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### 1. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION:

**[The Big Russian Navy Exercise of 2013](#)**: "I just want to mention something here: Putin is a long time Navalist, and this is not some small thing in his world, indeed he has been wanting this for over a decade. Putin has always been navalist, and nothing has changed."

### 2. SMALL WARS JOURNAL:

**[Whole-of-Government Support for Irregular Warfare](#)**: "Though discredited, the phased framework of shape-clear-hold-build remains applicable over time when adapted to local circumstances by harmonized independent stakeholders."

### 3. OTHER BLOGS (Rotating, based on relevant content)

#### ABU MUQAWAMA:

**[The Once and Future CIA](#)**: "The frequency with which observers call for the Agency to reject militarization and pursue the supposedly more pure activities of intelligence collection and analysis suggest a lack of historical knowledge of the CIA's paramilitary past."

#### AOL DEFENSE:

**[Hagel Nomination Complicates Sequester Deal: Fierce Fights Ahead](#)**: "You will probably see...legislation that takes part of the sting out of sequestration by giving the Department of Defense a little more flexibility in how they spend the dollars," guessed Rep. Randy Forbes, chairman of the seapower panel on the House Armed Services Committee, in an interview with AOL Defense."

#### AVIATION WEEK:

**[LCS-1 Faces Logistics Challenges](#)**: "It's a given," the Freedom's commanding officer says. "Stuff is going to fail on an operating ship. It's a matter of getting ahead of curve there based on the way we see the systems operating 20 hours from now, two days from now. When it's going to go down, we'll have to make sure we have the parts ready to go."

#### BROOKINGS:

**[Flexible Thinking Is Key for Chuck Hagel as Secretary of Defense](#)**: "Still, it is fair to acknowledge the views of Hagel's critics and the legitimacy of some of their positions. For example, given what Senator Hagel has argued over the years, I would want to know answers to questions like these..."

#### BUSINESS INSIDER:

**[Four Chinese Surveillance Ships Push Their Luck With Japanese Patience](#)**: "The four marine surveillance ships were seen moving within 12 nautical miles of the islands, known as the Senkakus in Japan and the Diaoyu in China, just before midday, the coastguard (sic) said in a statement."

**CNN SECURITY CLEARANCE:**

[Taking to the air on hunt for dirty bomb threats](#): "The purpose: to produce a baseline scan of the natural radiological readings in the capital. Once the map is done, any new anomalies - or suspicious radioactive activity - could be more easily detected."

**GADGET LAB:**

[Meet the One-Handed Man Behind America's Most Dangerous Mail-Order Kits](#): "I was always into weapons," Iannini says. "Heavy duty. The scientific, electronics weapons part of it is good research. It's sound research, it's fascinating, it's interesting, and it's very highly marketable, you know, as long you don't come out with something that you're going to get some young crazy kid to take out a whole school or something."

**GLOBAL GUERRILLAS:**

[How to Roll Out Dronet](#): "The Dronet coops and companies begin to peer with each other, and work on establishing multi-hop systems. The local networks that grow the fastest are the ones that make (it) easy for people to buy a pad and connect to the emerging network. Have fun inventing the world."

**SINGULARITY HUB:**

[German Laser Destroys Targets More Than 1Km Away](#): "First, the system sliced through a 15mm- (~0.6 inches) thick steel girder from a kilometer away. Then, from a distance of two kilometers, it shot down a handful of drones as they nose-dived toward the surface at 50 meters per second."

**WAR IS BORING:**

[China's Robot Armada](#): "The real news here is the increasing realism of China's aerial combat training — hence the high demand for robotic targets."

**WIRED MAGAZINE (OTHER):**

[Feds Dismantle Piracy Ring That Stole Super-Expensive Software](#): "The high-end software had numerous applications, including defense, engineering, manufacturing, space exploration, aerospace simulation and design, mathematics, storm water management, explosive simulation, and manufacturing plant design."

**FROM THE READERS:**

[Global Risks 2013, Eighth Edition](#): *From reader RK: "An interesting analysis of global risks...may be of interest to the group. (PDF is 13M)"*