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## 1. DPRK on Nuclear Program

The Associated Press ("NKOREA VOWS TO STRENGTHEN NUCLEAR ARMS", New York, 2010/09/30) reported that the DPRK vowed to strengthen its nuclear weapons stockpile in order to deter a US and ROK military buildup in the region. Speaking before the United Nations, the DPRK's Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Pak Kil Yon said Pyongyang is, however, ready to join nuclear nonproliferation efforts in its capacity as a nuclear weapon state. "As long as the U.S. nuclear aircraft carriers sail around the seas of our country, our nuclear deterrent can never be abandoned but be should be strengthened further," Pak said. "This is the lesson we have drawn."

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/09/29/AR2010092904339.html

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## 2. Inter-Korean Relations

Xinhua News ("S. KOREA, DPRK FAIL TO MAKE PROGRESS AT MILITARY TALKS", Seoul, 2010/09/30) reported that the ROK and the DPRK failed to narrow their differences in their first military talks in two years due to sharply differing views on the March sinking of a ROK warship, officials in Seoul said. During Thursday's working-level talks, ROK officials, as they had vowed, urged their counterparts to admit to the attack, apologize for it and punish those behind the incident. They also called on Pyongyang to "immediately stop its military threats and aggressive behaviors at maritime borders," according to the defense ministry. DPRK officials, on the other hand, rejected findings of a Seoul- led multinational probe in May that pointed finger at the DPRK as a culprit. They insisted on sending their own inspectors to look into the findings by international investigators.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/world/2010-09/30/c_13537459.htm

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## 3. Sino-US Relations

BBC News ("US AND CHINA RESUME MILITARY TIES", 2010/09/30) reported that the United States and PRC are to resume military contacts after a hiatus of more than six months. US officials said the two sides would hold maritime talks in Hawaii next month, followed by high-level talks in Washington later in the year. The two sides have now agreed that dialogue "is essential to build mutual trust and reduce the chances of misunderstanding and miscalculation", according to Colonel Dave Lapan, a Pentagon spokesman.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-11437758

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## 4. Sino-Russian Relations

Xinhua News ("CHINA, RUSSIA PLEDGE STRONGER CO-OP ON ARMS CONTROL, DISARMAMENT: STATEMENT ", 2010/09/30) reported that the PRC and Russia agreed to work more closely on international arms control, disarmament, prevention of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery vehicles.In the joint statement to comprehensively deepen their strategic partnership of coordination, the PRC and Russia reaffirmed the goal of establishing a nuclear-free world. To attain the goal, the two countries urged all countries to work together to push the process of arms control, disarmament, prevention of weapons of mass destruction proliferation, on the basis of ensuring each country's security, equality and impartibility.

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english2010/china/2010-09/28/c_13534059.htm

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## 5. Japanese Nuclear Technology Exports

The Nikkei ("TOSHIBA, MARUBENI TO HELP WITH KAZAKH NUCLEAR POWER STUDIES",

2010/09/30) reported that Japan Atomic Power Co., Toshiba Corp. and Marubeni Corp. said they will team up with the Kazakh government for nuclear power plant feasibility studies and technological cooperation in the central Asian nation. The move is part of a memorandum of understanding signed by the trio and the state-run National Nuclear Center of the Republic of Kazakhstan.In March, Japan and Kazakhstan sealed a nuclear cooperation pact, paving the way for Japanese exports of nuclear power equipment to its partner. Boosted by this latest round of cooperation, Japan hopes to win future orders to build nuclear power stations.

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