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Front-page op/ed in the New York Times

East Asia Program Director Jeffrey Lewis published an op/ed in the *New York Times* that appeared on page one of the international print edition. In it, Lewis discusses the role of the strange word "denuclearization," which he notes "is more or less native to the Korean Peninsula." And its likely understood to mean very different things to Kim Jong Un and Donald Trump.
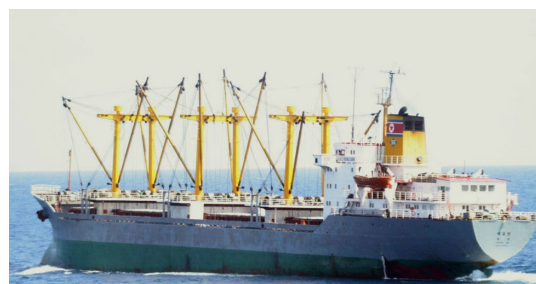
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And that just might be our saving grace.

Read "The Word That Could Help the World Avoid Nuclear War."

Analyzing the UN Report on North Korea Sanctions

Writing for the blog *War on the Rocks*, Andrea Berger and Shea Cotton look at how North Korea has managed to keep apace with the increasingly complex sanctions regime levied against it.

North Korean cargo vessel *Dai Hong Dan*. Photo courtesy of US Navy.

Andrea also discusses her analysis of the UN report on the Arms Control Wonk podcast.

Read "Walls and Ladders: The Latest UN Report on DPRK Sanctions."

High School Students from Japan, US, Russia discuss Nuclear Ban Treaty

Students and teachers from Japan and Russia joined their peers from the United States to participate in the Critical Issues Forum (CIF) Conference, which was held in Monterey, CA, March 30-31.

Critical Issues Forum Spring 2018

This annual event is part of CNS's commitment to nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament education. The CIF program, in particular, focuses on engaging high school students, who will become the leaders of tomorrow, on nuclear issues.

Learn more.

Celebrating Success of the MTCR

Growth in MTCR Membership by Year (click to enlarge)

Between North Korean's progress advancing an intercontinental ballistic-missile program and Iran's ongoing intermediate-range missile tests, a casual observer might believe that missile proliferation abounds.

Not so, writes CNS Deputy Director Leonard S. Spector in this month's *Arms Control Today*. The thirty-year-old Missile Technology Control Regime has successfully suppressed the spread of missiles "to a remarkable degree."

Read on.

WEBINAR: Snooping on North Korea from Monterey

Jeffrey Lewis

In this pre-recorded webinar, East Asia Program Director Jeffrey Lewis demonstrates how his team uses open-source satellite photographs, 3D models, and language skills to gain unprecedented insight into North Korea's missile program, "without leaving Monterey or the beach," he adds.

Watch the webinar .

VIDEO: State-sponsored Radiological Weapons Programs

Louisa Roemer presents her research

Dirty bombs aren't just for terrorists. In this video, CNS experts Sarah Bidgood, Fabian Hinz, Jeffrey Lewis, Sam Meyer, and Luisa Roemer explore the history of state radiological weapons programs to understand why states pursue radiological weapons and how to deal with the challenges they present.

Watch the video.

In Remembrance of Ambassador Mohamed Shaker

It is with great sadness that we learned this month that Ambassador Mohamed Shaker passed away at the age of 85. Ambassador Shaker was both a good friend and an exceptional diplomat, who represented Egypt with distinction in many posts around the world. He is perhaps best known for his work in the sphere of nuclear nonproliferation, both as a diplomat and a scholar.

Ambassador Mohamed Shaker
(1933-2018)

Ambassador Shaker was an indefatigable proponent of the NPT, and even during his later years always could be found at NPT meetings. He brought unusual passion and perspective to these events, along with great warmth and humor. He will be sorely missed.

We welcome you to share your thoughts and memories of Amb. Shaker here.

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