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### [Afghanistan: Imagine There's No Future](#)

By [Daniel Lazare](#), March 06, 2020

Little, if anything, about the peace agreement signed last weekend in Qatar makes sense. It calls for a phased, fourteen-month withdrawal of 12,000 US troops in exchange for what the New York Times [called](#) "vague" commitments on the Taliban's part to protect the civil liberties, the very idea of which is ludicrous. It requires the Taliban to combat Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups operations even though Taliban military commander Sirajuddin Haqqani heads a subgroup known as the Haqqani Network that is itself on the State Department's list of officially proscribed terrorist organizations.



### [Why Is the US Apparently Not Testing for the COVID-19 Coronavirus?](#)

By [Larry Romanoff](#), March 06, 2020

The CDC produced a series of test kits that produced wildly random results, positive or negative, followed by instructions to discard the test kits as unreliable. (1) Several U.S. states said the new coronavirus test kits did not work, while others said they were totally unreliable. (2) New York City reported the government-issued tests are faulty and “cannot be relied upon to provide an accurate result”. Those faulty kits were also shipped all over the world, but to my knowledge the CDC have relayed that information to no one outside the US.



### [Coronavirus: Remember the “Fake” 2009 H1N1 Swine Flu Pandemic: Manipulating the Data to Justify a Worldwide Public Health Emergency](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), March 06, 2020

There were 150 confirmed cases outside China, when the decision was taken. 6 in the United States, 3 in Canada, 2 in the UK, etc.

150 confirmed cases over a population of 6.4 billion (World population of 7.8 billion minus China’s 1-4 billion). What is a risk of being infected? Virtually zero.

That does not constitute a justification for launching a Worldwide fear campaign. In recent developments, the number of confirmed cases has increased particularly in South Korea, Iran and Italy.



### [The Pentagon’s “Ides of March 2020”: Best Month to Go to War?](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), March 05, 2020

There are ongoing military threats against a large number of countries including, Russia, China, Venezuela, Iran, North Korea. Is a US-NATO sponsored war contemplated for the Ides of March 2020?

In recent developments, US-NATO have deployed 37,000 troops to the Russian border in the context of their latest war games entitled “Defender Europe 2020”. [“The scale of NATO’s provocative military exercise](#) underscores how far advanced the preparations for war are 75 years after the end of World War II”

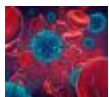


### [Coronavirus and “Pandemic Pantries”. Fear Campaign Triggers Stockpiling of Emergency Supplies](#)

By [Dr. Binoy Kampmark](#), March 05, 2020

Fears of imminent apocalypse tend to be midwives to absurdity. The stockpiling fever that has gripped various populaces in response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

has taken various forms. “Pandemic pantries” are becoming the norm, suggesting that hoarding in the crisis tends to be a precursor to petty crime.



### [Who Made Coronavirus? Was It the U.S., Israel or China?](#)

By [Philip Girdi](#), March 05, 2020

The most commonly reported mainstream media account of the creation of the Coronavirus suggests that it was derived from an animal borne microorganism found in a wild bat that was consumed by an ethnic Chinese resident of Wuhan. But there appears to be some evidence to dispute that in that adjacent provinces in China, where wild bats are more numerous, have not experienced major outbreaks of the disease. Because of that and other factors, there has also been considerable speculation that the Coronavirus did not occur naturally through mutation but rather was [produced in a laboratory](#), possibly as a biological warfare agent.



### [Defender 2020: Largest Mobilisation of NATO Troops Against Russia in 25 Years](#)

By [Markus Salzmann](#), March 05, 2020

The largest deployment of troops across the Atlantic in 25 years entered its main phase last weekend within the framework of the Defender Europe 2020 exercise. The scale of NATO’s provocative military exercise underscores how far advanced the preparations for war are 75 years after the end of World War II.

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