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Japan PM seeks close ties to help address North Korea

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Prime Minister of Japan Taro Aso in his weekly cabinet newsletter magazine addressed the threat of North Korea and stated that Japan's safety can be secured through an "effective" Japan-U.S. alliance, while asserting its interests.

"As is clear with the North Korean issue, the safety and prosperity of Japan cannot be ensured by Japan alone," Aso wrote. "First, we must ensure an effective Japan-US alliance. We must ensure that the Japan-US security arrangements are always fully in order through the ceaseless efforts of both parties."

"At the same time, Japan itself must fulfill its international responsibility in a concrete manner in order to assert its national interests and obtain cooperation from concerned nations in the United Nations and other for a of the international community."

But, Aso says that Japan will work with China and Russia to pressure North Korea to stop its testing.

"By also collaborating closely with China and Russia, we need to put strong pressure on North Korea. The international community must let North Korea realize, as a unified message, that further acts of provocation will bring no benefit."

Link to full text: <http://www.mmz.kantei.go.jp/foreign/m-magazine/backnumber/2009/0702.html>

Cabinet newsletter of Japan PM: <http://www.mmz.kantei.go.jp/foreign/m-magazine/index.html>

From the Wires this Week

Emergency Management/Homeland Security

U.S. House to DHS: We'll tell you what to do (Politico, 07/07/09)

<http://www.nfmpolitico.com/khou/2009/07/07/house-to-dhs-well-tell-you-what-to-do/>

Impatient with the agency's decision process, lawmakers have grabbed power for themselves by earmarking 25 percent of new pre-disaster funds to speed along the grant process. But when the

department dared this spring to beef up its management budget, the House cut 32 percent from the President's request, leaving major administrative offices with fewer dollars than they got last year. But DHS is the poster child for an increasingly common phenomenon for Congress: cutting agency management budgets and then bellyaching that government isn't being effectively managed.

DHS gives New York Police radiation detectors (National Terror Alert, 07/06/09)

<http://www.nationalterroralert.com/updates/2009/07/06/homeland-security-gives-nypd-radiation-detectors/>

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has given three state-of-the-art radiation detectors to the New York Police Department to patrol city streets in search of dirty bombs and other nuclear threats. The \$450,000 Advanced Spectroscopic Portal Monitors will be placed in three SUVs on Wednesday at entrances to tunnels, bridges and tollbooths, the Daily News reports. The detectors had been purchased by DHS' National Nuclear Detection Office for use at the nation's ports, but officials concluded they weren't strong enough to penetrate ship containers, police sources said. Officials believe they will be able to detect radioactive isotopes emanating from a dirty bomb in the back of a car. *Related article: [New York to receive cell phone-sized dirty bomb detectors.](#)*

Federal advisory group on classification policy takes comments (Federal Computer Week, 07/06/09)

<http://fcw.com/Articles/2009/07/06/Web-Declassification-Forum.aspx>

An advisory group plans to hold a public meeting July 8 to collect suggestions on how the Obama administration can improve policy around the classification of government data. The group will use those recommendations and those received online to inform an ongoing review of the current policy. The Public Interest Declassification Board, the advisory group, was asked in June to gather information from the public to assist in the administration's review of how the government classifies national security information.

Opinion: The problems with reversing outsourced responsibilities (Federal Computer Week, 07/02/09)

<http://fcw.com/Articles/2009/07/06/ACQ-DHS-insourcing-inherently-governmental.aspx>

The Homeland Security Department's initiative to bring more government work in-house is running into some familiar obstacles. Although the new president has reversed the overall strategy — urging the government to insource jobs rather than looking for more government jobs that could be contracted out — the challenges regarding how to decide which jobs are inherently governmental have not gotten any easier to solve. In May, the secretary told department officials to review all large professional services contracts to make sure contractors aren't performing work only a federal employee should do. *Related article: [DHS contracts in line for evaluation.](#)*

Communications and Information Security

DHS announces pilot project on multi-band interoperability (Government Technology, 07/07/09)

http://www.govtech.com/gt/articles/699470?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=link

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate announced the organizations that will participate in the pilot phase of the Multi-Band Radio Project. The project's goal is to address the challenges of interoperability and produce a radio that enables emergency

responders to communicate regardless of the radio band they operate on. In 2008, the directorate awarded Thales Communication Inc. a \$6.2 million contract to demonstrate a portable multiband radio. Officials said at least several hundred organizations were interested in participating in the project's pilot phase.

Open source or proprietary products: which is more secure? (Government Technology, 07/07/09)

http://www.govtech.com/gt/articles/699088?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=link

When you buy software, you probably trust that you're getting a secure product that runs well. This faith may come from the fact that the source code - the digital DNA that tells the program how to work and what to do - is hidden from consumers. In most cases, only the select programmers tasked with maintenance and security can see it and make changes.

Missile Defense/Satellite Technology/EMP

South Korea to develop EMP bomb by 2014 (The Korea Times, 07/07/09)

http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2009/07/113_48084.html

The South Korean military will have an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) bomb in five years that is capable of crippling an enemy's command-and-control, communications and defense radar systems. The state-funded Agency for Defense Development (ADD) plans to complete the development of the bomb by 2014, agency officials said. "We've already developed the technology to create EMPs capable of neutralizing targets within a 100-meter-radius," an ADD official said, asking not to be named. "The development of an EMP bomb with a range of 1 kilometer will be finished by that time."

Russia warns U.S. over missile shield (Associated Press, 07/07/09)

<http://www3.signonsandiego.com/stories/2009/jul/07/eu-russia-obama-agreements-070709/>

Russia's foreign minister warned that the U.S. would jeopardize progress toward a new treaty with Russia on nuclear arms cuts if it decides to create a global missile defense system. Sergey Lavrov spoke a day after the Russian and U.S. presidents reached a preliminary agreement setting targets for further reductions of the world's largest offensive nuclear arsenals. Lavrov's message was that Russia will not agree to the cuts - which both countries say they want to codify in a treaty before the existing START I agreement expires in December - if the U.S. fails to assuage Moscow's concerns over missile defense plans. *Related article: [Obama pledges to consider Russia's missile defense concerns.](#)*

Japan hints at buying THAAD missiles (UPI, 07/07/09)

http://www.upi.com/Security_Industry/2009/07/07/Japan-hints-at-buying-THAAD-missiles/UPI-59711246971600/

Japan is eyeing the latest Lockheed Martin defense missile after last week's launches by North Korea of R-17 and Rodong rockets, according to the Mainichi Daily newspaper. The report does not name the Japanese sources, but aviation and military media believe it was a government-authorized leak to the newspaper.

North Korea may have tested a new type of scud missile (Washington Times, 07/06/09)

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2009/jul/06/n-korea-possibly-tested-improved-scud/>

A barrage of ballistic missiles that North Korea test-fired over the weekend may have included a new type of a Scud with an extended range and improved accuracy that poses a threat to Japan, a South Korean newspaper reported. Pyongyang launched seven missiles into waters off its east coast in a show of force that defied U.N. resolutions and drew international condemnation.

Russian president says U.S. missile shield must balance others' interests (RIA Novosti, 07/06/09)

<http://en.rian.ru/russia/20090706/155449804.html>

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said it is necessary to link any resolution of the U.S. plans for missile defense in Europe with other countries' interests. Medvedev said Russia and the United States have made a "step forward" on the way to a compromise on missile defense. "The problem of the Third Site is a rather complicated topic for our discussion, but I would like to emphasize that the joint understanding we have just signed speaks of an interconnection between offensive and defensive armaments, and this is already a step forward: even a short time ago we had only differences on the issue," he said.

U.S. Air Force, contractor to develop space fence (UPI, 07/06/09)

http://www.upi.com/Security_Industry/2009/07/06/LM-to-help-develop-Air-Force-Space-Fence/UPI-72471246913884/

Lockheed Martin has received a contract from the U.S. Air Force to provide development support for the situational awareness Space Fence system. The Space Fence is being designed to detect and alert authorities when objects and debris are orbiting the Earth to support the Air Force's space operations. "Space Fence will provide a fully integrated, network-centric radar system of systems that will allow information to be shared on the Global Information Grid with space operators across the community," Carl Bannar, Lockheed Martin's radar business vice president and general manager, said in a statement.

South Korea to build shelters for EMP attacks (AHN News, 07/03/09)

<http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7015686826?South%20Korea%20To%20Build%20Shelters%20For%20Electromagnetic%20Pulse%20Waves%20Attack>

South Korea's military will build facilities that will protect electronic equipment and weapons system from disruption by electronic pulse waves (EMP) generated during a nuclear explosion, according to the defense ministry. The ministry's Brig. Gen. Jang Gi-yoon, who disclosed the plan, did not say how many anti-EMP facilities will be constructed from 2010 to 2014 using up to \$78 million in budget. However, unnamed officials told Yonhap that major political and military structures, including the office of the president and command centers, are likely to have such facilities. *Related article: [South Korea plans anti-nuclear defense](#).*

Russia launches U.S. radio satellite report (AFP, 06/30/09)

<http://www.spacedaily.com/2006/090630202232.kjreqslx.html>

Russia successfully launched Tuesday a US radio satellite from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, Russian news agencies reported. The Proton-M rocket carrying the Sirius-FM5 satellite "successfully blasted off and shortly after placed it on the sub-orbital trajectory," space officials quoted by Interfax said. The satellite will fully detach from the rocket's engine block nine hours after, officials added.

Advanced ballistic missile defense network goes into service (Japan Today, 07/02/09)

<http://www.japantoday.com/category/national/view/advanced-ballistic-missile-defense-network-goes-into-service>

A new air defense network integrating Japan's ballistic missile sensors and interception systems is now operational, upgrading the nation's defense against ballistic missiles, the Air Self-Defense Force said. The roughly 90.4 billion yen project, called the Japan Aerospace Defense Ground Environment, has replaced the Base Air Defense Ground Environment by upgrading the ASDF's automatic air warning and control system, and features better ballistic missile defense.

CDC: Swine flu cases rise to nearly 34,000 (Associated Press, 07/02/09)

http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D996FTAG1&show_article=1

Health officials say the number of U.S. swine flu cases has reached nearly 34,000, and deaths rose 34 percent in the past week to hit 170, according to numbers released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They mark an increase from the 127 deaths and nearly 28,000 confirmed and suspected swine flu cases reported last week. The United States has nearly half the world's reported swine flu cases.

Energy/Transportation Security/Infrastructure

Finest anti-terror tips for high-risk buildings (New York Daily News, 07/01/09)

http://www.nydailynews.com/news/2009/07/01/2009-07-01_finet_antiterror_tips_for_highrisk_buildings.html

The NYPD is offering building owners across New York City security tactics to protect high-risk targets from car bombs and other terror attacks, the Daily News has learned. The new program, outlined in a 100-page study to be released to building owners July 1, is based on months of research to identify the most vulnerable structures, police officials said. The study, dubbed "Engineering Security," placed the vast majority of the five boroughs' buildings into the Medium or Low Tier categories, which face little or no chance of attack, police officials said.

Announcements

To receive an EMP briefing

The Institute of the North and the Claremont Institute in Claremont, California support state legislators and emergency management groups by providing briefings on electromagnetic pulse (EMP) attack scenarios and preparedness. If you would like your committee or organization to receive one of these briefings, please contact [Jeremy Thompson](mailto:jeremy.thompson@instituteofthenorth.com) by email or call 907.771.2446.

To receive a copy of *Missile Defense and the Role of the States*

In February 2007, the Institute of the North and the Claremont Institute published a report on *Missile Defense and the Role of the States*, a survey of Adjutants General on questions regarding missile defense and electromagnetic pulse. To receive a hard copy of the report, please contact

[Jeremy Thompson](#). You can also view the report online at:
<http://www.institutenorth.org/servlet/download?id=304>.

To view the IWG report

The Institute of the North's Defense and Security program is a member of the Independent Working Group on Missile Defense, the Space Relationship, & the Twenty-First Century, a non-partisan group of defense experts who meet regularly to discuss issues and projects related to missile defense. To view the 2009 report online, please visit: <http://www.institutenorth.org/servlet/download?id=564>

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