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DETERRENCE: Teikovo division gets full arsenal of new missile systems, RIA Novosti (20 September 2012)

Russia's Strategic Missile Forces Teikovo missile division in central Russia deployed advanced Topol-M and Yars mobile ballistic missile systems. The Yars missile system has the multiple-warhead RS-24 intercontinental ballistic missile. By 2016, Novosibirsk division (in Siberia) will receive the advanced mobile Yars systems.

- Russian Tu-95MS strategic bomber 'successfully' test-fires strategic cruise missile, Interfax-AVN

Online (20 September 2012) [subscription required]

- Putin: I'm 'grateful' to Romney for proving me right about missile defense, Fred Weir, Christian Science Monitor (12 September 2012)
- Russia's perspective on the future security environment, Dima Adamsky, Global Trends 2030 blog (25 June 2012)
- Nuclear disarmament and Russian perceptions of US conventional superiority, Dennis Gormley, Security Challenges, 6:4 (Summer 2010) [PDF, 0.2MB]

DPRK: North Korea says its missile can reach US, The Guardian (UK) (9 October 2012)

North Korea's reaction to a US-South Korean agreement to extend missile ranges has been unusually non-kinetic; consisting of statements. Kim Kyong-hui, aunt to Kim Jong-Un, was reportedly in a Singapore hospital, but has returned to Pyongyang. Her health is of particular concern since she is a key member of the power elite and her death would likely negatively affect internecine North Korea elite politics.

- Source: Aunt of N. Korea leader in Singapore hospital, The Asahi Shimbun (7 October 2012)
- Replacing the armistice with a peace treat in Korea, Lee Sigal, Social Science Research Council on Nautilus Website, (September 2012) [PDF 24.4 kb]

ENERGY SECURITY: USA: are natural gas and liberalised energy markets challenging nuclear's future? Elisabeth Jeffries, Nuclear Energy Insider (3 October 2012)

A US observer says, "Existing nuclear is barely competitive and new nuclear is not competitive at all. Part of the US is on a merchant [liberalised] market, in which companies make competitive bids at the lower cost possible." India's nuclear establishment still keeps reciting the mantra TINA – There Is No Alternative. Even as all others have found alternatives. Overthrow of the atomullahas is long overdue; they have done nothing but waste people's money and put their futures at risk.

- EU nuclear safety repairs may cost 25 billion Euros, draft shows, *Ewa Krukowska,* Bloomberg Business Week (2 October 2012)
- Stirs make govt N-energy calculations go haywire, Charu Sudan Kasturi, Hindustan Times (30 September 2012)

GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: Nuclear-talk envoys in 'casual meeting', United Press International (28 September 2012)

Signs are emerging that ties between the two Koreas may start improving, with "casual" meetings held between deputies of the members of the Six Party Talks in China. Civic groups in Seoul called for the implementation of the October 4 Joint Declaration and a DPRK website wrote that the

Declaration could create a “sea of peace.” ROK presidential candidates on both sides have also called for greater engagement with the DPRK.

- Civic groups from both Koreas say its time to honor Oct. 4 Joint Declaration, Kim Kyu-won, Hankyoreh (5 October 2012)
- Candidates’ shift towards NK engagement draws concern, Chung Min-uck, Korea Times (9 October 2012)

Blog: China to the left, Japan to the right, and a silent Korea

by Yi Kiho – Governance and Civil Society Contributor *Candidates for the next president and prime ministerial elections in South Korea and Japan were determined during the past two weeks…*

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: Adapting climate change - Is the UK preparing for flooding and water scarcity? Adaptation sub-committee progress report 2012, Committee on Climate Change-UK (2012) [2.22 MB, PDF]

Climate change could increase the number of properties in England with a significant chance of flooding from rivers or the sea: from 330,000 now to between 630,000 and 1.2 million by the 2080s. The annual expected costs of flooding could increase from £1 billion now to between £1.8 billion and £5.6 billion (present day prices) over the same time period. These estimates assume no further action to prepare, no population growth and no change in the property stock.

- How well prepared is the UK for climate change? Adaptation sub-committee first progress report, Committee on Climate Change-UK (2010)
- Adapting to climate change in the UK - Measuring progress, Adaptation sub-committee second progress report, Committee on Climate Change-UK (2011)

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY: Climate change and energy security as military issues, Jeffrey Mazo, Security and responsibility in a multipolar world, IX Conference of Forte de Copacabana, International security - a European-South American dialogue (2012)

Rather than acting as a ‘threat multiplier’, climate change may be characterised as shifting ‘the tipping point at which conflict occurs’. The mix of missions for armed forces will change within the time horizon of force planning and acquisition programmes. Disagreements stem less from differences in method than from assumptions with regard to uncertainties. Policymakers have to weigh these assessments against the costs of taking preventive action.

- Livelihood security - climate change, migration and conflict in the Sahel, United Nations Environment Program (2012) [PDF, 15.6MB]
- Global water security - Intelligence Community Assessment, National Intelligence Council, Office

of the Director of National Intelligence, ICA 2012-08 (2 February 2012) [751.5KB]

- Climate change and international security: the Arctic as a bellwether, Rob Huebert, et al., Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (May 2012)

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