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Disturbing Satellite Images of North Korea

On August 12, CNS's Jeffrey Lewis published a revelatory article bringing attention to recent satellite imagery that suggests North Korea is expanding its uranium production capability significantly.

The purpose of such heightened production is still unknown,

though Lewis suggests that it could either be to expand its nuclear weapon stockpile or it could be to produce fuel for civilian purposes.

The article was widely cited by the media-- including the Washington Post, the New York Times, CBS, and the Independent-- though the North Korean government refused to comment on the story.



[Read Jeffrey Lewis's article.](#)

Summer School in Mexico City

CNS, in collaboration with the Mexican Foreign Ministry and with the support of the Swiss Foreign Ministry, conducted the second annual Summer School on Nuclear Disarmament and Nonproliferation in Mexico City from July 13-17, 2015. Summer school participants were predominantly young diplomats from 25 Latin American countries, along with university students and representatives from international organizations.

CNS Director William Potter and International Organizations Program Director Gaukhar Mukhatzhanova were the lead instructors at the school, which also featured lectures by US Special Representative for Nonproliferation Ambassador Adam Scheinman and Secretary-General of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean Ambassador Luiz Filipe de Macedo Soares. Additional CNS speakers included Senior Research Associate Melissa Hanham, Senior Research



CNS Director Bill Potter and Ms. Ana Paola Barbosa, Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director General, hand out certificates to Summer School participants.

Associate Myles Pomper, VCDNP Executive Director Laura Rockwood, and Senior Fellow Nikolai Sokov.

Remembering Hiroshima, Imagining the Future

The 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki provided an important milestone in the study of nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation, both to understand the history of the atomic age, and to shape its future.



CNS's **Masako Toki published an insightful editorial** on the role that Japan can and should play to strengthen the international disarmament regime. As the country of "hibakusha"-- atomic bomb survivors-- as well as its unique, geopolitical role in the world, "Japan must take a bolder step," she writes for the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists: "Efforts toward a world without nuclear weapons need to be multifaceted-- which Japan knows better than many countries."

Writing from Hiroshima for Foreign Policy, East Asia Program Director **Jeffrey Lewis published a thoughtful commentary** on "the real power of Hiroshima," on the ways in which the August 6, 1945, bombing sparked the creation of a slow, contested norm that posits nuclear weapons "as the ultimate expression of material and spiritual evil of total war." He goes on to explore the implication, evolution, and debates surrounding this norm, that any student, scholar, or practitioner charged with understanding our current-day nonproliferation regime should read.

Chem & Bio Weapons Short Course in DC: New Deadline

On September 10, 11, 15, 16, and 17, CNS will hold a new short course on chemical and biological weapons nonproliferation.

The series is being offered to US



Government personnel, including fellows working at US Government agencies. Washington-based officials from a number of foreign embassies will also be invited to participate. The course is being offered free of charge to accepted applicants. This course is intended for professionals with some previous experience in the field of chemical and biological weapons issues and is also open for applicants who have completed the introductory course in the 2015 series.

The deadline for applications is September 4. Visit our website for **more information, including course agenda.**

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