

Selected articles (July 21, 2019)

1)

In Crisis of Democracy, We All Must Become Julian Assange

By Nozomi Hayase

July 20, 2019

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/51949.htm>

“ [...] With great courage, Assange responded to the crisis of legitimacy. He sacrificed his personal liberty in order to give us a chance to create a society where we have privacy for the weak and transparency for the powerful. Now, this man who defended our rights, is made defenseless. He is not allowed to use a computer and has limited access to his lawyers, making him unable to adequately prepare for his legal defense.

In a message sent out from a high security prison, where he is being held in solitary confinement, he asked everyone to take his place. Democracy requires ordinary’ people’s participation in power. In order for us to alter this oppressive system, change ought to be made first within ourselves. Each of us needs to start exercising our right to free speech, assemble and associate with one another and organize a society, governed not by elite few, but through networked hearts of common people. [...]”

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2)

The Coming War on China

A film by John Pilger

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDI9eclCIYg>

“The Coming War on China, from award winning journalist John Pilger, reveals what the news doesn’t – that the world’s greatest military power, the United States, and the world’s second economic power, China, both nuclear-armed, may well be on the road to war.

Nuclear war is not only imaginable, but planned. The greatest build-up of NATO military forces since the Second World War is under way on the western borders of Russia. On the other side of the world, the rise of China is viewed in Washington as a threat to American dominance.

To counter this, President Obama announced a ‘pivot to Asia’, which meant that almost two-thirds of all US naval forces would be transferred to Asia and the Pacific, their weapons aimed at China. A policy which has been taken up by his successor Donald Trump, who during his election campaign said “We can’t continue to allow China to rape our country and that’s what they’re doing”.

Filmed on five possible front-lines across Asia and the Pacific over two years, the story is told in chapters that connect a secret and 'forgotten' past to the rapacious actions of great power today and to a resistance, of which little is known in the West.[...]"

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3a)

The World Is Dedollarizing

By Peter Koenig

Global Research, July 19, 2019

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/world-dedollarizing/5684049>

3b)

Meeting the challenge of secondary sanctions

By Ellie Geranmayeh and Manuel Lafont Rapnouil

European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

June 25, 2019

https://www.ecfr.eu/page/-/4_Meeting_the_challenge_of_secondary_sanctions.pdf

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4a)

Fact Sheet on Iran's Reduction of Some JCPOA Commitments

The Iranian Foreign Ministry has released a fact sheet on the country's decision to suspend implementing part of its commitments under the Iran nuclear deal, also known as JCPOA.

June 24, 2019

<https://en.mfa.ir/portal/newsview/31329>

"[...]

- *Also a joint meeting was held on May 15, 2018, bringing together the foreign ministers of Iran and the three European countries as well as EU Foreign Policy Chief Federica Mogherini.*
- *In all of the meetings, the remaining parties to the JCPOA admitted that an essential part of the deal would be to have sanctions lifted and enable Iran to reap the economic benefits of the agreement. They*

undertook to offer "practical solutions" in order to realize this objective and normalize and even boost economic cooperation with Iran.

• Those countries undertook to:

- maintain and enhance economic relations with Iran in different domains
- maintain and sustain effective financial channels in order to conduct transactions with Iran
- ensure the continuation of exports of petroleum and gaseous condensates as well as oil and petrochemical products
- ensure the continuation of marine (including shipping and insurance), land, air and rail transportation relations
- boost credit for exports
- offer clear and effective backing to the economic players doing business with Iran, especially small and medium-sized companies that form the centrepiece of many economies
- encourage further investments in Iran
- support economic players in investment plans and other trade and financial activities carried out with, or in relation to Iran
- bring together experts from state and private sectors, including through the reinforcement of trade councils
- offer practical support to trade with, and investment in Iran
- support companies against the extraterritorial consequences of US sanctions

• Europe's special financial channel known as the *Instrument in Support of Trade Exchanges (INSTEX)* is only one of more than ten commitments by the European foreign ministers which have not yet come into force after a year. [...]"

4b)

America's Latest Mideast Crisis May Have No Escape

By Patrick J. Buchanan

July 19, 2019

<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/buchanan/americas-latest-mideast-crisis-may-have-no-escape/>

4c)

Trump murdered the Iran Deal—and Europe isn't too happy about it

By Vijay Prashad

July 15, 2019

<https://mronline.org/2019/07/15/trump-murdered-the-iran-deal-and-europe-isnt-too-happy-about-it/>

"[...] Trump thought that it was the Obama administration that had initiated the deal, and that U.S. withdrawal from it would once more isolate Iran. But this was a misreading of the 2015 JCPOA, which

was pushed not only by Europe but also by Russia and China. U.S. withdrawal from the deal would not be welcomed in Europe or in Asia. This is what Trump did not understand. [...]"

4d)

UAE Pullout From Yemen Less About Peace, More About War With Iran

By Finian Cunningham

July 19, 2019

<https://www.strategic-culture.org/news/2019/07/19/uae-pullout-from-yemen-less-about-peace-more-about-war-with-iran/>

4e)

Iraq plans to launch pipelines to export oil through Jordan, Syria

By Omar Sattar

July 19, 2019

<https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2019/07/iraq-syria-jordan-pipeline-oil.html>

4f)

Iran showed USA its place with the help of Russian technology

By Dmitry Sudakov

July 15, 2019

http://www.pravdareport.com/world/142523-iran_usa/

4g)

The UK's dubious role in the new tanker war with Iran

By Prabir Purkayastha

July 19, 2019

<https://mronline.org/2019/07/19/the-uks-dubious-role-in-the-new-tanker-war-with-iran/>

4h)

Britain Pirates Iranian Ship 'Grace 1' - Iran Responds - Takes British Tanker Hostage - (Updated 3x)

By Moon of Alabama

July 19, 2019

<https://www.moonofalabama.org/2019/07/britain-pirates-iranian-ship-grace-1-iran-responds-takes-british-tanker-hostage.html>

4i)

UK tanker hit Iranian boat, ignored its distress call before capture: Iran

July 20, 2019

<https://www.presstv.com/Detail/2019/07/20/601393/Iran-UK-oil-tanker-Hormuz-Strait>