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1. Extended Nuclear Deterrence

Daily NK (Tad Farrell and Chris Green, "IS NUKE UMBRELLA HINDERING KOREA PROGRESS?", 2010/09/02) reported that the US may face trouble achieving its long term strategic goals in Northeast Asia while continuing to shelter its allies beneath a nuclear umbrella and in the absence of leverage with the PRC, a forum in Washington DC noted. The event, "Extended Deterrence in N.E Asia Achieving Mixed Results", was hosted by the Korea Chair and the Proliferation Prevention Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC. Dr. Patrick Morgan of the University of California [Irvine] emphasized that ever since increasing differences between the DPRK and ROK in economic, military and political terms first caused Pyongyang a "terrible deterrence" problem, Pyongyang "has worked very hard to try and overcome" it by building its own nuclear weapons, and now, as a result, many of Washington's policy goals cannot be realized through the provision of its own extended deterrence in the region.

<http://www.dailynk.com/english/read.php?cataId=nk00100&num=6758>

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2. US on DPRK Nuclear Talks

Agence France-Presse ("US NON-COMMITTAL ON RESUMING NKOREA NUCLEAR TALKS", Washington, 2010/09/02) reported that the United States said it planned more consultations with its partners after hearing the PRC's perspective on reviving stalled six-party nuclear disarmament talks with the DPRK. The non-committal notes from Washington came as a delegation led by the PRC's top nuclear envoy Wu Dawei met US Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg and other State Department officials. "We have our own ideas. We'll be consulting further. We'll be sharing our ideas at some point with our partners in this process," Crowley said, adding the group would "chart a way forward" together.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5g4dr8uTsqbA0YBiV7RVTXNimYB-g>

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3. US Aid to the DPRK

Voice of America ("US TO SEND FLOOD AID TO NORTH KOREA ", 2010/09/02) reported that Robert King, the U.S. special envoy for DPRK human rights, told VOA's Korean service in an exclusive interview that Washington will send \$750,000 in emergency aid to Pyongyang. He said the money will be given to three independent aid groups: Samaritan's Purse, Global Resource Services and Mercy Corps. "We've received reports of the seriousness of the flooding in North Korea," King said. "The North Korean government reached out to these three non-government organizations that we're working with and to another NGO and requested assistance." King added the groups will use the money primarily for medical supplies and will fly the aid into Pyongyang beginning this week.

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/asia/US-to-Send-Flood-Aid-to-North-Korea-Amid-Diplomatic-Row-102066328.html>

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4. Sino-Russia Nuclear Cooperation

Reuters (Jim Bai and Tom Miles, "CHINA, RUSSIA AGREE TO EXPAND NUCLEAR POWER COOPERATION", 2010/09/02) reported that the PRC and Russia have agreed to expand nuclear power cooperation in seven areas, including building floating nuclear power plants, exploring uranium mines, eliminating old plants and developing markets abroad, the China Atomic Energy Authority said. They will also cooperate on molten-core catcher technologies, which improve nuclear safety, the authority said in a statement on its website (www.caea.gov.cn), after a meeting of Russian and P government officials and industry executives.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFTOE68103W20100902>

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5. PRC Nuclear Power

World Nuclear News ("CHINESE VVERs START USING DOMESTICALLY MADE FUEL", 2010/09/02) reported that the first domestically produced VVER fuel assemblies have been loaded into the cores of the Russian-designed units 1 and 2 of the Tianwan nuclear power plant in Jiangsu province, PRC. Russian nuclear fuel producer TVEL and Jiangsu Nuclear Power Corporation (JNPC) signed a contract in December 1997 for the supply of fuel for the initial core loading of Tianwan units 1 and 2, as well as three subsequent reloads for each unit. Fuel for the Tianwan units will now be produced at China National Nuclear Corporation's (CNNC's) main PWR fuel fabrication plant at Yibin, Sichuan province, using technology transferred from TVEL under the fuel supply contract.

http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/ENF-Chinese_VVERs_start_using_domestically_made_fuel-3108104.html

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