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WHEN THE U.S. ATTACK ON IRAN (FINALLY) CAME. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

SAMUELE C. ABRAMI, CIDOB, MARCH 2026

The U.S.–Israeli attacks on Iran mark a turning point not only for their military significance, but for the uncertainty they introduce into the Middle Eastern regional balance.

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MILITARY ATTACKS AGAINST IRAN ARE AN ILLEGAL RESPONSE TO NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION CONCERNS

BASEL PEACE OFFICE, MARCH 2026

The joint US-Israeli military attacks on Iran that were launched on Friday are illegal under international law, and are an unjustifiable approach to addressing concerns relating to civil rights violations and Iran's military developments.

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WHAT FUTURE FOR THE NPT?: SCENARIOS FOR THE TREATY GOING FORWARD

MANUEL HERRERA, JOURNAL FOR PEACE AND NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, MARCH 2026

The article examines the durability and fragility of the NPT through a critical approach to liberal institutionalism and international regime theory.

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EU NEWS

JOINT STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT COSTA AND PRESIDENT VON DER LEYEN AFTER THE VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH LEADERS FROM MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES ON THE WAR IN IRAN

9 March 2026, New York

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NETWORK NEWS

NEW EUNPDC MEMBER!

We are pleased to welcome a new member to the EUNPDC network: the European Centre for Disaster Medicine (CEMEC). Based in Cailungo, in the San Marino, CEMEC is dedicated to research, training, policy dialogue, and international cooperation in the fields of disaster medicine, health security, and emergency preparedness. The Centre contributes to strengthening expertise and cooperation on crisis response and resilience across Europe and beyond.

[More info here](#)

VCDNP DIPLOMATIC WORKSHOP AND RECEPTION COMMEMORATE ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

The VCDNP marked its 15th anniversary with convening its annual diplomatic workshop for ambassadors, heads of international organizations, and experts on 10 March 2026. More than 60 ambassadors, heads and senior officials from international organizations - including the IAEA, CTBTO and UNODA - and as well as senior non-governmental experts gathered for the "Multilateral Diplomacy and Nuclear Governance in an Era of Rapid Global Change" workshop.

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PODCAST

THE **ARMS CONTROL** PRIMER



Better know a non-nuke: Belarus



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In the latest episode of the Arms Control Primer podcast, host Dr Alexander Bollfrass is joined by Dr Alexander Sorg and Elena Sokova to discuss the nuclear history of Belarus in the Cold War context, as well as the deployment of Russia's nuclear-capable systems on Belarusian territory. The guests analyse the strategic reasons behind this deployment, and as Dr Sorg reflects: "It's a somewhat open question why Russia deploys nuclear weapons to Belarus. The simplest idea would be that it might just be another nuclear signal. It's Russia saying, 'look, we expand the role of nuclear weapons in all sorts of ways and you better watch out. And our deployment to Belarus is one of these ways.' It could be about the defence of the Belarusian regime. Lukashenko might be quite afraid that the West will support opposition forces in Belarus, and the West - or NATO or European countries - might think twice about supporting opposition forces in a state that holds nuclear weapons, just because of the fact that if there's "chaos" in that state, then you have a 'loose nuke' situation."

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NETWORK CALLS

SIPRI TO CO-HOST INTENSIVE COURSE ON WMD NON-PROLIFERATION AND DISARMAMENT IN JUNE

SIPRI and the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium (EUNPDC) are pleased to announce that they will host a course on weapons of mass destruction (WMD) non-proliferation and disarmament in an era of technological convergence. This intensive, in-person course will take place in Stockholm on 23–25 June 2026 and is now open for applications. The course is aimed at graduate students and early career professionals in technical or natural science disciplines and will include lectures by leading experts, as well as interactive sessions designed to apply concepts to real-world scenarios.

The application deadline is 10 April 2026.

[More info here](#)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - HCoC YOUTH GROUP SECOND EDITION

The HCoC Youth Group is an initiative of the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS), implemented with the support of the European Union as part of its project supporting the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC). The programme offers 15 selected fellows an 18-month learning experience combining virtual and in-person activities, direct engagement with leading experts and diplomats, and individual research work culminating in an edited collection of research contributions.

The application deadline is 31 July 2026.

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