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Air Force Magazine Online, July 5 | Rachel S. Cohen
The Air Force's top weapons development official says Raytheon's Small Diameter Bomb II, or "StormBreaker," is ready for primetime despite needing to work out some lingering issues.
2. Army extends LTAMDS proposal deadline
InsideDefense.com, July 3 | Jason Sherman
The Army is extending the deadline for Raytheon, Northrop Grumman and the Lockheed Martin-Elta team to complete their proposals for the Lower Tier Air and Missile Defense Sensor competition, pushing the delivery date from July 9 to July 16.
3. Fincantieri's FREMM frigate design bulks up for the US FFG(X) competition
Defense News Online, July 5 | David B. Larter
To meet the U.S. Navy's famously high survivability standards, the FREMM frigate design has had to hit the gym and pack on hundreds of thousands of pounds of muscle in pursuit of winning the Navy's FFG(X) competition.

4. NavalX targeting how information is shared to improve Navy's way of doing business

InsideDefense.com, July 5 | Justin Katz

A new Navy office stood up earlier this year is seeking to improve how the service does business both internally and with industry by changing how information between working-level staff is shared, Navy officials told Inside Defense.

CYBER/IT

5. DOD preps bases for 5G

Federal Computer Week Online, July 5 | Lauren C. Williams

Defense Department CIO Dana Deasy said the organization is putting together a list of bases across the services to test -- and ultimately keep -- 5G capabilities.

6. Spectrum-sharing consortium helping U.S. military chart waters in 5G

InsideDefense.com, July 3 | Justin Doubleday

A consortium of companies brought together more than four years ago to assist the Defense Department in managing electromagnetic spectrum access is now working to help DOD experiment with fifth-generation wireless technologies.

GLOBAL

7. Russia readies S-400 missiles for Turkey amid warnings of U.S. sanctions on NATO ally

Washington Post Online, July 5 | Amie Ferris-Rotman and Kareem Fahim

Russia will begin delivering its S-400 air-defense system to NATO-member Turkey in the coming days, a Kremlin spokesman said Friday, in a deal likely to trigger U.S. sanctions and test the bonds of the Western military alliance. But the scope of the possible response from Washington remains clouded by apparent conflicting messages.

8. NATO says no sign of Russia backing down in missile crisis

Agence France-Presse, July 5 | Damon Wake

NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg warned Friday that the chances of saving a landmark Cold War arms treaty were decreasing day by day, after talks with Russian officials failed to yield any breakthrough.

9. China denies U.S. accusations of South China Sea missile tests

Reuters, July 5 | Ben Blanchard

China's Defense Ministry on Friday denied U.S. accusations that the Chinese military had recently carried out missile tests in the disputed South China Sea, saying instead that they had held routine drills that involved the firing of live ammunition.

10. Huawei Disputes U.S. Cyber Firm's Findings of Flaws in Gear

Wall Street Journal Online, July 5 | Dustin Volz

China's Huawei Technologies Co. disputed findings from a U.S. cybersecurity firm that its gear is far more likely to contain flaws than equipment from rival companies, characterizing the analysis as incomplete and inaccurate.

SECURITY ASSISTANCE

11. Trump's Fighter Jet Sale to Taiwan Advances Despite China's Protests

ForeignPolicy.com (Exclusive), July 3 | Lara Seligman

The Trump administration's plan to sell more than 60 new F-16 fighter jets to Taiwan is now moving forward after longer-than-anticipated negotiations, paving the way for a deal that is sure to prompt fresh protests from China only days after Washington and Beijing agreed to restart trade talks.

12. Libya claims UAE bombed migrant center with US-made jet

CNN.com, July 5 | Ghazi Balkiz

Libya's UN-backed government has said the United Arab Emirates used a US-made F-16 fighter jet in Wednesday's attack on a migrant detention center that killed at least 53 people.

SPACE

13. Lots of DoD Small Launchers, But What Will They Launch?

BreakingDefense.com, July 5 | Theresa Hitchens

Small satellite launcher projects are all the rage at DoD, but there aren't many actual small satellites for them to launch. While there are numerous experimental satellites being designed and flown, there is no officially funded program aimed at designing, building and using smallsats for DoD missions.

TECHNOLOGY

14. USN to prototype AI-based decision aid to improve collision avoidance

Jane's Navy International, July 5 | Richard Scott

As part of efforts to reduce the incidence of surface ship accidents, the US Navy (USN) has instigated the development of a decision support aid that would leverage from rules-based artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms previously developed under the Sea Hunter unmanned surface vessel programme.

COMMENTARY

15. What will the U.S. defense industry do when China cuts off rare earth supplies?

Defense News Online, July 5 | Jeffery A. Green

On June 17, Chinese state-controlled media again threatened disruption of rare earth supplies to the United States - this time targeting U.S. defense contractors. The astonishing threat noted that "military equipment firms in the United States will likely have their supply of Chinese rare earths restricted" and follows calls just weeks ago to shut off rare earth supplies to the United States.

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