

The New Strategic Environment

Eight New Challenges and Eight New
Strategies

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Missile Threat Grows Against U.S. June 7th, 2009

- A new report by the National Air and Space Intelligence Center reveals that the missile threat to the U.S. from potentially hostile nations is growing.
- The report, "Ballistic and Cruise Missile Threat," details the dangers posed by the missile programs of North Korea, Iran, China, Russia and other nations.
- It comes as the Obama administration is planning to reduce spending on missile defense systems, the Washington Times observes.
- The NASIC report discloses that since 2006, North Korea has deployed nearly 50 new missiles with a range of more than 2,000 miles. It has also tested the Taepodong-2 missile, which has a range of 3,400 miles. Both tests of the missile have been failures, but the report says they demonstrate North Korea's "determination to achieve long-range ballistic missile and space launch capabilities."
- It also warns that the Taepodong-2 could be exported to other countries in the future.
- The NASIC report cites Iran's April launch of a missile that "can serve as a test bed for long-range ballistic missile technologies."
- China, the report notes, has "the most active and diverse ballistic missile development program in the world," and the number of Chinese ICBM warheads capable of threatening the U.S. is expected to grow to "well over 100 in the next 15 years."

Revolution by Herbert E. Meyer Published by American Thinker on 20
May 2009 May 20, 2009

- We have lost our free-market economy as quickly as we have lost the rule of law. Money is to an economy what blood is to a body; life and death resides within the organ that controls its flow. The government already owns our country's leading banks, which means the government now controls our economy.

By [Fred Weir](#) | Correspondent of *The Christian Science Monitor* from the
March 23, 2009 edition

- **Russia Will Help US With Iran: Right? Russia sees chance to boost US ties**
- **Obama's outreach to Iran lifts hopes that the US and Russia can find more common ground in their bids to get Iran to curtail its nuclear program.**
- **[Articles with the theme of Russia helping the US on Iran: Google hits: 55,500,000; Russia Arming Iran: 2,790,000.]**

March 19th, 2009, Encyclopedia Britannica Blog, Interview between B. Slavin of the Washington Times and Leslie Gelb of the Council on Foreign Relations re: his new book "Power Rules":

- ***Slavin:*** *How would you deal with the Russians and persuade them to cooperate on Iran and on other nuclear nonproliferation issues?*
- ***Leslie Gelb:*** *"We have to give them [Russia] a role and take their perspectives into account. This will slow things down but eventually offer us a better chance to get them done... Within ten years Iran will be our closest ally in the region."*

Drunken Nation: Russia's Depopulation Bomb

By [Nicholas Eberstadt](#) | [World Affairs](#)

Thursday, April 2, 2009

- Russian Demographics
- Between 1976 and 1991, Russia recorded 36 million births; between 1992 and 2007, 22 million births; 24 million deaths between 1976 and 1991 and now 36 million deaths between 1992 and 2007. Instead of growing by 14 million, Russia has declined by 14 million, which exceeds the drop between 1941 and 1946 of 13 million. UN projections put Russia's population in 2050 at 82 million, less than Yemen.

From Dale Brown's "Strike Force"(2007), fiction account of the Battle for Control of Iran with the following real news stories:

- Stratfor, 9 Nov 2004: An Iranian official said Iran has acquired the ability to produce medium-range ballistic missiles in mass quantity including the Shahab 3 with a range of 1250 miles..."
- New York Times, Elaine Sciolino, 26 November 2004, "Iranians Refuse To Terminate Nuclear plans".
- "Russians Helping Iran Create Europe Missile Threat: British Paper(AFP)October 16, 2005---"Former members of the Russian military have been secretly helping Iran obtain the technology needed to make missiles capable of hitting European capitals...Iran would be able to build missiles capable of a range of 3500 kilometers, (2200 miles). "

Stratfor, August 17, 2005: "Russia Warns Against Military Force"...Military force against Iran would be counterproductive and dangerous...calling for a diplomatic solution..."

- Stratfor, 27 September 2006:"Russia has just signed a contract for the delivery of 80 tons of nuclear fuel with Iran...closer ties with Iran allows Russia a foothold in the Middle East while keeping pressure on the United States..."

Russia's Resource War Against the West

- “Russia’s Energy Imperialism by Christina Lin, former Director of Chinese Affairs in policy Planning in DOD
- “Russia’s foreign policy of weaponization of energy policy is demonstrated by its invasion of Georgia over the BTC pipeline that by-passes Russian control, cutting oil and gas supplies to former Soviet Republics, dividing Europe via bilateral energy deals at the expense of its near abroad...”
- “The concept of military assistance is tied into the increasing military aspects of energy security...especially the Caspian and Eurasian basin...”

Oil Dependency by Michael Frodl, National Defense April 2009

- “Moscow has approved its national security doctrine up to 2020 and its focus is control of the hydrocarbon rich regions (of Eurasia) in competition with the US...the world is in an energy Cold War”.

Resource War

- Of particular note is Russia's resource war against the West, specifically its use of natural gas to blackmail its neighbors. It seeks to control the flow of oil and gas from Central Asia both to the East and to the West. Moscow also has a growing control of critical mineral resources, such as palladium and platinum mining and processing. We have what Daniel McGroarty and Dr. Christina Lin, in two recent but separate publications, describe as "economics as the continuation of war by other means" and "utilizing the Russian resource sector to once again reassert Russia's imperial status", respectively.
- Peter Huessy, *Where is the Russian Reset Button?*

INVESTOR'S BUSINESS DAILY

New Business For G-20 Meeting: Russia's Strategic Resource Grab



BY DANIEL MCGROARTY

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- Metals conglomerate Norilsk Nickel owns the United States' only producing platinum and palladium mine, purchased in 2002-03 when U.S.-Russian relations were in the realpolitik equivalent of "harmonic convergence":

RealClearPolitics
MARCH 11, 2009

- 'Buy American' Should Start with Minerals
By Daniel McGroarty
- That's where the geo-political story comes back to Stillwater – the only active PGM mine in the United States. But while Stillwater is American-based, it's not American-owned: Seven years ago, Russian oligarchs Vladimir Potanin and Mikhail Prokhorov bought a majority share of Stillwater through mining giant Norilsk Nickel.

Chavez and Russia (2)

- 2007 Gustavo Coronel, member of the Venezuelan Congress elected in 1998, since disbanded, (6/8 Human Events)
- Increased tonnage of cocaine moving through Venezuela...increased cooperation with Iran, Hamas and Hezbollah, and connections to Nicaragua, El Salvador, Ecuador and Bolivia...\$14 billion assistance to Cuba...\$6 billion in weapons purchases from Russia and China...alliance with FARC

Chavez and Russia

U.S. Alarmed by Chavez's New Missiles

Monday, June 1, 2009 9:19 PM

By: Juan O. Tamayo, McClatchy Newspapers Article Font Size MIAMI — Venezuela's recent purchase of the most lethal shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles in the Russian arsenal is sharpening U.S. concerns that parts of President Hugo Chavez's massive weapons buildup could wind up in the hands of terrorists or guerrillas in neighboring Colombia. Washington's unease is well-founded, U.S. government officials say, because of credible evidence that three top Venezuelan officials offered Colombia's FARC rebels weapons, money and contacts to buy anti-aircraft missiles in

Washington Times, Wednesday, June 3, 2009
EXCLUSIVE: Al Qaeda eyes bio attack from Mexico

- U.S. counterterrorism officials have authenticated a video by an al Qaeda recruiter threatening to smuggle a biological weapon into the United States via tunnels under the Mexico border, the latest sign of the terrorist group's determination to stage another mass-casualty attack on the U.S. homeland.
- The video aired earlier this year as a recruitment tool makes clear that al Qaeda is looking to exploit weaknesses in U.S. border security and also is willing to ally itself with white militia groups or other anti-government entities interested in carrying out an attack inside the United States, according to counterterrorism officials interviewed by The Washington Times.

By Peter Huessy, President, GeoStrategic Analysis
Asia-Pacific Security Challenges, Prague Security Studies Institute,
Prague, Czech Republic, September 2008

- The PRC may very well find itself in military conflict with the US and its allies and Russia over access to and control over petroleum supplies and the sea lanes through which petroleum is shipped;
- PRC military acquisition appears aimed at just such a strategy while the US has failed to build a nuclear plant in 40 years and has had a moratorium on OCS development for 40 years as well. Alaskan Pipeline was built 35 years ago; new gas pipeline from Alaska to Upper Midwest through Canada is the largest energy project in American history recently agreed to by Alaska and Canada.

Breaking Wind, The Limbaugh Letter, June 2009

- Denmark produces about 20% of its electricity through wind power but because wind is so unpredictable, the Danes have had to use 50% more coal-generated electricity to cover the power gaps, causing carbon emissions to go up 36%. For every “green” job created, they have lost 2.2 other jobs and they have yet to close a single fossil-fuel plant. They also have the highest electricity costs in Europe according to the National Post of Canada.

Waxman Markey Energy Bill

- Cut carbon emissions 17% by 20220 and 83% by 2050, below the 2005 baseline; These means business gets an arbitrary “allowable” emissions level; 85% of the emissions level “rights” were given away for free for the first 15 years of the legislation to get companies to buy into the bill; but those who did not get the “right” to emissions must pay for their current emissions levels to the tune of \$200 billion annually. (Human Events, June 8th, 2009)

Energy And Iran

- The major suppliers of gasoline to Iran have come under congressional scrutiny. One supplier, Reliance Industries Ltd. of India, did not ship gasoline to Iran in February and March 2009 after members of Congress [called](#) for an [investigation](#) of loan guarantees provided by the U.S. Export-Import Bank to help Reliance expand a refinery where it was refining petroleum for sale to Iran. According to recent reports, however, Reliance has resumed shipments to Iran. A second supplier, British Petroleum, stopped its own shipments after deciding that the company's extensive North American business interests were more valuable than the Iranian market

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- A bipartisan group of Members of Congress has also [asked](#) Energy Secretary Chu to review a \$50 million contract awarded to the Swiss company Vitol, Iran's largest supplier of gasoline, and to consider debarring Vitol for its role in the United Nations Oil for Food scandal.

Iran and Oil

- On April 22, 2009, the Iran Diplomatic Enhancement Act, H.R. 1985, was [introduced](#) in the House by Representatives Mark Kirk (R-IL) and Brad Sherman (D-CA) and 23 other Democratic and Republican House members. H.R. 1985 seeks to extend current U.S. sanctions to suppliers, brokers, insurers, and tankers involved in selling refined petroleum to Iran.

Iran and Energy

- On April 28, 2009, [The Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act](#) was introduced by a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators. The legislation would provide for sanctions on any person or entity that provides refined petroleum to Iran or helps Iran to import refined petroleum or develop its refinery capacity. Co-sponsors included Senators Evan Bayh (D-IN), Joe Lieberman (ID-CT), Jon Kyl (R-AZ), Kit Bond (R-MO), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), Sam Brownback (R-KS), Richard Burr (R-NC), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Tom Coburn (R-OK), Susan Collins (R-ME), Russ Feingold (D-WI), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), James Inhofe (R-OK), Mike Johanns (R-NE), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Mary Landrieu (D-LA), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Patty Murray (D-WA), James Risch (R-ID), Charles Schumer (D-NY), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), John Thune (R-SD), David Vitter (R-LA) and Ron Wyden (D-OR).