority or Numbered Items with Nothing Significant to Report**
  - Southwest Border Events with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - CBRNE Threats/Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Mass Migration in the Caribbean with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - Global Aviation Cargo Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Suspicious Activity Reporting:
    - Religious, Cultural, and Educational Facilities
    - Postal Shipments
    - National Critical Infrastructure
    - Mass Transit
    - Mass Gatherings and Special Events

NOC 0051-20: COVID-19 – U.S.
United States

- As of 1:22 a.m. ET Monday, the United States has confirmed a total of 22,406,816 coronavirus cases and 374,222 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748669035%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=AfenAv6oROFCzmByYRFvDXYKYD%2BOTwk1ebTh038oIAE%3D&reserved=0 >
- More than a dozen U.S. states reported a record number of hospitalizations due to coronavirus over the past week, media reported on SaturdayBusiness Insider < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5olu62c&data=04%7C0

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- The majority of the 16 states that saw the record totals were in the U.S. south, and include Alabama, Arkansas, Maryland, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia
- Record hospitalizations were also seen this week in Arizona, California, Delaware, and Maine

- *Almost four weeks after the first American was vaccinated against the coronavirus, around six million people have received one of the shots - far below the U.S. target of 20 million by the end of 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, media reported Sunday (Social Media)Twitter [CNN International]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3hx7cuv&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748688947%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=R8u5CcigloF%2BpKJtA2HoRqcAZsxzi1eVqHwU%2F5XxuU%3D&reserved=0 >
  - *The holidays may have caused delays, some health experts said, and there may be a time lag in reporting vaccinations (Social Media)*

Arizona

- Arizona also broke records by surpassing 10,000 deaths and 600,000 known cases on SaturdayKSAZ (AP) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5s5ohab&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748688947%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=xIrIMyssCHQNcEWJge4vv25wAn136%2FfvB%2FXkCiXRlgw%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The Arizona Department of Health Services reported 11,094 additional cases and 98 deaths on Saturday
  - The state's cumulative totals are 607,345 cases and 10,036 deaths, and the rolling seven-day averages now stand at 9,426 cases and 131.9 deaths

California

- California recorded 695 coronavirus-related deaths on Saturday, setting a new record for the state's single-day death toll The Hill < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyo8plf6&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748698911%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5l%2B8UIXAGd5BDfPVVfaV%2FPTGCZGjXXl1JRdkZQPrYwQ%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The new fatalities bring the state's coronavirus-related death toll to 29,233, according to data reported by the state
  - California also reported 52,636 new coronavirus infections, bringing its cumulative total to 2,621,227 as of Saturday

Minnesota*(Social Media)*

- *The new strain of COVID-19 first detected in the United Kingdom was found in Minnesota on SaturdayTwitter [FOX 9]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6acbgcy&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748698911%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=GV2fXBVmE19kl5ViVrjTBnwuS1IAvYzUQbsT%2BqD4xaY%3D&reserved=0 >

- *According to the Minnesota Department of Health, cases of the new strain in five residents from four metro counties were confirmed on Saturday with the first patient exhibiting symptoms as early as December 16*

Belgium

- As of Sunday, 20,038 people have died in Belgium, according to public health officialsReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2hg4jxa&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748698911%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=8JzmeXjAJUyEbG6iXtwmnSrUERqOoXGl1V%2FZNCpRV5U%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Belgium is the second in the world for deaths in proportion to its overall population, according to Johns Hopkins University on Saturday

Brazil

- In Brazil, the weekly rolling average of deaths per day reached 1,111 cases on Sunday, surpassing 1,000 deaths for the first time since early August, according to a Reuters calculation Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxewocc6&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748708858%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gEgisDldgj5u%2BPgAscfqn%2FpVIYzuGtE3uRhlzcig5jE%3D&reserved=0 >
    - In the week ending August 2, Brazil had registered 1,014 deaths on average per day, while this week it ended at 1,111

China

- In China, the mainland saw its biggest daily increase in COVID-19 cases in more than five months, the country's national health authority said on Monday, as new infections in Hebei province surrounding Beijing continued to riseReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3wjnps2&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748718819%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=NhXNSLXeZSECK%2Fw7Fy8bJrDK12dpGsF03E80Ux2C5xI%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Hebei accounted for 82 of the 85 new local infections reported on January 10, the National Health Commission said in a statement, with Liaoning Province also reporting two new cases and Beijing reporting one new case

Germany

- Germany’s vaccination distribution efforts have been slowed by scarce supply, paperwork, a lack of healthcare staff, and an aged and immobile population, media reported Sunday Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4kr2ok3&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748718819%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5cp7dU4auuejYhM%2FQSpnM005jCDZXs6M84kCBdxdVPs%3D&reserved=0 >
- More than 40,000 people have died from symptoms related to coronavirus in Germany so far, according to the German Center for Infection Research CNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5t2o4bp&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748728771%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=eM%2BIiFf69VTOHY%2FTc%2FSYIdqLSn%2BGbeKkWdHaMehFCFk%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Germany added 465 deaths in a span of 24 hours, bringing the country's total coronavirus-related death toll to 40,343

- The country also recorded 16,946 new infections in the same time frame, bringing the total of cases to 1,908,527

Japan

- In Japan, a new coronavirus variant has been detected in four travelers from Brazil's Amazonas state, the country's health ministry said on Sunday Reuters < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3t5hw86&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748728771%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=FqiTbpu%2FP8QBMyPLim7jlJ1KjVVRT6fCzmo07fVfNq8%3D&reserved=0 >
    - A ministry official said studies were underway into the efficacy of vaccines against the new variant, which differs from highly-infectious variants first found in Britain and South Africa that have driven a surge in cases

Mexico

- The new variant of the coronavirus first detected in the United Kingdom has been confirmed in northern Mexico, health officials said on Sunday, adding a new layer of concern to an already severe national outbreakReuters < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4gojqsf&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748738726%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=CJxo1%2FGIiIbTFXOPOTXg4A%2B5yK%2F8V%2BtaxSiONa5QORk%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The confirmation of the especially contagious new variant of the virus marks the first time it has been found in Mexico, home to the pandemic's fourth-highest death toll globally

Worldwide

- As of 1:22 a.m. ET Monday, there were 90,279,510 coronavirus cases and 1,934,786 related deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748738726%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9us2AkkEotnPAxecN8F3pYo8iuzuFMRmr4tDQYZIAWE%3D&reserved=0 >

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NOC 0602-18: Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border

- Guatemalan and Honduran soldiers will be deployed to prevent new U.S.-bound migrant caravans from advancing, military officials said, amid signs that some groups will depart later this month, media reported SaturdayReuters < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxzh683g&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748748684%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Ggz2TSmti5hQrPaQ0zjOLnkIpvZlJ0s%2FbMK0He4eRBE%3D&reserved=0 >
    - In online forums, many Hondurans have indicated they plan to leave next weekend in a new caravan, which has caught the attention of U.S. officials who have called on the region's governments to stop them
    - A Guatemalan military spokesman said on Friday that up to 4,000 soldiers would be deployed to stop the migrants from entering en masse
    - A Honduran senior military officer said earlier this week that soldiers would also be deployed in his country in a bid to preemptively stop any caravans

- A U.S. District judge in San Francisco blocked the White House's recent set of asylum restrictions in an order issued on Friday, media reported on Saturday KSBY (AP) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3kxojek&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748748684%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iqJ71AM%2FYQEPpr2zuRGMtKKh7L48aR6uPH5Tc2qWPO4%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The rules had been set to take effect Monday and would have redefined how people qualify for asylum by broadening the grounds for a judge to deem asylum applications "frivolous," and narrowing the types of persecution and severity of threats for which asylum is granted
    - The San Francisco judge said the administration lacked authority to impose the restrictions
        - The judge said his ruling applies nationwide because limiting its reach "would result in a fragmented and disjointed patchwork of immigration policy"
    - Also Friday, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, ruled against the administration's policy that gave state and local governments the right to refuse to resettle refugees

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NOC 1060-20: Presidential Inauguration – Washington, DC

- The Mayor of Washington, D.C., on Sunday called on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to take additional steps to secure the nation's capital ahead of the presidential inauguration The Hill < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2zm7zr6&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748758643%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=mH4Z%2FAxA24q6Ld3FT9szwStuWRAnyQb12k3aQRFWtlA%3D&reserved=0 >
    - In a letter to the DHS, the mayor called for several specific steps to be taken, including an extension of the special security period surrounding the inauguration, the declaration of a pre-disaster zone, and increased coordination between federal law enforcement agencies to secure federal buildings with the hopes of allowing D.C. police to respond to the city's other needs
    - The mayor asked DHS to expand the already-declared special security period from its current duration of January 19 to January 21, to January 11 to January 24
    - The mayor also asked the U.S. Department of Justice to direct the FBI to provide daily security briefings from January 11 to January 24 and the U.S. Department of the Interior to cancel any public gathering permits approved for that period and to not issue any new permits

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Other Significant Events

NOC 0378-20-2: Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC

- *The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announced on Sunday federal charges against two men connected to the January 6 security incident at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. (Social Media)Twitter [FBI Washington Field]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyypll6ga&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748758643%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=0qPE04VxQpP1%2FDJopqo3%2F6kt0DsIY77UaBnlLmmlfxs%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The FBI on Sunday arrested a man photographed in the Senate chamber with a holstered weapon and holding zip ties during the security incident WTVF < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3jzjs85&data=0

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- The man was taken into custody in Nashville, Tennessee, on federal charges
- *A law enforcement official said authorities recovered several weapons (Social Media)Twitter [The New York Times - Reporter]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5cvna3g&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748778556%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=MiGTArBGpubDyCYIJStoV5k6LF5e7tFE%2Bz85gYe6jyI%3D&reserved=0 >
- He was charged with one count of knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and one count of violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds

- A Texas resident was identified as one of the individuals who unlawfully entered the U.S. Capitol wearing a green helmet, green tactical vest with patches, black and camo jacket, and beige pants holding a white flex cuff, which is used by law enforcement to restrain and/or detain subjects
  - *He was arrested in Texas on Sunday and charged with one count of knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and one count of violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds (Social Media)*
- *These cases are being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and the Counterterrorism Section of the DOJ's National Security Division, with assistance from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee (Social Media)*

- *At least 25 domestic terrorism cases have been opened as a result of the security incident at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, a senior U.S. Army official told a lawmaker on Sunday (Social Media)Twitter [NBC Politics]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxh79dd9&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748778556%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=K%2FA%2BSdGToHxIALmVdtIOFeRYvdjQGsJ9mfCBozdc09s%3D&reserved=0 >
  - A member of the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Committee said the U.S. Army official told him the Pentagon was aware of "further possible threats posed by would-be terrorists" in the days up to and including the presidential inauguration on January 20Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3dr246d&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748788514%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=nPJyAGKzm8yjZRdLJ7pwJ8rBUAj87rLyQpU8N7mF%2FZE%3D&reserved=0 >
    - "Long guns, Molotov cocktails, explosive devices and zip ties were recovered, which suggests a greater disaster was narrowly averted," the representative said in a summary of his call with the U.S. Army official
  - The representative also said he raised concerns about reports that active-duty and reserve military members were involved in the incident at the U.S. Capitol, and the official agreed to take "additional measures" in regards to requests to expedite investigations and courts-martials, as well as to ensure no troops deployed on January 20 were sympathetic to domestic militants

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Cyber Security

- Denver-based short line rail operator and logistics provider OmniTRAX was hit by a recent ransomware attack and data theft that targeted its corporate parent, Broe Group, media reported Saturday FreightWaves < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyy6mvlul&data=04%7C01%7Ccconnolly%40techopsolutions.net%7C54391b5c8f8c4cc7065608d8b608763b%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637459494748788514%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ClVsqVAY2bGUfonz7K5r0O0C5HgWg%2FkEG7YkL4YpZg4%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The attack occurred sometime before December 24, 2020, based on the timing of the ransomware gang's post
        - A sample of the 70 gigabyte-sized leaked files includes internal OmniTRAX documents, including the apparent contents of individual employee work computers
    - OmniTRAX operates 21 short line railroads in the United States and one in Canada, and while there was no indication of operational impacts, the short line railroads play an essential role in the North American supply chain by linking shippers with the larger rail networks
    - The incident reportedly represents the first publicly known case of a so-called double-exhortation ransomware attack against a U.S. freight rail operator

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Cameroon Deploys Troops as Separatists Threaten African Nations Championship

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French warplanes fly over Central African Republic amid rebel offensives

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Experts: Mozambique's Cabo Delgado Conflict Could Spread to Neighboring Provinces

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China's New Rules Could Hit U.S. Firms and Send a Message to Biden

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French city of Marseille gets tougher curfew as new COVID-19 variant discovered

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Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Christians Celebrated Christmas Amid COVID-19 Spike

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Jordan's coronavirus vaccination programme to start next week - minister

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In the Cold and Rain, India’s Farmers Press Their Stand Against Modi

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LAW ENFORCEMENT NEWS

- Off-duty Capitol Police officer dies in apparent suicide – Yesterday at 4:43 PM

  The officer, Howard Liebengood, was 51

- Police: Man shoots 7 in series of Chicago-area attacks – Yesterday at 11:28 AM

  The man killed three people and wounded four others in a series of shootings over roughly four hours

- Minn. police kill knife-wielding suspect after pursuit, officials say – Yesterday at 9:24 AM

  Cellphone video shows a man running toward officers before three gunshots ring out

- Trump supporters, counter-demonstrators clash in San Diego – Yesterday at 9:16 AM

  Police tried to keep the groups apart after several skirmishes, while some in the crowd threw rocks and used pepper spray on officers

- 2 Seattle cops who were in DC during siege placed on leave – Yesterday at 8:49 AM

  Officials are working to determine exactly what role the officers played

- Why has the Zodiac Killer never been caught? – Jan 9, 2021

  The killer's cipher was cracked in December after 51 years, sparking a wave of renewed interest

- Army head says Nat. Guard may be allowed to carry guns in DC – Jan 9, 2021

  Defense leaders are reviewing use-of-force restrictions on Guard members in anticipation of more unrest leading up to Biden's inauguration

- NY making COVID vaccines available to police, firefighters starting Monday – Jan 9, 2021

  Teachers and people over 75 will also be eligible, opening vaccinations to 3.2 million additional New Yorkers

- Video shows LEO getting crushed by mob at Capitol – Jan 8, 2021

  Footage from Wednesday's riot shows cop being crushed against a door as crowd attempts to push deeper into the building

- Beyond 'Run, Hide, Fight': How to get buy-in – Jan 8, 2021

It's important to remember your audience when talking to school staff about safety

- LEOs weigh in: Should a bachelor's degree be the minimum education requirement for a cop? – Jan 8, 2021

  Recently, we asked our readers to weigh in on a proposal that would require California cops to have a bachelor's degree

- Video shows lead-up to fatal shooting inside US Capitol – Jan 8, 2021

  The video shows an unruly crowd was trying to push past officers when a woman was shot

- Denver police officer stabbed, seriously injured while making arrest – Jan 8, 2021

  Denver officials say the officer is in stable condition

- SC deputy killed in car crash on duty – Jan 8, 2021

  Deputy Price, 29, joined the agency in September

- US Capitol flags flown at half-staff for fallen officer – Jan 8, 2021

  Prosecutors intend to launch a federal murder investigation into Officer Brian Sicknick's death

- Capitol siege raises security concerns for Biden inaugural – Jan 8, 2021

  The Secret Service said in a statement that it's committed to making sure the inauguration is safe and secure

- Calif. PD uses drone to help arrest teen in shooting – Jan 8, 2021

  The drone operator helped guide officers on the street to the suspect and the shooting victim

- Tennessee Titans to honor officers who responded to Christmas bombing – Jan 8, 2021

  The six Nashville officers will attend Tennessee's home game Sunday as 'Honorary 12th Titans'

- Captain Don Redmond on Chula Vista PD's groundbreaking drone program – Jan 8, 2021

  The agency's Drone as First Responders program deploys at-the-ready drones from the top of buildings to calls for service and critical incidents

- Photo of the Week: Ruff view – Jan 8, 2021

  A Colorado K-9 team poses among the majestic San Juan Mountains

- US Capitol Police officer dies after riot – Jan 8, 2021

  Officer Brian D. Sicknick died Thursday due to injuries sustained while on-duty, physically engaging with protesters at the U.S. Capitol

- Capitol Police rejected offers of federal help to quell mob – Jan 7, 2021

Gus Papathanasiou, head of the Capitol Police union, said planning failures left officers exposed without backup or equipment against surging crowds

- Capitol police chief resigns amid criticism over response to violence – Jan 7, 2021

  Protesters stormed the Capitol building and occupied it for hours

- COVID-19: Law enforcement deaths – Jan 7, 2021

  Tracking the coronavirus-related deaths of U.S. police officers and other LE personnel

- Capitol police chief defends officers' response to violent protest – Jan 7, 2021

  Some lawmakers have vowed to investigate the agency's response to Trump supporters storming the Capitol

- Feds expect to arrest more than a dozen involved in Capitol siege – Jan 7, 2021

  The FBI is combing social media and cellphone records to determine who was involved in the destructive security breach

- La. K-9 shot, wounded; 2 suspects sought – Jan 7, 2021

  K-9 Mack is expected to make a full recovery

- A letter to the American public: Thank an officer on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day – Jan 7, 2021

  This is a day to show the men and women in blue how much we value them, their service and protection of our communities

- Video: Conn. cops struck by stolen patrol car amid pursuit – Jan 7, 2021

  Two officers are being treated for non-life-threatening injuries, officials said

- Former Atlanta police chief named new Louisville chief – Jan 7, 2021

  Erika Shields, who resigned from the Atlanta PD in June, was introduced Wednesday as the new Louisville police chief

- Spotlight: Arrest My Vest designed for the odor elimination needs of LEOs – Jan 7, 2021

  The Arrest My Vest spray product is designed for the challenges unique to law enforcement; it removes odors without harming body armor or other tactical gear

- Michigan State Capitol closes for reported bomb threat – Jan 7, 2021

  Michigan's capitol building was closed for two hours Thursday morning before investigators gave the all-clear

- LAPD arrests 6 in clash between pro-Trump, anti-Trump groups – Jan 7, 2021

Hundreds gathered in downtown Los Angeles on Wednesday and police declared an unlawful assembly

- Law enforcement experts react to chaos at US Capitol – Jan 7, 2021

  "They're a town that's used to very large gatherings and protests. I'm surprised that they didn't seem to have a second layer of response ready"

- Protesters swarm Statehouses across US; some evacuated – Jan 7, 2021

  While chaos reigned in the US Capitol, police evacuated state lawmakers in Georgia, New Mexico, Texas and Utah

- Tactics to clear, secure a building under siege that every cop needs to know – Jan 7, 2021

  Are you prepared to respond if essential buildings such as city hall, courthouses and police stations are overrun by protesters?

- COVID-19 vaccine FAQs for cops – Jan 7, 2021

  We answer Police1 reader questions about vaccine safety, efficacy and distribution

- Trump supporters storm US Capitol in deadly clash with police – Jan 7, 2021

  A woman who was killed by police was part of a crowd that was breaking down the doors to a barricaded room. Three other people died from medical emergencies during the protest

- FBI agent involved in fatal Conn. shooting – Jan 6, 2021

  The agent had been working on a task force with Hartford police. Few details were immediately available

- Video: Man uses to drone to deliver doughnuts to cops – Jan 6, 2021

  A man tied a box of doughnuts to his drone to make a sweet delivery to the local police department

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Man Arrested for Illegally Entering Office of Speaker of the House

Richard Barnett, 60, of Gravette, Arkansas was arrested today in Bentonville, Arkansas on multiple criminal charges related to his alleged unlawful activities earlier this week at the U.S. Capitol Building where he was photographed with his feet up on a desk in the Speaker of the House of Representatives' office.

Barnett is scheduled to make his initial appearance in federal court on Tuesday. He will ultimately be extradited to Washington, D.C.

"The shocking images of Mr. Barnett with his boots up on a desk in the Speaker of the House's office on Wednesday was repulsive," said Jeffrey A. Rosen, Acting Attorney General of the United States. "Those who are proven to have committed criminal acts during the storming of the Capitol will face justice."

According to court documents, U.S. Capitol Police learned that an individual had entered the restricted office area of the Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and was photographed with his feet propped up on furniture. Those photos were circulated on numerous news media platforms which identified the individual as Barnett. A search of law enforcement databases confirmed that the individual in the news photographs did in fact appear to be Barnett.

"This case is just one in a number that demonstrate the brazen acts that were committed at the Capitol on Wednesday," said Michael Sherwin, Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. "My Office is committed to prosecuting all individuals who participated in these abhorrent acts to the fullest extent of the law."

"The U.S. Capitol is one of the most iconic buildings in our country and a symbol of the Constitution and people we have sworn to protect, and its destruction will not be tolerated," said Steven M. D'Antuono, Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI Washington Field Office. "This arrest demonstrates to all individuals involved in January 6 incursion into the U.S. Capitol that the FBI will find you and hold you accountable for your crimes, no matter your location. We thank the FBI Little Rock Field Office for their quick assistance in bringing this perpetrator to justice."

Barnett is charged with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and theft of public money, property, or records. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of one year in prison. Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Capitol Police and the FBI's Washington Field Office, with the assistance of the Justice Department's National Security Division and the FBI's Little Rock Field Office.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicole McClain of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia is prosecuting the case.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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Three Foreign Nationals Charged with Conspiring to Provide Material Support to ISIS

The men were allegedly members of a group of ISIS supporters that carried out terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka on Easter Day in 2019, killing 268 people

The Justice Department announced today that three Sri Lankan citizens have been charged with terrorism offenses, including conspiring to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization (ISIS). The men were part of a group of ISIS supporters which called itself "ISIS in Sri Lanka." That group is responsible for the 2019 Easter attacks in the South Asian nation of Sri Lanka, which killed 268 people, including five U.S. citizens, and injured over 500 others, according to a federal criminal complaint unsealed today.

The complaint outlines the defendants' roles in the conspiracy and the events that led to near-simultaneous suicide bombings in the Sri Lankan cities of Colombo, Negombo and Batticaloa on April 21, 2019. One of the U.S. citizens killed was a Department of Commerce employee who had traveled to Sri Lanka on official business.

Two days after the attacks, ISIS claimed credit for the terrorist acts, attributing the murders to "Islamic State fighters." In late April 2019, the then-leader of ISIS praised the attackers for what he called a retaliation against "the West" for defeating ISIS the prior month in Baghuz, Syria.

"ISIS's Easter attacks in Sri Lanka killed 268 people, including five Americans, many while they worshiped," said Assistant Attorney General for National Security John C. Demers. "Today, we charge these defendants with bearing their share of the responsibility for these deaths. According to these charges, the defendants were committed supporters of ISIS, recruited others to ISIS's violent cause, purchased materials for and made IEDs, helped to prepare and trained others who participated in the attacks, and murdered in the name of this deadly foreign terrorist organization. They are in custody in Sri Lanka. We fully support the Sri Lankan investigation and prosecution of these terrorists and will continue to work with the authorities there to pursue our shared goal of holding these defendants accountable for their crimes. At the same time, these charges reflect that the U.S. justice system remains a powerful tool to bring to bear against those who harm our citizens abroad. We will continue to pursue justice for the victims of these heinous attacks and for all American victims of terrorism."

"This case clearly demonstrates that the United States will take decisive action to ensure terrorists face justice when they target Americans anywhere in the world," said Nick Hanna, the U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California. "The United States remains confident in the Sri Lankan authorities' ability to bring the perpetrators to justice – and this complaint makes clear that we stand ready with these charges in the event the defendants attempt to evade justice."

"The domestic charges announced today for an attack on foreign soil represent the FBI's commitment to deliver justice to traveling American victims and to protect U.S. interests here and abroad," said Kristi K. Johnson, the Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office. "For decades, and particularly since 9/11, the FBI has deployed agents to various parts of the world to establish an investigative foothold and to liaison with local counterparts

with a shared goal of combatting terror globally. Our enduring hope is that criminal prosecution – whether domestic or foreign – will bring some peace to the hundreds of victims killed or injured in Sri Lanka as a result of this horrific attack."

The criminal case filed on Dec. 11, 2020, in the U.S. District Court in Los Angeles is the result of a nearly two-year investigation by the FBI, which assisted Sri Lankan authorities in the wake of the suicide bombings that targeted Christian churches and luxury hotels frequented by Westerners. The defendants named in the complaint, along with other suspects linked to the attacks, currently are detained in Sri Lanka, where a criminal investigation is ongoing.

According to the complaint, the three charged defendants and others involved in the conspiracy – including eight terrorists who died in the suicide bombings – conspired to provide, provided, and attempted to provide material support, including services and personnel, to ISIS through various actions, including: (1) creating, maintaining, and serving as members of a group of ISIS supporters in Sri Lanka devoted to ISIS, its ideology, and to planning and encouraging violent attacks to advance ISIS's goals; (2) obtaining explosive materials and IED components; (3) manufacturing and testing IEDs, including the types of IEDs ultimately used in the attack; (4) recruiting other ISIS in Sri Lanka members; (5) using ISIS-created training materials to instruct and train the attackers and their co-conspirators in the use of firearms and explosives; (6) procuring safe houses for the group to prepare for attacks in the name of ISIS, including the Easter Attacks, while avoiding law enforcement detection; (7) following ISIS directives to use specific end-to-end encrypted messaging applications to conceal the criminal conspiracy; (8) murdering two Sri Lankan police offers to obtain the officers' firearms; and (9) shooting a suspected police informant.

The three defendants named in the criminal complaint, all of whom pledged allegiance to ISIS, are:

- Mohamed Naufar, the "second emir" for the group of ISIS supporters that called itself "ISIS in Sri Lanka," who allegedly led the group's propaganda efforts, recruited others to join ISIS, and led a series of multi-day military-type trainings;
- Mohamed Anwar Mohamed Riskan, who allegedly helped manufacture the IEDs used in the Easter Attacks; and
- Ahamed Milhan Hayathu Moahmed, who allegedly executed a police officer in order to obtain the officer's firearm, shot a suspected informant, and scouted a location for a separate terrorist attack.

All three defendants are charged with conspiring to provide, providing, and attempting to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization. Additionally, Naufar and Milhan are charged with aiding and abetting the receipt of military-type training from ISIS.

The FBI-led Joint Terrorism Task Force in Los Angeles, including personnel assigned responsibilities for extraterritorial matters, is leading the investigation. This matter is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Annamartine Salick, George E. Pence IV and Christine M. Ro of the Terrorism and Export Crimes Section, and Trial Attorney Alicia Cook of the National Security Division's Counterterrorism Section. The Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs provided valuable assistance.

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Two Quebec Men Extradited to North Dakota from Canada as Part of 'Operation Denial'

The Department of Justice announced today that Canadian authorities extradited two alleged members of an international fentanyl trafficking organization.

Acting Assistant Attorney General David P. Burns of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Drew H. Wrigley of the District of North Dakota and U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams of the District of Oregon made the announcement.

Jason Joey Berry, aka Daniel Desnoyers, 37, of Montreal, Quebec, and Xuan Cahn Nguyen, aka Jackie, aka Jackie Chan, 41, of Point-Aux-Tremble, Quebec, arrived in North Dakota Wednesday and had their initial court appearance and arraignment before U.S. Magistrate Judge Alice Senechal today. Their case is assigned to Chief U.S. District Judge Peter D. Welte.

Berry was arrested on Oct. 18, 2019, and Nguyen was arrested on Jan. 16, 2020, by Canadian authorities at the request of the United States. Both Berry and Nguyen were ordered surrendered by the Canadian Minister of Justice on Nov. 30, 2020. Berry and Nguyen were extradited in connection with a superseding indictment in the District of North Dakota charging them with conspiracy to distribute controlled substances and controlled substance analogues resulting in serious bodily injury and death, and conspiracy to import controlled substances and controlled substance analogues into the United States resulting in serious bodily injury and death. The superseding indictment also charges Nguyen with international money laundering conspiracy.

The extradition comes as part of "Operation Denial," an Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF)-funded investigation into the international trafficking of fentanyl and other lethal drugs, aided by the national and international coordination led by the multi-agency Special Operations Division near Washington D.C. as part of "Operation Deadly Merchant." The investigation started in North Dakota on Jan. 3, 2015, with the overdose death in Grand Forks, North Dakota, of 18-year-old Bailey Henke.

Berry and Nguyen's alleged co-conspirator Daniel Vivas Ceron of Columbia was previously extradited from Panama to North Dakota in 2017. Vivas Ceron pleaded guilty on July 12, 2019, for his role in operating an international fentanyl trafficking organization from a Canadian prison and is awaiting sentencing.

This case is being investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Grand Forks Narcotics Task Force, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Portland Oregon Police Bureau – Drugs and Vice Division, Portland HIDTA Interdiction Task Force, Oregon State Police, and the Grand Forks Police Department. The Justice Department's Office of International Affairs provided significant assistance in bringing Berry and Nguyen to the United States and procuring foreign evidence during the investigation.

Trial Attorney Kaitlin Sahni of the Criminal Division's Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher C. Myers of the District of North Dakota, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Edmonds of the District of

Oregon are prosecuting the cases.

An indictment is merely an allegation. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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John,

We've been on the PIC's inauguration calls together. I want to be sure you have my contact information. While USPP represents us on security matters, don't hesitate to reach out to me on higher level discussions on the topic. My cell is § 2–534(a)(2). Call anytime.

Jeff
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For the latest information on the District Government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.

MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

January 10, 2021

The Honorable David L. Bernhardt
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Bernhardt:

America was saddened last Wednesday by the insurrection on the United States Capitol and the impending threats to our democracy. In light of recent events and imminent threats, I am requesting that any and all Public Gathering Permits in the District of Columbia during the period January 11 through January 24, 2021, be rescinded immediately and that no further permits be issued for this period.

Washington, DC has always proudly hosted Inauguration activities, welcoming hundreds of thousands of persons to the city, supporters and protestors alike. But this is not an ordinary January. We are under two separate states of emergency, one relating to the violence and terrorism associated with disputing the results of the election, and one relating to the pandemic that has claimed the lives of 371,000 Americans.

Protecting visitors requires not only the resources of our law enforcement officials, but requires us to call on the mutual aid of other law enforcement departments from other jurisdictions. The larger the crowds, the more people we need, and those persons, like persons coming for the Inauguration events, may be asymptomatic spreaders of the virus.

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez, Director of DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, is my point person on this request and is available to provide you with any additional information. He can be reached at 202-515-6056 or chris.rodriguez@dc.gov. Thank you for your immediate attention and reply.

Sincerely,

Muriel Bowser
Mayor

Cc: Margaret Emerson, Counselor to the Secretary, Department of the Interior

MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

January 9, 2021

The Honorable Chad F. Wolf
Acting Secretary
United States Department of Homeland Security
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Acting Secretary Wolf:

Following the unprecedented terrorist attack on the United States Capitol on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, and the continued threat of related violence in the District of Columbia, we are extremely concerned about the upcoming National Special Security Event (NSSE) led by the United States Secret Service. We believe strongly that the 59th Presidential Inauguration on January 20 will require a very different approach than previous inaugurations given the chaos, injury, and death experienced at the United States Capitol during the insurrection. While I will be reaching out to a broad range of local, regional, and federal partners to enhance cooperation among our bodies, I strongly urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to adjust its approach to the Inauguration in several specific ways.

First, the District of Columbia is requesting the Department extend the National Special Security Event period to run from Monday, January 11 to Sunday, January 24, 2021. This is an increase from the current period of January 19 to January 21, 2021, which will allow for better Federal and District government interagency preparation for the Inauguration, given the new threats from insurgent acts of domestic terrorists. Further, the District strongly recommends that you secure the permission of the Congress of the United States to include the Capitol and its grounds in the NSSE perimeter.

Second, the District of Columbia is submitting a request for a pre-disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Act for the Inauguration. This declaration will enhance and expedite direct federal assistance needed to prepare for the Inauguration. My Administration is developing specific requests for direct federal assistance and will work with FEMA to execute those requests upon approval of the declaration.

Third, the District of Columbia urges the Department to coordinate with the Department of Defense and the Department of Justice, the United States Congress, and the United States Supreme Court to establish a security and federal force deployment plan for all federal property, which will ensure the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) ability to focus on its local mission in the District's eight wards. Earlier this week, MPD officers acted heroically rushing to back-up the United States

Capitol Police to stop the assault on the United States Capitol. Consistent with established protocols and practices, it is the primary responsibility of the federal government to secure federal property in these situations.

In addition, I ask that the Acting Attorney General at the Department of Justice direct the Federal Bureau of Investigation to provide an intelligence and threat briefing on a daily basis during the period of January 11 – 24, 2021, to the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) and MPD and all law enforcement entities operating in the District of Columbia.

Further, I am requesting that the Secretary of the Department of Interior cancel any and all Public Gathering Permits in the District of Columbia and deny any applications for Public Gathering Permits during the period of January 11 – 24, 2021. We have made this request repeatedly since June 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and this week demonstrated the National Park Service's willingness to approve last minute permits and major adjustments.

The requests outlined herein — if issued swiftly and communicated broadly — are essential to demonstrating our collective resolve in ensuring the Constitutional transition of power and our nation's capital in the days leading up to it. And like with previous inaugurations and NSSEs, the District of Columbia will host a press event for agencies engaged in the NSSE to brief the public on the plan and coordination among our agencies. We look forward to federal participation.

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez, Director of HSEMA, is my point person on this request and is available to provide you with any additional information. He can be reached at 202-515-6056 or chris.rodriguez@dc.gov. Thank you for your immediate attention and reply to these requests.

Sincerely,

Muriel Bowser
Mayor

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I know some of you already have or receive these from other sources; Sending for situational awareness of the group.

Steve

Please contact us with concerns, questions or comments.

Respectfully,

SA H. S. Phillips
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§ 2–534(a)(2) **(cell)**

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(Special Note): Information regarding First Amendment assemblies is often fluid and subject to change. The below information was obtained through law enforcement and open source venues. Updated information and events acquired since the last report will be designated in Red.

Sunday, January 10, 2021:

- **Women for A Great America** – 01/04/2021 thru 01/10/2021 **(This event has been cancelled by organizer)**
  - **Time:** 0700 to 1600 hours daily
  - **Location:** East Capitol Front
  - **Purpose:** Pray for the Nation
  - **Participants:** (50) listed on the permit application
  - **Source:** U.S. Capitol Police

- **Operation Clean Sweep –** 01/10/2021
  - **Time:** 1300 hAssemble at McPherson Square – march route unknown
  - **Purpose:** March through downtown DC to remove all Trump and fascist signs
  - **Participants:** Unknown
  - **Source:** https://www.instagram.com/p/CJzsw-Bhtw_/

Sunday, January 10, thru Sunday, January 31, 2021:

- **50 Days of Blessing/Women for a Great America** – 11/19/2020 thru 01/31/2021
  - **Time:** Daily
  - **Location:** Lafayette Park
  - **Purpose:** Pray for a Peaceful Election
  - **Participants:** (50) listed on the permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

Sunday, January 10, thru March 17, 2021:

- **David's Tent USA, Inc** – 11/18/2020 thru 03/17/2021
  - **Time:** Daily
  - **Location:** National Mall
  - **Purpose:** Prayer Vigil
  - **Participants:** (1,000) listed on the permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

Monday, January 11, thru Monday, February 15, 2021:

- **FlashSideways Studio LLC** – 1/11/2021 thru 02/15/2021
  - **Time:** Daily
  - **Location:** West Potomac Park and JFK Hockey Field (Lincoln Memorial Event)
  - **Purpose:** Statis display of flags

- **Participants:** (250) listed on the permit application
- **Source:** National Park Service 21-0216

Tuesday, January 12, 2021:

- **Right to Believe –** 01/12/2021
  - **Time:** 0900 – 1000 hours
  - **Location:** D.C. Superior Court (500 Indiana Avenue NW)
  - **Purpose:** Protest recent court rulings by D.C. judges
  - **Participants:** (25) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** MPD-SOD

Thursday, January 14, thru Monday, January 18, 2021:

- **Eighty Percent Coalition** §2-534(a)(2) **–** 01/14/2021 – 01/18/2021 **(This permit application has been withdrawn by the organizer)**
  - **Time:** 0800 – 1600 hours
  - **Location:** Freedom Plaza, Ellipse, Lincoln Memorial
  - **Purpose:** First Amendment Rally
  - **Participants:** Unknown
  - **Source:** National Park Service

Friday, January 15, thru Sunday, January 24, 2021:

- **DC Action Lab –** 1/15/2021 – 01/24/2021
  - **Time:** Daily
  - **Location:** Columbus Circle, Freedom Plaza, Farragut Square, McPherson Square, Lincoln Memorial, National Mall, between 3rd and 14th streets, Washington Monument grounds, JFK Hockey Fields, Constitution Gardens, Hains Point, MLK Memorial, Franklin Square, Lafayette Park, White House, and Meridian Hill
  - **Purpose:** Freedom of Speech Demonstration Against the Inauguration
  - **Participants:** (5,000) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

Saturday, January 16, 2021:

- **Protest for Animal Rights –** 01/09/2021
  - **Time:** 1300 to 1400 hours
  - **Location:** 3111 M Street, NW
  - **Purpose:** Protest Urban Outfitters
  - **Participants:** (3) committed / (9) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/866622404135702/

Saturday, January 16, and Thursday, January 21, 2021:

- **ANSWER Coalition –** 1/16/2021 – 01/21/2021
  - **Time:** Daily
  - **Location:** John Marshall Park, Trump Hotel, Lafayette Park, Navy Memorial, Freedom Plaza, Ellipse, Washington Monument grounds

- **Purpose:** Urgent action to save the environment, end war and prioritize peoples' needs.
- **Participants:** (Unknown) listed on permit application
- **Source:** National Park Service

Monday, January 17, 2021:

- **Refuse to be Silenced – Nationwide 1A and 2A Rally –** 1/17/2021 **(This event is no longer listed on social media)**
  - **Time:** 1200 hours
  - **Location:** Washington Monument to the White House
  - **Purpose:** Advocate for 1st and 2nd Amendment Rights
  - **Participants:** (4) committed / (7) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/392128442094798

Sunday, January 17, and Thursday, January 21, 2021:

- **2021 KOLAM –** 1/17/2021 – 01/21/2021
  - **Time:** 0900 to 1700 hours
  - **Location:** Washington Monument, Freedom Plaza, Lafayette Park, Ellipse
  - **Purpose:** Inauguration KOLAM Art Installation
  - **Participants:** (4) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

Monday, January 18, 2021:

- **National Action Network –** 1/18/2021
  - **Time:** 0400 to 1300 hours
  - **Location:** MLK Memorial
  - **Purpose:** Demo to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
  - **Participants:** (30) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

Monday, January 18, and Tuesday, January 19, 2021:

- **New Federal State of China –** 1/18/2021 – 01/19/2021
  - **Time:** Daily
  - **Location:** Washington Monument, Freedom Plaza, Lafayette Park
  - **Purpose:** Support and Celebrate the Presidential Inauguration
  - **Participants:** (500) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

Monday, January 18, and Wednesday, January 20, 2021:

- **Let America Hear Us, Roar for Trump –** 1/18/2021 – 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** Daily
  - **Location:** Lafayette Park, Freedom Plaza, Franklin Square, McPherson Square, Farragut Square, John Marshall Park, Rollins Park, and Bolivar Park
  - **Purpose:** Inauguration Day to Support Trump
  - **Participants:** (300) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

Monday, January 18, and Thursday, January 21, 2021:

- **PIC 2021 Inc. –** 1/18/2021 – 01/21/2021
  - **Time:** Daily
  - **Location:** MLK Memorial
  - **Purpose:** Part of the Biden-Harris Inauguration Celebration
  - **Participants:** (150) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

Tuesday, January 19, 2021:

- **Freedom March for Trump –** 1/19/2021
  - **Time:** 0800 hours
  - **Location:** Washington Monument
  - **Purpose:** Freedom march for Trump
  - **Participants:** (24) committed / (75) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/2788307491458381/

- **National Prayer Meeting –** 1/19/2021
  - **Time:** 1200 hours
  - **Location:** Washington, DC
  - **Purpose:** Demonstration to thank God for opportunity of National Renewal
  - **Participants:** (11) committed / (128) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/141032387459151/

Wednesday, January 20, 2021:

- §2-534(a)(2) – 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** TBD
  - **Location:** Washington, DC
  - **Purpose:** Oppose the Million Militia March
  - **Participants:** Unknown
  - **Source:** https://twitter.com/§2-534(a)(2)/status/1333844265315803137/photo/1

- **70 Million Man March to Stop the Biden Inauguration** §2-534(a)(2) – 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 0500 hours
  - **Location:** Washington, DC
  - **Purpose:** Million Man March to show support for President Trump
  - **Participants:** (60) committed / (493) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/1088827574883065/

- **Reform America dba Created Equal** – 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 0530 to 1800 hours
  - **Location:** Southwest corner of U.S. Navy Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
  - **Purpose:** First Amendment pro-life display
  - **Participants:** (20) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

- **Backs on Biden** §2-534(a)(2) – 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 0800 hours
  - **Location:** U.S. Capitol Building
  - **Purpose:** Protest to support Trump and turn their backs on Biden when he takes the podium
  - **Participants:** (1) committed / (6) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/1088827574883065/

- **#Disrupt J20 (No Justice, No Pride) –** 1/20/2021 **(This event is no longer listed on social media)**
  - **Time:** 0900 hours
  - **Location:** TBD
  - **Purpose:** First Amendment demonstration
  - **Participants:** (30) committed / (159) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/583495772257162/

- **Inauguration of President Donald Trump** §2-534(a)(2) – 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 0900 hours
  - **Location:** U.S. Capitol Building
  - **Purpose:** Swearing in ceremony for the second term of President Trump
  - **Participants:** (15) committed / (43) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/486289378977035

- **President Donald Trump & VP Michael Pence Inauguration** §2-534(a)(2) – 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 0900 hours
  - **Location:** Washington, DC
  - **Purpose:** Swearing in ceremony for the second term of President Trump
  - **Participants:** (1) committed / (2) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/394490471817342

- **Raid Congress** §2-534(a)(2) – 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 0900 hours
  - **Location:** U.S. Capitol Building
  - **Purpose:** Protest to take back the U.S. government
  - **Participants:** (3) committed / (14) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/430633161450235

- **Inaguration Day March on DC (Conservative Hype House) –** 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 1000 hours
  - **Location:** Washington, DC
  - **Purpose:** Inauguration Day March on DC
  - **Participants:** (7) committed / (15) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/201142451726732/

- **Yellow Vest Protest** §2-534(a)(2) **–** 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 1100 hours
  - **Location:** U.S. Capitol
  - **Purpose:** Protest to demand survival (stimulus) checks and Medicare for all
  - **Participants:** (51) committed / (238) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/470566583919754/

- **Trump Appreciation Day** §2-534(a)(2) – 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 1100 hours
  - **Location:** U.S. Capitol
  - **Purpose:** Rally to show support for President Trump
  - **Participants:** (49) committed / (288) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/1559156624283899/

- **MAGADay –** 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 1159 hours
  - **Location:** U.S. Capitol
  - **Purpose:** MAGADay/Oppose Biden Inauguration
  - **Participants:** (0) committed / (1) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/193628438965246/

- **Million MAGA March, March for Trump, Stop the Steal (NJ Patriots)–** 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 1200 hours
  - **Location:** Washington, DC
  - **Purpose:** Million MAGA March, March for Trump, Stop the Steal
  - **Participants:** (893) committed / (2,300) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/1741872459317880/

- **Yugest Trump Parade of All (45 exclamation points)! –** 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 1200 to 1500 hours
  - **Location:** Freedom Plaza
  - **Purpose:** Celebration for President Trump
  - **Participants:** (43) committed / (302) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/367820870968982/

- **Black Lives Matter Minnesota/Communities United Against Police Brutality –** 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 1200 to 1500 hours
  - **Location:** Black Lives Matter Plaza, NW
  - **Purpose:** Inauguration Day Reparations & Police Accountability Day
  - **Participants:** (34) committed / (170) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/672791106766870/

- **Celebrate President Trump's 2021 Inauguration –** 01/20/2021 **(This event is no longer listed on social media)**
  - **Time:** 1200 hours
  - **Location:** TBD
  - **Purpose:** A celebration of President Trump's 2021 Inauguration
  - **Participants:** (76) committed / (311) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/404933127309475/

- **Storm the Inauguration** §2-534(a)(2) – 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 1300 hours
  - **Location:** U.S. Capitol
  - **Purpose:** Storm the inauguration. They can't stop us all

- **Participants:** (1) committed / (0) interested
- **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/247592676848091

- **Trump Supporter Inaugural** §2-534(a)(2) – 01/20/2021
  - **Time:** 1500 hours
  - **Location:** U.S. Capitol
  - **Purpose:** Protest to protest the inauguration of Joe Biden
  - **Participants:** (37) committed / (168) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/2869405219960826/

Thursday, January 21, 2021:

- **2 Million Bikers 2 DC –** 01/21/2021
  - **Time:** 0900 to 1200 hours
  - **Location:** National Mall
  - **Purpose:** Support President Trump
  - **Participants:** (42) committed / (193) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/1702939843105133/

- **Trump's Eviction Watch Party –** 01/21/2021
  - **Time:** 0900 hours
  - **Location:** White House
  - **Purpose:** Trump's Eviction Watch Party
  - **Participants:** (188) committed / (381) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/362339474872322/

- **Black Pact** – 01/21/2021
  - **Time:** 1000 to 1700 hours
  - **Location:** Assemble at MLK Jr. Memorial for rally, then march to Lincoln Memorial
  - **Purpose:** Draw awareness to systemic racism and police brutality
  - **Participants:** (5,000) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

Friday, January 22, 2021:

- **Purple Sash Revolution** – 01/22/2021
  - **Time:** 1200 to 1400 hours
  - **Location:** U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (200 Independence Avenue SW)
  - **Purpose:** Protest calling for the U.S. Senate not to confirm Xavier Becerra as HHS Secretary
  - **Participants:** (50) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** MPD-SOD

Saturday, January 23, 2021:

- **National March For Black Lives (People Demand Action)** – 01/23/2021
  - **Time:** 1200 to 1500 hours
  - **Location:** Lincoln Memorial
  - **Purpose:** March for Black Lives

- **Participants:** (26) committed / (172) interested
- **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/836926233723471/

- **March Against the Party of the Coastal Elites** §2-534(a)(2) 01/23/2021
  - **Time:** 1100 to 1600 hours
  - **Location:** Washington, DC
  - **Purpose:** First Amendment event to support conservatives and Donald Trump
  - **Participants:** (10) committed / (89) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/373079780646954
  - Event organizer also has submitted a permit through the National Park Service for 1,000,000 participants for the National Mall, Freedom Plaza, John Marshall Park

- **Women for America First –** 01/23/2021 **(This permit application has been withdrawn by organizer)**
  - **Time:** 1200 to 1700 hours
  - **Location:** Freedom Plaza, Lincoln Memorial
  - **Purpose:** First Amendment rally to support President Trump
  - **Participants:** (5,000) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

- **Protest for Animal Rights –** 01/23/2021
  - **Time:** 1300 to 1400 hours
  - **Location:** 3111 M Street, NW
  - **Purpose:** Protest Urban Outfitters
  - **Participants:** (1) committed / (6) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/866622404135702/

Tuesday, January 26, 2021:

- **East Coast Sikh Coordination Committee** – 01/26/2021
  - **Time:** 1000 to 1600 hours
  - **Location:** Embassy of India, located at 2107 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
  - **Purpose:** Black Day of Sikhs and to support farmers
  - **Participants:** (250) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** MPD-SOD

Thursday, January 28, 2021:

- **Purple Sash Revolution** – 01/28/2021
  - **Time:** 0900 to 1300 hours
  - **Location:** 1225 4th Street, NE
  - **Purpose:** Prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood asking God to end abortion in America
  - **Participants:** (50) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** MPD-SOD

- **Students for Life of America** – 01/28/2021
  - **Time:** 1500 to 2015 hours
  - **Location:** Ellipse, White House Area

- **Purpose:** Candlelight vigil
- **Participants:** Unknown (none listed on permit application)
- **Source:** NPS

Thursday, January 28, through Sunday, January 31, 2021:

- **STL Pro-Life Future** – 01/23/2021
  - **Time:** 1/28/2021 1600 hours – 1/31/2021 1200 hours
  - **Location:** TBD
  - **Purpose:** March for Life 2021 - Provide support for the unborn and advocate for pro-life cause
  - **Participants:** (15) committed / (65) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/1804192813046205/

Friday, January 29, 2021:

- **March for Life Educational and Defense Fund –** 01/29/2021
  - **Time:** 0700 hours
  - **Location:** Washington Monument and National Mall
  - **Purpose:** March for Life
  - **Participants:** (50,000) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

- **Center for Bio-Ethical Reforms –** 01/29/2021
  - **Time:** 0700 hours
  - **Location:** Washington Monument and National Mall
  - **Purpose:** Pro-life display
  - **Participants:** (25) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

- **Orthodox March for Life** – 01/29/2021
  - **Time:** 0830 to 1500 hours
  - **Location:** Washington, DC
  - **Purpose:** Orthodox Christians Marching Together at March for Life 2021
  - **Participants:** (71) committed / (387) interested
  - **Source:** https://www.facebook.com/events/517683142192909/

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  - **Time:** 0900 to 1100 hours
  - **Location:** U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (200 Independence Avenue SW)
  - **Purpose:** Protest calling for the U.S. Senate not to confirm Xavier Becerra as HHS Secretary
  - **Participants:** (50) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** MPD-SOD

- **Reform America dba Created Equal –** 01/29/2021
  - **Time:** 0900 hours
  - **Location:** Meade Statue (333 Constitution Avenue NW) / John Marshall Park
  - **Purpose:** Pro-life display
  - **Participants:** (25) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** National Park Service

- **Preborn Children, Inc. –** 01/29/2021
  - **Time:** 1100 to 1530 hours
  - **Location:** 4th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
  - **Purpose:** First Amendment Assembly
  - **Participants:** (3 to 4) listed on permit application
  - **Source:** MPD-SOD

- **March for Life** – 01/29/2021
  - **Time:** 1100 to 1600 hours
  - **Location:** National Mall
  - **Purpose:** March for Life 2021
  - **Participants:** (607) committed / (1,500) interested
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Democracy Dies in Darkness

‘The storm is here’: Ashli Babbitt’s journey from capital ‘guardian’ to invader

By **Peter Jamison**, **Hannah Natanson**, **John Woodrow Cox** and **Alex Horton**

Jan. 9, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. EST

The politician she revered above all others had lost an election. She’d struggled with crippling amounts of debt. Her home state of California was locking down again because of a virus she believed was fiction.

As she walked east along the Mall on Wednesday, wearing a backpack emblazoned with the American flag, Ashli Babbitt was elated.

“It was amazing to get to see the president talk,” Babbitt said, beaming in a video she streamed on Facebook early Wednesday afternoon that was later published by TMZ. “We are now walking down the inaugural path to the Capitol building. Three million-plus people.”

There was no crowd of three million: just a mob, lawless and maskless, that numbered in the thousands. Babbitt’s mission, which she had repeatedly avowed on social media, was to restore American democracy. But she was about to take part in a riot that would go down in history as one of that democracy’s most grievous attacks.

After a long but undistinguished military career and years of personal travails, Babbitt — a 35-year-old Air Force veteran from Southern California who once supported Barack Obama — believed she had found a cause that gave her life purpose. Within hours, that cause would bring her life to a violent end.

Hers was the first death reported Jan. 6, when rioters incited by President Trump overran the seat of the U.S. government. In the coming days there would be others. Brian D. Sicknick, a 42-year-old Capitol police officer who died after being injured while trying to push back the mob. Rosanne Boyland, Kevin D. Greeson and Benjamin Phillips, who died of medical emergencies during the chaos.

But it was Babbitt, fatally shot by police as she attempted to leap through the broken window of a door inside the Capitol, whose name would almost instantly become synonymous with the feverish movement that had propelled thousands of Americans to desecrate a pillar of their government.

Her comrades in that movement now call her a martyr and plan to gather at the Washington Monument Saturday to hold a vigil in her name.

Babbitt’s journey — illuminated through her extensive social media activity, court and military records, and interviews with some who knew her — was one of paranoid devotion and enthusiasm that only increased as Trump’s fortunes waned.

She avidly followed the QAnon conspiracy theory, convinced that Trump was destined to vanquish a cabal of child

abusers and Satan-worshiping Democrats. She believed Wednesday would be “the storm,” when QAnon mythology holds that Trump would capture and execute his opponents.

Long before she embraced those ideas, Babbitt was on a rocky path. She was loyal but rebellious, devoted to her country but often unable to get along with those who shared it. A believer in American pluck and free enterprise, she struggled in her attempts to run a small pool-service company outside San Diego.

She served more than a decade in the armed forces but chafed under the military hierarchy. Six of those years were spent in an Air National Guard unit whose mandate is to defend the Washington region and respond to civil unrest. Its nickname: the Capital Guardians.

Like so many others, she believed Jan. 6 would be not a day of infamy, but an end to her troubles.

“Nothing will stop us,” she tweeted Jan. 5. “They can try and try and try but the storm is here and it is descending upon DC in less than 24 hours….dark to light!”

It was the last thing she would write.

‘Absolutely unafraid’

She was fed up with her executive officer. It was 2014, and Babbitt — along with much of her Air National Guard unit, then stationed at the Al Dhafra Air Base in the United Arab Emirates — detested him, according to a former staff sergeant in the unit who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he fears backlash online.

But despite her reputation for being outspoken, she kept herself in check. Then one day, the executive officer slipped new papers into a briefing binder shortly before quizzing service members on its contents.

Babbitt asked for permission to speak freely, the former staff sergeant said, and the executive officer granted it — “which was a huge mistake for that captain.”

For the next several minutes, she “let him have it,” the former staff sergeant said. He and other members of the unit watched, riveted, as Babbitt shouted and gesticulated, warning that the officer — who far outranked her — was sapping morale. Another former airman who served with Babbitt said he also witnessed the interaction.

“She was like a dog with a bone,” the former staff sergeant said. “She could never let go of whatever her attention was on, and she was absolutely unafraid of anything.”

Babbitt, who grew up in a small town in the foothills of Southern California’s Cuyamaca Mountains, left similarly strong impressions on others who crossed her path. She was a fast talker, whipping through sentences “like a chinchilla that had just done a line of cocaine,” the staff sergeant said. She escaped punishment for confronting the officer in 2014, according to the airmen who served with her, but it was not the only time that her personality put her at odds with the culture and rules of the military.

She deployed at least seven times, an Air Force journalist wrote in 2014, and relished the opportunity to mentor newer airmen. But discipline issues and insubordination stunted her career, said two former airmen who served with her. She was demoted at least once, they said.

Babbitt left the military in 2016 as a senior airman — a relatively low rank for someone who spent more than a decade in uniform.

The same year, Babbitt spotted her husband Aaron Babbitt's ex, Celeste Norris, pulling out of a shopping center parking lot in southern Maryland, according to a court petition for a protective order Norris later filed. Babbitt spun her white SUV in a U-turn and began chasing Norris, according to the petition, eventually rear-ending the other woman's car three times and forcing her to stop.

Babbitt then exited her own car "screaming at me and verbally threatening me," wrote Norris, who declined to comment for this report. Norris filed a second protective order petition in early 2017, saying Babbitt had followed her home from work and called her "all hours of day and night."

Some who served with Babbitt kept in touch with her, remembering how fiercely she defended people she cared for. At one point in her life, that meant other service members.

But within a few years of leaving the military, "she had a new cause," one of her fellow airmen said. "And her cause was QAnon."

'Today we save America'

Babbitt would eventually share more than 8,600 tweets, offering a vivid account of her descent into a world of conspiracy theories and delusion, but her first message was addressed to Trump, the man she believed was destined to rescue her country.

"#love," she wrote Oct. 31, 2016, beside his name and above a photo of three signs nailed to a tree: "Make America Great Again," "H FOR PRISON" and "CHRISTIAN DEPLORABLES LIVE HERE."

A week later, on Election Day, she wrote to Trump again: "today we save America from the tyranny, collusion and corruption." When he won, Babbitt cried.

She was an avid viewer of Fox News, praising Tucker Carlson and other far-right media personalities on the network as she derided their liberal targets. A registered Libertarian, she hadn't always despised Democrats, declaring at least three times in recent years that she voted for Obama.

"I think Obama did great things…I think he jacked some s--- up," she wrote in November 2018, "but I think he did do a lot of good…at a time where we needed him."

But the man we needed now and for years to come, she had decided, was Trump, and her devotion only grew as she became more obsessed with baseless online propaganda — all while her professional life collapsed.

On July 1, 2019, a judge issued a $71,000 judgment against her pool business because she had apparently failed to repay a loan. The day before, Babbitt had suggested starting a GoFundMe to pay for Trump's addition to Mount Rushmore, and the day after, she lodged an angry tirade at U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.).

"You are losing it," Babbitt wrote, "seriously."

She promoted far-right lies that Hillary Clinton has kidnapped children and described the left as modern-day enslavers. She appeared to use a QAnon hashtag for the first time early last year, parroting the cryptic jargon promoted

by its most ardent followers.

“The best is yet to come,” she wrote Feb. 24.

“What is dark will come to light!” she added a month later.

“We have to #SaveTheChildren,” she demanded in one post, using a humanitarian hashtag that conspiracy theorists hijacked to promote their claim that a secretive group of elites run a pedophilia ring.

Her anger appeared to intensify amid the pandemic, which she insisted was a hoax, calling it the “controla virus” and “a F---ING JOKE.”

“We are being hoodwinked,” she wrote in July. “The sheep need to wake up.”

On Dec. 29, eight days before her death, she discovered a tweet from Vice President-elect Kamala D. Harris promising to distribute more vaccines, promote mask-wearing and get students back to school.

“No the f--- you will not!” Babbitt retorted.

In the days leading up to her trip to Washington for the Trump demonstration, however, her online fury receded, replaced with glee and a new sense of mission. She retweeted dozens of figures promoting Trump’s demands that his supporters gather to overturn the election, including Trump supporter Jack Posobiec, QAnon activists, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Donald Trump Jr.

“I will be there tomorrow!” she wrote Jan. 4 in response to another supporter heading to the nation’s capital. “Gods speed!”

She boarded a plane in San Diego the next morning and sat beside Will Carless, a journalist from USA Today who would later film the moment just before the pro-Trump rioters stormed the Capitol. He called her “gregarious and chatty” and said they talked about a California beach town each of them loved.

The next day, it was overcast and cold in the District. Babbitt dressed in a hooded jacket and put an American flag backpack on her shoulders. She listened to the president tell her and many others that the country could only be taken back with strength, not weakness. Then she marched to the Capitol, surrounded, she said in her final Facebook video, by fellow “patriots.”

“She loved her country, and she was doing what she thought was right to support her country, joining up with like-minded people that also love their president and their country,” her husband told Fox-5 San Diego.

Not long after 2 p.m., he said, he sent her a message to ask how she was doing. She never wrote back.

A truth affirmed

While her husband was waiting, Babbitt was with the mob that swarmed the lightly staffed barricades surrounding their national legislature. In a scene unlike any in American history, they bashed in the windows of the U.S. Capitol. They fought with the police, screaming and waving Trump campaign flags and Confederate battle flags. They wandered through the halls and chambers of the Capitol as panicked lawmakers sheltered in place or were evacuated. Tear gas canisters were discharged in the Rotunda.

And a gun was fired.

It is unclear exactly how and when Babbitt entered the Capitol. She undoubtedly understood law enforcement could use deadly force in response to the breach. Airmen in the role Babbitt once occupied in the D.C. Air National Guard's 113th Air Wing receive riot-control training, and her former unit was mobilized to protect the Capitol on Wednesday.

But it has since become clear what happened inside: The raging crowd that bashed in the windows of a barricaded door to the Speaker's Lobby, with a short tanned woman in an American backpack at the front of its ranks. Her attempt to climb through one of those windows, leading the way, despite a Capitol Police officer pointing a handgun in her direction. The abrupt way she toppled backward after a single shot resounded.

And it was clear how she left.

At about 3 p.m., a team of paramedics rushed a gurney to an ambulance parked at the southeast corner of the building. On it was Babbitt, staring listlessly in the direction of the building she had just tried to occupy, the place where her dreams of a revitalizing "storm" were supposed to come true.

Blood ran from her nose and covered half of her face. Her eyes were on the verge of closing. Riot police guarded the ambulance as its doors closed and pulled away. And that night — the night Babbitt died far from her home and family — Congress affirmed as true what she had died denying: Donald Trump would not remain president.

Julie Tate, Jennifer Jenkins, Dan Lamothe, Drew Harwell, Justin Jouvenal, Dalton Bennett, Greg Jaffe and Randy Dotinga contributed to this report.

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USSF Becomes 18th Member of Intel Community

JAN. 8, 2021

Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe today welcomed the U.S. Space Force (USSF) as the 18th member of the U.S. Intelligence Community (IC).

During an afternoon ceremony, Ratcliffe and Chief of Space Operations Gen. John W. "Jay" Raymond announced the designation of the intelligence element of the U.S. Space Force as a member of the IC.

"This accession reaffirms our commitment to securing outer space as a safe and free domain for America's interests," said Ratcliffe. "American power in space is stronger and more unified than ever before. Today we welcome Space Force to the Intelligence Community and look forward to the power and ingenuity of a space security team unrivaled by any nation."

The Space Force element is the first new organization to join the IC since 2006.

"Today, we took action to elevate space intelligence missions, tradecraft, and collaboration to ensure the success of the Space Force, the Intelligence Community, and ultimately our National Security," said Gen. Raymond. "This is a significant milestone, a clear statement that America is committed to a secure and accessible space domain. Our partnership will ensure the Space Force and the Nation remain always above any threat."

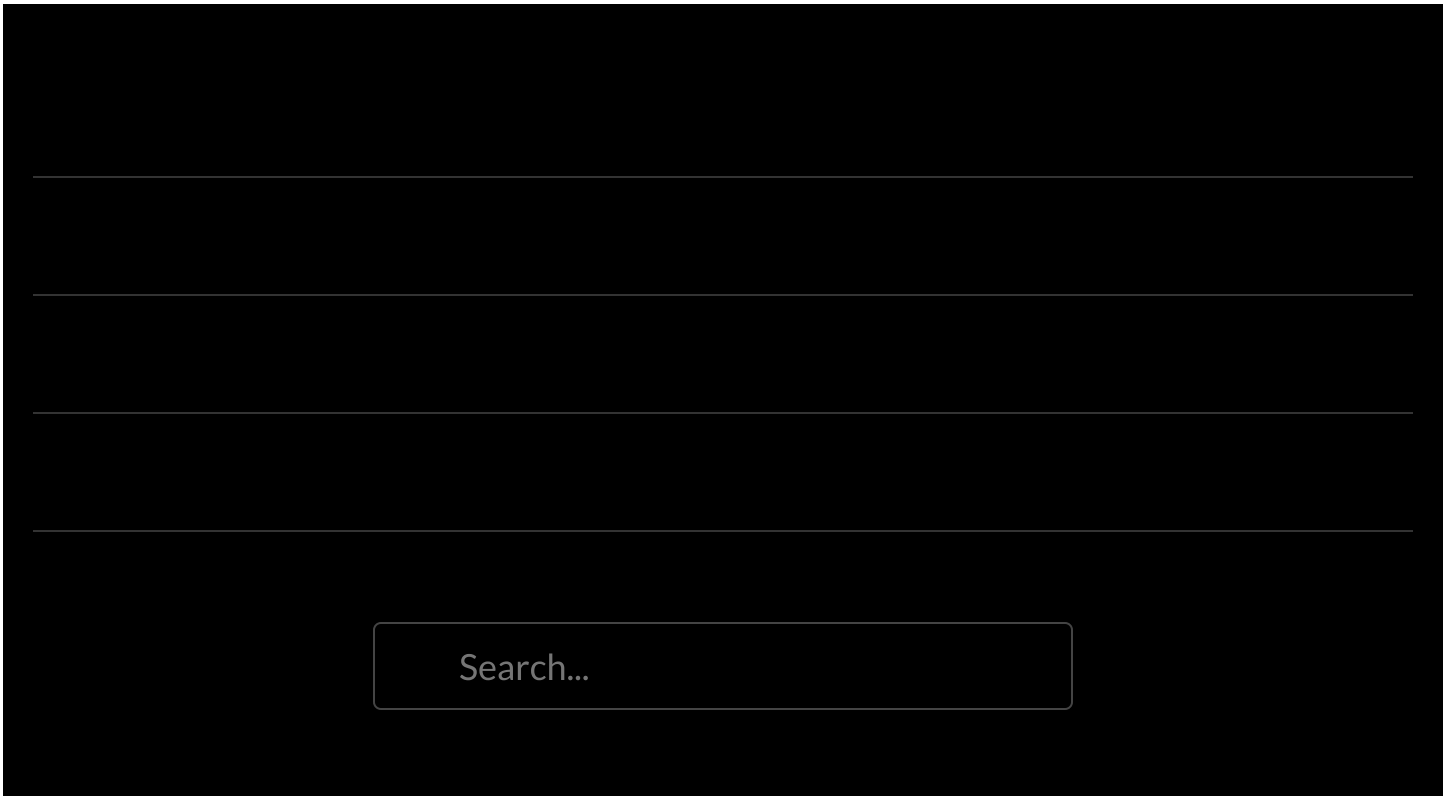
Ratcliffe highlighted how the addition of USSF to the IC marks a historic opportunity to further strategic change across the national security space enterprise.

"Through sharing space-related information and intelligence, the IC and DoD increase integration and coordination of our intelligence activities to achieve best effect and value in executing our missions," said Ratcliffe. "This move not only underscores the importance of space as a priority intelligence and military operational domain for national security, but ensures interoperability, future capability development and operations, and true global awareness for strategic warning."

"Today's change aligns our newest service with the other members of the Defense Intelligence

Enterprise and will help ensure our efforts are coordinated and synchronized across all domains of warfare," said Ezra Cohen, acting
Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

With the USSF addition, nine DoD components are members of the Intelligence Community.



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Thirteen Charged in Federal Court Following Riot at the United States Capitol

Approximately 40 charged in Superior Court

Thirteen individuals have been charged so far in federal court in the District of Columbia related to crimes committed at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C, on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021. In addition to those who have been charged, additional complaints have been submitted and investigations are ongoing.

"The lawless destruction of the U.S. Capitol building was an attack against one of our Nation's greatest institutions," said Acting U.S. Attorney Michael Sherwin. "My Office, along with our law enforcement partners at all levels, have been expeditiously working and leveraging every resource to identify, arrest, and begin prosecuting these individuals who took part in the brazen criminal acts at the U.S. Capitol. We are resolute in our commitment to holding accountable anyone responsible for these disgraceful criminal acts, and to anyone who might be considering engaging in or inciting violence in the coming weeks – know this: you will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

"ATF is committed to the rule of law and the protection of all citizens' Constitutional rights," said Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Deputy Director Regina Lombardo. "We continue to support our law enforcement partners to ensure those who violated the law during the events at the Capitol this week are brought to justice. ATF has dedicated all appropriate resources to complete these investigations as soon as possible."

"Today's charges are just the beginning of the FBI's ongoing efforts to hold those responsible for the criminal acts of violence and destruction that unfolded during the U.S. Capitol building breach on January 6th," said FBI Director Christopher Wray. "To be clear, what took place that day was not First Amendment-protected activity, but rather an affront on our democracy. The FBI, along with our local, state and federal partners, is committed to ensuring that justice is served. We will continue to aggressively investigate each and every individual who chose to ignore the law and instead incite violence, destroy property, and injure others."

"Deputy U.S. Marshals responded to support U.S. Capitol Police after the incursion into the Capitol building. Our deputies helped to clear the building and escorted members of Congress back to the main chamber for official business," said U.S. Marshals Service Director Donald Washington. "US Marshals will now bring to bear our fugitive investigations expertise to ensure that individuals charged in federal warrants are brought to face justice. Respect for the rule of law is a foundational principle for our democracy and the freedoms that it provides. Unlawful acts will not go unpunished."

"The events that happened at and around the United States Capitol were unconscionable, and those responsible will be held accountable for their attempts to thwart Democracy," said Metropolitan Police Department Chief of Police Robert J. Contee III. "While these charges represent a positive step, there is still work to be done. Our collective intentions are to work diligently to identify all of the persons responsible for the insurrection at our U.S. Capitol."

Thirteen individuals have been charged with federal crimes. The defendants and charges are outlined below:

1. Cleveland Meredith was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with making interstate threats to Speaker Nancy Pelosi.
2. Richard Barnett, of Arkansas, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful entry; violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and theft of public money, property, or records. Barnett allegedly entered a restricted are of the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.
3. Lonnie Coffman, of Alabama, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with possession of an unregistered firearm (destructive device) and carrying a pistol without a license. It is alleged that Coffman's vehicle contained 11 explosive devices known as Molotov cocktails and firearms. It is further alleged he was in possession of two firearms. Coffman was arrested and is currently being held. His detention hearing is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2021.
4. Mark Leffingwell, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; assault on a federal law enforcement officer; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. Leffingwell allegedly entered the Senate side of the Capitol and when stopped by law enforcement, struck an officer in the helmet and chest. Leffingwell is currently being held and has a detention hearing in district court today.
5. Christopher Alberts, of Maryland, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with carrying or having readily accessible, on the grounds of the United States Capitol Building, a firearm and ammunition. Specifically a Taurus G2C, 9mm handgun and 9mm caliber ammunition. The defendant appeared in district court and was released. He has a preliminary hearing scheduled for Jan. 28, 2021.
6. Joshua Pruitt, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority. The defendant appeared in district court and was released. He has a preliminary hearing scheduled for Jan. 28, 2021.
7. Matthew Council, of Florida, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. Council allegedly unlawfully entered the Capitol building, and when stopped by law enforcement, he pushed the officer.
8. Cindy Fitchett, of Virginia, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.
9. Michael Curzio, of Florida, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.
10. Douglas Sweet, of Florida, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.
11. Bradley Ruskelas, of Illinois, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.
12. Terry Brown, of Pennsylvania, was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.
13. Thomas Gallagher was charged on Jan. 7, 2021, with knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority; or knowingly, with intent to impede government business or official functions, engaging in disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; and violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds.

In addition, approximately 40 individuals have been arrested and charged in Superior Court with offenses including, but not limited to, unlawful entry, curfew violations, and firearms-related crimes.

The cases are being prosecuted by the U.S Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and are being investigated jointly by the FBI; U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; United States Marshals Service; U.S. Capitol Police Department; and the Metropolitan Police Department.

The ATF and FBI continue to urge the public to report suspected use of explosive devices, or violent, destructive acts associated with the recent unrest. Anyone with information can call 1-888-ATF-TIPS (1-888-283-8477), email ATFTips@atf.gov or submit information anonymously via ReportIt.com .

The FBI is looking for individuals who may have incited or promoted violence of any kind. Anyone with digital material or tips can call 1-800-CALL-FBI (800-225-5324) or submit images or videos at fbi.gov/USCapitol.

The details contained in the charging documents are allegations. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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INCIDENTS OF INTEREST

SPAIN– Man Caught In Madrid Airport Smuggling Cocaine In Wheelchair– 8 January 2021

Man caught in Madrid airport smuggling cocaine into Spain in his wheelchair

The National Police stopped a 55-year-old Spanish man in Madrid's Barajas airport after he landed on a flight from the Dominican Republic on Sunday night, January 3. Police had been carrying out routine surveillance when they noticed the man, who was being helped to the airport's disability area in a wheelchair, appeared nervous and agitated.

His luggage was searched, and among his belongings was a folded-up electric wheelchair with a hidden compartment on both the backrest and seat. According to the higher Headquarters of the National Police, ten packages containing almost 10 kilograms of cocaine were discovered in the wheelchair.
According to police sources, the man had booked an internal flight to Malaga in the hope that his checked luggage wouldn't be subject to scrutiny. The National Police have confirmed that the man has a long criminal history for fraud, irregular immigration and falsifying documents and was immediately remanded in custody.

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MISCELLAENEOUS

USA– Airlines boost staffing and security after assault on Capitol– 8 January 2021

Major U.S. airlines are increasing staffing and security at airports in and out of the Washington, D.C., area after yesterday's assault on Capitol Building. The violence also prompted an appeal from the nation's biggest flight attendants union.

Carriers including American Airlines and United Airlines said they were taking measures to avoid potential trouble on the ground and in the air after thousands of supporters of President Donald Trump demanding the presidential election be overturned stormed the Capitol building on Wednesday.

The riot was preceded by at least two in-flight incidents on D.C.-bound flights. One involved Senator Mitt Romney, R.-Utah, who was reportedly heckled by a group of Trump supporters on a flight from Salt Lake City on Tuesday.

Romney, a vocal critic of the plan by some GOP lawmakers to formally object to the election results, was also subjected to a tirade by a woman at Salt Lake International Airport who refused to put on a face mask. A video of the confrontation was posted on Facebook. Another in-flight disruption captured on video occurred on an American flight earlier this week from Texas to Washington, D.C., with passengers screaming at each other after one person projected a "Trump 2020" image onto the aircraft's ceiling.

"The mob mentality behavior that took place on several flights to the D.C. area [Tuesday] was unacceptable and threatened the safety and security of every single person onboard," stated Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants, which represents nearly 50,000 flight attendants at 17 airlines. The AFA called for airlines and transportation authorities to make clear that bad behavior wouldn't be tolerated and that unruly travelers would be barred from boarding planes.

Some airline passengers took part in the violence at the Capitol, creating "further concern about their departure from the D.C. area, Nelson said. "Acts against our democracy, our government, and the freedom we claim as Americans must disqualify these individuals from the freedom of flight."

The Federal Aviation Administration on Thursday warned that disruptive acts on airplanes could violate federal law, noting that violators face possible imprisonment and fines of up to $35,000. "We echo the sentiments of AFA that our first priority must be the safety and security of our passengers and crew," United stated in an email to CBS MoneyWatch. "Since earlier this week our crews have been moved from downtown D.C. hotels. Additionally, we have increased staffing at Washington-area airports and are in close contact with appropriate law enforcement agencies."

American also said it was working with local law enforcement and its airport authority partners to ensure safety on the ground and in the air. "We also have increased staffing at Washington D.C.-area airports and will not serve alcohol on flights to and from this area as a precautionary measure," a spokesperson stated in an email. Delta Air Lines works with law enforcement agencies and others to "enact methods — both seen and unseen — as part of our unwavering efforts to keep everyone safe at our airports and on our flights," a spokesperson said by email.

"We expect our people and customers to treat one another with dignity and respect," the spokesperson added.

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CISA updates guidance on SolarWinds hack remediation, calls for upgrades and increased reporting < Caution-https://insidecybersecurity.com/daily-news/cisa-updates-guidance-solarwinds-hack-remediation-calls-upgrades-and-increased-reporting > **(01/07) Inside Cybersecurity**
The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency has updated guidance on responding to the hack of SolarWinds Orion software management tools on federal networks, including forensic analysis and reporting requirements for agencies still struggling to understand the scope of an attack that affected government as well as private-sector critical infrastructure systems. “Federal agencies without evidence of adversary follow-on activity on their networks that accept the risk of running SolarWinds Orion in their enterprises should rebuild or upgrade, in compliance with hardening steps outlined in the Supplemental Guidance, to at least SolarWinds Orion Platform version 2020.2.1 HF2,” according to the update.

CISA: Hackers access to federal networks without SolarWinds < Caution-https://fcw.com/articles/2021/01/07/cisa-usg-hack-new-vector.aspx > **(01/07) FCW**
The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency says it has evidence that hackers are breaching the federal government's networks by other paths than the recently discovered vulnerabilities in SolarWinds Orion."Specifically, we are investigating incidents in which activity indicating abuse of Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) tokens consistent with this adversary's behavior is present, yet where impacted SolarWinds instances have not been identified," according to updated guidance published Wednesday. "CISA is continuing to work to confirm initial access vectors and identify any changes to the tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs)."

Capitol Riot Puts Congressional Computer Safety at Risk < Caution-https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-01-08/congressional-computers-left-vulnerable-to-cyber-intrusion > **(01/07) Bloomberg**
In the aftermath of Wednesday’s intrusion at the U.S. Capitol, federal authorities are contending with cybersecurity risks created by rioters roaming freely through congressional offices with unsecured computers.While there is no indication

that hacking into computer networks was a goal of the rioters, at least one laptop was reported missing and the potential exists that the intruders gained access to sensitive systems when members of Congress and their staff hastily took cover, according to cybersecurity experts. As a result, both the House and the Senate should devote resources to mitigating any potential vulnerabilities, they said.

CISA Issues Updated Remediation Guidance to Feds for SolarWinds Hack < Caution-https://www.meritalk.com/articles/cisa-issues-updated-remediation-guidance-to-feds-for-solarwinds-hack/ > **(01/07) Meritalk**

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released a new round of supplemental guidance on Jan. 6 to the emergency directive that the agency issued on Dec. 13, 2020, providing remediation guidance in response to the Russia-backed hack of more than 18,000 government and private sector systems via SolarWinds Orion products. The guidance update "requires (1) agencies that ran affected versions conduct forensic analysis, (2) agencies that accept the risk of running SolarWinds Orion comply with certain hardening requirements, and (3) reporting by agency from department-level Chief Information Officers (CIOs) by Tuesday, January 19, and Monday, January 25, 2020."

CISA updates guidance on the SolarWinds Orion Compromise < Caution-https://www.continuitycentral.com/index.php/news/technology/5825-cisa-updates-guidance-on-the-solarwinds-orion-compromise > **(01/07)Continuity Central**

The US Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has updated its Emergency Directive concerning the SolarWinds Orion Compromise. The Directive provides guidance for Federal agencies but is also relevant for critical infrastructure entities and other private sector organizations. Titled Emergency Directive (ED) 21-01 Supplemental Guidance version 3: Mitigate SolarWinds Orion Code Compromise the guidance supersedes Required Action 4 of ED 21-01 and Supplemental Guidance versions 1 and 2 and confirms that SolarWinds Orion Platform version 2020.2.1 HF2 has been examined by the National Security Agency and has been verified to eliminate the previously identified malicious code. This version also includes updates to fix un-related vulnerabilities, including vulnerabilities that SolarWinds has publicly disclosed.

National Security Council launches task force to investigate Solar Winds cyberattack < Caution-https://homelandprepnews.com/stories/59941-national-security-council-launches-task-force-to-investigate-solar-winds-cyber-attack/ > **(01/07) Homeland Preparedness News**

The National Security Council staff has launched a task force to coordinate the investigation and remediation of the recent Solar Winds cyberattack involving federal government networks. The task force — called the Cyber Unified Coordination Group (UCG) — is composed of representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and the National Security Agency (NSA).

COVID-19

How quickly do I need a second COVID-19 vaccine shot? < Caution-https://apnews.com/article/how-fast-second-coronavirus-vaccine-shot-6ec3e81fe1c9c3a41afdd62decf59496 > **(01/07) The Associated Press**

How quickly do I need a second COVID-19 vaccine shot? The first COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S. require two doses a few weeks apart. People should get some degree of protection within two weeks of the first shot, with the second shot bringing about the vaccine's full protection. For the vaccine by Pfizer and Germany's BioNTech, the second shot is supposed to be after three weeks. For Moderna, it's four weeks. But how closely those guidelines should be followed has been a point of difference for the United States and the United Kingdom, which has been rolling out the Pfizer vaccine and one by Astrazeneca that requires two doses given four weeks apart.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

DC protests: How a mob of rioters took the Capitol building by storm < Caution-https://nypost.com/2021/01/07/dc-protests-how-a-mob-of-rioters-took-the-capitol-by-storm/ > **(01/07) New York Post**

The fervent protests surrounding the 2020 US election reached an ugly head Wednesday afternoon — but it had been steadily brewing for weeks and its implications could last for years. The prospect of a huge gathering in Washington, D.C., was first revealed by President Trump as far back as Dec. 19, as he continued to deny losing the election to Joe Biden. “Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!” he tweeted of the protest to mark the day Biden’s win would be certified. So, after weeks of hype, by 6 a.m. Wednesday thousands had already gathered around the Capitol for what was touted as the “Save America Rally.”

Transportation Cybersecurity and Privacy Under Biden < Caution-https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=c378baa1-b1a6-492b-9f7e-bcd6391ef469 > **(01/07) Lexology**

President-Elect Joe Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris will be inaugurated on Jan. 20, 2021, ushering in a new set of regulatory and legislative priorities during the next four years. Chief among the Biden Administration's priorities will be responding to the coronavirus pandemic, which could involve an infrastructure package to stimulate the economy and that is ripe for the inclusion of cybersecurity-related reforms. However, passing legislation in the 117th Congress – in which Democrats will likely hold slim majorities in the House and Senate – will require bipartisan support.

SOLARWINDS

Federal Judiciary’s Systems Likely Breached in SolarWinds Hack < Caution-https://www.wsj.com/articles/federal-judiciarys-systems-likely-breached-in-solarwinds-hack-11610040175 > **(01/07)The Wall Street Journal**

WASHINGTON—The electronic filing system used by federal courts has likely been compromised in the massive SolarWinds hack, federal judiciary officials said, extending to another branch of government the impact of a suspected Russian cyber-espionage campaign that has breached more than half a dozen Trump administration agencies. The federal judiciary was working to immediately add new security procedures to protect “highly sensitive confidential documents filed with the courts,” according to a statement Wednesday by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

CISA updates guidance on SolarWinds compromise < Caution-https://www.fedscoop.com/solarwinds-guidance-update-cisa/ > **(01/07) FedScoop**

Federal agencies that ran compromised SolarWinds Orion software must conduct a forensic analysis by the end of the month, according to new supplemental guidance from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency released Wednesday. That analysis must look at system memory, host storage, network and third-party environments such as cloud services. Agencies must also hunt for indicators of compromise or “other evidence of threat actor activity” and create or update a CISA incident report accordingly.

CISA: SolarWinds Hackers Got Into Networks by Guessing Passwords < Caution-https://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2021/01/cisa-solarwinds-hackers-got-networks-guessing-passwords/171265/ > **(01/07) Nextgov**

Perpetrators of a widespread, intelligence-gathering campaign used common hacker techniques to get through passwords in addition to more sophisticated methods, according to an update to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency’s alert. “CISA incident response investigations have identified that initial access in some cases was obtained by password guessing, password spraying, and inappropriately secured administrative credentials accessible via external remote access services,” reads the activity alert updated Wednesday. CISA notes that the activity alert does not in any way supersede its emergency directive and is not formal guidance but the document provides additional context for remediation efforts.

Federal courts are latest apparent victim of SolarWinds hack < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/solarwinds-hack-us-courts/ > **(01/07)CyberScoop**

The federal judiciary's electronic case management and filing system suffered "an apparent compromise" as part of the SolarWinds breach, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. The office is still assessing the impact, but a representative says the organization has stepped up security precautions in the meantime. "The federal Judiciary's foremost concern must be the integrity of and public trust in the operation and administration of its courts," James Duff, secretary of the judiciary's national policy-making body — the Judicial Conference of the United States — said in a Wednesday communication to the courts.

Further Fall-Out from Russian Hacking of SolarWinds < Caution-https://www.natlawreview.com/article/further-fall-out-russian-hacking-solarwinds > **(01/07)The National Law Review**
U.S. intelligence agencies, including the FBI, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the National Security Agency and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, have confirmed that Russia was behind the SolarWinds hack. It is reported that the FBI is investigating whether Russia hacked into project management software JetBrains' TeamCity DevOps tool to originally plant its malware in SolarWinds Orion, causing a cascade of downstream opportunities for Russia to access numerous governmental agencies' systems, as well as thousands of private company systems

SolarWinds Hackers Compromise Confidential Court Filings < Caution-https://www.crn.com/news/security/solarwinds-hackers-compromise-confidential-court-filings > **(01/07)CRN**
The Russian hackers behind the SolarWinds attack have apparently compromised the federal courts' electronic case filing system, putting "highly sensitive non-public documents" at great risk. An apparent compromise of the confidentiality of the federal case filing system due to vulnerabilities associated with SolarWinds Orion is currently under investigation, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts (AO) disclosed Wednesday. The AO said it's working with the Department of Homeland Security on a security audit relating to Orion vulnerabilities that put sealed filings at great risk of compromise.

U.S. Justice Department also a victim of SolarWinds Orion compromise < Caution-https://www.itworldcanada.com/article/u-s-justice-department-also-a-victim-of-solarwinds-orion-compromise/440350 > **(01/07)IT World Canada**
The U.S. Department of Justice has joined the list of federal departments that have been victimized by a vulnerability in SolarWinds Orion network management platform. "On Dec. 24, 2020, the Department of Justice's Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) learned of previously unknown malicious activity linked to the global SolarWinds incident that has affected multiple federal agencies and technology contractors, among others." the department said in a statement. "This activity involved access to the Department's Microsoft O365 email environment.

CYBERSECURITY

People, processes, and tech: 2021's top cybersecurity priorities < Caution-https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/94296-people-processes-and-tech-2021s-top-cybersecurity-priorities > **(01/07) Security Magazine**
2020 has been tough on every business. Organizations are used to stretching their budgets to fit their security and operational needs, but the pandemic upped the ante by throwing in an immediate shift to remote work that required support. As chaotic as 2020 sometimes felt, 2021 shouldn't be as disruptive as businesses settle into their next normal. For security teams, this means getting back to basics and effectively managing their people, processes, and technology.

Capitol Hill riot exposes Congress's operational and cybersecurity frailties < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/capitol-hill-unrest-trump-cybersecurity/ > **(01/07) CyberScoop**
The violent pro-Trump mob that stormed the Capitol on Wednesday exposed not only glaring weaknesses in the legislative body's physical security but also its digital and operational security, according to experts. The intruders were able to roam the halls of Congress and at certain points had unfettered access to some lawmakers' offices and

computers. One rioter left a note in front of a computer in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office saying, "We will not back down." Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., said a laptop was stolen from his office.

New DOD policy reinforces 'foundational' role of cybersecurity in acquisitions < Caution-https://insidecybersecurity.com/daily-news/new-dod-policy-reinforces-foundational-role-cybersecurity-acquisitions > **(01/07) Inside Cybersecurity**
The Defense Department has issued a new instruction outlining how acquisition officials should approach incorporating cybersecurity requirements into Pentagon contracts, putting an emphasis on the need for effective supply chain risk management. The policy, "Cybersecurity For Acquisition Decision Authorities and Program Managers," signed by Pentagon acquisition chief Ellen Lord makes it clear that acquisition officials should know cybersecurity is critical to all aspects of defense acquisition.

ELECTION SECURITY

Cotton calls out Senate Republicans for misleading supporters about election results < Caution-https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/533127-cotton-calls-out-senate-republicans-for-misleading-supporters-about-election > **(01/07) The Hill**
Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) is calling out Republican colleagues including Sens. Josh Hawley (Mo.) and Ted Cruz (Texas) — though not by name — for challenging the results of the 2020 election in a way he says was misleading. "Some senators, for political gain, misled supporters about their ability to challenge the election results — some even sent out fundraising emails while insurrectionists stormed the Capitol. That stops now — Republicans ought to focus on countering the Democrats' radical agenda," Cotton tweeted on Thursday morning.

Zuckerberg says Trump will be blocked from Facebook and Instagram < Caution-https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2021/01/07/zuckerberg-says-trump-will-be-blocked-from-facebook-and-instagram-1353058 > **(01/07)Politico Pro**
WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's Facebook and Instagram accounts will be locked through at least Inauguration Day, CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced Thursday. "We believe the risks of allowing the President to continue to use our service during this period are simply too great," Zuckerberg wrote in a statement posted to his personal page. "Therefore, we are extending the block we have placed on his Facebook and Instagram accounts indefinitely and for at least the next two weeks until the peaceful transition of power is complete."

SUPPLY CHAIN

New DOD policy reinforces 'foundational' role of cybersecurity in acquisitions < Caution-https://insidecybersecurity.com/daily-news/new-dod-policy-reinforces-foundational-role-cybersecurity-acquisitions > **(01/07) Inside Cybersecurity**
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Four Ways to Protect Against Supply Chain Infiltration < Caution-https://securityboulevard.com/2021/01/four-ways-to-protect-against-supply-chain-infiltration/ > **(01/07) Security Boulevard**

The far-reaching SolarWinds Orion attack has catapulted supply chain security vulnerabilities into the spotlight – particularly those involving the third-party software applications and hardware components that comprise much of today's enterprise IT environments. The attack, which potentially impacted more than 18,000 organizations to date, stems from a compromise of third-party network management vendor SolarWind's Orion software. A sophisticated threat actor reportedly distributed malicious source code within an Orion software update – leveraging the very means by which organizations protect themselves against potential threats. This allowed the attacker to gain a foothold into victim organizations, steal and abuse legitimate identities and credentials, escalate privileges and move laterally and vertically to access valuable assets – and then maintain persistent access using the Golden SAML technique, never seen before in the wild.

5G SECURITY

Huawei spin-off Honor working with Qualcomm on 5G smartphones, report says < Caution-https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2021/01/huawei-spin-off-honor-working-with-qualcomm-on-5g-smartphones-report-says-2027413 > **(01/07) Politico Pro**

Honor, the budget smartphone unit sold by Huawei Technologies Co. in November as part of its response to US blacklisting, is working with American chip supplier Qualcomm on 5G devices, according to Chinese media. A former consumer brand run by Huawei, Honor is expected to launch smartphones with Qualcomm 5G chipsets in May or June this year, local media Caixin reported on Wednesday. The agreement with Qualcomm was first reported by the state-backed China Securities Journal on Tuesday, citing a supplier to Honor. It said Honor 5G smartphones based on Qualcomm chipsets were already "in the research and development (R&D) process."

Huawei appeals Swedish court decision over 5G network exclusion < Caution-https://www.reuters.com/article/us-huawei-appeal/huawei-appeals-swedish-court-decision-over-5g-network-exclusion-idUSKBN29C1C1 > **(01/07) Reuters**

STOCKHOLM (Reuters) - Huawei has appealed against a court decision that allowed Swedish telecoms regulator PTS to resume 5G spectrum auctions when the Chinese telecom equipment maker is excluded from the country's 5G rollout. A Swedish court on Dec. 16 backed an appeal by PTS against a ruling to stop the auctions, but also said Huawei could pursue a legal challenge over its exclusion.

RANSOMWARE

FBI warns of Egregor ransomware extorting businesses worldwide < Caution-https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/fbi-warns-of-egregor-ransomware-extorting-businesses-worldwide/ > **(01/07) Bleeping Computer**

The US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has sent a security alert warning private sector companies that the Egregor ransomware operation is actively targeting and extorting businesses worldwide. The FBI says in a TLP:WHITE Private Industry Notification (PIN) shared on Wednesday that Egregor claims to have already hit and compromised more than over 150 victims since the agency first observed this malicious activity in September 2020.

Ryuk gang estimated to have made more than $150 million from ransomware attacks < Caution-https://www.zdnet.com/article/ryuk-gang-estimated-to-have-made-more-than-150-million-from-ransomware-attacks/ > **(01/07) ZDNet**

The operators of the Ryuk ransomware are believed to have earned more than $150 million worth of Bitcoin from ransom payments following intrusions at companies all over the world. In a joint report published today, threat intel company Advanced Intelligence and cybersecurity firm HYAS said they tracked payments to 61 Bitcoin addresses previously attributed and linked to Ryuk ransomware attacks. "Ryuk receives a significant amount of their ransom

payments from a well-known broker that makes payments on behalf of the ransomware victims," the two companies said. "These payments sometimes amount to millions of dollars and typically run in the hundreds of thousands range."

FBI warns of Egregor ransomware extorting businesses worldwide < Caution-https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/fbi-warns-of-egregor-ransomware-extorting-businesses-worldwide/ > **(01/07) BleepingComputer**

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

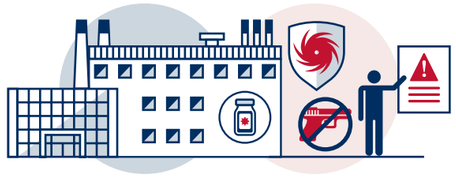
911 service interrupted due to Frontier outage, police say < Caution-https://www.havasunews.com/free_access/911-service-interrupted-due-to-frontier-outage-police-say/article_aac33ba8-5115-11eb-91f3-1f8c16c1baa8.html > **(01/07) Havasunews**

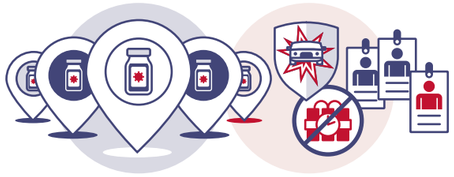
Lake Havasu City officials reported that Frontier Communications phone service outage resulted in emergency dispatchers being unable to receive 911 calls Thursday morning. The announcement appeared to coincide with a spike in user complaints that occurred at about 9:15 a.m., according to internet service monitoring tool, Downdetector.com. At that time, Downdetector recorded 60 reported service issues. By 11 p.m., an additional 65 service issues were reported. The website also reported measurable spikes in service issues that took place Dec. 31 through Jan. 2.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Physical Security Measures

COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts are underway, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) encourages organizations involved in the distribution process to assess potential security vulnerabilities and implement corresponding risk mitigation solutions to reduce the probability of disruptions. Although there are currently no credible or imminent threats, the distribution process could potentially be disrupted by anti-vaccination protesters, insiders, criminals or organized crime, or terrorists. As such, organizations involved in the manufacturing, transportation, and distribution of the vaccine should apply cost-effective protective measures to their operations. Vulnerability assessments, planning, and training are key steps to mitigating potential threats and identifying necessary protective measures. This infographic broadly illustrates four stages of vaccination distribution activity, possible physical threats at these stages, and some potential mitigations. For more hands-on assistance, please engage local law enforcement, or contact CISA Central.

DISTRIBUTION STAGES





M Manufacturing Sites → **T** Transporters → **C** Clinics, Pharmacies & Healthcare Facilities → **P** Points of Distribution (PODs)

THREAT VECTORS, MITIGATIONS, AND RESOURCES

Active Shooter

M ○ **C** **P**

Liaise with local police and emergency responders for rapid response to an incident

Establish and practice emergency response plan (ERP)

Maintain strict access control protocols

Implement facility-wide notification system

Pre-position first responder kits

Ensure employees and staff are trained and ready to implement **Run, Hide, Fight** protocol

* CISA's Active Shooter Preparedness resources
* Federal Emergency Management Agency's ERP – Ready.gov

Insider Threat

M **T** **C** **P**

Limit access to sensitive areas, transportation planning information, and security sites

Establish a multi-disciplinary team to plan for mitigating an insider threat incident

Conduct pre- and post-employment screening

Employ user activity monitoring software on all devices

Maintain comprehensive data back-up on secure remote server

* CISA's Insider Threat Mitigation resources

Hijacking

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Ensure drivers do not deviate from designated routes without clearance or make unapproved stops

Train drivers how to identify and report suspicious behavior during transit and at rest stops

Notify local law enforcement of time and vehicle type for planned shipments

Provide visible security personnel for all vehicles transporting valuable cargo

* Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) First Observer Plus Program
* TSA's Surface Transportation Resources for Industry
* Department of Transportation's Emergency Response Guidebook

Theft

○ **T** **C** **P**

Maintain alarm systems with panic buttons and remote triggers for staff

Train staff to identify and report suspicious behavior

Position Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) systems to actively monitor vaccine storage and other sensitive areas

Maintain strict access controls for vaccine storage and dispensing environments

Notify local law enforcement of the vaccine locations

* "If You See Something, Say Something®" Recognize the Signs
* Department of Homeland Security's Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative

Vehicular Assault

○ **T** **C** **P**

Ensure that lines and crowds are diverted away from busy roads; if possible, close roads where satellite clinics occupy space

Train staff to recognize indicators of a possible assault, including an individual repeatedly revving the vehicle's engine, practicing heavy-vehicle manual shifting, or verbalizing threats

Lay out a serpentine pathway for queuing vehicles so that drivers cannot accumulate significant speed

Establish clear standoff zones, ensuring a solid passive barrier between workers on foot and vehicle lines

* CISA's Vehicle Ramming action guide
* CISA's Vehicle Ramming Attack Mitigation video

Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Improvised Incendiary Device (IID)

M **T** **C** **P**

Develop, update, and exercise Bomb Threat Management Plans

Conduct a periodic visual security sweep of the facility

Remove nearby trash receptacles

Notify management, security, or law enforcement immediately of unattended bags or packages

Establish rally points for personnel accountability

* CISA's Office for Bombing Prevention resources
* CISA's Fire as a Weapon action guide

For more information and resources, please visit cisa.gov or email Central@cisa.gov. **Call 9-1-1 immediately in the event of an emergency.**

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DHS S&T's Master Question List for COVID-19 offers scientifically informed guidance for government decision-makers

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) has aggregated a Master Question List for COVID-19, offering scientifically informed briefs in response to the most common public health questions about what is currently known about COVID-19, and what additional information is still needed. The information is intended for use by those with a non-medical, non-scientific background, but is also rigorously cited by the most current publicly available scientific studies. This resource will be useful to government decision-makers and anyone involved in the operational response to COVID-19.

The first iteration of the DHS S&T Master Question List (MQL) was released to the public on December 21, 2020. A selection of the questions discussed in the current version include:

- Transmissibility – How does it spread from one host to another? How easily is it spread?
- Incubation Period – How long after infection do symptoms appear? Are people infectious during this time?

Highlights

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National 911 Annual Report released

- Clinical Presentation – What are the signs and symptoms of an infected person?
- Protective Immunity – How long does the immune response provide protection from reinfection?
- Non-pharmaceutical Interventions (NPIs) – Are public health control measures effective at reducing spread?
- PPE – What PPE is effective, and who should be using it?
- Forecasting – What forecasting models and methods exist?

This document will be periodically updated with the latest information. Check back for future updates to the DHS S&T's Master Question List for COVID-19 webpage. For the latest public health information on COVID-19, consult the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(Source: DHS S&T)

First Responder's Toolbox on VBIED Preparedness, Recognition and Response

The recent bombing in Nashville, Tennessee on Christmas morning was the result of an explosion reportedly detonated from a recreational vehicle parked in front of an AT&T building in downtown Nashville. Prompt action by local police to evacuate building occupants prior to the explosion prevented fatalities. The high potential for loss of life and property in these types of incidents highlights the importance of first responders' preparedness.

The Joint CT Assessment Team (JCAT) has developed a First Responder's Toolbox on Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED): Preparedness, Recognition, And Response. This is a comprehensive resource for first responders to increase VBIED awareness to aid in preparedness, recognition, and response. It includes:

- A historical overview of the ten VBIED incidents occurring on United States soil since 2010.
- Specific VBIED tactics, concerns and key safety considerations.
- Lists of pre-incident indicators observable on the vehicle itself, as well as other indicators and behaviors related to the vehicle.
- A 3D model of evacuation distances based on explosive capacity.
- Several checklists for use in standard operating

Cyber Threats

The U.S. Fire Administration operates the Emergency Management and Response – Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EMR-ISAC).

For information regarding the EMR-ISAC visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/emr-isac or contact the EMR-ISAC office at: (301) 447-1325 and/or fema-emr-isac@fema.dhs.gov.

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procedures for ongoing duties, facility protection, special events and on-scene response to an incident involving a VBIED.

- An incident planning tool sheet, including charted ranges of evacuation distances by explosive capacity and references for additional information.

First Responder Toolboxes are developed by the Joint CT Assessment Team (JCAT) and hosted by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODIN). You can view the archive of the First Responder Toolboxes at ODIN's First Responder Toolbox page.

(Source: ODIN)

DHS's Blue Campaign recognizes National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11

DHS's Blue Campaign is a national public awareness campaign, designed to educate the public, law enforcement and other industry partners to recognize the indicators of human trafficking, and how to appropriately respond to possible cases. The Blue Campaign works closely with DHS Components and leverages partnerships with the private sector, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), law enforcement, and state and local authorities to prevent human trafficking and protect exploited persons.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is recognized each year on January 11th. On this day, the Blue Campaign asks people to take photos of themselves and others wearing blue and to post these photos on social media using the hashtag #WearBlueDay.

In addition to promoting public awareness and engagement, the Blue Campaign also provides a robust set of resources and educational materials for law enforcement to help them recognize the indicators of human trafficking when they are encountered. These resources help those in law enforcement focus on serving and protecting the most vulnerable populations. In October of 2020, the Blue Campaign offered a pocket-sized card that campus law enforcement and safety officials can carry with them, providing the indicators of human trafficking as it relates to college students and campuses. The Campaign also offers a two-page fact sheet for law enforcement about immigration relief options for victims of human trafficking.

These and many other resources are available at the Blue Campaign's website.

(Source: Blue Campaign)

National 911 Annual Report released

The National 911 Program recently released its 2020 National 911 Annual Report, in collaboration with the National Association of State 911 Administrators (NASNA), covering data gathered in the 2019 calendar year. This report provides current and comprehensive state 911 data, voluntarily submitted by states and territories about their own systems.

The report will be of interest to any personnel working in 911 call centers as well as senior staff in emergency management, law enforcement, fire and EMS who may use this data for analysis of their own 911 capabilities for budgeting and planning purposes. The report's data can help answer key questions, such as:

- How many of each type of 911 calls are answered per year?
- How many primary and secondary public safety answering points (PSAPs) does a specific state have?
- Which states provide Emergency Medical Dispatch and follow a specific formal protocol?
- In which states are there minimum training requirements for telecommunicators?
- How far along are states in the procurement process for specific NG911 parts, functions and components?
- What is the progress toward NG911 in each state?

The National 911 Program's State of 911 webinar series will be discussing this report as part of an upcoming webinar on **January 12, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. EST**. Registration for this webinar is required, however, if you can't participate, webinars in this series are recorded and posted publicly at the State of 911 Webinar Series page.

(Source: 911.gov)

Cyber Information and Incident Assistance Links

MS-ISAC
SOC@cisecurity.org
1-866-787-4722

IdentityTheft.gov

IC3

Cybercrime Support Network

General Information Links

FTC scam list

CISA alerts

Law Enforcement Cyber Center

TLP Information

Latest CISA guidance and directives on SolarWinds Orion software supply chain compromise

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection Agency (CISA) released another Joint Statement on January 5, along with the Federal Bureau Of Investigation (FBI), the Office Of The Director Of National Intelligence (ODNI), and the National Security Agency (NSA). The statement officially acknowledges that the incident is "likely Russian in origin" and likely "an intelligence gathering effort." Approximately 18,000 customers of the Solar Winds' Orion product are impacted, but a much smaller number have been compromised by follow-on activity. CISA is identified as the lead agency for asset response and is focused on sharing information about this incident quickly with government and private sector partners.

The significance of this breach has compelled many government agencies to take immediate mitigation measures. CISA has released a CISA Insight, offering concise guidance to leaders of any organization impacted, entitled What Every Leader Needs to Know About the Ongoing APT Cyber Activity.

Microsoft has also been assisting with this cyber incident. Microsoft has created the Solorigate Research Center for information and resources on the SolarWinds compromise. This information may be useful to IT administrators who are mitigating this cyber incident in their organizations. Microsoft's blog, Using Microsoft 365 Defender to protect against Solorigate, will also be of interest to cybersecurity professionals.

Visit CISA's website for the latest official directives and guidance on this significant and ongoing cyber incident.

(Source: CISA)

Recent swatting attacks target residents with camera and voice-capable smart devices

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) issued this public service announcement to warn users who own smart home devices with cameras and voice capabilities to use complex, unique passwords and enable two-factor authentication to help protect against "swatting" attacks. Swatting is a term used to describe a hoax call made to emergency services, typically reporting an immediate threat to human life, to draw a response from law enforcement and the S.W.A.T. team to a specific location.

Recently, offenders have been using victims' smart devices, including video and audio capable home surveillance devices, to carry out swatting attacks. Smart home device manufacturers recently notified law enforcement that offenders have been using stolen e-mail passwords to access smart devices with cameras and voice capabilities. The offenders then log into the smart device and hijack features, including the live-stream camera and device speakers.

(Source: Security Week)

Ten benefits of running cybersecurity exercises

There may be no better way to ascertain your organization's strengths and weaknesses than by running regular security drills. While most organizations understand the need to build defenses and develop policies to reduce the risk and potential impact of a successful cyberattack, many fail to rigorously test those defenses.

Cybersecurity exercises are simulations of specific cyberattack scenarios that organizations can play through to put their defenses to a real-world test. Organizations can gain valuable insights into what their real-world response capabilities to such an attack would be. Consider these ten opportunities for achieving greater resilience to cyberattacks that can come from practicing these types of exercises as an organization:

1. Identify your strengths.
2. Improve your response.
3. Train people.
4. Define costs and timescales.
5. Determine external needs.
6. Collect metrics.
7. Identify your weaknesses.

8. Update your policies.
9. Find non-compliance risks.
10. Increase threat awareness.

(Source: DarkReading)

Declaring war against cyber negligence

The recent significant cyberattack involving federal government networks first disclosed in December 2020 by FireEye highlight how critical it is that American businesses and government agencies alike take a drastically different approach to cybersecurity.

Cybersecurity professionals need to shift their focus from "indicators of compromise" to data protection, which will limit how widespread the impact of these vicious digital attacks can be. It is far easier for cybersecurity manufacturers to deliver services from their own cloud. It may be less expensive for the vendor but relying on a "trusted 3rd party" for your security is a foundational vulnerability that has been proven to be disastrous for the customer. Firewalls, antivirus and network monitoring tools still have their place, but a shift must be taken to provide more independence between the owner of data and its protectors.

(Source: ehackingnews)

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Statement of Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen on the Death of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick

Acting Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen issued the following statement:

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and fellow officers of U.S. Capitol Police Officer Brian D. Sicknick, who succumbed last night to the injuries he suffered defending the U.S. Capitol, against the violent mob who stormed it on January 6th. The FBI and Metropolitan Police Department will jointly investigate the case and the Department of Justice will spare no resources in investigating and holding accountable those responsible."

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Iranian rials and US$100 dollar banknote.

What Are Sources Of Iran's Financing Of Terrorist Groups? – OpEd

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By Cyrus Yaqubi

Mohammad Reza Naghdi, deputy coordinator of the IRGC, admitted that Iran has spent billions of dollars in the region over the past 30 years, in an interview with "Studio Negah Yek", of the first channel of Iranian TV.

Of course, the IRGC's budget and its financial aid to its allied forces in the region is not clear, but the main income of the IRGC, in addition to its dedicated official budget by the government, is provided from both domestic and foreign sources. The IRGC is currently involved in all economic and financial affairs in Iran and is the owner or shareholder of the largest commercial and economic sectors of the country, while it is exempt from paying taxes, and even the government does not supervise the IRGC's financial affairs.

The IRGC controls several berths in the Persian Gulf ports and exports and imports from these berths without customs control, including oil, so nobody is aware of the IRGC's revenue.

Recently, some Hezbollah and Hamas officials announced huge financial contributions from the IRGC to them. In his speech, Mohammad Reza Naghdi introduced these countries as Iran's strategic depth in the region.

In this interview, he spoke about the readiness of the "regional militias" and stated that they have "done great deeds so far." Of course, he did not comment on these "great deeds", but it is clear the major bombings in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and even Argentina are among them.

Recently, Mahmoud Al-Zahar, a senior Hamas figure, announced that Iran's financial aid was made by Qassem Soleimani, the commander of the Quds Force. Hezbollah leader, Hassan Nasrallah, also spoke about Iran's financial aid and the role of Qassem Soleimani in delivering it.

Political groups close to Iran, in Lebanon and the Gaza Strip, occasionally refer to "abundant Iranian aid" to justify to their people the IRGC meddling in their countries, but their words become a problem for the mullahs' regime when it reaches the Iranians.

Hassan Nasrallah said recently, to show the importance of Iran, in one of his speeches, "even our food and clothing money is provided by the Islamic Republic"; "As long as the Islamic Republic has money, we have money," he said of the US sanctions on Lebanese banks. This kind of talk has caused the Iranians, the majority of whom live below the poverty line, to take to the streets to address the Iranian authorities with slogans such as "Leave Lebanon, think about us".

The mullahs, on the other hand, have no explanation to offer Iranian public opinion for such expenditures and so resort to violently suppressing any protest.

Recently, the speeches of a representative of the Hamas government and the Secretary General of the Lebanese Hezbollah on the anniversary of the killing of Qassem Soleimani, the commander of the Quds Force, once again caused controversy.

In an interview, Mahmoud Al-Zahar said, "Qassem Soleimani had paid $22 million to Hamas."

Al-Zahar, the former foreign minister and senior member of the Hamas leadership, told Al-Alam, Iran's state-run Arabic-language network, on Sunday, December 27, 2020, "In 2006, I explained to Qassem Soleimani in Tehran, 'the problem of staff salaries and social services and other assistances", of the people of Gaza, "Haj Qassem immediately responded to our request, handing us $ 22 million in cash in several suitcases the next day when we left Tehran."

According to Mohammad Javad Akbarin, a journalist writing in the Islamic Republic of Iran newspaper, Iran had given more than $ 6 million to Hamas just in the previous seven months before donating those suitcases full of money.

Hezbollah's secretary general, Hassan Nasrallah, also said in a televised interview that Qassem Soleimani "behind the scenes and out of sight" provided significant financial assistance to certain Lebanese people in addition to providing missiles and military equipment.

In an interview with Al-Mayadin, Nasrallah said that, at that time "Iran's financial situation was better than now, and oil prices were higher, and Soleimani gave the owners of 200,000 homes destroyed in the 33-day war with Israel, one-year rent and living expenses to rebuild their houses."

The Chinese Xinhua news agency reported in May 2019 that Iran had distributed $651,000 to Palestinian families in Gaza during a Quds Day ceremony in Gaza.

According to Abu Eida, the head of the "Committee of Martyrs" in Gaza, the Islamic Republic provided $2 million to Hamas in November 2018 alone, which he said was "a small amount compared to previous years."

These figures on Qassem Soleimani's "aid" to Hamas and Hezbollah are published, while it is not clear what exactly is his or the IRGC's source for such generosity.

Given that Iran, in addition to paying the salaries of its army and IRGC personnel, has spent a lot of money on industries, such as nuclear, missile and submarine, during these years, spends millions of dollars for the military presence of its forces in Iraq, Syria and Yemen and pays more millions of dollars to its proxy groups in various countries. Iran's military budget does not appear to cover all these costs, and Qassem Soleimani may have used other informal sources of funding.

The Iranian regime, via its Quds Force, over the past forty years also gained influence over the Lebanese who emigrated to Latin America many years ago. This minority is accused of involvement in drug trafficking and money laundering.

The CIA claims that Latin America is one of the most important money laundering centers of the Quds Force and part of the proceeds of drug trafficking are transferred to Hezbollah.

Hezbollah of Lebanon also made news headlines for drug trafficking in Italy in recent times. Italian media reported a couple weeks ago that a shipment of more than $1 billion worth of amphetamine pills discovered in June 2020 belonged to Lebanese Hezbollah.

The US Treasury Department said in a statement eight years ago that it had obtained evidence that Gholamreza Baghbani, a senior commander in the Quds Force, was allowing Afghan smugglers to send their drugs across Iran to European countries. In return he used them to deliver weapons and ammunition to Taliban forces in Afghanistan.

It seems that the IRGC and its affiliated forces, including the Lebanese Hezbollah, despite their idealistic slogans, do not shy away from anything, and the income from this drug related work probably goes a long way towards the

Quds Force being able to cover the massive expenses of its interventions in other countries.

Russia Sees U.S. Democracy 'Limping' After Capitol Stormed

By Michael Mainville for AFP
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Pro-Trump rioters storm the US Capitol BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI / AFP

Russia on Thursday pointed to the storming of the U.S. Capitol building as evidence of America's decline, with officials saying its out-of-date electoral system and deep divisions had left its democracy "limping on both feet".

Under banners reading "Storm of the Capitol" and "Chaos in Washington", Russian state television showed rolling images of mobs of Donald Trump supporters breaking down barricades and swarming the Congress building on Wednesday, as security forces fired tear gas and police drew guns inside.

Congress formally certified Joe Biden as the next president despite the unrest, but many in Moscow said the stunning events had exposed America's democratic failings.

"The electoral system in the United States is archaic, it does not meet modern democratic standards ... and the American media have become an instrument of political struggle," foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told Russian news agencies.

"This is largely the reason for the split in society now observed in the United States."

Moscow has long bristled at U.S. criticism of the state of Russian democracy under President Vladimir Putin, accusing Washington of hypocrisy and condescension.

'Rock bottom'

Often echoing the kind of language used against Russia, officials said on Thursday that the United States was no longer in any position to lecture other countries on freedom and democracy.

"The losing side has more than enough grounds to accuse the winner of falsifications — it is clear that American democracy is limping on both feet," Konstantin Kosachyov, the chair of the Russian upper house's foreign affairs committee, said in a post on Facebook.

"The celebration of democracy has ended. It has, unfortunately, hit rock bottom, and I say this without a hint of gloating.

"America no longer charts the course and so has lost all right to set it. And, even more so, to impose it on others."

The Kremlin has itself been accused of fostering U.S. divisions with a campaign of interference and disinformation, including alleged attempts to disrupt the 2016 election in Trump's favour that prompted an FBI investigation.

With Russians celebrating Orthodox Christmas there was no reaction to the events in Washington from the Kremlin.

But pro-Kremlin lawmakers jumped on the unrest.

"The United States certainly cannot now impose electoral standards on other countries and claim to be the world's 'beacon of democracy'," the foreign affairs chief in the lower house, Leonid Slutsky, told Russian news agencies.

He said Washington was suffering after having promoted "color revolutions" around the world, like anti-Moscow uprisings in Ukraine and Georgia and the recent protests in Belarus.

"The boomerang of the colour revolutions is turning back on the United States," Slutsky said. "All this threatens to turn into a crisis in the American system of power."

'Extremists' jibe

Others appeared to use the events to justify Moscow's domestic policies.

Anton Gorelkin, a lawmaker on the lower house telecommunications committee, praised Twitter and Facebook for suspending Trump's accounts, saying it showed the need to better control social media.

"Social networks must work under strict rules within a legal framework. Because absolute freedom of information is becoming a weapon in the hands of extremists," he said in a post on his Telegram channel.

The United States and other Western countries have repeatedly condemned Russia for moves to tighten controls on social media.

Washington has been a fierce critic of moves by Putin to clamp down on dissent, most recently accusing Russia of "intensifying repression of its civil society" with a new law last month expanding rules against NGOs and media considered foreign agents.

Moscow says the United States cynically uses such claims to pursue its agenda and maintain its global position.

Tensions between the Cold War-era rivals have hit new highs in recent years, with a raft of U.S. sanctions imposed on Russian officials, disputes over arms control treaties and American accusations of major Russian hacking attacks.

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AVIATION

Etihad and Israir Airlines Enters in Pilot Training Partnership
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Etihad Aviation Training (EAT) has signed a contract with Israir Airlines to offer Full-Flight Simulator pilot training for Israir Airlines' Airbus A320 pilots. As part of the agreement, Israir will dry lease EAT's Full-Flight Simulators at the training facility located in Abu Dhabi. The training will be conducted by Israir instructors at the Etihad training facility. Captain Paolo La Cava, Managing Director Etihad Aviation Training, said: "Continuing our commitment to providing highly skilled pilots by offering state-of-the-art training facilities, EAT is looking forward to working with Israir Airlines and is anticipating further collaboration with the airline to cement this landmark agreement."

Blackstone, Gates Team Up for Signature Aviation Bid as Carlyle Circles
01/08/2021

Blackstone won over Signature Aviation's biggest shareholder Bill Gates for a possible $4.3 billion bid for the British private jet servicing company, going head-to-head with another potential suitor Carlyle. Blackstone's agreement with Gates' Cascade Investment Llc for its planned offer announced on Friday comes just hours after Signature confirmed an initial takeover approach from Carlyle. Blackstone and Cascade, which already owns a 19% stake in London-based Signature, are in advanced talks with the company about their proposal that involves a cash offer of 3.81 pounds per share. The company said last month it was minded to recommend the Blackstone proposal.

Aviation Bosses Demand End to Quarantine After Introduction of Mandatory Testing
01/08/2021

The aviation industry has called for the government to scrap its quarantine regime following the introduction of a mandatory testing regime. Under the new rules, which kick in next week, all international arrivals, including UK nationals, will be required to present a negative coronavirus test taken up to 72 hours prior to departure. The airline industry welcomed the development, but said that the government should use the new system to get rid of the quarantine regime for good. Heathrow Airport chief exec John Holland-Kaye said: "There needs to be a plan for what's going to come next so that we can start to get aviation back to some level of normality while keeping people safe. What we'd like to see is that testing before you take off becomes the standard as an alternative to quarantine."

MARITIME

Albanian PM in Athens with Maritime Zones on Agenda
01/08/2021

Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama will hold informal meetings Friday with his Greek counterpart Kyriakos Mitsotakis and Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias during a private visit to Athens against the backdrop of the agreement between the two countries for recourse to the International Court of Justice in The Hague for the delimitation of their maritime zones. The issue is also connected with Albania's European aspirations. Rama and Dendias had met during the latter's visit to Tirana, where it was agreed to refer the dispute over maritime zones to The Hague. However, the move requires the two sides to sign a formal statement of intent, which has not yet been done.

GDF, US Coast Guard to Conduct Exercises Offshore Guyana This Weekend
01/08/2021

The Guyana Defense Force (GDF) and the United States of America (USA) Coast Guard are expected to commence their first joint service operation tomorrow to combat illegal fishing activities in local waters. According to a GDF press release, on Saturday, the GDF and US Coast Guard will engage in their first series of activities, stemming from the Shiprider Agreement that was signed last September by the two countries. The agreement allows the US Coast Guard to patrol local waters along with the GDF coast guard to combat illicit activities. The US Coast Guard will be using its Cutter Stone vessel, one of its newest, to conduct the joint service patrol.

United Overseas Group to Acquire United Arab Chemical Carriers
01/07/2021

Investment company United Overseas Group (UOG) is to acquire Dubai-based shipping company United Arab Chemical Carriers (UACC), the two companies said on Thursday. The deal is subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to close in the first quarter, they said in a statement, without disclosing the value. The sale of UACC, whose shareholders include the sovereign wealth funds of Saudi Arabia and Qatar, was held up in 2017 after a bitter diplomatic rift broke between the Gulf Arab states. A source close to the deal said political differences among UACC's shareholders had not been a recent obstacle to the sale. Instead, shareholders had sought an all cash transaction, declining offers involving share swaps, the source said.

RAIL / TRANSIT

China Cancels Democratic Republic of Congo Loans as It Joins Belt and Road
01/07/2021

China has cancelled the Democratic Republic of Congo's interest-free loans that matured in 2020 and promised to fund infrastructure projects as the Central African

nation joined the Belt and Road Initiative. Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Beijing would write off loans to DRC worth an estimated US$28 million to help the country overcome the impact of Covid-19, and give US$17 million in other financial support. On Wednesday, DRC became the 45th country to join the belt and road, President Xi Jinping's pet trade and infrastructure development plan, which has funded construction of highways, railways and power plants across Africa.

VEHICLE / ROAD

Hyundai Says in Early Talks with Apple After Electric Vehicle Tie-Up Report
01/08/2021

South Korea's Hyundai Motor Co said it was in early talks with Apple, after local media reported the firms were discussing an electric car and battery tie-up, sending Hyundai shares surging 25%. The report comes weeks after Reuters reported that Apple was moving forward with self-driving car technology and was aiming to produce a passenger vehicle that could include its own breakthrough battery technology as early as 2024. Earlier on Friday, Korea Economic Daily TV said the iPhone maker and Hyundai were in discussions to develop self-driving electric vehicles by 2027 and develop batteries at U.S. factories operated by either Hyundai or its affiliate Kia Motors Corp. Apple and Hyundai are in discussion, but as it is early stage, nothing has been decided.

PIPELINE / HAZMAT

Azerbaijani Gas Reaches Italy Through New Pipeline
01/08/2021

Azerbaijani gas has reached Italy through the Trans Adriatic Gas Pipeline (TAP), Turkish Foreign Ministry said on Friday. "Southern Gas Corridor has become operational," the ministry said on Twitter. "A new chapter has been opened in Turkey's contribution to energy supply security of the rest of Europe," it added. TAP transports natural gas from the Shah Deniz field in the Azerbaijan sector of the Caspian Sea to Europe. The last segment and the European leg of the Southern Gas Corridor, TAP was completed in October 2019 after a construction period of four and half years. The $40 billion value chain of the Southern Gas Corridor includes the South Caucasus Pipeline, the Trans-Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline (TANAP) and TAP.

COMMERCIAL USE OF SPACE

Space Development Agency Contracts to Build Missile-Warning Satellites
01/07/2021

Following a series of contract protests, the Space Development Agency again awarded SpaceX a $149 million contract and L3Harris a $193.5 million contract to each build four satellites to detect and track ballistic and hypersonic missiles. The contracts to both companies were originally awarded Oct. 5 but work had to be stopped after competitors Airbus and Raytheon filed protests with the Government Accountability

Office challenging the awards. Space Development Agency spokeswoman Jennifer Elzea said in a statement Jan. 7 that work on the eight satellites, known as Tracking Layer Tranche 0, recommenced Dec. 28 when a temporary stop-work order was lifted. The Space Development Agency is planning to launch Tranche 0 satellites in late 2022.

TERRORISM / EXTREMISM

Pakistan Anti-Terror Court Jails Mumbai Attack Mastermind Lakhvi
01/08/2021

A Pakistani court on Friday sentenced Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi, the globally designated terrorist leader of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and mastermind of Mumbai attack, to three prison terms of five years each over terror financing. The sentences, under three sections of Anti-Terrorism Act, will run concurrently. The court on Friday announced its verdict after recording the statements of all witnesses in the case. India accuses Lakhvi of masterminding the 26/11 attacks of November, 2008 in Mumbai that killed 166 people. He was arrested by Pakistan in 2008 but later released on bail. Pakistan claims that India didn't provide concrete evidence to convict Lakhvi.

Bomb Kills 4 Soldiers, One Civilian in Cameroon
01/07/2021

Four soldiers and a civilian were killed Wednesday when an official convoy was hit by makeshift explosives in a restive English-speaking region of Cameroon, the government said. A government spokesman blamed "separatist terrorists" for the killings in the Northwest province, where Anglophone separatists are fighting for independence. The official whose convoy was apparently targeted was unhurt, spokesman Rene Emmanuel Sadi said in a statement. In Anglophone Cameroon, the army and separatist groups have been fighting each other for three years.

CYBER

Hackney Council Stolen Data Published on Dark Web Forum
01/08/2021

Cyber criminals who launched a ransomware attack on Hackney Borough Council in October have published on a dark web forum what they claim to be documents from the council. Operators of Pysa (or Mespinoza) ransomware said they were behind the cyber-attack which disrupted the Council's online services and left many of its systems inoperable four months ago. In a statement on its website, the Council said that only a 'limited set' of data has been released which is easily findable. Some media reports claimed that the data dump appears to contain a large amount of sensitive information, including passport data, staff data, photo IDs, scans of tenancy audit documents for public housing tenants, and information on community safety.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING

Iran’s Revolutionary Guards Unveil Underground Missile Base in Gulf
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Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards unveiled an underground missile base at an undisclosed Gulf location on Friday, Iranian state media reported, at a time of heightened tension between Tehran and the United States. Last year, the Guards said Iran had built underground “missile cities” along the Gulf coastline, warning of a “nightmare for Iran’s enemies.” "The base is one of several bases housing the Guards' Navy's strategic missiles," the state media quoted the head of the Guards, Major General Hossein Salami, as saying.

Chinese Embassy Tweet About Uighurs Draws Instant Condemnation
01/08/2021

In a new state media report, the Chinese government is defending its policies against Muslim women in the country's westernmost province, where it's been accused of forced mass sterilization -- a horrific crime it strongly denies. In a tweet Thursday, the Chinese Embassy in the U.S. shared the report, saying that Muslim women in Xinjiang province are "no longer baby-making machines" and that the decrease in population growth throughout the province led to a drop in terrorism. The tweet garnered instead blowback and calls for Twitter to remove it, given the Chinese government's oppressive campaign against Uighurs and other Muslim ethnic minorities.

Kim Jong Un Shows Intention to Expand Diplomacy
01/08/2021

North Korea's state-run television says that leader Kim Jong Un has laid out the direction for developing the country's diplomatic relations in a policy speech he gave at the ongoing ruling Workers' Party congress. Korean Central Television reported on Friday that Kim commented on reviewing inter-Korean ties in the speech delivered on Thursday, the third day of the congress. It reported Kim raised the issue of reshaping South Korean relations "as required by the prevailing situation and the changed times." Without providing further details, Korean Central Television reported that Kim "declared the general orientation and the policy stand of our party for comprehensively expanding and developing the external relations."

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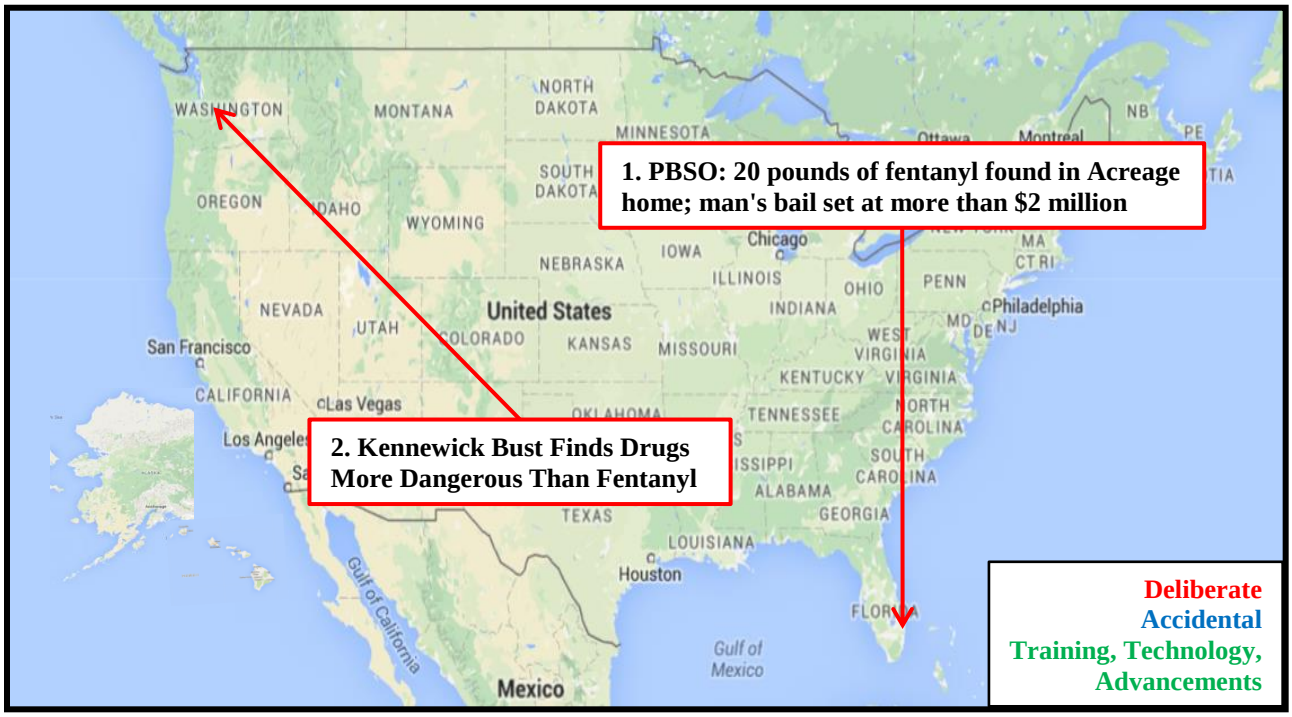

1. PBSO: 20 pounds of fentanyl found in Acreage home; man's bail set at more than $2 million. January 6, 2021 (The Palm Beach Post). Acreage, Florida. What started with a search warrant at a storage unit near Royal Palm Beach led to the arrest of a 38-year-old man for allegedly trafficking drugs he kept at the facility and in his Acreage home, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office [PBSO]. On Monday, agents went to Cubesmart storage on Belvedere Road near State Road 7, where they found thousands of oxycodone pills, a pill press, plastic bags and other drugs, including cocaine, bath salts, ecstasy and 28 pounds of methamphetamines. From there, investigators made their way to his Acreage home on Tangerine Boulevard, where they waited until he returned. After getting a search warrant, they found several other drugs and related items throughout the house. In the kitchen, they found a black pistol, rubber gloves and a respirator mask that investigators say is typically used when working with chemicals, and a detector used to find "bugs," or surveillance equipment. PBSO did not disclose how it came to identify Henry's storage unit for possible drug trafficking other than **a receipt for the unit that investigators found during a "trash pull"** from his home Dec. 29. It's unclear how long they had been monitoring Henry for alleged drug activity.
https://www.palmbeachpost.com/story/news/crime/2021/01/06/pbso-20-pounds-fentanyl-found-acreage-home-mans-bail-set-more-than-2-m/6565004002/

2. Kennewick Bust Finds Drugs More Dangerous Than Fentanyl. January 6, 2021 (KFLD News Talk). Kennewick, WA. On December 27th Kennewick Police responded to the Comfort Inn and Suites on Plaza Way, for a report of people using drugs in one of the rooms. 31-year-old Jeremy Barwick was

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one of the suspects, he tried to run but was apprehended. A vehicle linked to him was located and impounded for investigative purposes. Wednesday January 6th Police announced they had confiscated about **1000 suspected carfentanil pills**, along with smaller amounts of other drugs and U.S. currency. https://newstalk870.am/kennewick-bust-finds-drugs-more-dangerous-than-fentanyl/?utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral

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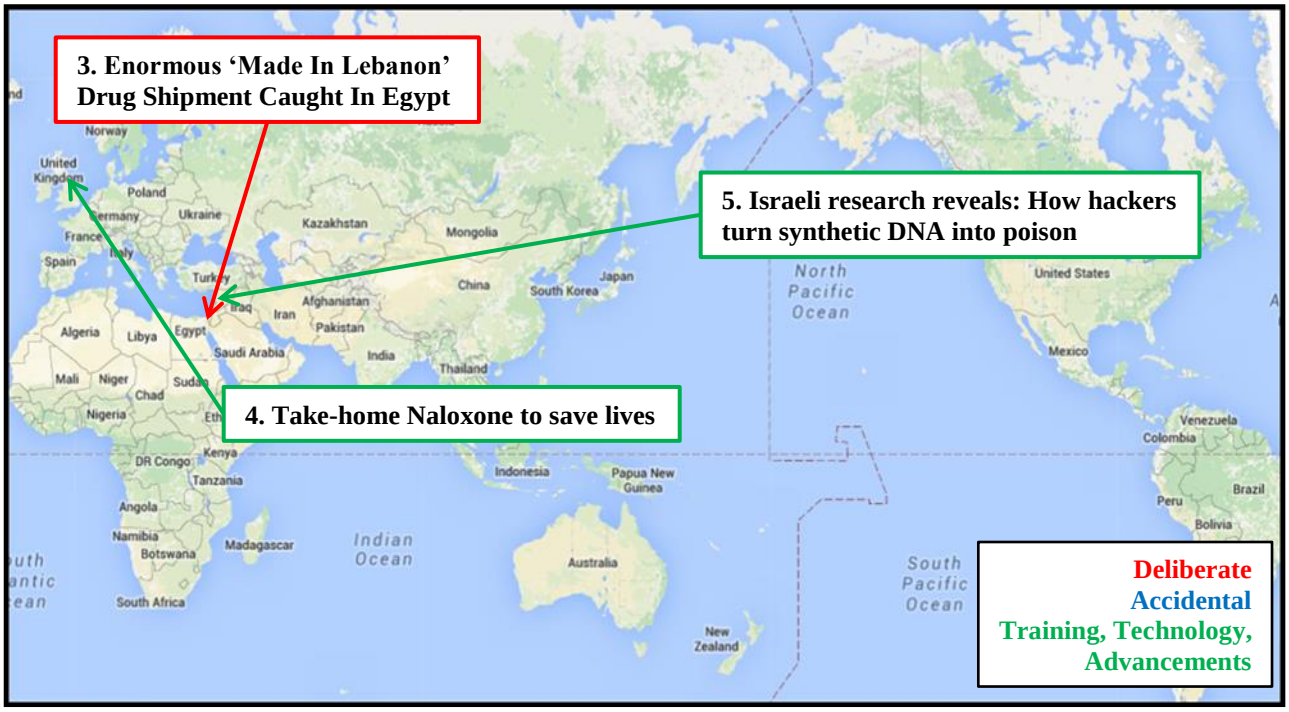

3. Enormous 'Made In Lebanon' Drug Shipment Caught In Egypt. January 6, 2021 (The 961). Lebanon was revealed to be the origin of a massive drug shipment, involving 8.22 tons of hashish and more than 8 million captagon tablets, recently busted in Egypt. The drugs were found in a shipment that recently reached Egypt's Port Said, which was only supposed to be a transit point in its path toward Khoms, Libya, the intended final destination. The container was loaded on December 19th, 2020, in a warehouse belonging to the exporting company in Lebanon, before being sent to the Port of Beirut. The official said the drugs were likely manufactured in Syria and smuggled through illegal land routes toward the warehouse of the plastic fabrication company, which in turn packed the narcotic substances into boxes of its own, bearing the signature, "Made in Lebanon." The street value of the busted drugs was estimated by the Egyptian Interior Ministry to be close to $39 million.
https://www.the961.com/drugs-shipment-from-lebanon-egypt/

4. Take-home Naloxone to save lives. January 6, 2021 (Scottish Government). Take-home Naloxone will be given to people at high risk of accidental overdoses, in a move designed to reduce the number of drug deaths. This will include those who have been resuscitated by the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS) following an accidental overdose. SAS crews responded to around 5,000 incidents in which Naloxone, an opiate antidote, was administered in 2019. Providing take-home kits means friends and relatives of those at risk will be able to administer Naloxone themselves while the ambulance is on its

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way, further reducing the chance of a fatality. The kits will be supplied at incidents after 999 has been called for a person experiencing an accidental overdose. Those at risk of witnessing a future opiate overdose, such as family and care groups, will be given a kit and training in how to administer it. https://www.gov.scot/news/take-home-naloxone-to-save-lives/

5. Israeli research reveals: How hackers turn synthetic DNA into poison. January 6, 2021 (Geektime). According to the Ben Gurion University research team's findings, a vulnerability in a U.S. Department of Health's protocol could lead synthetic DNA manufacturers to be exposed to cyber-attacks. The vulnerability made it possible to bypass strict filtering processes and further complicate the security software's ability to identify the harmful DNA sequence. The team, led by Dr. Rami Puzis from the Software and Systems Engineering Department, added that the vulnerability they discovered, comprised of numerous DNA reliability failures, can enable cyber-attacks. A poisonous DNA is injected into a routine shipment. This kind of new threat demonstrates how malicious code can disrupt biological processes. Puzis further adds that from trials performed by his team showed that 16 out of 50 malicious DNA sequences were left undiscovered based on U.S. screening policies: "This attack scenario highlights the need to strengthen the synthetic DNA supply chain with security measures to prevent bio-cyber attacks. In order to tackle these threats, we provide an improved filtering algorithm, which takes into account the availability of genetic editing tools and gene shuffle." https://www.geektime.com/israeli-research-reveals-how-hackers-turn-synthetic-dna-into-poison/

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MEDIA MONITORING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY (OPSUM)
24 Hour Summary, January 8, 2021

TODAY'S OPSUM COVERS THE FOLLOWING NOC PRIORITIES

- **NOC Priority Items with New Information**
  - COVID-19 – U.S. < #COVID >
  - Civil Disturbances – U.S. < #civil >
  - Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC < #security >
  - Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border < #border >
- **Other Significant Events**
  - Cyber Security < #Cyber >
  - Global Terrorism < #terrorism >
- **NOC Priority or Numbered Items with Nothing Significant to Report**
  - Southwest Border Events with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - CBRNE Threats/Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Mass Migration in the Caribbean with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - Global Aviation Cargo Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Suspicious Activity Reporting:
    - Religious, Cultural, and Educational Facilities
    - Postal Shipments
    - National Critical Infrastructure
    - Mass Transit
    - Mass Gatherings and Special Events

NOC 0051-20: COVID-19 – U.S.
United States

- As of 12:22 a.m. EST Friday, the United States has confirmed a total of 21,574,043 coronavirus cases and 365,208 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103062384%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OJRH8psypQFMUmBmEszn7Zj%2FohzoKF4rwnkRy3kjxcY%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The United States reported 268,840 COVID-19 cases and 3,920 deaths Wednesday, according to an NBC News tally, setting a daily record for both cases and deaths since the outbreak startedNBC News < Caution-

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- The average number of daily cases in the United States is now the highest it has been since the beginning of the pandemic, up by 21 percent in the last week, after it surpassed 216,000 for the first time on Wednesday ABC News < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyewae4p&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103072376%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QAk1xFmaSRJmAmmaH2ys3OmnrzKgPwGFVhSkQwjufmA%3D&reserved=0 >

- The number of patients currently hospitalized nationwide in the United States is at a record high, according to ABC News' analysis of COVID Tracking Project data, media reported on Thursday
  - In the last three months, the national number of patients currently hospitalized has quadrupled, surging by 322 percent since early October
  - On Wednesday, 12 states hit a record number of current hospitalizations: Arizona, California, Delaware, Georgia, Maryland, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia

California

- California issued a new statewide public health order maximizing the surge capacity for all state hospitalsThe Hill < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2ze966d&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103082373%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=4HicZebdJ%2FHhY%2B3cA8nQwEjZXtVwP9nHRVarxCh96%2Bs%3D&reserved=0 >
  - This will require all California hospitals to accept patients from hospitals in crisis care
  - State health officials also issued new orders this week limiting nonessential surgeriesWTOP (AP) < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyckw6ch&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103082373%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1i1mDcQtQjhrvCDtmq77lWbCnXuCcHiybwUmaR26ZCc%3D&reserved=0 >
- California distributed at least 166 refrigerated trailers to be used as temporary morgues by overwhelmed hospitals facing record coronavirus-related deaths, officials said ThursdayYahoo! News (AFP) < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3r42exz&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103092374%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=VkBdJRk%2BlEIzLHWwgCCkHGuyt8ktK5Q9K862S0DNF0k%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Since many of the refrigerated trailers are not designed as morgues, shelving is being installed to increase their holding capacity by at least double
- National Guard members were dispatched this week to assist the coroner's office in Los Angeles
  - The city will also receive a new temporary morgue in the parking lot next to its coroner facility

    - Additionally, since Los Angeles' mortuary system is overwhelmed, the Los Angeles County coroner's office is now beginning to pick up bodies and store them until mortuaries can handle themABC News < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyy29mdqr&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103092374%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=dQe%2BvrWgS5E8KGTfSpBZlqJIV%2BVDsbW2Y6cyZOi4w08%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Before the pandemic, Los Angeles' crypt could hold around 500 bodies
        - The state expanded that capacity months ago to handle between 1000 to 1200 bodies
- California reported another 36,385 cases and 583 deaths on Wednesday

Florida

- Hard Rock Stadium in Miami is opening as Florida's first state-operated drive-thru vaccination site for front-line health care workers and people ages 65 and olderABC News < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy373exw9&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103092374%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ZPwBvdfl9%2Fru2kDqkVOizJChhPPInbpCtBLwMMnrE%2BU%3D&reserved=0 >
    - First doses were administered in a "soft launch" on Wednesday, a senior government official said
        - The site will fully open on Friday
    - "Once fully operational, the site will offer 1,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine per day free of charge," the governor's office said

Massachusetts

- Massachusetts is escalating all hospitals to Tier 4 status, the "highest level of concern," which indicates active, and ongoing constraints warranting Department of Health intervention, the governor's office announced Thursday ABC News < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6j6ey4z&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103102362%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=kUTkaLM3%2FrBOemGuSm8HRMNuw466gwRG7lCHUvdzx7c%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The number of people in hospitals has jumped by 145 percent and intensive care unit admissions leapt by 111 percent over the last six weeks, the governor's office said
    - The state is also extending restrictions around gatherings and businesses through January 24

Brazil

- Brazil's COVID-19 death toll passed 200,000 on Thursday, the health ministry said, as daily new cases accelerated to a record of 87,843Reuters < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyy5mjgqb&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103102362%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QAE5kZY8hfgzXnEP8UYLBKg6VS8RY39Ambnwd7g6lsw%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Brazil registered 1,524 additional deaths over the past 24 hours, according to health ministry data
    - Since the outbreak began, nearly eight million people have been infected and 200,498 have died

Canada

- The Quebec provincial government is imposing an overnight curfew and extending the closure of non-essential businesses for a month in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19CBC < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3r5ztsm&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c

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- A senior government official said the stricter measures will begin Saturday
- Many of them will be in place for four weeks, until February 8

China

- China reported the biggest rise in daily COVID-19 cases in more than five months on ThursdayReuters < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy52w64or&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103112354%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=h4O1DVtbWSkzL4GiHhuvEMDSTOs0JJKMJIOqrHVxkmI%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Hebei province, which entered a "wartime mode" on Tuesday, accounted for 51 of the 52 local cases reported by the National Health Commission on Thursday
    - Rail, air, and highway connections to the city of Shijiazhuang in Hebei province have been suspended, control measures tightened for urban communities and villages in the region, and classes have been suspended KBJR (AP) < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxnbdunw&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103122351%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=VGFb00NOs9gQDTaFMSuJ2EjD6hXmHHE1aB8BwP8Spd4%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The total new COVID-19 cases for all of mainland China stood at 63, marking the biggest rise in daily cases since 127 cases were reported on July 30
    - The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in mainland China since the outbreak now stands at 87,278 cases, while the death toll remained at 4,634
  - Authorities in Guangdong province late on Wednesday reported a patient infected with a more transmissible variant of the coronavirus discovered in South Africa

Colombia

- Colombia reported a record 17,576 new coronavirus cases in the past 24 hours, bringing the total number of confirmed infections in the country to 1,737,347, the country's health ministry announced Thursday CNN < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyj7wlum&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103122351%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2BWnQmyW%2FB4gJy%2BFP1xiVwgJUM%2FL6i53oKlBbzRUm8Gw%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The death toll is now at 45,067
  - The announcement came as Colombia's two largest cities, Bogota and Medellin, both issued total lockdown measures for the next four days due to a resurgence of the pandemic

Japan

- A Japanese official on Thursday declared a state of emergency for Tokyo and three adjacent prefectures to combat a rise in coronavirus infectionsReuters < Caution- https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3ob6sq2&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103132342%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QyYhwcPmYNS%2FJ41IOk0pf4vDX2cZUBy8CwIJZLXKrZQ%3D&reserved=0 >

- The state of emergency will take effect on Friday and run through February 7

Lebanon

- Lebanon reported its highest daily number of new coronavirus cases since the outbreak began, with the country's health ministry reporting 4,774 new infections in the past 24 hoursAl Arabiya < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3gc4eh2&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103132342%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=41PjYLscPiHzypRMcBaqpdTpFqDlJS7jKgEwCkuWMY4%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The total number of confirmed cases in the country is now 204,699
  - Lebanon also reported 16 new coronavirus deaths Thursday, bringing the number of total coronavirus deaths to 1,553

Spain

- Spain became the fourth Western European country to pass two million cumulative COVID-19 cases, health ministry data showed on ThursdayReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6ab8n37&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103142336%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2FPb%2BusvqwyOxnrjyh4kXKiah59s6gZe%2BXGLa7lBALj0%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The country's health ministry reported 42,360 cases since Tuesday, bringing the total to 2,024,904
    - The death toll rose by 245 to 51,675
  - Authorities in the northern region of Castile and Leon announced they would close shopping center and gyms, and extend a ban on non-essential travel across regional borders until May

Worldwide

- As of 12:22 a.m. EST Friday, there were 88,042,762 coronavirus cases and 1,898,530 related deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins University

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NOC 0378-20: Civil Disturbances – U.S.

- *At least one person was detained after an unlawful assembly was declared at the Tigard Police Department (TPD) in Oregon on Thursday night local time (Social Media) Twitter [Tigard Police] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2vgbztp&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103142336%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=PRozo%2F8mesjBpBYexpSY2OxjpDptlhdWuMmDnQK1yIM%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - *The TPD also declared a riot, urging anyone in the area to leave (Social Media)Twitter [Tigard Police] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyu6jgsw&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103152331%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=PJpZJYLLTPVBI621Z4X6FnT9TadVHsGckqebUCpw6Qk%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - *Subsequently, TPD detained one person in the area of the police department (Social Media)Twitter [Tigard Police] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy393g48p&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a*

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- United Airlines and American Airlines said they had boosted staffing at Washington, D.C.-area airports and were working with law enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of travelers and crew following unrest in the U.S. capital on Wednesday, media reported on Thursday Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5ufv2op&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103162326%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qkCOLUIpXGTTgH3qpfJ4juvNLqC%2F%2FtvpPNnGUerakhU%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The moves follow reports of unruly passengers on flights into the D.C. area
    - Delta Air Lines also said it was working with law enforcement agencies to keep people safe at airports and on flights
    - The increased staffing by American Airlines, which is not serving alcohol on flights to and from the D.C. area, is a "precautionary measure," a spokesman said

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NOC 0378-20-2: Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC

- *A U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) officer died Thursday night following injuries suffered during the security incident in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, according to a press release from the department (Social Media) Twitter [ABC] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4k7yarv&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103162326%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=oQqOVlA357fxrr5QwXG94avCySd3yDp%2B7JoObiEnENI%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *The death is the fifth connected to the security incident (Social Media)*
- Washington, D.C., police said they arrested 69 people from at least 20 states and the District from Wednesday afternoon through early Thursday, most on curfew and unlawful entry chargesThe Washington Post < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2xqrn7f&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103162326%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=H0260l1eLm6aSoiKatLw21D90pHBV8veRjMUEbZk2bI%3D&reserved=0 >
    - That brings to at least 79 the number of people arrested by D.C. police since Tuesday afternoon
- *More than 50 USCP and Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department personnel sustained injuries, with several USCP officers hospitalized with serious injuries, according to a USCP statement (Social Media) Twitter [NBCNews] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5nyfvaf&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103172319%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=RpTP2dkwHIRvp9wMx3LGuGMEPXoffMO0WdvR8v%2BYHS4%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *More than 18 local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and the National Guard provided assistance (Social Media)*
    - *The statement confirmed that two pipe bombs found were determined to be hazardous and capable of causing "great harm to public safety" (Social Media)*

        - *The devices were disabled and turned over to the FBI for further investigation and analysis (Social Media)*
    - Dozens of charges are expected in D.C.'s local and federal courts, including as many as 15 federal cases against people who are believed to be involved in the more serious alleged crimes, federal law enforcement officials said Thursday CNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxgtyzv5&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103172319%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=s9F6UsPAYtiZSL90SUlaBlNxIvfXsxPcULqXxN4Q5Lk%3D&reserved=0 >
- The U.S. Department of Defense has formally activated roughly 6,200 members of the National Guard from six northeastern states to help support the U.S. Capitol Police and other law enforcement in Washington, D.C., in the wake of the deadly riot Wednesday WPTA (AP) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxk4japm&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103182316%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=kZ8W2HfHeAgilxeOE6HeOKJMFwhXgGw%2BUv0EcUpPVNw%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Orders activating the National Guard from Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland for up to 30 days were signed
    - The D.C. National Guard will be placed on a 30-day mobilization, two defense officials told mediaWRC < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6r3kbhg&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103182316%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=dWcao00effW6DgIGAjk11kfT9EmR3IQKJqrIDu3OYFI%3D&reserved=0 >

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NOC 0602-18: Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border

- U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) agents apprehended 13 undocumented migrants concealed in the cargo area of a U-Haul truck at the Falfurrias Border Patrol Checkpoint in Texas, media reported Wednesday KVEO < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3csfl5g&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103192313%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=U9MfxnMZ9OiQILgFh2ajG3jJ2RqqDwKtbbRG5aj7FI8%3D&reserved=0 >
    - During a secondary inspection following the immigration inspection of the driver, agents discovered multiple people hidden inside furniture and household appliances within the cargo area
    - The driver and subjects were taken into USBP custody
- USBP agents discovered 126 individuals inside a refrigerated trailer during a human smuggling attempt at the Interstate 35 (I-35) checkpoint in Laredo, Texas, media reported Thursday Laredo Morning Times < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy69rk3bo&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103192313%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZs

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- A commercial refrigerated tractor-trailer arrived early Wednesday at the checkpoint, and a K-9 unit then allegedly alerted to the vehicle during an inspection
- A search of the refrigerated trailer led to the discovery of 126 people
  - All were migrants from the countries of Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Ecuador who had crossed the border illegally
  - The driver, a U.S. citizen, was arrested pending further investigation by Homeland Security Investigations special agents, and USBP seized the 18-wheeler

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Other Significant Events
Cyber Security

- The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said in a statement on Wednesday that three percent of its Office 365 email systems were potentially accessed by the hackers who broke into the software company SolarWindsReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy42ea2x4&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103202302%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=WCyCsnPWuNrcJBaY6F4%2F5PJzqyNSAF2R0MIIm3jCNOY%3D&reserved=0 >
  - The statement went on to say that the DOJ had no indication any classified systems were impacted
  - A spokesperson declined to say how many mailboxes were breached
  - The statement said DOJ's Office of the Chief Information Officer discovered the breach on the day before Christmas
    - Cybersecurity experts have said a full recovery from the breaches could take months - or even longer
- *The U.S. federal judiciary reported this week that it had suffered an "apparent compromise" as part of the recently discovered Russian hack of SolarWinds, media reported Thursday (Social Media) Twitter [thehill] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5dn3eaw&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103202302%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=33N78PTx6DOpccug2Z1DdgarpGu94cnH6VbJdch58JY%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - *In a statement published to the U.S. Courts' website on Wednesday, the judiciary noted that its Case Management/Electronic Case Files (CM/ECF) system had suffered "an apparent compromise" that threatened confidentiality due to vulnerabilities linked to the hack of SolarWinds (Social Media)*
    - *Although many of the documents are public by nature, some are sealed - including for reasons of national security (Social Media) Twitter [Reuters] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6qtejv7&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103212296%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=D19%2BVqd%2B%2BaZmvnPuFwCMdUlRw57x1IK8cXqZD4Lc6%2Bc%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *The statement noted that the judiciary is working with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to carry out a full security audit and noted that steps were being taken to ensure the CM/ECF system was not further compromised (Social Media)*

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Global Terrorism
United States

- The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday arrested an alleged Islamic State (ISIS) supporter, described as "mentally unstable and attracted to a violent Islamic ideology," for allegedly threatening agents who were already investigating himPittsburgh Tribune-Review < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyy56sofl&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103212296%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=esSn9OYWqqAo97DF8P3JTwun9I5tgEKebD93HRIqr9Q%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Court paperwork says investigators found evidence of the 27-year-old individual's "longstanding extremist ideology, attraction to violence and animosity toward law enforcement," in a review of an iCloud account and several recorded video and audio clips from the individual
        - Investigators say he consumed ISIS propaganda on his computer and openly praises and encourages ISIS overtaking European and U.S. cities
        - According to an affidavit filed in the U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh, on or about December 27, 2020, the individual posted threats directed at individual FBI agents who were investigating him, as well as the FBI generallyWTAE < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4qxvhh5&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103222290%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=HvmbbAeFiBopCozf3lQi8dlQGS5m2TDcoPK4xQELHyI%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The individual is being charged with interstate threatening communications, influencing a federal officer by threat, and destruction of records in a federal investigation

Democratic Republic of the Congo *(Social Media)*

- *At least 22 civilians were killed in a rebel attack on a village in the North Kivu province, according to local officials Wednesday Twitter [AJENews] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxlbxtbs&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103222290%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=cWGBJy3A0JQZv61kt52983%2BPrtKPsZZUxxakWf%2BmrQ4%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *The violence in Mwenda village was perpetrated by the Ugandan rebel group Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), an official of the Beni territory told media*
        - *"ADF rebels attacked the village of Mwenda on Monday about 19:00 GMT, killing 22 civilians with machetes," the official said, adding the death toll is provisional*
    - *A local official said a dozen other villagers were also kidnapped by the attackers in order to transport stolen goods to other localities*

Indonesia

- Indonesian police detained 20 suspected Jamaah Ansharut Daulah militants, linked to ISIS, in South Sulawesi province's capital of Makassar, media reported Wednesday MENAFN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyugwwsp&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7Cb319b9fd5ecd4c90e3c108d8b3a3090c%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456860103222290%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=UMsKTP2demU4TzETBDch0UnPVYk8%2B%2BIV7rDuJWSGW7E%3D&reserved=0 >

- A provincial police official said on Wednesday that two suspects were killed by police as they resisted capture
- He further said that another suspect was wounded during the operation

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General security, policy

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GENERAL SECURITY, POLICY

1. Iran Begins Enriching Uranium to 20% Purity
Return to pre-nuclear-deal enrichment levels cuts time it would take Tehran to produce nuclear-weapons-grade fuel
By Aresu Eqbali and Jared Malsin, Wall Street Journal, Updated Jan. 4, 2021 12:56 pm ET
https://www.wsj.com/articles/iran-begins-enriching-uranium-to-20-purity-11609760613
TEHRAN—Iran said Monday it has resumed enriching uranium to 20% purity, exceeding limits set in a 2015 nuclear deal and slashing the time it would take for Tehran to produce the grade of fuel needed for a nuclear weapon. The nuclear activity, which returns Iran to an enrichment level it last reached before entering the international accord, dials up pressure on Washington and crosses a red line set by European countries that remained committed to the agreement after the Trump administration withdrew from it in 2018. The move threatens to complicate President-elect Joe Biden's plan to rejoin the deal that placed limits on Tehran's nuclear program, but which floundered after the U.S. left it and reimposed crippling economic sanctions on Tehran. Mr. Biden has said the U.S. would rejoin the deal as long as Iran complies with its terms…

USS Nimitz to Stay in Middle East to Counter Iran Threat on Anniversary
Acting secretary of defense's move marks change of heart after he had initially ordered carrier home to Washington state
By Gordon Lubold & Nancy A. Youssef, Wall Street Journal, Jan. 3, 2021 10:40 pm ET, Print Jan. 4, 2021
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18990
WASHINGTON—The Pentagon's acting chief abruptly reversed course, sending an aircraft carrier to the Middle East to counter threats posed by Iran, days after directing it to leave the region over the advice of top military advisers. Acting Secretary of Defense Chris Miller said in a statement Sunday evening that he had directed the USS Nimitz to the Middle East, three days after ordering that it be sent home. The move was a remarkable change of heart for Mr. Miller, who had previously ordered the carrier be sent home against advice by top commanders that the carrier needed to remain near the Middle East because it represented an important show of force at a time when the threat posed by Iran was high, officials said...

In Reversal, Pentagon Announces Aircraft Carrier Nimitz Will Remain in Middle East
The acting defense secretary abruptly reversed his previous order to redeploy the Nimitz, which he had done over the objections of his top military advisers.
By Eric Schmitt, New York Times, Print, Updated Jan. 4, 2021, 4:34 a.m. ET
https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/03/world/middleeast/trump-iran-carrier-nimitz.html
WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said on Sunday that it had ordered the aircraft carrier Nimitz to remain in the Middle East because of Iranian threats against President Trump and other American officials, just three days after sending the warship home as a signal to de-escalate rising tensions with Tehran…
United States intelligence agencies have assessed for months that Iran is seeking to target senior American military officers and civilian leaders to avenge the death of Maj. Gen. Qassim Suleimani, the commander of Iran's elite Quds Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, in an American drone strike one year ago…

In Abrupt Reversal of Iran Strategy, Pentagon Orders Aircraft Carrier Home
After weeks of escalation and threatening language, the Defense Department is sending mixed messages as the anniversary of the death of an Iranian general nears.
By Eric Schmitt, New York Times, Print, Jan. 2, 2021, Page A1
https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/01/us/politics/iran-trump.html

Bracing for a possible Iranian-linked attack, U.S. officials warn 'the threat streams are very real'
By Dan Lamothe, Washington Post, Dec. 30, 2020 at 11:03 a.m. EST
https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2020/12/30/us-iran-military-tensions/
The U.S. military is bracing for a possible attack on American personnel and interests in Iraq, U.S. defense officials said, days before the first anniversary of an American drone strike that killed an Iranian general in Baghdad. The officials spoke as two B-52 bombers carried out a round-trip, 30-hour mission from Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota to the Middle East ending on Wednesday, in an effort to show American presence and military might in the region to deter Iran. The Air Force conducted similar missions twice before in the last 45 days…

2. Chinese Researcher Sentenced for Making False Statements to Federal Agents
Defendant stole vials of biological research from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and attempted to take them aboard a flight to China
U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/19002
BOSTON – A Chinese national was sentenced today in federal court in Boston for making false statements in connection with his theft of 19 vials of biological research. Zaosong Zheng, 31, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper to time served (approximately 87 days), three years of supervised release and ordered removed from the United States. In December 2020, Zheng pleaded guilty to one count of making false, fictitious or fraudulent statements. Zheng was arrested on Dec. 10, 2019, at Boston's Logan International Airport and charged by criminal complaint. In August 2018, Zheng entered the United States on a J-1 visa and conducted cancer-cell research at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston from Sept. 4, 2018 to Dec. 9, 2019. On Dec. 9, 2019, Zheng stole vials of biological research, hid the vials in his luggage, and attempted to take them out of the United States aboard a flight destined for China. Federal officers at Logan Airport discovered the vials hidden in a sock inside one of Zheng's bags, and not properly packaged. When asked by federal officers whether he was traveling with any biological items or research, Zheng lied and answered "no." Zheng later admitted he had stolen the vials from a lab at Beth Israel. Zheng stated that he intended to bring the vials to China to use them to conduct research in his own laboratory and publish the results under his own name…

3. Capitol police chief defends response to 'criminal' rioters
By Matthew Daly, Associated Press, Jan 7, 2020
https://apnews.com/article/capitol-police-investigation-2f7d5b7e9089379cc27befa419fbfeac
WASHINGTON (AP) — Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund on Thursday defended his department's response to the violent breach at the Capitol, saying officers "acted valiantly when faced with thousands of individuals involved in violent riotous actions" as they stormed the building. Rioters "actively attacked" Capitol police and other law enforcement officers Wednesday with metal pipes, discharged chemical irritants, and took up other weapons against our officers," Sund said in a statement. The attack on the Capitol was "unlike any I have ever experienced in my 30 years in law enforcement here in Washington, D.C.," said Sund, a former city police officer. "Make no mistake: these mass riots were not First Amendment activities; they were criminal riotous behavior. The actions of the USCP officers were heroic given the situation they faced." Sund's statement came after lawmakers from both parties vowed an investigation into how law enforcement handled Wednesday's violent breach at the Capitol, questioning whether a lack of preparedness allowed a mob to occupy and vandalize the building…

Capitol Police Weren't Prepared for Rioters, Authorities Say
National Guard, FBI and others sent to the scene after the U.S. Capitol was breached
By Aruna Viswanatha and Sadie Gurman, Wall Street Journal, Updated Jan. 7, 2021 12:23 am ET
https://www.wsj.com/articles/capitol-police-werent-prepared-for-rioters-authorities-say-11609978798

WASHINGTON—Federal authorities had planned to deal with protests this week with a relatively small, minimally visible presence, according to law-enforcement officials, hoping to avoid inflaming tensions as a show of force had done during unrest last year in Portland, Ore., and other cities. That approach seemed to have backfired on Wednesday, when thousands of pro-Trump rioters surrounded the U.S. Capitol and some easily breached the barricades and stormed the building, with one woman fatally shot by Capitol Police, according to law-enforcement officials, and three others dead in what the city's police chief described as "medical emergencies." Some rioters fired what he called "chemical irritants" at officers who were guarding the complex to gain access to the building…

4. More than a week later, FBI avoids terror label for bombing
By Kimberlee Kruesi and Eric Tucker, Associated Press, Jan. 6, 2021
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18996
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The FBI investigation into whether the Nashville bombing was a terrorist act has sparked criticism about a possible racial double standard and drawn questions from downtown business owners whose insurance coverage could be affected by the bureau's assessment. More than a week after an explosion that struck at the heart of a major American city, the FBI has resisted labeling it an act of terrorism, an indication that evidence gathered so far does not conclusively establish that the bomber was motivated by political ideology — a key factor in any formal declaration of terrorism. The bureau is still examining evidence and has not announced any conclusions, but investigators are known to be reviewing whether Anthony Warner believed in conspiracy theories involving aliens and 5G cellphone technology. Warner died in the Christmas Day explosion of a recreational vehicle that also wounded three other people. "When we assess an event for domestic terrorism nexus, it has to be tied to an ideology. It's the use of force or violence in the furtherance of a political or social ideology or event. We haven't tied that yet," Doug Korneski, the FBI agent in charge of the agency's Memphis office, told reporters last week at a news conference…

Nashville bomber's girlfriend told police in 2019 he was making explosives in his RV, documents show
By Derek Hawkins, Washington Post, Dec. 30, 2020 at 2:21 p.m. EST
https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2020/12/30/nashville-bomber-girlfriend/
Local and federal law enforcement agents were told more than a year ago that the tech worker who detonated a bomb in downtown Nashville on Christmas morning was making explosives in his recreational vehicle, but said they were unable to investigate further after he failed to respond to multiple knocks on his door, according to police documents… The visit was first reported by the Tennessean.
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18992 …

'He was not on our radar': authorities search for motive in Nashville blast
By Nathan Layne, Mark Hosenball, Reuters, Dec. 28, 2020 11:00 AM, updated
https://www.reuters.com/article/idUSKBN2921GD
(Reuters) -Federal, state and local law enforcement officers on Monday were searching for the motive behind a bombing that rocked Nashville on Christmas morning, with no concrete clues yet emerging as to why the 63-year-old suspect carried out his suicide mission… Nashville Mayor John Cooper has said that local officials felt there had to be some connection between the bombing, which occurred near an AT&T Inc. transmission building on the city's bustling Second Avenue, and the company. At the briefing on Monday, Rausch said Warner's father had worked for AT&T but that it was unclear if that was in any way connected…

FBI Memphis Special Agent in Charge Announces Identity of Remains Discovered in Nashville Explosion Site; Multi-Agency Investigation Continues
FBI Memphis, Special Agent Jason Pack (865) 544-0751, December 27, 2020
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18979

5. Federal charges filed against alleged ISIS supporter in Pittsburgh
WTAE, Updated: 2:17 PM EST Jan 7, 2021
https://www.wtae.com/article/federal-charges-filed-against-alleged-isis-supporter-in-pittsburgh/35152127

PITTSBURGH —Federal charges have been filed against an alleged ISIS supporter in Pittsburgh for surveilling and intimidating a local FBI agent and his wife. Court paperwork says investigators found evidence of 27-year-old Khaled Miah's "longstanding extremist ideology, attraction to violence and animosity toward law enforcement," in a review of an iCloud account and several recorded video and audio clips from Miah. Investigators say he consumed ISIS propaganda on his computer and openly praises the terrorist organization and encourages ISIS overtaking European and US cities. According to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh, on or about December 27, 2020, Miah posted threats directed at individual FBI agents who were investigating him, as well as the FBI generally…

6. Citing complexities, judge delays Islamic State support case
By Andrew Selsky, Associated Press, Jan 6, 2021
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/19000
IPT NOTE: Court documents posted at https://www.investigativeproject.org/case/1127/us-v-mothafar
SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday granted the lawyer for a man charged with helping the Islamic State group maintain an online presence almost a year to prepare for a complicated trial involving classified information. Hawazen Sameer Mothafar, whose trial had been scheduled to begin Tuesday in Portland, allegedly produced and disseminated Islamic State propaganda and recruiting material through social media platforms. Working from a Portland suburb, Mothafar also distributed online articles that described how to kill and maim with a knife and that encouraged attacks, the indictment says. Mothafar has pleaded not guilty to charges of providing material support to a designated terrorist organization and conspiring to provide that support…

7. Judge upholds conviction for subway bomber Akayed Ullah
By Rebecca Rosenberg, New York Post, January 4, 2021 | 3:48pm | Updated
https://nypost.com/2021/01/04/judge-upholds-conviction-for-subway-bomber-akayed-ullah/
***IPT NOTE*:** Court documents posted at https://www.investigativeproject.org/case/821/us-v-ullah
A federal judge upheld a Manhattan jury's conviction of a Bangladeshi immigrant for blowing up a pipe bomb in a crowded subway tunnel in Times Square, according to a decision released Monday. Lawyers for Akayed Ullah, 30, had challenged the 2018 guilty verdict on several grounds — including claiming that their client had not acted on behalf of ISIS when he detonated the crude explosive that injured only himself. But Circuit Judge Richard Sullivan, who presided over the Manhattan federal trial before he was promoted to the appeals court, knocked down the assertion. "The record evidence…amply establishes that Defendant acted at ISIS's direction by heeding the call of the organization's propaganda and recruiting materials," Sullivan wrote of the bungled Dec. 11, 2017, terrorist attack in a pedestrian tunnel during the morning rush hour. "Perhaps most importantly, Defendant told police that he carried out the attack 'for the Islamic State.'"…

8. Internal NYPD memo warns of cops being targets of IED, vehicle attacks
By Joe Marino and Tamar Lapin, New York Post Metro, Exclusive, Dec. 25, 2020 | 11:21pm | Updated
https://nypost.com/2020/12/25/internal-nypd-memo-warns-of-cops-being-targets-of-ied-vehicle-attacks/
The NYPD has been on the alert for weeks for possible attacks similar to Friday's deliberate RV explosion in Nashville, The Post has learned. An internal NYPD memo issued earlier this month warned that law enforcement were the "priority targets" for terror attacks involving homemade bombs and vehicle arson. The Dec. 14 memo, obtained by The Post, said violent extremists and "malicious criminal actors" might go after cops to exacerbate tensions, "exploit civil unrest" and incite further violence. The document referenced Al-Qaeda propaganda released on Nov. 26 that urged radical jihadists to exploit the COVID-19 pandemic to attack "priority targets." Those targets included retired officers, business leaders, intelligence personnel and "soldiers and police of every brand."…

9. This Canadian is charged with a terrorism hoax. Two experts got to know him. Only one still believes him
By Douglas Quan, Vancouver Bureau, Toronto Star, Sat., Dec. 26, 2020, Updated
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18984
Amarnath Amarasingam and Mubin Shaikh are both regarded as experts in radicalization. Both say they have spent extensive amounts of time getting to know and giving advice to Shehroze Chaudhry, a 26-year-old Burlington, Ont. man now facing a rare terrorism-hoax charge and recently labelled a "fabulist"

by the New York Times over his claims that he committed atrocities on behalf of the Islamic State in Syria. For his part, Shaikh, a Seneca College professor and former counterterrorism operative for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, says he now believes Chaudhry never stepped foot in Syria and got caught up in his own "fantasy." Yet Amarasingam, a Queen's University professor, isn't so quick to dismiss Chaudhry's claims, noting he's seen signs of "remorse" and "survivor's guilt" in the young man. "There are specifics to his story that he may be making up or exaggerating, but, yes, I'm still inclined to believe he went to Syria until I see some evidence to the contrary," he told the Star…

HEALTH, CYBER, TRAVEL, ENERGY & COMMUNICATION SECURITY

10. Russian Hacker Sentenced To 12 Years In Prison For Involvement In Massive Network Intrusions At U.S. Financial Institutions, Brokerage Firms, A Major News Publication, And Other Companies
U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Thursday, January 7, 2021
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18999
Audrey Strauss, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that ANDREI TYURIN, a/k/a "Andrei Tiurin," was sentenced in Manhattan federal court to 144 months in prison for computer intrusion, wire fraud, bank fraud, and illegal online gambling offenses in connection with his involvement in a massive computer hacking campaign targeting U.S. financial institutions, brokerage firms, financial news publishers, and other American companies. TYURIN is charged with committing these crimes with Gery Shalon, a/k/a "Garri Shalelashvili," a/k/a "Gabriel," a/k/a "Gabi," a/k/a "Phillipe Mousset," a/k/a "Christopher Engeham," Joshua Samuel Aaron, a/k/a "Mike Shields," and Ziv Orenstein, a/k/a "Aviv Stein," a/k/a "John Avery," in furtherance of securities market manipulation, illegal online gambling, and payment processing fraud schemes perpetrated by Shalon, Aaron, Orenstein, and their co-conspirators. TYURIN previously pled guilty to these charges, and was sentenced today before U.S. District Judge Laura Taylor Swain… According to the allegations contained in the Indictments to which TYURIN pled guilty, other filings in this case, and statements made during court proceedings, including TYURIN's guilty plea hearing:…

11. SolarWinds Hack Breached Justice Department System
Cyberattack potentially accessed 3% of the agency's Microsoft Office email accounts
By Dustin Volz & Robert McMillan, Wall Street Journal, Updated Jan. 6, 2021 5:00 pm ET, Print Jan. 7, 2021
https://www.wsj.com/articles/solarwinds-hack-breached-justice-department-systems-11609958761
***IPT NOTE*:** The DOJ press release is posted at https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-statement-solarwinds-update
WASHINGTON—The U.S. Justice Department has become the latest federal agency to say it was breached by hackers in the Russia-linked cyberattack that has ripped through government agencies and an unknown number of corporate networks. About 3% of the Justice Department's Microsoft Office email accounts were potentially accessed in the attack, the department said Wednesday. The Justice Department's chief information officer learned of the previously unknown malicious activity on Dec. 24 and has "eliminated the identified method by which the actor was accessing" Microsoft Office email accounts, Marc Raimondi, a Justice Department spokesman, said in a written statement. There is no indication classified systems were affected, Mr. Raimondi said, as the department classified the breach as a major incident requiring notification to other agencies and Congress. Even unclassified email accounts, though, can contain sensitive information about investigations and potentially national security related issues, said Chris Painter, a former senior official at the Justice and State departments who worked on cybersecurity issues. "A lot of DOJ work happens on unclassified systems."…

SolarWinds fallout: DOJ says hackers accessed its Microsoft O365 email server
The US Department of Justice is one of the rare SolarWinds victims where hackers escalated the hack to a second phase and moved to access internal email inboxes, the agency said today.
By Catalin Cimpanu for Zero Day | January 6, 2021 -- 19:41 GMT (11:41 PST) | Topic: Security
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18997

The US Department of Justice confirmed today that the hackers behind the SolarWinds supply chain attack targeted its IT systems, where they escalated access from the trojanized SolarWinds Orion app to move across its internal network and access the email accounts of some of its employees… The DOJ said it has now blocked the attacker's point of entry. The DOJ now joins a long list of companies and government agencies that publicly admitted to having been impacted in the SolarWinds hack. Previous victims include the likes of:…

U.S. intelligence agencies say Russia likely behind hacking of government agencies
By Joseph Menn, Reuters, Jan 5, 2021 3:42 pm, updated
https://www.reuters.com/article/idUSKBN29A2HG
SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) -The office of the U.S. Director of National Intelligence on Tuesday said Russia was "likely" behind a string of hacks identified last month that gained access to several federal agencies. The office, along with the FBI, the National Security Agency, and Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency inside the Department of Homeland Security, in a joint statement, said the hackers' goal appeared to be collecting intelligence, rather than any destructive acts. They said they had so far identified "fewer than 10" agencies that were hacked. The agencies said that the actor, "likely Russian in origin, was responsible for most or all of the recently discovered, ongoing cyber compromises of both government and non-governmental networks." The investigation is continuing, they said, and could turn up additional government victims…

12. Treasury Warns Banks of Covid-19 Vaccine Fraud
The department's enforcement unit alerted financial institutions to possible ransomware attacks targeting vaccine distribution networks
By Jack Hagel, Wall Street Journal, Risk & Compliance Journal, Dec. 28, 2020 5:23 pm ET
https://www.wsj.com/articles/treasury-warns-banks-of-covid-19-vaccine-fraud-11609194183
IPT NOTE: The cited FinCEN notice may be downloaded at
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18987
The Treasury Department alerted financial institutions to fraud related to Covid-19 vaccines, warning of ransomware attacks that target vaccine delivery operations and supply chains. The Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network cautioned on Monday of an array of vaccine-related crimes, including the sale of unapproved, counterfeit or illegally marketed vaccines. In addition, fraudsters have offered to provide individuals with a vaccine sooner than provided under authorized distribution plans, FinCEN said. Cybercriminals, meanwhile, have targeted vaccine researchers with ransomware, the Treasury unit said. It warned financial institutions as well as their customers to be on the lookout for phishing schemes seeking to snare victims with misinformation about vaccines…

13. Nashville Bombing Exposes Weak Point for Business Communications
The attack underscores the need for companies to diversify and secure their networks
By David Uberti and Steven Rosenbush, Wall Street Journal, Dec. 28, 2020 5:33 pm ET
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18985
The Christmas Day bombing in Nashville hit a weak point in telecommunications infrastructure, disrupting phone and internet service for days and underscoring a key risk for increasingly digitized businesses. A recreational vehicle exploded in front of an AT&T Inc. switching station, knocking out a central node that directs data from users and businesses across telecom systems. The incident, information technology experts and executives say, highlights how a terrorist attack, natural disaster or cyber incident can do widespread economic damage should it hit such a location… Telecom networks in particular cities or regions converge at these so-called central offices. While AT&T said Monday that it restored most service in Nashville, the incident illustrates how a problem at one of these physical locations can send ripple effects across an entire region's digital infrastructure. Law-enforcement officials have considered whether the AT&T facility was targeted in the attack…

14. Texas Man Sentenced to 2½ Years in Prison for Scheming to Create Fake Airline Employee IDs to Fraudulently Obtain Free Flights
U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18998

LOS ANGELES – A former Mesa Airlines employee was sentenced today to 30 months in federal prison for conspiring to fraudulently obtain nearly 2,000 free flights for himself and others on Spirit Airlines and to manufacture counterfeit Mesa employee identification badges. Hubbard Bell, 32, of Houston, Texas, was sentenced by United States District Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald, who also ordered him to pay $150,000 in restitution to the victim, Spirit Airlines. Bell, this case's lead defendant, pleaded guilty in September 2020 to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud… After Mesa Airlines terminated Bell's employment, from February 2016 to November 2017, he conspired with others to sell the stolen and unauthorized information of Mesa employees – including their names, dates of hire, and employee identification numbers – that were needed to book free flights on Spirit Airlines through Spirit's web portal for themselves and others…

15. Fiery oil train crash was near where two arrested, accused of attempted terrorist attack on tracks: feds investigate, By The Associated Press, Updated Dec 24, 2020; Posted Dec 24, 2020
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18980
BELLINGHAM, Wash. — Federal and local authorities were investigating a fiery oil car train derailment north of Seattle near where two people were arrested last month and accused of attempting a terrorist attack on train tracks to disrupt plans for a natural gas pipeline. Seven train cars carrying crude oil derailed and five caught fire Tuesday, sending a large plume of black smoke into the sky close to the Canadian border. There were no injuries in the derailment about 100 miles north of Seattle. Officials were asked about recent attempts to sabotage oil trains, but they said the investigation was just beginning… Officials with the National Transportation Safety Board along with the FBI and other federal, state and local agencies were on the scene. Last month federal authorities in Seattle charged two people with a terrorist attack on train tracks, saying they placed "shunts" on Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks. Shunts consist of a wire strung across the tracks, mimicking the electrical signal of a train. The devices can cause trains to automatically brake and can disable railroad crossing guards...

Train cars carrying crude oil derail, burn north of Seattle
By Lisa Baumann, Associated Press, December 22, 2020
https://apnews.com/article/fires-seattle-washington-43685aea52ce692013fd12bb71fb0c09
BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — Seven train cars carrying crude oil derailed Tuesday and five caught fire, sending a large black plume of smoke into the sky north of Seattle close to the Canadian border, authorities said… Home to five oil refineries, Washington state sees millions of gallons of crude oil move by rail through the state each week, coming from North Dakota and Alberta, Canada, according to the state Department of Ecology…

FINANCING, SANCTIONS, DESIGNATIONS, FRAUD, CHARITIES, MONEY LAUNDERING, CIVIL LITIGATION

16. Treasury Sanctions Key Actors in Iran's Steel Sector
US Department of the Treasury Press Release, January 5, 2021
https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm1226
IPT NOTE: Sec'y Pompeo's remarks posted at https://www.state.gov/sanctioning-companies-supporting-irans-metal-industry/
WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated a China-based supplier of graphite electrodes, a key element in steel production, as well as twelve Iranian producers of steel and other metals products, and three foreign-based sales agents of a major Iranian metals and mining holding company. The Iranian metals sector is an important revenue source for the Iranian regime, generating wealth for its corrupt leaders and financing a range of nefarious activities, including the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, support for foreign terrorist groups, and a variety of human rights abuses, at home and abroad…

17. NYSE Reverses Course Again, Will Delist Three Chinese Telecom Stocks
Exchange cites guidance from the Treasury Department that says the companies' American depositary receipts are covered by a Trump executive order
By Alexander Osipovich, Wall Street Journal, Updated Jan. 6, 2021 10:30 am ET
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18993

The New York Stock Exchange will move forward with delisting three Chinese telecommunications companies targeted by an executive order from President Trump, reversing course yet again after the NYSE said earlier this week that it wouldn't delist them. The NYSE said Wednesday that trading of the U.S.-listed shares of China Mobile Ltd. CHL -1.94%, China Telecom Corp. CHA -3.18% and China Unicom (Hong Kong) Ltd. CHU -2.28% would be suspended at 4 a.m. ET on Monday. Mr. Trump's order seeks to ban trading in securities of companies that the administration says have links to the Chinese military. The NYSE said its latest action came after it received "new specific guidance" from the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control on Tuesday, which listed the three companies' American depositary receipts as being covered by Mr. Trump's order. The NYSE's statement also noted that the companies could appeal the delisting decision to the exchange…

18. Treasury Designates Venezuelan Officials Involved in Unjust Trial of the "Citgo 6"
US Department of the Treasury Press Release, December 30, 2020
https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm1225
IPT NOTE: Sec'y Pompeo's remarks posted at https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18989
Washington – Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated Venezuelan judge Lorena Carolina Cornielles Ruiz and Venezuelan prosecutor Ramon Antonio Torres Espinoza, the Venezuelan government officials who presided over and prosecuted the November 2020 trial and sentencing of six U.S. persons in Venezuela. The six U.S. persons, known as the "Citgo 6," are Citgo executives who were unjustly imprisoned in Venezuela in November 2017 after being lured to Caracas under false pretenses. The trials of each of the executives were based on politically motivated charges and marred by a lack of fair trial guarantees. Media and human rights groups denounced the treatment of the executives and were denied access to the trials…

19. U.S. Government Collects $7 Million in Iranian Assets for Victims of Terrorism Fund
Department of Justice, Office of Public Affairs, Tuesday, January 5, 2021
https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/us-government-collects-7-million-iranian-assets-victims-terrorism-fund
IPT NOTE: The Complaint for Forfeiture is posted at https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/1350731/download
The Justice Department announced the United States has collected $7 million of Iranian funds that will be allocated to provide compensation to American victims of international state-sponsored terrorism. The funds are the United States' share of a civil forfeiture investigation that is part of the government's pursuit of a complex international conspiracy which spanned the globe. The conspiracy's purpose was to violate the United States imposed international economic sanctions regime on Iran and included several Iranian nationals and others, who fraudulently transferred approximately $1 billion worth of Iranian-owned funds to accounts around the world… Beginning in 2011 and continuing up to 2014, the conspirators, including three Iranian nationals and, allegedly, one U.S. citizen, defrauded South Korean banks by submitting false documents purporting to show that Iranian companies were doing legitimate business with Korean companies. Based on these false documents, the conspirators succeeded in unlawfully transferring approximately $1 billion worth of Iranian-owned funds out of South Korea and into the world's financial markets…

20. French Bank to Pay $8.6 Million to Settle Syria Sanctions Case
Union de Banques Arabes et Françaises operated U.S. dollar accounts on behalf of sanctioned Syrian financial institutions, the U.S. Treasury Department said
By Dylan Tokar, Wall Street Journal, Jan. 4, 2021 5:34 pm ET
https://www.wsj.com/articles/french-bank-to-pay-8-6-million-to-settle-syria-sanctions-case-11609799680
The U.S. Treasury Department imposed an $8.6 million fine on a French bank that officials said processed payments for blacklisted Syrian financial institutions. Union de Banques Arabes et Françaises SA, a Paris-based bank that facilitates trade finance between Europe and the Middle East, Africa and Asia, agreed to pay the fine to settle its potential civil liability for apparent violations of U.S. sanctions against Syria, the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control said Monday. The majority of UBAF's violations occurred in late 2011 following an executive order that significantly expanded U.S. sanctions against Syria, and pertained to the processing of internal transfers on behalf of Syrian entities that were followed by corresponding funds transfers through a U.S. bank, OFAC said. UBAF ultimately processed 127 transactions, totaling $2.08 billion, in apparent violation of the executive order, according to OFAC…

21. Money Laundering Watchdog Turns Focus to Digital Tools, Extremism
Marcus Pleyer, the president of the Financial Action Task Force, says certain money laundering patterns have increased during the pandemic
By Dylan Tokar, Wall Street Journal, Dec. 28, 2020 12:08 pm ET
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18988
The coronavirus halted a wide range of economic activities, but it hasn't stopped criminals from using the global financial system to commit fraud and engage in other types of illicit behavior. Yet the pandemic has forced some countries to divert resources away from fighting money laundering and made it harder for compliance officers in the private sector to detect it, according to the Financial Action Task Force. The organization, which sets international standards and assesses countries' anti-money-laundering and counterterrorism-financing policies, has been closely monitoring the impact of the pandemic on its global network, says Marcus Pleyer, FATF's president. Mr. Pleyer began a two-year term as FATF's head in July, about two months after the organization released its first report on the AML and CTF risks posed by the pandemic. In an interview with Risk & Compliance Journal, Mr. Pleyer discussed FATF's priorities under his presidency. Edited excerpts follow…

BORDER SECURITY, IMMIGRATION & CUSTOMS

22. Bangladeshi National Sentenced for Conspiracy to Bring Aliens to the United States
Department of Justice, Office of Public Affairs, Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021
https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/bangladeshi-national-sentenced-conspiracy-bring-aliens-united-states
A Bangladeshi national formerly residing in Monterrey, Mexico, was sentenced to 46 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for his role in a scheme to smuggle aliens from Mexico into the United States. According to the plea agreement, Moktar Hossain admitted that from March 2017 to August 2018, he conspired to bring, and did bring, Bangladeshi nationals to the United States at the Texas border in exchange for payment. Hossain operated out of Monterrey, Mexico, where he maintained a hotel that housed aliens on their way to the United States. Hossain paid drivers to transport the aliens to the U.S. border, and gave the aliens instructions on how to cross the Rio Grande river…

EUROPE

23. Murderer who killed three people in Reading park befriended notorious hate preacher in prison
Khairi Saadallah stabbed James Furlong, David Wails and Joseph Ritchie-Bennett as they sat with friends in Forbury Gardens in June
By Martin Evans, Crime Correspondent, The Daily Telegraph (London), 5 Jan. 2021 • 2:16pm
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18994
The Libyan man who stabbed three people to death in a Reading park last June, in what prosecutors claim was a terrorist attack, was befriended by the notorious hate preacher Omar Brooks while in prison, it has emerged. Khairi Saadallah, who was granted asylum in Britain despite committing a string of criminal offences, became close to Brooks when they were both being held at HMP Bullingdon in 2017. The 26-year-old was described as being "ruthlessly efficient" when he went on the rampage in Forbury Gardens in Reading on the evening of June 20 last year, stabbing to death James Furlong, 36, David Wails, 49, and Joseph Ritchie-Bennett, 39. He also stabbed Stephen Young, Patrick Edwards and Nishit Nisudan, causing them significant injuries. Saadallah has admitted murdering three people and attempting to kill three more in the attack, but has denied he was motivated by a religious ideology…

24. North Macedonia Arrests Eight Men Suspected Of Creating Terrorist Organization
Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Dec. 29, 2020 06:37 GMT
https://www.rferl.org/a/north-macedonia-islamic-state-terrorism/31024152.html
Eight men have been arrested in North Macedonia on suspicion of planning terrorist attacks, police said on December 28. Authorities suspect the men have links with the Islamic State terrorist group, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. The men were arrested late on December 27 in Skopje and the town of Kumanovo following an investigation lasting several months, the statement said. One of the suspects had a previous conviction of participation in the Islamic State group. The eight have been charged with

creating a terrorist organization based on the ideology of Islamic State “for committing murders and destroying public buildings" and with the aim of creating fear or insecurity among the public...

MIDDLE EAST / AFRICA

25. South Korea Pushes Iran to Release Seized Oil Tanker
Vessel was impounded by Tehran amid talks with Seoul over $7 billion in blocked funds
By Benoit Faucon and Andrew Jeong, Wall Street Journal, Jan. 7, 2021 10:16 am ET
https://www.wsj.com/articles/south-korea-pushes-iran-to-release-seized-oil-tanker-11610032576
South Korea is mounting a diplomatic effort to free an oil tanker seized by Iran amid a dispute over frozen bank funds, the latest flare-up of tensions between Tehran and a U.S. ally. A South Korean delegation arrived in Tehran on Thursday, three days after the 9,797-ton oil tanker Hankuk Chemi and its 20 crew members were detained. The delegation is expected to lay the groundwork for a visit to Iran on Sunday by the country’s vice foreign minister, according to the South Korean Foreign Ministry. The tanker seizure coincides with rising international tensions between Iran and U.S. allies over the nation’s potential links to commercial shipping disruptions, progress toward a possible nuclear weapon and alleged cyberattacks. Tehran said the ship flouted environmental regulations, but Seoul disputes the claim. The tanker’s most recent inspection during a 2019 port visit in China showed no environmental violations and just minor safety breaches, according to the European Union’s shipping database, Equasis…

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said talks aren’t likely to begin before the South Korean vice foreign minister arrives, and called the detainment a technical issue that’s “being processed within its professional and judicial framework.”…

26. 100 Civilians Are Reported Dead After Attacks in Niger
Gunmen were described as having singled out men and boys in two villages in a region under siege by militants.
By Omar Hama Saley and Ruth Maclean, New York Times, Print, Jan. 4, 2021
https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/03/world/africa/niger-attack.html
NIAMEY, Niger — A hundred civilians were killed in attacks by suspected militants in the West African nation of Niger on Saturday, according to government officials. Armed men shot men and boys in what was said to be a revenge attack on the villages of Tchoma Bangou and Zaroumadareye. The villages are in the southwestern region of Tillabéri, where civilians have increasingly come under attack in the past two years… The attack, which came just a week after Niger’s presidential election, is one of the country’s deadliest ever. Prime Minister Brigi Rafini, in remarks broadcast Sunday on national television from a visit to the area of the assaults, put the death toll at 100 but did not say who was responsible, Reuters reported… Since rebels and armed Islamists took control of cities in neighboring Mali in 2012, the terrorist threat has spread across the Sahel, a strip of land south of the Sahara…

27. Three French Soldiers Killed in Mali During Counterterrorism Mission
Deaths bring France’s military fatalities to at least 47 during operations against regional militant groups since 2013
By Noemie Bisserbe, Wall Street Journal, Dec. 28, 2020 4:09 pm ET
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18986
PARIS—Three French soldiers were killed in Mali on Monday when their vehicle hit a bomb during operations under France’s counterterrorism mission in the West African nation, the French government said. France has more than 5,000 soldiers deployed in an area spanning thousands of miles from the Atlantic Ocean in the west to Chad in the east. Over the past seven years, the forces have fought branches of Islamic State, al Qaeda and other militant groups, which roam the region’s isolated villages and threaten government forces in Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso and elsewhere. The soldiers killed Monday were conducting operations around Hombori, a small town in Mali’s central Mopti province, as part of the French military’s Operation Barkhane campaign against Islamist militants across the Sahel region of Africa, authorities said. They identified the soldiers as Tanerii Mauri, Dorian Issakhanian and Quentin Pauchet.…

28. Hezbollah says it has doubled its arsenal of guided missiles

The leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah says his group now has twice as many precision-guided missiles as it had a year ago
The Associated Press, Dec. 28, 2020, 2:38 AM
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18981
BEIRUT -- The leader of Lebanon's Hezbollah said Sunday his group now has twice as many precision-guided missiles as it had a year ago, saying Israel's efforts to prevent it from acquiring them have failed. Hassan Nasrallah, in an end-of-year interview with the Beirut-based Al-Mayadeen TV, said his group has the capability to strike anywhere in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. Nasrallah said that when Israel threatened through a U.S. official to target a Hezbollah facility in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa region, his group warned it would retaliate for any such attack. Israel has in recent months expressed concern that Hezbollah is trying to establish production facilities to make precision-guided missiles...

ASIA / PACIFIC

29. Pakistan Seeks to Continue Detention of Man Convicted of Murdering Wall Street Journal Reporter Daniel Pearl
Move follows judges' removal of temporary detention order that has kept Omar Sheikh in jail since his death sentence was set aside in April
By Saeed Shah, Wall Street Journal, Updated Dec. 25, 2020 3:50 am ET, Print Dec. 26, 2020
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18982
ISLAMABAD—The Pakistani authorities were seeking new legal means to continue to detain the man convicted in 2002 as the mastermind of the kidnapping and killing of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, officials said, after a court Thursday ordered the man's release. The court in the southern city of Karachi ruled that Omar Sheikh be freed from a temporary detention order that had kept him in jail since the same court overturned his conviction in April. The court also directed Thursday that he can't be detained again without its permission, the judgment said. After Thursday's court ruling, it was unclear if Mr. Sheikh, a British national, would actually be set free. The Pakistani authorities have been legally fighting the release since the Karachi court in April set aside the death sentence handed down to Mr. Sheikh for terrorism, kidnapping for ransom, and murder, downgrading it to the lesser crime of kidnapping. As kidnapping carries a maximum of seven years in jail, and Mr. Sheikh had already been locked up for 18 years at that point, he was eligible for release…

30. Indonesia to release radical cleric linked to Bali bombings
By Agustinus Beo Da Costa, Reuters, Jan. 7, 2020 12:05 pm, updated
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/19001
JAKARTA (Reuters) - Indonesia is set to release Islamic cleric Abu Bakar Bashir from jail on Friday, the man who was the suspected mastermind of the 2002 Bali bombings and is among the most notorious extremists in the world's biggest Muslim majority country. The frail-looking Bashir, 82, who is regarded as the spiritual leader of Jemaah Islamiah (JI), a jihadist network with ties to al Qaeda, was jailed in 2011 for 15 years for his links to a militant training camp in Aceh province. After receiving periodic reductions in his jail term, Indonesia's law and human rights ministry has said he has now completed his sentence. Although linked to the Bali attacks that killed 202 people and a 2003 attack on the J.W. Marriott hotel in Jakarta, Bashir was never convicted for them and denied those ties. Zulkarnaen, a man believed to be one of the seniormost members of JI and involved in making the bombs for the attacks, was arrested last month…

Indonesian terror chief reveals JI secrets
Cindy Wockner and Komang Erviani, Australian Associated Press, Dec. 27 2020 - 7:00AM
https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/7068665/indonesian-terror-chief-reveals-ji-secrets/?cs=14264
After 18 years on the run, an Indonesian terrorist leader who orchestrated the Bali bombings has revealed new secrets after his arrest. Charity boxes in food stalls and mini-marts have been helping to fund radical causes and police believe there could be up to 6000 active members of Jemaah Islamiah in Indonesia. JI is the al-Qaeda-linked group which planned and orchestrated the devastating 2002 Bali nightclub bombings which killed 202 people, as well as a string of other bombings in Indonesia. Indonesian police have revealed that more than 20,000 charity boxes, placed in food stalls, have been used to fund the shady terror group's operations. The boxes have been used to collect cash in 12 regions of Indonesia,

across Java and Sumatra, and the food stall owners had no idea the money was going to a terror group. The arrest in November of Aris Sumarsono, known as Zulkarnaen, has thrown a new spotlight on JI and its contemporary incarnation…

31. Indonesia Disbands Radical Islamic Group Over Charges of Violence
The government dissolved the Islamic Defenders Front over charges that its members committed terrorism. Its leader is already under arrest.
By Richard C. Paddock and Dera Menra Sijabat, New York Times, Dec. 30, 2020, 5:43 a.m. ET
https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/30/world/asia/indonesia-islamic-defenders-front-banned.html
BANGKOK — The hard-line Islamic Defenders Front was outlawed by the Indonesian government on Wednesday and ordered to cease all activities less than two months after its fiery leader, Rizieq Shihab, returned from self-imposed exile and pledged to lead a "moral revolution." In a statement signed by top officials and the national police chief, the government said that members of the group had engaged in terrorist and criminal acts and that activities organized by the group had disturbed public order. Mr. Rizieq, 55, a cleric who claims to be descended from the Prophet Muhammad, is accused of violating coronavirus protocols by holding gatherings of thousands of people. He surrendered to the police earlier this month and faces up to six years in prison. Days before his arrest, six of his bodyguards were shot and killed by the police in what the authorities said was self-defense. Mr. Rizieq remains in jail. The order dissolving the group said that its government registration had lapsed last year and that it was no longer a recognized organization. It is now banned from conducting activities and using its logo, a triangular symbol with a star at the center and its name in Indonesian and Arabic lettering…

COMMENT / ANALYSIS

32. Iran Isn't Afraid of B-52s and Aircraft Carriers
The U.S. should redeploy its big guns to counter the conventional threat from Russia and China.
By Kathryn Wheelbarger and Dustin Walker, Wall Street Journal Commentary, Dec. 21, 2020 6:29 pm ET
https://www.wsj.com/articles/iran-isnt-afraid-of-b-52s-and-aircraft-carriers-11608593380
Ms. Wheelbarger served as acting assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, 2017 and 2018-20. Mr. Walker is a former professional staff member on the Senate Armed Services Committee and adviser to Sen. John McCain.

33. China's takedown of Hong Kong is part of a strategy of world domination
After China violated an international treaty on Hong Kong, the world shouldn't trust it to honor any other treaty.
By Claudia Rosett, Dallas Morning News Opinion, 1:30 AM on Dec 27, 2020 CST
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18983
Claudia Rosett is a foreign policy fellow with the Independent Women's Forum and an adjunct fellow with the Hudson Institute. She wrote this column for The Dallas Morning News*.*

34. Why the Nashville explosion is confounding terrorism experts
The Nashville explosion on Christmas Day did not follow any of the patterns of typical terrorism.
Max Abrahms and Joseph Mroszczyk, Opinion contributors, USA Today, Dec 30, 2020
https://www.investigativeproject.org/ext/18995
Max Abrahms is a professor of public policy at Northeastern University. Joseph Mroszczyk is a contractor in the Wargaming Department at the Naval War College.

35. How Israel is Adapting to the Growing Threat of Terror Armies
by Yaakov Lappin, Special to IPT News, Jan. 5, 2021
https://www.investigativeproject.org/8690/how-israel-is-adapting-to-the-growing-threat
Yaakov Lappin is a military and strategic affairs correspondent. He also conducts research and analysis for defense think tanks, and is the military correspondent for JNS. His book, The Virtual Caliphate*, explores the online jihadist presence.*

36. Al-Arian Renews Calls for Israel's Destruction at Turkish Conference
by Abha Shankar, IPT News, Dec. 28, 2020

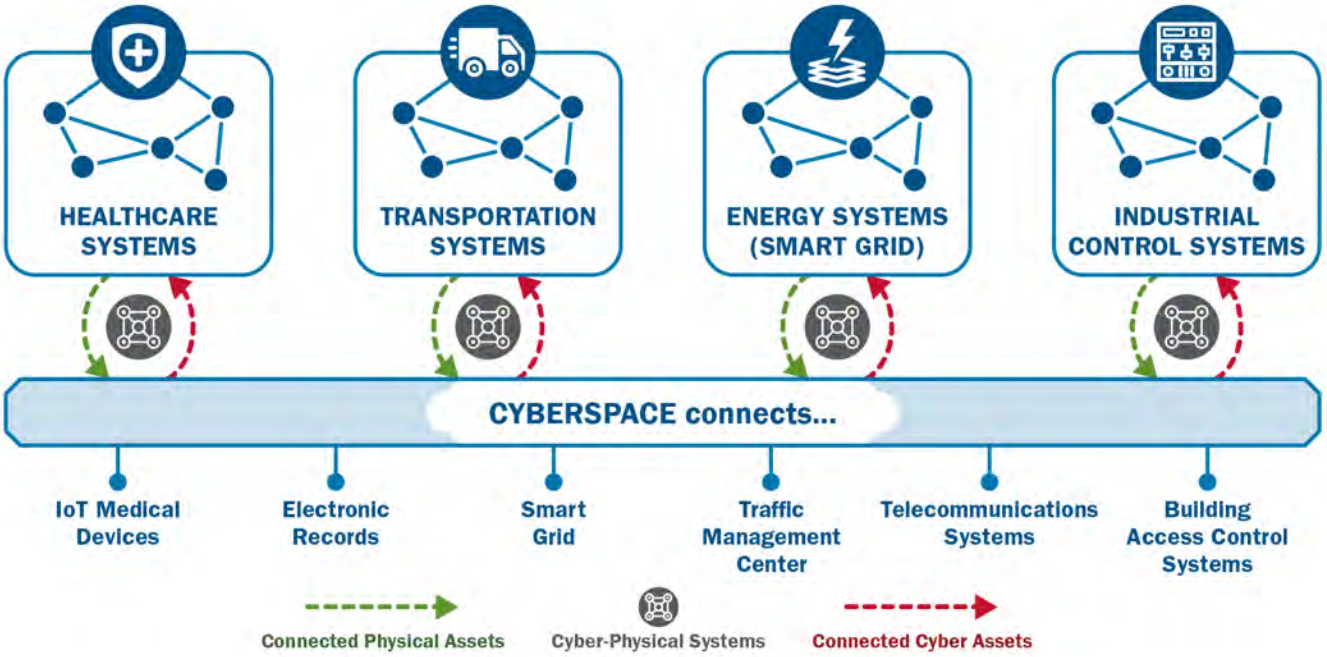
https://www.investigativeproject.org/8680/al-arian-renews-calls-for-israel-destruction

37. Rising in the East: The Evolution of the Islamic State in the Philippines
by Amira Jadoon, Nakissa Jahanbani, Charmaine Willis
Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, United States Military Academy, Dec. 30, 2020
https://ctc.usma.edu/rising-in-the-east-the-evolution-of-the-islamic-state-in-the-philippines/ and
https://ctc.usma.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Rising-in-the-East-Report-2.pdf
Dr. Amira Jadoon is an assistant professor at the Combating Terrorism Center and the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. She specializes in international security, economic statecraft, political violence, and terrorism. Dr. Nakissa Jahanbani is an instructor and researcher at the Combating Terrorism Center, where she focuses on the evolution of Iran's relationship with its proxies in Syria and Iraq. Charmaine Willis specializes in contentious politics with a focus on East Asia.

CYBERSECURITY AND PHYSICAL SECURITY CONVERGENCE

A CONNECTED OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

Today's threats are a result of hybrid attacks targeting both physical and cyber assets. The adoption and integration of Internet of Things (IoT) and Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) devices have led to an increasingly interconnected mesh of cyber-physical systems (CPS), which expands the attack surface and blurs the once clear functions of cybersecurity and physical security. Meanwhile, efforts to build cyber resilience and accelerate the adoption of advanced technologies can also introduce or exacerbate security risks in this evolving threat landscape.

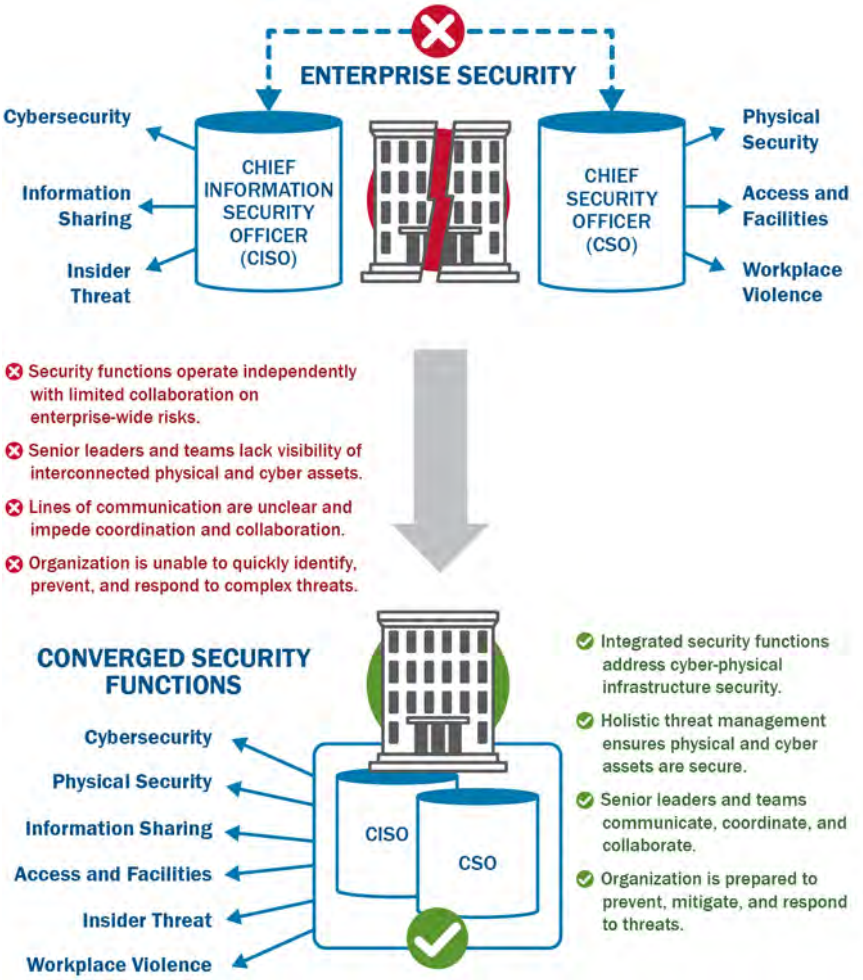


A successful cyber or physical attack on connected industrial control systems (ICS) and networks can disrupt operations or even deny critical services to society. For example:

- A security gap in access controls, such as unauthorized access to facilities or system permissions, can allow an individual to use a universal serial bus (USB) device or other removable hardware to introduce a virus or malware into a network.
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems can be virtually overridden, causing a rise in temperature that renders network servers inoperable.
- A cyber-attack on telecommunications can impair communication with law enforcement and emergency services, resulting in delayed response times.
- An unmanned aircraft system (UAS) can compromise sensitive information by gaining access to an unsecured network using wireless hacking technology.
- A cyber-attack exploiting healthcare vulnerabilities can compromise sensitive data or cause a connected medical device to malfunction, resulting in injury or loss of life.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHALLENGE: SILOED SECURITY FUNCTIONS

Together, cyber and physical assets represent a significant amount of risk to physical security and cybersecurity—each can be targeted, separately or simultaneously, to result in compromised systems and/or infrastructure. Yet physical security and cybersecurity divisions are often still treated as separate entities. When security leaders operate in these siloes, they lack a holistic view of security threats targeting their enterprise. As a result, attacks are more likely to occur and can lead to impacts such as exposure of sensitive or proprietary information, economic damage, loss of life, and disruption of National Critical Functions (NCFs).[1]



ORGANIZATIONAL SOLUTION: CONVERGED SECURITY FUNCTIONS

Convergence is formal collaboration between previously disjointed security functions. Organizations with converged cybersecurity and physical security functions are more resilient and better prepared to identify, prevent, mitigate, and respond to threats. Convergence also encourages information sharing and developing unified security policies across security divisions.

BENEFITS OF CONVERGENCE

An integrated threat management strategy reflects in-depth understanding of the cascading impacts to interconnected cyber-physical infrastructure. As rapidly evolving technology increasingly links physical and cyber assets—spanning sectors from energy and transportation to agriculture and healthcare—the benefits of converged security functions outweigh the challenges of organizational change efforts and enable a flexible, sustainable strategy anchored by shared security practices and goals:

[1] For further information and resources on National Critical Functions: cisa.gov/national-critical-functions

GETTING STARTED

A culture of inclusivity is vital to successfully converging security functions and fostering communication, coordination, and collaboration. Organizations of all sizes can pursue convergence by developing an approach that is tailored to the organization's unique structure, priorities, and capability level. The guide below provides a flexible framework for developing a holistic security strategy that aligns security functions with organizational priorities and business objectives.

A FRAMEWORK FOR ALIGNING SECURITY FUNCTIONS

COMMUNICATION

Initiate a Dialogue
Enable communication with security leaders. Engage with upper management to discuss what convergence might look like within your organization—successful convergence relies on support from senior leaders.

Review Leadership Roles
Discuss whether your current leadership structure can be realigned.

Establish a Convergence Team
Identify key players, such as CSO, CISO, physical security, IT, cybersecurity, and facility managers.

Enable Information Sharing
Engage with team members across all security functions to identify points of convergence.

COORDINATION

Formalize Convergence Team Roles and Responsibilities
Establish a cadence and structure for team coordination and integration.

Identify Linked Assets
Coordinate with team members across security functions to assess cyber and physical assets and identify those that are linked. Assess the risk level of each asset based on linkages.

Conduct a Vulnerability Assessment
Identify gaps in security and risk mitigation and determine where gaps can be closed through convergence.

Determine the Baseline
Leverage initial assessments and gap analyses to determine the baseline for security operations and incident management.

COLLABORATION

Run the Numbers
Determine if convergence on any scale is financially feasible from a short-term and long-term perspective.

Prioritize Improvements
Identify and prioritize improvements, including patches, software updates, virus protection, and opportunities for automation.

Craft Risk-Driven Policies
Develop and implement risk-driven policies with broad applicability and that reflect converged security functions. Identify best practices.

Strategic Alignment
Align strategy to shared practices and goals. Focus on improving efficiency and increased information sharing.

Not ready to converge? Consider performing a security assessment. If you are unable to perform the assessment internally, seeking out a third-party assessment to identify security vulnerabilities may help identify your ideal path to converged security operations. For information on how CISA can help you, please see below for additional resources.

CONVERGENCE CASE STUDIES

Large Foreign Shipping Company, June 2017 – An indiscriminate state-sponsored cyber-attack unleashed a virus or "worm" that halted operations across hospitals, power companies, airports, banks, and government agencies and crippled the global shipping industry for more than a week. The virus was able to penetrate the network of the world's largest container shipping company through a single computer operating outdated accounting software. Although not the primary target, the company's global systems were quickly paralyzed, corrupting proprietary data and hampering communications. Maritime shipping ground to a halt as the outage isolated 76 ports and 800 vessels carrying millions of tons of cargo. The company's own financial losses exceeded $300 million and the ripple effects on global supply chains included impacts to the U.S. national security supply of vaccines. With total estimated costs in damages exceeding $10 billion, this incident is regarded as one of the most devastating cyber-attacks in recent history.

Large U.S. Energy Company, January 2019 – The company observed an evolving threat landscape and a lack of formal collaboration between physical security and cybersecurity functions, hindering the development of a comprehensive threat management strategy. These siloed operations led to significant financial consequences when an internal probe revealed 127 security violations that ultimately cost the company millions, all stemming from non-compliant security practices and lack of collaboration across organizational units. In response, the company increased oversight; restructured roles; hosted discussion panels on best practices for security and compliance; added resources to manage and implement compliance and security efforts; and updated/enhanced systems to track access and vulnerabilities. As a result, the company saw an improvement in information sharing and collaboration, as well as rapid identification and mitigation of threats.

U.S. Power Grid Operator, March 2019 – One of the first attacks on the U.S. power system occurred when hackers exploited a firmware vulnerability and caused a grid operator's firewalls to continuously reboot, leading to a brief communications outage. The attack led the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) to issue a series of recommendations, including: applying best practices for vulnerability and patch management; minimizing Internet-facing devices; using virtual private networks (VPNs) and access control lists (ACLs); layering defenses; segmenting and monitoring networks; identifying exploitable vulnerabilities; and employing redundant solutions.

IoT Devices Impacted by Ripple20 Vulnerabilities, June 2020 – A group of 19 vulnerabilities known as Ripple20 impacted millions of connected devices, including smart home devices, power grid equipment, healthcare systems, industrial gear, transportation systems, mobile/satellite communications equipment, and commercial aircraft devices. These high-risk vulnerabilities in critical IoT devices across numerous sectors could lead to compromised data and device malfunctions. In response, some vendors released their own recommendations to mitigate potential risks. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) issued an alert on potential weaknesses that malicious actors could exploit and provided recommended mitigation approaches, including performing an impact analysis and risk assessment; minimizing network exposure for control system devices and systems; and ensuring access points are updated to the latest software version. Security researchers have identified additional impacted vendors and devices since Ripple20 was initially discovered.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Connect with CISA: cisa.gov/publication/cisa-services-catalog

Connect with a Protective Security Advisor: cisa.gov/protective-security-advisors

Conduct a Cybersecurity Assessment: cisa.gov/cybersecurity-assessments

Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessments: cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-vulnerability-assessments

Critical Infrastructure Sectors: cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-sectors

Critical Infrastructure Exercises: cisa.gov/critical-infrastructure-exercises

Recommended Practices: us-cert.gov/ics/recommended-practices

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Foreign Terrorist Groups Direct Operatives to Attack US

Foreign terrorist organizations (FTOs) maintain the ability to train operatives to plot external operations in the United States while supporters and affiliates focus on regional conflicts. Since 2019, three FTOs have instructed and supported a foreign national to engage in preoperational planning to conduct an attack in the United States, resulting in one attacker killing three US sailors and wounding eight others before responding officers killed him.

- On December 15, the US Department of Justice charged Cholo Abdi Abdullah, a 30-year-old Kenyan national, with six counts of terrorism-related offenses for plotting to hijack an aircraft and conduct a 9/11-style attack in the United States. Senior leaders of al-Shabaab, a Salafi-jihadist group that supports al-Qa'ida in East Africa, directed Abdullah to obtain pilot training in 2016 in the Philippines and to test flaws in airport security. The group coined the operation, "Jerusalem will never be Judaized," referring to US support for Israel and its embassy moving from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in May 2018. Abdullah was first arrested in the Philippines in July 2019 on local charges and remained in that country's custody until he was transferred to US law enforcement on December 15, 2020.

Al-Shabaab supporter Cholo Abdi Abdullah was arrested in the Philippines in 2019.

- In February, al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) released a video claiming responsibility for the attack at a Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Florida, in December 2019. Mohammed Saeed Alshamrani, an officer in the Saudi Air Force participating in a military training program at the base, killed three sailors and wounded eight others after legally purchasing a firearm. Law enforcement revealed in May that Alshamrani was radicalized as far back as 2015, directly associating with several AQAP operatives to plan an attack.

- In July 2019, Alexei Saab, a 42-year-old New Jersey resident, was arrested for his support of Hizballah. While living in the United States, Saab served as a Hizballah operative conducting surveillance of multiple targets in major cities to help the group plot potential future attacks. Prior to entering the United States in 2000 and becoming a naturalized citizen in 2008, Saab joined Hizballah in 1996 in Lebanon, where he observed and reported on the movements of Israeli troops.

Additional Resources

Al-Qa'ida Committed to Attacking the United States

Al-Qa'ida's Online Magazine Vilifies US Values

Capitol police chief resigns amid criticism over response to violence

Protesters stormed the Capitol building and occupied it for hours

Yesterday at 6:52 PM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The head of the U.S. Capitol Police will resign effective Jan. 16 following the breach of the Capitol by a pro-Trump mob.

Chief Steven Sund said Thursday that police had planned for a free speech demonstration and did not expect the violent attack. He said it was unlike anything he'd experienced in his 30 years in law enforcement.

Violent protesters, loyal to President Donald Trump, storm the Capitol, Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington. (AP Photo/John Minchillo)

He resigned Thursday after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called on him to step down. His resignation was confirmed to The Associated Press by a person familiar with the matter who was not authorized to speak publicly.

The breach halted the effort by Congress to certify President-elect Joe Biden's victory. Protesters stormed the building and occupied for hours. The lawmakers eventually returned and finished their work.

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US Capitol Police officer dies after riot

Capitol Police rejected offers of federal help to quell mob

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US Capitol Police officer dies after riot

Officer Brian D. Sicknick died Thursday due to injuries sustained while on-duty, physically engaging with protesters at the U.S. Capitol

Duty Death: Brian D. Sicknick - [District of Columbia]

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Today at 12:49 AM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Capitol Police says an officer who was injured after responding to riots at the Capitol has died.

Officer Brian D. Sicknick died Thursday due to injuries sustained while on-duty, physically engaging with protesters at the U.S. Capitol, the statement said.

Supporters of President Donald Trump stormed the Capitol on Wednesday as Congress was tallying the Electoral College votes to confirm Democrat Joe Biden won the election. Sicknick returned to his division office and collapsed, the report said. He was taken to a hospital and later died.

The death will be investigated by the Metropolitan Police Department's Homicide Branch, the USCP, and federal law enforcement. Sicknick joined the Capitol police in 2008.

Democratic leaders of the House Appropriations Committee said the "tragic loss" of a Capitol police officer "should remind all of us of the bravery of the law enforcement officers who protected us, our colleagues, Congressional staff, the press corps and other essential workers" during the hourslong takeover of the Capitol by pro-Trump protesters.

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  Officer Brian D. Sicknick died Thursday due to injuries sustained while on-duty, physically engaging with protesters at the U.S. Capitol

- Capitol Police rejected offers of federal help to quell mob – Yesterday at 7:03 PM

  Gus Papathanasiou, head of the Capitol Police union, said planning failures left officers exposed without backup or equipment against surging crowds

- Capitol police chief resigns amid criticism over response to violence – Yesterday at 6:52 PM

  Protesters stormed the Capitol building and occupied it for hours

- COVID-19: Law enforcement deaths – Yesterday at 4:58 PM

  Tracking the coronavirus-related deaths of U.S. police officers and other LE personnel

- Capitol police chief defends officers' response to violent protest – Yesterday at 3:16 PM

  Some lawmakers have vowed to investigate the agency's response to Trump supporters storming the Capitol

- Feds expect to arrest more than a dozen involved in Capitol siege – Yesterday at 2:52 PM

  The FBI is combing social media and cellphone records to determine who was involved in the destructive security breach

- La. K-9 shot, wounded; 2 suspects sought – Yesterday at 2:45 PM

  K-9 Mack is expected to make a full recovery

- A letter to the American public: Thank an officer on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day – Yesterday at 2:09 PM

  This is a day to show the men and women in blue how much we value them, their service and protection of our communities

- Video: Conn. cops struck by stolen patrol car amid pursuit – Yesterday at 11:26 AM

  Two officers are being treated for non-life-threatening injuries, officials said

- Former Atlanta police chief named new Louisville chief – Yesterday at 11:17 AM

  Erika Shields, who resigned from the Atlanta PD in June, was introduced Wednesday as the new Louisville police chief

- Spotlight: Arrest My Vest designed for the odor elimination needs of LEOs – Yesterday at 10:44 AM

  The Arrest My Vest spray product is designed for the challenges unique to law enforcement; it removes odors without harming body armor or other tactical gear

- Michigan State Capitol closes for reported bomb threat – Yesterday at 10:18 AM

  Michigan's capitol building was closed for two hours Thursday morning before investigators gave the all-clear

- LAPD arrests 6 in clash between pro-Trump, anti-Trump groups – Yesterday at 10:05 AM

  Hundreds gathered in downtown Los Angeles on Wednesday and police declared an unlawful assembly

- Law enforcement experts react to chaos at US Capitol – Yesterday at 9:56 AM

  "They're a town that's used to very large gatherings and protests. I'm surprised that they didn't seem to have a second layer of response ready"

- Protesters swarm Statehouses across US; some evacuated – Yesterday at 8:43 AM

  While chaos reigned in the US Capitol, police evacuated state lawmakers in Georgia, New Mexico, Texas and Utah

- Tactics to clear, secure a building under siege that every cop needs to know – Yesterday at 7:49 AM

  Are you prepared to respond if essential buildings such as city hall, courthouses and police stations are overrun by protesters?

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  We answer Police1 reader questions about vaccine safety, efficacy and distribution

- Trump supporters storm US Capitol in deadly clash with police – Yesterday at 12:50 AM

  A woman who was killed by police was part of a crowd that was breaking down the doors to a barricaded room. Three other people died from medical emergencies during the protest

- FBI agent involved in fatal Conn. shooting – Jan 6, 2021

  The agent had been working on a task force with Hartford police. Few details were immediately available

- Video: Man uses to drone to deliver doughnuts to cops – Jan 6, 2021

  A man tied a box of doughnuts to his drone to make a sweet delivery to the local police department

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Bangladeshi National Sentenced for Conspiracy to Bring Aliens to the United States

A Bangladeshi national formerly residing in Monterrey, Mexico, was sentenced to 46 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for his role in a scheme to smuggle aliens from Mexico into the United States.

According to the plea agreement, Moktar Hossain admitted that from March 2017 to August 2018, he conspired to bring, and did bring, Bangladeshi nationals to the United States at the Texas border in exchange for payment. Hossain operated out of Monterrey, Mexico, where he maintained a hotel that housed aliens on their way to the United States. Hossain paid drivers to transport the aliens to the U.S. border, and gave the aliens instructions on how to cross the Rio Grande river.

"The defendant was a key player in an organized smuggling network that operated for profit and preyed on Bangladeshi nationals who wanted to enter the United States illegally," said Acting Assistant Attorney General David P. Burns of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. "This sentence serves as a clear deterrent to participants of such transnational criminal organizations who seek to undermine the security of our borders by illegally facilitating the travel of foreigners into the United States for a financial gain."

"Border security and national security are one in the same," said U.S. Attorney Ryan K. Patrick for the Southern District of Texas. "We must know who is coming into the country, and we cannot allow unfiltered access. My office continues to work with all our partners executing this mission."

"The investigation, prosecution, and sentencing of Hossain is a result of HSI's expertise in transnational investigations and unique ability to coordinate investigative efforts across international boundaries with foreign counterparts," said Special Agent in Charge Shane Folden of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) San Antonio. "HSI will continue to work with our law enforcement partners both domestic and international to aggressively dismantle criminal travel networks that pose a threat to U.S. national security."

This case was investigated by HSI Laredo, with assistance from the HSI Human Smuggling Unit, HSI Monterrey, HSI Houston, HSI Calexico, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, U.S. Border Patrol, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The investigation was conducted under the Extraterritorial Criminal Travel Strike Force (ECT) program, a joint partnership between the Justice Department's Criminal Division and HSI. The ECT program focuses on human smuggling networks that may present particular national security or public safety risks, or present grave humanitarian concerns. ECT has dedicated investigative, intelligence and prosecutorial resources. ECT coordinates and receives assistance from other U.S. government agencies and foreign law enforcement authorities.

This case was prosecuted by Trial Attorneys James Hepburn and Erin Cox of the Criminal Division's Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section with assistance from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas.

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Justice Department Announces Civil Investigation into Chemical Restraint Use at Two Nevada Juvenile Facilities

The Justice Department announced today that it has opened an investigation into the use of pepper spray at two juvenile correctional facilities run by the Nevada Juvenile Justice Services Agency: the Nevada Youth Training Center and the Summit View Youth Center. The investigation will examine whether staff at the two facilities use pepper spray in a manner that violates youth's rights under the Constitution.

The department has not reached any conclusions regarding the allegations in this matter. The investigation will be conducted under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA) and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. Both statutes give the department the authority to investigate systemic violations of the constitutional rights of young people in juvenile detention and correctional facilities. The department's work has led to important reforms to protect the rights of young people housed in those facilities.

The Civil Rights Division's Special Litigation Section is conducting this investigation. Individuals with relevant information are encouraged to contact the department via phone at 1- 833-591-0426 or by email at Community.NVJuveniles@usdoj.gov.

Additional information about the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department is available on its website at www.justice.gov/crt.

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Pittsburgh Man Charged with Threatening Communications and Impeding FBI Investigation

PITTSBURGH – Khaled Miah, 27, a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and former student at the University of Pittsburgh, has been charged by federal criminal complaint with one count of making interstate threatening communications, one count of influencing, impeding or retaliating against a Federal law enforcement officer, and one count of destruction of records in a federal investigation, United States Attorney Scott Brady announced today. Miah was arrested on Wednesday and made an initial appearance in U.S. District Court via video teleconference. A preliminary and detention hearing is scheduled for tomorrow, January 8, 2021, at 10 a.m., before Chief Magistrate Judge Cynthia Eddy.

"Khaled Miah's use of multiple Twitter accounts to threaten and harass federal law enforcement officers and their family members and to obstruct a federal investigation are clear violations of federal law," said U.S. Attorney Brady. "We will not hesitate to pursue and prosecute individuals who cross the line from interest to intimidation."

"This arrest is the culmination of a year-long investigation which included threatening federal law enforcement officers," said FBI Pittsburgh Special Agent in Charge Michael Christman. "Threatening online statements, whether directed to a federal officer or any other person, is not harmless activity. It is serious criminal activity with consequences. Threats against law enforcement officers are particularly egregious in that it interferes with our ability to protect the communities we are charged with serving. We should all understand that the First Amendment is not a license to threaten others with harm and that the FBI and our law enforcement partners will relentlessly pursue those who pose a threat to the community."

According to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh, on or about December 27, 2020, Miah posted threats directed at individual FBI agents who were investigating him, as well as the FBI generally. In December 2020, FBI personnel identified a publicly visible Twitter account created by Miah. From the date of its creation to on or about January 1, 2021, Miah used this Twitter account to threaten, intimidate and harass FBI Pittsburgh Agents and the FBI. In addition, after posting the threatening statements, and with full knowledge of the FBI investigation into his conduct, Miah subsequently deleted those posts which impeded, obstructed, and influenced the FBI investigation.

Specifically, as referenced in the criminal complaint, among other statements, Miah posted the following statement on Twitter: "Currently eating pasta and watching videos of the secind plane hit the south tower."

Based upon their lengthy investigation of Miah, the FBI assessed that by referring to watching "videos of the second plane hit the south tower," Miah was referring to the coordinated Al-Qaeda terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, at which time two commercial airplanes were hijacked and crashed into the North and South towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. As a result, the North and South towers ultimately burned and collapsed causing the deaths of more than 2900 people. Miah went on to state that "the deed will be done, at a time which is most opportunistic for me, chosen by myself."

Miah additionally commented on December 29, 2020, that the "zero hour" was approaching and posted the geographic location of FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. According to the criminal complaint affidavit, Miah also traveled to Washington, D.C., and was surveilled on at least 11 occasions in the immediate vicinity of the FBI headquarters building in Pittsburgh between November 1, 2020, and January 3, 2021.

The criminal complaint affidavit also details that, after seizing and searching Miah's electronic devices pursuant to a federal search warrant, FBI's forensic analysis revealed that Miah apparently idealized the Boston Marathon Bombers, Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, and visited several landmarks in Massachusetts associated with the bombings, including where each of the two bombings took place, where the Tsarnaev brothers participated in a violent shootout with local police, and the gym where Tamerlan Tsarnaev previously trained in mixed martial arts.

Members of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force who were directly involved in this investigation include: FBI, University of Pittsburgh Police Department, Pittsburgh Bureau of Police, Allegheny County Police Department, Allegheny County Port Authority Police, Pennsylvania State Police, Allegheny County Probation, and the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jessica Lieber Smolar and Soo C. Song of the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Charges pursuant to a criminal complaint are merely allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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Predicted Heart Age Among Cancer Survivors — United States, 2013–2017

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Approximately 15.5 million cancer survivors were alive in the United States in 2016 with expected growth to 26.1 million by 2040 (*1*). Cancer survivors are living longer because of advances in early detection and treatment, but face psychosocial, cognitive, financial, and physical challenges (*1*,*2*). Physical challenges include cardiovascular complications, partly because cancer and cardiovascular disease (CVD) share some cumulative risk factors including tobacco use, physical inactivity, obesity, poor diet, hypertension, diabetes, and dyslipidemia (*3*). In addition, many cancer treatments damage the heart, and some cancer types increase risk for developing CVD (*4*). The recognition and management of heart disease in cancer survivors has given rise to the discipline of cardio-oncology, which focuses on the cardiovascular health of this population (*5*). CVD risk has been previously estimated using prediction models, and studies suggest that physician-patient communication using predicted heart age rather than predicted 10-year risk has led to a more accurate perception of excess heart age, encouraged actions to adopt a healthy lifestyle, and improved modifiable CVD risk factors (*6*,*7*). Using the nonlaboratory-based Framingham Risk Score (FRS) to estimate 10-year risk for developing CVD, predicted heart age is estimated from the 10-year risk of CVD (predicted by age, sex, diabetes status, smoking status, systolic blood pressure, hypertension treatment status, and body mass index); it is the age of an otherwise healthy person with the same predicted risk, with all other risk factors included in the prediction model at the normal level (systolic blood pressure of 125 mmHg, no hypertension treatment, body mass index of 22.5, nonsmoker, and nondiabetic) (*6*). Using data from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), this study estimates predicted heart age, excess heart age (difference between predicted heart age and actual age), and racial/ethnic and sociodemographic disparities in predicted heart age among U.S. adult cancer survivors and noncancer participants aged 30–74 years using previously published methods (*7*). A total of 22,759 men and 46,294 women were cancer survivors with a mean age of 48.7 and 48.3 years, respectively. The predicted heart age and excess heart age among cancer survivors were 57.2 and 8.5 years, respectively, for men and 54.8 and 6.5 years, respectively, for women, and varied by age, race/ethnicity, education and income. The use of predicted heart age by physicians to encourage cancer survivors to improve modifiable risk factors and make heart healthy choices, such as tobacco cessation, regular physical activity, and a healthy diet to maintain a healthy weight, can engage survivors in informed cancer care planning after diagnosis.

Data were drawn from the BRFSS 2013, 2015, and 2017 survey cycles because CVD-specific modules are conducted in odd-numbered years. CDC pooled results for those years to produce stable estimates. The median combined response rate

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across states for each year was 45.9%, 47.2%, and 45.9%. The eligible sample included nonpregnant adults aged 30–74 years, who had no self-reported history of CVD, including coronary heart disease, myocardial infarction, and stroke. Among 1,362,270 BRFSS participants, the following were excluded: 337,836 participants outside the age range, 3,927 who were pregnant, 103,658 with self-reported CVD, and 70,453 with missing covariates for blood pressure prediction. Among the remaining 846,396 participants for the analysis, 69,053 (8.2%) were cancer survivors. Cancer survivors were defined as having answered "yes" to the question "(Ever told) you had any other type of cancer?" (i.e., excluding skin cancer) by a doctor, nurse, or health professional. Exclusions based on cancer type, which can be found in the cancer survivorship module (https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/questionnaires/pdf-ques/2017_BRFSS_Pub_Ques_508_tagged.pdf), were not made because the survey included that module for only 2017 and did not survey all states.

To account for the complex sampling design, CDC calculated estimates using weights and strata in SAS (version 9.4; SAS Institute) or SAS-callable SUDAAN (version 11.0; RTI International). Systolic blood pressure was calculated using a previously published method (*8*) with National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2011–2012, 2013–2014, and 2015–2016 cycles. Predicted heart age was capped with an upper limit of 100 years (*6*).

Age-adjusted weighted means, prevalences, and 95% confidence intervals were calculated for actual age, predicted heart age, and excess heart age. Prevalence of excess heart age of ≥5 years was calculated by age group, race/ethnicity, educational attainment, and annual household income stratified by sex and cancer-survivor status. Adjusted differences in predicted heart age for cancer-survivor versus noncancer status and racial/ethnic differences in predicted heart age for cancer survivors were calculated using multivariate linear regression. A t-test across all age groups was used to ascertain differences within categories, and pairwise t-tests were used for education, income, and race/ethnicity.

A total of 22,759 men and 46,294 women were cancer survivors, with mean ages of 48.7 and 48.3 years, respectively. The predicted heart age and excess heart age among cancer survivors were 57.2 and 8.5 years, respectively, for men and 54.8 and 6.5 years, respectively, for women. The prevalence of excess heart age ≥5 years was 52.4% for men and 43.6% for women. Among cancer survivors, groups with the highest average excess heart age were those in which persons were aged 60–74 years, were non-Hispanic Black, had less than a high school education, and had <$35,000 annual household income (excess heart age range = 11.6–14.9 years for men and 9.8–14.0 years for women). Prevalence of excess heart age ≥5 years was highest for those aged 60–74 years among both men and women; excess heart age ≥5 years was 3.0 percentage points higher for men and

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6.5 percentage points higher for women among cancer survivors than among noncancer participants (Table 1).

Among men, adjusted difference in excess heart age was higher among lower income cancer survivors and non-Hispanic Black cancer survivors than among noncancer participants. Among women, the adjusted difference in excess heart age decreased with age and was higher among lower education, lower income, non-Hispanic Black, and Hispanic cancer survivors than among noncancer participants (Table 2).

The difference in predicted heart age between Hispanic and non-Hispanic White cancer survivors was small and not statistically significant for most subgroups, as opposed to a much larger and mostly statistically significant difference between Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black survivors. In addition, disparities were larger among female cancer survivors than among male cancer survivors. The adjusted difference in excess heart age between non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic White female cancer survivors increased with age, education level, and income (Table 3). Disparities between non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic White persons were greater for women (7.4 years) than for men (4.3 years). The largest differences in excess heart age between non-Hispanic

TABLE 1. Age-adjusted and weighted mean actual age, predicted heart age, and excess heart age; and prevalence of excess heart age ≥5 years, by sex, age, race/ethnicity, education level, and annual household income among cancer survivors aged 30–74 years — Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, United States, 2013, 2015, and 2017

Characteristic	No. of persons	Age, yrs (95% CI)			Prevalence of average excess heart age ≥5 yrs % (95% CI)
		Actual age	Predicted heart age	Average excess heart age	
Men					
Cancer status					
Cancer	22,759	48.7 (48.5–48.8)	57.2 (56.8–57.6)	8.5 (8.2–8.9)	52.4 (50.2–54.6)
No cancer	345,173	47.8 (47.8–47.8)	55.7 (55.7–55.8)	7.9 (7.9–8.0)	49.4 (49.1–49.7)
Age group, yrs					
30–39	632	35.0 (34.6–35.4)	37.9 (37.0–38.8)	2.9 (2.2–3.6)	27.4 (22.4–33.2)
40–49	1,289	44.9 (44.6–45.1)	52.5 (51.6–53.4)	7.6 (6.7–8.5)	51.6 (46.8–56.3)
50–59	4,400	55.1 (55.0–55.3)	66.6 (66.0–67.2)	11.5 (10.9–12.0)	66.1 (63.5–68.7)
60–74	16,438	67.2 (67.1–67.3)	82.1 (81.7–82.5)	14.9 (14.6–15.3)	75.3 (74.0–76.6)
Race/Ethnicity					
White, non-Hispanic	19,440	48.7 (48.5–48.8)	56.7 (56.3–57.2)	8.1 (7.7–8.5)	50.2 (47.8–52.7)
Black, non-Hispanic	1,553	48.7 (48.3–49.1)	60.9 (59.6–62.3)	12.3 (11.1–13.4)	70.4 (61.6–77.9)
Hispanic	700	48.6 (48.2–49.0)	56.9 (55.5–58.3)	8.3 (7.0–9.5)	51.2 (44.3–58.1)
Other	1,066	48.7 (48.2–49.2)	58.1 (56.8–59.5)	9.5 (8.1–10.8)	57.6 (49.1–65.7)
Education					
Less than HS	1,226	48.7 (47.9–49.4)	61.1 (59.1–63.0)	12.4 (10.9–14.0)	68.5 (58.2–77.2)
HS	5,657	48.6 (48.4–48.9)	58.7 (58.0–59.4)	10.1 (9.4–10.7)	60.9 (56.5–65.1)
More than HS	15,876	48.7 (48.5–48.9)	55.8 (55.4–56.3)	7.1 (6.7–7.5)	45.7 (43.2–48.3)
Annual household income ($)					
<35,000	5,922	48.6 (48.3–48.9)	60.2 (59.3–61.1)	11.6 (10.8–12.3)	65.7 (61.0–70.0)
≥35,000	14,355	48.7 (48.5–48.9)	55.8 (55.4–56.3)	7.1 (6.7–7.5)	46.2 (43.7–48.7)
Women					
Cancer status					
Cancer	46,294	48.3 (48.2–48.4)	54.8 (54.5–55.0)	6.5 (6.2–6.7)	43.6 (42.3–44.9)
No cancer	430,699	47.9 (47.9–47.9)	53.2 (53.1–53.2)	5.3 (5.2–5.3)	37.1 (36.8–37.4)
Age group, yrs					
30–39	2,522	34.5 (34.3–34.7)	36.0 (35.5–36.4)	1.5 (1.1–1.9)	24.0 (21.4–26.7)
40–49	4,726	44.8 (44.7–45.0)	49.4 (48.9–49.9)	4.6 (4.1–5.0)	40.4 (37.4–43.4)
50–59	11,408	54.6 (54.5–54.7)	63.5 (62.9–64.0)	8.9 (8.3–9.4)	51.4 (49.4–53.3)
60–74	27,638	66.8 (66.6–66.9)	80.7 (80.4–81.1)	14 (13.6–14.3)	68.5 (67.3–69.8)
Race/Ethnicity					
White, non-Hispanic	39,085	48.4 (48.3–48.4)	54.2 (53.9–54.4)	5.8 (5.6–6.1)	42.2 (40.9–43.5)
Black, non-Hispanic	2,977	48.5 (48.2–48.8)	60.6 (59.7–61.5)	12.1 (11.3–12.9)	62.6 (57.9–67.2)
Hispanic	1,786	48.0 (47.7–48.3)	54.7 (53.8–55.7)	6.8 (5.8–7.7)	39.4 (34.5–44.5)
Other	2,446	48.2 (47.9–48.5)	54.8 (53.5–56.1)	6.6 (5.4–7.8)	44.0 (38.7–49.5)
Highest education attained					
Less than HS	2,879	48.1 (47.9–48.4)	59.4 (58.6–60.2)	11.3 (10.5–12)	58.9 (54.6–63.1)
HS	12,163	48.2 (48.0–48.4)	56.2 (55.8–56.7)	8.0 (7.6–8.4)	50.1 (47.6–52.7)
More than HS	31,252	48.4 (48.3–48.5)	53.3 (53.0–53.6)	4.9 (4.6–5.2)	37.9 (36.4–39.3)
Annual household income ($)					
<35,000	16,219	48.2 (48.1–48.3)	58.0 (57.6–58.4)	9.8 (9.4–10.2)	56.1 (54.0–58.3)
≥35,000	23,609	48.4 (48.3–48.5)	52.5 (52.2–52.9)	4.1 (3.8–4.4)	34.2 (32.7–35.8)

Abbreviations: CI = confidence interval; HS = high school.

TABLE 2. Adjusted difference in excess heart age and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) comparing cancer versus noncancer group by sex, age, race/ethnicity, education level, and annual household income for adults aged 30–74 years—Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, United States, 2013, 2015, and 2017

Characteristic	Difference* in excess heart age, yrs (95% CI)	
	Men	Women
Total†	0.7 (0.4 to 1.0)	0.6 (0.3 to 0.8)
Age group, yrs§		
30–39	−0.3 (−1.0 to 0.4)	1.5 (1.1 to 1.9)
40–49	1.6 (0.8 to 2.5)	1.3 (0.8 to 1.8)
50–59	0.8 (0.3 to 1.4)	0.6 (0.1 to 1.2)
60–74	0.6 (0.2 to 0.9)	0.1 (−0.3 to 0.4)
P-value¶	0.16	<0.001
Highest education attained**,††		
Less than HS	1.6 (0.4 to 2.7)	1.4 (0.5 to 2.3)
HS	0.8 (0.3 to 1.3)	0.4 (−0.1 to 0.8)
More than HS	0.5 (0.2 to 0.8)	0.5 (0.2 to 0.8)
Annual household income ($)§§		
<35,000	1.5 (0.9 to 2)	1.1 (0.7 to 1.5)
≥35,000	0.4 (0.1 to 0.7)	0.3 (−0.1 to 0.6)
P-value¶¶	<0.001	0.001
Race/Ethnicity***,†††		
White, non-Hispanic	0.4 (0.1 to 0.7)	0.2 (0.0 to 0.4)
Black, non-Hispanic	1.8 (0.9 to 2.7)	2.3 (1.3 to 3.3)
Hispanic	0.9 (−0.5 to 2.2)	1.2 (0.1 to 2.3)
Other, non-Hispanic	2.1 (0.6 to 3.6)	1.9 (0.4 to 3.4)

Abbreviation: HS = high school.

* Difference was calculated as excess heart age among noncancer participants subtracted from excess heart age among cancer survivors.

† Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income.

§ Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income, with an interaction term of age-by-cancer status to estimate cancer status difference in excess heart age by age group.

¶ P-value based on t-tests across the age group.

** Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income, with an interaction term of education-by-cancer status to estimate cancer status difference in excess heart age by education group.

†† Based on pairwise t-tests, the following comparisons were significantly different: less than high school versus high school (p = 0.25 for men; p = 0.04 for women); less than high school versus more than high school (p = 0.07 for men; p = 0.06 for women).

§§ Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income, with an interaction term of annual household income-by-cancer status to estimate cancer status difference in excess heart age by household income level.

¶¶ P-value based on pairwise t-tests.

*** Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income, with an interaction term of race/ethnicity-by-cancer status to estimate cancer status difference in excess heart age by race/ethnicity.

††† Based on pairwise t-tests, statistical significance was established as p<0.05. The p-values for each comparison were as follows: White, non-Hispanic versus Black, non-Hispanic (p = 0 for men; p = <0.001 for women); White, non-Hispanic versus Hispanic (p = 0.53 for men; p = 0.08 for women); White, non-Hispanic versus other (p = 0.03 for men and p = 0.02 for women); Black, non-Hispanic versus Hispanic: (p = 0.24 for men; p = 0.14 for women); Black, non-Hispanic versus other (p = 0.76 for men; p = 0.70 for women); Hispanic versus other: (p = 0.23 for men; p = 0.43 for women).

Black and non-Hispanic White women were among those aged 50–59 years (9.2 years) and 60–74 years (8.8 years). Excess heart age differences for each education level were greater for non-Hispanic Black women, with the largest difference occurring for the highest education level (more than high school). Among non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic White women with annual household income >$35,000, the difference in excess heart age was 2.4 years higher than that among those with lesser income. Overall, excess heart age is similar among Hispanic and non-Hispanic White cancer survivors, and higher for non-Hispanic Black survivors (Table 3).

Summary

What is already known about this topic?

Cancer and cardiovascular disease (CVD) share long-term risk factors. Physician-patient communication using heart age has been effective in motivating patients to improve modifiable CVD risk factors.

What is added by this report?

The predicted heart age and excess heart age among cancer survivors were 57.2 and 8.5 years, respectively, for men and 54.8 and 6.5 years, respectively, for women, and varied by age, race/ethnicity, education, and income. The prevalence of excess heart age ≥5 years was higher among men, cancer survivors with lower income and lower educational attainment, and non-Hispanic Black cancer survivors, particularly women.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Health care providers should counsel cancer survivors about ways to reduce modifiable shared risk factors such as tobacco use, physical inactivity, poor diet, hypertension, and obesity that contribute to excess heart age.

Discussion

In this study, both excess heart age and prevalence of excess heart age ≥5 years were higher among cancer survivors than among noncancer participants. Consistent with previous findings, the prevalence of excess heart age was larger among men than among women; however, racial disparities among women were larger than those among men (*7*).

This study also confirms previous findings that few adults meet ideal cardiovascular health metrics, such as not smoking, having normal body mass index, being physically active, eating a healthy diet, and having normal levels of total cholesterol and blood pressure, resulting in excess heart age ≥5 years (*9*). As cancer survivors live longer, more attention can be focused on modifiable risk factors that affect both cancer and CVD (*1*,*2*,*5*). In this study, the prevalence of excess heart age ≥5 years was higher among the following groups: men, cancer survivors with lower income and lower educational attainment, and non-Hispanic Black cancer survivors, particularly women. The findings indicate that wellness plans for all cancer survivors, and particularly the most affected groups, should include a focus on cardiovascular risk.

The findings in this report are subject to at least six limitations. First, BRFSS data are self-reported and thus are subject to recall and social desirability biases (*10*), which might underestimate predicted heart age in all persons. Second, the

TABLE 3. Adjusted difference in excess heart age and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) comparing different race/ethnicity groups, by sex, age, education level, and annual household income for cancer survivors aged 30–74 years—Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, United States, 2013, 2015, and 2017.

	Difference in excess heart age, yrs (95% CI)					
	Men			Women		
Characteristic	Black, non-Hispanic versus White, non-Hispanic	Hispanic versus White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic versus Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic versus White, non-Hispanic	Hispanic versus White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic versus Hispanic
Total*	4.3 (3.4 to 5.2)	−0.7 (−2.1 to 0.6)	5.0 (3.4 to 6.6)	7.4 (6.5 to 8.4)	−0.7 (−1.8 to 0.4)	8.2 (6.7 to 9.6)
Age group, yrs†						
30–39	2.5 (−0.3 to 5.2)	−0.7 (−2.9 to 1.5)	3.1 (−0.2 to 6.5)	0.7 (−0.9 to 2.2)	−3.5 (−4.6 to 2.5)	4.2 (2.5 to 5.9)
40–49	2.6 (0.4 to 4.8)	−1.7 (−4.4 to 1)	4.3 (1.1 to 7.5)	4.0 (2.2 to 5.7)	−2.3 (−4.1 to 0.4)	6.2 (3.8 to 8.7)
50–59	3.8 (2.0 to 5.7)	−0.4 (−2.7 to 1.9)	4.3 (1.5 to 7.0)	9.2 (7.0 to 11.5)	−0.1 (−2.7 to 2.4)	9.4 (6.0 to 12.7)
60–74	4.8 (3.6 to 6.0)	−0.7 (−3.0 to 1.6)	5.5 (2.9 to 8.0)	8.8 (7.6 to 10.0)	0.8 (−1.3 to 3.0)	8.0 (5.5 to 10.4)
P-value§	0.09	0.81	0.31	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Highest education attained¶,**						
Less than HS	2.4 (−0.2 to 5.0)	−3.1 (−6.3 to 0.1)	5.5 (1.9 to 9.1)	4.6 (2.1 to 7.1)	−2.6 (−4.8 to 0.3)	7.2 (4.1 to 10.3)
HS	4.2 (2.5 to 5.8)	−1.4 (−3.8 to 1)	5.6 (2.7 to 8.4)	6.3 (4.7 to 7.9)	−1.5 (−3.2 to 0.1)	7.8 (5.6 to 10.0)
More than HS	4.9 (3.6 to 6.1)	1.0 (−0.8 to 2.9)	3.9 (1.7 to 6.1)	8.6 (7.3 to 10.0)	0.8 (−0.8 to 2.4)	7.8 (5.8 to 9.9)
Annual household income ($)††						
<35, 000	4.1 (2.7 to 5.5)	−0.5 (−2.7 to 1.8)	4.6 (2.1 to 7.1)	6.2 (4.6 to 7.8)	−1.6 (−3 to 0.2)	7.8 (5.8 to 9.8)
≥35,000	4.7 (3.5 to 5.9)	−0.8 (−2.7 to 1.1)	5.5 (3.3 to 7.7)	8.6 (7.3 to 9.9)	0.3 (−1.6 to 2.3)	8.3 (6.0 to 10.5)
P-value	0.55	0.81	0.59	0.02	0.11	0.76

Abbreviation: HS = high school.

* Adjusted for age, education, and annual household income.

† Adjusted for age, education, annual household income, with an interaction term of age-by-race/ethnicity to estimate racial difference in excess heart age by age group.

§ P-value based on t-tests across the age group.

¶ Adjusted for age, education, annual household income, with an interaction term of education-by-race/ethnicity to estimate racial difference in excess heart age by education groups.

** Based on pairwise t-tests, statistical significance was established as p<0.05. The p-values for each comparison were as follows: less than high school versus high school (p = 0.26 for Black, non-Hispanic men versus White, non-Hispanic men; p = 0.40 for Hispanic men versus White, non-Hispanic men; p = 0.98 for Black, non-Hispanic men versus Hispanic men; p = 0.26 for Black, non-Hispanic women versus White, non-Hispanic women; p = 0.46 for Hispanic women versus White, non-Hispanic women; p = 0.74 for Black, non-Hispanic women versus Hispanic women); less than high school versus more than high school (p = 0.09 for Black, non-Hispanic men versus White, non-Hispanic men; p = 0.03 for Hispanic men versus White, non-Hispanic men; p = 0.44 for Black, non-Hispanic men versus Hispanic men; p = 0.01 for Black, non-Hispanic women versus White, non-Hispanic women; p = 0.02 for Hispanic women versus White, non-Hispanic women; p = 0.73 for Black, non-Hispanic women versus Hispanic women).

†† Adjusted for age, education, annual household income, with an interaction term of annual household income-by-race/ethnicity to estimate racial difference in excess heart age by household income level.

predicted heart age calculation used model-estimated systolic blood pressure rather than measured systolic blood pressure, which might introduce bias in predicted heart age estimates (*7*). Third, the nonlaboratory-based FRS used in the study might overestimate predicted heart age compared with the laboratory-based FRS (*7*). Fourth, several lifestyle choices such as sodium consumption, physical activity, and diet are not included in the FRS heart age calculation (*7*). Physical activity and diet are specifically linked to both heart disease and cancer, and their exclusion is likely to cause underestimates of predicted heart age in cancer survivors. Fifth, specific risks for some cancer survivors such as cardiotoxic treatment are not considered in the model and are likely to result in further underestimates. Finally, the definition of cancer in this study was nonspecific and could result in misclassification of some study participants.

Adult cancer survivors aged 30–74 years had higher predicted heart age than did noncancer participants, and the degree of excess heart age varied by racial/ethnic and sociodemographic groups. Cancer survivors are living longer and are more likely to experience long-term side effects from therapy that require treatment from multiple types of physicians (*5*). The management of cardiovascular complications and involvement of cardiologists in the integrated approach of cardio-oncology is becoming more important given the steady increase in cancer survival, and the literature suggests the use of a low threshold for referral to a cardio-oncologist or cardiologist (*4*,*5*). The use of predicted heart age by physicians to encourage cancer survivors to improve modifiable risk factors and make heart-healthy choices, such as tobacco cessation, regular physical activity, and a healthy diet to maintain a healthy weight, can engage survivors in informed cancer care planning after diagnosis. In addition, physicians can consider additional components and complications of cancer survivorship, such as mental, social, and financial issues, when formulating a survivorship plan. Cancer survivors might experience numerous macro-level challenges and barriers, which can be included in future analyses to determine potential effect on heart age. By determining and communicating predicted heart age of cancer survivors at a personal level, cancer care teams can provide education to prevent long-term cardiovascular complications and improve quality of life and heart outcomes for cancer survivors.

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Time from Start of Quarantine to SARS-CoV-2 Positive Test Among Quarantined College and University Athletes — 17 States, June–October 2020

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To safely resume sports, college and university athletic programs and regional athletic conferences created plans to mitigate transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Mitigation measures included physical distancing, universal masking, and maximizing outdoor activity during training; routine testing; 10-day isolation of persons with COVID-19; and 14-day quarantine of athletes identified as close contacts* of persons with confirmed COVID-19. Regional athletic conferences created testing and quarantine policies based on National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) guidance (*1*); testing policies varied by conference, school, and sport. To improve compliance with quarantine and reduce the personal and economic burden of quarantine adherence, the quarantine period has been reduced in several countries from 14 days to as few as 5 days with testing (*2*) or 10 days without testing (*3*). Data on quarantined athletes participating in NCAA sports were used to characterize COVID-19 exposures and assess the amount of time between quarantine start and first positive SARS-CoV-2 test result. Despite the potential risk for transmission from frequent, close contact associated with athletic activities (*4*), more athletes reported exposure to COVID-19 at social gatherings (40.7%) and from roommates (31.7%) than they did from exposures associated with athletic activities (12.7%). Among 1,830 quarantined athletes, 458 (25%) received positive reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) test results during the 14-day quarantine, with a mean of 3.8 days from quarantine start (range = 0–14 days) until the positive test result. Among athletes who had not received a positive test result by quarantine day 5, the probability of having a positive test result decreased from 27% after day 5 to <5% after day 10. These findings support new guidance from CDC (*5*) in which different options are provided to shorten quarantine for persons such as collegiate athletes, especially if doing so will increase compliance, balancing the reduced duration of quarantine against a small but nonzero risk for postquarantine transmission. Improved adherence to mitigation measures (e.g., universal masking, physical distancing, and hand hygiene) at all times could further reduce exposures to SARS-CoV-2 and disruptions to athletic activities because of infections and quarantine (*1*,*6*).

CDC partnered with representatives of the NCAA conferences to analyze retrospective data collected by participating colleges and universities. A request for participation was sent to all NCAA members regardless of whether athletics programs had resumed. Colleges and universities were provided with a data dictionary to standardize data collection (Supplementary Table, https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/99431). Deidentified, individual-level retrospective testing and exposure data from quarantined, SARS-CoV-2–exposed collegiate athletes across the United States were provided to CDC for analysis. Information on the types of exposure was collected by athletic staff members or public health professionals and categorized as sports settings (e.g., game, practice, team workouts, scrimmage, shared equipment, or team travel), roommate, social gatherings (e.g., party, shared car, or friends), unspecified or other (e.g., class, meetings, work, or travel unrelated to sports). Data cleaning and analyses were conducted in duplicate using SAS (version 9.4; SAS Institute) and R (version 3.6.3; The R Foundation). This activity was reviewed by CDC and was conducted consistent with applicable federal law and CDC policy.†

For this analysis, athletes were excluded if they 1) had not received testing using RT-PCR during their 14-day quarantine period; 2) had received a positive SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test result before starting quarantine; 3) were still under quarantine and had not had positive test results at the time of data submission (October 27–November 17); or 4) were missing data on quarantine start date, test date, test type (i.e., antigen or RT-PCR), or RT-PCR test result (positive, negative, or indeterminate). For all athletes who received a positive SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test result during quarantine, time-to-event analyses were conducted by separately calculating the interval from the exposure date or the quarantine start date to the positive specimen collection date. Quarantined athlete data were excluded from time-to-event analyses if the exposure date or the quarantine start date was missing or if the athlete had positive test results >14 days after commencing quarantine. Kaplan-Meier survival analysis estimated the probability and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) of athletes receiving a first positive SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR test result after days 5, 7, and 10 of quarantine.

* Close contact is defined as being <6 feet apart for >15 minutes with an infected person.

† 45 C.F.R. part 46, 21 C.F.R. part 56; 42 U.S.C. Sect. 241(d); 5 U.S.C. Sect. 552a; 44 U.S.C. Sect. 3501 et seq.

Twenty-four colleges and universities contributed data on 2,257 quarantined athletes, irrespective of test result; data from 427 athletes were excluded based on the described exclusion criteria. Among the remaining 1,830 quarantined athletes, the most common sports played were football (46.2%, 846), track and field or cross-country (10.4%, 190), and soccer (6.6%, 121) (Table). The most commonly reported exposures were at social gatherings (40.7%, 745) or from roommates (31.7%, 580); overall, 232 (12.7%) quarantined athletes reported exposure associated with athletic activities. Athletes received a total of 3,345 RT-PCR tests (mean = 1.8 per athlete, range = 1–14) while in quarantine. A total of 458 (25.0%) quarantined athletes ever received a positive test result, including 137 (29.9%) who never reported symptoms. Among 386 quarantined athletes who became symptomatic, 321 (83.2%) ever received a positive test result.

Three colleges and universities contributed data only on quarantined athletes who received positive test results during quarantine (193); after exclusion of 31 who did not meet inclusion criteria, 162 athletes remained. Therefore, a total of 620 athletes with positive SARS-CoV-2 test results during quarantine were included in a time-to-event analysis. Among 436 (73.4%) of these athletes with available exposure date, quarantine commenced a mean of 1.1 days after reported exposure (range = 0–11 days). Among these athletes, 302 (48.7%) reported symptoms before collection of the specimen that returned positive; the mean interval from symptom onset to positive specimen collection date was 1.1 days (range = 0–12 days). Among the 620 athletes with positive test results, the positive test results occurred by day 2 of quarantine for 303 (48. 9%) (Figure 1) and by day 5 for 453 (73.1%) with a mean of 3.8 days from quarantine start (range 0–14 days) until the positive test (Supplementary Figure, https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/99765). Among all SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR tests administered, the positivity rate decreased over the quarantine period (Figure 2). The median interval between the start of quarantine and collection of a positive specimen was 2 days (range = 0–14 days). Among those whose test results remained negative at day 5, the estimated probability of having a positive test result was 26.9% (95% CI = 23.7–30.7) after day 5, 14.2% (95% CI = 11.7–17.2) after day 7, and 4.7% (95% CI = 3.3–6.7) after day 10. Among the 29 athletes who received positive test results during days 11–14, 26 (89.7%) had not been tested previously during their quarantine period.

TABLE. Sports played, symptoms, and exposure type among quarantined college and university athletes with COVID-19 exposure — 17 states, June–October 2020

Sport, symptom, and type of exposure	RT-PCR test results, no. (%)		
	Total	Positive	Negative
Total athletes*	**1,830 (100.0)**	**458 (100.0)**	**1,372 (100.0)**
Sport played			
Football	846 (46.2)	249 (54.4)	597 (43.5)
Track and field/Cross country	190 (10.4)	23 (5.0)	167 (12.2)
Soccer	121 (6.6)	24 (5.2)	97 (7.1)
Basketball	116 (6.3)	23 (5.0)	93 (6.8)
Volleyball	107 (5.9)	25 (5.5)	82 (6.0)
Swimming and diving	78 (4.3)	31 (6.8)	47 (3.4)
Baseball	72 (3.9)	8 (1.8)	64 (4.7)
Wrestling	60 (3.3)	18 (3.9)	42 (3.1)
Golf	46 (2.5)	7 (1.5)	39 (2.8)
Gymnastics	44 (2.4)	7 (1.5)	37 (2.7)
Softball	37 (2.0)	5 (1.1)	32 (2.3)
Lacrosse	26 (1.4)	13 (2.8)	13 (1.0)
Tennis	21 (1.2)	10 (2.2)	11 (0.8)
Rowing	19 (1.0)	5 (1.1)	14 (1.0)
Multiple sports†	6 (0.3)	1 (0.2)	5 (0.4)
Other§	41 (2.2)	9 (2.0)	32 (2.3)
Symptoms consistent with COVID-19¶			
No	1,444 (78.9)	137 (29.9)	1,307 (95.3)
Yes	386 (21.1)	321 (70.1)	65 (4.7)
Type of exposure			
Sports setting	232 (12.7)	54 (11.8)	178 (13.0)
Roommates	580 (31.7)	134 (29.3)	446 (32.5)
Social gatherings	745 (40.7)	195 (42.6)	550 (40.1)
Multiple exposure types**	64 (3.5)	16 (3.5)	48 (3.5)
Other††	61 (3.3)	20 (4.4)	41 (3.0)
Unspecified exposure	148 (8.1)	39 (8.5)	109 (7.9)

Abbreviations: COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019; RT-PCR = reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction.

* Three colleges or universities provided data sets that only included athletes who had positive test results during quarantine. The athletes in these data sets (193) were not included in this analysis.

† Six athletes indicated playing multiple sports; one of these athletes had a positive test result and participated in football and gymnastics; the others did not have positive test results and participated in football and wrestling (two), wrestling and track (one), golf and wrestling (one), and football and volleyball (one).

§ Sports with fewer than 10 athletes each (beach volleyball, cheer, dance, equestrian, rifle, skiing, and water polo) were included in the "other" category.

¶ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; cough or other respiratory symptoms; headache; chills; muscle aches; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; new loss of taste or smell; nausea, vomiting or diarrhea; pain, redness, swelling or rash on toes or fingers; new rash or other skin symptoms, temperature of ≥100.4°F (38°C).

** Sixty-four athletes reported more than one type of exposure.

†† Class, meetings, shared airplane, travel not related to sports, unsanctioned workouts, or work.

Discussion

A positive SARS-CoV-2 test result was received by one quarter of quarantined athletes during June–October 2020. Once an athlete entered quarantine, the probability of a positive test result among those who had no previous positive test result decreased from 27% after day 5 to <5% after day 10. New shortened quarantine options (after day 10 without testing or after day 7 with negative test result) were based on decreasing transmission risk over the duration of quarantine (*5*). Findings from this investigation support shortened quarantine options for collegiate athletes, given the low proportion of athletes who had positive test results after day 10.

Multiple, concurrent mitigation measures can effectively lower the risk for SARS-CoV-2 transmission (*7*). The majority

FIGURE 1. Cumulative percentage of SARS-CoV-2 reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction positive test results among quarantined collegiate athletes who ever had a positive result, by day since start of quarantine — 17 states, June–October 2020

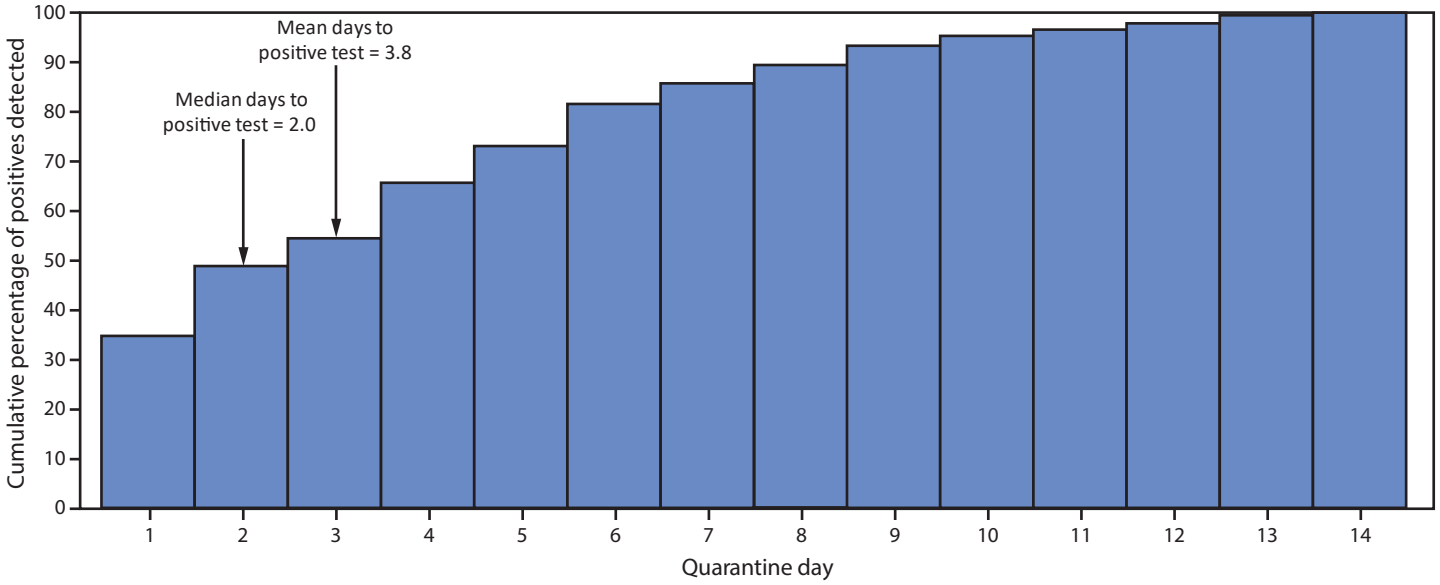
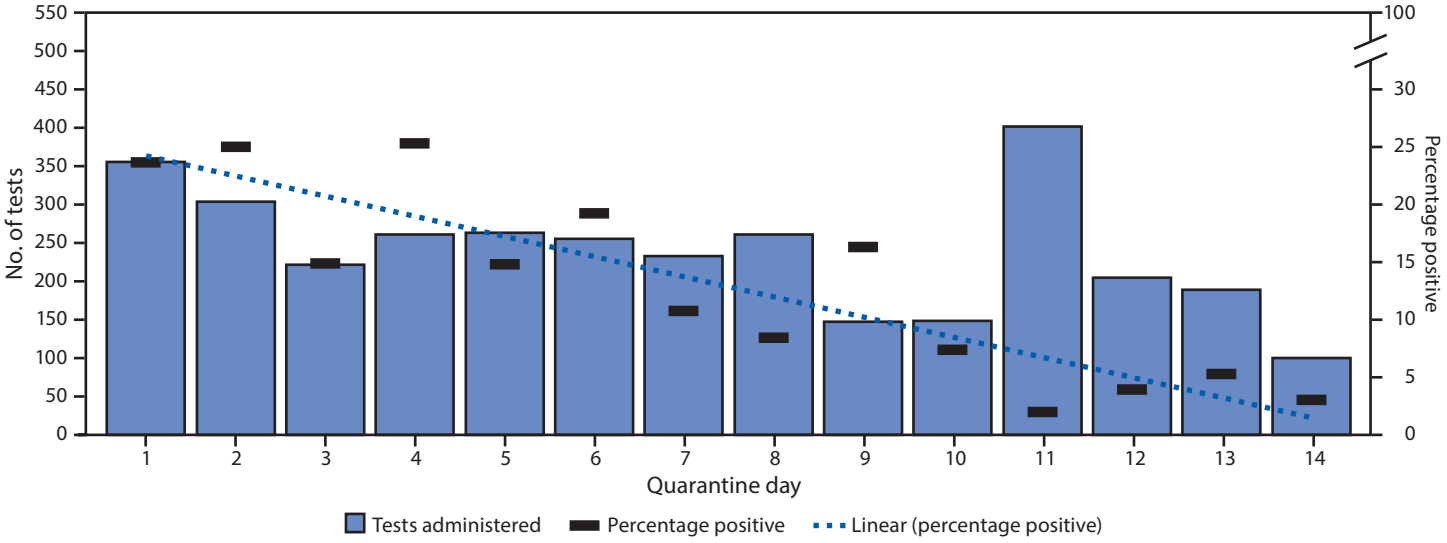


FIGURE 2. Number of SARS-CoV-2 reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction tests performed and percentage positive* among quarantined collegiate athletes, by quarantine day — 17 states, June–October 2020



* With line of best fit for percentage positive over time.

of exposures among these athletes occurred at social gatherings and from roommates, indicating that the implementation of targeted mitigation measures helped minimize exposures associated with athletic activities. These findings underscore the need for adherence to mitigation measures (e.g., universal masking, physical distancing, and hand hygiene) at all times to reduce the risk for transmission of SARS-CoV-2 (*1*,*6*). In this cohort of collegiate athletes, fewer than one half who ultimately had a positive test result had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 before collection of the positive specimen. This finding is consistent with recent reports of asymptomatic screening programs in general university campus populations, where 51% of students with positive test results were asymptomatic (*8*). In this study, 86% of quarantined athletes who ever had positive test results did so by day 7, which is consistent with a reported median incubation period of 4.3–6.4 days (*9*,*10*).

The findings in this report are subject to at least five limitations. First, almost all athletes who had a positive specimen collected after quarantine day 10 had not been tested previously during quarantine. It is possible that those athletes might have had positive test results before day 10. Second, time-to-event analyses used quarantine start date rather than exposure date

because more data were missing on exposure date than on quarantine start date; also, using exposure date was subject to validation errors. Therefore, using the quarantine start date rather than exposure date likely resulted in conservative estimates of the probability of receiving positive test results in quarantine. Third, adherence with quarantine was not assessed, and quarantined athletes possibly had additional exposures leading to infection during the 14-day quarantine. This might explain positive specimens collected after day 10 and could have overestimated the probability of a positive test result after day 10. Fourth, the data relied on self-reported exposure type. Although data were validated by case investigation and contact tracing efforts, 8.1% of athletes reported unspecified exposures, and 3.5% reported multiple exposures. Finally, this study was undertaken in a population of young, healthy athletes undergoing frequent testing. The findings might not be generalizable to other settings and populations.

Data from this report support CDC's guidance on quarantine options shorter than 14 days, with the caveat that a small residual increased risk for transmission remains with a shortened quarantine period. Persons released from quarantine before 14 days should continue daily symptom monitoring, avoid close contact and wear masks when around others. Adherence to quarantine is a known challenge (*5*) and reducing the duration of quarantine might improve adherence at a population level. Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 can be reduced through a multipronged application of evidence-based mitigation strategies (*7*), including within large congregate and crowded settings found at colleges and universities. Adherence to mitigation measures during athletic and nonathletic activities is important to protect collegiate athletes from SARS-CoV-2, lessen disruptions in play because of quarantine and isolation protocols, and reduce transmission to others in the community.

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Summary

What is already known about this topic?

Quarantine after SARS-CoV-2 exposure is critical to preventing transmission. A 14-day quarantine can prevent further transmission but might be challenging to maintain.

What is added by this report?

Among collegiate athletes exposed to COVID-19, one quarter had positive test results during quarantine. Among athletes who had not received a positive test result by day 5, the probability of testing positive decreased from 27% after day 5 to <5% after day 10.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Among young, healthy athletes, the probability of receiving positive test results after day 10 of quarantine is low. A shorter quarantine after COVID-19 exposure could increase adherence but still poses a small residual risk for transmission.

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Assessment of Day-7 Postexposure Testing of Asymptomatic Contacts of COVID-19 Patients to Evaluate Early Release from Quarantine — Vermont, May–November 2020

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On May 8, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) issued a Health Update* recommending shortening the duration of quarantine for persons exposed to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Exposed persons who were in quarantine could be tested by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) on or after quarantine day 7. Those who had remained asymptomatic throughout quarantine and who received a negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result on or after day 7 could end quarantine. This policy was based on a report suggesting that symptom onset occurs within this time frame in approximately three quarters of COVID-19 cases (*1*) and on consultation of the Vermont Health Commissioner with the U.S. Surgeon General. VDH implemented this policy to minimize restrictions on state residents, recognizing that some reduction could occur in the prevention benefit of quarantine to contain the spread of SARS-CoV-2. State-run SARS-CoV-2 testing sites were made available to increase access to no-cost testing and facilitate implementation of this policy. During August 1–December 1, among persons seeking testing at a VDH SARS-CoV-2 testing site, 36% stated that their reason for seeking testing was to end quarantine early (VDH, unpublished data, December 7, 2020), indicating that persons were aware of and following the policy and using the testing services provided. To assess the effectiveness of this policy, VDH analyzed testing data for contacts of persons with a COVID-19 diagnosis. During May 8–November 16, VDH identified 8,798 exposed contacts of COVID-19 patients; 3,983 (45%) had sought testing within 14 days of their exposure, with day 0 defined as the date of last exposure noted in the case investigation record. Among these persons, 2,200 (55%) who received testing on days 7–10 were included in this analysis; 977 (44.9%) of these contacts had a specimen collected for testing on day 7. Among these, 34 (3%) had test results that were positive, 940 (96%) had results that were negative, and three (<1%) had results that were indeterminate (Table). Among the 34 contacts who received a positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result on day 7 after exposure, 12 (35%) were asymptomatic. The remaining 22 contacts with positive test results were symptomatic at the time of testing; approximately one half had developed symptoms on days 4–7 after exposure. Among the 940 contacts who received negative test results on specimens collected on day 7 after exposure, 154 (16%) had a subsequent test within the next 7 days (i.e., days 8–14); among these, 152 (99%) had tests that remained negative, and two (1%) had results that were indeterminate.

TABLE. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing results among persons tested for SARS-CoV-2 during quarantine,* by quarantine day — Vermont, May 8, 2020–November 16, 2020

PCR test result	No. (%) of test results	
	Quarantine day 7	Quarantine day 8–10
All contacts tested days 7–10	977 (100)	1,223 (100)
Positive	34 (3)	53 (4)
Negative	940 (96)	1,159 (95)
Indeterminate	3 (<1)	11 (1)
Contacts who retested after negative or indeterminate results†	154 (15.7)	108 (8.8)
Positive§	0 (—)	0 (—)
Negative§	152 (99)	107 (99)
Indeterminate§	2 (1)	1 (1)

* The quarantine period begins with the date of last exposure to a person with a positive test result for SARS-CoV-2.
† Percentage of all persons tested.
§ Percentage of persons retested.

In addition to the 977 persons who received testing on day 7 after exposure, 1,223 (55.1% of all contacts tested on days 7–10 postexposure) had a specimen collected for SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing on day 8, 9, or 10. Among those persons, 53 (4%) had test results that were positive, 1,159 (95%) had results that were negative, and 11 (1%) had results that were indeterminate. Among the 53 contacts who received a positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR result on specimens collected days 8–10 after exposure, 12 (23%) were asymptomatic (mean time since symptom onset = 6 days). Among the 1,170 contacts who received a negative or indeterminate test result on specimens collected on days 8–10 after exposure, 108 (9%) had a subsequent specimen tested; 107 (99%) remained negative, and one (1%) had a result that was indeterminate. Therefore, among all 2,200 contacts tested on days 7–10 after exposure, 87 (4%) persons had a positive test result, 24 (28%) of whom were asymptomatic.

The findings in this report are subject to at least three limitations. First, this analysis was conducted on a convenience sample that included only positive test results received

* https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/HAN-COVID-19-ChangetoQuarantine.pdf.

electronically or by fax and negative test results received electronically. Negative test results that were received by fax were not entered into the surveillance system and so are not included in this analysis. Second, the limited demographic data on contacts of patients could hamper the matching of a contact with a laboratory result; thus, the number of contacts tested might be underreported. Although persons who were retested remained negative (1% indeterminate), they represented only 16% of the total number of persons who discontinued quarantine. Finally, asymptomatic status during quarantine until the time of testing for persons testing negative could not be verified.

These results indicate that among the persons in quarantine who tested negative at day 7 after exposure, none who were retested between day 8 and 14 were positive. Allowing asymptomatic persons to shorten quarantine with a negative test at day 7 or later has not been demonstrated to result in transmission of SARS-CoV-2, indicating that the policy has been effective. These results also indicate that 3.9% of contacts tested on days 7–10 after exposure were infected with SARS-CoV-2. In addition to reducing the duration of quarantine for exposed contacts, Vermont's policy might have provided additional benefits to the state's pandemic response by identifying some asymptomatic patients earlier in the course of their illness through enhancing statewide surveillance testing of an exposed group. This assessment supports Vermont's policy as being effective and offers data to support recommendations to shorten quarantine with testing such as those provided in CDC's updated quarantine guidance.[†]

[†] https://wwwdev.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/scientific-brief-options-to-reduce-quarantine.html.

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Opening of Large Institutions of Higher Education and County-Level COVID-19 Incidence — United States, July 6–September 17, 2020

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During early August 2020, county-level incidence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) generally decreased across the United States, compared with incidence earlier in the summer (*1*); however, among young adults aged 18–22 years, incidence increased (*2*). Increases in incidence among adults aged ≥60 years, who might be more susceptible to severe COVID-19–related illness, have followed increases in younger adults (aged 20–39 years) by an average of 8.7 days (*3*). Institutions of higher education (colleges and universities) have been identified as settings where incidence among young adults increased during August (*4*,*5*). Understanding the extent to which these settings have affected county-level COVID-19 incidence can inform ongoing college and university operations and future planning. To evaluate the effect of large colleges or universities and school instructional format* (remote or in-person) on COVID-19 incidence, start dates and instructional formats for the fall 2020 semester were identified for all not-for-profit large U.S. colleges and universities (≥20,000 total enrolled students). Among counties with large colleges and universities (university counties) included in the analysis, remote-instruction university counties (22) experienced a 17.9% decline in mean COVID-19 incidence during the 21 days before through 21 days after the start of classes (from 17.9 to 14.7 cases per 100,000), and in-person instruction university counties (79) experienced a 56.2% increase in COVID-19 incidence, from 15.3 to 23.9 cases per 100,000. Counties without large colleges and universities (nonuniversity counties) (3,009) experienced a 5.9% decline in COVID-19 incidence, from 15.3 to 14.4 cases per 100,000. Similar findings were observed for percentage of positive test results and hotspot status (i.e., increasing among in-person–instruction university counties). In-person instruction at colleges and universities was associated with increased county-level COVID-19 incidence and percentage test positivity. Implementation of increased mitigation efforts at colleges and universities could minimize on-campus COVID-19 transmission.

The National Center for Educational Statistics' Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (*6*) was used to identify not-for-profit baccalaureate degree–granting colleges and universities enrolling ≥20,000 full-time and part-time students. Colleges and universities that enrolled <20,000 students or were considered for-profit were excluded. Fall class start dates and instructional formats on the first day of scheduled classes were abstracted from college and university websites during early September 2020. Counties with large colleges and universities were assigned the start date and instructional format of the school. If a county contained multiple large colleges or universities with different start dates, the earliest start date and corresponding instructional format was assigned. If a county contained multiple large schools with the same start date but different instructional formats, then in-person instruction was assigned. Among 133 counties with large colleges and universities (university counties),† the 101 (76%) in which classes started from July 27 to August 28 were included in the analysis (i.e., 32 were excluded because they included institutions that started on or after August 29 and had insufficient data for the 21 days after the start of classes at the time of analysis). County-level mean estimates of COVID-19 incidence,§ testing rates, percentage test positivity,¶ and hotspot status** were compared for university counties with remote-instruction, in-person–instruction, and nonuniversity counties during the 21 days before and after the start of classes.

* Instructional format was assigned based on the advertised method of instruction for the first day of fall 2020 classes. "Remote" format was defined as an instructional format that appeared to minimize in-person classwork on campus. This definition did allow in-person instruction for a very select number of students, including those in laboratory courses, studio courses, or courses for small groups of students with specific instructional needs. In contrast, the "in-person" format was defined for all other colleges and universities that were not considered remote, which included any instructional format that did not appear to minimize in-person classwork on campus. "Hybrid" instructional formats that had reduced, but reoccurring, in-class experiences for many college and university courses (i.e., beyond laboratory and studio courses) were considered "in-person" for this study. The assignment of instructional format was based on the advertised method of instruction and was not based on the college or university policy toward on-campus housing; therefore colleges and universities with remote instruction could have allowed students to stay in on-campus housing.

† A total of 149 large colleges and universities were identified across 133 counties.

§ Incidence was calculated using COVID-19 case counts from state and county health department websites compiled by USAFacts (https://usafacts.org/).

¶ County-level testing rates and rates of percentage positivity represent viral COVID-19 laboratory diagnostic and screening test (RT-PCR) results and exclude antibody and antigen tests. COVID-19 Electronic Laboratory Reporting state health department-reported data are used to describe county-level RT-PCR result totals when information is available on patients' county of residence or health care providers' practice location. HHS Protect laboratory data (provided directly to the federal government from public health laboratories, hospital laboratories, and commercial laboratories) are used otherwise. Total RT-PCR tests reflect the number of tests performed, not the number of persons receiving testing. RT-PCR test positivity rate is the number of positive tests divided by the total number of tests performed and for which results were available.

For all analyses, mean county population size, full-time student enrollment size, urban-rural classifications (large central metro, large fringe metro, medium metro, small metro, micropolitan, and noncore), and COVID-19 outcomes are reported and stratified by county university status and instructional format. The COVID-19 outcomes included incidence and testing rates per 100,000 population, test positivity by SARS-CoV-2 reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) testing, and the percentage of counties identified as hotspots for ≥1 day during the observation periods. COVID-19 outcomes were reported as means for the 21 days before and after the class start date. Absolute differences (i.e., percentage point differences) are described for percentage-based measures (test positivity and hotspot detection) and relative changes described for rate-based measures (testing rate and incidence). Seven-day moving averages for testing rates, percentage test positivity, and incidence are presented as trends over the observation period (day –21 to day +21). In an unmatched analysis, remote-instruction and in-person instruction university counties were compared with nonuniversity counties. Nonuniversity counties were assigned the median start date of university counties. In the matched analysis, in-person–instruction university counties were matched with nonuniversity counties based on geographic proximity and population size. This analysis of 68 matched pairs was conducted to account for differences in population size, urbanicity, and geographic location between university and nonuniversity counties.[††] Nonuniversity counties in the matched sample were assigned the start date of their matched university-county counterpart. In the matched analysis, a regression-based difference-in-difference approach[§§] was used to quantify the impact of in-person instruction on COVID-19 incidence, with and without adjustment for transient student populations,[¶¶] and percentage test positivity. A sensitivity analysis was conducted to explore whether students' early return to campus might affect observed changes using day –7 as the demarcation between before and after periods. Statistical significance was set at $\alpha = 0.05$. Analyses were conducted using R statistical software (version 4.0.2; The R Foundation).

Among 101 university counties (3.2% of all U.S. counties, accounting for 29.4% of the U.S. population), instructional format was remote for 22 (22%) and in-person for 79 (78%). University counties had higher mean population size and were more urban than were nonuniversity counties (Table). Before the start of school, COVID-19 testing rates at the county-level were already higher in university counties than in nonuniversity counties (Figure). Comparing the time from the start of classes through day 21 with the 21 days before classes began, mean daily testing increased 4.2% and 14.1% among remote instruction and in-person instruction university counties, respectively, and decreased 1.0% among nonuniversity counties. Mean test positivity decreased among remote-instruction university counties (absolute change = –1.8%) and nonuniversity counties (–0.6%) but increased among in-person instruction university counties (1.1%). Incidence decreased in nonuniversity counties (–5.9%) and remote-instruction counties (–17.9%), whereas, incidence increased in in-person (56.2%) university counties. The percentage of counties identified at least once as a hotspot

** Hotspot , or rapid riser, counties met all four of the following criteria, relative to the date assessed: 1) >100 new COVID-19 cases in the most recent 7 days; 2) an increase in the most recent 7-day COVID-19 incidence over the preceding 7-day incidence; 3) a decrease of no more than 60% or an increase in the most recent 3-day COVID-19 incidence over the preceding 3-day incidence; and 4) a ratio of 7-day incidence to 30-day incidence exceeding 0.31. In addition, hotspots must have met at least one of the following criteria: 1) >60% change in the most recent 3-day COVID-19 incidence or 2) >60% change in the most recent 7-day incidence. CDC and other federal agencies that are monitoring trends in COVID-19 are collaborating to refine approaches to define and monitor hotspots. As a result, terminology or definitions used in future reports might differ from those used in this report.

†† Matches for each in-person university county were identified by listing all candidate (county) matches without large colleges or universities that had a similar population size (± 30%) and that were located within 500 miles (805 km) of each university county. From these candidate matches, the final match was selected based on closest proximity such that no nonuniversity county was matched more than once. After matching, the average distance between counties in matched in-person university county and nonuniversity county pairs was 114 miles (183 km) with a maximum distance of 471 miles (758 km). Eleven in-person university counties were excluded from the matched analysis because there were no candidate matches meeting population size and proximity specifications. All remote university counties were excluded from the matched analysis because there were an insufficient number of nonuniversity county matches.

§§ Difference-in-difference is a statistical technique that compares the changes in outcomes over time between two groups: those who are part of a control group and those who are part of a treatment or an intervention group. In this analysis, the intervention group was considered to be the counties with colleges and universities that had in-person instruction and the control group was considered to be nonuniversity counties. Difference-in-difference estimates used a regression model with the following specification: $Y_{ct} = \alpha + \beta_1 \cdot \text{In Person}_{ct} + \beta_2 \cdot \text{After}_{ct} + \delta_{IP} \cdot \text{After}_{ct} \cdot \text{In person}_{ct} + \theta_c + \theta_s + \theta_{week} + \theta_{weekday} + \varepsilon_{ct}$, where Y_{ct} is the outcome of interest (i.e., either COVID-19 incidence or percentage test positivity) for each county *c* and each unit of time *t* (days); In Person_{ct} is an indicator equal to 1 if the county has a college or university that started classes in an in-person format; After_{ct} is an indicator equal to 1 for all the days after the county's assigned start date (i.e., an indicator equal to 1 for days 0 to 21, where day 0 is the start date); θ_c and θ_s are county- and state-level fixed effects; θ_{week} and $\theta_{weekday}$ are fixed effects for each calendar week and each weekday; and ε_{ct} is the unobserved error term. The coefficient of interest is δ_{IP}, which captures the difference in outcome before and after the start date among in-person university counties, minus the difference in outcome before and after the assigned start date in nonuniversity counties. Standard errors were clustered at the county level. A placebo test was conducted where the college or university start date used day –21 as the demarcation of before and after periods, and no violation of the parallel trends assumption was found.

¶¶ Because transient student populations might not be included in the population denominator for county incidence estimates, incidence is assessed two ways in the difference-in-difference models: first using county population reported by the U.S. census, then adjusting for student influx by adding full-time student enrollment to each college or university's county population for the period after classes start. The full-time student population was used for this adjustment instead of the total student population, which includes full-time and part-time students.

TABLE. COVID-19 testing, percentage positivity, incidence, and county hotspot status among counties with and without colleges and universities,* by instructional format on the first day of the fall 2020 semester — United States, 2020

Characteristic	Unmatched analysis			Matched analysis†	
	University counties§			University counties	
	Remote instruction	In-person instruction	Nonuniversity counties	In-person instruction	Nonuniversity counties
Total no. of counties	**22**	**79**	**3,009**	**68**	**68**
Mean county population	1,694,739	748,544	69,574	467,187	413,460
Total no. of large colleges/universities	31	84	—	71	—
Mean college/university full-time enrollment in county§	37,769	27,451	—	27,084	—
Mean percentage full-time college/university enrollment of total county population	7.7	11.7	—	13.3	—
Percentage of counties in each urban-rural category¶					
Large central metro	59	27	1	16	9
Large fringe metro	9	13	12	13	32
Medium metro	18	28	11	32	28
Small metro	5	25	11	29	18
Micropolitan	9	8	21	9	9
Noncore	0	0	44	0	4
County COVID-19 testing rate per 100,000 population**					
Mean daily rate from day –21 to day –1††	308	255	209	256	216
Mean daily rate from day 0 to day 21	321	291	207	304	204
Relative change, %§§	4.2	14.1	–1.0	18.8	–5.6
County COVID-19 RT-PCR test percentage positivity**					
Mean from day –21 to day –1	8.1	7.8	8.7	7.5	8.6
Mean from day 0 to day 21	6.4	8.9	8.0	9.1	7.9
Absolute change, %§§	–1.8	1.1	–0.6	1.6	–0.8
County COVID-19 incidence¶¶					
Mean incidence from day –21 to day –1	17.9	15.3	15.3	14.3	16.9
Mean incidence from day 0 to day 21	14.7	23.9	14.4	25.5	13.6
Relative change, %§§	–17.9	56.2	–5.9	78.3	–19.5
County COVID-19 hotspot activity ***					
Percentage detected as a hotspot from day –21 to day –1	9.1	8.9	4.4	8.8	13.2
Percentage detected as a hotspot from day 0 to day 21	18.2	39.2	5.9	42.6	14.7
Absolute change, %§§	9.1	30.4	1.5	33.8	1.5

Abbreviations: COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019; RT-PCR = reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction.

* 133 counties had institutions of higher education (large colleges or universities). Some counties (n = 32; 24%) opened on or after August 29 and were excluded from analysis. University counties are defined as counties with a large college or university. Nonuniversity counties are defined as counties without a large college or university.

† University counties matched to geographically proximate comparison counties with similar population size. Matches for each university county were identified by first listing all candidate (county) matches without large colleges and universities (nonuniversity counties) that had a similar population size (± 30%) and that were located within 500 miles (805 km) of each university county. From these candidate matches the final match was selected based on closest proximity. After matching, the average distance between counties in matched university county and nonuniversity county pairs was 114 miles (183 km) with a maximum distance of 471 miles (758 km).

§ Colleges and universities were included in the analysis if they had ≥20,000 total enrolled students, which included full-time and part-time students. The full-time student enrollments from these included institutions were combined across each university county. The number of full-time student enrollments in the university counties ranged from 11,774 to 192,173.

¶ Urban-rural classifications are from the National Center for Health Statistics' six-level urban-rural classification scheme for U.S. counties (https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data_access/urban_rural.htm).

** Testing rates and percentage positivity for reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction tests were obtained from COVID-19 electronic laboratory reporting data submitted by state health departments and from data submitted directly by public health, commercial, and reference laboratories.

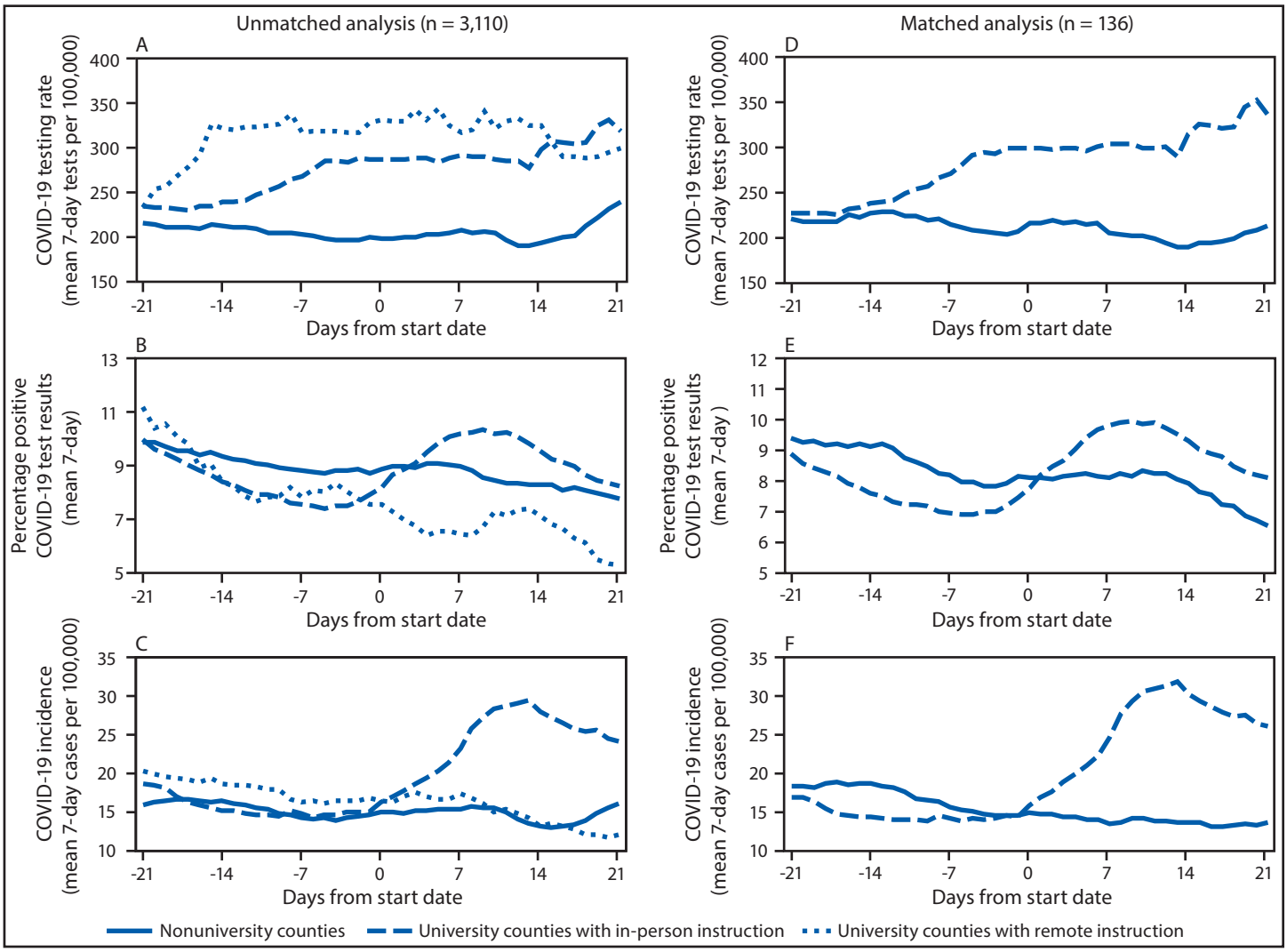
†† Day –21, –1, and 21 are relative to day 0, which indicates the start date of instruction at colleges and universities for the fall 2020 semester. The nonuniversity counties were assigned the median start date in the unmatched analysis and were assigned the start date of their matched university county counterpart in the matched analysis.

§§ Absolute differences are described for percentage-based measures (i.e., test positivity and hotspot detection) and relative changes described for rate-based measures (i.e., testing rate and incidence).

¶¶ Incidence (cases per 100,000) was calculated using daily reported COVID-19 case-counts from state and county health department websites compiled by USAFacts (https://usafacts.org/).

*** Hotspot, or rapid riser, counties met all four of the following criteria, relative to the date assessed: 1) >100 new COVID-19 cases in the most recent 7 days; 2) an increase in the most recent 7-day COVID-19 incidence over the preceding 7-day incidence; 3) a decrease of no more than 60% or an increase in the most recent 3-day COVID-19 incidence over the preceding 3-day incidence; and 4) a ratio of 7-day incidence to 30-day incidence exceeding 0.31. In addition to those four criteria, hotspots met at least one of the following criteria: 1) >60% change in the most recent 3-day COVID-19 incidence or 2) >60% change in the most recent 7-day incidence.

FIGURE. Trends* in COVID-19 testing rates (A, D), percentage test positivity (B, E), and incidence (C, F) for unmatched U.S. counties† and counties matched§ based on population size and geographic proximity, 7-day moving average — United States, 2020



Abbreviation: COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019.

* Trends are presented relative to the start date for fall 2020 classes for counties with large colleges and universities (university counties) and the assigned start date for nonuniversity counties.

† University counties with remote (n = 22) and in-person (n = 79) instruction versus nonuniversity (n = 3,009) counties.

§ University counties with in-person instruction versus nonuniversity counties (68 matched pairs). Matches for each in-person university county were identified by listing all candidate (county) matches without large colleges or universities that had a similar population size (± 30%) and that were located within 500 miles (805 km) of each university county. From these candidate matches, the final match was selected based on closest proximity such that no nonuniversity county was matched more than once. After matching, the average distance between counties in matched in-person university county and nonuniversity county pairs was 114 miles (183 km) with a maximum distance of 471 miles (758 km). Eleven in-person university counties were excluded from the matched analysis because there were no candidate matches meeting population size and proximity specifications. All remote university counties were excluded from the matched analysis because there was an insufficient number of nonuniversity county matches.

increased for all three groups, with the highest percentage observed in in-person instruction university counties (30.4% absolute increase), followed by remote-instruction university counties (9.1%) and nonuniversity counties (1.5%).

COVID-19 outcomes were similar in the matched analysis. Compared with nonuniversity counties, in-person instruction university counties experienced a higher relative change in testing rates (18.8% versus –5.6%), a higher absolute change in test positivity (1.6% versus –0.8%), a higher relative change in incidence (78.3% versus –19.5%) (Table) (Figure), and a higher absolute change in the percentage identified as hotspots (33.8% versus 1.5%). Based on the difference-in-difference analysis, university counties with in-person instruction were associated with an increase of 14.4 cases per 100,000 ($p<0.05$) and an increase of 2.4 percent test positivity ($p<0.05$) relative to nonuniversity counties with in-person instruction. When adjusting incidence for the influx of full-time students, in-person instruction university counties were associated with an

increase of 10.6 cases per 100,000 ($p<0.05$) (Supplementary Table, https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/99533). These results did not change meaningfully in the sensitivity analysis.

Discussion

County-level COVID-19 incidence decreased in much of the United States in late summer 2020. Comparing the 21 days before and after instruction start dates, university counties with in-person instruction experienced a 56% increase in incidence and 30% increase in hotspot occurrence as well as increases in COVID-19-related testing and test percentage positivity. Results from the unmatched analysis were consistent with those from the matched analysis. If percentage positivity had been stable or declining across the observation period, then efforts on the part of many colleges and universities to conduct or require testing before students' return to campus and their ongoing surveillance efforts might explain an increase in case counts, as a result of increased case discovery. However, the concurrent increases in percentage positivity and in incidence in these counties suggest that higher levels of transmission, in addition to increased case discovery, occurred in these communities (*2*).

The findings in this report are subject to at least six limitations. First, data abstraction for schools' instructional formats was conducted in early September and focused on identifying the format used on the first day of classes; some misclassification of instructional format might have occurred because of changes during the first few weeks of instruction. Second, this study did not adjust for mitigation strategies (e.g., mask and social distancing requirements and limits on large crowds and athletic events) implemented at local or state levels or at colleges and universities, which could have affected the association between the institution's opening and county-level incidence. Similarly, whether cases in university counties were college- or university-related (i.e., through contact in classrooms, dormitories, cafeterias, or off-campus activities) or related to community transmission could not be discerned. Third, these results might not be generalizable to counties with smaller colleges and universities. Fourth, U.S. Census 2019 population estimates were used to calculate rates, which do not include all college and university enrollments. County-level rate calculations could be inflated for university counties, especially those for which the enrollment numbers are relatively large compared with the county's population size. Fifth, the longer-term implications for county incidence (i.e., beyond 21 days) were not assessed. Finally, the university counties in the unmatched analysis have larger populations and likely additional characteristics that are different from those of nonuniversity counties. This limitation prompted the decision to conduct the matched analysis, which focused on counties with more similar population levels and geographic proximity. However, broader generalizations based on the matched analysis might not be warranted because 11 university counties with in-person instruction were excluded from the matched analysis because no appropriate matches were available.

Summary

What is already known about this topic?

Increasing COVID-19 incidence was observed among young adults in August 2020, and outbreaks have been reported at institutions of higher education (colleges and universities).

What is added by this report?

U.S. counties with large colleges or universities with remote instruction (n = 22) experienced a 17.9% decrease in incidence and university counties with in-person instruction (n = 79) experienced a 56% increase in incidence, comparing the 21-day periods before and after classes started. Counties without large colleges or universities (n = 3,009) experienced a 6% decrease in incidence during similar time frames.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Additional implementation of effective mitigation activities at colleges and universities with in-person instruction could minimize on-campus COVID-19 transmission and reduce county-level incidence.

COVID-19 incidence, hotspot occurrence, COVID-19-related testing, and test positivity increased in university counties with in-person instruction. Efforts to prevent and mitigate COVID-19 transmission are critical for U.S. colleges and universities. Congregate living settings at colleges and universities were linked to transmissions (*7*). Testing students for COVID-19 when they return to campus and throughout the semester might be an effective strategy to rapidly identify and isolate new cases to interrupt and reduce further transmissions (*8*). Colleges and universities should work to achieve greater adherence to the recommended use of masks, hand hygiene, social distancing, and COVID-19 surveillance among students (*9*), including those who are exposed, symptomatic, and asymptomatic. The increase in testing rates likely reflects local efforts already underway to improve COVID-19 surveillance and response. Increasing testing capacity and engaging in other COVID-19 mitigation strategies might be especially important for colleges and universities in areas where transmission from students into the broader community could exacerbate existing disparities, including access to and utilization of health care, as well as the disproportionate morbidity and mortality of COVID-19 among populations with prevalent underlying conditions associated with more severe outcomes following infection. Some university counties might have one or more concerning factors, such as higher levels of older adult populations, high rates of obesity and cardiovascular disease,

or strained health care resources. These counties might need to consider the implications of in-person instruction on spread of COVID-19 among a student population that might have interactions with persons at higher risk in the community. College and university administrators should work with local decision-makers and public health officials to strengthen community mitigation, in addition to continuing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 on college and university campuses.

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Participation in Fraternity and Sorority Activities and the Spread of COVID-19 Among Residential University Communities — Arkansas, August 21–September 5, 2020

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Preventing transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), in colleges and universities requires mitigation strategies that address on- and off-campus congregate living settings as well as extracurricular activities and other social gatherings (*1–4*). At the start of the academic year, sorority and fraternity organizations host a series of recruitment activities known as rush week; rush week culminates with bid day, when selections are announced. At university A in Arkansas, sorority rush week (for women) was held during August 17–22, 2020, and consisted of on- and off-campus social gatherings, including an outdoor bid day event on August 22. Fraternity rush week (for men) occurred during August 27–31, with bid day scheduled for September 5. During August 22–September 5, university A–associated COVID-19 cases were reported to the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH). A total of 965 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases associated with university A were identified, with symptom onset occurring during August 20–September 5, 2020; 31% of the patients with these cases reported involvement in any fraternity or sorority activity. Network analysis identified 54 gatherings among all linkages of cases to places of residence and cases to events, 49 (91%) were linked by participation in fraternity and sorority activities accounting for 42 (72%) links among gatherings. On September 4, university A banned gatherings of ≥10 persons, and fraternity bid day was held virtually. The rapid increase in COVID-19 cases was likely facilitated by on- and off-campus congregate living settings and activities, and health departments should work together with student organizations and university leadership to ensure compliance with mitigation measures.

University A began the academic year on August 24, offering in-class and virtual instruction for approximately 20,000 students; a majority of students used virtual instruction. Before and during the start of the academic year, students might have participated in on- and off-campus fraternity or sorority activities. Cases were identified by the university during an ADH-sponsored testing event (September 1–3) or linked to the university by ADH. Case data were reported to ADH by clinic staff members at university A and stored in an electronic database (REDCap, version 8.8.0; Vanderbilt University). Using a standardized questionnaire, ADH nurses interviewed persons with university-associated COVID-19 to ascertain demographic characteristics, date of symptom onset, university status, class attendance type (in-class or virtual), place of residence, and involvement in community- and school-related activities during the 14 days preceding illness onset. Illness onset was defined as the earliest date of reported symptoms for symptomatic cases* or as date of specimen collection for asymptomatic cases (ADH followed up with cases that had testing and diagnosis before symptom onset to identify date of symptom onset). Initial case reviews by ADH identified patients who reported recent participation in sorority or fraternity activities; subsequent infections were observed among cohabitants of these persons.

A network analysis was performed to assess the relationship between participation in university fraternity or sorority activities and the spread of COVID-19 among residential communities at university A. MicrobeTrace, a network analysis and visualization tool developed by CDC,† was used to visualize and describe the full network of persons with COVID-19 and identify potential transmission-related gatherings (network analysis terminology would refer to these as "communities"), defined as one or more gatherings in which multiple cases are identified and epidemiologically linked. COVID-19 patients were included in the network if they lived on campus, participated in fraternity or sorority activities, or lived in the same off-campus dwelling as a person who participated in these activities. Case-to-residence and case-to-event networks were constructed to map residential university A transmission-related gatherings. These networks were used to infer gatherings by algorithmically partitioning the network into the most densely linked cases (nodes) (*5*,*6*). In this network analysis method, the algorithm randomly assigns nodes a "community" identifier, and community connectivity is measured. For each person in the network, community identifiers are swapped with their neighbors and then remeasured. Only changes in community affiliation that improve connectivity are preserved, reversing any swaps that do not improve connectivity. This activity was reviewed by CDC and was conducted consistent with applicable federal law and CDC policy.§

* ADH followed up with cases that had testing and diagnosis before symptom onset to identify the actual date of symptom onset.
† https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.07.22.216275v1.
§ 45 C.F.R. part 46.102(l)(2), 21 C.F.R. part 56; 42 U.S.C. Sect. 241(d); 5 U.S.C. Sect. 552a; 44 U.S.C. Sect. 3501 et seq.

During August 22–September 5, a total of 965 university-associated COVID-19 cases with illness onset on or after August 20 were identified, including 699 (72%) confirmed cases (with positive reverse transcription–polymerase chain reaction test results) and 266 (28%) probable cases (with positive results for SARS-CoV-2 antigen test, performed at the university clinic). A 3-day, ADH-sponsored testing event, held during September 1–3 in response to an increase in university-associated cases detected by ADH, resulted in a 22% test positivity rate and identified 324 cases; overall, 34% of cases were identified through this testing event. Among the 965 confirmed and probable cases with illness onset dates during August 20–September 5, 673 (70%) occurred in women and 936 (97%) were in persons aged 18–24 years (Table). Five cases (<1%) in persons identified as faculty or staff members were reported. The number of cases with reported illness onset on a given day increased and peaked on August 31 (Figure 1). Forty-eight (5%) persons with COVID-19 had received in-class instruction, 292 (31%) participated in fraternity or sorority activities, and 149 (15%) lived in a fraternity or sorority house.

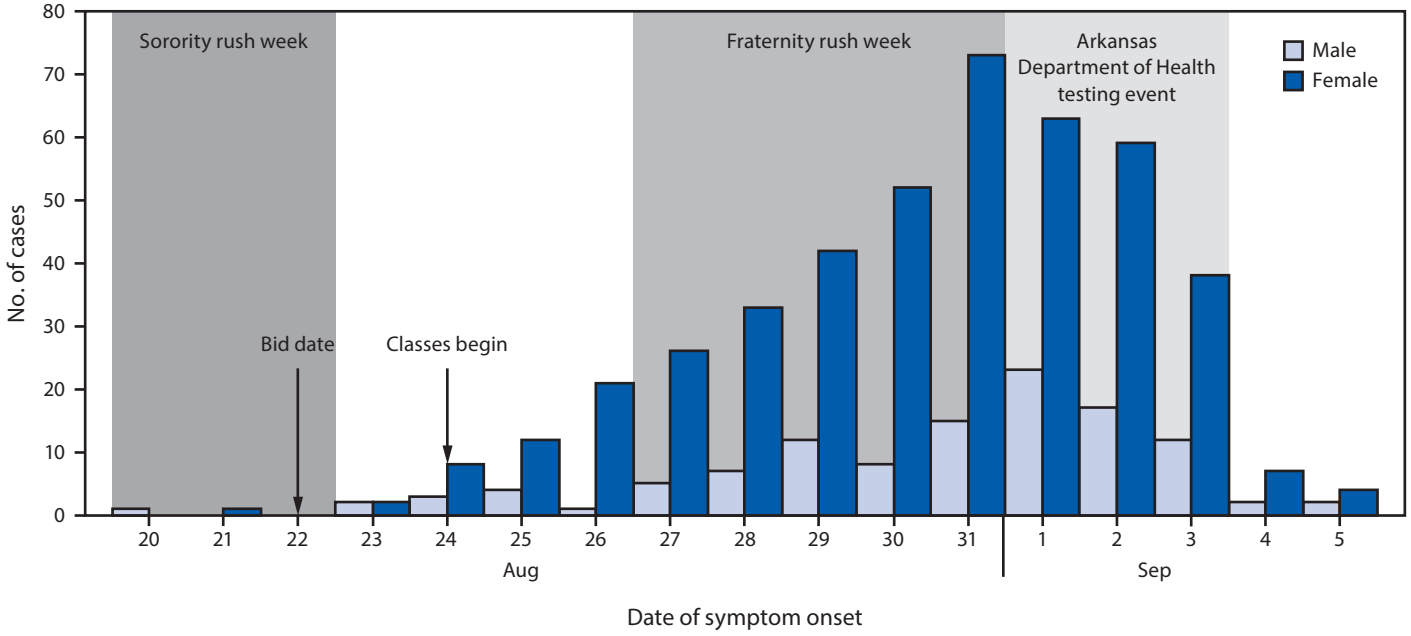
The network analysis linked 565 (59%) cases to 56 residences (16 dormitories, 20 apartments and houses, and 20 fraternity or sorority houses) and to their case-to-event associations (Figure 2). The full network consisted of one large, linked cluster of 471 (83%) cases (86% in women and 14% in men) and eight smaller, unlinked gatherings of 94 total cases (49%

TABLE. Characteristics of COVID-19 cases associated with university A — Arkansas, August 20–September 5, 2020

Characteristic	No. (%) of cases
Total	**965 (100)**
Sex	
Women	673 (70)
Men	234 (24)
Unknown	58 (6)
University status	
Student	761 (79)
Faculty/Staff member	5 (0.5)
Other/Unknown	199 (21)
Age group, yrs	
0–17	7 (1)
18–24	936 (97)
25–44	18 (2)
45–64	2 (0.2)
≥65	0 (—)
Unknown	2 (0.2)
Fraternity/Sorority activity participation	
Any	292 (31)
None	497 (52)
Unknown	176 (18)
Class attendance type	
In-class instruction only	48 (5)
Virtual instruction only	453 (47)
Mixed (in-class and virtual)	228 (24)
Unknown	236 (24)
Housing type	
On-campus (dormitory)	199 (21)
Off-campus apartment/house	499 (52)
Off-campus fraternity/sorority	149 (15)
Unknown	118 (12)

Abbreviation: COVID-19 = coronavirus disease 2019.

FIGURE 1. University-affiliated COVID-19 cases (N = 555),* by symptom onset date† and sex — Arkansas, August 17–September 5, 2020§



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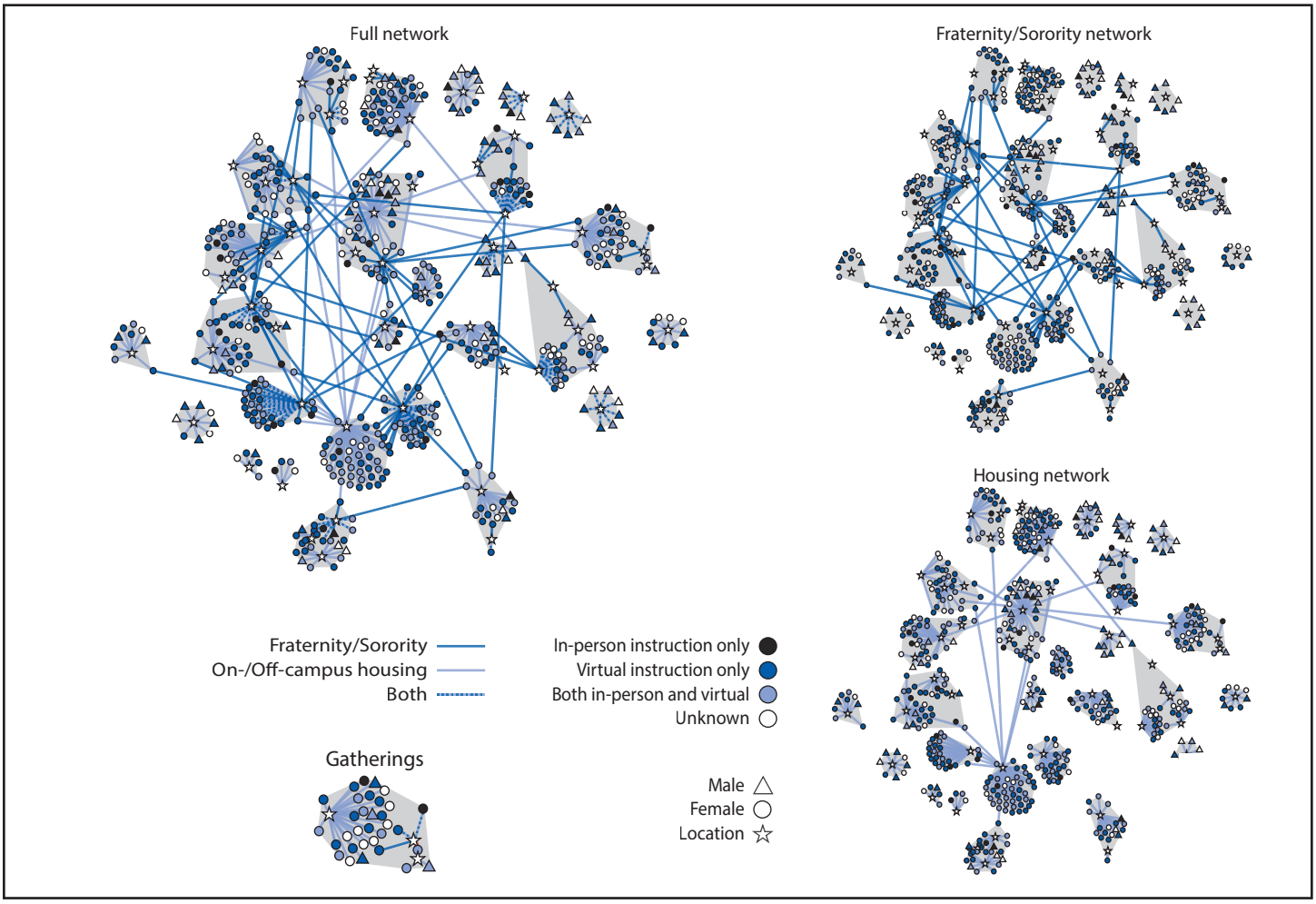
* Ten cases with onset before sorority rush week, which occurred at a frequency of ≤1 per day, are not included.
† The case report date is used as the symptom onset date for asymptomatic cases.
§ Bid date refers to date when recruitment decisions were announced.

FIGURE 2. Network diagram of 565 university-affiliated COVID-19 cases connected to the patient's place of residence or fraternity or sorority participation — Arkansas, August 20–September 5, 2020



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in women and 51% in men; cluster size range = 4–12 cases). Fifty-four gatherings were detected, including 27 (50%) with at least five cases. Among persons in 44 (81%) gatherings, at least one member regularly attended in-person classes, and at least one member of each of the 49 gatherings (91%) reported participation in fraternity or sorority activities or events. Gatherings included an average of 20.3 cases (median = 21; range = 5–44). Among 58 links between gatherings, 42 (72%) were associated with fraternity or sorority activities, 11 (19%) with on-campus dormitories, and five (9%) with off-campus apartments and houses.

Discussion

Within 2 weeks of the start of the 2020–21 academic year, COVID-19 cases rapidly increased among persons associated with university A. Transmission was likely facilitated by on- and off-campus congregate living settings and activities, with a majority of the gatherings (91%) and links between them (72%) associated with fraternities or sororities. Most patients reported virtual instruction only, which indicates transmission likely occurred primarily outside the classroom; this finding is supported by the very small proportion of cases among faculty and staff members (0.5%). Women constitute 54% of university A's 2020 student body but accounted for 70% of university A's COVID-19 cases. Among linked gatherings, women accounted for 86% of cases, a finding that could reflect involvement in gender-specific activities, including sorority rush week, which held an in-person outdoor bid day event and occurred before fraternity rush week, which was both held later and virtually.

Understanding networks can provide insights into COVID-19 transmission dynamics and inform effective mitigation strategies. In the absence of detailed person-to-person transmission data from contact tracing, network analysis using

Summary

What is already known about this topic?

Preventing COVID-19 in colleges and universities requires mitigation strategies addressing on- and off-campus congregate living settings, extracurricular activities, and social gatherings.

What is added by this report?

At the start of the 2020–21 academic year, COVID-19 cases increased rapidly at an Arkansas university. Network analysis indicated that 91% of gatherings were associated with fraternity or sorority activities. Recruitment events held virtually were associated with fewer cases than those held in-person.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Given the potential for rapid SARS-CoV-2 transmission in on- and off-campus settings and activities, colleges and universities should work with local health departments and student organizations to ensure compliance with mitigation guidelines.

available data on place of residence and involvement in on- and off-campus activities was used to describe university A's transmission network, potential gatherings where transmission might have taken place, and links between nodes. The network visualization tool depicted algorithm-detected gatherings to identify links indicating likely recent contact. Visualized in real-time, information from such links and networks could support implementation of targeted mitigation activities, such as isolation of cases and quarantining of contacts.

The findings in this report are subject to at least four limitations. First, incomplete case investigations resulted in missing or unknown data and exclusion from the network analysis. Second, housing and event attendance might not approximate transmission histories. Third, many cases were identified during mass testing events, and event advertisement and location could have resulted in a biased sample. Finally, data were not collected from uninfected persons or on adherence to mitigation strategies, such as social distancing, mask use, and hand hygiene.

Because of the potential for rapid transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in on- and off-campus university settings, student organizations could help ensure compliance with CDC-recommended COVID-19 mitigation measures, such as limiting the size of social gatherings, adhering to social distancing recommendations, requiring mask use, improving hand hygiene, and increasing testing. Encouraging more virtual activities, including those related to fraternity and sorority rush week, might help minimize the risk for transmission on university and college campuses. To ensure compliance with mitigation measures, health departments should work together with student organizations and university leaders.

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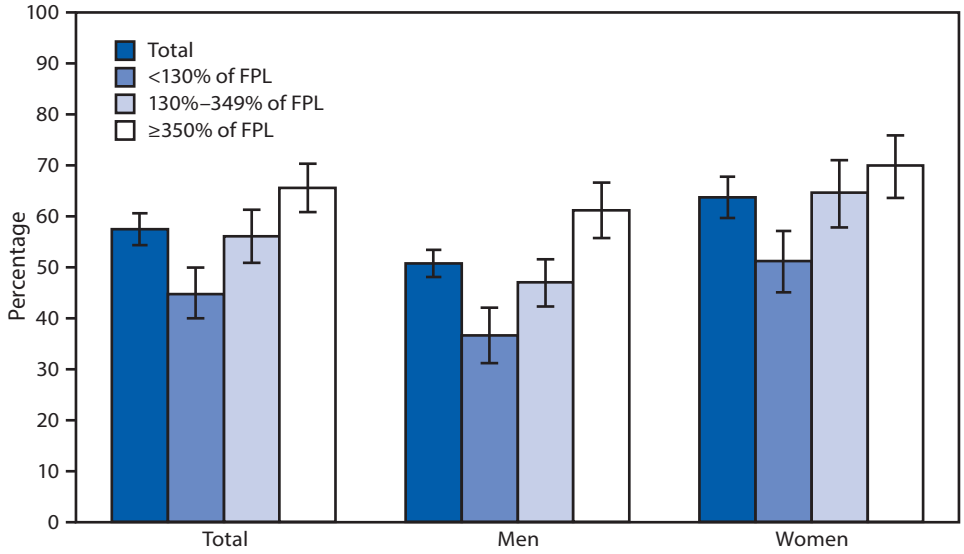
Percentage* of Adults Aged ≥20 Years Who Had Taken Any Dietary Supplement† in the Past 30 Days, by Sex and Family Income§ — National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, United States, 2017–2018



Abbreviation: FPL = federal poverty level.
* Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.
† Dietary supplements are products taken by mouth that contain one or more dietary ingredients (vitamins, minerals, herbs or other botanicals, amino acids, and other substances) or their constituents and are labeled as such on the front panel.
§ Family income is defined as a percentage of the FPL. Participants missing information regarding family income were included in the total estimates but excluded in the estimates by family income.

During 2017–2018, 57.6% of adults aged ≥20 years had taken a dietary supplement within the past 30 days. The percentage increased with family income: 44.9% among those with family incomes <130% of the FPL, 56.2% among those with family incomes 130%–349% of the FPL, and 65.7% among those with family incomes ≥350% of the FPL. The increase with family income was seen for both men and women. Women were more likely than were men to use a dietary supplement overall (63.8% versus 50.8%) and at each income level.

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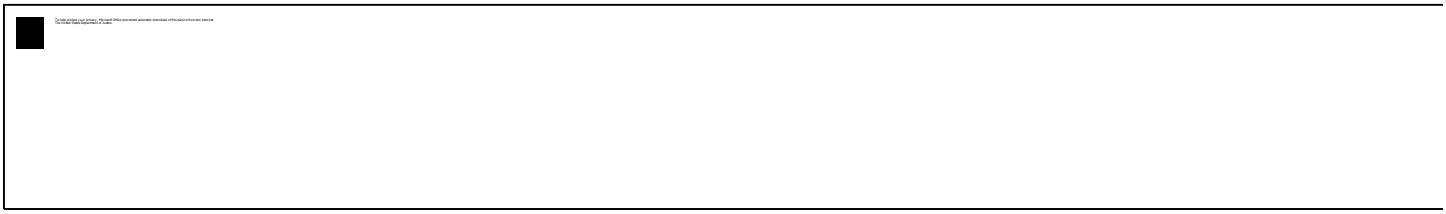

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he most highly skilled foreign workers benefit from the temporary employment program.

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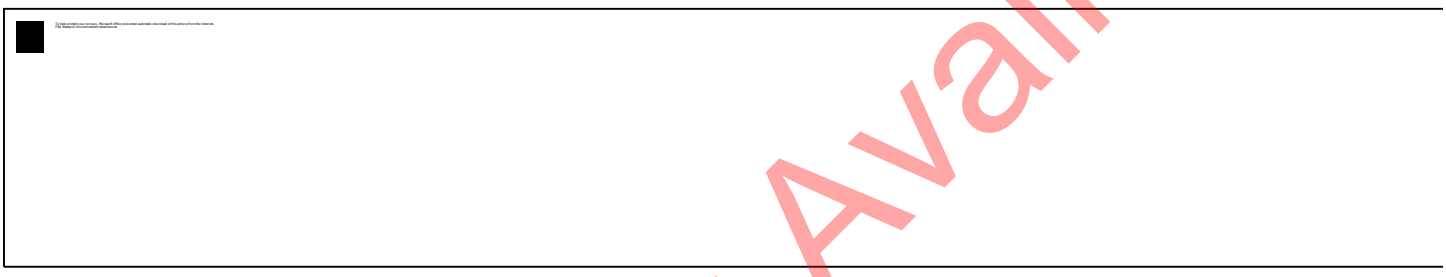

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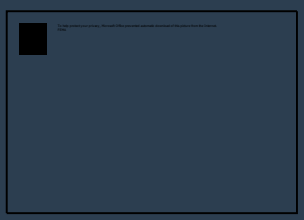

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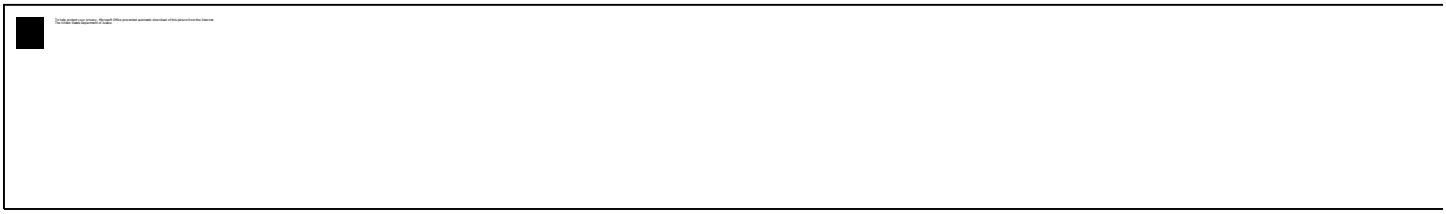

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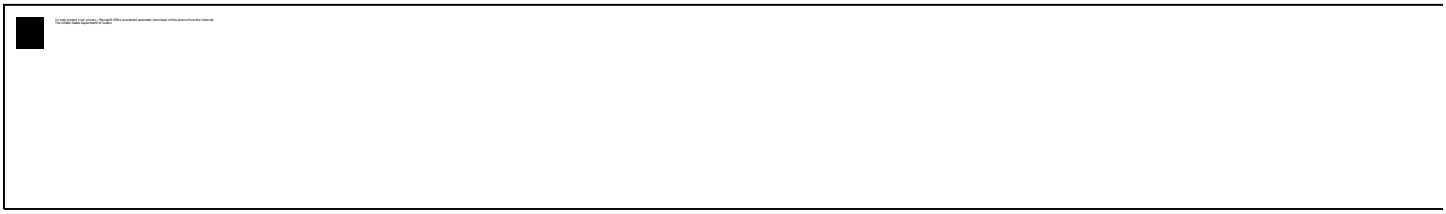

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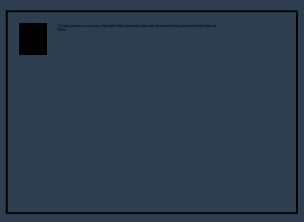

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21P8009: *Promoting Wellness and Resiliency in Correctional Staff*

Date and Time : February 2nd / 11am PT / 12pm MT /1pm CT / 2pm ET for one hour

Webinar Summary : Do you want to see what some of the latest data and promising practices are revealing about staff wellness for corrections officers and staff? Would you like to learn how to apply a holistic approach to your workplace along the continuum of preventive to reactive responses? Correctional staff face significant stress and challenges in maintaining wellness and resiliency in the workplace. There is emerging evidence that effective strategies and programs exist; however, they often occur in a piecemeal or sporadic fashion. This webinar provides academic insight into the current research on officer wellness and references emerging areas of innovative practices. It includes practitioner expertise on valuable resources and support for correctional officers and staff. We will move from preventive to reactive strategies and build on new approaches to increase resiliency. Participants will learn what research and practice tell us about the short and long-term effects that working in corrections can have and how to promote staff wellness and manage trauma in response to what they experience.

Learning Objectives : During this one-hour interactive webinar, participants will 1) develop an understanding of the current research on correctional staff wellness and resiliency, 2) learn how to apply a holistic approach to their workplace, and 3) gain knowledge on promising real-world practices that can assist and promote both wellness and resiliency.

Speakers

Dr. Hayden Smith is an Associate Professor of Criminology & Criminal Justice at the University of South Carolina. His principal focus of study is the intersection of the criminal justice and public health systems. Core areas include self-injurious and suicidal behaviors in incarcerated populations, physical and mental health needs in correctional settings, jail diversion, reentry initiatives, and correctional staff well-being and safety. Dr. Smith has expertise in program evaluation and policy analysis and has worked with numerous correctional and health systems.

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Ms. Karin Ho is the Director for Victim Services with the South Carolina Department of Corrections. She has more than 30 years of victim advocacy experience and over 25 years in corrections. Recognizing how correctional staff were affected by traumatic events, she implemented the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Peer Team and Post Critical Incident Seminars for employees with ongoing trauma-related issues. As part of the CISM Team, Karin is the handler for a specially trained trauma dog who responds to correctional staff throughout the state.

The presenters have engaged in several academic-practitioner partnerships that address correctional officer and staff well-being.

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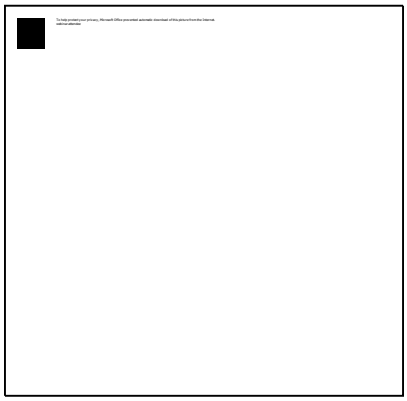

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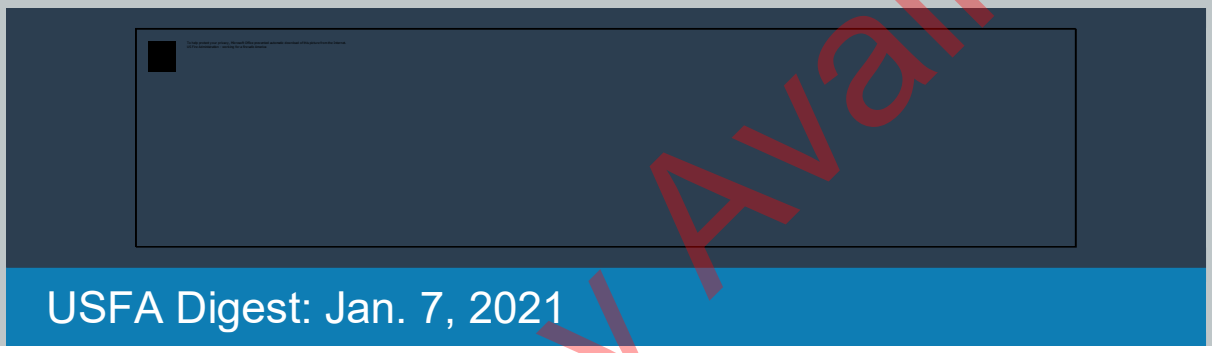

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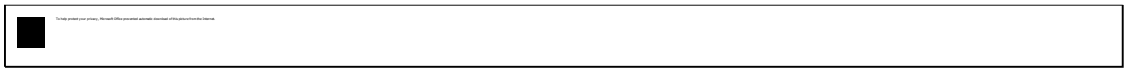

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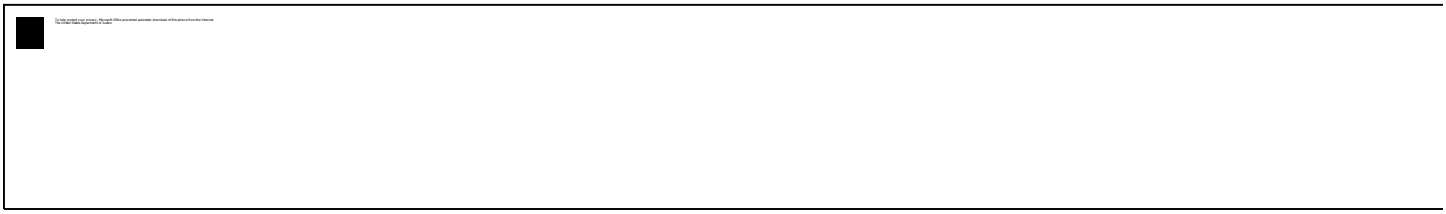

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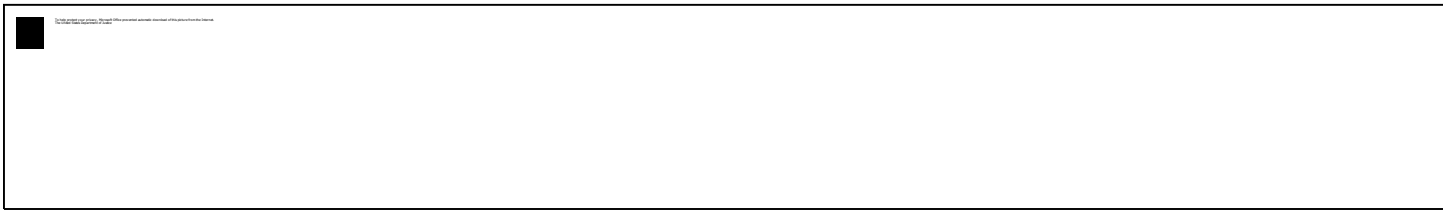

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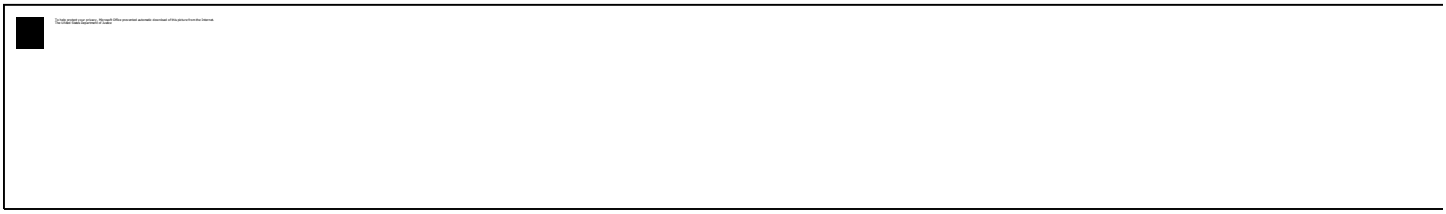

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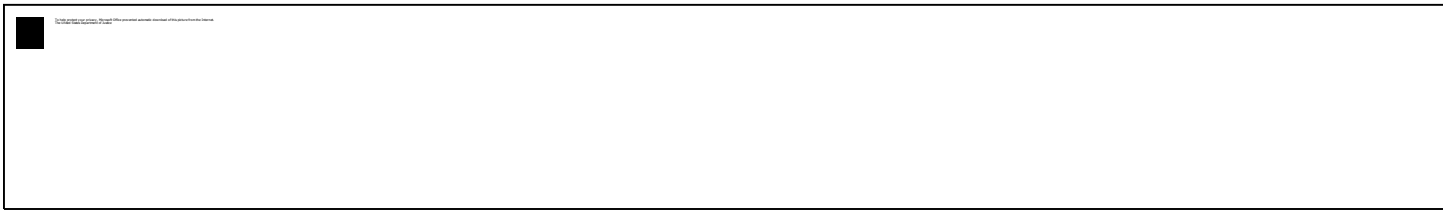

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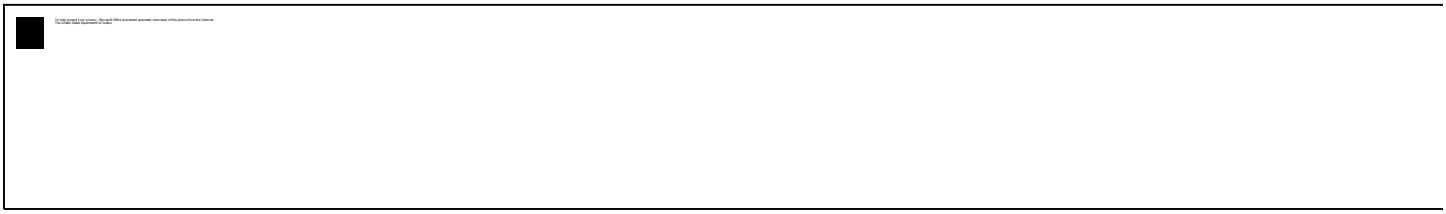

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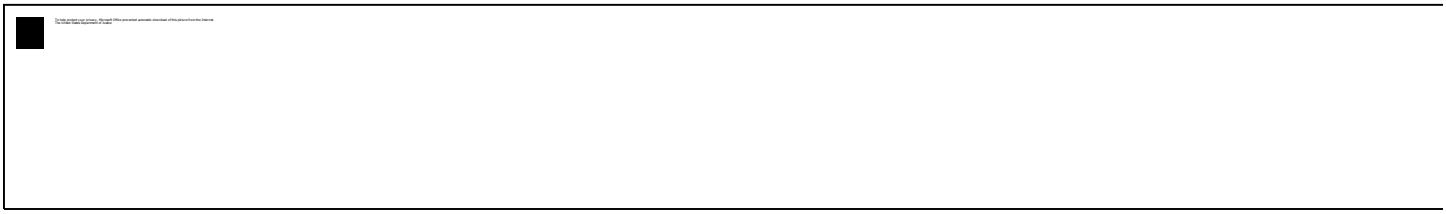

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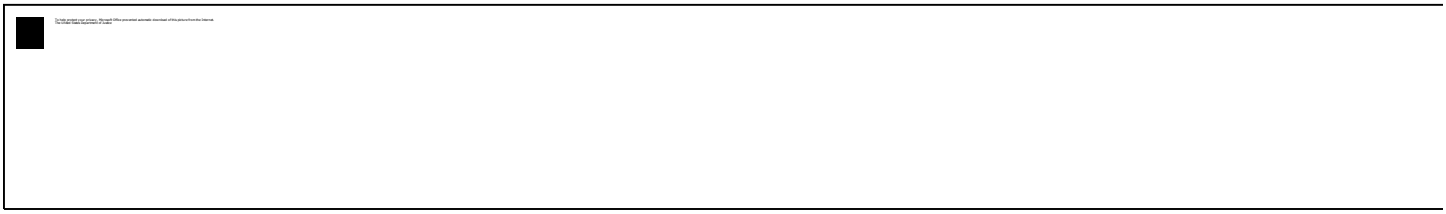

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CISA, NASCAR, Daytona International Speedway and Local Partners Conduct Joint Exercise to Keep DAYTONA 500 Fans Safe < Caution-https://www.hstoday.us/subject-matter-areas/infrastructure-security/cisa-nascar-daytona-international-speedway-and-local-partners-conduct-joint-exercise-to-keep-daytona-500-fans-safe/ > **(01/06) HSToday**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), NASCAR, the Daytona International Speedway, state and local first responders, law enforcement officials, and local businesses held a tabletop exercise today to test response plans around hypothetical public safety incidents on the day of the DAYTONA 500. By bringing together representatives from multiple agencies involved in the 63rd annual DAYTONA 500, set for Sunday, February 14, participants discussed their roles, shared best practices, and improved coordination mechanisms to help keep the public safe. The exercise is part of an ongoing partnership between those involved and was not in response to any specific threat.

Omnibus appropriations law features measure to secure state, local government websites with help from CISA < Caution-https://insidecybersecurity.com/daily-news/omnibus-appropriations-law-features-measure-secure-state-local-government-websites-help > **(01/06) Inside Cybersecurity**

State and local governments will get additional resources and help from CISA to improve the security of their websites using the .gov domain, through provisions that were staunchly supported by the leading association for state CIOs and included in the omnibus fiscal 2021 funding measure passed by Congress and enacted in December. The DotGov Online Trust in Government Act moves the General Services Administration's DotGov program for domain registration and management to the Department of Homeland Security.

US intel agencies: cyberattack was 'likely Russian in origin' < Caution-https://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow-show/us-intel-agencies-cyberattack-was-likely-russian-origin-n1252996 > **(01/06)MSNBC**

A few weeks ago, it became clear that the latest cyberattack against the United States was far more severe, both in its scope and its severity, than the usual intrusion. As NBC News reported, "Hackers who targeted the federal government

appear to be part of a Russian intelligence campaign aimed at multiple U.S. agencies and companies." Soon after, one of the senators who received a classified briefing on the matter said he was "downright scared" of what he'd learned.

Justice Department also hacked by Russians in the ongoing cyberespionage < Caution-https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/justice-department-hit-russian-hackers/2021/01/06/d01cc6aa-5050-11eb-b96e-0e54447b23a1_story.html > **(01/06) Washington Post**

The Justice Department has become the latest known victim of Russian hackers, who are engaged in an ongoing campaign of cyberespionage that has afflicted federal agencies and the private sector. A department spokesman said Wednesday that the department's Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), which handles network security, learned Dec. 24 of malicious activity linked to the hacking campaign. The intrusions into other federal agencies and technology firms were discovered earlier last month, and in the Justice Department's case it involved its unclassified Office 365 email system, spokesman Marc Raimondi said.

FBI, CISA, NSA Officially Blame Russia for SolarWinds Cyber Attack < Caution-https://thehackernews.com/2021/01/fbi-cisa-nsa-officially-blames-russia.html > **(01/06) Hacker News**

The U.S. government on Tuesday formally pointed fingers at the Russian government for orchestrating the massive SolarWinds supply chain attack that came to light early last month. "This work indicates that an Advanced Persistent Threat (APT) actor, likely Russian in origin, is responsible for most or all of the recently discovered, ongoing cyber compromises of both government and non-governmental networks," the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and the National Security Agency (NSA) said in a joint statement.

American Intelligence Agencies Release Joint Statement About "Solar Winds" Hack < Caution-https://www.technadu.com/american-intelligence-agencies-joint-statement-solar-winds-hack/237830/ > **(01/06) TechNadu**

The CISA (Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency), the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation), the NSA (National Security Agency), and the ODNI (Office of the Director of National Intelligence) have released a joint statement to inform the American people about their progress in the investigation of the recent "Solar Winds" supply chain attacks that have shaken the field fundamentally. Moreover, they announce their unification for this purpose under a single task force known as UCG (Cyber Unified Coordination Group), aiming to speed up the process and create a convergence mechanism for the various investigating agencies.

COVID-19

EU authorizes Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine, paving the way for its rollout next week < Caution-https://www.cnn.com/2021/01/06/europe/moderna-approval-eu-intl/index.html > **(01/06) CNN**

The European Union has authorized Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine, the second coronavirus vaccine to be approved for use in the EU. The move finalizes the recommendation of the European Union drugs regulator, who earlier on Wednesday recommended granting the drug a conditional marketing authorization. Emer Cooke, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) executive director, said on Wednesday that "this vaccine provides us with another tool to overcome the current emergency."

The Covid-19 Pandemic And The Case For Healthcare As A Fundamental Freedom < Caution-https://www.forbes.com/sites/coronavirusfrontlines/2021/01/06/the-covid-19-pandemic-and-the-case-for-healthcare-as-a-fundamental-freedom/?sh=7b286ad94b6b > **(01/06) Forbes**

Our nation is on a precipice, but we have been challenged before. Eighty years ago, the United States was on the cusp of a World War and politically divided following a highly contentious election. On January 6th, 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt delivered his State of the Union address rallying the country to fight the unprecedented threats of the day. He reminded the nation of the way of life and values that we were fighting to protect: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. We now remember this speech as the Four Freedoms.

CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Claro Brasil Selects Ribbon's Cloud-Native SBCs for Network Expansion < Caution-https://aithority.com/it-and-devops/cloud/claro-brasil-selects-ribbons-cloud-native-sbcs-for-network-expansion/ > **(01/06) AI Thority**
Ribbon Communications Inc., a global provider of real time communications software and network solutions to service providers, enterprises, and critical infrastructure sectors, announced that Claro Brasil has selected Ribbon's SBC Software Edition to expand and secure their extensive Voice over IP network. "We have a long term relationship with Ribbon, which has always provided us with excellent performance, Quality of Service (QoS) and experience," said Roberto Beghini, Engineering Manager from Claro Brasil.

11 arrested as mob of Trump supporters protest at California Capitol < Caution-https://www.abc10.com/article/news/local/sacramento/11-arrested-as-mob-of-trump-supporters-protest-at-california-capitol/103-9707b72a-ed4e-4cb5-b8f7-07eda430ae46 > **(01/06) ABC News**
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Eleven people were arrested near the California State Capitol Building where supporters of President Donald Trump clashed with anti-protesters Wednesday, the Sacramento Police Department reports. All the arrests were for illegal possession of pepper spray, according to the Sacramento Police Department. The department did not specify which groups the arrested individuals were with. One demonstrator reported being assaulted by another but was not injured, the Sacramento Police Department wrote on Twitter. None of the 200 police officers who patrolled the incident were injured.

SOLARWINDS

SolarWinds Government Data Breach Leads to Securities Action < Caution-https://www.natlawreview.com/article/solarwinds-government-data-breach-leads-to-securities-action > **(01/06) National Law Review**
The massive data breach of the United States Commerce and Treasury Departments that has roiled the federal government has resulted in federal securities litigation. On January 4, 2021, Plaintiff-Shareholder Timothy Bremer filed a class action complaint against SolarWinds and SolarWinds' corporate executives in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas. SolarWinds provides information technology and infrastructure management software products to entities around the globe, including to various U.S. government vendors in the executive branch, military, and intelligence services.

SolarWinds Compromise: Cyber Unified Coordination Group Forms and Points Finger at Russia < Caution-https://news.clearancejobs.com/2021/01/06/solarwinds-compromise-cyber-unified-coordination-group-forms-and-points-finger-at-russia/ > **(01/06) Clearance Jobs**
The United States government, via the Office of the President, announced the creation of the Cyber Unified Coordination Group (UCG) composed of the FBI, CISA and the ODNI, with support from the NSA. The stated purpose of the UCG is to "coordinate the investigation and remediation" of the SolarWinds compromise. The compromise is characterized as an espionage operation carried out by Russia. The UCG acknowledged that there is still much to learn and that the members continue to strive to understand the scope of the hostile activity which targeted both public and private entities.

Austin's SolarWinds hit with lawsuit in wake of cyberattack < Caution-https://www.statesman.com/story/business/2021/01/06/lawsuit-filed-against-austin-based-solarwinds-following-cyberattack/6554660002/ > **(01/06) Austin American-Statesman**
Austin-based software maker SolarWinds is being sued by an investor in the wake of a massive data breach that appears to have affected nearly every level of government, as well as potentially hundreds of private companies. SolarWinds investor Timothy Bremer is the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit, which accuses the company of violating federal securities law and alleges SolarWinds made "materially false and misleading statements" related to security measures.

Widely Used Software Company May Be Entry Point for Huge U.S. Hacking < Caution-https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/06/us/politics/russia-cyber-hack.html > **(01/06) New York Times**

American intelligence agencies and private cybersecurity investigators are examining the role of a widely used software company, JetBrains, in the far-reaching Russian hacking of federal agencies, private corporations and United States infrastructure, according to officials and executives briefed on the inquiry. Officials are investigating whether the company, founded by three Russian engineers in the Czech Republic with research labs in Russia, was breached and used as a pathway for hackers to insert back doors into the software of an untold number of technology companies. Security experts warn that the monthslong intrusion could be the biggest breach of United States networks in history.

We Should Have Known SolarWinds Would Be a Target (blog) < Caution-https://www.cfr.org/blog/we-should-have-known-solarwinds-would-be-target > **(01/06) Council on Foreign Relations**
The recent revelation of the SolarWinds hack provides an illustrative and timely example of how cybersecurity vulnerabilities can affect every organization, with the company's enterprise software, a network monitoring system, installed at government agencies, including the Departments of Commerce, Defense, and Treasury, tech giants such as Cisco, Intel, Nvidia, and VMware, and hospitals and universities. Our research shows the SolarWinds breach should come as no surprise. The risk of these supply chain hacks is much higher than previously acknowledged, due to the high level of connectivity across different sectors in the economy.

Life After the SolarWinds Supply Chain Attack < Caution-https://www.govtech.com/security/Life-After-the-SolarWinds-Supply-Chain-Attack.html > **(01/06) Government Technology**
By now, everyone on the planet has probably heard about the massive supply chain breach that occurred when network management software from SolarWinds had malware inserted into a trusted software update. This attack has exposed over 18,000 of their customers who used the affected software, many of them government agencies to potential breaches.

CYBERSECURITY

NSA releases cybersecurity guide on detecting and fixing outdated encryption protocol implementations < Caution-https://www.securitymagazine.com/articles/94287-nsa-releases-cybersecurity-guide-on-detecting-and-fixing-outdated-encryption-protocol-implementations > **(01/06) Security Magazine**
The National Security Agency released a cybersecurity product detailing how to detect and fix out-of-date encryption protocol implementations. Networks and systems that use deprecated forms of Transport Layer Security (TLS) or Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) for traffic sessions are at risk of sensitive data exposure and decryption. The Cybersecurity Information Sheet, "Eliminating Obsolete Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol Configurations" instructs National Security System (NSS), Department of Defense (DoD), and Defense Industrial Base (DIB) system administrators on how to detect, prioritize, and replace unauthorized or deprecated TLS protocols with ones that meet current standards.

Rioters Open Capitol's Doors to Potential Cyberthreats < Caution-https://www.bankinfosecurity.com/rioters-open-capitols-doors-to-potential-cyberthreats-a-15715 > **(01/06) BankInfoSecurity**
The massive pro-Trump demonstrations that saw large crowds riot and then occupy the U.S. Capitol building in Washington on Wednesday pose a significant cybersecurity risk, experts say. The insurrection left four people dead, and led to Washington imposing a curfew and calling in the National Guard. Violent protesters gained access to the Senate chamber as well as at least one lawmaker's office, along with multiple computer systems and other devices.

More Chinese apps attract a ban from a presidential administration on the way out < Caution-https://www.cyberscoop.com/executive-order-trump-alipay-wechat-pay/ > **(01/06) CyberScoop**
President Donald Trump's latest executive order against Chinese tech companies might not ever take effect, but at a minimum it will force some decisions by the incoming presidential administration. The order bans U.S. transactions with several mobile apps, including Alipay and WeChat Pay, in the interest of protecting the security of U.S. users. The Trump administration made similar moves against TikTok last year, and those efforts are still tied up in court.

Phising Emails Spoof Australia's Cyber Security Center < Caution-https://www.bankinfosecurity.com/phishing-emails-spoof-australias-cyber-security-center-a-15706 > **(01/06) BankInfoSecurity**
The Australian Cyber Security Center is warning that fraudsters have recently started sending phishing emails that spoof the agency and contain malware designed to steal banking credentials. In an alert, the agency notes hackers posing as ACSC employees are sending emails requesting that recipients download antivirus software. When the victim clicks on a link, malicious code that can steal banking credentials is downloaded onto the compromised device. The fraudsters also are using spoofed phone numbers to directly call the victims to ask them to download certain applications. "The scammer then attempts to persuade recipients to take actions, such as enter a URL into a browser and access online banking services, which then compromises their computer to reveal banking information," the agency notes.

Unify SecOps, frameworks, and simulations into an assurance system that protects your crown jewels < Caution-https://www.scmagazine.com/perspectives/unify-secops-frameworks-and-simulations-into-an-assurance-system-that-protects-your-crown-jewels/ > **(01/06) SC Magazine**
Most organizations lack sufficient evidence or communication to assure the robustness of their security capabilities in terms that connect with and influence executive leadership. Creating rigorous security assurance requires that companies must follow the principle of cause and effect. On the causal side we have the organization's security capabilities. These exist to help mitigate the organization's impact from security threats. Unfortunately, current approaches of metrics and key performance indicators are too myopic and obscure the big picture, maturity to frameworks fail on business context and weakly calibrated threat methods.

Biden taps intelligence veteran for new White House cybersecurity role < Caution-https://www.politico.com/news/2021/01/06/biden-white-house-cybersecurity-neuberger-455508 > **(01/06) Politico**
President-elect Joe Biden plans to pluck a career intelligence official from the National Security Agency to serve in a newly created cybersecurity role on his National Security Council. Anne Neuberger, who joined the NSA more than a decade ago and has been serving as the agency's director of cybersecurity since 2019, will be named deputy national security adviser for cybersecurity in the incoming NSC, according to two people familiar with the plans.

Fed Issue Recommendations for Maritime Cybersecurity < Caution-https://threatpost.com/feds-recommendations-maritime-cybersecurity/162804/ > **(01/06) Threatpost**
The White House has released cybersecurity guidance for securing the Maritime Transportation System (MTS), which operates along 25,000 miles of coastal and inland waterways in the United States. The document points out that the MTS encompasses "361 ports, 124 shipyards, more than 3,500 maritime facilities, 20,000 bridges, 50,000 Federal aids to navigation, and 95,000 miles of shoreline that interconnect with critical highways, railways, airports and pipelines." In addition, there are more than 20 Federal government organizations that currently have a role in maritime security of all stripes, ranging from vessel and personnel safety to transportation standards and logistics.

ELECTION SECURITY

Watch out for this misinformation when Congress meets to certify the election. < Caution-https://www.nytimes.com/2021/01/06/business/watch-out-for-this-misinformation-when-congress-meets-to-certify-the-election.html > **(01/06) The New York Times**
As Congress meets on Wednesday to certify Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s victory in the November election, President Trump and his supporters continue to spread rumors, conspiracy theories and misinformation about the vote. Here are six false voter fraud claims that may be repeated during the proceedings on Wednesday.

Trump era bows out with scorched-earth drama in divided GOP < Caution-https://thehill.com/homenews/house/532806-trump-era-bows-out-with-scorched-earth-drama-in-divided-gop > **(01/06) The Hill**

The heated partisan politics of Capitol Hill will jump to scorching on Wednesday, when President Trump's staunchest Republican allies will launch a formal, public and futile effort to keep him in power by overturning the results of November's election. Trump's allegations of rampant voter fraud have been debunked by the states and rejected by the courts. But that hasn't stopped more than 100 GOP loyalists in the House and Senate from backing his bid to toss out the vote tallies of certain battleground states.

Fact check of objections Republican lawmakers may raise during Electoral College count < Caution-https://www.cbsnews.com/news/fact-check-objections-expected-republican-lawmakers-electoral-college-count/ > **(01/06)CBS News**

When the vice president of the United States presides over the counting of the Electoral College votes and announces the final tally and winner of the election, it's usually little more than a formality. But this year, President Trump's refusal to accept his loss to Joe Biden — and the willingness of many Republican lawmakers to indulge him — has teed up a tense day in the Capitol. It's Vice President Mike Pence who's tasked with this duty on Wednesday for the pro forma joint session of Congress. Tellers will read each state's tally aloud, and at any point, members may object to that state's votes.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

Reps. Spanberger, Katko introduce bill to better prepare for pandemics, other threats < Caution-https://homelandprepnews.com/stories/59908-reps-spanberger-katko-introduce-bill-to-better-prepare-for-pandemics-other-threats/ > **(01/06) Homeland Preparedness News**

U.S. Reps. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA) and John Katko (R-NY) introduced a bill to enhance the nation's readiness to prepare for and respond to public safety and national security threats – including pandemics. Their bill — the Analyzing Disaster Vulnerabilities and Applicable National Capabilities for Emergencies (ADVANCE) Act – would resume a discontinued program that analyzed the impacts of threats on critical infrastructure.

SUPPLY CHAIN

GSA introduces 'Polaris,' a new contract vehicle with potential to expand cyber certification program < Caution-https://insidecybersecurity.com/daily-news/gsa-introduces-%E2%80%98polaris%E2%80%99-new-contract-vehicle-potential-expand-cyber-certification > **(01/06) Inside Cybersecurity**

The General Services Administration has put out a draft request for proposals on "Polaris," a new contract vehicle for providing IT services to federal agencies, which includes language urging interested bidders to prepare for the Pentagon's cyber certification program requirements. The draft RFP is GSA's latest effort to prepare contractors who want to do work with the Defense Department as it rolls out the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification program. The Defense Department is integrating CMMC requirements over a five-year period into Pentagon contracts. The details on the first Pentagon contracts to feature CMMC language were released in December.

Together EU Rules Are Pushing Some Supply-Chain Debt Into Default < Caution-https://www.bloomberg.com/news/newsletters/2021-01-06/supply-chains-latest-banks-brace-for-new-eu-supply-chain-rules > **(01/06) Bloomberg**

The banks that grease Europe's supply chains face a spike in bad loans as the region's top regulator introduces tougher standards. The rules could classify 15% to 20% of receivables for which factoring firms bear the risk as defaulted, said Diego Tavecchia, an official at the EU Federation for the Factoring and Commercial Finance Industry. That equates to as much as 25.5 billion euros ($31.3 billion) in bad loans, he said.

5G SECURITY

DoD taps National Spectrum Consortium to help develop 5G < Caution-https://federalnewsnetwork.com/technology-main/2021/01/dod-taps-national-spectrum-consortium-to-help-develop-5g/ > **(01/06) Federal News Network**

The Defense Department has hired the National Spectrum Consortium to help it develop 5G communications applications. The five year deal, worth up to $2.5 billion, was awarded under an other transaction agreement. For what they plan to do, Federal Drive with Tom Temin spoke to Chair of the National Spectrum Consortium, Sal D'Itri.

5G talk will dominate virtual CES 2021 < Caution-https://www.cnet.com/news/5g-talk-will-dominate-virtual-ces-2021/ > **(01/06) CNet**

CES 2021 is filled with loads of uncertainties. How does the show replace the excitement of hands-on time with gadgets when everything is remote? Is there anything worth tuning in for? Will the heavy hitters of the tech industry show up? But one thing is for sure: 5G will be front and center at the trade show, which kicks off next week in a virtual format. Like last year, 5G will dominate the conversation. Verizon CEO Hans Vestberg is the first keynote speaker at CES, kicking things off Monday evening with a talk about the next-generation cellular technology.

RANSOMWARE

Most Public Sector Victims Refuse to Pay Ransomware Gangs < Caution-https://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/news/most-public-sector-victims-refuse/ > **(01/06) Infosecurity-Magazine**

The public sector is leading the way on ransomware resilience and refusing to pay its attackers, according to new research from Veritas. The data management firm polled 2690 IT execs at companies of over 1000 employees to compile its 2020 Ransomware Resiliency Report. It found that 86% of public sector respondents targeted with ransomware refused to pay, compared to an average of 43% across all verticals. This is linked to the fact that these organizations were more likely to be able to bounce back quickly from an incident, recovering over 90% of their data versus an average of 69% across all sectors, the study revealed.

Baltimore County schools confirms no data was accessed during ransomware attack < Caution-https://foxbaltimore.com/news/local/baltimore-county-schools-confirms-no-data-was-accessed-during-ransomware-attack > **(01/06) Fox Baltimore**

TOWSON, MD (WBFF) - Baltimore County Public Schools Superintendent Darryl Williams said the school system has confirmed there's no evidence any data was accessed or stolen during the recent ransomware attack. The school system was also able to access first-quarter grades from Schoology, and report cards will be issued on time, he noted.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

FCC Seeking Input on Spending $3.2 Billion of Broadband Stimulus < Caution-https://www.meritalk.com/articles/fcc-seeking-input-on-spending-3-2-billion-of-broadband-stimulus/ > **(01/06) Meritalk**

The Federal Communications Commission is seeking public comment on how to best distribute $3.2 billion of funding approved by Congress late last month as part of combined FY 2021 government funding and COVID-19 relief legislation to help low-income Americans access internet services. The new funding will be administered through an Emergency Broadband Benefit Program authorized by the legislation and being created by the FCC, the agency said in a January 4 notice. The program will reimburse service providers for providing discounted broadband services and connected devices during the coronavirus pandemic.

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Protests erupt in Senegal capital over virus curfew

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China COVID cases at highest in five months amid Hebei outbreak

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Japan imposes 'low pain, low gain' Covid emergency

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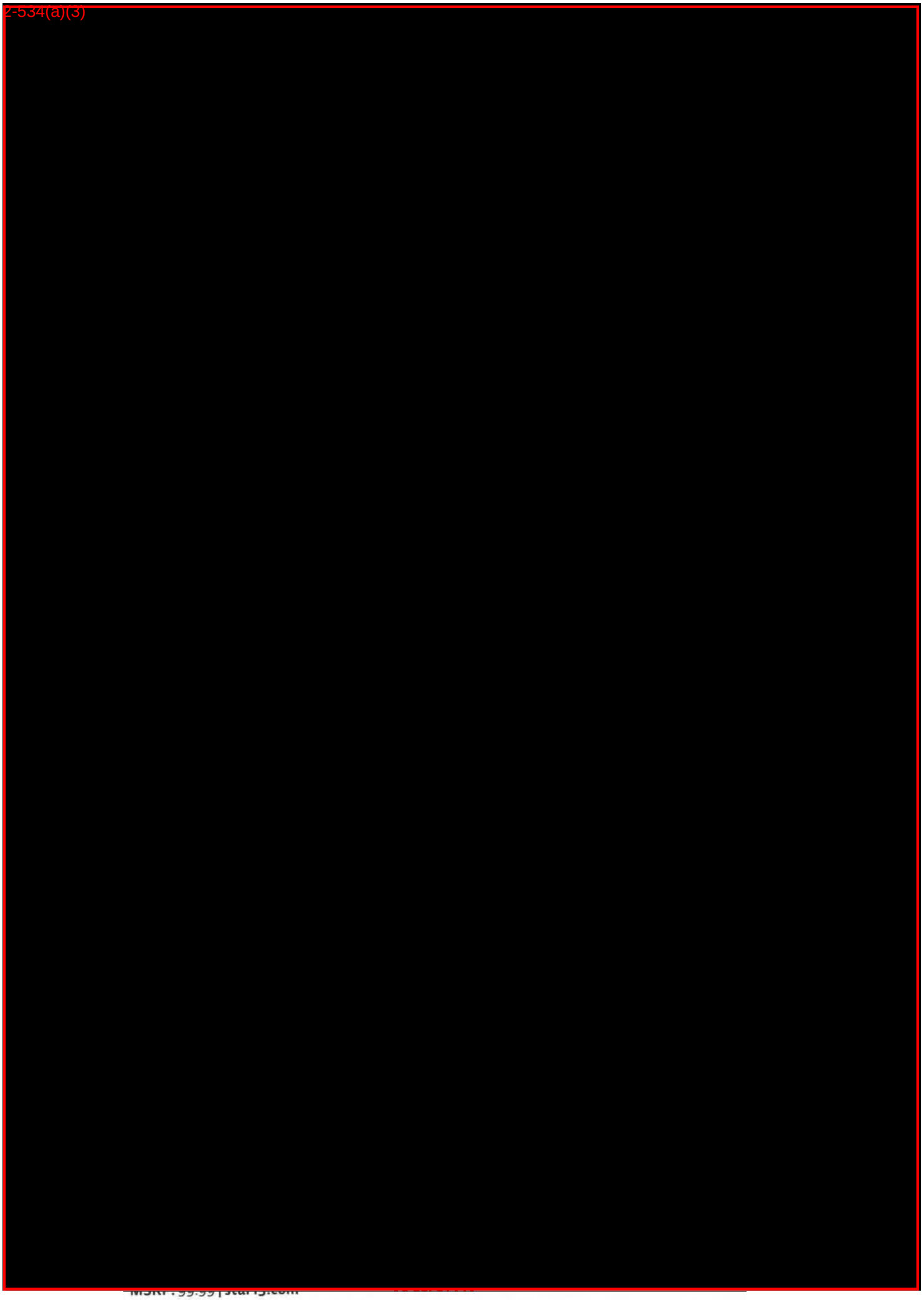
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Domestic Open Source News

1. Cocaine Found Floating Off The Florida Keys, CBP Stops Millions Of Meth, Fentanyl, Heroin At Border. December 28, 2020 (new net). A local fisherman found more than 74 pounds of cocaine in a dozen packages floating fifteen miles off the Florida Keys. The drugs have an estimated street value of about $850,000. Drugs floating off the Florida Keys are nothing new, according to the Miami Herald. In August and September, almost 150 pounds of marijuana were found floating off the island chain or washed up on the shore. In July, more than 50 pounds of cocaine washed up near Grassy Key. https://yournewsnet.com/cocaine-found-floating-off-the-florida-keys-cbp-stops-millions-of-meth-fentanyl-heroin-at-border/

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Foreign Open Source News

2. Drug cartels peddling sedatives to Juarez addicts. January 5, 2020 (23 Valley Central). EL PASO, Texas (Border Report) – The use of potent synthetic substances is becoming so widespread in Juarez that drug dealers are now selling their clients sedatives to mitigate the after-effects, Mexican officials say. Juarez police have reported several recent seizures of clonazepam pills from individuals arrested for public intoxication and drug dealers who also carried doses of crystal meth. Three such seizures took place on Dec. 30 and involved two addicts, a dealer, and 67 pills, according to Juarez police reports. Clonazepam is a benzodiazepine, which is a family of medications that include Valium and Xanax used to treat anxiety, insomnia and seizure disorders. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued a warning against combining the medication with opioids – prescription drugs to reduce pain or illicit drugs such as heroin and fentanyl – and stimulants such as methamphetamine. Such a combination may result in respiratory depression, coma or death, the FDA says. The sale of synthetic drugs has proliferated in Juarez in the past two years as the Mexican cartels sell in-house whatever methamphetamine or fentanyl they can't manage to cross into the United States. This has brought on increased violence and rising addiction rates in border cities like Juarez, analysts say. Nava said drug users are also consuming clonazepam to deal with withdrawal symptoms, especially when they run out of money to purchase their next "fix" of hard drugs. An internet search revealed that Juarez pharmacies sell generic brands of clonazepam for less than $6 for a 2 mg box of 30, but a doctor's prescription is needed for sale. https://www.valleycentral.com/border-report/drug-cartels-peddling-sedatives-to-juarez-addicts/

3. Mexico fentanyl seizures soar by almost 500% in 2020. December 31, 2020 (Assiniboia Times). Mexico City - The Mexican army said Thursday that fentanyl seizures increased by at least 486% in 2020. Military and police forces said on the final day of the year that they had seized an estimated 1.3 tons of the synthetic opioid, compared to 222 kilograms in 2019. Much of Mexico's fentanyl production is

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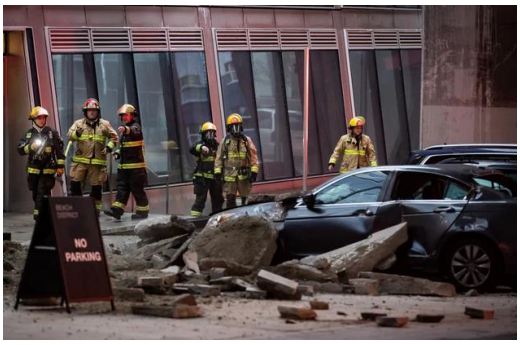
smuggled into the United States in the form of counterfeit pills. Meth seizures rose by 6% to 34,555 kilograms in 2020. Meth is produced for the U.S. market, but also has become widely consumed in Mexico in one-dose packages costing as little as $1.50. Sandoval said the number of drug labs found in Mexico almost doubled, from 91 in 2019 to 175 in 2020. He said the recently established military control of sea and land ports of entry will help stem the flow of precursor chemicals used to make synthetic drugs. "All the raw materials used to make these drugs arrive through sea and land ports," he said. Mexican drug cartels import most of their precursor or analogue chemicals from Asia. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador placed the Navy in charge of seaports and the army in charge of inspections at border crossings this year in a bid to cut corruption and contraband.
https://www.assiniboiatimes.ca/mexico-fentanyl-seizures-soar-by-almost-500-in-2020-1.24261678

4. China bounces back. December 29, 2020 (Chemical Week). China's chemical industry has mirrored the overall economy with a v-shaped recovery. Chemical production in China edged up 0.3% in 2020, a sharp slowdown from growth of 4.9% in 2019, but growth in China's output of chemicals is expected to accelerate to 5.4% in 2021, according to the American Chemistry Council (ACC). China's chemical sector was the first to enter a severe downturn, beginning in December 2019, according to ACC. However, "China was the first nation to emerge from the downturn and by September had fully recovered and entered an expansion stage of the cycle," ACC says. The onset of the pandemic in China also highlighted the vulnerability of many international chemical supply chains, which could result in changes starting in 2021, particularly for critical raw materials used in industries such as agriculture, aviation, pharmaceuticals, and semiconductors. "As the pandemic unfolded, chemical supply chains that ran through China were initially disrupted," ACC says. "Concern [overseas] about supply-chain disruptions will lead to near- and on-shoring, accelerating any such decisions already in consideration prior to the pandemic, for example producers negatively impacted by the US-China trade war considering modifications to sourcing." China plans to reach peak greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions before 2030. The country is the biggest emitter of GHGs mainly due to its widespread use of coal, which accounts for about 64% of China's CO2 emissions. Carbon capture and storage, renewables, hydrogen, and electromobility will play a big role in the transformation, the IHS Markit report says. Following China's action plan, Sinopec announced that it had partnered with experts in climate change, energy, and chemicals to carry out research on the "strategic path of having [CO2] emissions peak and achieve carbon neutral before 2030." https://chemweek.com/CW/Document/116278/China-bounces-back

5. No one injured after fire and explosion near Granville Bridge in Vancouver. January 5, 2020 (CBC.ca) No one was injured after an explosion near the Granville Bridge in Vancouver sent concrete flying and damaged nearby vehicles. Vancouver Fire Rescue crews were called to a vehicle fire and explosion at about 3 p.m. at the bridge and Pacific Street, near the spinning chandelier. Although the blast blew up large chunks of concrete and did "a fair amount of damage" to adjacent vehicles, VFRS spokesperson Jonathan Gormick said no one was injured and the incident is not believed to be malicious in nature. It appears the explosion and fire are connected to an underground utility vault which might house electrical, natural gas or telecommunications equipment, Gormick said. Some of the concrete debris thrown into the air by the explosion was "three feet by four feet by eight inches thick," Gormick said.



"You can imagine how much that weighs and the amount of energy it takes to move one of those. It's fortunate no one was right near the explosion point." https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/vancouver-fire-report-explosion-1.5862634

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6. India's pharma export shoots up amid coronavirus pandemic; 'China plus one' policy helps. January 5, 2020 (Financial Express). India's pharmaceutical industry significantly increased exporting drugs when the world was suffering from the coronavirus pandemic in the first half of the current fiscal year. The country's formulation surged 18 per cent while the bulk drug exports rose 9 per cent on-year during H1 FY21, said a report by Crisil. During the full previous fiscal, the exports of formulation rose 11 per cent and that of bulk drug contracted by 1 per cent. A spike in demand for pharma products, induced by the Covid-19 pandemic, and hoarding of supplies by some nations in the wake of production disruptions have boosted the exports, the report added. Another reason for the increased demand for active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) from India is the increasing customer diversification away from China and some countries adopting a 'China plus one' policy. The bigger markets such as the US and Europe have led to export growth due to increased demand for drugs. Furthermore, several Indian players have also inked agreements with Gilead Sciences to manufacture and export Remdesivir. https://www.financialexpress.com/industry/indias-pharma-export-shoots-up-amid-coronavirus-pandemic-china-plus-one-policy-helps/2164710/

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AVIATION

Malaysia Airlines' Debt Restructuring Nears Completion
01/07/2021

The parent company of Malaysia Airlines said on Thursday it was nearing the end of a debt restructuring process which it hopes will be completed by the end of the first quarter of this year. Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG) said it was in talks with around 40 creditors and lessors to take a haircut in its 16-billion-ringgit ($3.99 billion) debt restructuring plan, adding it was confident it could achieve a "win-win" result for all. MAG has been in discussions with creditors for months as part of efforts to turn around Malaysia's national carrier, long beset by high costs and a bloated workforce.

Norwegian Air Fighting for Survival with Most Planes Grounded Amid Pandemic
01/07/2021

Low-cost airline Norwegian Air is battling for its future after a dramatic fall in passenger numbers because of the coronavirus travel restrictions. The airline, which previously operated flights from Birmingham Airport, was described as "fighting for survival" after passenger numbers fell by 94 per cent year-on-year in December. Norwegian Air operated nine planes on average in December, mainly on domestic routes in Scandinavia. The airline struggled to contain costs during its rapid expansion from a small, domestic operation to a global business and was forced to change its strategy two years ago to focus on profitability.

Boeing 767-300 Joins Growing Amazon Air Network
01/06/2021

Amazon has purchased 11 new aircraft to join the ever-expanding Amazon Air network which includes their first ever Boeing 767-300. The news of the additions comes during a time where ecommerce is growing and customers are still relying on fast shipping from the marketplace. The additions will join the Amazon Air network by 2022 and help get parcels across long distances in shorter time frames to meet the needs of its growing customer base while investing in jobs and sustainable solutions to power its network. Amazon has made many sustainable decisions as of late, including the decision to buy six million gallons of sustainable aviation fuel in 2020.

MARITIME

India Offers to Boost Sri Lankan Navy as China Challenges in Indian Ocean
01/06/2021

To counter China's maritime influence in its backyard, India has been strengthening defense ties with countries in and around the Indian Ocean. India's foreign minister recently assured that India will be a reliable partner for the island nation. India is ramping up efforts to arm countries bound by the Indian Ocean and has offered to boost Sri Lanka's naval capabilities. Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said New Delhi is ready to assist Colombo in enhancing its capabilities to meet growing maritime and security challenges in the region.

Maersk Says European Lockdowns Have Not Dented Demand for Shipping
01/06/2021

High shipping rates are set to continue for at least several weeks, despite new coronavirus lockdowns in Europe, boosted by demand for furniture, exercise equipment and home improvement goods, shipping group Maersk said on Wednesday. A surge in demand from shoppers sheltering at home in a worsening COVID-19 pandemic has upended normal trade flows and triggered a spike in the cost of moving goods around. "There are simply not enough containers in the world to cope with the current demand," Maersk's Chief Commercial Officer Vincent Clerc told a media briefing. "We don't really see a big change in demand, even with new lockdowns in Europe. The current high container demand will continue at least for some weeks," he said.

Australian Maritime Union Calling on Govt. to Declare Seafarers as "Key Workers"
01/06/2021

The Maritime Union of Australia (MUA) described as "notable" the omission of Australia among 45 IMO member states that have determined seafarers to be key workers. International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) president and MUA national secretary Paddy Crumlin said: "Australia must act immediately to align itself with international efforts, led by organisations like the IMO and ITF, to designate seafarers as key workers providing an essential service, and facilitate the safe and unhindered movement of seafarers for embarking and disembarking a vessel, accessing shore leave, and when necessary, access to shore-based medical treatment. Australia has taken a strong stance on enforcement of contract periods under the Maritime Labor Convention (MLC), however, at the same time has effectively barred crew change as part of its measures to protect the country from the spread of Covid-19.

RAIL / TRANSIT

CRRC Metro Train Debuts on Boston's Red Line
01/07/2021

Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) began operation with the first six-car metro train built by CRRC on the Boston metro Red Line on December 30. The first train was entirely built in China by CRRC Changchun Railway Vehicles. The remaining 246 metro cars from the order placed in October 2014, and expanded in December 2016, will be assembled by CRRC at its $US 95m factory in Springfield, Massachusetts, although delivery is running around a year behind schedule. CRRC says CRRC Changchun and CRRC Massachusetts developed detailed epidemic prevention and control plans to continue development and delivery of the metro trains to Boston during the Covid-19 pandemic.

VEHICLE / ROAD

Hyundai to Build Hydrogen Fuel Cell Plant in China
01/07/2021

South Korea's Hyundai Motor Group plans to establish its first overseas hydrogen fuel cell plant in Guangzhou, Guangdong province, this year in an effort to enter the growing hydrogen sector of the world's largest auto market. The carmaker has secured the South Korean government's approval to produce hydrogen fuel cells in China. Hyundai Motor is in talks with a Chinese company to form a joint venture for the construction of the plant. Hyundai is expected to announce the plant as early as this month. Last year, the carmaker said it plans to sell at least 27,000 fuel cell vehicles in China by 2030. It will scale up production capacity to 2,000 vehicles in 2021 to expand its presence in such markets as Europe and China.

PIPELINE / HAZMAT

China Gas Pipeline in Northern Guangdong Begins Operations
01/07/2021

China Petroleum & Chemical Corp, or Sinopec, said a 238-kilometre (148 mile) natural gas pipeline in the northern part of China’s southern province Guangdong has started operation. The state energy giant was involved in the construction of the project, in an aim to help ease an energy supply crunch in the region. The pipeline will transfer coal gas from the far western region Xinjiang to Guangdong, according to the statement on Thursday. The national pipeline operator China Oil and Gas Pipeline Network, known as PipeChina, will manage and operate the new line in northern Guangdong.

COMMERCIAL USE OF SPACE

China Gears Up for Space Station, Cargo, and Crewed Mission Launches
01/07/2021

China is preparing to launch three major missions in the next few months to initiate the construction phase of the country’s space station project. The China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology (CALT) is finalizing work on rockets which will launch the first space station module, a cargo and refueling craft and a crewed mission. The

launches will be the first of 11 planned missions to construct a three-module Chinese space station. The activity marks the beginning of the end phase of a project approved in 1992 to develop human spaceflight capabilities and establish a long-term crewed presence in low Earth orbit.

TERRORISM / EXTREMISM

Officials: Attacks Around Afghanistan Kill at Least 23
01/07/2021

Attacks in Afghanistan left at least 23 civilians and security forces dead, officials said Thursday. In southern Uruzgan province, a suicide car bomber detonated a vehicle full of explosives early Thursday near a military base, killing six security forces, said a provincial council member who was not authorized to speak with the media. In southern Helmand province, at least five civilians were killed and five others wounded in a suspected airstrike late Wednesday on the outskirts of Lashkar Gah, the provincial capital, according to Attaullah Afghan, head of the provincial council. He said the casualties included children and women. No one immediately claimed responsibility for either attack.

Pakistan's Anti-Terrorism Court Issues Arrest Warrant for JeM Chief Masood Azhar
01/07/2021

In a significant development, an anti-terrorism court in Pakistan on Thursday issued an arrest warrant for banned Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief Masood Azhar on the charges of terror financing. The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Gujranwala issued the warrant during a hearing in a terror financing case instituted by the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of Punjab police against some members of the JeM. Following the Pulwama terror attack in February 2019 in India, Pakistan's Punjab province police had launched a crackdown on terrorism financing and in this connection arrested six activists of the JeM in Gujranwala.

CYBER

New Bank-Related Phishing Scam Involved Impersonation of Singapore Govt. Officials
01/05/2021

Scammers have been impersonating Singapore government officials since December in what police on Tuesday (Jan 5) described as a new variant of bank-related phishing scams. Victims in such cases receive phone calls or messages allegedly from government agencies, such as the police or Ministry of Manpower, claiming that there are issues with their bank accounts. They are asked to verify their banking or personal details such as their Internet log-in credentials and NRIC numbers. Unauthorized transactions are then made from the accounts. Around 900 cases of bank-related phishing scams were reported in the first six months of 2020, a more than 25-fold increase from just 34 such cases for the same period in 2019, said the police.

ADDITIONAL REPORTING

French President Discusses Aid with Armenian Prime Minister
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French President Emmanuel Macron held a further telephone call yesterday with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan to highlight France's plans to help Armenia with humanitarian aid, said Macron's office on Thursday. Macron also reiterated his determination to find a political solution for the region, which was hit last year by military clashes between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh enclave, which ended with a Russian-brokered truce and big territorial gains for Azerbaijan.

Russian Experts Warn of Nuclear Arms Race
01/07/2021

Nuclear trains were once considered a relic of the Cold War. But now the secretive locomotives could be set for a comeback, carrying warheads around Russia in a move that could set Moscow on a collision course with Washington. In comments carried by the Mosckovsky Komsomolets newspaper, Russian military expert Alexey Leonkov outlined how the Soviet era project could be reborn. He said the deployment of train-based intercontinental ballistic missiles might be Russia's next step amid escalating nuclear tensions with NATO. The deployment is sure to raise hackles in the United States. The New York Times reported on Sunday that Biden's incoming national security adviser Jake Sullivan said the new administration would move quickly to renew the last remaining major nuclear arms treaty with Russia.

Sudan Signs 'Abraham Accords' With US, Paving Way for Israel Normalization
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Sudan on Wednesday signed the "Abraham Accords" with the United States, paving the way for the African country to normalize ties with Israel. A statement from the office of Sudan's prime minister said Justice Minister Nasredeen Abdulbari signed the accord Wednesday with visiting US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. The agreement signed Wednesday was a largely symbolic document, indicating Sudan's intentions to move forward with normalization. The memorandum did not officially establish diplomatic ties between Khartoum and Jerusalem, a move that is expected to happen in the near future, at an as yet undetermined date.

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The U.S. role in the world refers to the overall character, purpose, or direction of U.S. participation in international affairs and the country's overall relationship to the rest of the world. The U.S. role in the world can be viewed as establishing the overall context or framework for U.S. policymakers for developing, implementing, and measuring the success of U.S. policies and actions on specific international issues, and for foreign countries or other observers for interpreting and understanding U.S. actions on the world stage.

While descriptions of the traditional U.S. role in the world since the end of World War II vary in their specifics, it can be described in general terms as consisting of four key elements: global leadership; defense and promotion of the liberal international order; defense and promotion of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and prevention of the emergence of regional hegemons in Eurasia.

The issue for Congress is whether the U.S. role in the world has changed, and if so, what implications this might have for the United States and the world. A change in the U.S. role could have significant and even profound effects on U.S. security, freedom, and prosperity. It could significantly affect U.S. policy in areas such as relations with allies and other countries, defense plans and programs, trade and international finance, foreign assistance, and human rights.

Some observers, particularly critics of the Trump Administration, argue that under the Trump Administration, the United States has substantially changed the U.S. role in the world. Other observers, particularly supporters of the Trump Administration, while acknowledging that the Trump Administration has changed U.S. foreign policy in a number of areas compared to policies pursued by the Obama Administration, argue that under the Trump Administration, there has been less change and more continuity regarding the U.S. role in the world.

Some observers who assess that the United States under the Trump Administration has substantially changed the U.S. role in the world—particularly critics of the Trump Administration, and also some who were critical of the Obama Administration—view the implications of that change as undesirable. They view the change as an unnecessary retreat from U.S. global leadership and a gratuitous discarding of long-held U.S. values, and judge it to be an unforced error of immense proportions—a needless and self-defeating squandering of something of great value to the United States that the United States had worked to build and maintain for 70 years.

Other observers who assess that there has been a change in the U.S. role in the world in recent years—particularly supporters of the Trump Administration, but also some observers who were arguing even prior to the Trump Administration in favor of a more restrained U.S. role in the world—view the change in the U.S. role, or at least certain aspects of it, as helpful for responding to changed U.S. and global circumstances and for defending U.S. values and interests, particularly in terms of adjusting the U.S. role to one that is more realistic regarding what the United States can accomplish, enhancing deterrence of potential regional aggression by making potential U.S. actions less predictable to potential adversaries, reestablishing respect for national sovereignty as a guidepost for U.S. foreign policy and for organizing international affairs, and encouraging U.S. allies and security partners in Eurasia to do more to defend themselves.

Congress's decisions regarding the U.S. role in the world could have significant implications for numerous policies, plans, programs, and budgets, and for the role of Congress relative to that of the executive branch in U.S. foreign policymaking.

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Introduction

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Some observers perceive that after remaining generally stable for a period of more than 70 years (i.e., since the end of World War II in 1945), the U.S. role in the world under the Trump Administration has undergone a substantial change. A change in the U.S. role in the world could have significant and even profound effects on U.S. security, freedom, and prosperity. It could significantly affect U.S. policy in areas such as relations with allies and other countries, defense plans and programs, trade and international finance, foreign assistance, and human rights.

The issue for Congress is whether the U.S. role in the world has changed, and if so, what implications this might have for the United States and the world. Congress's decisions regarding the U.S. role in the world could have significant implications for numerous policies, plans, programs, and budgets, and for the role of Congress relative to that of the executive branch in U.S. foreign policymaking.

A variety of other CRS reports address in greater depth specific international issues mentioned in this report. **Appendix A** provides a glossary of some key terms used in this report, such as *international order* or *regional hegemon*. For convenience, this report uses the term *U.S. role* as a shorthand for referring to the U.S. role in the world.

Background

Overview of Traditional U.S. Role: Four Key Elements

While descriptions of the traditional U.S. role in the world since the end of World War II vary in their specifics, it can be described in general terms as consisting of four key elements:

- global leadership;
- defense and promotion of the liberal international order;
- defense and promotion of freedom, democracy, and human rights; and
- prevention of the emergence of regional hegemons in Eurasia.

The following sections provide brief discussions of these four key elements.

Global Leadership

The traditional U.S. role in the world since the end of World War II is generally described, first and foremost, as one of global leadership, meaning that the United States tends to be the first or most important country for identifying or framing international issues, taking actions to address those issues, setting an example for other countries to follow, organizing and implementing multilateral efforts to address international issues, and enforcing international rules and norms.

Observers over the years have referred to U.S. global leadership using various terms, some of which reflect varying degrees of approval or disapproval of this aspect of the U.S. role. Examples of such terms (other than global leader itself) include leader of the free world, superpower, indispensable power, system administrator, hyperpower, world policeman, or world hegemon.

The U.S. role of global leadership has resulted in extensive U.S. involvement in international affairs, and this, too, has been described with various phrases. The United States has been described as pursuing an internationalist foreign policy; a foreign policy of global engagement or deep engagement; a foreign policy that provides global public goods; a foreign policy of liberal order building, liberal internationalism, or liberal hegemony; an interventionist foreign policy; or a foreign policy of seeking primacy or world hegemony.

Defense and Promotion of Liberal International Order

A second key element of the traditional U.S. role in the world since World War II—one that can be viewed as inherently related to the first key element above—has been to defend and promote the liberal international order[1] that the United States, with the support of its allies, created in the years after World War II. Although definitions of the liberal international order vary, key elements of it are generally said to include the following:

- respect for the territorial integrity of countries, and the unacceptability of changing international borders by force or coercion;
- a preference for resolving disputes between countries peacefully, without the use or threat of use of force or coercion, and in a manner consistent with international law;
- respect for international law, global rules and norms, and universal values, including human rights;
- strong international institutions for supporting and implementing international law, global rules and norms, and universal values;
- the use of liberal (i.e., rules-based) international trading and investment systems to advance open, rules-based economic engagement, development, growth, and prosperity; and
- the treatment of international waters, international air space, outer space, and (more recently) cyberspace as international commons rather than domains subject to national sovereignty.

Most of the key elements above (arguably, all but the final one) can be viewed collectively as forming what is commonly referred to as a rules-based international order. A traditional antithesis of a rules-based order is a might-makes-right order (sometimes colloquially referred to as the law of the jungle), which is an international order (or a situation lacking in order) in which more powerful countries routinely impose their will arbitrarily on less-powerful countries, organizations, and individuals, with little or no regard to rules.

[1] Other terms used to refer to the liberal international order include *U.S.-led international order*, *postwar international order*, *rules-based international order*, and *open international order*. Observers sometimes substitute *world* for *international*, or omit *international* or *world* and refer simply to the liberal order, the U.S.-led order, and so on. In the terms *liberal international order* and *liberal order*, the word *liberal* does not refer to the conservative-liberal construct often used in discussing contemporary politics in the United States or other countries. It is, instead, an older use of the term that refers to an order based on the rule of law, as opposed to an order based on the arbitrary powers of hereditary monarchs.

Though often referred to as if it is a fully developed or universally established situation, the liberal international order, like other international orders that preceded it, is

- incomplete in geographic reach and in other ways;
- partly aspirational;
- not fixed in stone, but rather subject to evolution over time;
- sometimes violated by its supporters;
- not entirely free of might-makes-right behavior;
- resisted or rejected by certain states and nonstate actors; and
- subject to various stresses and challenges.

Some observers, emphasizing points like those above, argue that the liberal international order is more of a myth than a reality. Other observers, particularly supporters of the order, while acknowledging the limitations of the order, reject characterizations of it as a myth and emphasize its differences from international orders that preceded it.

As mentioned above, the liberal international order was created by the United States with the support of its allies in the years immediately after World War II. At that time, the United States was the only country with both the capacity and willingness to establish a new international order. U.S. willingness to establish and play a leading role in maintaining the liberal international order is generally viewed as reflecting a desire by U.S. policymakers to avoid repeating the deadly major wars and widespread economic disruption and deprivation of the first half of the 20th century—a period that included World War I, the Great Depression, the rise of communism and fascism, the Ukrainian famine, the Holocaust, and World War II.

U.S. willingness to establish and play a leading role in maintaining the liberal international order is also generally viewed as an act of national self-interest, reflecting a belief among U.S. policymakers that it would strongly serve U.S. security, political, and economic objectives. Supporters of the liberal international order generally argue that in return for bearing the costs of creating and sustaining the liberal international order, the United States receives significant security, political, and economic benefits, including the maintenance of a favorable balance of power on both a global and regional level, and a leading or dominant role in establishing and operating global institutions and rules for international finance and trade. Indeed, some critics of the liberal international order argue that it is primarily a construct for serving U.S. interests and promoting U.S. world primacy or hegemony. The costs and benefits for the United States of defending and promoting the liberal international order, however, are a matter of debate.

Defense and Promotion of Freedom, Democracy, and Human Rights

A third key element of the traditional U.S. role in the world since World War II has been to defend and promote freedom, democracy, and human rights as universal values, while criticizing and resisting authoritarian and illiberal forms of government where possible. This element of the U.S. role is viewed as consistent not only with core U.S. political values but also with a theory advanced by some observers (sometimes called the democratic peace theory) that democratic countries are more responsive to the desires of their populations and consequently are less likely to wage wars of aggression or go to war with one another.

Defending and promoting freedom, democracy, and human rights is additionally viewed as a key component of U.S. soft power, because it can encourage like-minded governments, as well as organizations and individuals in other countries, to work with the United States, and because it has the potential to shape the behavior of authoritarian and illiberal governments that are acting

against U.S. interests by shaming those governments and inspiring prodemocracy organizations and individuals within those countries.

Prevention of Emergence of Regional Hegemons in Eurasia

A fourth element of the traditional U.S. role in the world since World War II—one that U.S. policymakers do not often state explicitly in public—has been to oppose the emergence of regional hegemons in Eurasia. This objective reflects a U.S. perspective on geopolitics and grand strategy developed by U.S. strategists and policymakers during and in the years immediately after World War II that incorporates two key judgments:

- that given the amount of people, resources, and economic activity in Eurasia, a regional hegemon in Eurasia would represent a concentration of power large enough to be able to threaten vital U.S. interests; and
- that Eurasia is not dependably self-regulating in terms of preventing the emergence of regional hegemons, meaning that the countries of Eurasia cannot be counted on to be able to prevent, though their own actions, the emergence of regional hegemons, and may need assistance from one or more countries outside Eurasia to be able to do this dependably.[2]

Preventing the emergence of regional hegemons in Eurasia is sometimes also referred to as preserving a division of power in Eurasia, or as preventing key regions in Eurasia from coming under the domination of a single power, or as preventing the emergence of a spheres-of-influence world, which could be a consequence of the emergence of one or more regional hegemons in Eurasia.

U.S. actions that can be viewed as expressions of the U.S. goal of preventing the emergence of regional hegemons in Eurasia include but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- U.S. participation in World War I,[3] World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War;[4]
- U.S. alliances and security partnerships, including
  - the NATO alliance, which was established in large part to deter and counter attempts by the Soviet Union (now Russia) to become a regional hegemon in Europe;

[2] For additional discussion, see CRS In Focus IF10485, *Defense Primer: Geography, Strategy, and U.S. Force Design*, by Ronald O'Rourke.

[3] Although the goal of preventing the emergence of regional hegemons was not articulated in explicit terms (at least not widely) by U.S. strategists until World War II and the years immediately thereafter, U.S. participation in World War I against Germany can in retrospect be viewed as an earlier U.S. action reflecting this goal.

[4] U.S. participation in the Vietnam War was justified in part by the so-called domino theory, which argued that a victory by communist-ruled North Vietnam over South Vietnam could be followed by other countries in the region falling, like dominos in a row, under communist control. Opponents of the domino theory challenged its validity and argue that it was disproven when North Vietnam's defeat of South Vietnam was not followed by other countries in the region falling under communist control. The theory's supporters argue that the theory was not disproven, because the years-long U.S. effort to defend South Vietnam, though ultimately unsuccessful in preventing victory by North Vietnam, gave other countries in the region time and space to develop their political institutions and economies enough to deter or resist communist movements in their own countries. Valid or not, the domino theory's use as a justification links U.S. participation in the war to the goal of preventing the emergence of a regional hegemon (in this case, a communist hegemon of China and/or the Soviet Union).

  - U.S. alliances with countries in East Asia and the Pacific, which were established in large part to deter and counter attempts by the Soviet Union or China to become a regional hegemon in East Asia; and
  - U.S. security partnerships with countries in the Persian Gulf region, which were established in large part to deter or counter attempts by Iran or the Soviet Union (now Russia) to become a regional hegemon in that region; and
- additional U.S. political, diplomatic, and economic actions to contain and oppose the Soviet Union during the Cold War, including the Marshall Plan and subsequent U.S. foreign assistance programs.

In pursuing the goal of preventing the emergence of regional hegemons in Eurasia, U.S. policymakers have sometimes decided to work with or support nondemocratic regimes that for their own reasons view Russia, China, or Iran as competitors or adversaries. As a consequence, the goal of preventing the emergence of regional hegemons in Asia has sometimes been in tension with defending and promoting freedom, democracy, and human rights.

Changes over Time

Although the traditional U.S. role in the world was generally stable over the past 70 years, the specifics of U.S. foreign policy for implementing that role have changed frequently for various reasons, including changes in administrations and changes in the international security environment. Definitions of the U.S. role have room within them to accommodate some variation in the specifics of U.S. foreign policy.

Long-Standing Debate over Its Merits

The fact that the U.S. role in the world has been generally stable over the past 70 years does not necessarily mean that this role was the right one for the United States, or that it would be the right one in the future. Although the role the United States has played in the world since the end of World War II has many defenders, it also has critics, and the merits of that role have been a matter of long-standing debate among foreign policy specialists, strategists, policymakers, and the public, with critics offering potential alternative concepts for the U.S. role in the world.

The most prominent dimension of the debate is whether the United States should attempt to continue playing the active internationalist role that it has played for the past 70 years, or instead adopt a more restrained role that reduces U.S. involvement in world affairs. A number of critics of the U.S. role in the world over the past 70 years have offered multiple variations on the idea of a more restrained U.S. role. (For additional discussion, see **Appendix B**.)

A second major dimension within the debate over the future U.S. role concerns how to balance or combine the pursuit of narrowly defined material U.S. interests with the goal of defending and promoting U.S. or universal values such as democracy, freedom, and human rights. A third major dimension concerns the balance in U.S. foreign policy between the use of hard power and soft power. Observers debating these two dimensions of the future U.S. role in the world stake out varying positions on these questions.

Issues for Congress

The issue for Congress is whether the U.S. role in the world has changed, and if so, what implications this might have for the United States and the world. The sections below provide some discussion of this issue.

Has the United States Changed Its Role?

There currently are multiple views on the question of whether the United States under the Trump Administration has changed the U.S. role in the world, some of which are outlined briefly below.

Some Observers Believe the United States Has Changed Its Role

Some observers, particularly critics of the Trump Administration, argue that under the Trump Administration, the United States has substantially changed the U.S. role in the world by altering some or all of the four key elements of the U.S. role described earlier. Although views among these observers vary in their specifics, a number of these observers argue that the Administration's America First construct, its emphasis on national sovereignty as a primary guidepost for U.S. foreign policy, and other Administration actions and statements form a new U.S. role characterized by

- a voluntary retreat from or abdication of global leadership,
- a greater reliance on unilateralism,
- a reduced willingness to work through international or multilateral institutions and agreements,
- an acceptance of U.S. isolation or near-isolation on certain international issues,
- a more skeptical view of the value of alliances to the United States,
- a less-critical view of certain authoritarian or illiberal governments,
- a reduced or more selective approach to promoting and defending certain universal values,
- the elevation of bilateral trade balances, commercial considerations, monetary transactions, and ownership of assets such as oil above other foreign policy considerations, and
- an implicit tolerance of the reemergence of aspects of a might-makes-right international order.

In support of this view, these observers cite various Administration actions and statements, including, among other things

- the Administration's decisions to withdraw from certain international agreements—including the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) regional trade agreement, the multilateral Paris climate agreement, and the Iran nuclear agreement—and from the World Health Organization (WHO);
- its earlier proposals for reducing State Department funding and foreign assistance funding, and delays in filling senior State Department positions;
- the President's skeptical statements regarding the value to the United States of certain U.S. alliances (particularly with European countries and South Korea) and more generally his apparent transactional and monetary-focused approach to understanding and managing alliance relationships;
- what these observers view as the President's affinity for certain authoritarian or illiberal leaders, as well as his apparent reluctance to criticize Russia and his apparent continued desire to seek improved relations with Russia, despite Russian actions judged by U.S. intelligence agencies and other observers to have been directed against the United States and overseas U.S. interests;

- the President's decision, announced by the Administration on October 6, 2019, to withdraw U.S. troops from northern Syria, and the Administration's initiatives to reduce the U.S. military presence in Germany, Afghanistan, and Iraq;
- the Administration's focus on pursuing bilateral trade negotiations with various countries (as opposed to regional or multilateral trade negotiations); and
- the Administration's infrequent or inconsistent statements in support of democracy and human rights, including the Administration's reaction to the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi and some of the President's statements regarding the prodemocracy protests in Hong Kong.

Other Observers Disagree

Other observers, particularly supporters of the Trump Administration, disagree with some or all of the perspective above. While acknowledging that the Trump Administration has changed U.S. foreign policy in a number of areas compared to policies pursued by the Obama Administration, these observers argue that under the Trump Administration, there has been less change and more continuity regarding the U.S. role in the world. In support of this view, these observers cite, among other things

- the Administration's December 2017 national security strategy (NSS) document and its January 2018 unclassified summary of its supporting national defense strategy (NDS) document—large portions of which refer to U.S. leadership, a general emphasis on great power competition with China and Russia, and strong support for U.S. alliances;
- Administration statements reaffirming U.S. support for NATO, as well as Administration actions to improve U.S. military capabilities in Europe for deterring potential Russian aggression in Europe;
- the Administration's willingness to impose and maintain a variety of sanctions on Russia;
- the Administration's Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) construct for guiding U.S. policy toward the Indo-Pacific region;
- the Administration's more confrontational policy toward China, including its plan to increase funding for U.S. foreign assistance programs to compete against China for influence in Africa, Asia, and the Americas;
- U.S. trade actions that, in the view of these observers, are intended to make free trade more sustainable over the long run by ensuring that it is fair to all parties, including the United States; and
- the Administration's (admittedly belated) support of Hong Kong's prodemocracy protestors, its criticism of China's human rights practices toward its Muslim Uyghur population, and its emphasis on religious freedom as a major component of human rights.

Still Other Observers See a Mixed or Confusing Situation

Still other observers, viewing points made by both of the above sets of observers, see a mixed or confusing situation regarding whether the United States under the Trump Administration has changed the U.S. role in the world. For these observers, whether the U.S. role has changed is difficult to discern, in part because of what they view as incoherence or contradictions in the Administration's foreign policies and in part because the President's apparent views on certain

issues—such as the value of U.S. alliances, the acceptability of certain actions by Russia or North Korea, and the importance of democracy and human rights as universal values—have frequently been in tension with or contradicted by statements and actions of senior Administration officials (particularly those who served during the first two years or so of the Administration), with the President's views being more consistent with the change in the U.S. role outlined by the first set of observers above, and statements and actions of senior Administration officials frequently being more consistent with a continuation of the U.S. role of the past 70 years outlined by the second set of observers above.

Some Observers Argue That Change Began Earlier

Some observers argue that if the U.S. role has changed, that change started not under the Trump Administration, but under the Obama Administration, particularly regarding the question of whether the United States has reduced or withdrawn from global leadership. In support of this view, these observers cite what they views as the Obama Administration's

- focus on reducing the U.S. military presence and ending U.S. combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan in favor of focusing more on domestic U.S. rebuilding initiatives,
- decision to announce but not enforce a "red line" regarding the behavior of the Syrian government, and
- restrained response to Russian actions in Crimea and eastern Ukraine, and more generally, its reluctance, for a time at least, to fully acknowledge and adapt to less cooperative and more confrontational relationships with Russia and China.

Still others view the start of a change in the U.S. role as occurring even sooner, under the George W. Bush Administration—when that Administration did not respond more strongly to Russia's 2008 invasion and occupation of part of Georgia—or under the Clinton Administration.

For these observers, a change in the U.S. role in the world under the Trump Administration may represent not so much a shift in the U.S. role as a continuation or deepening of a change that began in a prior U.S. administration.

Potential Combined Perspectives

The perspectives outlined in the preceding sections are not necessarily mutually exclusive—assessments combining aspects of more than one of these perspectives are possible.

Implications of a Changed U.S. Role

Among observers who assess that there has been a change in the U.S. role in the world in recent years, there are multiple views regarding the potential implications of that change.

Some Observers View Implications as Undesirable

Some observers who assess that the United States under the Trump Administration has substantially changed the U.S. role in the world—particularly critics of the Trump Administration, and also some who were critical of the Obama Administration—view the implications of that change as undesirable. They view the change as an unnecessary retreat from U.S. global leadership and a gratuitous discarding of long-held U.S. values, and judge it to be an unforced error of immense proportions—a needless and self-defeating squandering of something of great value to the United States that the United States had worked to build and maintain for 70

years. More specifically, they argue that the change in the U.S. role in recent years that they see is doing some or all of the following:

- reducing U.S. power and foreign-policy capacity, particularly by weakening or hollowing out the State Department and reducing or devaluing elements of U.S. soft power;
- weakening the U.S. ability to leverage its power and foreign-policy capacity in international affairs—and isolating the United States on certain international issues, effectively turning the concept of America First into "America Alone"—by
  - damaging long-standing and valuable U.S. alliance relationships,
  - reducing U.S. participation in multilateral political and trade negotiations and agreements, and
  - making the United States look more erratic and impulsive as an international actor, and less reliable as an ally and negotiating partner;
- weakening the U.S.-led international order and encouraging a reemergence of aspects of a might-makes-right international order;
- slowing the spread of democracy and human rights, encouraging a moral equivalency between the United States and authoritarian and illiberal countries, and tacitly facilitating a reemergence of authoritarian and illiberal forms of government;
- disregarding the costly lessons of the first half of the 20th century, and how the U.S. role in the world of the last 70 years has been motivated at bottom by a desire to prevent a repetition of the horrific events of that period; and
- creating vacuums in global leadership in establishing and maintaining global rules and norms, on the disposition of specific disputes and other issues, and in regional power balances that China and Russia as well as France, Turkey, Syria, Iran, and other countries are moving to fill, often at the expense of U.S. interests and values.

Other Observers View Implications as Helpful

Other observers who assess that there has been a change in the U.S. role in the world in recent years—particularly supporters of the Trump Administration, but also some observers who were arguing even prior to the Trump Administration in favor of a more-restrained U.S. role in the world—view the change in the U.S. role, or at least certain aspects of it, as helpful for responding to changed U.S. and global circumstances and for defending U.S. values and interests. More specifically, they argue that the change in the U.S. role in recent years that they see is doing some or all of the following:

- winding down U.S. participation in so-called endless wars (aka forever wars) in places such as Afghanistan and Iraq, and also not starting new wars;
- emphasizing religious freedom—a core U.S. value—as a central tenet in U.S. foreign policy;
- adjusting the U.S. role to one that is more realistic regarding what the United States can accomplish in the world today and in the future, particularly given limits on U.S. resources and the reduction in U.S. economic and military

preponderance in recent decades as other countries have grown economically and developed their militaries;

- enhancing deterrence of potential regional aggression by making potential U.S. actions less predictable to potential adversaries;
- reestablishing respect for national sovereignty as a guidepost for U.S. foreign policy and for organizing international affairs;
- encouraging U.S. allies and security partners in Eurasia to do more to defend themselves, thereby reducing U.S. costs and developing Eurasia's potential to become more self-regulating in terms of preventing the emergence of regional hegemons;
- placing an emphasis on countering and competing with China, which poses a uniquely strong and multidimensional challenge to U.S. security and prosperity;
- working to strengthen the security architecture of the Indo-Pacific region under the FOIP construct;
- helping to broker breakthrough improvements in Israel's relations with other countries in the Middle East;
- exploring possibilities for improving relations where possible with countries such as Russia and North Korea; and
- making trade agreements more fair to the United States.

Some Related or Additional Issues

The following sections provide brief discussions of some related or additional issues for Congress regarding the U.S. role in the world.

Potential Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic

A new (i.e., since about March 2020) issue is the question of whether and how the global COVID-19 pandemic might lead to profoundly transformative and long-lasting changes in the U.S. role in the world in areas such as U.S. global leadership, China's potential for acting as a global leader, U.S. strategic competition with China, U.S. relations with allies, and U.S. definitions of U.S. national security. Some observers argue that the COVID-19 pandemic is the first major international crisis since World War II for which the United States has not served as the global leader for spearheading, organizing, or implementing an international response.

Another CRS report provides an overview of the potential implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for the international security environment and the U.S. role in the world, as well as a list of CRS reports addressing various aspects of this issue and examples of other writings addressing this issue from various perspectives,[5] See also some of the more recent writings cited in **Appendix C** of this CRS report.

Costs and Benefits of Allies

Within the overall debate over the U.S. role in the world, one long-standing specific question relates to the costs and benefits of allies. As noted earlier, some observers believe that under the

[5] CRS Report R46336, *COVID-19: Potential Implications for International Security Environment—Overview of Issues and Further Reading for Congress*, by Ronald O'Rourke, Kathleen J. McInnis, and Michael Moodie.

Trump Administration, the United States has become more skeptical of the value of allies, particularly those in Europe, and more transactional in managing U.S. alliance relationships.

Skeptics of allies and alliances generally argue that their value to the United States is overrated; that allies are capable of defending themselves without U.S. help; that U.S. allies frequently act as free riders in their alliance relationships with the United States by shifting security costs to the United States; that in the absence of U.S. help, these allies would do more on their own to balance against potential regional hegemons; and that alliances create a risk of drawing the United States into conflicts involving allies over issues that are not vital to the United States.

Supporters of the U.S. approach to allies and alliances of the past 70 years, while acknowledging the free-rider issue as something that needs to be managed, generally argue that alliances are needed and valuable for preventing the emergence of regional hegemons in Eurasia and for otherwise deterring potential regional aggression; that alliances form a significant advantage for the United States in its dealings with other major powers, such as Russia and China (both of which largely lack similar alliance networks); that although allies might be capable of defending themselves without U.S. help, they might also choose, in the absence of U.S. help, to bandwagon with would-be regional hegemons (rather than contribute to efforts to balance against them); that in addition to mutual defense benefits, alliances offer other benefits, particularly in peacetime, including sharing of intelligence, information, and technology and the cultivation of soft-power forms of cooperation; and that a transactional approach to alliances, which encourages the merits of each bilateral alliance relationship to be measured in isolation, overlooks the collective benefits of maintaining alliances with multiple countries in a region.

U.S. Public Opinion

U.S. public opinion can be an important factor in debates over the future U.S. role in the world. Among other things, public opinion can

- shape the political context (and provide the impulse) for negotiating the terms of, and for considering whether to become party to, international agreements;
- influence debates on whether and how to employ U.S. military force; and
- influence policymaker decisions on funding levels for defense, international affairs activities, and foreign assistance.

Foreign policy specialists, strategists, and policymakers sometimes invoke U.S. public opinion poll results in debates on the U.S. role in the world. One issue relating to U.S. public opinion that observers are discussing is the extent to which the U.S. public may now believe that U.S. leaders have broken a tacit social contract under which the U.S. public, and particularly the middle class, has supported the costs of U.S. global leadership in return for the promise of receiving certain benefits, particularly steady increases in real incomes and the standard of living.

Operation of U.S. Democracy

Another potential issue for Congress is how the operation of democracy in the United States might affect the U.S. role in the world, particularly in terms of defending and promoting democracy and criticizing and resisting authoritarian and illiberal forms of government.

During the Cold War, the effective operation of U.S. democracy at the federal level and lower levels was viewed as helpful for arguing on the world stage that Western-style democracy was superior, for encouraging other countries to adopt that model, and for inspiring people in the Soviet Union and other authoritarian countries to resist authoritarianism and seek change in the direction of more democratic forms of government. The ability of the United State to demonstrate

the effectiveness of democracy as a form of government was something that in today's parlance would be termed an element of U.S. soft power.

The end of the Cold War led to a diminution in the ideological debate about the relative merits of democracy versus authoritarianism as forms of government. As a possible consequence, there may have been less of a perceived need during this period for focusing on the question of whether the operation of U.S. democracy was being viewed positively or otherwise by observers in other countries.

The shift in the international environment over the past few years from the post-Cold War era to an era of renewed great power competition[6] has led to a renewed ideological debate about the relative merits of Western-style democracy versus 21st-century forms of authoritarian and illiberal government. Articles in China's state-controlled media, for example, sometimes criticize the operation of U.S. democracy and argue that China's form of governance is more advantageous. The potential issue for Congress is whether, in a period of renewed ideological competition, there is now once again a need for focusing more on the question of whether the operation of U.S. democracy is being viewed positively or otherwise by observers in other countries.

Potential Implications for Congress as an Institution

Another issue for Congress is what implications a changed U.S. role in the world might have for Congress as an institution, particularly regarding the preservation and use of congressional powers and prerogatives relating to foreign policy, national security, and international economic policy, and more generally the role of Congress relative to that of the executive branch in U.S. foreign policymaking. Specific matters here include, among other things, the question of war powers, the delegation of authority for imposing tariffs, and whether a change in the U.S. role would have any implications for congressional organization, capacity, and operations.[7]

Reversibility of a Change in U.S. Role

Another potential issue for Congress is whether a change in the U.S. role in the world would at some point in the future be reversible, should U.S. policymakers in the future desire to return to a U.S. role in the world more like that of the past 70 years. Potential questions for Congress include the following:

- What elements of a change in the U.S. role in the world should be reversed, and what elements should be maintained?
- What elements of change in the U.S. role might be more reversible, less reversible, or irreversible? What elements might be less reversible due to technological developments, changes in international power dynamics, or changes in U.S. public opinion?
- How much time and effort would be required to implement a return to a U.S. role like that of the past 70 years?
- How might the issue of reversibility be affected by the amount of time that a change in the U.S. role remains in place before an attempt might be made to reverse it?

[6] For more on this shift, see CRS Report R43838, *Renewed Great Power Competition: Implications for Defense—Issues for Congress*, by Ronald O'Rourke.

[7] For additional discussion, see Kevin Kosar, ed., *Congress and Foreign Affairs: Reasserting the Power of the First Branch*, R Street Institute, 2020, 64 pp.

- How might decisions that Congress and the executive branch make in the near term affect the question of potential downstream reversibility? What actions, if any, should be taken now with an eye toward preserving an option for reversing nearer-term changes in the U.S. role?
- What are the views of other countries regarding the potential reversibility of a change in the U.S. role, and how might those views affect the foreign policies of those countries?

Additional Writings

As potential sources of additional reading, **Appendix C** presents a list of recent writings reflecting various perspectives on whether the United States under the Trump Administration has changed the U.S. role in the world and what the implications of such a change might be.

Appendix A. Glossary of Selected Terms

Some key terms used in this report include the following:

Role in the world

The term *role in the world* generally refers in foreign policy discussions to the overall character, purpose, or direction of a country's participation in international affairs or the country's overall relationship to the rest of the world. A country's role in the world can be taken as a visible expression of its grand strategy (see next item). In this report, the term *U.S. role in the world* is often shortened for convenience to *U.S. role*.

Grand strategy

The term *grand strategy* generally refers in foreign policy discussions to a country's overall approach for securing its interests and making its way in the world, using all the national instruments at its disposal, including diplomatic, informational, military, and economic tools (sometimes abbreviated in U.S. government parlance as DIME). A country's leaders might deem elements of a country's grand strategy to be secret, so that assessments, assumptions, or risks included in the strategy are not revealed to potential adversaries. Consequently, a country's leaders might say relatively little in public about the country's grand strategy. As mentioned above, however, a country's role in the world can be taken as a visible expression of its grand strategy. For the United States, grand strategy can be viewed as strategy at a global or interregional level, as opposed to U.S. strategies for individual regions, countries, or issues.

International order/world order

The term *international order* or *world order* generally refers in foreign policy discussions to the collection of organizations, institutions, treaties, rules, norms, and practices that are intended to organize, structure, and regulate international relations during a given historical period. International orders tend to be established by major world powers, particularly in the years following wars between major powers, though they can also emerge at other times. Though often referred to as if they are fully developed or firmly established situations, international orders are usually incomplete, partly aspirational, sometimes violated by their supporters, rejected (or at least not supported) by certain states and nonstate actors, and subject to various stresses and challenges.

Unipolar/bipolar/tripolar/multipolar

In foreign policy discussions, terms like *unipolar*, *bipolar*, *tripolar*, and *multipolar* are sometimes used to refer to the number of top-tier world powers whose actions tend to characterize or give structure to a given historical period's international security situation. The Cold War that lasted from the late 1940s to the late 1980s or early 1990s is usually described as a bipolar situation featuring a competition between two superpowers (the United States and the Soviet Union) and their allies. The post-Cold War era, which followed the Cold War, is sometimes described as the unipolar moment, with the United States being the unipolar power, meaning the world's sole superpower.

As discussed in another CRS report,[8] observers have concluded that in recent years, there has been a shift from the post-Cold War era to a new international security situation characterized by renewed great power competition between the United States, China, and Russia, leading observers to refer to the new situation as a tripolar or multipolar world. Observers who might list additional countries (or groups of countries, such as the European Union) as additional top-tier world powers, along with the United States, China, and Russia, might also use the term multipolar.

Eurasia

The term Eurasia is used in this report to refer to the entire land mass that encompasses both Europe and Asia, including its fringing islands, extending from Portugal on its western end to Japan on its eastern end, and from Russia's Arctic coast on its northern edge to India on its southern edge, and encompassing all the lands and countries in between, including those of Central Asia, Southwest Asia, South Asia, and Southeast Asia. Eurasia's fringing islands include, among others, the United Kingdom and Ireland in Europe, Sri Lanka in the Indian Ocean, the archipelagic countries of Southeast Asia, and Japan. There are also other definitions of Eurasia, some of which are more specialized and refer to subsets of the broad area described above.

Regional hegemon

The term *regional hegemon* generally refers to a country so powerful relative to the other countries in its region that it can dominate the affairs of that region and compel other countries in that region to support (or at least not oppose) the hegemon's key policy goals. The United States is generally considered to have established itself in the 19th century as the hegemon of the Western Hemisphere.

Spheres-of-influence world

The term *spheres-of-influence world* generally refers to a world that, in terms of its structure of international relations, is divided into multiple regions (i.e., spheres), each with its own hegemon. A spheres-of-influence world, like a multipolar world, is characterized by having multiple top-tier powers. In a spheres-of-influence world, however, at least some of those top-tier powers have achieved a status of regional hegemon, while in a multipolar world, few or none of those major world powers (other than the United States, the regional hegemon of the Western Hemisphere) have achieved a status of regional hegemon. As a result, in a spheres-of-influence world, international relations are more highly segmented on a regional basis than they are in a multipolar world.

Geopolitics

The term *geopolitics* is often used as a synonym for international politics or for strategy relating to international politics. More specifically, it refers to the influence of basic geographic features on international relations, and to the analysis of international relations from a perspective that places a strong emphasis on the influence of such geographic features. Basic geographic features involved in geopolitical analysis include things such as the relative sizes and locations of countries or land masses; the locations of key resources such as oil or water; geographic barriers

[8] CRS Report R43838, *Renewed Great Power Competition: Implications for Defense—Issues for Congress*, by Ronald O'Rourke.

such as oceans, deserts, and mountain ranges; and key transportation links such as roads, railways, and waterways.

Hard power and soft power

In foreign policy discussions, the term *hard power* generally refers to coercive power, particularly military and economic power, while the term *soft power* generally refers to the ability to persuade or attract support, particularly through diplomacy, development assistance, support for international organizations, education and cultural exchanges, and the international popularity of cultural elements such as music, movies, television shows, and literature.

Appendix B. Past U.S. Role vs. More Restrained Role

This appendix provides additional discussion on the debate over whether the United States should attempt to continue playing the active internationalist role that it has played for the past 70 years, or instead adopt a more restrained role that reduces U.S. involvement in world affairs.

Among U.S. strategists and foreign policy specialists, advocates of a more restrained U.S. role include (to cite a few examples) Andrew Bacevich, Doug Bandow, Ted Galen Carpenter, John Mearsheimer, Barry Posen, Christopher Preble, William Ruger, and Stephen Walt. These and other authors have offered multiple variations on the idea of a more restrained U.S. role. Terms such as *offshore balancing*, *offshore control*, *realism*, *strategy of restraint*, or *retrenchment* have been used to describe some of these variations.[9] These variations on the idea of a more restrained U.S. role would not necessarily match in their details a changed U.S. role that might be pursued by the Trump Administration.[10]

Arguments in Favor of a More Restrained U.S. Role

Observers advocating a more restrained U.S. role in the world make various arguments regarding the United States and other countries. Arguments that they make relating to the United States include the following:

- **Costs and benefits.** In terms of human casualties, financial and economic impacts, diplomatic impacts, and impacts on domestic U.S. values, politics, and society, the costs to the United States of defending and promoting the liberal international order have been underestimated and the benefits have been overestimated. U.S. interventions in the security affairs of Eurasia have frequently been more costly and/or less successful than anticipated, making a strategy of intervening less cost-effective in practice than in theory. U.S. interventions can also draw the United States into conflicts involving other countries over issues that are not vital or important U.S. interests.
- **Capacity.** Given projections regarding future U.S. budget deficits and debt, the United States in coming years will no longer be able to afford to play as expansive a role in the world as it has played for the past 70 years. Overextending U.S. participation in international affairs could lead to excessive

[9] The terms *offshore balancing* and *offshore control* refer in general to a policy in which the United States, in effect, stands off the shore of Eurasia and engages in the security affairs of Eurasia less frequently, less directly, or less expansively. The term *retrenchment* is more often used by critics of these proposed approaches.

[10] Debate about this dimension of the U.S. role in the world is not limited to one between those who favor continued extensive engagement along the lines of the past 70 years and those who prefer some form of a more restrained role—other options are also being promoted. For example, one analyst and former White House aide advocates an approach that differs from both retrenchment and reassertion, an approach he labels "re-calibration" to the "geopolitical, economic, technological and other dynamics driving the 21st-century world." Such an approach, he argues, would entail a reappraisal of U.S. interests, a reassessment of U.S. power, and a repositioning of U.S. leadership. (See Bruce Jentleson, "Apart, Atop, Amidst: America in the World," *War on the Rocks*, January 2017.)

As another example, a different analyst argues in favor of a U.S. role based on "a better nationalism"—what he describes as a more benign and constructive form that "would not dismantle the post-war order and America's post war project, but would take a harder-edged and more disciplined approach to asserting U.S. interests." (Hal Brands, "U.S. Grand Strategy in an Age of Nationalism: Fortress American and it Alternatives," *Washington Quarterly*, Spring 2017: 73-93.)

amounts of federal debt and inadequately addressed domestic problems, leaving the United States poorly positioned for sustaining any future desired level of international engagement.

- **Past 70 years as a historical aberration.** The U.S. role of the past 70 years is an aberration when viewed against the U.S. historical record dating back to 1776, which is a history characterized more by periods of restraint than by periods of high levels of international engagement. Returning to a more restrained U.S. role would thus return U.S. policy to what is, historically, a more traditional policy for the United States.
- **Moral standing.** The United States has not always lived up to its own ideals, and consequently lacks sufficient moral standing to pursue a role that involves imposing its values and will on other countries. Attempting to do that through an interventionist policy can also lead to an erosion of those values at home.
- **Public opinion.** It is not clear that U.S. public opinion supports the idea of attempting to maintain a U.S. role in the world as expansive as that of the past 70 years, particularly if it means making trade-offs against devoting resources to domestic U.S. priorities. In public opinion polls, Americans often express support for a more restrained U.S. role, particularly on issues such as whether the United States should act as the world's police force, funding levels for U.S. foreign assistance programs, U.S. participation in (and financial support for) international organizations, and U.S. defense expenditures for defending allies.

Arguments that these observers make relating to other countries include the following:

- **Growing wealth and power.** Given the rapid growth in wealth and power in recent years of China and other countries, the United States is no longer as dominant globally as it once was, and is becoming less dominant over time, which will make it increasingly difficult or expensive and/or less appropriate for the United States to attempt to continue playing a role of global leadership.
- **Ideas about international order.** Other world powers, such as China, have their own ideas about international order, and these ideas do not match all aspects of the current liberal international order. The United States should acknowledge the changing global distribution of power and work with China and other countries to define a new international order that incorporates ideas from these other countries.
- **Eurasia as self-regulating.** Given the growth in the economies of U.S. allies and partners in Europe and Asia since World War II, these allies and partners are now more capable of looking after their own security needs, and Eurasia can now be more self-regulating in terms of preventing the emergence of regional hegemons in Eurasia. Consequently, the level of U.S. intervention in the affairs of Eurasia can be reduced without incurring undue risk that regional hegemons will emerge there. The current substantial level of U.S. intervention in the affairs of Eurasia discourages countries in Eurasia from acting more fully on their own to prevent the emergence of regional hegemons.
- **Hegemons and spheres of influence.** Even if one or more regional hegemons were to emerge in Eurasia, this would not pose an unacceptable situation for the United States—vital U.S. interests could still be defended. Similarly, the emergence of a spheres-of-influence world need not be unacceptable for the

United States, because such a world would again not necessarily be incompatible with vital U.S. interests.

Arguments in Favor of Continuing U.S. Role of the Past 70 Years

Observers who support a continuation of the U.S. role in the world of the past 70 years generally reject the above arguments and argue the opposite. Arguments that these observers make relating to the United States include the following:

- **Costs and benefits.** Although the costs to the United States of its role in the world over the past 70 years have been substantial, the benefits have been greater. The benefits are so long-standing that they can easily be taken for granted or underestimated. U.S. interventions in the security affairs of Eurasia, though not without significant costs and errors, have been successful in preventing wars between major powers and defending and promoting vital U.S. interests and values. A more restrained U.S. role in the world might be less expensive for the United States in the short run, but would create a risk of damaging U.S. security, liberty, and prosperity over the longer run by risking the emergence of regional hegemons or a spheres-of-influence world.
- **Capacity.** Projections regarding future U.S. budget deficits and debt need to be taken into account, but even in a context of limits on U.S. resources, the United States is a wealthy country that can choose to play an expansive role in international affairs, and the costs to the United States of playing a more restrained role in world affairs may in the long run be much greater than the costs of playing a more expansive role. Projections regarding future U.S. budget deficits and debt are driven primarily by decisions on revenues and domestic mandatory expenditures rather than by decisions on defense and foreign-policy-related expenditures. Consequently, these projections are an argument for getting the country's fiscal house in order primarily in terms of revenues and domestic mandatory expenditures, rather than an argument for a more restrained U.S. role in the world.
- **Past 70 years as a historical aberration.** Although a restrained U.S. foreign policy may have been appropriate for the United States in the 18th and 19th centuries, the world of the 18th and 19th centuries was quite different. For example, given changes in communication, transportation, and military technologies since the 18th and 19th centuries, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans are much less effective as geographic buffers between the United States and Eurasia today than they were in the 18th and 19th centuries. Experiences in more recent decades (including World Wars I and II and the Cold War) show that a more restrained U.S. foreign policy would now be riskier or more costly over the long run than an engaged U.S. foreign policy.
- **Moral standing.** The United States, though not perfect, retains ample moral authority—and responsibility—to act as a world leader, particularly in comparison to authoritarian countries such as China or Russia.
- **Public opinion.** Other public opinion poll results show that Americans support a U.S. global leadership role.

Arguments that these observers make relating to other countries include the following:

- **Growing wealth and power.** Although the wealth and power of countries such as China have grown considerably in recent years, future rates of growth for those countries are open to question. China faces the prospect of declining rates of economic growth and the aging and eventual shrinkage of its population, while Russia has a relatively small economy and is experiencing demographic decline. The United States has one of the most favorable demographic situations of any major power, and retains numerous advantages in terms of economic and financial strength, military power, technology, and capacity for innovation. Although the United States is no longer as dominant globally as it once was, it remains the world's most powerful country, particularly when all dimensions of power are taken into consideration.
- **Ideas about international order.** The liberal international order reflects U.S. interests and values; a renegotiated international order incorporating ideas from authoritarian countries such as China would produce a world less conducive to defending and promoting U.S. interests and values. Americans have long lived in a world reflecting U.S. interests and values and would not welcome a world incorporating Chinese values on issues such as the rule of law; the scope of civil society; political and human rights; freedom of speech, the press, and information; and privacy and surveillance.
- **Eurasia as self-regulating.** Eurasia historically has not been self-regulating in terms of preventing the emergence of regional hegemons, and the idea that it will become self-regulating in the future is a risky and untested proposition.
- **Hegemons and spheres of influence.** A regional hegemon in Eurasia would have enough economic and other power to be able to threaten vital U.S. interests. In addition to threatening U.S. access to the economies of Eurasia, a spheres-of-influence world would be prone to war because regional hegemons historically are never satisfied with the extent of their hegemonic domains and eventually seek to expand them, coming into conflict with other hegemons. Leaders of regional hegemons are also prone to misjudgment and miscalculation regarding where their spheres collide.

Appendix C. Additional Writings

As potential sources of additional reading, this appendix presents a list of writings over the past six months reflecting various perspectives on whether the United States under the Trump Administration has changed the U.S. role in the world and what the implications of such a change might be, listed in chronological order, with the most recent on top. Writings from more than six months ago can be found in earlier versions of this report.

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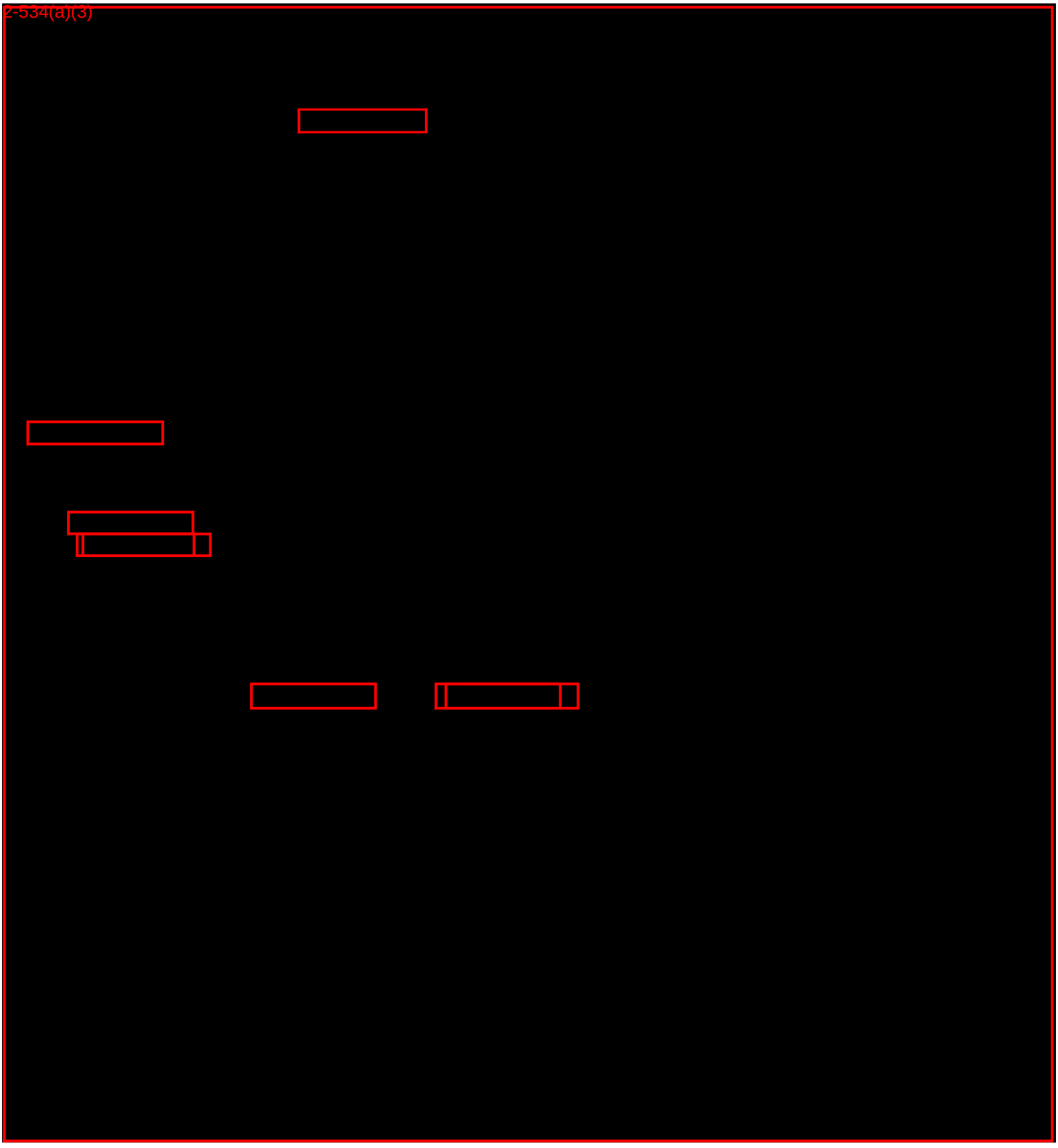
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Chengdu-based AVIC UAS, a drone branch of the State-owned Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC), has delivered the 50th **Wing Loong II** drone, the company said in a statement released on its WeChat account last week. It did not give further details about the delivery, or the identity of the client. Liu Xuanzun reports on Global Times.

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AVIC Wing Loong II UAV (Picture source: Army Recognition)

Compared with the Wing Loong I, the first entry in the Wing Loong drone series, the **Wing Loong II** is aimed at high-end users in the international market as it is equipped with more advanced technologies, a Chinese military expert who requested anonymity told the Global Times on January 5. Having exported 50 Wing Loong II drones shows that China can now target the world's high-end drone market, the expert said.

More types of advanced Chinese drones, including stealth-capable ones that have made appearances in air shows, could get international customers in the future, the expert predicted.

AVIC started exporting the domestically developed Wing Loong series in 2010, including the Wing Loong I, the Wing Loong I-D and the Wing Loong II. A total of 100 had been exported by the end of 2018, the Xinhua News Agency reported in December 2018.

By early 2019, Wing Loong series drones operated by different clients have fired more than 3,000 rounds of live munitions with an overall accuracy rate higher than 90 percent on both stationary and moving battlefield targets, China Central Television reported at that time.

The Wing Loong II is an improved version of the Wing Loong 1 UAV in the category of MALE (Medium-Altitude Long-Endurance). Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) unveiled the concept of Wing Loong II at the Aviation Expo China in Beijing in September 2015 and a prototype of the Wing Loong II was presented for the first time to the public during the Airshow China exhibition, held in Zhuhai from 1-6 November, 2016. It was also presented for the first time in Europe during the Paris Air Show in June 2017.

Compared with Wing Loong I, the Wing Loong II has an optimized aerodynamic design, an improved airframe and upgraded airborne systems, featuring better capabilities in terms of flight, payload and information capacity, In March 2017, a prototype of the Wing Loong II conducted a 31- minute test flight from an unidentified airport in northwestern China.

Milrem Robotics rolls out new Type-X RCV combat vehicle

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The medium class Type-X Robotic Combat Vehicle developed by the European leading robotics and autonomous systems developer Milrem Robotics passed its initial mobility tests. The Type-X RCV designed to support mechanized units was first announced in summer 2020.
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The medium class Type-X Robotic Combat Vehicle developed by the European leading robotics and autonomous systems developer Milrem Robotics passed its initial mobility tests (Picture source: Milrem Robotics)

The Type-X will become an intelligent wingman to main battle tanks and infantry fighting vehicles capable of taking on the most dangerous tasks and positions, which result in lower lethality risk. “The Type-X will provide equal or overmatching firepower and tactical usage to a unit equipped with Infantry Fighting vehicles. It provides means to breach enemy defensive positions with minimal risk for own troops and replacing a lost RCV is purely a logistical nuance,” said Kuldar Väärsi, CEO of Milrem Robotics.

The Type-X can be fitted with a cannon up to 50 mm. With up to a 30 mm cannon the RCV is also airdroppable - the C-130J and the KC-390 can carry one Type-X, an A400M two and a C-17 5 of them. “The vehicle will be equipped with intelligent functions such as follow-me, waypoint navigation and obstacle detection with Artificial Intelligence being part of the algorithms,” Väärsi said. “Also, Milrem Robotics’ software developers have taken a totally new and innovative approach to allow remote controlled operations on higher speeds.”

The low weight of 12 tons of the Type-X and high power with efficient power management provide a superior terrain capability and its low height of 2.2 m and a rear engine provide low visual and heat signature.

In addition, the Type-X is approximately three to four times lighter and its cost significantly lower than that of a conventional IFV. It has been designed with intelligent predictive maintenance combined with a Health and Usage Monitoring System and Line Replacement Unit principle to ensure a low Through Lifecycle Cost and logistic footprint. Also, its hybrid powertrain and rubber tracks will reduce lifecycle costs significantly.

To develop the Type-X RCV Milrem Robotics utilized its knowledge gained from developing its flagship product the THeMIS Unmanned Ground Vehicle, intended to support dismounted troops, that has already been acquired by ten countries, seven of which are members of NATO.

The Type-X will become an intelligent wingman to main battle tanks and infantry fighting vehicles capable of taking on the most dangerous tasks and positions, which result in lower lethality risk (Picture source: Milrem Robotics)

China Teases H-20 Stealth Bomber in PLA Recruitment Video

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Unknown aircraft with flying-wing design spotted in PLAAF 2021 recruitment video.

The Chinese People's Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF) gave a sneak peek at the design of its new H-60 next-generation, long-range strategic stealth bomber in the service's 2021 recruitment video released Tuesday.

At the far end of the video, an unknown aircraft rendered in computer-generated imagery enters the stage. Reflection in the goggles of a pilot's helmet provided a good view of the bulky aircraft. It appears to have a flying-wing design with two intakes on the back of the plane. It has no visible tail wings and no winglets on the tips of the wings.

Chinese experts speculated the mystery warplane could be long-anticipated H-20 bomber.

"Judging from the newly released outline, the H-20 could look similar to the U.S. military's B-2 bomber as expected, and its radar cross section will be minimal," Wei Dongxu, a Beijing-based military analyst, told the Global Timeson Wednesday.

Reflection of the mystery aircraft in goggles of a pilot's helmet.

This could mean that China has achieved a generation-leaping development in bomber planes and become in possession of a world-class strategic stealth bomber, Wei said.

State-owned Aviation Industry Corp of China (AVIC) in a promotional video in May 2018, revealed only the front outline of a similar aircraft, covered in a blanket. Experts had predicted it could be PLA's new H-60 bomber jet boasting 12,000 km - range and 20 tons carrying capacity.

The H-20 has been the subject of speculation for a long time, and now the Air Force has displayed its vague outline in a recruitment video. This possibly means the outline and design of the aircraft are no longer top secrets, and the development project has made significant progresses, Wei said.

"We might be able to see a real H-20 soon," Wei predicted.

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The climate and ecological crisis was one of the dominating issues in 2019. Boosted by the visible environmental and ecological consequences of global lockdowns in spring of this year, the question of climate change continues to occupy an important place on the international political and public agenda. Creating schisms in society along age groups and political orientation, radical actors use the growing discordance to hijack the debate on countering climate change by injecting their nativist and racist ideas. In particular, the extreme-right ideology of eco-fascism gained notoriety, when the perpetrator of the Christchurch terrorist attack (15 March 2019) referred to himself as an eco-fascist, and the gunman of the El Paso attack (3 August 2019) reasoned his killings with eco-fascist ideas.

Eco-fascists blame the overpopulation of the global south for emissions and resource scarcity leading to environmental degradation. They see migration as proof of the "great replacement" of the "white race" and as responsible for environmental damage in the West. In parallel, eco-fascists blame the consumerism of the West for the current climate and ecological crisis, pushed through the capitalist system created by Jewish elites. Gaining popularity over the course of the last two years, eco-fascism originates in the ideas of 19th and 20th century thinkers, such as

Ernst Haeckel and Madison Grant, and is deeply rooted in Nazi ideology. The national socialist notion of 'Blut und Boden' (blood and soil) claims a connection between racial identity and the respective land. It stipulates that race determines the ideal area of settlement, which needs to be kept pure, without alien and undesirable elements.

In the aftermath of the 2019 attacks and with the onset of the global COVID-19 crisis, mainstream social media saw a rise of memes promoting eco-fascist ideas. This included the narrative depicting the virus as the cure to human overpopulation and destruction of the planet. The re-emergence of eco-fascism, in the context of omnipresent debates on the climate and ecological crisis, showing disruptive tendencies across societies, is no coincidence. For several reasons, it should be treated as a worrisome and emerging threat.

Firstly, in light of drastic environmental and ecological consequences, it is likely that factions of the non-violent far-right will stop denying climate change and instead use it as an emotive argument against migration and "non-whites". Thereby, non-violent actors offer a stage to eco-fascist ideology by blaming migration and overpopulation of the global south as oversimplified answers to a complex phenomenon. Adopting this environmental cape allows for the spread of masked far-right ideology and is used to broaden the field of voters and potential recruits. Violent actors alike disguise racist and nativist ideas behind environmental concerns to lure in young people and environmental activists to their violent extreme-right ideology. Spreading hashtags on Twitter, such as #treesnotrefugees and #MakeEcologyDeepAgain, #EFDS (Eco-Fascist Death Squads – referring to violent solutions against overpopulation) or slogans like "Love Nature, Kill Non-Whites" and "Save Bees, Plant Trees, Shoot Refugees" show the brutal underpinning of the movement. Non-violent actors promoting the ideas of eco-fascism might act as a gateway to more violent parts of the movement.

This leads to the second concern: far-right extremists abuse the legitimate sense of urgency created by mostly non-violent environmentalists to justify violence. In addition to the two fatal shootings of 2019, the now-defunct group, The Green Brigade, committed an arson attack on a mink farm in Sweden in January 2020. While not having an inherent Nazi-ideology, the eco-terrorist group, Individualistsas Tendiendo A Lo Salvaje/Individualists Tending toward the Savage [ITS], welcomed the fascist terror attacks and praised the Christchurch killing. ITS is responsible for targeted mail bombings and bombings in public spaces. Since 2011, they have committed 29 attacks, the majority taking place at accelerating pace since 2016, across Latin and North America, as well as Europe. Using the narrative of imminent environmental extinction to promote violent acts and creating an apocalyptic atmosphere also leads to eco-fascists closing ranks with accelerationist factions of the extreme-right. The two now-defunct terrorist organisations, Atomwaffen Division (AWD) and National Action, for instance, referenced eco-fascists ideas in their activism, including organised hikes to reconnect with the land. Scottish Dawn, consisting of several former members of National Action, used "Blood and Soil" as its primary slogan. Despite eco-fascism being a fringe movement and most of its members remaining 'online warriors' creating propaganda items, the described actions underline the violent potential of eco-fascism.

Thirdly, the threat of eco-fascism has a global dimension. Beyond the cells of ITS in Latin America, North America and Europe, the Eastern European network, Greenline Front, had satellites in Argentina, Belarus, Russia, Serbia, Switzerland and four European states. The Green Brigade had claimed to have members in the US, the United Kingdom and Sweden, while also being in close interaction with members from the US-American AWD and European Misanthropic Division.

In addition to these trans-national groups, lone wolf perpetrators also show global connections. make references to other eco-fascists around the globe. The Christchurch perpetrator for instance said to be inspired by the eco-fascist ideas of Norwegian terrorist Andres Breivik. The motivations behind the Christchurch massacre in turn inspired the US-shooter of El-Paso. This underlines the need for security services and political actors to treat eco-fascism as a global threat.

Countering the extreme-right's efforts to hijack and distort the debate around the climate and ecological crisis is a challenge we will have to face, on the one hand, to prevent aggravating rifts in societies and a growing extremist potential and, on the other hand, to find much needed solutions to protect our environment. This is increasingly important considering the convergence of pending aggravating natural disasters and adverse social consequences and the efforts of the far-right to hijack and distort the debate. This convergence is the ideal breeding ground for eco-fascism and has created the potential for violence. Despite eco-fascism not representing the main threat within the extreme-right for the time being, it should not be overlooked due to its disruptive and violent tendencies, as well as future relevance.

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Russia's Northern Fleet Upgraded to Military District Status

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On January 1, 2021, Russia's Northern Fleet was officially upgraded to the status of a Military District (MD), as part of a reorganization of the overall system of MDs. This marks a significant change to the national organizational structure of the MDs in Russia; and it marks the first major shift away from the concept of reducing and simplifying the number

and functions of these, which, since 2010, have also had the status of Joint Strategic Commands (*Obyedinennyye Strategicheskoye Komandovanie*—OSK). The reform in 2010 reduced the number of Russian MDs from six to four (Western, Southern, Central and Eastern) and subordinated all military units and assets within each MD to the contiguous, respective OSK. In effect, the Northern Fleet has now gained both the status of an MD and OSK, and this may well be a prelude to future organizational modifications within the Russian Armed Forces (Interfax, January 4, 2021).

Last month (December 21, 2020), President Vladimir Putin signed an *ukaz* (decree) to upgrade the Northern Fleet to MD status, effective from January 1, 2021: "To consider the Northern Fleet an inter-specific strategic territorial association of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, performing the tasks of a military district." According to the *ukaz*, the change is associated with measures to protect the integrity and inviolability of the Russian Federation and to defend the country's northern borders as well as Moscow's evolving interests in the Arctic (Izvestia, December 21, 2020).

Earlier, in June, Putin signed a preliminary *ukaz* declaring that the Northern Fleet would henceforth have the status of a separate military-administrative unit. Additionally, some portions of the Western MD were "cut" and moved to the new Northern Fleet MD: the Republic of Komi, the Arkhangelsk and Murmansk regions, as well as the Nenets Autonomous District. The former Commander of the Northern Fleet, Admiral Vyacheslav Popov explained, "From January 1, 2021, the Northern Fleet will *de jure* perform the tasks of the military district, which exist *de facto*. This, in particular, involves the solution of issues of mobilization, conscription, interaction with authorities, [as well as] the creation and development of the infrastructure of the Northern Sea Route" (Rossyiskaya Gazeta, December 22, 2020).

The commander of the Northern Fleet, Admiral Alexander Moiseev also noted the Arctic dimension in this latest administrative change: "By the decree of the president of the Russian Federation, the status of the Northern Fleet from January 1, 2021, is legally equated to the status of the military district as the main military-administrative unit preparing for armed defense and the very protection of the integrity and inviolability of the Russian Federation, including territories within the boundaries of its subjects, along a certain strategic direction—the Arctic." In December 2014, the Northern Fleet was officially withdrawn from the Western MD and, on its basis, the authorities formed the North OSK, which was reinforced with assets drawn from the other MDs (Interfax, January 4, 2021).

On January 4, Admiral Moiseev stated that the primary task of the Northern Fleet will remain to maintain the combat readiness of the naval strategic nuclear forces: "Based on its mission, the group is kept in constant readiness to carry out the tasks of deterrence from unleashing aggression against the Russian Federation" (Izvestia, January 4, 2021). However, the Northern Fleet will also continue to spearhead Russia's ongoing exploration

and patrolling of Arctic waters. Two days earlier, the fleet headquarters confirmed plans to conduct an expedition to the Novaya Zemlya archipelago in the summer of 2021. The study of the Arctic will continue, together with the assistance of the Russian Geographical Society (Izvestia, January 3, 2021).

The Northern Fleet commander additionally noted that submarines will remain active in Arctic waters. According to Moiseev, "[T]he submariners of the Northern Fleet will continue the practice of ice sailing in the Arctic Ocean, as well as performing combat patrol and combat duty tasks in other areas of the World Ocean." In 2020, as part of the modernization of the Russian Military-Maritime Fleet (*Voyenno-Morskoy Flot*—VMF), the Northern Fleet received into service a Borei-A strategic missile submarine, the *Knyaz Vladimir*. This is the second standard (strategic submarine) carrier of the Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) in the Northern Fleet. In December 2020, during the testing of the strategic nuclear forces, the Karelia strategic missile submarine in the Northern Fleet successfully launched the Sineva ICBM from a designated area in the Barents Sea at the Kura test site in Kamchatka. Currently, Project 667BDRM Delfin submarines, armed with Sineva ICBMs, together with the new Borei-A submarines armed with Bulava ICBMs, form the backbone of Russia's naval strategic nuclear forces (Hibiny.com, January 4, 2021).

This latest change to the status of the Northern Fleet seems to conclude the process that began in December 2014. It appears to walk back the conceptual idea of the OSK; but in real terms, it offers a unique role to the Northern Fleet that is not afforded to any other part of the VMF. Since 2010, the fleets and Caspian Flotilla were subordinate to each respective OSK; now the Northern Fleet has the same status as the other four MDs/OSKs. Driven by what the political-military leadership considers Russia's long-term strategic interests in the Arctic (see EDM, June 18, 2018, March 16, 2020, November 9, 2020), this upgrade to the status of the Northern Fleet is a powerful signal to other actors of the importance of this region in Russian defense planning.

Russian MoD received 2,700 weapon systems in 2020

by Dmitry Fediushko & Nikolai Novichkov

The Russian Ministry of Defence (MoD) received some 2,700 major weapon systems and 52,500 support systems in 2020, Deputy Defence Minister Alexey Krivoruchko told the ministry's *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star) newspaper on 30 December.

Russia's stealthy Okhotnik heavy UAV conducting a manned/unmanned teaming test flight with an Su-57 fighter. In 2020 the Russian MoD gave priority to unmanned aviation and received its first serial production Su-57. (Russian MoD)

"The troops received 147 aircraft, the first reconnaissance and strike unmanned aerial systems [UASs] with Inokhodets [Pacing Horse] and Forpost [Outpost] unmanned aerial vehicles [UAVs], seven surface ships and two submarines, more than 1,500 land platforms, some 300 missile and artillery systems, and approximately 150 air defence weapons," said Krivoruchko.

The military will also receive 94 fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft, including 22 Su-57 multirole combat aircraft, ahead of schedule through 2024.

In 2022 the MoD is planning to complete the development of the T-14 Armata main battle tank, T-15 Armata, B-11 Kurganets-25, and K-17 Bumerang infantry fighting vehicles, B-10 Kurganets-25 and K-16 Bumerang armoured personnel carriers, the T-16 armoured recovery vehicle, the Koalitsiya-SV 152 mm self-propelled howitzer, and a number of advanced combat stations for tracked and wheeled combat platforms, according to Krivoruchko. "We are planning to complete trials of the S-500 air defence system and to adopt it and to accept the Voronezh very-high-frequency radar into service," he said.

The deputy minister reported that pop-up tests have already been conducted with the new Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile, adding, "We will soon begin flight trials of this system."

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China draws comparison between storming of U.S. Capitol, HK protests

By Reuters Staff

BEIJING (Reuters) - China drew a comparison on Thursday between the storming of the U.S. Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump and last year's often-violent pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong, but noted that no one had died when demonstrators took over the legislature of the China-ruled city.

Slideshow (3 images)

Clips of the chaotic scenes from Washington aired repeatedly on Chinese state television.

Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told a daily briefing said that while events in Hong Kong in 2019, when the city's legislature was stormed, were more "severe" than those in Washington, "not one demonstrator died".

Relations between Beijing and Washington are at their worst in decades over a range of disputes, including China's heavy clampdown on Hong Kong, and Chinese diplomats and state media often draw attention to news of violence or chaos in the United States.

Months of anti-government protests in Hong Kong in 2019 included the July 1 storming of the city's legislature, in a campaign for democratic reforms that Beijing ultimately quashed with new national security legislation. One man died after falling from a parking lot during one protest in the city.

Police in Washington said four people died and 52 were arrested after Trump supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday in an attempt to stop Congress from certifying President-elect Joe Biden's election victory.

"We also wish that U.S. people can enjoy peace, stability and security as soon as possible," Hua said.

Hua also condemned U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's comments in which he said Washington may sanction those involved in the arrest of over 50 people in Hong Kong and will send the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations to visit Taiwan.

A comment with thousands of favourable votes on China's Twitter-like Weibo said the Washington protests were "over 90%" the same as those in Hong Kong. European leaders were showing "double standards" in condemning one but not the other, it said.

"The response and words used by some in the U.S. to what happened in Hong Kong in 2019 were completely different to what they used for today's ongoing events in the U.S.," Hua said.

Around the world, leaders expressed shock and concern, condemning the attempted subversion of democracy.

"What happened today in Washington DC is not American, definitely," French President Emmanuel Macron said in a video message on Twitter.

Russia's deputy U.N. Ambassador Dmitry Polyanskiy likened the images to protests in Ukraine that toppled Russian-backed President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovich in 2014.

"Some of my friends ask whether someone will distribute crackers to the protesters to echo the Victoria Nuland stunt," he tweeted, citing a 2013 visit to Ukraine when then-U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland offered food to protesters.

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China gears up for space station, cargo and crewed mission launches

by Andrew Jones — January 7, 2021

Components of the Long March 5B (Y2) to launch the Chinese space station core module at a facility in Tianjin. Credit: CMSA

China's human spaceflight agency is also soliciting proposals for low-cost cargo transportation to orbital outpost

HELSINKI — China is preparing to launch three major missions in the next few months to initiate the construction phase of the country's space station project.

The China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology (CALT) is finalizing work on rockets which will launch the first space station module, a cargo and refueling craft and a crewed mission.

The launches will be the first of 11 planned missions to construct a three-module Chinese space station. The activity marks the beginning of the end phase of a project approved in 1992 to develop human spaceflight capabilities and establish a long-term crewed presence in low Earth orbit.

A 849-metric-ton Long March 5B heavy-lift rocket will launch the roughly 22-metric-ton Tianhe space station core module this spring. The launcher is currently undergoing final work in a factory in the northern port city Tianjin.

The rocket components will soon be transported by Yuanwang cargo ships to Wenchang Satellite Launch Center on the southern island of Hainan, according to CMSA, China's human spaceflight agency.

A launch date has not been released but the mission will likely take place around two months after the arrival of the Long March 5B to Wenchang. Previous Long March 5 series missions have required such a period for launch preparations.

"We will soon complete the construction of China's first long-term orbital crewed space station meeting advanced world levels, and will carry out large-scale space scientific research on it," Zhou Jianping, chief designer of China's human spaceflight program, told CCTV recently.

"We firmly believe that it will play a major role in the forefront of scientific exploration of humanity and also in the development of our space technology," Zhou said.

Chinese space station launch, delays

Launch of the core module was planned for 2018 with subsequent modules to follow around 2020 and 2022. However a launch failure and subsequent issues with the Long March 5 rocket means China is now condensing the schedule into an intensive two-year period.

The 16.6-meter-long, 4.2-meter-diameter Tianhe core module was developed by the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST) and is already at Wenchang. It underwent fit checks with the first flight model of the Long March 5B, which features China's largest payload fairing, in early 2020.

The module will provide the main living quarters for three astronauts for periods of around six months. It includes a docking hub and will also control the station's orbit and attitude.

The Tianhe core module and docking hub of the Chinese Space Station. Credit: CMSA

Tianhe is planned to be inserted directly into a low Earth orbit with an apogee of around 370 kilometers and inclined by 41 degrees. A test flight for the mission in April 2020 saw the first Long March 5B launch a prototype new generation crew spacecraft. The new, uncrewed craft was loaded with propellant to simulate a payload similar in mass to a space station module.

Notably the rocket's large core stage reached orbital velocity and uncontrolled reentry off the west coast of Africa, passing over New York just minutes earlier. A similar event can thus be expected for the upcoming launch.

After completion in 2022 the Chinese Space Station will be joined by a co-orbiting, Hubble-class space telescope. The Xuntian survey telescope will be able to dock with the CSS for maintenance and repairs. The space station itself could also be expanded from three to six modules.

Cargo, crewed missions to follow

Once in orbit the Tianhe module will be visited by the Tianzhou-2 cargo spacecraft. This will be launched by a Long March 7 kerosene-liquid oxygen rocket from Wenchang. That launcher is currently undergoing final assembly.

Tianzhou cargo spacecraft have a mass of up to 13.5 tons and differing pressurized and unpressurized variants. Tianzhou-1 was launched in April 2017 to test technologies crucial to establishing and maintaining a space station.

The mission successfully tested a number of rendezvous and docking maneuvers and verified automated refuelling in microgravity with the Tiangong-2 space lab. The Tiangong lab also tested regenerative life support and a robotic arm for the larger, future space station.

This will be followed by the Shenzhou-12 crewed mission. This will launch on a Long March 2F, an older generation hypergolic rocket, from Jiuquan in the Gobi Desert.

It will be China's first crewed mission since 2016. Zhou Jianping has previously stated that the crew have already been selected.

The astronauts are expected to carry out a number of extravehicular activities during the mission. The identity of the crew will likely remain secret until days or weeks before launch.

The Shenzhou-12 spacecraft will also feature an upgraded guidance, navigation and control system (GNC) to meet new mission demands, according to a 2017 report (Chinese).

The mission's Long March 2F is undergoing testing in a final assembly facility in Beijing. Work is expected to be completed following the Chinese New Year (Feb. 12).

No clear schedule for the launches has been published. It is also unclear how soon after the two experiment modules will follow Tianhe into orbit. However the reports on launch vehicle preparations suggest the missions will follow relatively quickly after the module launch.

Chinese commercial resupply?

The Chinese Space Station, sometimes referred to as Tiangong (also the name for two small testbed space labs), is expected to be completed and enter normal operations in 2022 orbiting between 340-420 kilometers above the Earth.

CMSA announced Wednesday (Chinese) a solicitation for proposals for low-cost cargo transportation to assist space station operations.

The call aims to explore low-cost cargo transportation methods, create a supplement to the Tianzhou cargo delivery system, and build a "flexible, efficient, diverse, and low-cost cargo transportation system."

Main requirements for cargo delivery include a payload capacity of 1-4 tons, possibility for removing and deorbiting station waste to prevent space debris, and transportation costs to be inline with international levels.

For returning cargo to Earth, requirements are for a payload 100-300 kilograms with the returning spacecraft to be easily tracked and recovered.

Actors are required to submit proposals by Feb. 28, including technical descriptions, spacecraft capabilities, and cost and engineering analyses.

The call is understood to be open to both state-owned space sector entities and new commercial actors, which have emerged since late 2014. The latter, nascent grouping is in the earlier phases of developing light and medium-lift launch vehicles and likely lack the required capabilities, expertise and resources.

The call for proposals is notable however for being open to outside entrants. Such missions and activities have so far been carried out by the China Aerospace Aerospace Science and Technology Corp. (CASC), China's state-owned main space contractor.

Other actors such as sister conglomerate CASIC and nominally private firms were previously understood to be restricted to competing for commercial missions only. This indicates China is considering furthering commercialization of its space activities.

Putin Silent on Washington Unrest as Russian Foreign Ministry Calls U.S. Electoral System Archaic

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A rampaging mob of Trump supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol. EPA / TASS

President Vladimir Putin made no statement on the unprecedented chaos in the United States when he spoke briefly with journalists after attending an Orthodox Christmas service, while Russia's Foreign Ministry said the U.S electoral process is archaic and prone to violations.

A rampaging mob of Trump supporters on Wednesday stormed a session of Congress being held to certify Joe Biden's election win, triggering violence and accusations the president was attempting a coup.

“The events in Washington show that the U.S. electoral process is archaic, does not meet modern standards and is prone to violations,” the state-run RIA Novosti news agency quoted Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova as saying.

“We wish that the friendly American people will survive this dramatic moment in their own history with dignity.”

Other world leaders expressed shock and outrage at the events, with French President Emmanuel Macron saying “What happened today in Washington is not American,” and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson condemning the “disgraceful scenes.”

Here are the reactions from other Russian public figures and politicians, and in the country's media:

— The leader of Russia’s Communist Party Gennady Zyuganov said in a statement:

“The boomerang came back to them. It was them that launched color revolutions. In fifty years they carried out three dozen, if not more. They toppled the leaders in North Africa and Yugoslavia and ousted a normal government in Ukraine, they had a go at Belarus last year. Well, now they are paying for it.”

— Leading opposition figure Alexei Navalny tweeted:

“Putinists are jubilant at the chaos in the United States and are praising ‘Putin's stability.’ Of course, there are problems there. Many. But in the USA, there is still an average monthly salary, of about 306,000 rubles. In the Russian Federation, according to official statistics, the average salary is about 40,000 – or, more likely — 30,000 rubles.”

—Pro-Kremlin political talk show host Vladimir Sovolyov’s YouTube channel in an hours-long live stream of the events dubbed them “Maidan in Washington,” in a reference to civil unrest in Ukraine in 2013-2014.

— The Kommersant business daily called the storming a "pogrom" on the US Capitol

— Two Russian senators, including Alexei Pushkov, the head of the committee for information policy, shared conspiracy theories voiced by Republican Congressman Matt Gaetz alleging the involvement of the far-left anti-fascist group known as "antifa" in the disturbances.

— Leonid Slutsky, chairman of the lower-house State Duma International Affairs Committee:

"The unrest on Capitol Hill that interrupted the official affirmation of electoral votes in Congress certainly casts a shadow on the entire process of the democratic transfer of power ... As we can see, the boomerang of 'color revolutions' [in post-Soviet countries] is coming back to the U.S. All this threatens to turn into a crisis of the American system of power in the new century."

— Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova simply shared former CNN Moscow bureau chief Jill Dougherty's tweet arguing that the U.S. "will never again be able to tell the world that we are the paragon of democracy."

— Konstantin Kosachev, chairman of the upper-house Federation Council's Committee on Foreign Affairs:

"American democracy is obviously limping on both legs… The holiday of democracy is over. This is sadly a new low, I say this without a shadow of malice. America is no longer plotting a course and has thus lost all rights to set one, let alone impose it on others."

— Vladimir Zhirinovsky, far-right Liberal Democratic Party leader:

"Be strong, Donald, we're with you, the outside world will help you."

— Dmitry Polyansky, deputy UN envoy (retweeted by the official account of Russia's mission to the UN):

"Why do you call storming by protestors of U.S. Capitol 'domestic terrorism' and similar and much more bloody events in Kiev in 2014 'revolution of dignity'?"

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Live Updates: Devices found near DNC, RNC amid Capitol riots were explosives, official says

Dan Scavino, the White House deputy chief of staff, posted a statement from President Trump on Twitter that called for calm.

By **Adam Shaw | Fox News**

Nation has a 'crisis of faith' after four years of 'violence in the streets'

Fox News contributor Jonathan Turley reacts on 'Fox & Friends' to protesters storming the Capitol Wednesday.

The devices found near the RNC and DNC headquarters on Wednesday were actual explosive devices, according to a senior federal law enforcement official briefed on the investigations.

Fox News first reported that multiple IEDs, resembling pipe bombs, were found near the Capitol Grounds on Wednesday, amid riots that saw pro-Trump protesters storm the Capitol. Four died during the riots and at least 52 people were arrested.

Specifically, two law enforcement sources say devices resembling pipe bombs were found near the headquarters of the Republican National Committee and the Democratic National Committee, both buildings located near the Capitol grounds.

One senior federal law enforcement official confirms those devices were not phonies, "those things were the real deal."

FAST FACTS

- Four people died during the riots, including one person who was shot, and at least 52 were arrested.
- Protesters attended a rally outside the White House before descending on the Capitol.

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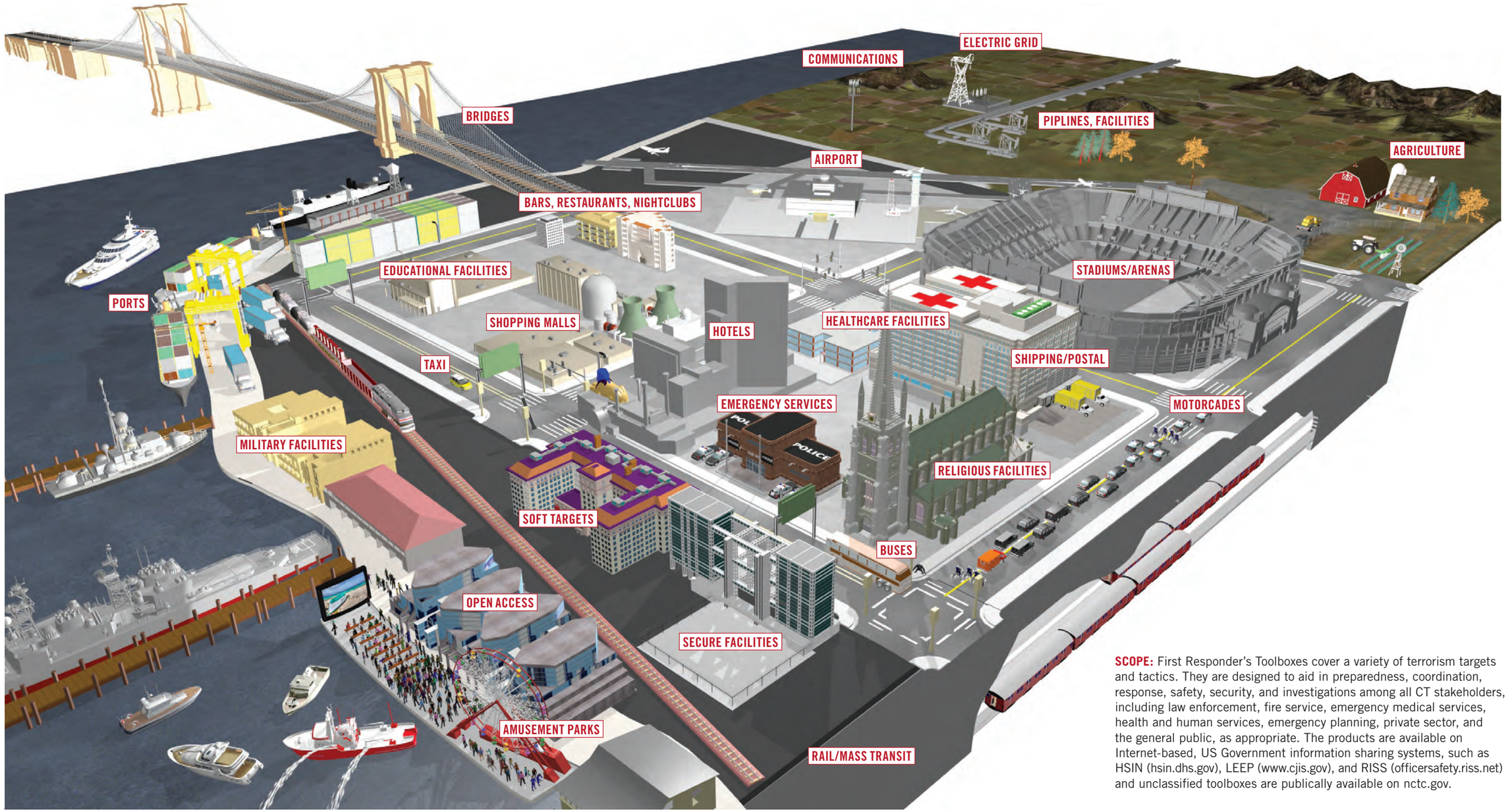

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First Responder's Toolbox–A Catalog From December 2013 To January 2021 *(continued)*

TARGETS

Agriculture

- Food and Agriculture (7 MAR 2017; UNC, GFX, SPA)
- Terrorist Commemorative Messaging Encourages Attacks (14 Oct 2020; UNC, TXT)

Buildings

- Shopping Malls (V2; 23 MAY 2018; UNC, GFX)
- Soft Targets (18 AUG 2017; FOUO, GFX, SPA)
- Bars, Restaurants, Nightclubs (9 JAN 2017; UNC, FOUO, TXT)
- High-Rise Hotel (V2; 12 NOV 2019; UNC, GFX)
- Hospitality Industry (12 NOV 2019; UNC, TXT)
- Threats Against Religious Facilities and Adherents Highlight Importance of Religious Community Outreach; (V2; 28 JUN 2019; UNC, TXT)
- Complex Operating Environment – Educational Facilities: Primary and Secondary Schools (V2; 28 JUN 2019; UNC, GFX)
- Complex Operating Environment – Educational Facilities: Post-Secondary Institutions (V2; 28 JUN 2019; UNC, GFX)

Communications

- Response Considerations for Increased Threat Reporting to US Telecommunications Infrastructure (10 JUN 2020; UNC, TXT)

Emergency Services

- Personal Security (18 AUG 2017; FOUO, GFX, SPA)
- Persistent Threat of Terrorist Ambush Attacks on First Responders (14 JAN 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Secondary IEDs (9 JUN 2017; FOUO, TXT)
- Standards for Encounters With Known or Suspected Terrorists (29 OCT 2019; LES, GFX)
- Luring of First Responders (17 MAY 2016; FOUO, TXT)
- Cyber Threats (7 AUG 2017; FOUO, TXT)

Energy

- Electric Grid (8 MAY 2018; UNC, GFX)
- Oil and Natural Gas Refineries (28 AUG 2020; UNC, GFX)
- Oil and Gas Pipelines (19 FEB 2020; UNC, GFX)

Entertainment Industry

- Amusement Parks (26 APR 2017; FOUO, GFX, SPA)
- Stadiums and Arenas (V2; 10 APR 2019; UNC, GFX)

Events & Attractions

- Special and Other Significant Events (25 AUG 2020; UNC, iGFX)
- Open-Access Events (30 MAR 2018; UNC, TXT)
- Special Events Working Aid (10 JUN 2016; UNC, TXT)
- Special Events (15 DEC 2015; FOUO, GFX, SPA)

Government

- Military Installations (18 NOV 2016; FOUO, GFX, SPA)
- Secure Facilities (16 DEC 2015; FOUO, GFX, SPA)

Maritime

- US Ports (28 JUL 2015; FOUO, GFX, SPA)

Postal & Shipping

- Postal and Shipping (15 NOV 2018; UNC, GFX)
- Postal and Shipping – Response Card (15 NOV 2018; UNC, GFX)

Public Health

- Healthcare Facilities (16 APR 2018; UNC, GFX)

Transportation

- Bus Attacks Highlight Potential Tactics and Mitigation Efforts (4 APR 2019; UNC, TXT)
- Bridges (13 AUG 2018; UNC, TXT)
- Airports (V3; 26 APR 2019; UNC, GFX)
- Threats to Airports (21 MAR 2017; FOUO, TXT)
- Rail Safety Awareness (28 SEP 2017; FOUO, TXT)
- Passenger Trains (17 JAN 2017; FOUO, TXT)
- Mass Transit (26 FEB 2016; FOUO, GFX, SPA)
- Motorcades (2 NOV 2016; FOUO, GFX, SPA)
- Taxi Cab/Ride-Sharing (9 MAR 2018; UNC, GFX)
- Taxi Cab/Ride-Sharing – Visor Card (9 MAR 2018; UNC, GFX)

WEAPONS/METHODS

Attacks/Opportunistic

- Vehicle-Borne Attacks: Tactics and Mitigation (18 December 2020; UNC, GFX)
- Terrorist Messaging Urges Use of Edged-Weapons (2 November 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Natural Gas and Propane Terrorist Tactics (29 October 2020; UNC, TXT)
- ISIS Continues To Encourage Arson Attacks (7 AUG 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Threat of Terrorism and Hate Crimes Against Jewish Communities in US (4 AUG 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Violent Extremists and Terrorists Exploit Civil Unrest and Public Assemblies in US (28 JUL 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Best Practices for Vehicle Screening Against Terrorist Tactics (16 JUL 2019; UNC, iGFX)
- Vehicle Rental/Leasing Industry (29 JAN 2019; UNC, TXT)
- Elevated Attacks (30 NOV 2017; FOUO, GFX)
- Opportunistic Attacks (9 MAY 2017; FOUO, TXT)
- Terrorist Arson (V2; 1 MAY 2019; UNC, TXT)
- Edged Weapons (1 MAR 2017; FOUO, TXT)
- Laser Strikes (20 DEC 2017; FOUO, TXT)
- Terrorist Hostage Taking (18 AUG 2017; FOUO, TXT)

CBRNE

- Plant-Derived Toxins: Identification, Indicators of Acquisition and Manufacture, and Considerations for Response (15 December 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Programmable Microcontrollers: Potential for Illicit Use (10 December 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Hexamethylene Triperoxide Diamine (HMTD): Indicators of Acquisition, Manufacture, and Considerations for Response (23 November 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Chemical and Biological Threats to Food Retailers (10 November 2020; UNC, GFX)
- Radiological Threat Awareness (29 SEPT 2020; UNC, GFX)
- Urea Hydrogen Peroxide (UHP): Indicators of Acquisition and Manufacturing, and Considerations for Response (25 SEPT 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Knockdown Gases: Dangers, Indicators, and Response (2 APR 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Triacetone Triperoxide (TATP): Indicators of Acquisition and Manufacture, and Considerations for Response (1 October 2019; UNC, iGFX)
- IED Manufacture Indicators (2 JULY 2019; UNC, GFX)
- Chemical Attacks (21 APR 2016; FOUO, GFX, SPA)
- Acid Attacks (3 OCT 2017; UNC, TXT)
- Biological Agents (15 DEC 2017; FOUO, GFX)
- VBIEDs (10 JULY 2018; UNC, iGFX)
- Hobbyist Remote-Controlled IEDs (16 FEB 2018; FOUO, GFX)

Technology

- Terrorist Use of COMSEC (28 AUG 2018; FOUO, TXT)
- Terrorist Disinformation (9 AUG 2018; UNC, TXT)
- Terrorist Use of Online Applications (16 MAR 2018; FOUO, GFX)
- First-Person Video (9 FEB 2016; FOUO, TXT)

Terrorism Financing

- Kidnapping for Ransom (15 SEP 2017; UNC, TXT)
- Organ Harvesting (11 MAY 2017; UNC, TXT)

Terrorism Prevention

- Mental Health Considerations in Threat Management of Terrorism Investigative Subjects (3 December 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Bystanders Are Key To Countering Terrorism (9 November 2020; UNC, TXT)
- Radicalization and Violent Extremism in Non-Federal Corrections (29 MAR 2020; FOUO, TXT)
- Recognizing Possible Terrorist 911 Calls: Indicators and Considerations for an Effective Response (11 Sept 2019; UNC, GFX)
- Female Violent Extremists: Implications for Public Safety (20 AUG 2019; UNC, TXT)
- Multilayered Approach Can Help Mitigate Challenges Posed by Common Homemade Explosive Precursors and IED Components (24 MAY 2019; UNC, TXT)
- Counterterrorism (CT) Program Considerations for Public Safety (7 MAY 2019; UNC, GFX)
- Probation and Parole (19 DEC 2018; FOUO, TXT)
- Minors and Terrorism (29 NOV 2018; UNC, FOUO, TXT)
- Animal Cruelty (18 JUL 2018; UNC, TXT)
- Pre-Travel Behaviors (23 MAR 2018; FOUO, TXT)
- Terrorist Attack Model: Pulse^{USPER} (18 SEP 2018; FOUO, TXT)
- Terrorism Prevention (30 OCT 2017; UNC, GFX, SPA)
- Attack Prevention (12 NOV 2014; FOUO, GFX, SPA)
- Elements of Attacks (22 JULY 2014; FOUO, GFX, SPA)

Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

- Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS): Recognizing Malicious Modification (16 SEPT 2020; UNC, GFX)
- Weaponization of UAS (15 DEC 2016; FOUO, TXT)
- UAS Rules of Operation (23 AUG 2016; FOUO, GFX)
- UAS at Mass Gatherings (12 NOV 2014; FOUO, GFX, SPA)

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TXT:	Text-based (8.5" x 14" or 8.5" x 11")
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Attention Retailers

Knowing which items in your store can be used to make homemade explosives and recognizing suspicious behaviors can help prevent bombing incidents.

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Recognize products
within your inventory that could be used to make bombs

A

Ask for customer I.D.
and note suspicious purchases

C

Check your inventory
and report missing or stolen products

K

Know your customers
and report suspicious purchases or behaviors

Keeping Our Community Safe is Everyone's Concern

DEFEND TODAY. SECURE TOMORROW.

BMAP
BOMB-MAKING MATERIALS AWARENESS PROGRAM

Are you aware of suspicious activity?

Follow your instincts! If it appears unusual, report it!

Every detail can help prevent a bombing incident. Write down all the details you can, then call to report.

Physical Characteristics

- Name
- Facial Hair (Y/N)
- Gender
- Physical (Build) Description
- Height / Weight / Age
- Clothing Description
- Hair Color
- Scars / Marks / Tattoos

Incident Details

- Date and time of incident
- Conversation details
- Location and business type
- Other involved parties

Vehicle Information

- Make
- Model
- Type
- Color
- License Plate
- Unusual Characteristics

If you **see** something, **say** something®

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. Call 855-TELL-FBI (855-835-5324) or call local law enforcement.

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FBI seeking public's help identifying DC rioters

By Kenneth GargerJanuary 7, 2021 | 2:36am | Updated

#FBI is seeking info that will assist in identifying individuals who are actively instigating violence in Washington, DC. FBI is accepting tips & digital media depicting rioting & violence in the U.S. Capitol Building & surrounding area on January 6, 2021. https://t.co/3gwcYcehAG pic.twitter.com/RXtFscFjZr
— FBI Washington Field (@FBIWFO) January 7, 2021

The FBI is seeking the public's help identifying the rioters who barged into the Capitol building on Wednesday.

The federal agency said in a statement that it is looking for footage from the chaos that left a trail of destruction and sent lawmakers into lockdown.

"If you have witnessed unlawful violent actions, we urge you to submit any information, photos, or videos that could be relevant at fbi.gov/USCapitol," the FBI said.

As of late Wednesday, 52 people were arrested in connection to the riots, according to Metropolitan DC Police Chief Robert Contee.

Much of the destruction was captured on camera, including acts of vandalism and theft, and has since been published by media outlets.

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NOAA WEATHER OUTLOOK
Today through Saturday

Today: Thursday, January 07, 2021

The Pacific Northwest will experience a break in the precipitation for much of today as the associated frontal system dissipates.

- **Meanwhile, a batch of light snow will move across the northern Rockies into the northern High Plains today due to a lingering wave of low pressure along a weak front.**
- **This system will become diffused on Friday as moderate to heavy precipitation pushes onshore once again across the Pacific Northwest ahead of an active cold front.**
- **A couple of inches of rain can be expected along the Coastal Ranges of northern California.**
- **Meanwhile, 6 to 12 inches of snowfall is forecast for the higher elevations of the Olympic and Cascade Ranges.**
- **This round of precipitation is forecast to taper off Friday night as the associated moisture spreads rapidly inland, bringing another period of light snow through the northern Rockies Friday night and into the central Rockies by early on Saturday.**

In the meantime, a low-pressure system will be traversing the Deep South, the Southeast and the Mid-Atlantic through early on Saturday.

- **This system will spread showers and thunderstorms steadily from west to east through these areas, with embedded severe thunderstorms possible near the Gulf Coast.**
- **In addition, some of these storms may cause localized areas of heavy rain this morning across eastern Texas into Louisiana.**
- **Wet snow is also expected on the northern periphery of the precipitation shield especially across the southern Appalachians early on Friday where a few inches of accumulation is forecast.**
- **The system will then bring a mix of snow and rain across the Mid-Atlantic on Friday into Friday night before moving out to sea on Saturday.**

Tomorrow: Friday, January 08, 2021

The above mentioned area of low pressure center moving across the South will slide off the Southeast Coast with a secondary low forming over eastern Georgia..

- **A cold front will stretch south from it cutting across the southern tip of Florida.**
- **Rain showers will develop along the coast from New Jersey to South Carolina and across eastern Georgia and the southern tip of Florida.**
- **Mixed wintry precipitation will be found across parts of the southern Appalachians, portions of the Carolinas and southern West Virginia/Virginia and the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay.**

Fair and dry weather on tap for the Mississippi Valley, southern Plains, Great Lakes, parts of the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.

An area of low pressure will move into the Dakotas.

- **Snow expected across the northern Great Plains.**

Elsewhere, a cold front will push into West Coast.

- **Rain will expected along the coast from Vancouver Island to San Francisco.**
- **Rain and higher elevation will be found inland across the interior Northwest and northern Sierras.**
- **Snow expected for the northern Cascades, northern Washington, the Intermountain Northwest and northern Great Basin.**

Day 3: Saturday, January 09, 2021

Low pressure will move away from the Southeast Coast well off into the west Atlantic.

- **Fair and dry weather expected from the Mississippi River east to the East Coast.**
- **The only exception will be a few lone rain showers in the vicinity of Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.**

Several weather systems will push across the Rockies, Four Corners and southern Plains.

- **Rain and thunderstorms will develop across portions of south Texas.**
- **Mixed wintry precipitation possible for the remainder of Texas, eastern New Mexico and western Oklahoma.**
- **Snow on tap for the Rockies and sections of the northern Plains.**

Elsewhere, rain will continue along the West Coast from northern California to Vancouver Island.

- **Rain and higher elevation snow expected for the Cascades and Olympic Ranges.**

Severe Weather Outlooks

Today: Thursday, January 07, 2021

There will be a marginal risk of severe thunderstorms for areas south of the Mississippi, Alabama Florida Panhandle coasts and the western Florida coast.

-- Some of the larger population centers in the risk area are:

Day 1 Risk	Area (sq. mi.)	Area Pop.	Some Larger Population Centers in Risk Area
MARGINAL	8,853	4,331,141	Tampa, FL...St. Petersburg, FL...Cape Coral, FL...Clearwater, FL...Brandon, FL...

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Tomorrow: Friday, January 08, 2021

Organized areas of severe thunderstorms not expected.

-- Some of the larger population centers in the risk area are:

Day 2 Risk	Area (sq. mi.)	Area Pop.	Some Larger Population Centers in Risk Area
No Risk Areas Forecast			

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Day 3: Saturday, January 09, 2021

Organized areas of severe thunderstorms not expected.

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Day 3 Risk	Area (sq. mi.)	Area Pop.	Some Larger Population Centers in Risk Area
No Risk Areas Forecast			

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Fire Weather Outlooks

Today: Thursday, January 07, 2021

Critical and Elevated fire weather conditions not expected.

-- Some of the larger population centers in the risk area are:

Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook

Risk	Area (sq. mi.)	Area Pop.	Some Larger Population Centers in Risk Area
No Risk Areas Forecast			

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Tomorrow: Friday, January 08, 2021

Critical and Elevated fire weather conditions not expected.

-- Some of the larger population centers in the risk area are:

Day 2 Fire Weather Outlook

Risk	Area (sq. mi.)	Area Pop.	Some Larger Population Centers in Risk Area
No Risk Areas Forecast			

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WASHINGTON DC WEATHER FORECAST
Sunrise: 7:27am Sunset: 5:03pm
Normal High: 43 Normal Low: 29
Record High: 76 (1907) Record Low: 5 (1884)
Yesterday's High/Low Temperatures: 44/37

Today: Sunny, with a high near 42. Northwest wind 7 to 9 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. Northwest wind around 6 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 39. North wind 3 to 6 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. North wind 6 to 8 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. North wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 43.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42.

FORECAST FOR BLUEMONT VA

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37. Northwest wind 9 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. North wind 8 to 10 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 33. North wind 6 to 8 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. North wind 9 to 13 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38. North wind 11 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 39.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37.

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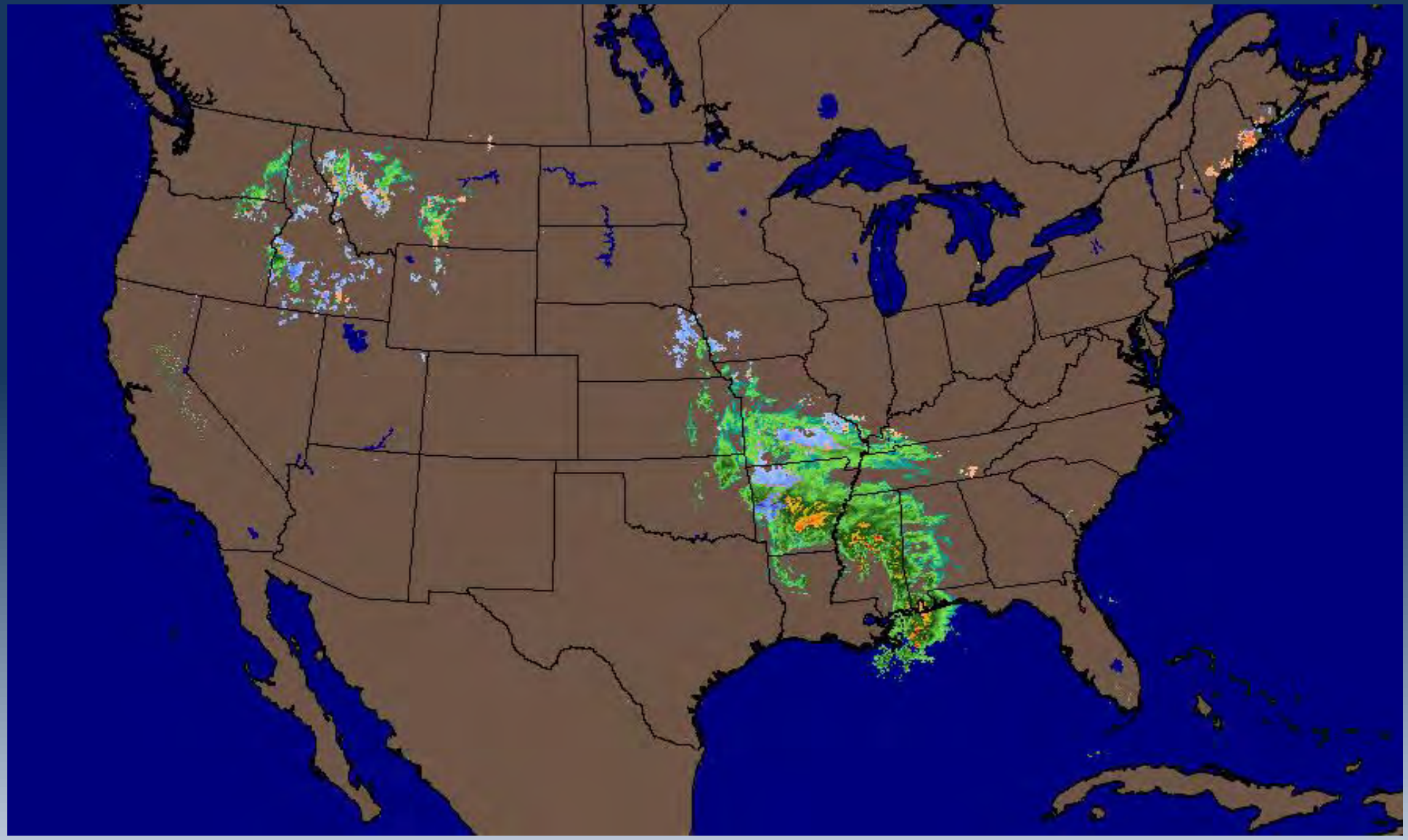

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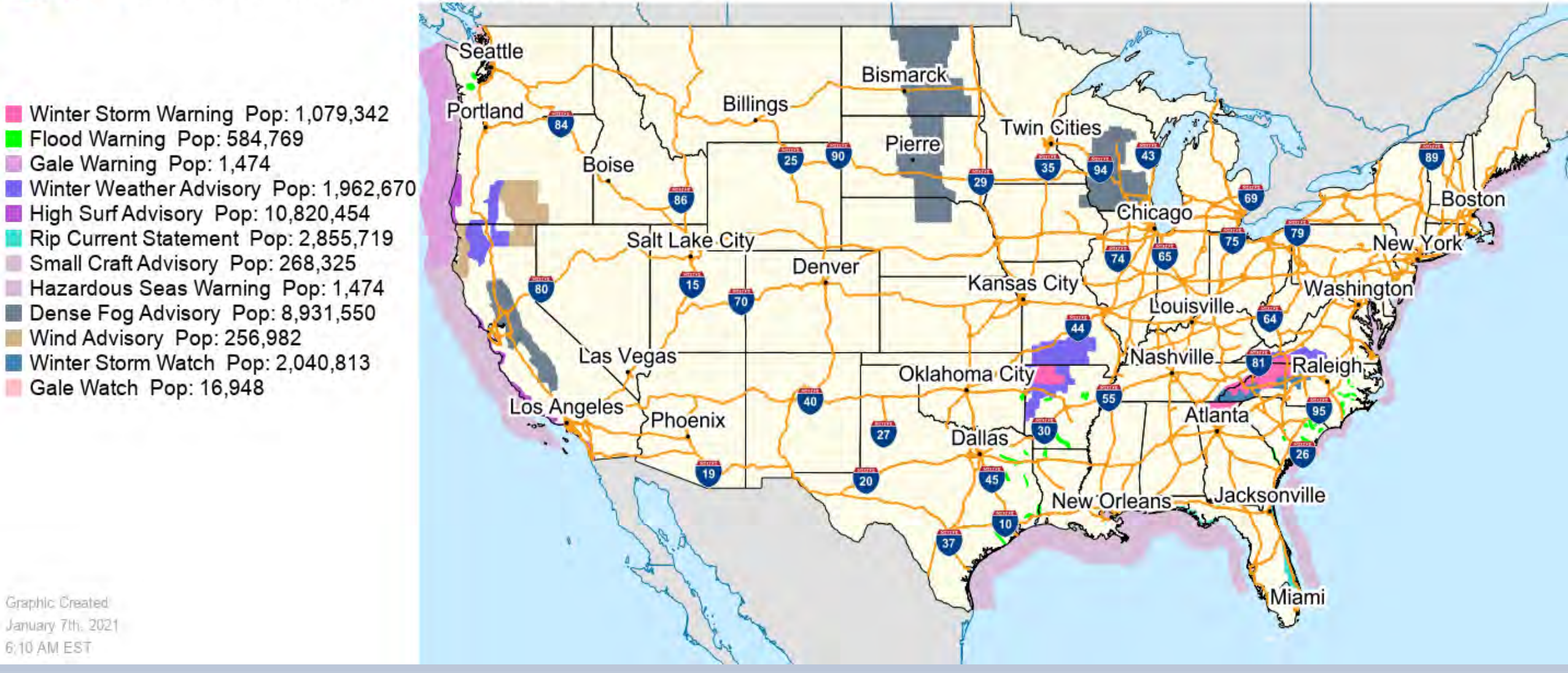

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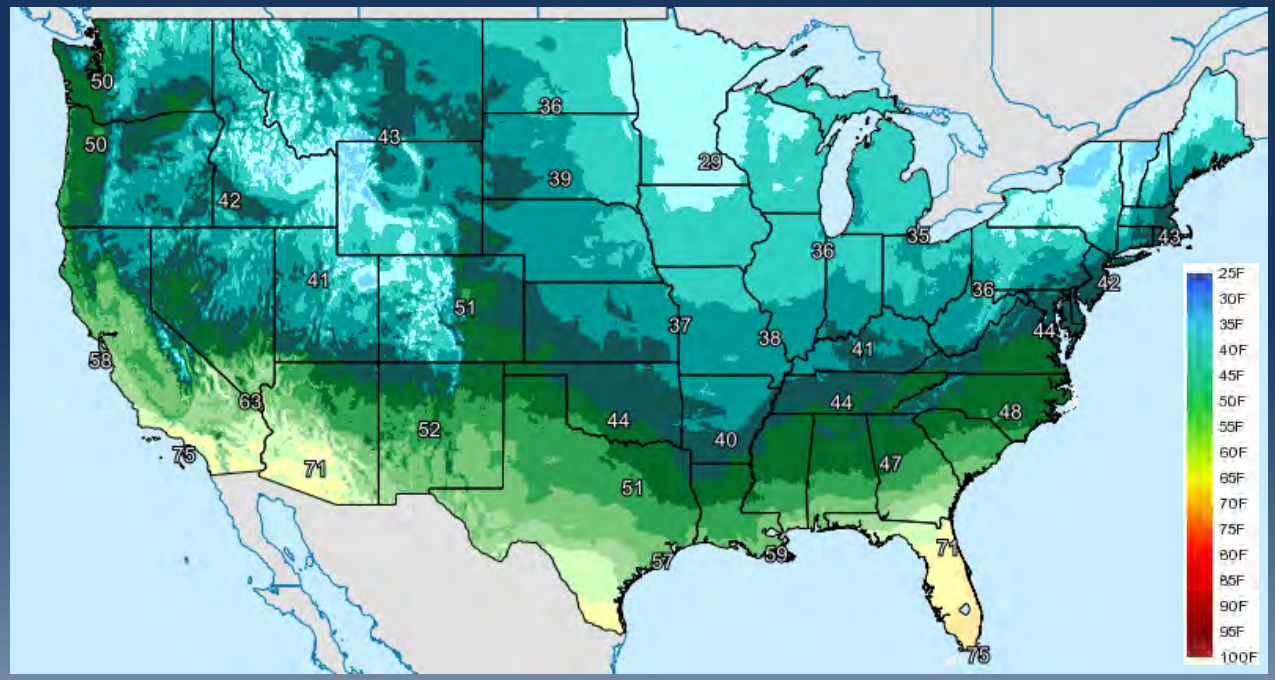

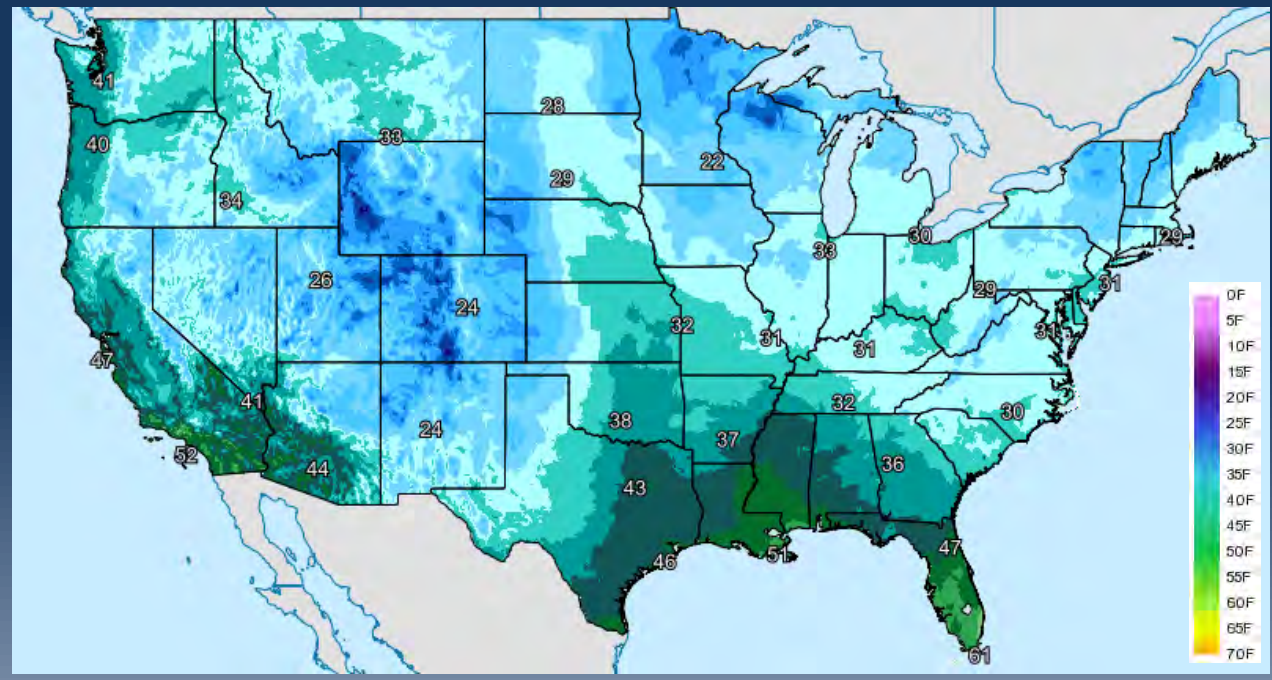

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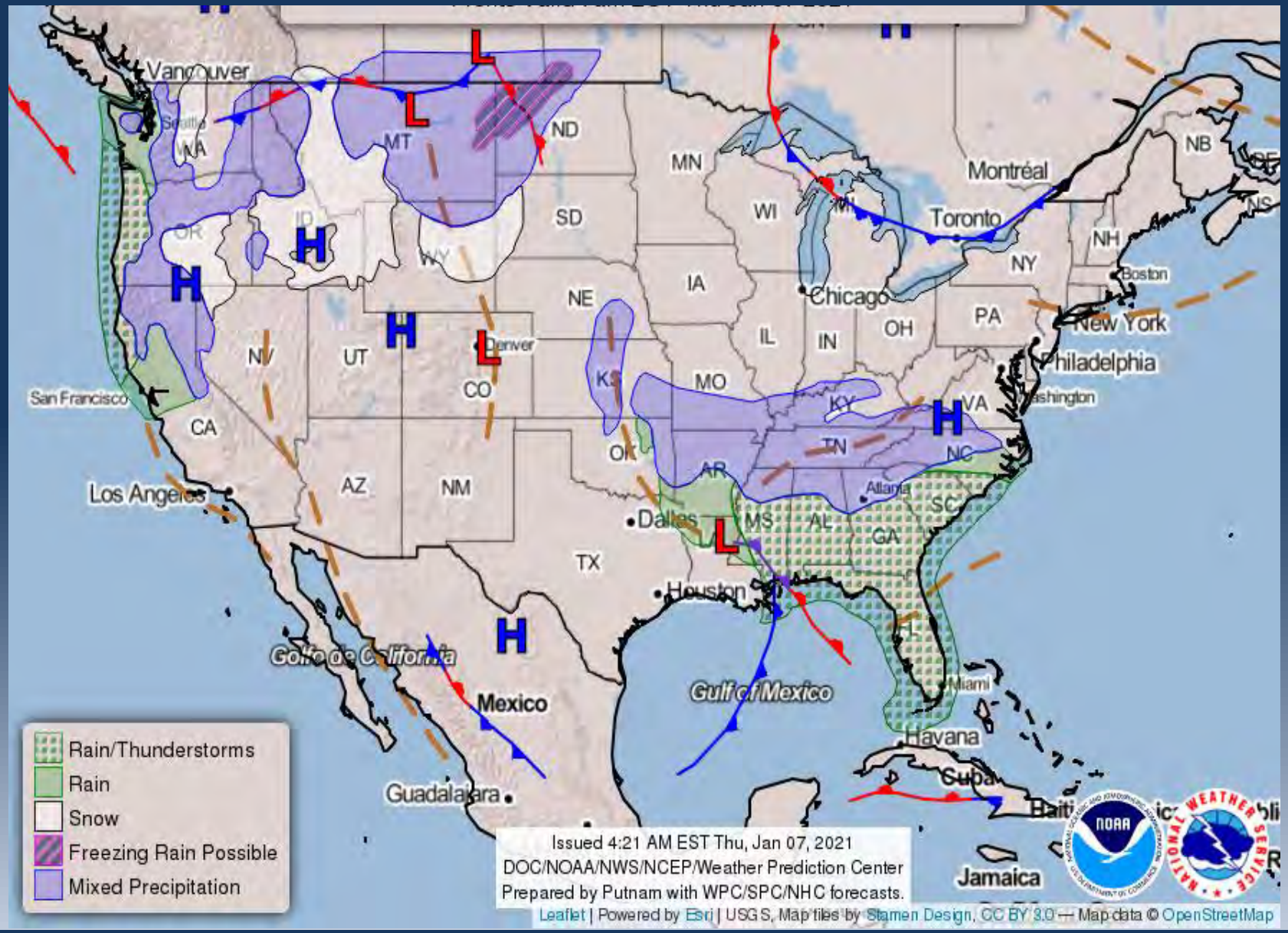

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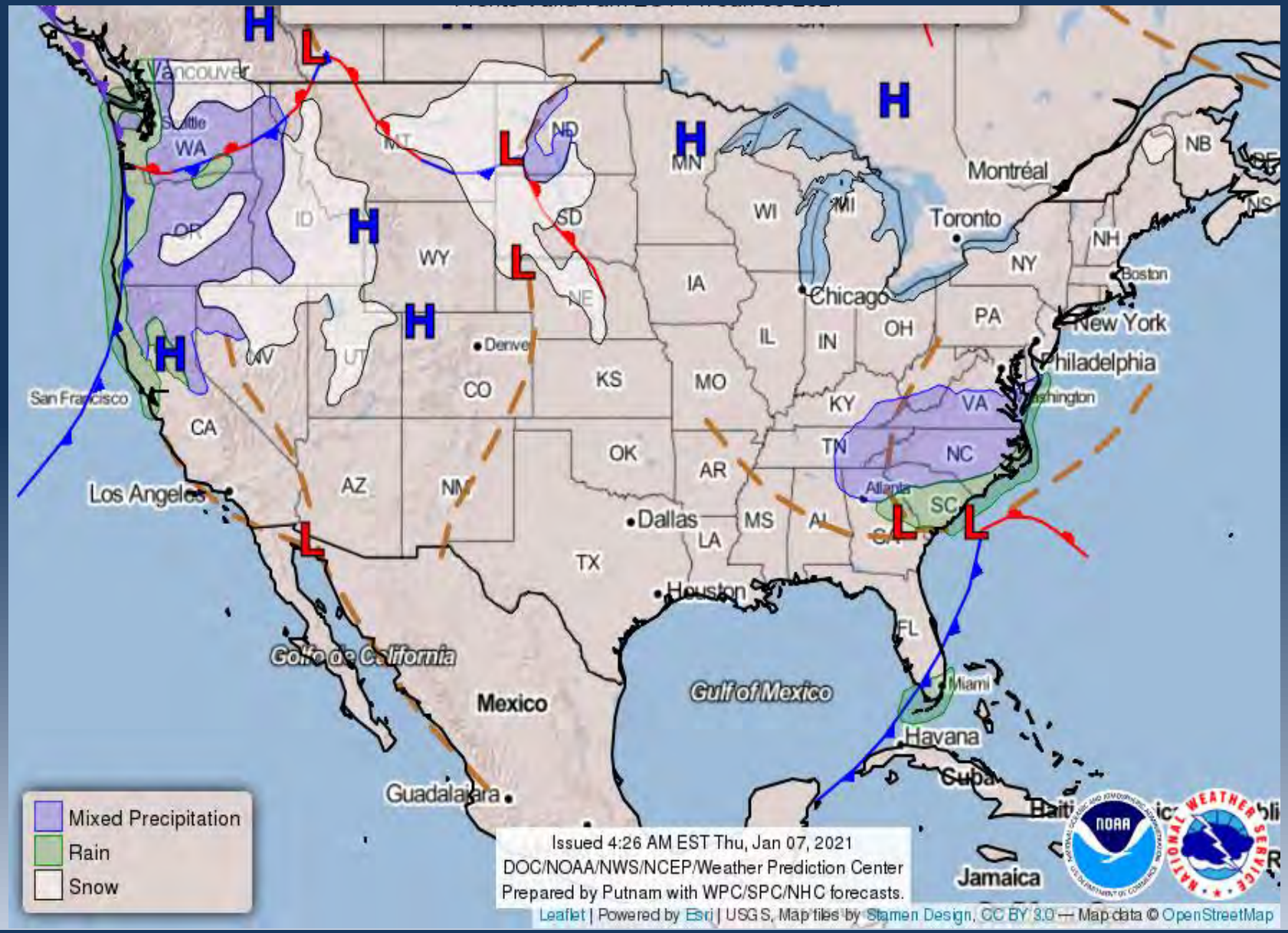

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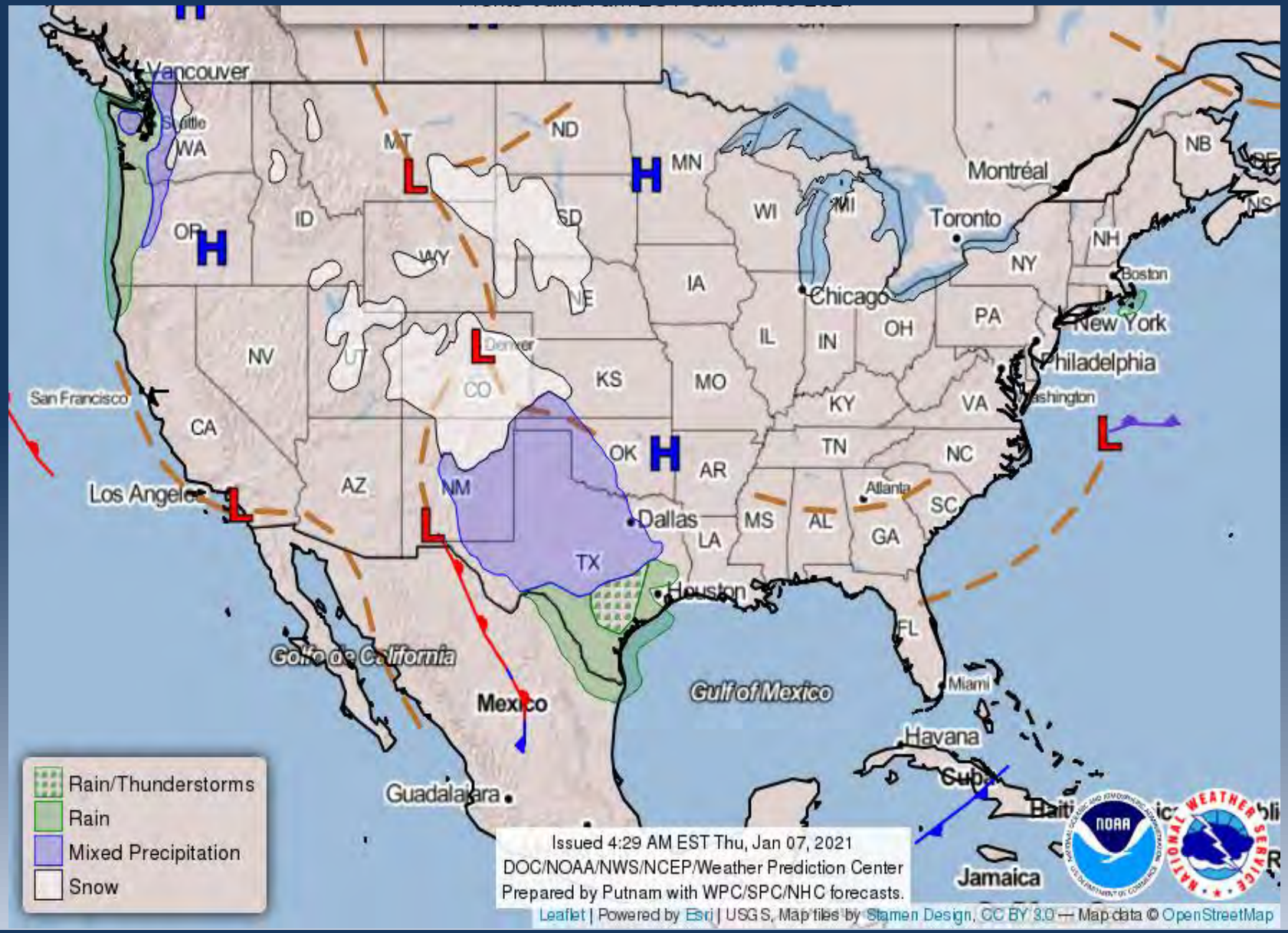

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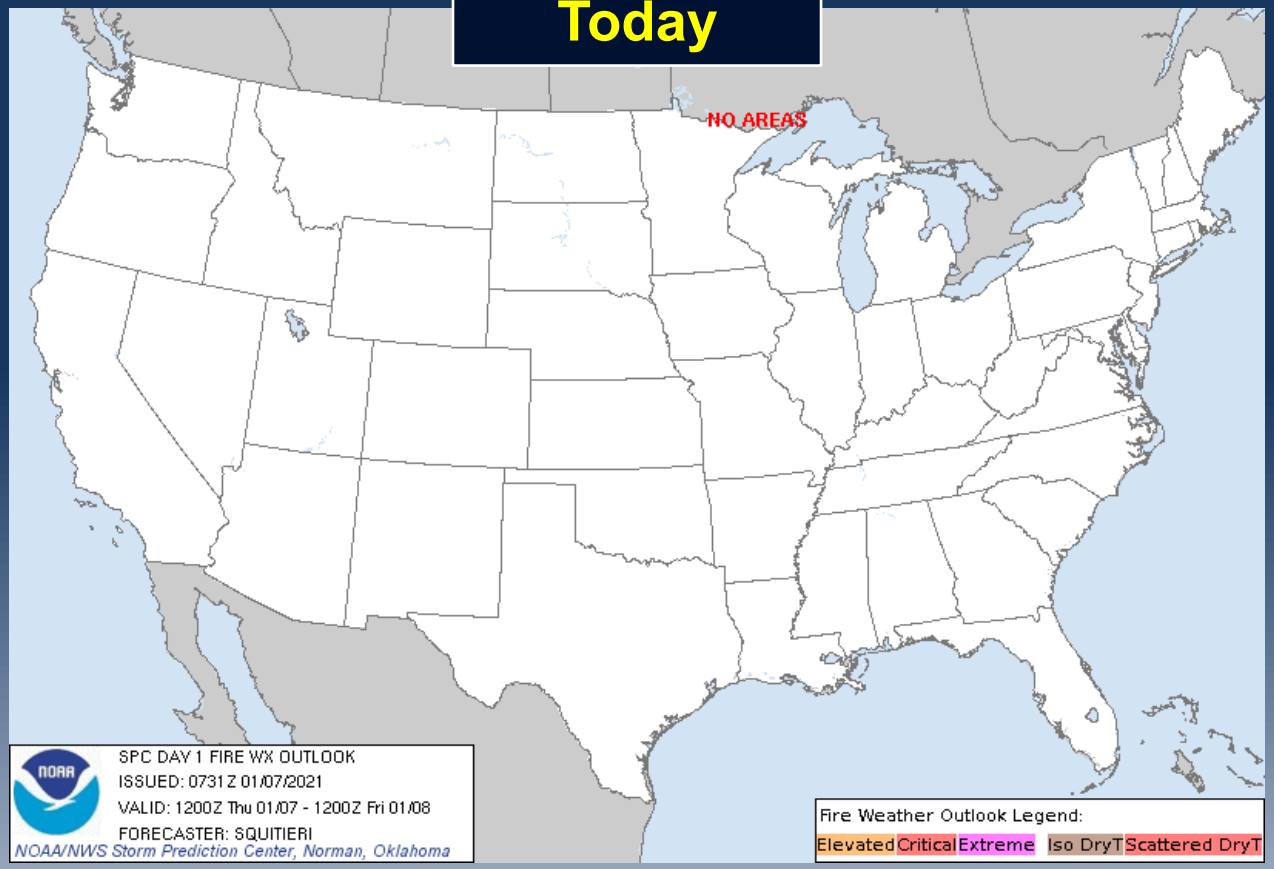

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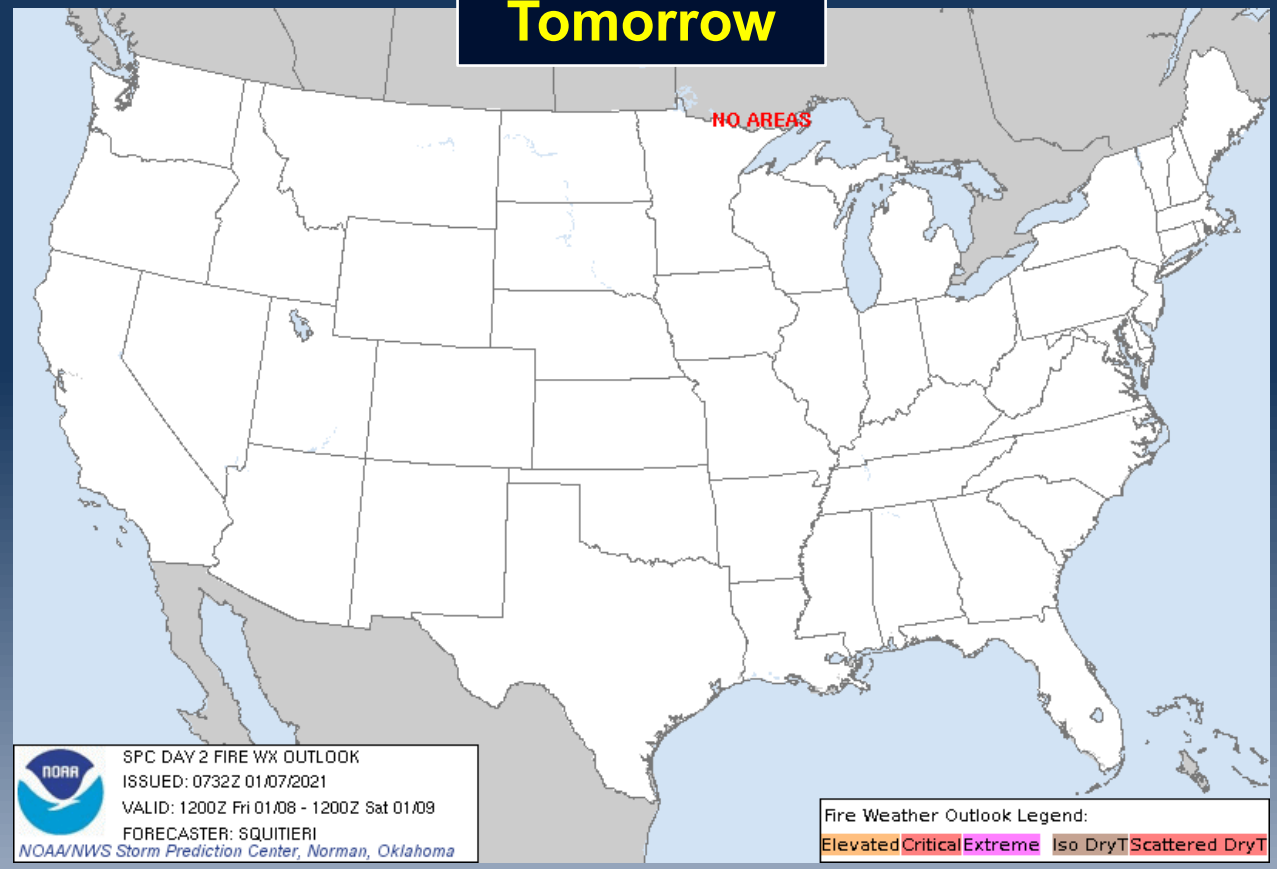

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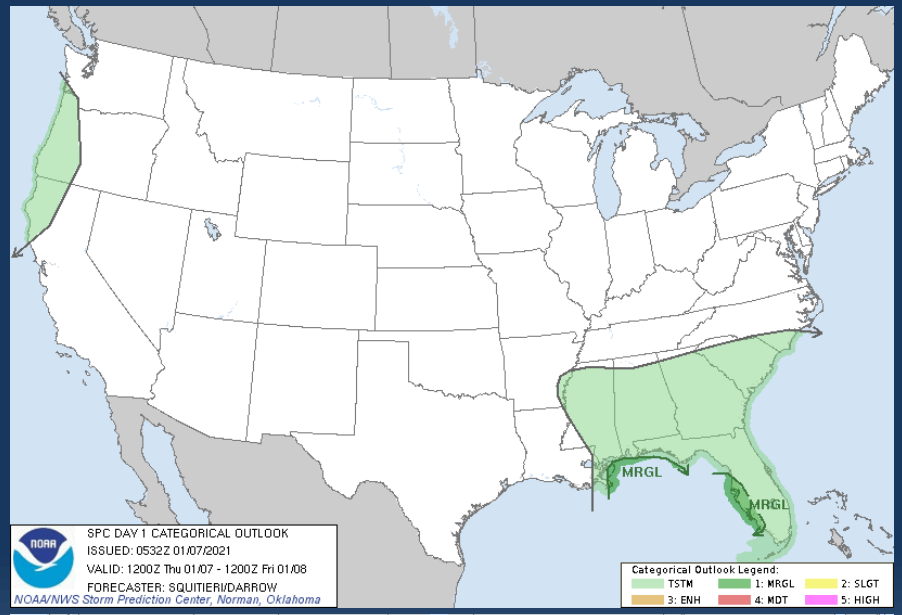
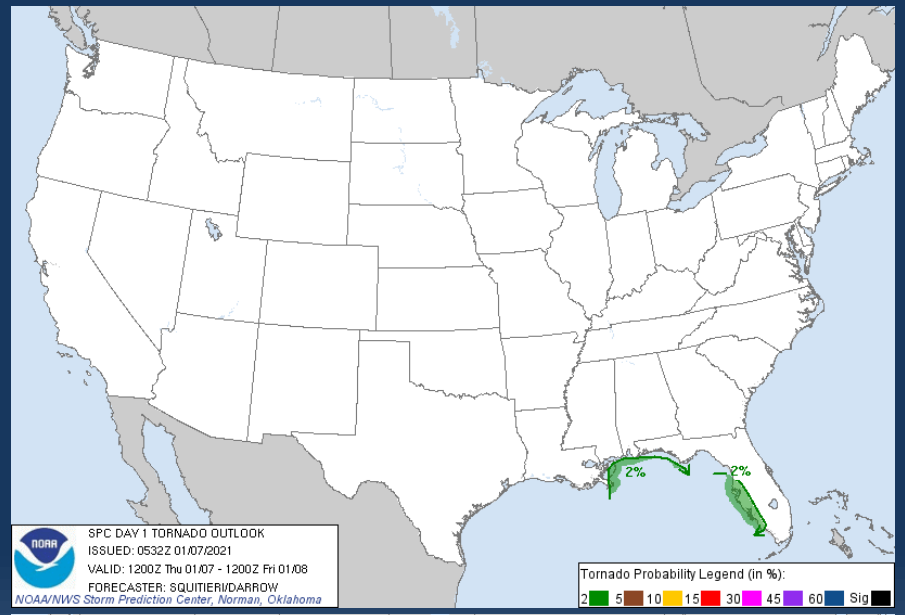
Today's Convective Outlooks

Categorical

- Thunderstorms
- Marginal Risk
- Slight Risk
- Enhanced Risk
- Moderate Risk
- High Risk





Tornado

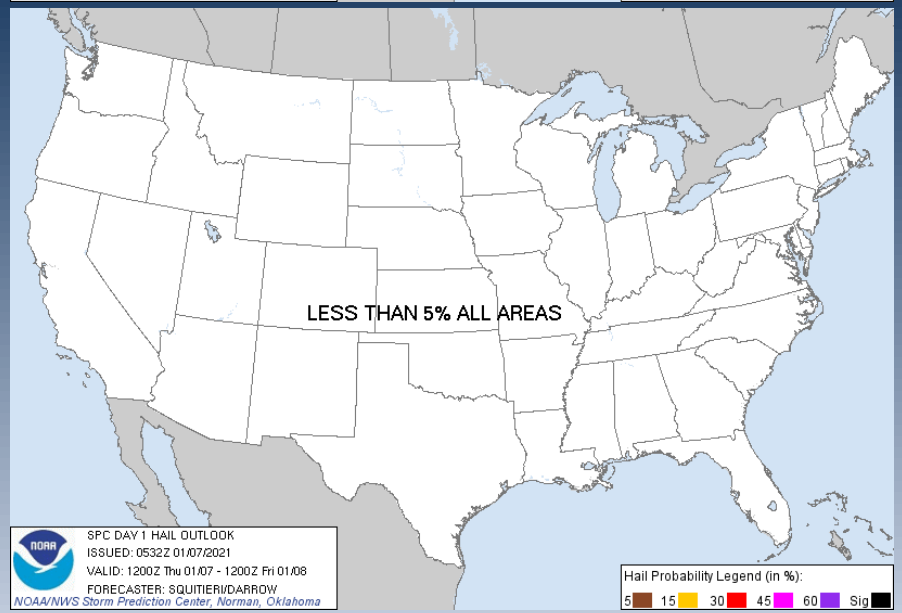
within 25 mi. of a point

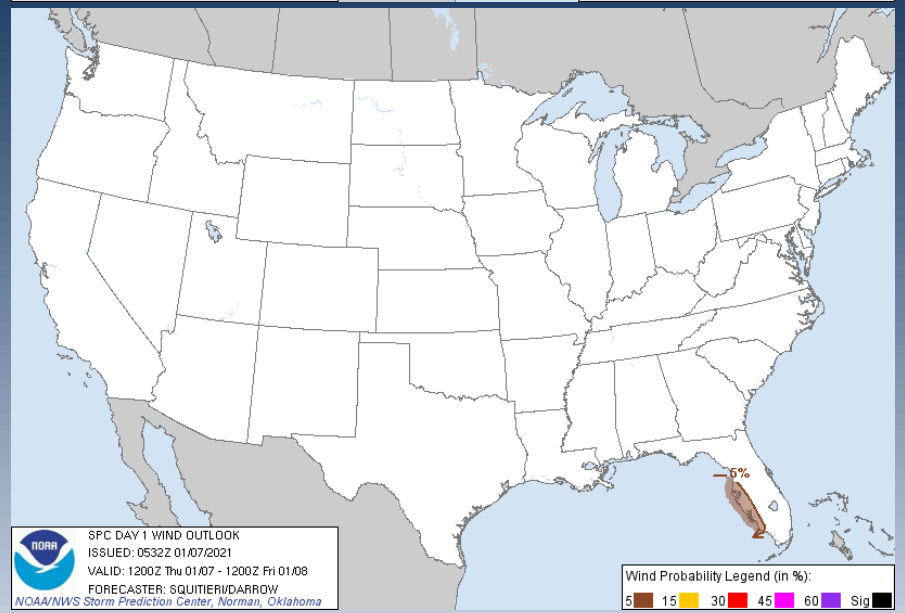
- 2% any tornado
- 5%
- 10%
- 15%
- 30%
- 45%
- 60%
- 10% EF2+ tornado

Large Hail

within 25 mi. of a point

- 5% 1+ inch dia.
- 15%
- 30%
- 45%
- 60%
- 10% 2+ inch dia.





Damaging Wind

within 25 mi. of a point

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- 15%
- 30%
- 45%
- 60%
- 10% 65+ kts

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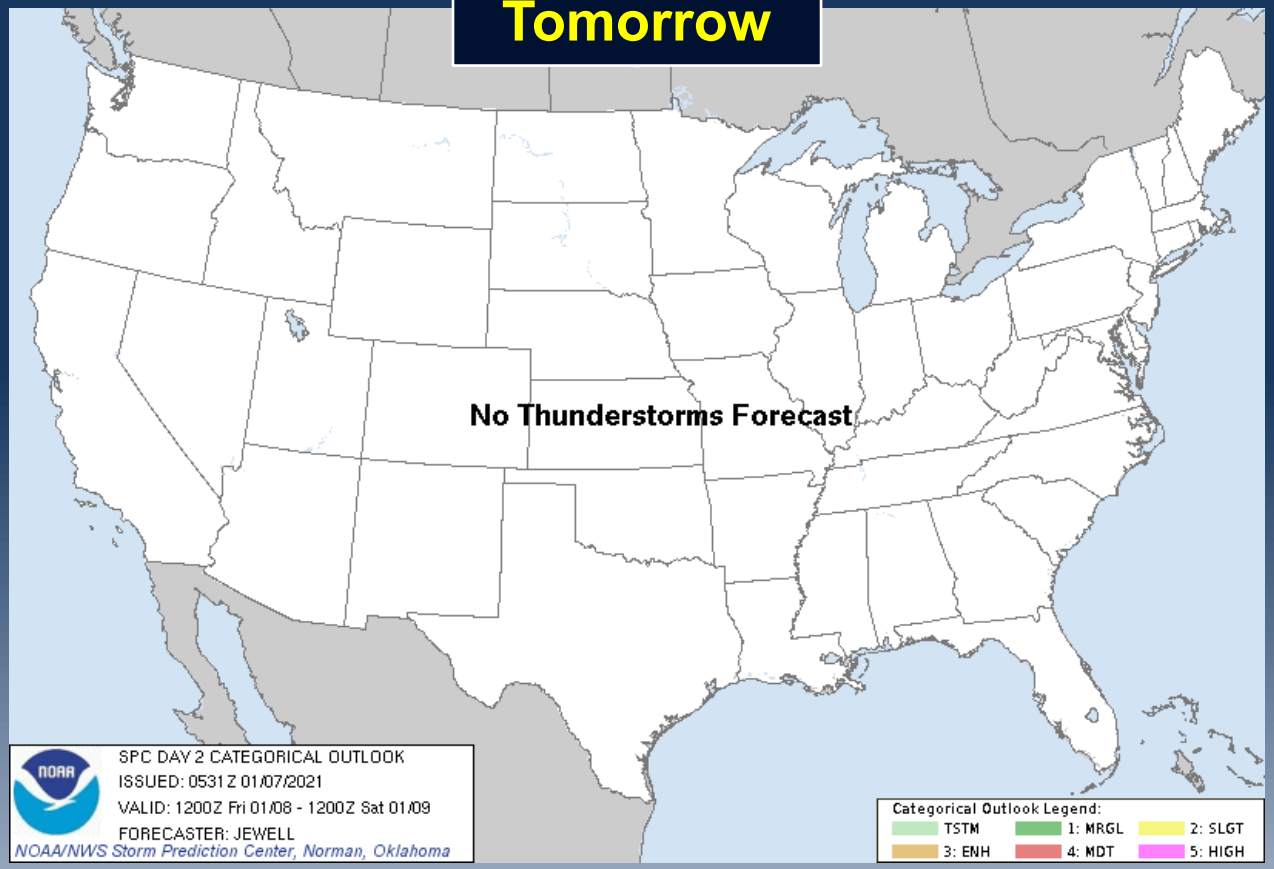

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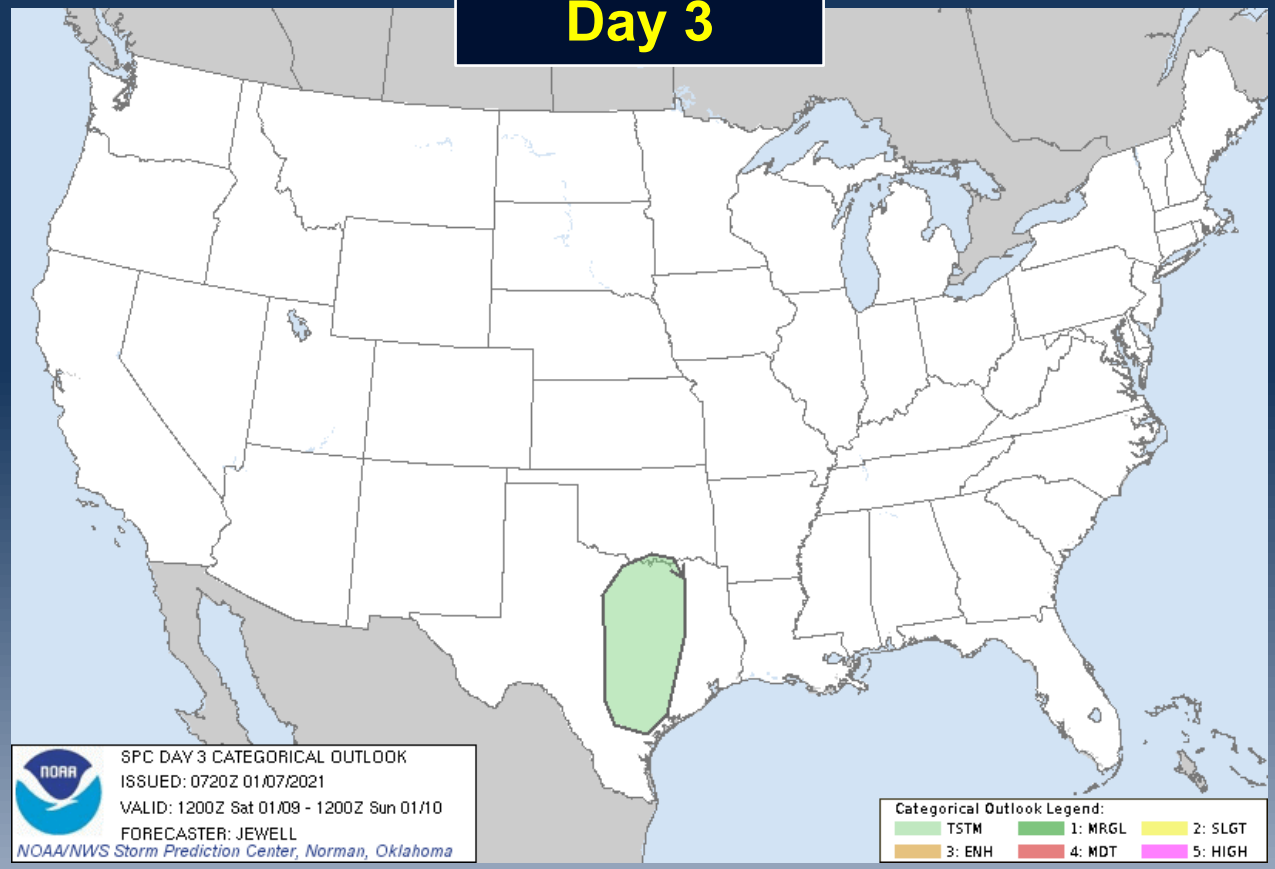

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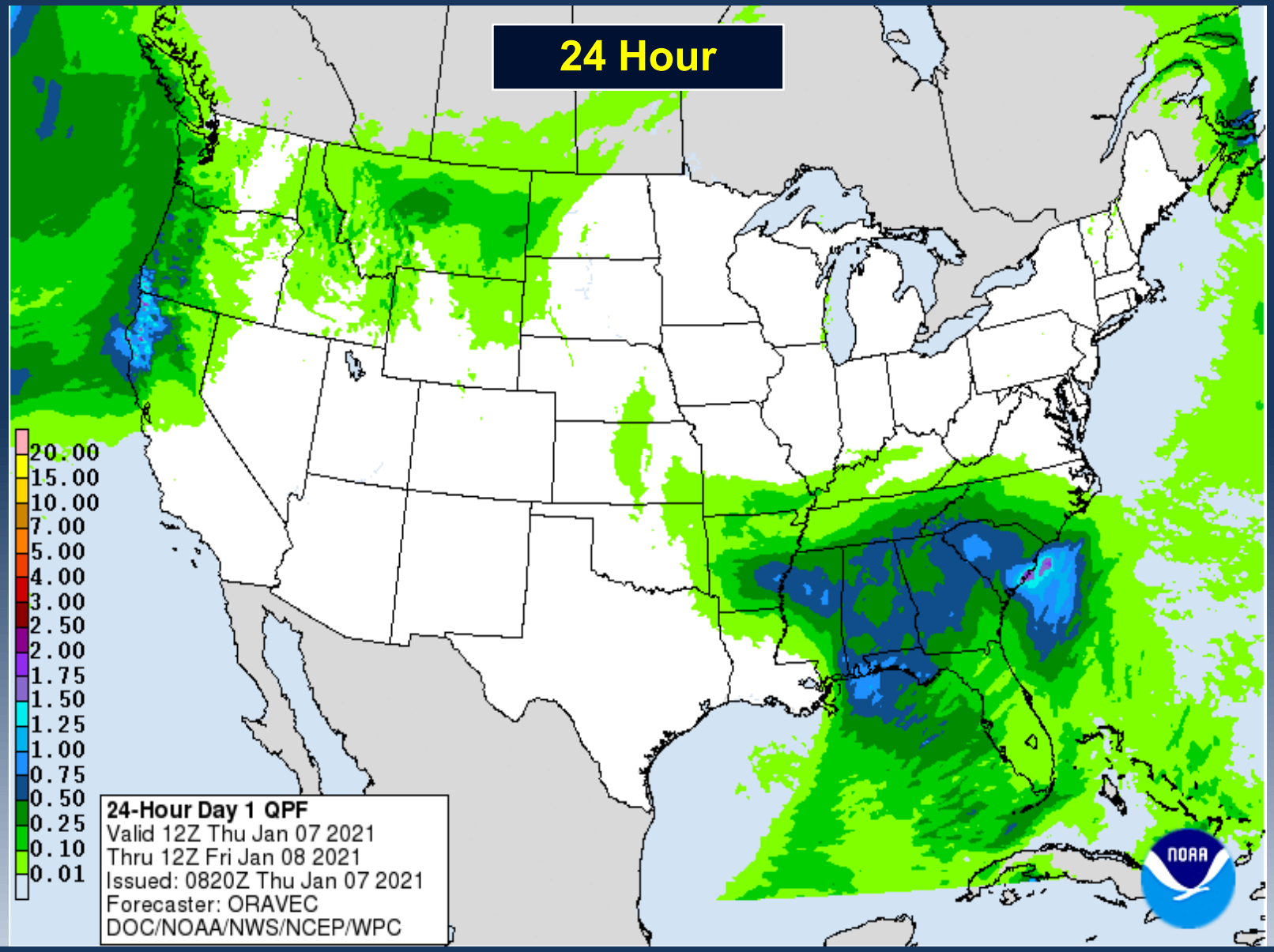

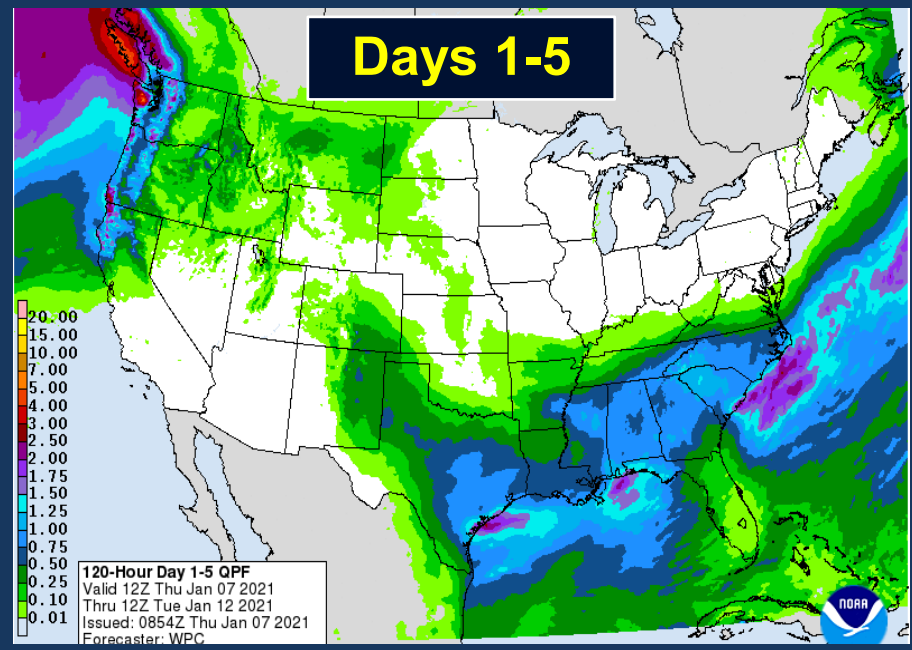

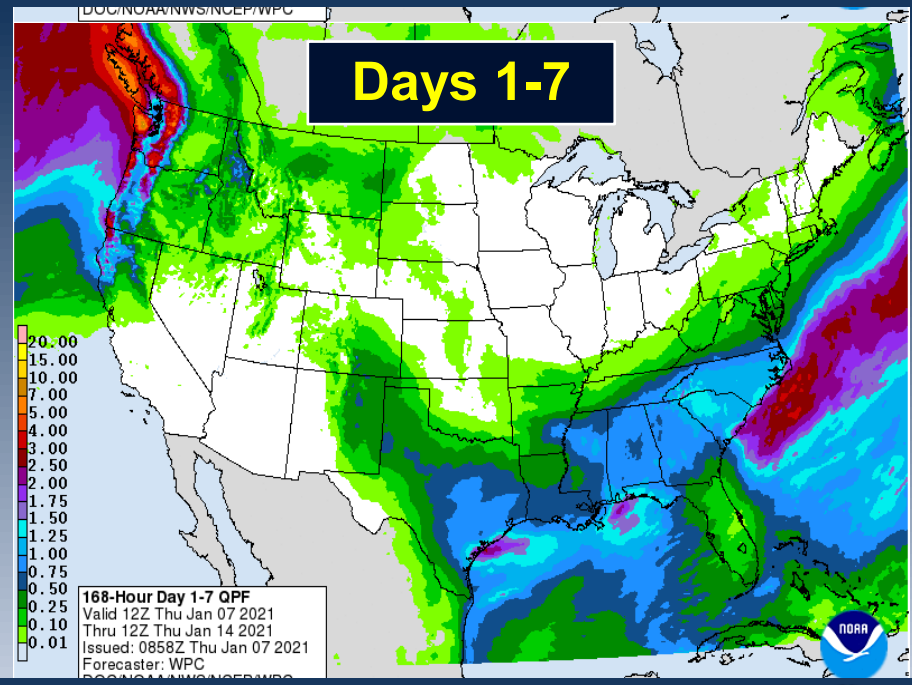

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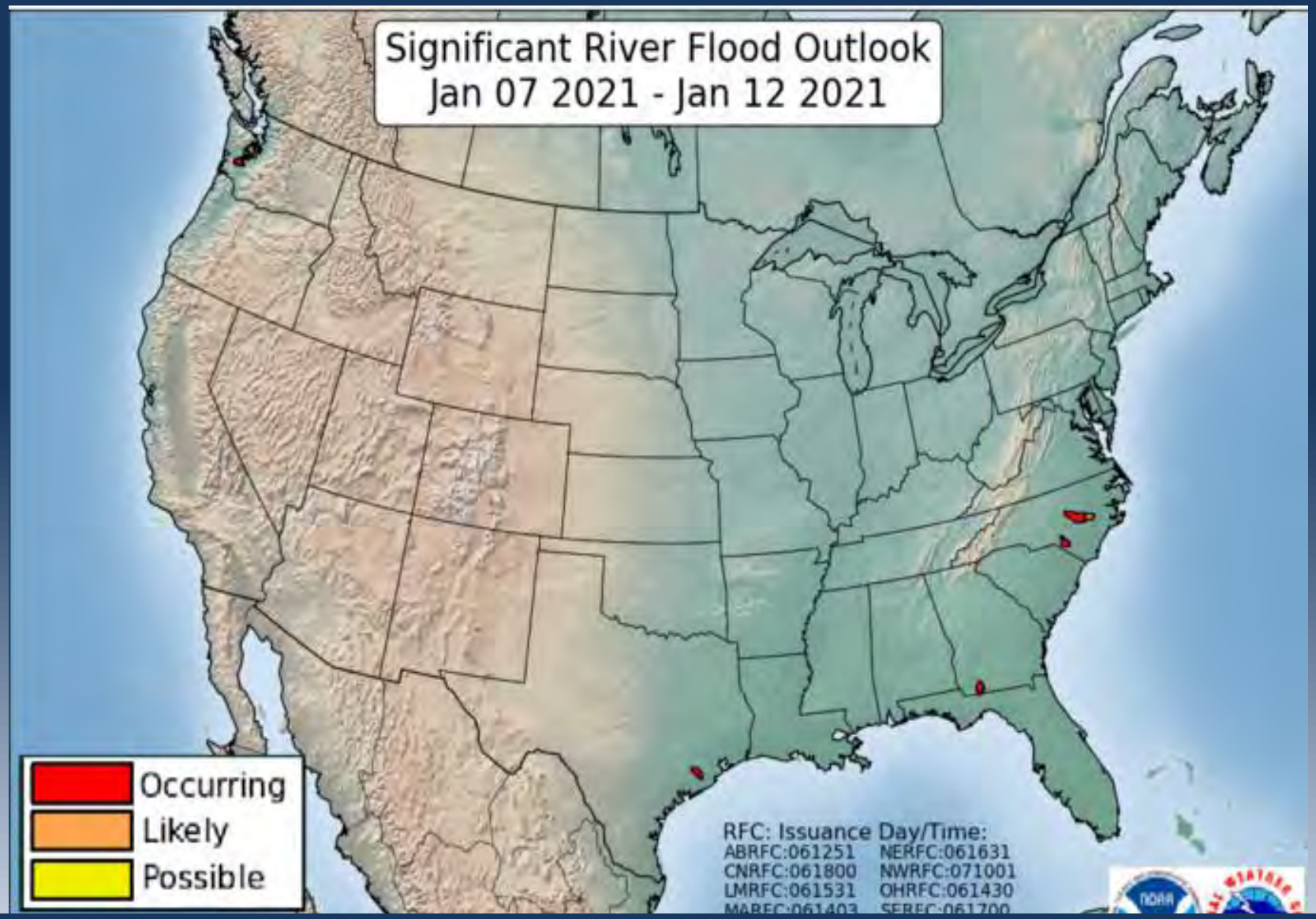

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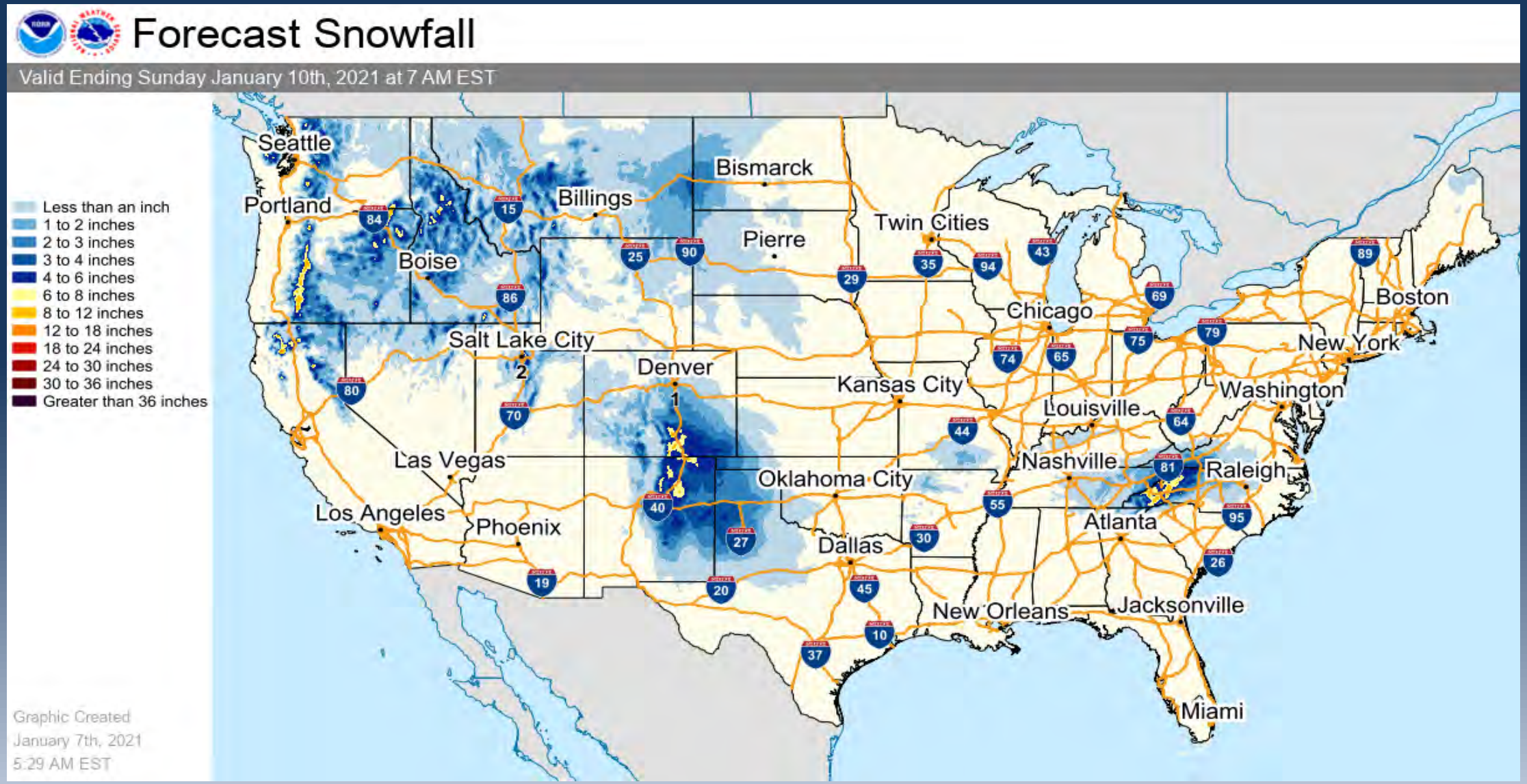

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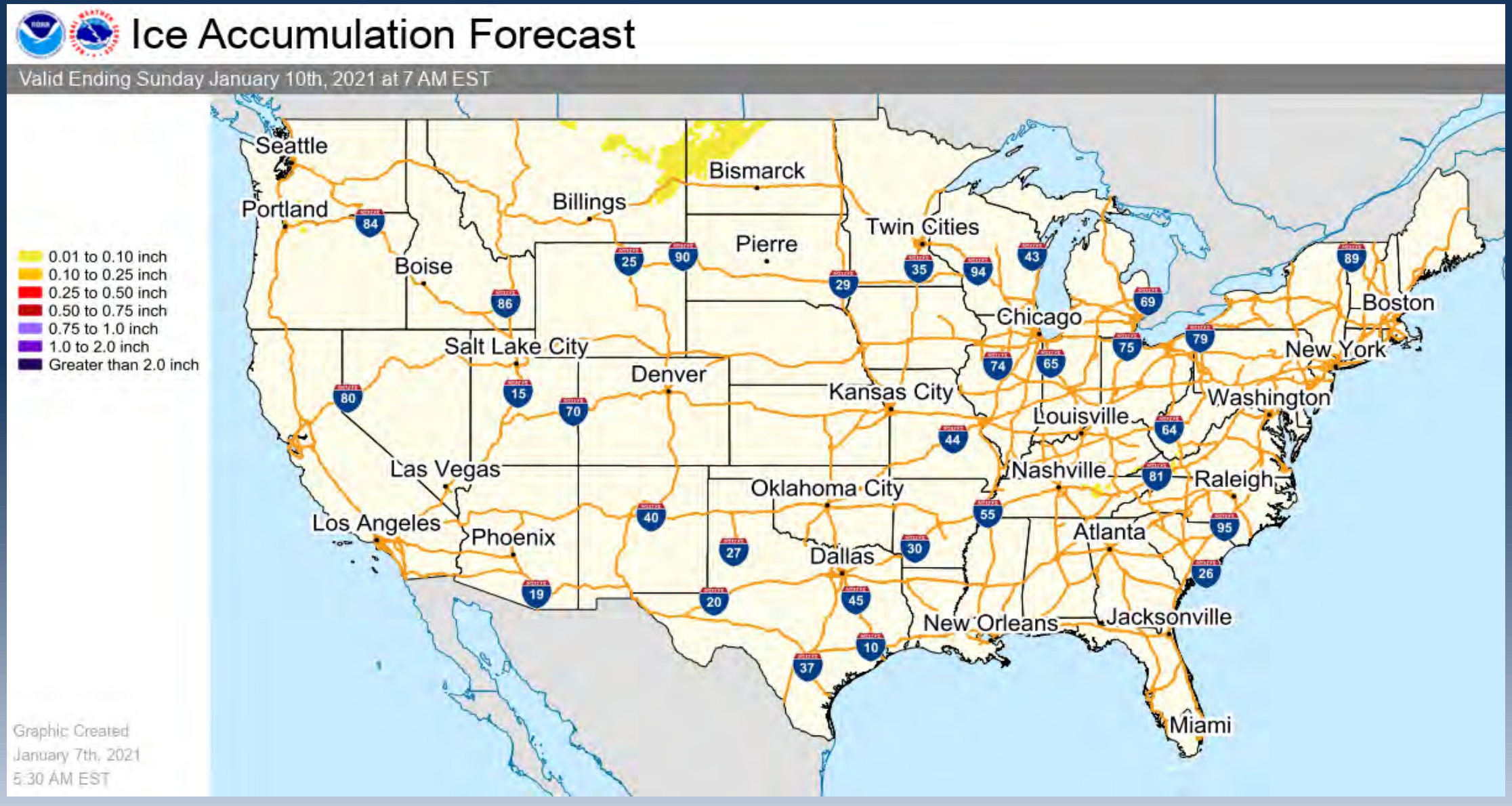

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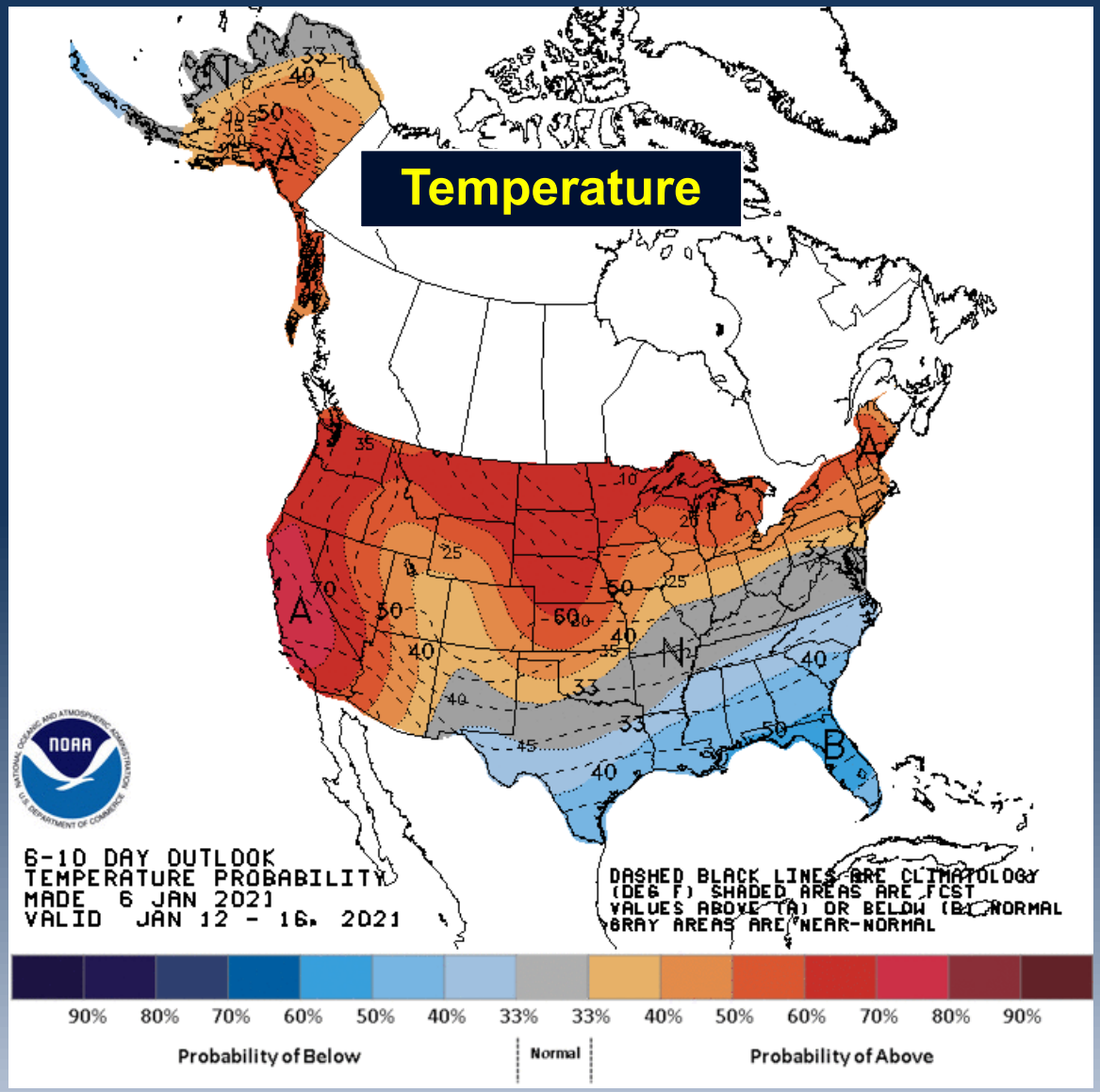

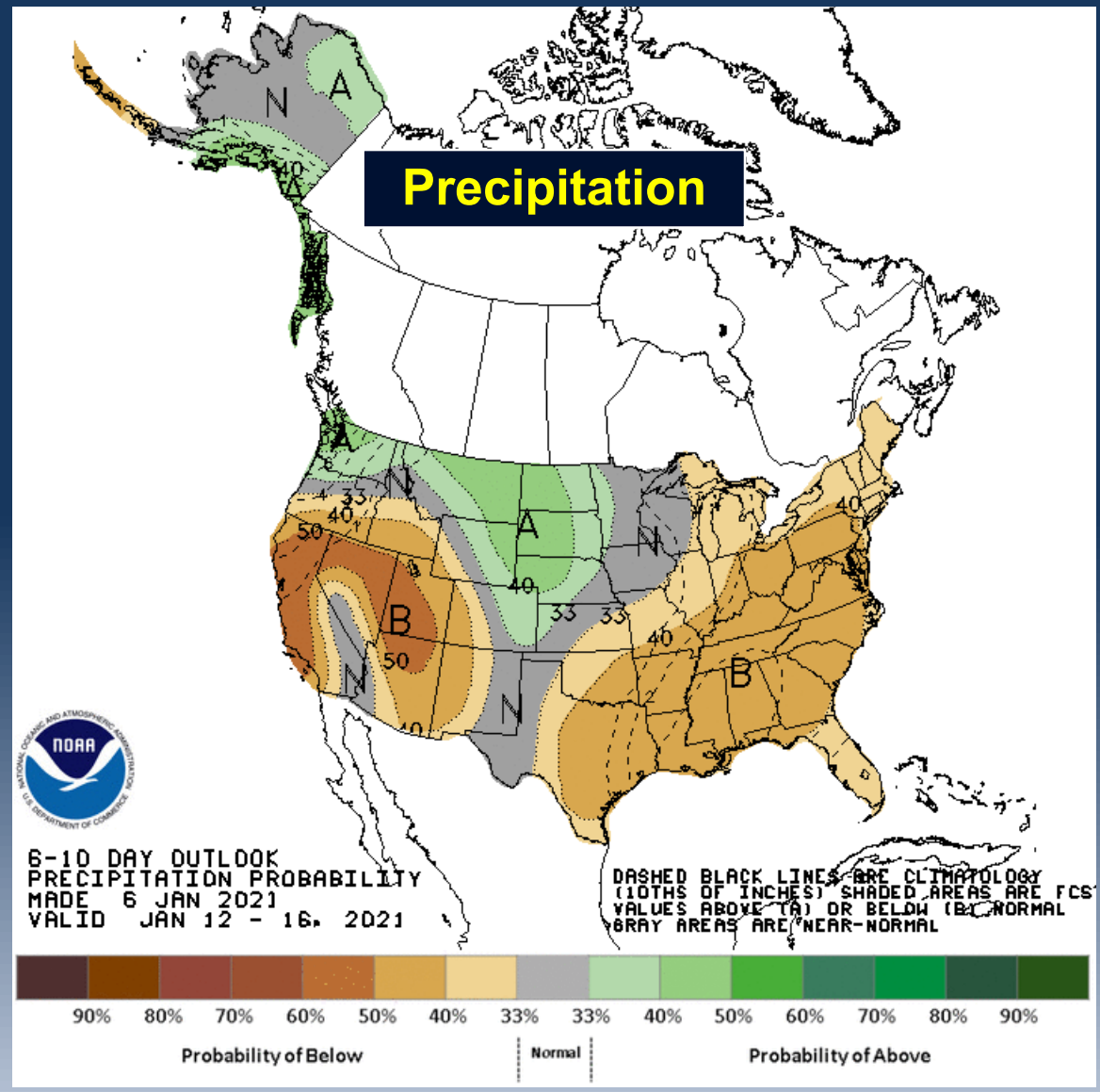

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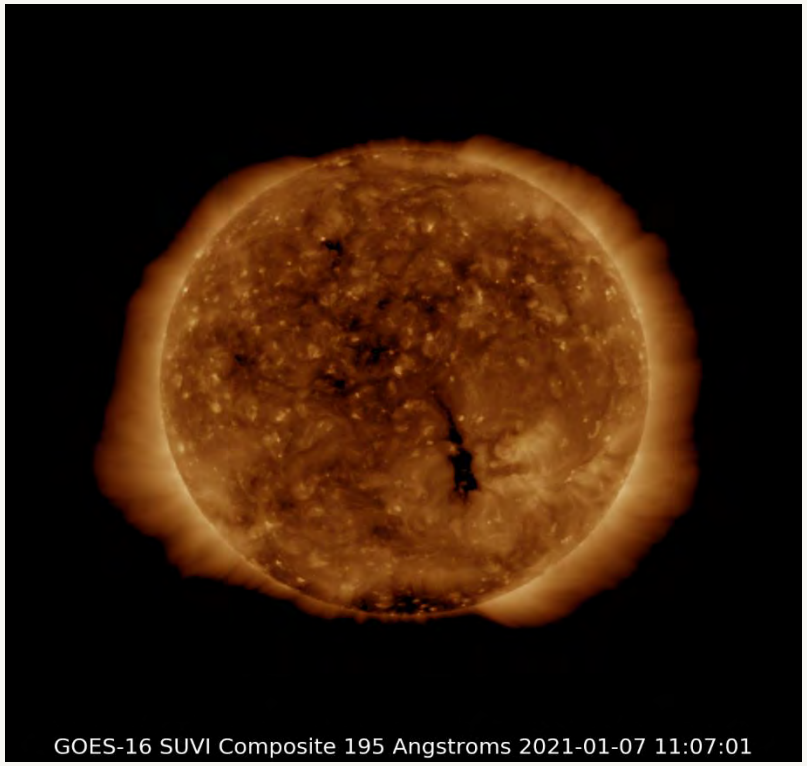

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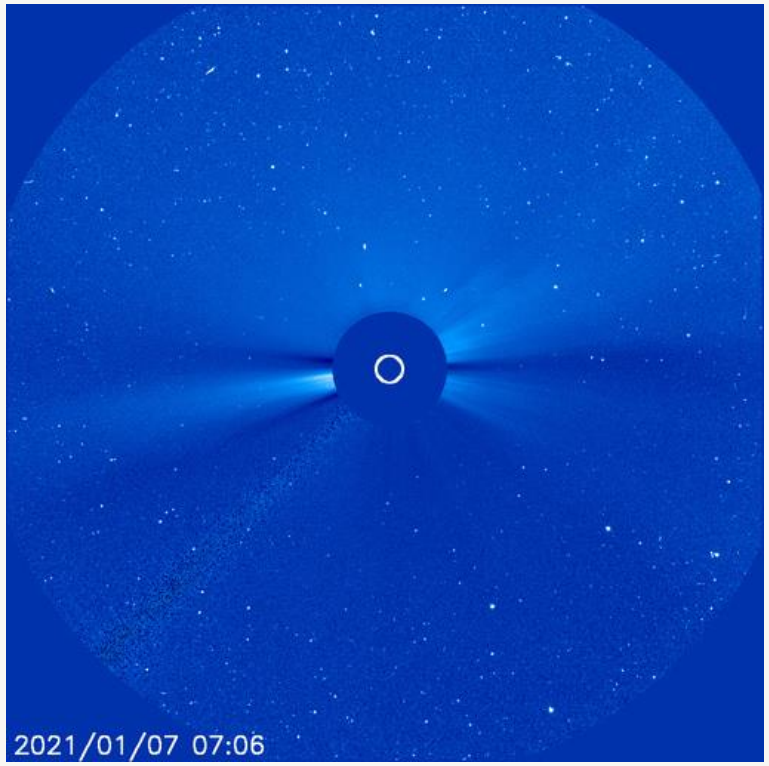

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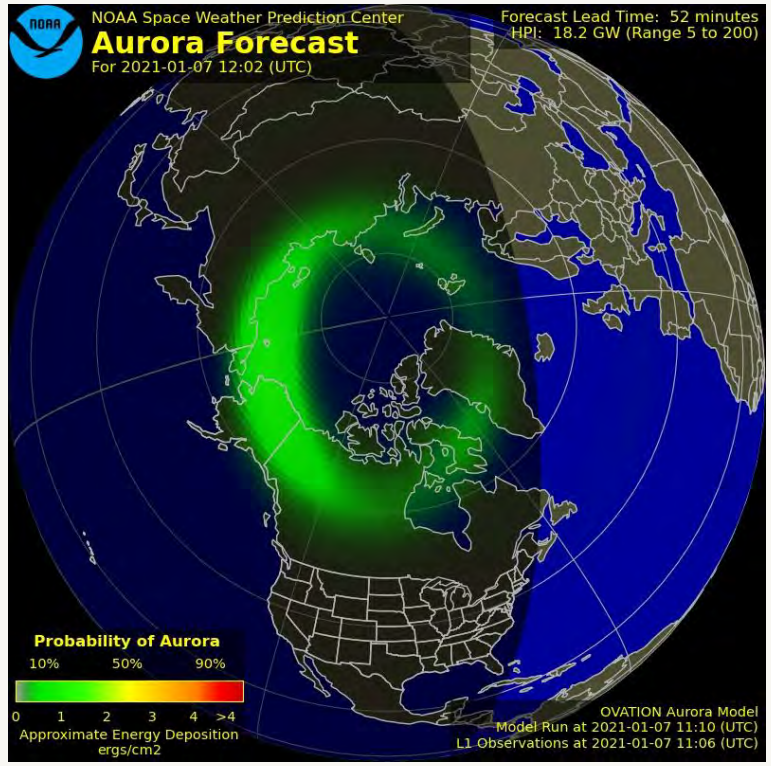

National Weather Service Forecast for Washington, DC

Sunrise: 7:27am Sunset: 5:03pm
Normal High: 43 Normal Low: 29
Record High: 76 (1907) Record Low: 5 (1884)
Yesterday's High/Low Temperatures: 44/37

Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 42 °F	Low: 29 °F	High: 39 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 42 °F	Low: 29 °F	High: 43 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 42 °F

Today: Sunny, with a high near 42. Northwest wind 7 to 9 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. Northwest wind around 6 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 39. North wind 3 to 6 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. North wind 6 to 8 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. North wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 43.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42.

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National Weather Service Forecast for Bluemont, VA

Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 37 °F	Low: 26 °F	High: 33 °F	Low: 27 °F	High: 38 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 39 °F	Low: 26 °F	High: 37 °F

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37. Northwest wind 9 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. North wind 8 to 10 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 33. North wind 6 to 8 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. North wind 9 to 13 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38. North wind 11 to 13 mph, with gusts as high as 21 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 39.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37.

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Rapid Sentinel Surveillance for COVID-19 - Santa Clara County, California, March 2020
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Detection of SARS-CoV-2 Among Residents and Staff Members of an Independent and Assisted Living Community for Older Adults --- Seattle, Washington, 2020
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Presymptomatic Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 - Singapore, January 23-March 16, 2020
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HHS Announces Upcoming Funding Action to Provide $186 Million for COVID-19 Response
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Snapshot of CDC Guidance for Homeless and Meal Service Providers for Emergency and Day Shelters
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Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Burn Rate Calculator
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Strategic Priority Infection Prevention and Control Activities for Non-US Healthcare Settings
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CDC Launches New Weekly COVID-19 Surveillance Report
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Prepare your Small Business and Employees for the Effects of COVID-19
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COVID-19-Related Phone Scams and Phishing Attacks
FRIDAY, APRIL 03, 2020

Preliminary Estimates of the Prevalence of Selected Underlying Health Conditions Among Patients with Coronavirus Disease 2019 - United States, February 12-March 28, 2020
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Asymptomatic and Presymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Infections in Residents of a Long-Term Care Skilled Nursing Facility - King County, Washington, March 2020
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CDC Issues Domestic Travel Advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut
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CDC Statement on Self-Quarantine Guidance for Greater New York City Transportation and Delivery Workers
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Public Health Responses to COVID-19 Outbreaks on Cruise Ships - Worldwide, February-March 2020
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Severe Outcomes Among Patients with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - United States, February 12-March 16, 2020
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COVID-19 in a Long-Term Care Facility - King County, Washington, February 27-March 9, 2020
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Florida Community Mitigation
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Related Materials
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Information for Clinicians on Therapeutic Options for COVID-19 Patients
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Steps Healthcare Facilities Can Take Now to Prepare for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
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Strategies to Allocate Ventilators from Stockpiles to Facilities
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Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities
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Tuberculosis - United States, 2019
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Global Epidemiology of Tuberculosis and Progress Toward Meeting Global Targets - Worldwide, 2018
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World TB Day - March 24, 2020
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Initial Investigation of Transmission of COVID-19 Among Crew Members During Quarantine of a Cruise Ship - Yokohama, Japan, February 2020
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Surveillance and Containment Measures for the First 100 Patients with COVID-19 in Singapore - January 2-February 29, 2020
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COVID-19 in a Long-Term Care Facility — King County, Washington, February 27–March 9, 2020
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Seattle-King, Pierce and Snohomish , Washington Community Mitigation
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New Rochelle, New York (Westchester County) Community Mitigation
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Santa Clara County, California Community Mitigation
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CDC Reports first known employee with COVID-19 Infection
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Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Surveillance and Containment Measures for the First 100 Patients with COVID-19 in Singapore — January 2–February 29, 2020
FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19
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Get Your Clinic Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
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Transcript - CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19
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Water Transmission and COVID-19
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19
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Updated Guidance on Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
SUNDAY, MARCH 08, 2020

COVID-19 and Cruise Ship Travel
SUNDAY, MARCH 08, 2020

Active Monitoring of Persons Exposed to Patients with Confirmed COVID-19 - United States, January-February 2020
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CDC Announces Additional COVID-19 Infections
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Transcript for the CDC Telebriefing Update on COVID-19
TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2020

Active Monitoring of Persons Exposed to Patients with Confirmed COVID-19 — United States, January–February 2020
TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2020

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MONDAY, MARCH 02, 2020

Public Health Communicators: Get Your Community Ready
SUNDAY, MARCH 01, 2020

CDC, Washington State Report First COVID-19 Death
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19
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CDC Announces Additional COVID-19 Presumptive Positive Cases
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Update: Public Health Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak -United States, February 24, 2020
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

CDC Confirms Possible Instance of Community Spread of COVID-19 in U.S.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

MMWR: Update: Public Health Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Outbreak— United States
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

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January 6, 2021

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The FBI is seeking information that will assist in identifying individuals who are actively instigating violence in Washington, D.C. The FBI is accepting tips and digital media depicting rioting and violence in the U.S. Capitol Building and surrounding area in Washington, D.C., on January 6, 2021.

If you have witnessed unlawful violent actions, we urge you to submit any information, photos, or videos that could be relevant at fbi.gov/USCapitol (https://www.fbi.gov/USCapitol).

Please use this form to submit any images, videos, or other multimedia files you have related to possible violations of federal law committed. Our goal is to preserve the public's constitutional right to protest by protecting everyone from violence and other criminal activity.

You may also call 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) to verbally report tips and/or information related to this investigation.

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Thu 1/7/2021 4:49 AM

Location(s): United States

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said in a statement on Wednesday its email systems were accessed by the hackers who broke into the software company SolarWinds.

The department, which has more than 100,000 employees across a series of law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the U.S. Marshals Service, said in a statement that three percent of its Office 365 mailboxes were potentially accessed.

The statement went on to say that the DOJ had no indication any classified systems were impacted.

A DOJ spokesperson declined to say how many mailboxes were breached.

The statement said DOJ's Office of the Chief Information Officer discovered the breach on the day before Christmas.

Cybersecurity experts have said a full recovery from the breaches could take months - or even longer.

Thu 1/7/2021 4:10 AM

Location(s): Makassar, Indonesia

Indonesian police detained 20 suspected Jamaah Ansharut Daulah militants, linked to the Islamic State (ISIS) militant group, in South Sulawesi province's capital of Makassar, media reported Wednesday.

A provincial police official said on Wednesday that two suspects were killed by police as they resisted capture.

He further said that another suspect was wounded during the operation.

Thu 1/7/2021 3:42 AM

Location(s): Mwenda, Democratic Republic of the Congo

* At least 22 civilians were killed in a rebel attack on a village in the North Kivu province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), according to local officials Wednesday

* The violence in Mwenda village of the Beni territory was perpetrated by the Ugandan rebel group Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), an official of the Beni territory told media

* "ADF rebels attacked the village of Mwenda on Monday about 19:00 GMT, killing 22 civilians with machetes," the official said, adding the death toll is provisional

* Local leaders told media on Tuesday that the rebels used machetes and bladed weapons to carry out the massacre and systematically loot the settlement

* A local official said a dozen other villagers were also kidnapped by the attackers in order to transport stolen goods to other localities

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Thu 1/7/2021 1:13 AM

Location(s): United States

The United States reported 268,840 COVID-19 cases and 3,920 deaths Wednesday, according to an NBC News tally, setting a daily record for both cases and deaths since the outbreak started.

Additionally, at least 52 cases of a coronavirus variant first identified in the UK have been found in the United States, according to data posted Wednesday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This includes at least 26 cases in California, 22 cases in Florida, two cases in Colorado, and one case each in Georgia and New York.

Meanwhile, New Jersey has now surpassed half a million confirmed coronavirus cases. The state reported over 5,000 new positive tests Wednesday. An additional 104 confirmed COVID-19 deaths were reported Wednesday.

More than 135,000 people have received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in New Jersey, and over 2,000 have already received their second dose.

Georgia has hit another grim milestone in the fight against COVID-19. The Georgia Department of Public Health reported that 10,035 people have died from the virus as of Wednesday.

In Louisiana, the New Orleans mayor's office announced Wednesday that the city will fall back to a modified Phase 1 after COVID-19 positivity rates doubled. As of Wednesday, the percent positivity in Orleans Parish is 10.4, up from 5.5 percent. There have been more than 21,000 positive cases of Coronavirus and 685 deaths.

The modified Phase 1 will be in effect for three weeks, beginning Friday. All business will be limited to 25 percent capacity indoors and gatherings will be limited to just those inside of your household. All sporting events will also be reduced to four percent capacity.

Thu 1/7/2021 12:03 AM

Location(s): Washington, D.C.

* A Washington, D.C. police official said over 50 people were arrested Wednesday during gatherings in the nation's capital, according to media sources

    * Four of the arrests were reportedly related to guns

    * As of 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, D.C. police reported approximately 47 curfew-violation arrests

    * The official also said two pipe bombs and a cooler with Molotov cocktails were found near Capitol grounds on Wednesday

* Additionally, the D.C. mayor's office extended its public emergency for 15 days

    * The public emergency allows for a curfew to be called at any time

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Wed 1/6/2021 11:29 PM

Location(s): Washington, D.C.

* Four deaths total have now been reported within and around U.S. Capitol grounds, media reported Wednesday

    * The tally includes deaths from shooting and medical emergencies, according to media

* Fourteen Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers were reportedly injured according to the police department

    * A D.C. police official said one officer was seriously hurt after being pulled into the crowd and assaulted, and one has serious facial injuries

* Fire officials also took 13 people to area hospitals on Wednesday from injuries following gatherings around the Capitol

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Wed 1/6/2021 9:41 PM

Location(s): Washington, D.C.

* At the request of the U.S. National Guard, a New York state official is deploying 1,000 members of the New York National Guard to Washington, D.C., "to aid and facilitate peaceful transfer of power," the official said in a statement Wednesday

    * The troops will be deployed for up to two weeks

* Maryland state troopers and the state's National Guard were also sent to assist Washington, D.C., law enforcement at the U.S. Capitol Wednesday

    * A senior Maryland official was sending 200 state troopers and 500 members of the Guard, according to a spokesman for the official

* Additionally, about 1,100 troops from the D.C. National Guard and 650 from Virginia will deploy in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday night, a National Guard spokesman said

    * The spokesman said the D.C. Army and Air National Guard have a combined 2,700 troops

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MEDIA MONITORING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY (OPSUM)
24 Hour Summary, January 7, 2021

TODAY'S OPSUM COVERS THE FOLLOWING NOC PRIORITIES

- **NOC Priority Items with New Information**
  - COVID-19 – U.S. < #COVID >
  - Civil Disturbances – U.S. < #civil >
  - Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC < #security >
  - Southwest Border Operations – U.S. Southwest Border < #border >
- **NOC Priority or Numbered Items with Nothing Significant to Report**
  - Southwest Border Events with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - CBRNE Threats/Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Mass Migration in the Caribbean with U.S. Homeland Security Implications
  - Global Aviation Cargo Incidents Targeting U.S. Interests
  - Suspicious Activity Reporting:
    - Religious, Cultural, and Educational Facilities
    - Postal Shipments
    - National Critical Infrastructure
    - Mass Transit
    - Mass Gatherings and Special Events

NOC 0051-20: COVID-19 – U.S.
United States

- As of 12:22 a.m. EST Thursday, the United States has confirmed a total of 21,299,340 coronavirus cases and 361,123 deaths, according to Johns Hopkins UniversityJohns Hopkins University (COVID-19 Map) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Frnjqnnh&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368313901%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ay6w%2B679Kln%2FHtDej7IQzoj8Sv%2BMMCQ%2BD5MUgTKFwxg%3D&reserved=0 >
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- At least 52 cases of a coronavirus variant first identified in the United Kingdom (UK) have been found in the United States, according to data posted Wednesday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy46xpr42&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368323899%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2AZV8VkL6URjDhJ5pmXqbzAJeQ3mejzH7eEVrVC4F2I%3D&reserved=0 >
    - This includes at least 26 cases in California, 22 cases in Florida, two cases in Colorado, and one case each in Georgia and New York

Georgia

- The Georgia Department of Public Health reported a total of 10,035 people have died from the coronavirus WednesdayWSB < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2krhuem&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368333896%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LWjVRe6vMizMZYsZ7F70pxj%2BvT2MsdziJ2vXhxA70Jo%3D&reserved=0 >

Louisiana

- The New Orleans mayor's office announced Wednesday that the city will fall back to a modified Phase 1 after COVID-19 positivity rates doubled WVUE < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyqbc3sj&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368333896%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qKU3m82mPUXVlyZBljw1smr4ZRI%2FwquTJeEE%2FwyZYEs%3D&reserved=0 >
    - As of Wednesday, the percent positivity in Orleans Parish is 10.4, up from 5.5 percent
    - There have been more than 21,000 positive cases of coronavirus and 685 deaths
    - The modified Phase 1 will be in effect for three weeks, beginning Friday
        - All business will be limited to 25 percent capacity indoors and gatherings will be limited to just those inside of households
        - All sporting events will also be reduced to four percent capacity

New Jersey

- New Jersey surpassed half a million confirmed coronavirus cases on WednesdayWCBS < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4d82b6o&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368343888%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=K%2Fcf%2B9gUqljG%2BQ7791HCsTWMs08hMCM5VOJ1U1Z9JAk%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The state reported over 5,000 new positive tests
    - An additional 104 confirmed COVID-19 deaths were also reported on Wednesday
- More than 135,000 people have received the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in New Jersey, and over 2,000 have already received their second dose

China

- China reported the biggest rise in daily COVID-19 cases in more than five months on ThursdayReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy52w64or&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368343888%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbG

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- Hebei province, which entered a "wartime mode" on Tuesday, accounted for 51 of the 52 local cases reported by the National Health Commission on Thursday
- The total new COVID-19 cases for all of mainland China stood at 63, marking the biggest rise in daily cases since 127 cases were reported on July 30
  - The total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in mainland China since the outbreak now stands at 87,278 cases, while the death toll remained at 4,634
- Authorities in Guangdong province late on Wednesday reported a patient infected with a more transmissible variant of the coronavirus discovered in South Africa

Czech Republic

- The Czech health ministry identified 17,278 cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, a new record for the number of cases recorded in a single day CNN < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy33zf2yq&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368353881%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Jg0jr6EmNgzniDPa%2B3QZvt4dK%2FkWQRvRIpH8o0cdsbE%3D&reserved=0 >
  - At least 776,967 cases have been confirmed in the Czech Republic, killing 12,436 people

Germany*(Social Media)*

- *Germany recorded more than 1,200 new deaths, media reported Tuesday, the country's highest daily death toll on record Twitter [BNO Newsroom]* < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3vafle6&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368363874%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=uC%2B9ooXHDrjy9KdXUOErXdp9wB1xneNG%2B%2FBhh%2Fwixe8%3D&reserved=0 >
  - *The country reported 18,423 new cases, 1,201 new deaths, 27,505 hospitalizations, and a positivity rate of 16.3 percent*

Indonesia

- Indonesia recorded its biggest daily rise in COVID-19 infections on Wednesday with 8,854 new cases, bringing the total number to 788,402, according to data from the country's COVID-19 task forceReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2kxq2oq&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368363874%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=f1B2iZZxrvEmpRN17hnNhzKLBu%2BuUfsPXn4WsfUgw1I%3D&reserved=0 >
  - It also reported 187 new deaths, bringing the total number of fatalities to 23,296
  - Indonesia has reported the highest number of coronavirus cases and deaths in Southeast Asia

Japan

- Tokyo reported a record 1,591 new coronavirus cases on WednesdayReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyohxgoz&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368373871%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QaKaKREYg8fgvksAQnLGBNyY2UsFWe8thD4n7Rle5lE%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Nationwide, COVID-19 infections reached a daily record of 4,915 on Tuesday, while deaths were also an all-time high of 76

Mexico

- Mexico reported a new high for a daily increase in coronavirus cases, with 13,345 newly confirmed infections reported Wednesday for the previous 24 hours WREX (AP) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxt636ss&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368373871%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=M8WnWij9DeChEcCLL5YTVRwX1DuUYxkNz%2BhLKfW1Hs0%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Officials also reported a near-record of 1,165 deaths related to COVID-19
    - The country has now seen about 1.48 million infections and almost 130,000 deaths so far in the pandemic
        - Official estimates suggest the real death toll is over 180,000
    - In Mexico City, the current center of the pandemic in the country, 88 percent of hospital beds are full

South Africa*(Social Media)*

- *South Africa reported 21,832 new coronavirus case, the biggest one-day increase since the pandemic beganTwitter [BNODesk] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy56vumrb&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368383863%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wjqWmmYnz6aMtZNl%2B3IO6sEKBHeW%2FmNUWkQLQzrFh4g%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *The country also reported a 31.2 percent positivity rate*

United Kingdom

- Airlines flying into the UK will be required to bar passengers from boarding if they do not have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of departure, media reported Tuesday Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4alc2kv&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368393865%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=cAg1sfTHQOXjnsIWE8syf%2B5AaTSTtmc9LVaZElHmW48%3D&reserved=0 >
    - Every traveler coming into any UK port or airport will be expected to have a negative PCR test to enter as part of a significant toughening of border controls

Vietnam

- Vietnam has suspended inbound flights from countries with new COVID-19 variants, initially Britain and South Africa, the health ministry said on Tuesday Reuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5a9xjyo&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368393865%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=SPpACk6ImAou6MSlrFxna7tEhuNhjXHOI2yI9zxi29o%3D&reserved=0 >
    - A senior government official has told authorities to work on a list of other countries that should be covered by the suspension, the ministry said, adding that he has ordered them to tighten control of quarantine facilities

Worldwide

- As of 12:22 a.m. EST Thursday, there were 87,186,540 coronavirus cases and 1,883,761 related deaths worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins University

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NOC 0378-20: Civil Disturbances – U.S.

California*(Social Media)*

- *Sacramento police arrested 11 people Wednesday for charges related to illegal possession of pepper spray following gatherings in the area of the Capitol Twitter [Sacramento Police] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5t3ghdh&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368403851%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=RFsCqBpVBMzPjIXZYdueF50KJCrFs3diwUBKtJJfYi8%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *Over 200 officers were assigned to the gatherings, but there were reports of injuries to officersTwitter [Sacramento Police] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4d46ra4&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368403851%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wKAyYpsJDhJFaLicGR79WnHVYaDxoQE3mCxVmsfwn%2FI%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *One person was reportedly assaulted but not injured*

Colorado

- Denver instructed city agencies to close municipal offices early in Colorado's state capital "out of an abundance of caution" after about 700 people gathered at the statehouse downtown KCNC < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4eoxa97&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368413850%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=kszo3e0s5x9U74qTL31%2F9Difh8v3tZPqg85w%2BT%2F0Wy0%3D&reserved=0 >

Georgia

- Georgia's Secretary of State evacuated the Georgia Capitol in Atlanta on Wednesday for safety, as a mass of individuals breached the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. WXIA < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4xvp8bl&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368423843%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7mWxNEynB4vR9S7Ogcd44lQReNfZt%2BB%2F6o8huSLQaWA%3D&reserved=0 >

New Mexico*(Social Media)*

- *The New Mexico statehouse in Santa Fe was evacuated due to a growing crowd gathering outsideTwitter [Albuquerque Journal – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3ukzufg&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368423843%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lFm98yFn25tR1tEu1vzcDkxx%2BpbsPR%2BgFBjDTwjGV4M%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *The activity was reportedly mostly peaceful, but several lawmakers voiced concerns due to events unfolding in Washington, D.C. Twitter [Albuquerque Journal – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5tydu4z&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368433837%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=HanJTD2ezHZqA7rCjeyXffm0bz4y4W8fcNTqeL5tjrk%3D&reserved=0 >*

New York

- Two people were taken to the hospital and one person is in custody following a stabbing Wednesday afternoon in East Capitol Park in Albany Times Union < Caution-

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- Law enforcement sources said the violence was connected to a gathering involving dozens of people that had been taking place outside the Capitol

Oregon

- *Portland police declared a gathering to be an unlawful assembly Wednesday night local time (Social Media)Twitter [PortlandPolice] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3tfca3s&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368443832%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=IzPsGpJq8oLGDkHanyYUvF9cw0c6KOlU8dtW4B9XuTM%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - *Officers said people in the group participated in criminal activity including breaking windows at multiple businesses downtown*
  - *Additionally, a group gathered outside the Multnomah County Courthouse and was reportedly trying to pry open the doors, according to police (Social Media) Twitter [PortlandPolice] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy23mxx9x&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368443832%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lvkrkOmymZYFtRNWOk%2F66HzAl1KdTDAJ2Dzyhaj2exM%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *Some people in the group were shielding the reported criminal behavior with umbrellas*
    - *Officers on loudspeaker instructed the group to stop trying to break into the courthouse and to move away (Social Media) Twitter [PortlandPolice] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyckxx9q&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368453824%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=bXpdQFPw7XNwvRzPJeD%2F2pdnnKmmLiiU3xXdlpJPB0w%3D&reserved=0 >*
- In Salem, police declared an unlawful assembly and ordered crowds to disperse on WednesdayReuters < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyypr7xmz&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368453824%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=4btv3BpYMmlAx9Z4OLx%2FlFSpGH8Hw%2B8IXa8NBeECtEs%3D&reserved=0 >
  - Oregon state police reported at least one person was arrested on suspicion of harassment and disorderly conduct

Utah

- Staffers in the Utah State Capitol Building were ordered to evacuate the building in Salt Lake City by 2 p.m. local time on Wednesday afternoon as a gathering outside ramped up in intensity The Salt Lake Tribune < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6czufpq&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368463819%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbG

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Washington, D.C.

- Washington, D.C., police made 10 arrests from Tuesday afternoon through early Wednesday morning at gatherings, authorities said The Washington Post < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6mwewsu&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368473818%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gE7GB34E0RkyH62C0CYqtiCwEmz9%2BRXx8POQ4YkN4G4%3D&reserved=0 >
- *An explosive device was found at the headquarters of the Republican National Committee (RNC) in Washington, D.C., and the nearby headquarters of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) was evacuated after the discovery of a suspicious package on Wednesday, according to three people briefed on the discoveries (Social Media)Twitter [The New York Times – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4bpjxer&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368473818%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ba0BYq7CnQNFqOLHf3OffboH5X8UUmgubDqsgW58G9w%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *The device that was found at the RNC was a pipe bomb that was successfully destroyed by a bomb squad, according to an official (Social Media)*
    - *The package at the DNC has yet to be identified (Social Media)*

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NOC 0378-20-2: Security Incident U.S. Capitol – Washington, DC

- *A large group moved onto the U.S. Capitol grounds in Washington, D.C., at approximately 12:40 p.m. Wednesday and breached the U.S. Capitol building (Social Media) Twitter [The Blaze – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3thc39r&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368483809%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=so1QueQ%2F%2FNVe6Q9jpF6EASNmD23Cwbz%2Bv%2Bi1EeE2Kng%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *The building then went on lockdown (Social Media)Twitter [Politico – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyf8lamn&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368483809%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=zukuBc%2FEjHOd4vkAjbJpwobuWGuMmZGUFp4r017n4qA%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *While the building was on lockdown, a shooting occurred inside the building (Social Media)Twitter [Politico – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy25ew6ho&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368493801%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=cx20v2lGNmeYyQ60sJ29TmCewoCfLznyZkJxAPWgRYY%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *According to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, the building was secured at around 5:54 p.m. (Social Media)Twitter [BNO News] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxjr52sj*

&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368493801%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=KoN8mh8Y3B8DZGCp0WJg2QsnPo%2BAhGe6mfRgL%2FwHLp8%3D&reserved=0 >

- *According to the police, crowds used "chemical irritants" on police to gain access (Social Media)Twitter [Associated Press – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyy6uz4w9&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368503802%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ptFs3bY0%2B2ObeAXwy936SaEjBtmaOK9g9XtdDwr3ph4%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *During the incident, the Vice President of the United States was evacuated (Social Media)Twitter [WJLA – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy496rug8&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368513794%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QvSPAx1LPWmilfKJV0TW7elZi65G8SP%2BVDXEixsfipo%3D&reserved=0 >*
        - *The Senate was evacuated as well (Social Media)Twitter [CNBCnow] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2wo2j2j&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368513794%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=K8DctICAhO2MQN4Cz7l8h8NrLXzVdy%2Beqi9fT1T%2BKmQ%3D&reserved=0 >*
        - *The House of Representatives was also evacuated (Social Media)Twitter [Bloomberg – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5hhn8eg&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368523786%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=4QJzPWBsCdNaYtgMUmW7DFJWiUiWi74BtoSIbpDI5tc%3D&reserved=0 >*
- *Before the building was secured, a riot was declared by police (Social Media)Twitter [fox5dc – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4py4bxn&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368523786%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lsrxySOa5o52NXI1UJ1%2FicRFe2g%2Fi9sa%2F38GSKFLbbo%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *The police also said that they took command to clear the U.S. Capitol building (Social Media)Twitter [WAMU – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4q6mz2m&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368533779%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=kRAVVxp2XrB56dQ6CMfRo78XbxQCBVjI%2FCIOuBqwhcw%3D&reserved=0 >*
        - *They are also investigating the shooting inside the U.S. Capitol (Social Media)*

    - The Federal Protective Service and the U.S. Secret Service were deployed to the U.S. CapitolBloomberg < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4cpgem7&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368533779%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Yh8sphtgpq12Yi%2FdnaGo7V96DFi3%2BP6iE4sRUzzdAwo%3D&reserved=0 >

- *One person was shot and killed following the shooting inside the U.S. Capitol building (Social Media)Twitter [BNO News] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5youhqt&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368543773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=f5sy2M%2BpUKHQ%2BnzaFni19tIjsTFlwScYdb9SX7jErCE%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *At least 13 others were arrested and firearms were recovered during the arrests, including long guns and handguns (Social Media) Twitter [Newsy – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3mtmkr9&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368543773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=V%2BMGbF4xY65LBTxVIc3hmpMKw4EWZkWozJ160agEOa4%3D&reserved=0 >*
- *The entire Washington, D.C., National Guard was activated (Social Media)Twitter [The Washington Post – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5g8o6oh&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368553769%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=uGjv%2BSrTePY65cvyoR%2Fel5gUiqS5qqjXfk6oGmVvzJs%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *Virginia is sending its National Guard members, along with some state police troopers (Social Media)Twitter [ABC 7 News – WJLA] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4h7bow5&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368563759%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=xvgzYgyweYIXfG7qsIyRXXSnbwws7V0UuYM9qN9q7c8%3D&reserved=0 >*
        - *Maryland is also sending its National Guard members and state police to Washington, D.C. (Social Media)Twitter [Baltimore Sun – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyxg6faz3&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368563759%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iOiGNRR2g6NKHoZvI0CM1YCndADuQ%2BukABgx5T7bnQo%3D&reserved=0 >*
        - *New Jersey officials said they are deploying state police to Washington, D.C. (Social Media)Twitter [Governor of New Jersey] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyv7oo58&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456*

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- *A New York state official is deploying 1,000 members of the New York National Guard to Washington, D.C. (Social Media) Twitter [NBCNewYork] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5k3elod&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368573755%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Lo0F3cJTuegmPvRor5ytWUiGCj47tNdebY4Knf16SBU%3D&reserved=0 >*

  - *The FBI said it is deploying to assist U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) and protect federal property (Social Media)Twitter [NPR – Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5vshode&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368583755%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2dPJ186lM43GKdfxTkxStj8jKkeq%2FJFAyMnBkRtpzDI%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - *The U.S. Marshals Service is also joining other law enforcement agencies in supporting the USCP during operations in Washington, D.C. (Social Media) Twitter [USMarshalsHQ] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy3namxbv&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368583755%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fyKvnU%2BIDICHLUE8LYojApx%2FVC0vg7QXnO3Csz0493g%3D&reserved=0 >*

- The Mayor of Washington, D.C., issued curfew for Wednesday night
  - *Additionally, the D.C. mayor's office extended its public emergency for 15 days (Social Media)Twitter [fox5dc - Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy2a5vgbp&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368593740%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=snwGqHxvZlYrK6ou6ZrOIcRbLZ9tIq9M9bYV4566uoQ%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *The public emergency allows for a curfew to be called at any time (Social Media)Twitter [NBCNews] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6rtq453&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368603740%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LJ6cS26QEQp1BXFjECM97EBrjI906tSdyaTFqJ6UiM%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - *The Governor of Virginia also issued a curfew for Arlington and Alexandria (Social Media)Twitter [ABC7News] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy6m5qeah&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368603740%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwi*

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- *Fairfax County, Virginia, is also increasing security (Social Media)Twitter – [Chairman of the Fairfax County, VA, Board of Supervisors] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5a5qms4&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368613731%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=V6HzQ%2FyeW7NFx4O30hZD8vqG19XO%2FCFyF3nI%2FdpaEKU%3D&reserved=0 >*

- *Four deaths total have now been reported within and around U.S. Capitol grounds, media reported Wednesday (Social Media) Twitter [WUSA - Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyjvgj3b&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368613731%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ExyCCulC5pTdh241%2BuApBKcii7SehjNPsdtKGPTQtEk%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - *The tally includes deaths from shooting and medical emergencies, according to media (Social Media)*
  - *Fourteen Metropolitan Police Department officers were reportedly injured according to the police department (Social Media) Twitter [BNONews] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4x4kxnh&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368623735%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=mtG%2FPw3j992Oj9%2FqbuPIMd0MxU1CPBL11w%2Bbgue584k%3D&reserved=0 >*
    - *A D.C. police official said one officer was seriously hurt after being pulled into the crowd and assaulted, and one has serious facial injuries (Social Media) Twitter [fox5dc - Reporter] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy4pw489z&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368623735%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2FIo0zkgE3T9QU8X9kU9MCTRREPxSxQbrZqm1yBCVenU%3D&reserved=0 >*
  - Fire officials also took 13 people to area hospitals on Wednesday from injuries following gatherings around the CapitolAssociated Press < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fyyqqjzcu&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368633724%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9XxpnHmXpvZSrAqRDlow1AuZbPE9A9QdbmwI7fQxG7I%3D&reserved=0 >

- *A Washington, D.C. police official said over 50 people were arrested Wednesday during gatherings in the nation's capital, according to media sources (Social Media) Twitter [fox5dc] < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy35kvnjv&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368643715%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=V1pAA%2F8uPq6mAH2T0qdPA4lGGtbThJJrCYiMci%2FF1U0%3D&reserved=0 >*

- *Four of the arrests were reportedly related to guns (Social Media)*
    - *As of 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, D.C. police reported approximately 47 curfew-violation arrests (Social Media)*
    - *The official also said two pipe bombs and a cooler with Molotov cocktails were found near Capitol grounds on Wednesday (Social Media)*

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- The government of Guatemala said Tuesday that it is preparing an inter-institutional strategic plan in light of the tentative arrival in the country next week of a new caravan of migrants from Honduras that is heading to the United StatesLa Prensa (EFE) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy5jzduhu&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368643715%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=suv%2BJ5RFhh8gtI2nge7qlMsZ7qY%2BNsihRhKi8Cp8q0o%3D&reserved=0 > (Translate by Google) < Caution-https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftinyurl.com%2Fy59ak9pm&data=04%7C01%7Ccrobinson%40techopsolutions.net%7C945cec608d5b461e2dbb08d8b2dd6c92%7C5771c6630b964c5f86745091dcd378bd%7C1%7C0%7C637456011368653709%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=6uBSwyi01kuy%2BgVRvAL5t6UalANswFSuZqTEPwc9%2F7Q%3D&reserved=0 >
    - The Guatemalan Migration Institute reported in a press release that the plan seeks the "containment, control, care and humanitarian assistance" of the caravan, whose arrival date would be approximately January 15, according to the authorities
    - The immigration entity stressed that people seeking to enter the country from Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua are required to present a PCR or negative antigen test for COVID-19 and a valid passport or identity document
    - "People who do not present the immigration requirements will not be admitted," added the Guatemalan Migration Institute

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Defense Primer: The NDAA Process

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) provides authorization of appropriations for the Department of Defense (DOD), nuclear weapons programs of the Department of Energy, DOD elements of the Intelligence Community, and defense-related activities at other federal agencies. In addition to serving as an authorization of appropriations, the NDAA establishes defense policies and restrictions, and addresses organizational administrative matters related to the DOD. Unlike an appropriations bill, the NDAA does not provide budget authority for government activities. Nevertheless, historically it has provided a fairly reliable indicator of congressional sentiment on subsequent appropriations for particular programs.

FY2021 was the 60th consecutive fiscal year for which a defense authorization was enacted. This regular enactment of complex legislation for six decades depends upon close adherence to process and consistency in procedures, schedules, and protocols.

Committees of Jurisdiction

The House Committee on Armed Services (HASC) and the Senate Committee on Armed Services (SASC) are provided jurisdiction over all bills, resolutions, and other matters relating to the common defense under the Rules of the House and Senate. Referred to as the *authorizers* or the *authorizing committees*, the HASC and SASC each has subcommittees that are assigned jurisdictional responsibilities by the full committee. In the 116th Congress, the HASC established six subcommittees:

- Tactical Air and Land Forces;
- Military Personnel;
- Readiness;
- Seapower and Projection Forces;
- Strategic Forces; and
- Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities.

The SASC established seven subcommittees:

- Airland;
- Cybersecurity;
- Emerging Threats and Capabilities;
- Personnel;
- Readiness and Management Support;
- Seapower; and
- Strategic Forces.

The NDAA Timeline

The NDAA process begins on or about the first Monday in February of each year, with the submission of the President's budget request to Congress. The Administration often submits policy proposals (requests for legislation) to the committees of jurisdiction in conjunction with the budget request.

The authorizing committees begin their work on the NDAA in parallel. Both committees conduct a series of hearings on the budget request and related matters, which typically lead to the drafting and markup of separate bills in the House and the Senate.

Hearings

Upon receipt of the President's budget request, the HASC and the SASC begin a series of posture hearings in which the senior civilian and military leadership of the DOD, the military services, and certain defense agencies are invited to testify before the committees on the budget request. The subcommittees also conduct related hearings, with a focus on issues specific to that subcommittee's jurisdiction. For example, the SASC may hold a hearing with the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army on that year's budget request for the Army, and the Airland Subcommittee might follow with a hearing specifically looking at the Army's ground vehicle procurement programs.

Markup

In a typical year, the committees will have reviewed the President's budget request and associated policy proposals and prepared authorizing legislation for markup in committee by late April or May. These meetings are called markups, because committee members mark up the legislation by considering, debating, and voting on amendments to the authorizing bill.

Subcommittee Markup

In current practice, both the HASC and the SASC begin the markup process in subcommittee, with each of the subcommittees considering the *subcommittee Chairman's Mark*, which is a draft legislative proposal with funding recommendations for matters in the bill under that subcommittee's jurisdiction. At completion of markup, each subcommittee votes to report the proposal, as amended, to the full committee.

Full Committee Markup

Once the subcommittees have all finalized their markups, the full committee convenes to consider, debate, and vote on amendments to each of the subcommittee marks. During full committee markup, the *full committee Chairman's Mark*, which contains legislation and funding recommendations for matters that are not assigned to a specific subcommittee, is considered, debated, and voted on. The full committee Chairman's Mark addresses a variety of cross-cutting issues such as general defense policy, matters related to the organization and management of the DOD, acquisition and industrial base policy, and matters related to foreign nations and Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO).

Common HASC Committee Practices

The most recent NDAA includes more than 1,400 pages of legislation and authorization of more than $730 billion. To shepherd a bill of this magnitude successfully through the legislative process, the HASC has adopted several common practices in drafting and marking up the NDAA.

Practice at HASC markup typically has not allowed for the consideration of certain amendments. For example:

- **Earmarks.** House rules currently prevent consideration of a bill reported by a committee unless the report includes a list of congressional earmarks or a statement that there are none. Committee practice does not permit Members to offer during markup any amendment containing an earmark.
- **Sequential referral.** The committee typically also requires members of the committee to provide, before offering any amendment that involves the jurisdiction of other House committees, a letter from the respective committee chairman indicating a waiver of the right of referral. This requirement is also imposed on legislation in the underlying mark. Doing so avoids potential delay that could result from a sequential referral of the bill to other committees.
- **Offsets.** The committee's typical past practice also has required that amendments that would increase spending for one item should identify suitable offsets.

Common SASC Committee Practices

Under Senate rules, committees and their subcommittees may vote to hold closed meetings for specific reasons (e.g., to avoid disclosing certain national security information). In recent practice, the SASC full committee markups (and most subcommittee markups) typically have been conducted in closed session. In addition, the SASC proposal is typically reported to the Senate as an original bill (that is, its text has not been previously formally introduced).

Floor Consideration

Once reported favorably out of committee, the NDAA may be scheduled for floor consideration. In the House, current practice is to consider the bill under the provisions of a special rule that structures the conditions of debate and possible floor amendments to the bill. In recent years, the rule has sometimes made hundreds of amendments in order (many of which are offered and agreed to *en bloc*). After being considered, debated, and amended in the House, the House-passed version of the NDAA is sent to the Senate and typically either referred to SASC or placed on the Senate calendar.

In the Senate, after SASC has reported its proposal, any floor debate and amendment consideration is typically structured pursuant to multiple unanimous consent agreements. In recent practice, the Senate has sometimes considered over 100 floor amendments. However, one or more cloture processes (by which three-fifths of the Senate, typically 60 Senators, votes to limit consideration) may be necessary to reach a final vote on certain amendments, and on the bill itself.

If the Senate passes its own bill first, it is sent to the House; often, instead, the Senate takes up the House bill it has received and considers amendments to it (including the proposal reported by SASC).

Conference

The Constitution requires that the House and Senate approve the same bill in precisely the same form before it is presented to the President. To this end, each house must pass its own version of the same measure and then attempt to reach agreement with the other house about its provisions. An agreement may be reached by the exchange of alternatives between the chambers. Alternatively, the House and Senate can each agree to create a conference committee to propose a package settlement of the competing proposals.

A conference committee is traditionally used to resolve differences between the houses on the NDAA. Conferees are House and Senate members, drawn mainly from the HASC and SASC, who are expected to resolve disagreements between the House and Senate positions and provide an agreement in the form of a conference report. Conferees may also be appointed from other committees with jurisdiction over components of the bill; the chamber may limit the provisions on which these conferees may negotiate. The conference committee will typically begin its work as soon as possible following passage of a proposal in each chamber. Completion of the conference report is not on a specified timeline, but many of the authorities provided by the NDAA expire at the end of the fiscal year. Therefore, considerable effort is put toward completing the NDAA conference prior to October 1 of each year.

Once reported by the conference committee, a conference report is subject to debate during floor consideration, but is not amendable. (In the Senate, reaching a vote on the conference report may require three-fifths of the Senate to invoke cloture.) If the House and Senate each agree to the conference report, the NDAA is enrolled for presentation to the President.

CRS Products

CRS In Focus IF10516, *Defense Primer: Navigating the NDAA*

CRS In Focus IF10514, *Defense Primer: Defense Appropriations Process*

CRS Report R42843, *Introduction to the Legislative Process in the U.S. Congress*

CRS Infographic IG10005, *From Bill to Law: Stages of the Legislative Process*

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Military Installation Resilience: What Does It Mean?

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A misunderstanding that sometimes occurs when discussing military installations and *resilience* is the distinction between the Department of Defense's (DOD's) general responsibilities to ensure military installations are resilient and its statutory responsibility to provide "military installation resilience." This latter term is defined under 10 U.S.C. §101(e)(8) as

> the capability of a military installation to avoid, prepare for, minimize the effect of, adapt to, and recover **from extreme weather events, or from anticipated or unanticipated changes in environmental conditions**, that do, or have the potential to, adversely affect the military installation or essential transportation, logistical, or other necessary resources outside of the military installation that are necessary in order to maintain, improve, or rapidly reestablish installation mission assurance and mission-essential functions. (**Emphasis added**)

The statutory definition focuses exclusively on those environmental threats that can impact military installations. At the same time, DOD generally takes a more comprehensive approach to ensuring military installations are resilient. This difference in connotation can result in misconceptions of certain resilience-related statutory requirements for military installations.

What Is Resilience?

The term *resilience* can have multiple meanings and be applied to individuals and populations, networks and ecosystems, materials and structures, and other objects and human constructs. How someone understands resilience is often tied to the context in which it is applied, and the object of what is, or is to be, resilient (e.g., a person, a building). One definition for resilience asserts it's "the quality or fact of being able to recover quickly or easily from, or resist being affected by, a misfortune, shock, illness, etc." This largely figurative definition of resilience highlights the importance of clarifying the term's use within an organization or group, particularly where matters of policy and action are expected.

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Resilience Within DOD

Within DOD, a general interpretation of resilience may be applied to, and scoped for, specific defense matters. This can be observed in various DOD and military service (hereafter "service") policy, doctrine, guidance, and official websites.

For example, concerning the topic of "Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience" (DOD Directive 4715.21), DOD has defined resilience as the "ability to anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to changing conditions and withstand, respond to, and recover rapidly from disruptions." This definition is associated explicitly with the impacts of climate change and applies to all aspects of DOD (e.g., installations; personnel; operations; transportation; supply chains; research, development, testing, and evaluation). In another example, the Army defines resilience for the Army Recovery Care Program—a program that serves wounded, ill, and injured soldiers—as "the mental, physical, emotional and behavioral ability to face and cope with adversity, adapt to change, recover, learn and grow from setbacks."

These examples show the differences in how resilience can be defined within DOD. To date, DOD has not provided a singular definition for resilience in its official Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms, despite a previous proposal to do so.

Military Installation Resilience

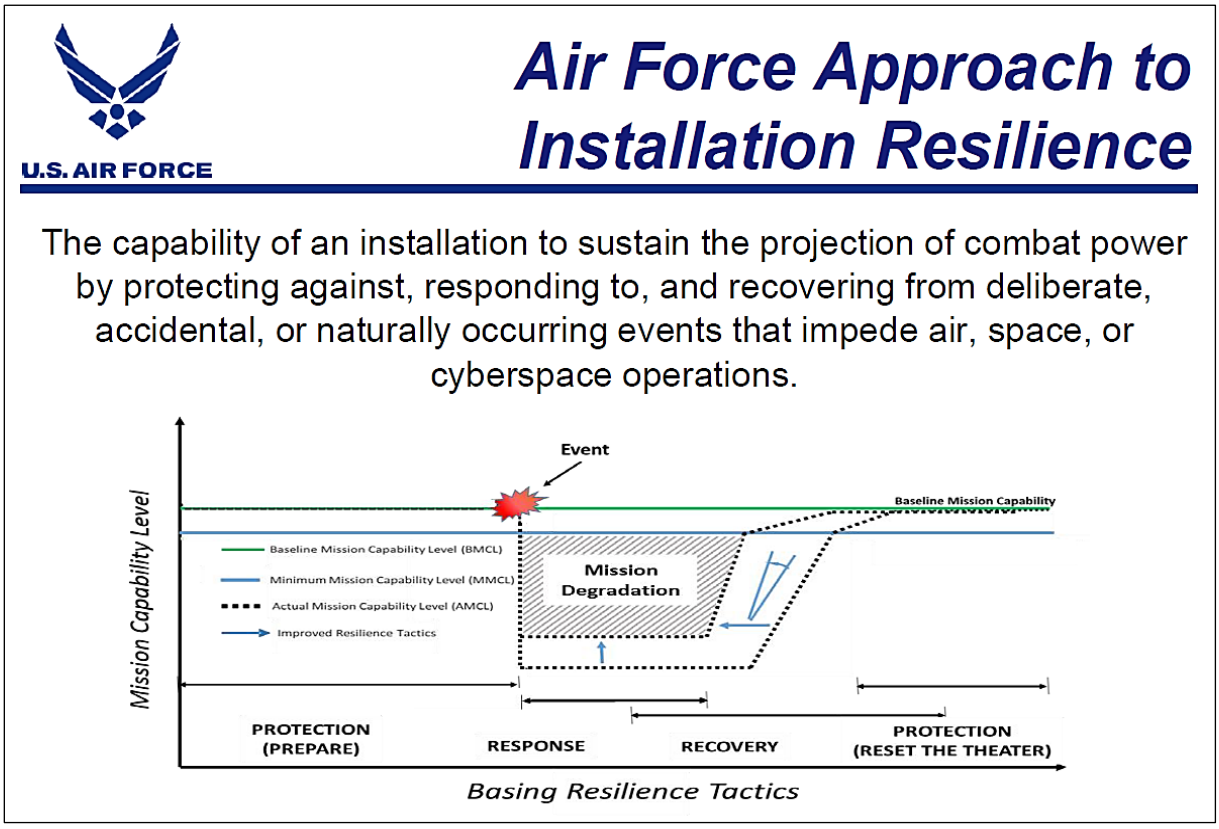
One defense management issue long overseen by Congress and DOD under the general concept of resilience is the effort to ensure the continual operation and rapid recovery of military installations, regardless of the threat posed (part of DOD's "Mission Assurance" construct; see DOD Directive 3020.40).

Military installations are congregations of physical infrastructure, people, and the support systems necessary for them to operate—which consequently makes them difficult to characterize in precise terms. However, statutory definitions are provided under 10 U.S.C. §670 and 10 U.S.C. §2801. 10 U.S.C. §2801 defines a military installation as

> a base, camp, post, station, yard, center, or other activity under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of a military department or, in the case of an activity in a foreign country, under the operational control of the Secretary of a military department or the Secretary of Defense, without regard to the duration of operational control.

Under this relatively broad definition, DOD has addressed managing military installations and ensuring their resilience against a variety of threats also in a broad manner. For example, when examining one service's approach to installation resilience (**Figure 1**), it is apparent the Air Force means to assess and prepare for any event that could disrupt the operations of its installations—be they man-made accidents, attacks, or natural disasters. Accordingly, installation resilience ties into what DOD calls "risk management" or RM.

Figure 1. A Service Approach to Installation Resilience



Source: Provided to CRS by the United States Air Force (March 2020).

How a service determines which threats to assess, what types of operations or missions to review for vulnerabilities, or what the potential consequences would be if a threat were not thwarted or mitigated, generally follows a service's RM framework (see for example Department of the Army Pamphlet 385-30 or Air Force Instruction 90-802). In each service and the Office of the Secretary of Defense are also designated units and offices who oversee military installations and make these determinations according to their assigned responsibilities (see CRS In Focus IF11263, *Defense Primer: Military Installations Management*, by G. James Herrera). Nonetheless, military leaders at all levels of command contribute to the RM process by supporting the completion of risk assessments and studies that help inform decision-making, and by implementing policies and strategies that help reduce risk.

DOD efforts in installation resilience can take many forms, such as developing infrastructure investment strategies or supporting research projects that inform infrastructure investment plans. They can also be congressionally directed, such as the Fiscal Year 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 115-91) requirement for DOD to produce "a report on vulnerabilities to military installations and combatant commander requirements resulting from climate change over the next 20 years."

Considerations for Congress

Congress may consider the alignment of the definition of *military installation resilience* under 10 U.S.C. §101(e)(8) with DOD's current installation management approach. Alternatively, Congress could consider renaming the statutory term to directly identify that it's related to installation environmental resilience. Another option is for Congress to establish a definition for "environmental resilience" within Title 10 that could be applied to any military term (e.g., military installation, weapon system, personnel).

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Message from CISA:

Good evening state, local, tribal, and territorial partners,

CISA has released Emergency Directive (ED) 21-01 Supplemental Guidance version 3: Mitigate SolarWinds Orion Code Compromise < Caution-https://cyber.dhs.gov/ed/21-01/#supplemental-guidance-v3 > , providing guidance that supersedes Required Action 4 of ED 21-01 and Supplemental Guidance versions 1 and 2.

- Federal agencies without evidence of adversary follow-on activity on their networks that accept the risk of running SolarWinds Orion in their enterprises should rebuild or upgrade, in compliance with hardening steps outlined in the Supplemental Guidance, to at least SolarWinds Orion Platform version 2020.2.1 HF2. The National Security Agency (NSA) examined this version and verified it eliminates the previously identified malicious code. This version also includes updates to fix un-related vulnerabilities, including vulnerabilities that SolarWinds has publicly disclosed.
- Federal agencies with evidence of follow-on threat actor activity on their networks should keep their affected versions disconnected, conduct forensic analysis, and consult with CISA before rebuilding or reimaging affected platforms and host operating systems.

The updated supplemental guidance also includes forensic analysis and reporting requirements.

CISA has also updated AA20-352A: Advanced Persistent Threat Compromise of Government Agencies, Critical Infrastructure, and Private Sector Organizations < Caution-https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/alerts/aa20-352a > , originally released December 17, 2020. This update includes new information on initial access vectors, updated mitigation recommendations, and new indicators of compromise (IOCs).

Although the Emergency Directive only applies to Federal Civilian Executive Branch agencies, CISA encourages state and local governments, critical infrastructure entities, and other private sector organizations to review CISA Emergency Directive 21-01 - Supplemental Guidance v.3 < Caution-https://cyber.dhs.gov/ed/21-

01/#supplemental-guidance-v3 > for recommendations on operating the SolarWinds Orion Platform. Review the following resources for additional information on the SolarWinds Orion compromise.

- CISA Emergency Directive 21-01: Mitigate SolarWinds Orion Code Compromise < Caution-https://cyber.dhs.gov/ed/21-01/ >
- CISA Activity Alert AA20-352A: Advanced Persistent Threat Compromise of Government Agencies, Critical Infrastructure, and Private Sector Organizations < Caution-https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/alerts/aa20-352a >
- CISA webpage on the SolarWinds Orion Supply Chain Compromise < Caution-https://www.cisa.gov/supply-chain-compromise >

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Federal LEOs must wear IDs at protests under new policy

A bill passed by the Senate's veto override last week includes new guidelines for federal officers

Yesterday at 12:21 PM

By Suzie Ziegler

WASHINGTON — The Senate's bipartisan vote last week to override President Trump's veto of the National Defense Authorization Act included a new policy for federal officers. According to The Hill, federal law enforcement are no longer allowed to remain anonymous at protests.

Section 1064 of the bill specifies that "whenever a member of [...] federal law enforcement personnel provide support to Federal authorities to respond to a civil disturbance, each individual [...] shall visibly display (1) the individual's name or other individual identifier that is unique to that individual; and (2) the name of the armed force, Federal entity, or other organization by which such individual is employed."

The bill includes an exception for officers working undercover and any employee who wouldn't normally wear a uniform as part of their official duties.

The move comes after complaints of federal officers working anonymously at George Floyd protests last year.

Read the full bill here.

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- FBI agent involved in fatal Conn. shooting – Yesterday at 4:09 PM

  The agent had been working on a task force with Hartford police. Few details were immediately available

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  Homicides were up compared to 2019, but essentially the same as 2018, Boston police noted

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- Sheriff: 3 arrested after wildlife officer run over by ATV, beaten – Yesterday at 8:16 AM

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- FBI avoids terror label for Nashville bombing; investigation continues – Yesterday at 7:59 AM

  This suggests evidence so far doesn't establish the bomber was motivated by political ideology -- a key factor in formal declarations of terrorism

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  Gov. Tony Evers activated the National Guard ahead of the decision in preparation for possible protests

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  A suspect approached the main building with a rifle and fired several shots, police said

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Department of Justice Statement on Solarwinds Update

The Department of Justice Spokesman Marc Raimondi issued the following statement:

"On Dec. 24, 2020, the Department of Justice's Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) learned of previously unknown malicious activity linked to the global SolarWinds incident that has affected multiple federal agencies and technology contractors, among others. This activity involved access to the Department's Microsoft O365 email environment.

After learning of the malicious activity, the OCIO eliminated the identified method by which the actor was accessing the O365 email environment. At this point, the number of potentially accessed O365 mailboxes appears limited to around 3-percent and we have no indication that any classified systems were impacted.

As part of the ongoing technical analysis, the Department has determined that the activity constitutes a major incident under the Federal Information Security Modernization Act, and is taking the steps consistent with that determination. The Department will continue to notify the appropriate federal agencies, Congress, and the public as warranted."

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Justice Department Applauds the Passage and Enactment of the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative Act of 2020

Bill establishes the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil Rights Division

On Jan. 5, 2021, President Donald J. Trump signed H.R. 8354, the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative Act of 2020, a bill to permanently establish the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative, or "SVI", within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

SVI's mission is to support the department in its efforts to protect those who protect us all. The SVI is a proven and effective vehicle for coordinating the department's servicemember-related litigation efforts as well as delivering training, technical assistance, and other support to Assistant U.S. Attorneys (AUSAs), servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

"We applaud both houses of Congress for their bipartisan action to recognize the important work that is being done within the Civil Rights Division and codify the role of the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within our organization," said Assistant Attorney General Eric Dreiband of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division. "The Civil Rights Division has been at the forefront of litigation and outreach intended to ensure that servicemembers, veterans and their families do not have to bear undue burdens caused by civil rights violations as a result of their military service."

SVI coordinates with Department of Justice components and federal agencies to build a comprehensive legal support and protection network focused on serving servicemembers, veterans, and their families. The Civil Rights Division is the Department of Justice component that enforces the majority of servicemember-related statutes, including: the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The initiative builds upon this critical enforcement work, as well as the work of other department components that serve the military community, by sharing information, identifying servicemember and veteran needs, and coordinating the distribution of resources. The SVI also coordinates its training programs with the Civil Division's Consumer Protection Branch to investigate and prosecute reported fraud targeting servicemember and veterans. The SVI also regularly liaises with Department of Defense, the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission, the Department of Labor, as well as nonprofits, professional associations, and law school clinics dedicated to serving our servicemember and veteran communities.

The Department of Justice, the Civil Rights Division, and the SVI are dedicated to its responsibilities to assist servicemembers and veterans. Since January 2017, the division has filed 23 SCRA complaints and entered into 21 consent decrees and settlement agreements providing $11 million in compensation to over 2,000 servicemembers, in addition to civil penalties. The division filed more SCRA lawsuits in fiscal year 2020 (eight) than in any prior fiscal year. Since the division assumed USERRA enforcement authority in 2004, it has filed 109 USERRA employment-related lawsuits and has favorably resolved 200 USERRA complaints either through consent decrees obtained in those suits or

through facilitated private settlements. Since January 2017, the division has filed 10 complaints and resolved 34 claims through consent decree or settlement and has secured compensation to improperly reemployed or terminated servicemembers. Since UOCAVA was enacted in 1986, the division has filed over 50 lawsuits to enforce its terms. The division also has achieved many resolutions that did not require litigation to obtain the needed remedial actions by state officials. The division also has filed amicus briefs in litigation regarding UOCAVA to ensure that eligible military and overseas voters would have sufficient time to vote. Our partners in the Civil Division's Consumer Protection Branch have also had success in their work. For example, in August 2019 the branch indicted five individuals for coordinating a million-dollar scheme to target thousands of servicemembers and veterans.

In just the past year, SVI has organized multi-day training programs for AUSAs in order to create a nationwide network of enforcement network. SVI has also conducted over 50 trainings, presentations and other events directly to servicemembers and Judge Advocates since 2018, including 18 virtual trainings since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. SVI has also engaged in legislative and policy changes impacting servicemembers.

As a result of Congress's action, and President Trump's support, the important work of the SVI can continue as an integral part of the Civil Rights Division's enforcement and outreach portfolio. The civil rights of our servicemembers, veterans, and their families are of utmost importance to the Civil Rights Division and the codification of the SVI's role in our organization ensures our continued efforts to protect those who sacrifice so much to protect all of us.

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