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DETERRENCE: [Should Ukraine Have Gotten Rid of Its Cold War Nukes?](#), Elaine Grossman, Global Security Newswire, March 3, 2014

In 1994, Ukraine sent 4,500 former Soviet nuclear weapons to Russia and joined the NPT. Russia, the US, and UK, guaranteed Ukraine that they would respect its sovereignty, and refrain from threat or use of force against Ukraine. Many Ukrainians now have “nuclear nostalgia.” A proposed Eastern European Nuclear Weapons Free Zone is dead.

- [Budapest Memorandums on Security Assurances](#), 1994, Council on Foreign Relations
 - [Ukraine's Nuclear Nostalgia](#), Mykola Riabchuk, *World Policy Journal*, 26:4, Winter, 2009/2010, pp. 95-105. [1.3MB]
 - [A Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central and Eastern Europe](#), NATO Enlargement, and a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World, Francesco Calogero, *Disarmament Diplomacy*, 20, November 1997
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DPRK: [North-South Reunion of Separated Families, Relatives Held](#), (North) Korea Central News Agency. (22 Feb 2014)

North Korea conducted family reunions despite ongoing wargames. North Korea reported a foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak. The announcement was a little late, but may be an indicator of North Korea being willing to discuss issues. South Korea – which recently simulated reacting to FMD outbreak – offered to help deal with the situation. North Korea is also reaching out to a U.S. vulcanologist to research the volcano which North Korea considers the birthplace of the Korean race. That volcano, Mount Paektu, sits on the border between North Korea and China. The program also involves bringing North Korean scientists to England to study abroad.

- [FMD Outbreak Reported in North Korean Pig Factory Peninsula](#), The Pig Site. (20 February 2014)
- [Simulation exercise: Foot and mouth disease in the Republic of Korea](#), World Organisation for Animal Health. (15 May 2013)
- [N. Korea enlists American Vulcanologist for help with active volcano](#), National Public Radio. (22 February 2014)



GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: [Fukushima Anniversary: Japan Remembers](#), D. Parvaz, Al Jazeera (11 March 2013)

Three years after the tsunami and nuclear accident in Fukushima, thousands of residents remain displaced with few signs that the government is taking necessary steps to make the livable again. Prosecutors have dropped charges against government officials and TEPCO executives stemming from the nuclear crisis. The government is expected to push harder for a restart of nuclear power following last month's mayoral elections in Tokyo.

- [Point of view: Don't let disaster-stricken Tohoku region remain as Tokyo's 'colony'](#), Yuzuru Tsuboi, Asahi Shimbun (11 March 2014)
- [Hundreds protest dropped charges over Fukushima nuclear fallout crisis](#), Kyoko Hasegawa, AFP (2 March 2014)



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION: [Fourth Annual Survey of Australian Attitudes to Climate Change: Interim Report](#), Leviston, Z., Price, J., Malkin, S., & McCrear, R., Climate Adaptation Flagship, CSIRO: Perth, Australia (January 2014) [1.37 MB, PDF]

Effective action on adapting to climate change needs to be based on current and reliable information about what people think about climate change. A CSIRO-Australia project is undertaking systematic research surveys (2010-2013) to better address public perceptions and understandings of climate change. The latest survey carried out in 2013 finds that most people agree that climate change is happening, but they remain divided about the role played by human activity.

- [Baseline survey of Australian attitudes to climate change: preliminary report](#), Leviston, Z. &

Walker, I.A., Climate Adaptation Flagship, CSIRO: Perth, Australia (January 2011) [1.05 MB, PDF]

- [Third annual survey of Australian attitudes to climate change: interim report](#), Zoe Leviston, Iain Walker and Sarah Malkin, Climate Adaptation Flagship, CSIRO: Perth, Australia (January 2013) [1.45 MB, PDF]
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ENERGY SECURITY: [Climate Change: Evidence & Causes](#), An overview from the Royal Society and the US National Academy of Sciences, February 2014

The Royal Society and the US NAS start, “Climate change is one of the defining issues of our time”. Just one of the many for G-20s, Davos, and COPs. Also, “Scientists know that *recent* climate change is *largely* caused by human activities” (without quantifying) and “It is *now more certain than ever*.. that humans are changing the earth’s climate” (repeated every few years).

- [Liberals are destroying the planet](#), Ed Rogers, The Insiders, Washington Post blog (28 February 2014)
 - [Confronting the exploitation of extreme weather events in global warming reporting](#), John Michael Wallace, Guest Commentary in Washington Post blog Capital Weather Gang (28 February 2014)
 - [Study: Global warming will cause 180,000 more rapes by 2099](#), Jeremy Schulman, Mother Jones (February 2014)
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CLIMATE CHANGE AND SECURITY: [Billions Needed to Fund Deforestation Prevention Plan: Report](#), Reuters (4 February 2014)

Maladaptation security warning. Poorly conceived REDD+ schemes for rich countries seeking to reduce their carbon debt by paying poorer countries to not destroy rainforest carbon sinks face well-known problems including indigenous dispossession, corruption, and baseline metrics. But there is a huge deficit between willingness to pay, and what is needed. Meanwhile, Indonesia burns, and the government is shocked, shocked. Neighbouring Singapore plans corporate fines.

- [Stimulating interim demand for REDD+ emission reductions: the need for a strategic intervention from 2015 to 2020](#), Global Canopy Programme in collaboration with the Amazon Environmental Research Institute, Fauna & Flora International, and UNEP Finance Initiative (January 2014)
- [Indonesian government may buy carbon offsets from domestic forest conservation](#), Steve Zwick, Ecosystem Marketplace (26 February 2014)
- [Indonesian fires bring more haze to Southeast Asia](#), Ariana Alisjahbana Ariana Alisjahbana, James Anderson, Susan Minnemeyer, Fred Stolle and Nigel Sizer, World Resources Institute (3 March 2014)

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