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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF

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**TOP STORIES**

**U.S. increases military pressure on China as tensions rise over pandemic**

(CNN)The U.S. is upping [military pressure on China](#) amid increased tensions over the South China Sea and accusing Beijing of seeking to leverage the coronavirus pandemic to extend its sphere of influence in the region.

Over the last few weeks U.S. Navy ships and Air Force B-1 bombers have undertaken missions aimed at sending a very public message that the U.S. military intends to maintain a presence in the region and reassure allies.

It's also a top priority for the Pentagon to get the virus-stricken aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt back out to sea in the region as soon as the end of the month.

### **U.S. says Islamic State conducted attack on Kabul hospital**

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States on Thursday blamed Islamic State militants – not the Taliban – for a [gruesome hospital attack in Afghanistan](#) this week that killed two newborn babies, and it renewed calls for Afghans to embrace a troubled peace push with the Taliban insurgency.

But it was unclear if the U.S. declaration would be enough to bolster the peace effort and reverse a decision by the Kabul government to resume offensive operations against the Taliban.

### **Jennifer Santos, Pentagon industrial policy chief, exiting role**

WASHINGTON – Jennifer Santos, the [U.S. Defense Department's primary liaison to the defense industry](#) and a key player in the department's COVID-19 response, is departing as head of industrial policy to take a new role with the Navy, the Pentagon has confirmed to *Defense News*.

Santos took over the role of deputy assistant secretary of defense for industrial policy in June 2019, after Eric Chewning was tapped to be chief of staff for then-acting Defense Secretary Pat Shanahan.

In that role, she served as Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment Ellen Lord's principal advisor for analyzing the capabilities, overall health and policies concerning the industrial base. She also shaped policy on business combinations and transactions, both foreign and domestic, that impact national security.

## CDC posts guidance documents on safely reopening public spaces

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Thursday [posted updated reopening guidelines](#) for schools, workplaces and other venues.

The release of the instructions on how schools, workplaces, camps, child care, restaurants and bars, and mass transit should safely reopen came after an uproar over an Associated Press report that the White House blocked an earlier version.

The one-page documents for each type of public space do not include a large amount of detail, but contain decision trees with factors for those venues to work through as they seek to reopen.

Each guidance document first asks if reopening would be consistent with state and local orders. The Trump administration has stressed that governors are taking the lead on reopening decisions.

After The Associated Press reported that the White House blocked the release of an earlier version of the guidance, a White House official said the guidance was “too prescriptive.”

## Senate passes FISA renewal bill with changes that dismay DOJ

The Senate approved legislation Thursday to renew a handful of key domestic surveillance powers, but only after civil libertarians attached language that the [Justice Department warns would "unacceptably degrade" national security](#).

Now the bill goes back to the House for possibly more tinkering, leaving a cloud over its chances for swift final approval.

The USA Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2020, [H.R. 6172 \(116\)](#), passed the Senate by an 80-16 vote more than two months after the House approved it by a wide, bipartisan margin. But Thursday's vote came a day after Senate privacy hawks successfully amended the bill to expand legal protections for certain groups of individuals targeted by federal surveillance – a change that DOJ labeled unacceptable.

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

1252

Pope Innocent IV issues the papal bull ad exstirpanda, which authorizes, but also limits, the torture of heretics in the Medieval Inquisition

1618

German astronomer Johannes Kepler discovers the third of his three planetary laws his "harmonics law"

1869

National Woman Suffrage Association forms in New York, founded by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton

1940

Richard and Maurice McDonald open the 1st McDonald's restaurant in San Bernardino, California

1951

AT&T becomes the 1st U.S. corporation to have a million stockholders after young car salesman Brady Denton purchases 7 shares worth \$1,078

1988

USSR begins withdrawing its 115,000 troops from Afghanistan

## **LOOK AHEAD**

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting by teleconference of the Regulatory and Policy Committee of the NASA Advisory Council.**

Agenda includes: Regulatory Issues for Commercial and Governmental Payloads on LEO Private Sector Modules and Free Flying Habitats; and Discussion of Spectrum Issues

10:30 AM EDT on 05/15/2020

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Andrew Rowe; Dial-in at 415-527-5035; passcode, 903548068#; WebEx at <https://nasaenterprise.webex.com>; meeting number, 900 459 481; password, RPC-May-15 information.

**The House Armed Services Committee holds a closed classified briefing on ISIS in Iraq and Syria.**

1:00 PM EDT on 05/15/2020

CVC-Auditorium U.S. Capitol

[House Armed Services Committee](#)

202-225-4151

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**Gov. Ralph Northam, (D-Va.), holds a news conference, beginning at 2 p.m., with the Virginia Emergency Support Team to provide updates on Virginia's COVID-19 response efforts.**

2:00 PM EDT on 05/15/2020

Patrick Henry Building, 1111 East Broad St., West Reading Room, Richmond, Va.

[Alena.Yarmosky@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:Alena.Yarmosky@governor.virginia.gov)

Livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/GovernorVA/>

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting by teleconference of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel on programs that involve the safety of human flight.**

Agenda includes: Updates on the Commercial Crew Program; and Updates on Human Lunar Exploration Program

3:00 PM EDT on 05/15/2020

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**Defense Department; office of the Secretary holds a meeting by teleconference of the Defense Health Board to provide progress updates on specific taskings before the DHB and to receive information briefings on current issues related to military medicine.**

Agenda includes: Briefing on the DoD Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Booster Immunization Practices review; Briefings on Medical Artificial Intelligence and on the Defense Health Agency Markets; Progress updates from the Neurological/Behavioral Health Subcommittee on the Examination of Mental Health Accession Screening: Predictive Value of Current Measures and Processes review; and Health Care Delivery Subcommittee on the Active Duty Women's Health Care Services review

9:00 AM EDT on 05/18/2020

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Gregory Gorman; RSVP required for dial-in information by May 11 to Michele Porter at 703-275-6012.

**The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and George Mason University hold a Critical Issues in Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) symposium via webcast, beginning at 10 a.m., May 19-20.**

Highlights:

- 12:30 p.m.: Mark Lewis, director of defense research and engineering for modernization at the Defense Department, delivers keynote remarks on "New Defense Technology Challenges"
- 2 p.m.: Sean Plankey, principal deputy assistant Energy secretary for cybersecurity,

energy security and emergency response, participates in a session on "Critical Technology Issues"

10:00 AM EDT on 05/19/2020

703-631-6179

Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.afcea.org/event/GMU-Home>

The Information Technology Industry Council hosts a [virtual event](#) with Reps. [Doris Matsui](#) (D-Calif.) and [Michael McCaul](#) (R-Texas) on "Cybersecurity in the time of Covid-19."

12:30 PM EDT on 05/19/2020

Webinar

[info@itic.org](mailto:info@itic.org)

[RSVP](#)

Government Executive Media Group holds a webcast, beginning at 3 p.m., on "Powering Mission Readiness: Mitigating the Supply Chain Risk."

3:00 PM EDT on 05/19/2020

[events@govexec.com](mailto:events@govexec.com)

202-266-7332

Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.govexec.com/feature/powering-mission-readiness/?oref=ge-events-upcoming>

Participants:

- Constance Sayers, President of Government Executive

- Terry Busch, Chief of the Defense Intelligence Agency's Integrated Analysis and Methodologies Division
- Nand Mulchandani, CTO in the Defense Department's Joint Artificial Intelligence Center
- Patrick Tucker, Technology editor at Defense One
- Alexander Miller, Senior adviser for science and technology to the Army
- Patrick Biltgen, Director of analytics and data services at Perspecta Inc.

**The Washington Space Business Roundtable holds a discussion via webcast, beginning at 9:30 a.m., with Defense Undersecretary for Research and Engineering Mike Griffin.**

9:30 AM EDT on 05/20/2020

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Annette Summers; Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.wsbr.org/events/breakfast-with-mike-griffin/>

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- 10 a.m.: Army Maj. Nathaniel Bastian, chief artificial intelligence solution architect and acting chief of the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center's Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Engineering Division; and Chris McGuire, director for research and analysis at the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence, participate in a session on "Artificial Intelligence Issues for Defense Applications"
- 12:30 p.m.: Walter Scott, CTO of Maxar and founder and CTO of Digital Globe, delivers keynote remarks on "Commercial Satellite Imaging"

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Strategic Marketing Innovations hosts a [webinar](#) on "Navigating the Defense Production Act."

11:00 AM EDT on 05/20/2020

[RSVP](#)

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee holds a markup to vote on a motion to issue a subpoena to Blue Star Strategies as described in Schedule A; and the nomination of Brian D. Miller to be special inspector general for pandemic recovery.

11:30 AM EDT on 05/20/2020

325 Russell Senate Office Building

[Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee](#)

202-224-4751

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a crew arrival news conference via teleconference, beginning at 12 p.m., for the SpaceX Demonstration Mission Two - the first time a commercially built and operated American rocket and spacecraft will carry humans to the International Space Station.

12:00 PM EDT on 05/20/2020

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Kyle Herring; RSVP to [ksc-newsroom@mail.nasa.gov](mailto:ksc-newsroom@mail.nasa.gov) by 10 a.m. May 20 for dial-in information. Livestream at <https://www.nasa.gov/nasalive>

Participants:

- NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine
- NASA astronaut Doug Hurley
- Bob Cabana, Director of the Kennedy Space Center
- NASA astronaut Robert Behnken

**Homeland Security Department holds a meeting by teleconference of the President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council.**

Agenda includes: Opening Remarks; CICC Study Update; Work Force Panel Discussion; COVID-19 Panel Discussion; Public Comment; New NIAC Business; and Closing Remarks

1:00 PM EDT on 05/21/2020

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202-441-5885

Ginger Norris; RSVP required by 5 p.m. May 18 for dial-in information to [NIAC@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:NIAC@hq.dhs.gov)

**Health and Human Services Department; National Institutes of Health holds a meeting by teleconference of the National Cancer Institute on ongoing and new activities at the Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research.**

1:00 PM EDT on 05/21/2020

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240-276-6348

Caron Lyman; See contact for dial-in information.

**Homeland Security Department; Federal Emergency Management Agency holds a meeting by teleconference to develop a voluntary agreement under Section 708 of the Defense Production Act to help provide for the national defense by maximizing**

the effectiveness of the distribution of critical medical resources nationwide to respond to pandemics in general, and COVID-19 specifically.

2:00 PM EDT on 05/21/2020

[FEMA-DPA@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-DPA@fema.dhs.gov)

202-212-2900

Harold Lucie; RSVP required for dial-in information by noon May 20.

Defense One and the Intelligence National Security Alliance hold a webcast, beginning at 2 p.m., on "The Human Machine Team: Narrowing the Skills Gap," focusing on the intelligence community workforce.

2:00 PM EDT on 05/21/2020

[events@govexec.com](mailto:events@govexec.com)

202-266-7332

Information on the webcast is available at

<https://www.defenseone.com/feature/human-machine-team-narrowing-the-skills-gap/?oref=ge-events-upcoming>

Participants:

- Assistant Director of National Intelligence for Information and Data Nancy Morgan
- Ari Chanen, Vice president of artificial intelligence at Strategic Education Inc.
- Patrick Tucker, Technology editor at Defense One
- Tony Frazier, Executive vice president of global field operations at Maxar Technologies

**Have a great weekend!**

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