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### [Trump Administration's Pressure Prompted Tehran and Damascus to Cultivate Ties with China](#)

By [Michael Jansen](#), July 23, 2020

Negotiations on the China-Iran partnership involving economic, political and security cooperation were launched when Chinese President Xi Jinping made a visit to Tehran where he met Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. A road map has now, reportedly, been approved by Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and talks will continue to finalise the deal. While the agreement's provisions have not been revealed, China is expected to invest in transport, where it already has been involved in major projects, as well as healthcare, energy, tourism and communications. Last year, China, Iran and Russia conducted naval drills in the Indian Ocean with the aim of training for dealing with ship fires and pirates. Their political aim was to signal that the world's oceans are not a US lake.



## [Florida Keys Delays Vote on Release of 750 Million Genetically Engineered Mosquitoes after Public Outcry](#)

By [Center for Food Safety](#), July 23, 2020

The Florida Keys Mosquito Control District (FKMCD) yesterday delayed its vote on the proposed release of genetically engineered (GE) mosquitoes due to concerns over COVID-19. The decision to delay the vote follows public outcry and scientific dispute over the risks posed to public health and the environment by this experimental release. The approval would have permitted the British company Oxitec to release 750 million GE mosquitoes over a two-year period in Monroe County, Florida, starting as soon as this summer.



## [Is the United States a Failing State? A Failed State?](#)

By [Richard Falk](#), July 23, 2020

To ask whether the United States, the world's dominant military power, is 'a failing state' should cause worldwide anxiety. Such a state, analogous to a wounded animal, is a global menace of unprecedented proportions in the nuclear age. Its political leadership is exhibiting a reckless tendency of combining incompetence with extremism. It is also crucial to ascertain at what point a failing state should be written off as 'a failed state' for which there is no longer a clear path to redemption. The November elections in the United States will send a strong signal as to whether the United States is failing or has failed.



## [War and the Environment: The Disturbing and Under-researched Legacy of Depleted Uranium Weapons](#)

By [Elena Bruess](#) and [Joe Snell](#), July 23, 2020

The United States first deployed depleted uranium in 1991 during the Gulf War, and it proved so effective that it was used again a few years later in the Bosnian War. With the 2003 invasion of Iraq, the toxic metal returned in force to the Middle East.

While the US Defense Department vowed to cease use of the toxic metal in conflicts beginning in 2015, thousands of rounds of depleted uranium ammunition were fired in Syrian airstrikes later that same year, according to the Pentagon.



## [ACLU Sues to Stop US State-Sponsored Violence, Chicago to be Occupied by Federal Agents](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), July 23, 2020

On Wednesday, the ACLU and volunteer medics sued the Trump regime's DHS, the US

Marshals Service, and Portland, OR police, saying: “In well-documented incidents, police and federal agents brutally attacked volunteer medics with rubber bullets, tear gas, pepper spray, batons, and flash-bangs.”

A plaintiff in the suit Savannah Guest called what’s gone on “terrifying...federal agents show(ing) no humanity or concern.”



### [Israel’s Jewish National Fund Is Uprooting Palestinians – Not Planting Trees](#)

By [Jonathan Cook](#), July 22, 2020

The Jewish National Fund, established more than 100 years ago, is perhaps the most venerable of the international Zionist organisations. Its recent honorary patrons have included prime ministers, and it advises UN forums on forestry and conservation issues.

It is also recognised as a charity in dozens of western states. Generations of Jewish families, and others, have contributed to its fundraising programmes, learning as children to drop saved pennies into its trademark blue boxes to help plant a tree.



### [The Federal Coup to Overthrow the States and Nix the 10th Amendment Is Underway](#)

By [John W. Whitehead](#), July 22, 2020

What is unfolding before our very eyes—[with police agencies defying local governments in order to tap into the power of federal militarized troops in order to put down domestic unrest](#)—could very quickly snowball into an act of aggression against the states, a coup by armed, militarized agents of the federal government.

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