



## Foreign Affairs Breakdown - April 1, 2024

### U.S. Congress

#### Legislation

[H.R.7837](#) - To amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to include counternarcotics in the definition of foreign intelligence.

Sponsor - [Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy \[D-PA-6\]](#) Cosponsors - [Rep.Crenshaw, Dan \[R-TX-2\]](#), [Rep. Gottheimer, Josh \[D-NJ-5\]](#)  
House - Judiciary; Intelligence (Permanent Select)

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2024 - Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

[H.R.7832](#) - To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a plan to identify, integrate, and deploy new, innovative, disruptive, or other emerging or advanced technologies to enhance, or address capability gaps in, border security operations, and for other purposes.

Sponsor - [Rep. Correa, Lou \[D-CA-46\]](#) Cosponsor - [Rep. Luttrell, Morgan \[R-TX-8\]](#)  
House - Homeland Security

Latest Action: House - 03/29/2024 - Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

## Press Releases

### Speaker of the House - Mike Johnson

[Speaker Johnson, Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Leader Jeffries Statement on Evan Gershkovich](#)

## Administration

### Haiti

[Readout of Principal Deputy National Security Advisor Jon Finer’s Meeting on Haiti with Leaders of Civil Rights Groups](#)

### Japan

[Ambassador-at-Large Rao Gupta Travels to Japan](#)

### Oman

[California Man Sentenced for Attempting to Illegally Export Firearms and Night Vision Rifle Scopes to The Sultanate of Oman](#)

### Palestine

[On the Nomination of a New Palestinian Authority Cabinet](#)

### Russia

[Statement from NSC Spokesperson Adrienne Watson on Russia’s Attacks on Ukraine’s Energy Infrastructure](#)

### Sudan

[Opposition Candidate Registration for Venezuela’s Presidential Election](#)

## Press Releases

### Department of State

[Second United States-Japan-Republic of Korea Trilateral Diplomatic Working Group Meeting on Democratic People’s Republic of Korea Cyber Activities](#)

## Publications

### Atlantic Council

[Bolstering cooperation among Quad and Pacific Island countries](#) - “As the Quad looks ahead this year and beyond, it is both standing on solid ground and still finding its footing in the Pacific Islands. Moving forward, the bloc should continue to pursue achievable, practical policies that deliver on Pacific needs while ensuring the Quad is not stretched too thin. In addition, the Quad should take a forward-leaning public diplomacy approach that helps it win over public opinion and build stronger ties with Pacific Island countries.”

### Brookings Institution

[Russia-Afghanistan relations in the aftermath of the Moscow attack](#) - “Although the ISKP attack may complicate Russia’s relations with the Taliban, it is unlikely to alter them fundamentally. While the Taliban’s repeated promise that it would prevent international attacks from Afghan soil is further discredited, ISKP is the one terrorist group that the Taliban has been fighting with determination and consistency even after coming to power.”

### Heritage Foundation

[Winning the New Cold War: A Plan for Countering China](#) - “Congress also needs to do a better job of ensuring that executive branch bureaucrats enforce legislative policy actions. Too often, the Treasury and Commerce Departments have skirted their national security responsibilities by failing to enforce legislation related to export controls and inbound investment screening. What is more, both Congress and the Administration need to do a better job of supporting U.S. companies that face intimidation and theft or eviction from the Chinese market by the CCP or that seek to offshore their operations to safer destinations.”

### Hudson Institute

[Compiling Advantage: Unlocking the Competitive Power of Software Adaptability](#) - “Policymakers hold the map to a better way forward. The Department of Defense already has a handful of forward-leaning trailblazers who have succeeded amid organizations and processes built for a bygone era. But the US military need not be the victim of an industrial-age approach to digital-age capabilities. DoD leaders can learn from these trailblazers’ successes, amplify their efforts, and scale their models across the department.”

## Events

(Mon. 4/1) (1:00 PM)

[The Middle East crisis and the threat of Hezbollah-Israel escalation: A conversation with Amos Hochstein](#)

*Brookings Institution*

Speakers: Suzanne Maloney, Natan Sachs, Amos J. Hochstein

(Mon, 4/1) (2:00 PM)

[Leadership, Ethics, and the Future of U.S.-South & Central Asian Relations with Assistant Secretary Donald Lu](#)

*George Washington University*

Speaker: Donald Lu

(Mon. 4/1) (7:00 PM)

[The Importance of the US-Israel Relationship with Mike Pence](#)

*Hudson Institute*

Speakers: Mike Pence, Kenneth R. Weinstein

(Tues. 4/2) (10:30 AM)

[Retaliation and Resilience: China's Economic Statecraft in a Taiwan Crisis](#)

*Atlantic Council*

Speakers: Peter Harrell, Zongyuan Zoe Liu, Abigael Vasselier, Logan Wright

(Tues. 4/2) (10:00 AM)

[The Legacy and Lessons of U.S. Diplomatic Engagement with Lebanon](#)

*United States Institute for Peace*

Speakers: Lise Grande, Amb. David M. Hale, Amb. Edward M. Gabriel

(Tues, 4/2) (2:00 PM)

[Nuclear challenges for the next US administration](#)

*Brookings Institution*

Speakers: Robert Einhorn, Amy J. Nelson, Michael E. O'Hanlon, Caitlin Talmadge

(Tues. 4/2) (5:00 PM)

[Venezuelans' view of the July elections: A look at public opinion](#)

*Atlantic Council*

Speakers: Felix Seijas, Jesus Seguias, Luis Vicente Leon, Luz Mely Reyes, Geoff Ramsey

(Wed. 4/3) (11:30 AM)

[Virtual Event | AUKUS: Securing the Indo-Pacific, A Conversation with Kurt Campbell](#)

*Center for a New American Security*

Speakers: Kurt Campbell, Richard Fontaine