

## Challenging America's Military Madness

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*Candidate Trump argued against interventionism. He criticized wasting trillions of dollars on warmaking, creating a mess in multiple theaters, depriving the country of vitally needed revenue for homeland needs.*

**President Trump** proved he's the latest in a long line of warrior presidents - escalating Obama's wars, planning new ones if he dares launch them, saber-rattling recklessly against North Korea, Iran and Venezuela.

Trade war may loom with China. US warships intruding near its waters and air space risk possible confrontation.

Relations with Russia are worse than any time during the Cold War years. Trump should have stood tall by rejecting illegal sanctions on all nations Washington targeted.

Instead, he's hostage to America's deep state, a front man for its imperial recklessness like his predecessors. He's aiding, not combating, terrorists groups.

He's responsible for massacring civilians in Iraq, Syria, and other US war theaters. As military commander-in-chief, he could stop the carnage. Instead, it continues, things heading from bad to worse.

Chinese **President Xi Jinping** urged restraint and diplomatic outreach, discussing North Korea with Trump by phone on Saturday.

Hours before they spoke, Trump tweeted:

"Military solutions are now fully in place, locked and loaded, should North Korea act unwisely."

The problem lies squarely in Washington, not Pyongyang.

It's time for China, Russia, South Korea, Japan and other world community nations to challenge America's imperial recklessness.

The risk of possible nuclear war is too great to stay silent. Failure to act could let the unthinkable happen. South Korea especially is threatened.

War on the peninsula risks unthinkable carnage on both sides of the DMZ. Following his May election, **President Moon Jae-in** urged outreach to resolve longstanding differences with Pyongyang. He suggested meeting **Kim Jong-un** face-to-face.

Instead, he's become hostage to Washington's imperial agenda, supporting illegal sanctions on the DPRK, suggesting they be strengthened.

At the same time, he called for a "complete and thorough overhaul" of Seoul's already formidable military. He's more amenable to provocative US THAAD missile systems on South Korean territory, menacing the region.

Over 70 years since WW II ended, South Korea and Japan remain occupied by US forces, provoking North Korea, China and Russia, affording America's allies the illusion of protection.

A unified Chinese, Russian, South Korean and Japanese front against America's imperial recklessness, along with hostile rhetoric toward Pyongyang, risking possible nuclear war on the peninsula, is the best way to stop it.

Washington is a thuggish bully, taking full advantage of the world community's failure to confront it responsibly – smashing weaker countries like tenpins.

Sino/Russian unity match America militarily, more so if allied with South Korea and Japan, together able to challenge US imperialism responsibly.

It's the best way, maybe the only way, to save East Asia and humanity from the risk of devastating nuclear war – affecting all regional countries if launched.

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