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Ladies & Gentlemen, below please find this week's edition of *Executive Insight Brief* from The Roosevelt Group.

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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF – JANUARY 24, 2020

TOP STORIES

What to watch for on day 4 of the Senate impeachment trial

House Democrats got their final shot on Friday to make their case to the [Senate and the American public](#) that President Trump's actions warrant conviction and removal from office.

Democrats were expected to use the fourth day of the trial — which marks their third day for

opening arguments — to explore the second article of impeachment adopted by the House last month: obstruction of Congress.

Second coronavirus case confirmed in the US

A second person in the U.S. has been [diagnosed with the coronavirus](#), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced.

The patient is reportedly a woman in her 60s who had returned home to Chicago from Wuhan in China - where the outbreak began - on 13 January.

The woman is in isolation in hospital and is stable, state officials say. Globally, there are more than 800 confirmed cases of the virus, which has killed 26 people in China.

U.S. military releases new details of Kenyan base attack that left 3 dead

The U.S. military on Thursday released new details of the Jan. 5 [attack on a Kenyan airbase](#) used by U.S. troops following a *New York Times* report that described the scene as chaotic.

U.S. Africa Command (Africom) in a statement pushed back on the *Times* report, which noted that American forces were surprised by an al-Shabaab attack on the Kenyan Defense Force Military Base in Manda Bay, Kenya, taking roughly an hour to respond and even longer to evacuate wounded Pentagon personnel.

Defense Secretary stresses need to protect suppliers amid Huawei debate

Defense Secretary Mark Esper said the Pentagon has to consider its supplier base amid reports the Pentagon scuttled regulations to [restrict Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei](#) over concerns it would harm U.S. companies.

How the Quds Force is filling Soleimani's shoes

The U.S. [killing of Gen. Qassem Soleimani](#) earlier this month deprived Iran of one of its most singular leaders and created new questions about Iran's strategy of building and maintaining its power in the region. Without its charismatic and high-profile commander, would Iran be forced to retrench and pause? Or would it find new ways to lash out?

Now, the strategy is coming into view, and it gives a window into what Iran is doing — and what

challenges the U.S. faces.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

971

War elephant corps of the Southern Han defeated at Shao by crossbow fire from Song Dynasty troops; Southern Han state forced to submit to the Song Dynasty. 1st regular war elephant corps in Chinese army.

1368

In a coronation ceremony, Zhu Yuanzhang ascends to the throne of China as the Hongwu Emperor, initiating Ming Dynasty rule over China that would last for three centuries.

1556

Shaanxi Earthquake - deadliest ever recorded kills 830,000 in Shensi Province, China

1950

Israeli Knesset resolves Jerusalem is capital of Israel

1973

U.S. President Richard Nixon announces an accord has been reached to end Vietnam War

1978

Sweden becomes the first nation in the world to ban aerosol sprays, believed to be damaging to earth's ozone layer.

LOOK AHEAD

United for Peace & Justice holds a International Day of Action "No War with Iran" rally.

12:00 PM EST on 01/25/2020

In front of the White House, Lafayette Square side

contact@unitedforpeace.org

The Intelligence and National Security Alliance holds a seminar on "Great Power Competition: Disinformation and Influence Operations."

2:00 PM EST on 01/27/2020

101 Constitution Avenue, Suite 600E

pr@insaonline.org

703-224-4672

RSVP at <https://www.insaonline.org/event/great-power-competition-disinformation-and-influence-operations/>

Participants:

- Shelby Pierson, Intelligence community election threats executive in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence
- Jane Holl Lute, President and CEO of SICPA North America
- former National Security Agency Deputy Director Richard Ledgett Jr., Senior visiting fellow at the MITRE Corporation
- Jennifer Mathieu, Chief technologist for social analytics and integrity at MITRE
- Aaron Brantly, Cyber policy fellow at the Army Cyber Institute
- Tom Warrick, Nonresident senior fellow at Atlantic Council

The National Defense Industrial Association holds a meeting of the Electronics Division, focusing on the intersection of commercial and defense activity in space.

8:15 AM EST on 01/28/2020

Highlights:

- 9:45 a.m.: Daniel Goldin, CEO and founder of KnuEdge, delivers keynote remarks
- 1:45 p.m.: Derek Tournear, director of the Space Development Agency; David Davis, systems engineering division chief of the Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center; and Patrick Murphy, strategic planning and integration director at NASA, participate in a discussion on "Government Agency Roles and Responsibilities"

Lockheed Martin Global Vision Center, 2121 Crystal Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, Va.

703-247-2579

Evamarie Socha, <https://www.ndia.org/events/2020/1/28/electronics-division-meeting>; RSVP required.

The Senate Armed Services Committee holds a hearing on "U.S. Strategy in Afghanistan."

9:00 AM EST on 01/28/2020

G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building

Senate Armed Services Committee

202-224-3871

Witnesses:

- retired Army Brig. Gen. Kimberly C. Field, Executive director of the Bush School of Government and Public Service's Albritton Center for Grand Strategy and former senior adviser to the commander of Operation Resolute Support
- retired Army Gen. John W. Nicholson Jr., President of PenFed Foundation and former commander U.S. Forces Afghanistan
- Colin F. Jackson, Professor in the United States Naval War College's Strategy and Policy Department and former deputy assistant Defense secretary for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia

The House Armed Services Committee holds a hearing on "Security Update on the Korean Peninsula."

10:00 AM EST on 01/28/2020

2118 Rayburn House Office Building

House Armed Services Committee

202-225-4151

Witnesses:

- Defense Undersecretary for Policy John C. Rood
- Lt. Gen. David W. Allvin, Director for strategy, plans and policy for the Joint Staff (J5)

The Canadian Global Affairs Institute holds a one-day conference on "Modernizing North American Defense."

8:00 AM EST on 01/29/2020

Ottawa, Canada

The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement holds its 13th annual Military Radar Summit, with the theme "Speed, Complexity and Concealment: Accelerating Military Radar Development," January 29-31.

9:50 AM EST on 01/29/2020

Highlights:

— 10 a.m.: Session on "Utilizing AI (Artificial Intelligence) to Assess and Characterize Radar and Communication Emitters"

— 1:30 p.m.: Brian "Bear" Lihani, chief of the North American Aerospace Defense Command's Aerospace Warning Branch, delivers remarks on "Evolving the U.S. Airborne Early Warning Systems and Operational Capability for Future Security Needs"

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Va.

800-882-8684

RSVP at <https://www.idga.org/events-militaryradarsummit/>

The House Science, Space and Technology Committee holds a hearing on "Losing Ground: U.S. Competitiveness in Critical Technologies."

10:00 AM EST on 01/29/2020

2318 Rayburn House Office Building

House Science, Space and Technology Committee

202-225-6375

Witnesses:

- Eric Schmidt, Founder of Schmidt Futures
- Diane Souvaine, Chair of the National Science Board
 - Chaouki Abdallah, Executive vice president for research at the Georgia Institute of Technology

The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments holds a discussion on a new CSBA report, "Taking Back the Seas: Transforming the U.S. Surface Fleet for Decision-Centric Warfare."

11:30 AM EST on 01/29/2020

Highlight:

— Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly delivers remarks on the future of the Navy

PARTICIPANTS: co-author Bryan Clark, senior fellow at CSBA, and co-author Timothy Walton, research fellow at CSBA

CSBA, 1667 K St. NW, Suite 950

202-719-1358

William Bodie; Register at <https://csbaonline.org/about/events/taking-back-the-seas-transforming-the-u.s-surface-fleet-for-decision-centric-warfare>

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Highlights:

- 9 a.m.: Session on "Developing Fully Adaptive Radar"
- 11 a.m.: Frederick Moorefield, acting principal director to the deputy Defense CIO for control, communications and computers and information infrastructure capabilities, delivers remarks on "DoD Actions to Facilitate Spectrum Sharing"

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The Senate Armed Services Committee holds a hearing on the U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for FY2021 and the Future Years Defense Program.

9:00 AM EST on 01/30/2020

G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Senate Armed Services Committee
202-224-3871

Witnesses:

- Adm. Craig S. Faller, Commander of the U.S. Southern Command
- Army Gen. Stephen J. Townsend, Commander of the U.S. Africa Command

The National Academy of Sciences holds a webinar, beginning at 1 p.m., on "Defense Advanced Research Project Agency's Oceans of Things Program," focusing on persistent maritime situational awareness using thousands of small, low-cost floats to form a distributed sensor network.

1:00 PM EST on 01/30/2020

202-334-2500

<http://national-academies.org>; Webinar information is available at

https://nasem.zoom.us/webinar/register/2815768771072/WN_f5y-R7UHTG-0THzhUUVJhg

Participants:

- John Waterston, Program manager of the DARPA Oceans of Things Program

The Institute of World Politics holds a discussion on "Spycraft 2.0: How Technology is Changing Espionage."

5:00 PM EST on 01/30/2020

IWP, 1521 16th St. NW

202-462-2101

or 202-986-2916; RSVP required to kbridges@iwp.edu

Participants:

- Patricia Schouker, Energy analyst, founder and CEO of Energy Bridge Consulting

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— 10:30 a.m.: James Faist, director of defense research and engineering for advanced capabilities in the Office of the Defense Undersecretary for Research and Engineering, delivers remarks on

"Efforts to Maintain U.S. Dominance in the Electromagnetic Spectrum"

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Have a great weekend!

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