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Washington Post feature on CNS Researchers

Post Bureau Chief Anna Fifield visited the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey for a closeup, first-hand look at how CNS researchers use opensource technology "to do the kind of work previously the preserve of intelligence agencies and, in the process, learn all sorts of things about one of the most impenetrable countries in the world"-- North Korea.

Read the article.



Melissa Hanham, Jeffrey Lewis, and Shea Cotton listen as Dave Schmerler--a researcher nicknamed "Geolocation Jesus" by Lewis-- uses satellite images and 3D models to locate the sites of North Korea's nuclear and missile program.

Senior NPT Diplomats Debate What to Expect at the Next PrepCom

CNS partnered with the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations to co-host an offrecord roundtable discussion on "The 2018 NPT PrepCom: Looking for Common Ground."

Approximately three dozen senior diplomats from both nuclear-weapon states and nonnuclear-weapon states joined the dialogue, which was chaired by CNS Director William Potter.



Read more .

US-Russian Dialogue on Strategic Stability

For the fourth in a series of workshops co-organized by CNS and the Moscow-based Center for Energy and Security Studies, US and Russian experts gathered for a track 1.5 dialogue on strategic stability in bilateral relations.

The meeting was held in a Soviet-era command-and-control

bunker sixty-five meters underground, and included a working lunch featuring a discussion with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov, who had attended two previous workshops in Monterey and Moscow.

Read more.

Leading Experts on Nonproliferation and Disarmament Convene in Paris

CNS Director William C. Potter delivered a presentation at the 10th Anniversary Conference of the International Luxembourg Forum on Preventing Nuclear Catastrophe, held in Paris.

Other speakers at the conference included former Secretary

of Defense William Perry, former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair, NTI Vice Chairman Des Browne, former IAEA Director-General Hans Blix, former Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, former Pugwash President Jayantha Dhanapala, and many other eminent scholars, officials, and military personnel.

How did North Korea Build the Bomb?

On the latest episode of its series, *Asian Century*, Channel News Asia interviews Senior Research Associate Melissa Hanham for her insights into how the secluded regime begged, borrowed, and stole its way toward becoming a nuclear-armed country.

And to better understand the reach of North Korea's missile capability, check out **this new graphic** produced in collaboration with our partners at the Nuclear Threat Initiative.

Watch the show.

New 3D Video Highlights Developments at Iranian Space Launch Center

In partnership with the Nuclear Threat Initiative, CNS produced a new **3D facility video**, highlighting developments at the Imam Khomeini Space Launch Center. This site was re-opened in July 2017 after the successful test of a





Victor Esin of NTI and Bill Potter of CNS. Image credit: Luxembourg Forum





Simorgh Satellite Launch Vehicle.

The new video analyzes recent trends in Iran's missile and space launch vehicle program, which indicate that Iran is focused on further developing it peaceful space launch capability, and that the Iran nuclear agreement may have helped redirect the focus of the country's missile program from developing longer range missiles to expanding shorter range conventional capabilities.

Learn More.

First Giving Thanks, Then Giving Tuesday

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