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Hackers demand ransom from hijacked Instagram influencers

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“Hackers are taking over high-profile Instagram users’ accounts and holding them to ransom, it was revealed this week. At least four influencers have lost control of their accounts and received demands to send bitcoin for their return, but in some cases the attackers retained control or deleted the accounts.” In

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What Went Wrong With Indonesia’s Tsunami Early Warning System?

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“In the aftermath of the Friday earthquake and ensuing tsunami that destroyed thousands of homes and killed more than 1,200 people on the island of Sulawesi in Indonesia, officials are beginning to sort out what went wrong with the country’s early warning system for tsunami detection. Indonesia’s system, completed in

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France blames Iran for foiled Paris bomb plot

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“French officials say Iran’s ministry of intelligence was behind a plot to bomb a rally of Iranian opposition groups in Paris in June. In a statement, the French government said it had frozen the assets of two senior Iranian officials. Iran insists the alleged plot is a fabrication, but has

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US still has technological edge, but Chinese drones proliferating across Middle East

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“Across the Middle East, countries locked out of purchasing U.S.-made drones due to rules over excessive civilian casualties are being wooed by Chinese arms dealers, who are world’s main distributor of armed drones. ‘The Chinese product now doesn’t lack technology, it only lacks market share,’ said Song Zhongping, a Chinese

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U.S. Admiral Warns of Russian Submarines Challenging U.S. Defenses

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“The head of naval forces in Europe warned that Russia is preparing an underwater battlespace in the Northern Atlantic and that U.S. naval presence is more important now than any time since the fall of the Soviet Union. Adm. James Foggo said in the second episode of his ‘On the

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Israel Plans Anti-Missile Nano Satellite Constellation

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“Israel is planning constellations of nano satellites, built by Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), that will allow almost continuous coverage of ‘areas of interest,’ which are likely to include Iran, Syria, Lebanon and other countries. The first nano satellite was developed by IAI and was launched into space in 2017 as

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The Heritage Foundation’s 2019 Assessment of Military Strength

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Touted as the only non-governmental assessment of military strength, The Heritage Foundation think tank has released its 2019 index. Tracking a wide variety of sectors and areas ranging from

assessments of the “global operating environment,” “threats to U.S. vital interests,” and “U.S. military power” with further breakdowns by categories such

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US to offer cyberwar capabilities to NATO allies

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Following the US’s move towards a more proactive cyber posture, Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis is expected to announce that the US will deploy their cybercapabilities, upon request, on behalf of its NATO allies. A principal deputy assistant defense secretary shared that the US will not, however, give up sole

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Twitter Updates Fake Account Definitions, Bolsters Election Security Measures

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Twitter recently announced that it is cracking down on fake accounts and attempts to spread misinformation ahead of the November elections. Twitter moderators will also be on the lookout for distribution of hacked material containing private information. This summer, Twitter deleted 50 accounts posing as members of the Republican party

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