

## CND Press Digest: Friday 28th April 2023

### War In Ukraine/NATO

- [According](#) to the MoD, **Russian troops have set up fighting positions on the roof of reactor buildings at the occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant** - in anticipation for an offensive where Ukraine may try to reclaim the plant.
- Reuters: **Russia does not intend to take the path of nuclear escalation** in its standoff with the West over Ukraine **but others should not test its patience**, Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova [said](#) on Thursday.

### AUKUS

- Australia's defence minister [said](#) on Friday that **the government was being “upfront and transparent” about the cost of its AUKUS nuclear submarine programme**, after an analysis showed the forecast A\$368 billion cost included a 50% contingency fund.

### Test Veterans

- **Veterans of the British nuclear tests are being [sought](#)** for a £250,000 project to create a documentary with the British Library, and to be taught to A-level students.

### Chernobyl

- The UN website [speaks](#) to survivors of the **Chernobyl disaster about their reflections** of the accident and the implications of Russian occupation today.

### UK Nuclear Energy

- A £24 million investment by **EDF will create 30,000 training places at the Hinkley Point C nuclear plant site**, it's been [announced](#).

### Nuclear Energy

- [Reaction](#): **Germany ditching nuclear isn't as bonkers as it seems**. Who knew?
- The Nordic electricity system experienced disruption on Wednesday, **and two Swedish nuclear power reactors were disconnected**, Finnish grid operator Fingrid and its Swedish counterpart [said](#).
- [The LA Times](#) on **Oliver Stone's new documentary** in praise of nuclear power.
- **New nuclear power could help US climate fight** but faces hurdles, [claims report](#).
- Putin and Erdogan had an online meeting **to hail the inauguration of Turkey's first nuclear plant**. Reuters coverage [here](#), while Associated Press [notes](#) Erdogan's recent health scare - which saw him cancel several election campaign appearances.

### RadWaste

- New York Times [guest essay](#): **Why I Don't Worry About Nuclear Waste.**

### Iran Nuclear Deal

- Despite sanctions in place since the collapse of the Iran nuclear deal, Iranian oil exports [have risen](#) - **prompting US senators from both sides of the aisle to call on Joe Biden to start seizing oil and gas tankers.**
- That's as the **Iranian Navy seized** a tanker destined for Houston, Texas, in the Gulf of Oman.

### Fukushima

- South Korean opposition lawmakers have [visited](#) Japan, **where they delivered concerns over a plan to release radioactive water from Fukushima into the sea.**

### North Korea

- **“A North Korean nuclear attack against the US or its partners is unacceptable, and would result in the end of whatever regime took the action,”** Joe Biden [said](#).
- [CND's comment](#) on the announcement that **US nuclear-armed subs will be deployed to South Korea** for the first time in three decades.

Best,

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