

## World News

In the latest warning, Philip Davidson, head of Indo-Pacific command, summarized China's military is gaining an edge over the US [1]. For instance, while the US Navy has more tonnage but China has more ships [2]. This comes as a Chinese Type 055 12,000 ton destroyers entered the Sea of Japan for the first time [3]. Moreover, China's next (fourth) aircraft carrier will likely be nuclear powered [4]. Another source reports China is constructing 16 new Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile silos in Inner Mongolia [5]. Perhaps this is one reason why Western countries increasing their strategic weapons capability. Case in point, Brittan is expanding its nuclear warhead stockpile by 40% [6].

Separately, China is restricting the use of Tesla vehicles for military and State officials [7]. The reason cited was the concern the cars could be used to spy on Chinese officials [8]. Perhaps this is another method for China to restrict trade. Another example of China's unfair trade practices can be seen with travel. That is, China will freely allow foreign travelers into the country only if they have been vaccinated with vaccines made in China [9]. Then 200 Chinese fishing vessels started overfishing in waters contested by the Philippines and China [10]. In essence, China is using its military power to do as it likes in other country's territorial waters. Additionally, China is believed to be behind a cyber-attack directed against the Western Australian Parliament [11].

The technology that China has gained from the West and through domestic research allows it to conduct cyber warfare with impunity. Case in point, China launched a cyber-attack against India and blacked-out Mumbai, India [11]. It is unclear how many people died, if any, from the blackout.

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## Wuhan Coronavirus

One piece is suggesting that the source of COVID was a Chinese military bioweapons program accident [1]. Another piece indicates China implemented constraints on the World Health Organization's (WHO) investigation that was trying to discover the source of the COVID-19 virus [2]. This included giving China veto power over which scientists would be allowed to investigate [3]. As a consequence, it is expected the WHO's report won't cite the Wuhan Insti-

tute of Virology (WIV) as the virus source [4]. And yet, the bridge between people and animal infections continues to emerge. Case in point, gorillas at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park tested positive for COVID-19 [5]. So if the virus had emerged in the bat caves far away from Wuhan, would there not have been many infections between the two locations? As a last note on the topic. There are strong indicators that China has covered up the source of COVID-19

believed to be the WIV [6]. While the approaches to combatting the COVID-19 virus varied, the results were similar. Case in point, California imposed tough shutdowns, Florida did not; yet the infection rates are similar [7].

Meanwhile, even with vaccinations on the increase, Europe is continuing to struggle with the virus. For instance, France is locking down for 4 weeks [8].

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- Dow breaks 32,000 for a new record high

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Jeb Bush

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## Terrorism

There is a belief that if guns are illegal to own, violence will diminish. This ignores those that are intent on violence regardless of methods used. For instance, in Sweden, a terrorist involved in an Axe attack injured 8 people before police shot him dead [1].

Meanwhile, in the USA, there were armed riots in Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon [2]. Then a gunman killed at least 8 mostly Asian women at two massage spas in Georgia [3].

In Yemen, a Houthi missile attack killed three children [4]. This comes as the Houthi rebels have escalated their attack, resulting in widespread famine [5].

Elsewhere in Africa, at least 58 people were killed in Niger by a gunman opening fire in a market place [6]. Another piece indicates that Islamic

State aligned terrorists in Mozambique are decapitating children as young as eleven years old [7].

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*I am the government—  
Andrew Cuomo*

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## Economy

The economy as measured by unemployment remains dismal. The number of first time unemployment claims, for the week ending February 27, was 745,000 [1]. For the week ending March 6, the number was 712,000 [2]. Lastly, for the week ending March 13, the number reported was 770,000 [3].

In positive news, on February 10, the DJIA closed above 32,000 for the first time [3]. Then on March 11, both the DJIA and S&P 500 closed at new record highs [4]. Then again on March 12, the DJIA and S&P 500 closed at record highs [5]. Finally, the two indexes set fresh record highs again on March 15 [6].

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*Corruption is just another form of tyranny—Joe Biden*

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