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Worst-case scenari dealing with WMD must be part of providing for common defense

By James Jay Carafano, Ph.D.

Special Report #60

The recent Graham-Talent Commission study, *A World at Risk*, argues that this is no time to be complacent about weapons of mass destruction (WMD). In the decades ahead, efforts to deal with these threats have to be a cornerstone of providing for the common defense.

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Obama missile defense plan puts America at risk

By Baker Spring

Backgrounder #2292

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On May 7, 2009, the Obama Administration announced its FY 2010 defense budget--which reduces missile defense spending by \$1.62 billion. The programs that require funds include the Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) interceptors and the Multiple Kill Vehicle (MKV). Congress must confront the Obama Administration over its opposition to placing missile defense interceptors where they can be most effective--in space.

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Unfinished business at FEMA: A national preparedness perspective

By Dennis R. Schrader

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The nation's preparedness has come a long way in the past 20 years, but there is significant

unfinished business. The challenge is to find ways to continuously improve, to sustain the effort over the long haul, to better leverage federal resources to get major initiatives done, and to encourage states to build recovery plans that will put them in charge of a large-scale recovery.

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Maritime security: Fighting piracy in the Gulf of Aden and beyond

By James Jay Carafano, Ph.D., Richard Weitz, Ph.D., and Martin Edwin Andersen

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This report provides specific recommendations for addressing piracy and other armed criminal acts at sea. It assesses the current threat in the Gulf of Aden and proposes the appropriate role for American power to protect U.S. interests and meet U.S. responsibilities to facilitate global commerce and maintain freedom of the seas.

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