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DETERRENCE: <u>Air Force missile sites to get Wi-Fi</u>, Brian Everstine, *Air Force Times*, (4 November 2014).

Partnering with Verizon, Air Force Global Strike Command announced that 45 missile alert facilities wireless Internet hotspots to improve morale, enabling airmen to use personal digital devices while they are deployed in isolated silos for 3-4 days. The Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center at Kirkland Air Force Base vetted the system.

- <u>U.S. Strategic Command to conduct command, control exercise [Global Thunder]</u>, U.S. Strategic Command Public Affairs, October 17, 2014
- Cyber security units to protect Russia's nuclear weapons stockpiles, RT News, October 17, 2014
- Testimony General Robert Kehler, Strategic Command on vulnerability of legacy nuclear command and control systems, Committee on Armed Services, Hearing on U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Cyber Command, March 12, 2013, p. 10
- <u>This Map Tracks Cyberattacks Around the World in Real Time</u>, [map <u>here</u>] Victoria Turk, *Motherboard*, March 25, 2014

DPRK: <u>US experts: N. Koran envoy sent to Russia to ease diplomatic isolation</u>, Jee Abbey Lee, Voice of America (25 November 2014).

North Korea's moves towards Russia are classic North Korea balancing moves. There are some genuine complementary interests such as minerals, and businesses centered on extraction, but not enough to sustain a strategic rapprochement and an end to North Korea's international isolation. North Korea's domestic system generally thrives in an antagonistic external environment.

- <u>Russian coal arrive 4,500 tonne in South Korea via North Korea next week</u>. Coal Guru. (24 November 2014)
- Introduction: energy and mineral resources in North Korean security and sustainability. Arabella Imhoff and Scott Bruce, The Korean Journal of Defense Analysis. (June 2011) [PDF, 308KB]
- North Korea seeks to rent Russian farmland. The Moscow Times. (17 November 2014)

GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: <u>Watchdog estimates N.K. development</u> <u>costs at \$500b</u>, Shin Ji-hye, Korea Herald (20 November 2014)

The ROK places official costs of DPRK development post-unification at a minimum of USD 500 billion, to be financed through ODA funds and debt financing, private investment and tax revenues. The ROK is largely unprepared for reunification, and reunification would involve several international players, from international banks to governments. Unification may also pose another challenge in terms of common communication, as the ROK and DPRK languages have diverged over the years.

- <u>Unification diplomacy in full swing</u>, Kang Hyun-kyung, Korea Times (3 November 2014)
- Bank bonds would pay for bulk of reunification costs, Chosun Ilbo (19 November 2014)
- You say 'lady', I say 'slave': Korea's linguistic divide, AFP (3 November 2014)

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: <u>Creating New Norms on Climate Change</u>, <u>Natural Disasters and Displacement: International Developments 2010 -</u> <u>2013</u>, Jane McAdam, Refuge, vol. 29, no. 2 (2014) [160 KB, PDF]

The creation of a new international treaty on climate change and displacement now seems even more unlikely than ever before. On the one hand, this is because of enhanced understanding within the international community about the conceptual difficulties involved in attributing displacement to the impacts of climate change alone. On the other hand, it stems from states' reluctance to assume new legal obligations in the protection context - in other words, a lack of political will.

• <u>Climate Change, Migration, and Conflict in South Asia: Rising Tensions and Policy Options across</u> <u>the Subcontinent</u>, Arpita Bhattacharyya and Michael Werz, Center for American Progress (December 2012) • Addressing Climate Change and Migration in Asia and the Pacific: Final Report, Asian Development Bank, Manila (March 2012)

AUSTRAL PEACE AND SECURITY: <u>Abbott clueless on how to handle US and</u> <u>China</u>, Hugh White, The Age (25 November 2014)

Shifting tides: Former PM Fraser – beware our pro-US default setting. Obama – let the right one in. Xi Jinping – trust us. PM Abbott in reply to Xi: "some of the shadows over our world lifted and the sun did indeed shine brightly". White's explanation: "Abbott does not know what he is doing," blind to the depth of the rivalry and Australia's room to move. White's answer, not so far from Fraser's: "In the end we cannot afford to side with either of them."

- <u>Australian ex-PM: Alliance with US may end up pulling Australia into war</u>, Sophie Shevarnadze, SophieCo, RT, (24 November 2014)
- <u>Whitlam death revives doubts of US role in his sacking</u>, Max Suich, Australian Financial Review (30 October 2014)
- <u>Australia in America's Iraq War 3.0</u>, Richard Tanter, Nautilus Institute, NAPSNet Policy Forum (20 November 2014)

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