

## World News

Reports indicate that North Korea is building a nuclear-powered submarine [1]. This comes as North Korea reportedly sent another 3,000 troops to aid Russia [2].

Off the British coast, a oil tanker and a cargo vessel collided [3]. One man was arrested on suspicion of manslaughter [4]. The crushed cargo ship, the Solong, was towed to Aberdeen [5].

Meanwhile, the Ukraine launched its largest drone attack against Moscow [6]. In a separate attack, Ukraine weapons hit a strategic bomber base causing a massive explosion [7]. Meanwhile, Russia struck the city of Odesa with drones [8]. On the good news front, Russia and the Ukraine have agreed to a naval ceasefire in the Black sea [9].

In Germany, the foreign intelligence service, the BND, concluded COVID-19 was likely the result of a lab leak [10]. The finding has a confidence of 80-90% [11].

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## Middle-East War

On March 15, President Trump ordered military strikes on Yemen's capital, Sanaa [1,2]. This comes as the Houthis continue to launch attacks directed against Israel [3]. Reports indicate the strikes against the Houthis are continuing [4].

Meanwhile, the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas is falling apart. Case in point, Israel military forces struck the Gaza killing over 320 people [5]. This was followed with continued bombardment as Israel demands the return of its

hostages [6].

Israel forces also bombed targets in Lebanon [7]. This was followed with strikes against targets located in southern Beirut [8].

Finally, there are signs that the people living in Gaza are tired of the war Hamas has inflicted. Case in point, hundreds took to the street in Gaza to protest Hamas [9].

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- 2.8% CPI Rate

## Middle-East War

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*Even peace may be purchased at too high a price.—Benjamin Franklin*

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## Terrorism

In Pakistan, the Baloch Liberation Army militant group, attacked a train and captured hostages [1]. During the first day, Pakistan's military battles the militants and freed at least 150 people [2]. When the train was secured, of the 440 passengers, 21 hostages were killed and all others freed [3].

The Department of Justice considers attacks on Tesla stores acts of terrorism [4]. In Las Vegas, 36-year-old Paul Hyon Kim was arrested on Federal charges for arson [5].

In Amsterdam, a man was arrested for a random knife attack that injured five people [6]. A 30-year-old man from Ukraine was arrested for the attack [7].

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*People always make war  
when they say they love  
peace.—D. H. Lawrence*

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## Economy

The Consumer Price Index decreased to 2.8% rate [1]. Another inflation metric, the core personal consumption expenditures price index showed a 0.4% increase in February [2].

However, President Trump has announced tariffs will be applied in April, causing economic uncertainty [3]. For instance, the stock exchanges, the major indexes closed lower [4].

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*People sleep peaceably in  
their beds at night only  
because rough men stand  
ready to do violence on  
their behalf.—George  
Orwell*

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