

World News

Both India and China possess nuclear weapons so any conflict between the two is risky. One report citing Western intelligence, assess responsibility for the China-India clash on Chinese Gen. Zhao Zongqi [1]. Another report indicates China was a no show for US/Russia nuclear arms talks [2]. In response, Chinese officials indicated they will not attend any treaty discussions until the US reduces its nuclear inventory to China's alleged number of warheads [3].

In other areas, China is trying to become the dominant world power. To eliminate domestic unrest, China is forcing birth control on Uighur women [4]. Another piece describes China's global spy network and how it was used to influence British politicians [5]. A question here, is China a threat to the US election? According to the FBI Director singles out China as the biggest threat to the US [6].

Reports indicate the Iranian underground Natanz nuclear facility suffered damage including a fire seen from space imagery [7]. One report indicates the damage to the facility was significant [8]. By one estimate, the destruction was three fourths of the Natanz centrifuge assembly hall [9]. Since the initial destruction, reports indicate other explosions have been detected [10]. Finally, on July 11, there was a gas explosion in Tehran [11].

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Wuhan Coronavirus

The State Department is indicating China has been conducting covert biological weapons research [1]. This comes as one infectious disease specialist is suggesting the WHO should examine the roll of Chinese biological labs in order to better understand the COVID-19 [2]. Recently, some scientists believe the COVID-19 virus is airborne [3]. Airborne implies the virus can spread as an aerosol, with particles less than 5 microns in diameter, suspended in the air for long periods of time

[4]. Obviously, an infectious aerosol virus would be ideal for use as bioweapon infector.

Rather than help understand the origins of the virus, it appears China is stonewalling. For instance, reports indicate China is suppressing information relating to COVID-19 [5]. This includes going after those scientists that question the communist Chinese narrative [6]. As long as China covers up the origins of the COVID-19, there will be suspicions they were involved with engi-

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While I understand the passions and the anger that arise over the death of Michael Brown, giving into that anger by looting or carrying guns, and even attacking the police, only serves to raise tensions and stir chaos.—Barack Obama

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Terrorism

Saudi Arabia reportedly intercepted ballistic missiles and bomb laden drones launched by Yemen's Houthi rebels [1]. Elsewhere, militants attacked the Pakistan Stock Exchange in Karachi's financial district, killing at least three people [2].

Since its formation in 1994, the Taliban has been a violent organization [3]. One piece suggests the Taliban killed 333 people as the US withdraws thousands of warfighters [4].

If guns are removed from a society, terrorist will find other means to continue their violence. For example, in the United Kingdom, terrorist knife attacks are common. For instance, there were four attacks over an eight month period [5]. Then, in Scotland,

28 year old Badreddin Abadlla Adam from Sudan is reported to be the terrorist involved in a hotel knife attack [6].

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That's the reason some schools of thinking don't rule out a destruction of the Chinese military potential before the situation grows worse than it is today. It's bad enough now.—Curtis LeMay

Economy

While unemployment is at record highs, the Nasdaq Composite index is on fire. For example, on June 22, the Nasdaq Composite closed at a new record high [1]. Again, on June 23, the Nasdaq Composite reached a new record high [2]. On July 2, the Nasdaq closed at a new record high [3]. The Nasdaq continued record closings again on July 6 [4]. Again on July 8, the Nasdaq Composite closed at a new record high [5]. On July 9, the Nasdaq set yet another record high closing at 10,548 [6].

The employment aspect of the economy remains bleak. For the week ending June 20, the number of first time unemployment claims was 1,480,000 [7]. For the week ending June 27, the number was 1,503,750 [8]. For the week ending July 4, the number reported was 1,314,000 [9]. However, the total unem-

ployment rate for May was 11.1% [10].

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The essential act of war is destruction, not necessarily of human lives, but of the products of human labor.—

George Orwell
