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

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TOP STORIES

Trump says he's suspending travel from Europe to U.S., though citizens and others are exempt

Washington (CNN) President Donald Trump said Wednesday he was [sharply restricting travel to the United States from more than two dozen European countries](#), a drastic step he framed as an attempt to contain a spreading public health crisis that has engulfed his presidency, caused global market turmoil and disrupted everyday life.

In a primetime Oval Office address meant to rebut criticism that he's taken the matter too lightly, Trump framed his announcement as a suspension of "all travel from Europe to the United States for the next 30 days."

Italy and South Korea virus outbreaks reveal disparity in deaths and tactics

MILAN/SEOUL (Reuters) - [In Italy, millions are locked down and more than 800 people have died from the coronavirus](#). In South Korea, hit by the disease at about the same time, only a few thousand are quarantined and 67 people have died. As the virus courses through the world, the story of two outbreaks illustrates a coming problem for countries now grappling with an explosion in cases.

Why canceling events makes sense in the age of COVID-19

[Governments, businesses and sports leagues are taking drastic steps](#) to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus that has infected more than 1,300 people across the United States.

The measures, virtually unprecedented in the century since the Spanish Flu that killed more than 50 million people around the globe, are aimed at reducing the transmission of the potentially life-threatening virus between those already infected and those who are at risk.

Iranian proxy 'likely' launched strike that killed 2 American troops in Iraq, says U.S. general

WASHINGTON — [A rocket attack in Iraq that killed two American troops and one UK](#) service member was "most likely" conducted by a Shia militia group, but the U.S. Defense Department is still investigating, according to the top commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East.

In congressional testimony Thursday, Gen. Kenneth "Frank" McKenzie said "the Iranian proxy group known as Kataib Hezbollah is the only group known to have conducted an indirect fire attack on this scale against the U.S. coalition forces in Iraq."

European Airlines Ask For Government Help After U.S. Travel Ban

[European airlines reeling from the latest blow of a U.S. travel ban](#) have called on governments to immediately ease slot rules, defer taxes and clarify the status of passenger compensation to help them weather the COVID-19 coronavirus storm.

The Airlines For Europe (A4E) industry group said urgent measures were needed to support European airlines in the short-term and aid the industry's economic recovery.

DNC moves Democratic debate from Phoenix to Washington, D.C., over coronavirus concerns. The Democratic National Committee earlier announced that the debate would no longer be held before a live audience.

The Democratic National Committee on Thursday announced that [Sunday's primary debate will be moved from Phoenix to Washington, D.C.](#), as the nation grapples with the coronavirus outbreak.

Earlier this week, as Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders began canceling campaign rallies, the DNC announced the debate would no longer feature a live audience while CNN, the debate's host, said the traditional spin and press rooms would be scrapped.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

[624](#)

Battle of Badr: Muhammad's Muslim forces win significant victory over Meccan army

[1591](#)

Battle at Tondibi: Moroccan army under Judar defeats Sultan Askia Ishaq II of Songhai

[1781](#)

William Herschel sees what he thinks is a "comet" but is actually the discovery of the planet Uranus

[1884](#)

Siege of Khartoum, Sudan begins by Mahdist forces, lasts 10 months

[1903](#)

Fall of the Sokoto Caliphate in Northern Nigeria, the British claim supremacy over 500,000 square miles

[1930](#)

Clyde Tombaugh announces discovery of Pluto at Lowell Observatory

[2003](#)

The journal *Nature* reports that 350,000-year-old footprints of an upright-walking human have been found in Italy

[2019](#)

U.S. grounds all Boeing 737 Max aircraft after bans by others countries following the plane type's second crash in Ethiopia

LOOK AHEAD

Marine Corps Gen. Kenneth McKenzie Jr., commander of U.S. Central Command, holds a media briefing on the status of operations in the CENTCOM area of responsibility.

8:30 AM EDT on 03/13/2020

The Pentagon, Briefing Room 2E972

703-697-5131

<http://www.defenselink.mil>; Journalists without a Pentagon building pass will be picked up at the River Entrance Pedestrian Bridge or the Pentagon Metro Visitors Entrance only. Arrive no later than 45 minutes before the briefing, and have proof of affiliation and two forms of photo identification. Call 703-697-5131 for escort into the building. Livestream at <https://www.defense.gov/Watch/Live-Events/#/?currentVideo=23445>

The Center for Strategic and International Studies holds a webcast, beginning at 9:30 a.m., on "Army Air and Missile Defense."

9:30 AM EDT on 03/13/2020

CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW

202-775-3242

Andrew Schwartz, <http://www.csis.org>; Information on the webcast is available at

<https://www.csis.org/events/demand-event-army-air-and-missile-defense>

Participants:

- Barbara Treharne, Senior analyst at the Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization
- Brig. Gen. Brian Gibson, Director of the Army Air and Missile Defense Cross-Functional Team
- Maj. Gen. Robert Rasch, Program executive officer for Army Missiles and Space
- Brian Green, Non-resident senior associate at CSIS
- Thomas Karako, Director of the CSIS Missile Defense Project

U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission holds a hearing on "A 'China Model?' Beijing's Promotion of Alternative Global Norms and Standards."

9:30 AM EDT on 03/13/2020

215 Dirksen Senate Office Building

bwashington@uscc.gov

202-624-1482

Brittney Washington

The U.S. Army Military District of Washington holds a court-martial in the case of United States vs. Capt. Scott Hockenberry on a charge of sexual assault and assault consummated by a battery that allegedly occurred in 2016.

9:00 AM EDT on 03/16/2020

Fort Belvoir, 9820 Flagler Road, Fort Belvoir, Va.

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Media RSVP required by noon March 12.

Defense Department; office of the Secretary holds a closed meeting of the Defense Science Board to discuss classified future dimensions of conflict that might be exploited by our near-peer competitors and adversaries in response to the DSB's 2020 Summer Study on New Dimensions of Conflict, March 17-18.

8:00 AM EDT on 03/17/2020

Executive Conference Center, 4075 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va.

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Kevin Doxey

The Cyberspace Solarium Commission was established in the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 to "develop a consensus on a strategic approach to defending the United States in cyberspace against cyber attacks of significant consequences."

11:00 AM EDT on 03/17/2020

U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street NW

[RSVP](#)

The Heritage Foundation holds a webcast book discussion, beginning at 12 p.m., on "Defense Management Reform: How to Make the Pentagon Work Better and Cost Less."

12:00 PM EDT on 03/17/2020

Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Lehrman Auditorium

lectures.seminars@heritage.org

202-675-1761

<http://www.heritage.org>; Webcast information at <https://www.heritage.org/defense/event/reforming-the-defense-department-how-make-the-pentagon-work-better-and-cost-less>

Participants:

- Author Peter Levine, Former undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness
- Thomas Spoehr, Director of the Heritage Center for National Defense

Federal Communications Commission holds the fourth meeting of the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council.

12:30 PM EDT on 03/17/2020

FCC, 445 12th St. SW, Room TW-C305

CSRIC@fcc.gov

202-418-1916

Suzon Cameron; The council meets via electronic means and available to the public through the Internet.

Livestream at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>

The Global Campaign on Military Spending holds a conference call briefing, beginning at 8 p.m., on "Military Spending Costs Us the Earth," as part of the Global Days of Action on Military Spending.

8:00 PM EDT on 03/19/2020

coordination.gcoms@ipb.org

Registration required for call-in information at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesnNWA6_0VXedLMjI3rbDzxTHfHqByInK7tfj7k5QmHYKvbA/viewform

Participants:

- Bill Hartung, Center for International Policy
- Lindsay Koshgarian, Institute for Policy Studies

Have a great weekend!

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