

Press Digest - 24th March 2023

Dear all,

Please find today's press roundup below. Thank you all for your continued support and have a nice weekend.

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War In Ukraine/NATO

- CBC on the IAEA's [concerns](#) about the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant.
- Reuters with an [explainer](#) on depleted uranium ammunition and its risks - somehow managing to not mention its use in Iraq.
- Associated Press, however, **does mention DU's use in Iraq and Yugoslavia** in their [explainer article](#).
- Russia's Dimitri Medvedev [claims](#) that the **nuclear threat has increased once again**.

AUKUS / Indo-Pacific

- Australia's Greens [accused](#) the ruling Labor government and opposition Coalition of having a “**deeply unsettling approach**” to transparency around **AUKUS** after the major parties **blocked the publication of documents about nuclear safety and waste issues**.
- That's as **Australia's Department of Defence puts a call out for military satellites** that are “scalable, rapidly deployable and reconstitutable”. The network, [according](#) to those working in the space industry, is part of Pillar 2 of the AUKUS pact - which includes work on cyber, AI, and drone technologies.
- **A [review](#) of the documentary film** Inside Taiwan: Standing Up To China. The film aired on BBC 2 and is available on iPlayer.

UK Nuclear Energy

- The Evening Standard [asks](#): **What is Sizewell C and how will it be paid for?** Campaigners challenge new plant.
- ITV News [covers](#) the **High Court challenge against Sizewell C**.
- **Hinkley Point C protesters [send](#) their solidarity** to those opposing the Borssele nuclear plants in The Netherlands.
- Government [update](#) on **using robotics to clean up Sellafield**.

Nuclear Energy

- **An IAEA team arrived in Libya earlier this week to [conduct](#) inspections of a uranium storage site in southern Libya. The visit comes after reports that 2.5 tonnes of uranium went missing from the site. Libyan officials said the barrels were likely taken in a raid by Chadian forces who thought the drums contained weapons or ammunition. **The uranium was subsequently found dumped near the Libyan-Chadian border.****
- A nuclear plant in Minnesota has [reported](#) the **leaking of radioactive water for a second time.** The plant's owners said they will power down on Friday in order to conduct repairs. It comes after reports that as much as 1.5 million litres of radioactive water had seeped into the ground after a leak occurred last year.

North Korea

- North Korea [claimed](#) Friday that it **tested an underwater nuclear attack drone** capable of unleashing a “radioactive tsunami” on enemy vessels or ports. Non-paywalled report [here](#) by Reuters.

Climate Action

- 120 of Britain's top lawyers have [signed](#) a “Declaration of Conscience,” meaning **they will refuse to prosecute eco-activists** going through the courts.

Best,

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