

CND Press Digest: Tuesday 14th March 2023

War In Ukraine/NATO'

- [The Bulletin](#) on the **narrowing options for safely managing the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant.**

AUKUS

- Lots of articles on yesterday's AUKUS announcement across the papers. The Guardian has an [explainer on what it all means](#). It also [reports](#) on the **concerns over proliferation**, with the deal amounting to the first time a loophole the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) has been used to transfer fissile material and nuclear technology from a nuclear weapons state to a non-weapons state. The paper also [reports](#) on **how AUKUS could lead to Britain doubling its nuclear fleet.**
- China has [responded](#) to the AUKUS announcement **calling it a threat to peace in the Pacific.**
- [The Spectator](#) on the **likely reaction to AUKUS by Beijing.**
- Australia's nuclear submarine [plan](#) to cost up to **\$245 billion by 2055** - defence official.

Integrated Review

- The UK government has [announced](#) **an additional £5 billion in military spending**, as part of its latest Integrated Review. £3 billion will be earmarked for the AUKUS deal, while a further £1.9 billion will replace weapons sent to Ukraine.
- However, **some Tory MPs have criticised Rishi Sunak for not being tough enough** on China while visiting San Diego. Sunak stopped short of calling China dangerous, instead referring to Beijing as a “challenge”.
- Kate Hudson for the [website](#) on the **rollout of the Dreadnought submarine programme.**
- Some [analysis](#) by The Guardian's Dan Sabbagh on **why Europe rather than China is vital for British security.**

UK Nuclear Energy

- Rishi Sunak [announced](#) that **a new energy strategy will be released soon** with carbon capture and small modular nuclear reactors as a cornerstone of the policy.
- EDF confirms plans **to extend life of nuclear reactors** at Heysham and Hartlepool.
- Aberystwyth mayor [backs](#) anti-nuclear protestors.
- **The University of Derby has joined the National College for Nuclear (NCfN)** as an Approved Provider to deliver high quality qualifications in support of the nuclear sector.
- **Relying on aging nuclear reactors** poses [risks](#) to energy security.

- [Chemistry World](#) on the **problem of dealing with nuclear waste**.
- That's as New Civil Engineer [reports](#) on calls for more investment and **thought about dealing with nuclear waste**.

Nuclear Energy

- [The Irish Independent](#): 'Confusing and concerning' – **No meeting of Irish nuclear advisory body for two years**, despite threats from war and a volatile energy market.

Fusion

- UK-US partnership to [test](#) fusion power plant materials.

Universities

- **Sheffield University** [criticised](#) for hiring private investigator after protest.

Fukushima

- Beyond Nuclear [hears](#) from **the victims from the Fukushima disaster**.
- Ian Fairlie for the [CND website](#) on the **continuing problems of the Fukushima disaster**.

North Korea

- [From Reuters](#): **Seoul mayor calls for South Korean nuclear weapons** to counter threat from North.
- That's as **North Korea launched** missiles from submarine as US-South Korean drills begin.

Best,

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