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1. [Revealed: Our Spy Targets](#), Philip Dorling, Canberra Times, 2008-06-13

China, North and South Korea and Australia's close ally, Japan, are priority targets for Australian intelligence, according to classified briefing papers prepared for Defence Minister Joel Fitzgibbon. The briefings show that the Defence Intelligence Organisation's (DIO) transnational, scientific and technical intelligence branches keep a close watch on Japan's nuclear power industry and civilian space programs.

2. [Australia Pledges \\$250 Million in Further Assistance for Afghanistan](#), Stephen Smith, Media Release, Minister For Foreign Affairs, 2008-06-12

Australia will pledge \$250 million to assist Afghanistan provide better health and education services, secure food supplies in the face of rising world prices, support its police force and expand mine action programs. Stephen Smith recently attended an International Conference in Support of Afghanistan. The centrepiece of the conference was the new Afghanistan National Development Strategy (ANDS) 2008 - 2013.

- [Afghanistan National Development Strategy](#) (ANDS)
- [Afghanistan: Approach to Humanitarian and Development Assistance 2007-2010](#), AusAid 2007 [64KB, PDF]

- [Aid to Afghanistan](#), Australian Forces Abroad, Nautilus Institute

3. [Nuke Waste Dump Site Will Be Based on Science: Rudd](#), AAP, NIT, 2008-06-16

The decision about where to build Australia's first nuclear waste dump will be based on science, says PM Kevin Rudd. Four sites are under consideration in the NT including Muckaty Station about 120km north of Tennant Creek, nominated by the Northern Land Council. Three Commonwealth defence sites are also in the running - Harts Range and Mt Everard near Alice Springs and Fishers Ridge near Katherine.

- [Radioactive Waste Management](#), Australian Radiation Protective and Nuclear Safety Agency

4. [High-Seas Tuna Stakes for Pacific Minnows](#), Paul Cleary, AFR, 2008-06-13

Eight Pacific nations - Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, PNG, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu - known as the Parties to the Naurau Agreement (PNA), have launched a plan to create a cartel like OPEC to limit access to tuna fishing near their waters. Foreign fleets would be required not to fish the high seas as a condition of using the EEZ of the PNA states.

* [Subscription required](#).

- [Valuing Pacific Fish](#): A Framework for Fisheries-Related Development Assistance in the Pacific, November 2007 [1063KB, PDF]

5. [ETAN Protests Promotion of New Kopassus Commander](#), Newsblaze, 2008-06-15

The East Timor and Indonesia Action Network (ETAN) said the promotion of Brigadier General Pramono Edhie Wibowo to chief of Kopassus, Indonesia's Special Forces unit, is the latest example of Indonesia's failure to deal with its military's sordid past. "Instead of promoting alleged rights violators, Indonesia should make sure that senior military officials responsible for the past rights crimes are brought to trial." said John M. Miller, National Coordinator of ETAN.

- [Col \(Inf\) Pramono Edhie Wibowo](#), Kopassus commander, Group V, Masters of Terror, Gerry van Klinken and David Bouchier, Crimes Against Humanity in East Timor in 1999, in Richard Tanter, Desmond Ball, and Gerry van Klinken (eds.) Masters of Terror: Indonesias Military and Violence in East Timor in 1999, Rowman & Littlefield, 2006
- [SBY's In-Law Named Kopassus Chief](#), Jakarta Post, 2008-06-12

6. Briefing Book - Updates and new pages

- [Status of Forces](#), Australia in the Solomon Islands
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