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[NATO at the Helm of Italian Foreign Policy](#)

By [Manlio Dinucci](#), June 26, 2020

NATO Defense Ministers (**Lorenzo Guerini**, Pd representing Italy) gathered by videoconference on June 17/18, and made a series of “decisions to strengthen the Alliance’s deterrence.” However, nobody in Italy talks about it, neither the media (including social media) nor the political world, where an absolute multipartisan silence reigns over all this. Yet these decisions, basically dictated by Washington and signed by Minister Guerini for Italy, not only trace the guidelines of our military policy, but also our foreign policy.



[Abraham Lincoln and Karl Marx: 'Death to Slavery'](#)

By [John Wight](#), June 26, 2020

Lincoln here is referring to the decision of Manchester textile workers — arrived at after a tempestuous meeting at the city's Free Trade Hall in late 1862 — to continue to support the North's blockade of the Atlantic ports of the Confederacy and to refuse to touch one bale of cotton picked by slaves in the the South should Lord Palmerston, Britain's prime minister at the time, accede to the demands of British mill owners and shipping companies that he order the Royal Navy to smash the blockade by force in order to restore the fortunes of a British textile industry that was on its knees due to the lack of the cotton it relied on from these very slave states.



[Journalist Julian Assange Charged with New American Indictment](#)

By [Dr. Leon Tressell](#), June 26, 2020

The [new indictment](#) incorporates the 18 charges from the first indictment and seeks to 'broaden the scope of the conspiracy' and asserts that Assange and Wikileaks tried to recruit hackers for the purpose of stealing secret documents from the US government.

Thirteen of the 49 page indictment are devoted to Assange's efforts to recruit 'Anonymous' hackers. At one conference Assange is alleged to have encouraged hackers to join the CIA and then use their position to steal top secret documents.



[Get Ready for 'Shock and Awe' Brexit Propaganda Campaign](#)

By [True Publica](#), June 26, 2020

The term '**shock and awe**', more often used to describe a military strategy of overwhelming force and [closely associated](#) with the disaster that was the Iraq war, is contained in a document setting out the government's communications plan.

The information campaign is huge and is set to warn the public about the "consequences of not taking action," before moving to a new phase focusing on avoiding losses as a result of the post-Brexit disruption.



[War Crimes: US Destruction of North Korea Must Not be Forgotten](#)

By [Brett Wilkins](#), June 26, 2020

A [survey of Koreans](#) in the summer of 1946 found that 77% preferred socialism or communism while only 14% favored capitalism. However, in the South, the US backed the right-wing dictatorship of **Syngman Rhee**, a conservative Christian and staunch anti-communist who ruled with an iron fist. In the North, the USSR installed former anti-Japanese guerrilla leader and Red Army officer **Kim Il Sung**.

In 1948, the division of Korea was looking increasingly permanent. And politics was turning murderous.



[War is Good for Business and Organized Crime: Afghanistan's Multibillion Dollar Opium Trade. Rising Heroin Addiction in the US](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), June 25, 2020

Today a rough estimate based on US retail prices suggests that the global heroin market is above the 500 billion dollars mark. This multibillion dollar hike is the result of **a significant increase in the volume of heroin transacted Worldwide** coupled with a moderate increase in retail prices.

Based on the most recent (UNODC) data (2017) opium production in Afghanistan is of the order of 9000 metric tons, which after processing and transformation is equivalent to approximately **900,000 kg. of pure heroin**.



[MSM "Fake News" Against Syria. Describe Al Qaeda as "Rebels", Elected President as "Dictator"](#)

By [Steven Sahiounie](#), June 26, 2020

They call the Assad government of Syria the "Middle East's most brutal [dictatorship](#)". **President Assad** is an elected president, having won the majority in an open [election in 2014](#) of three candidates, which was observed by an independent international team. The term brutal may have alluded to accusations of the use of chemical weapons; however, according to **James Mattis**, while serving as Defense Secretary under President Trump, the US has [no evidence](#) that Assad used chemicals. President Obama drew a [red line](#) at chemical use, and when the famous attack occurred in [East Ghouta in 2013](#) the world held their breath waiting for a US military attack, but after Obama was informed by the UK Defense Lab at Portadown that the chemical sample from East Ghouta was not from Syrian government supplies, Obama terminated the attack, refusing to be duped by the [terrorists](#) into attacking Syria based on a lie. The US invasion and destruction of [Iraq was based on a lie](#), which made Obama wary to repeat what George W. Bush had done.

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