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▲ EUROPE : Première stratégie militaire allemande depuis la fin de la Seconde Guerre mondiale

Germany's new military strategy

The development of a document outlining a strategy for the Bundeswehr by the Federal Ministry of Defence and the Inspector General of the Armed Forces results from changes since 2022 in Germany's perception of the threat from Russia, as well as the role of the German armed forces and alliances. Following the outbreak of full-scale war in Ukraine, Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced, among other things, the establishment of a *special fund for rearming* the military. His government also developed a "National Security Strategy," which outlined the main directions of Germany's foreign and security policy. An additional factor accelerating changes in this area was Donald Trump's return to power in the US and consequent uncertainty regarding the future of transatlantic relations, as a result of which, in March of last year, Germany adopted a *financial package*, enabling, among other things, a further increase in military funding. Another element was the announcement by Friedrich Merz's government in November of a new model for military service.

<https://www.pism.pl/publications/germanys-new-military-strategy>

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Que penser de la stratégie militaire allemande ?

Dans le quotidien proche du Kremlin Izvestia, la politologue et experte de l'Allemagne Maria Khorolskaïa estime que l'Allemagne ne représente pas une menace : «Les effectifs récemment annoncés par Boris Pistorius (260 000 soldats en service et 200 000 réservistes) ne sont pas particulièrement impressionnants. Si le ministère allemand de la Défense s'active à ce point en ce moment, c'est moins pour se préparer à des manœuvres offensives que pour combler des déficits causés par des années de coupes budgétaires régulières dans le domaine de la défense. ... A l'heure qu'il est, cette stratégie militaire ressemble davantage à une tentative de remettre la Bundeswehr en état de marche qu'à une volonté de remilitarisation agressive.»

<https://www.eurotopics.net/fr/356819/que-penser-de-la-strategie-militaire-allemande>

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Germany unveils strategy for becoming Europe's strongest military by 2039

Germany revealed a package of foundational strategic documents for its armed forces on Wednesday, including the country's first standalone military strategy, a new capability profile, a personnel growth plan and a redesigned reserve strategy — the most comprehensive overhaul of Bundeswehr planning in decades. [...] The accompanying capability profile moves away from rigid hardware quotas — the number of tanks, aircraft or ships — toward a flexible, effects-based planning model. [...] The reserve, long treated as a secondary force to be activated only in emergencies, is now explicitly positioned "on par with the active force," with a dedicated strategy that envisions reservists taking on homeland defense and ensuring Germany functions as a logistics hub for allied forces moving east in a crisis. Pistorius called the reserve "the hinge between the military and civil society."

<https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2026/04/22/germany-unveils-strategy-for-becoming-europes-strongest-military-by-2039/>

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La stratégie qui acte le réveil militaire de l'Allemagne : texte intégral

Pour la première fois depuis la Seconde Guerre mondiale, l'Allemagne a rendu public un document qui définit sa conception globale de défense. Elle assume de plus en plus explicitement vouloir jouer un rôle de leader dans l'architecture de sécurité européenne. [...] Intitulé « Gesamtkonzeption der militärischen Verteidigung », Conception générale de la défense militaire, ce texte de 35 pages indique que le gouvernement Merz entend assumer « davantage de responsabilités » au sein de l'OTAN et renforcer dans des délais courts la capacité opérationnelle de la Bundeswehr.

<https://legrandcontinent.eu/fr/2026/04/22/la-strategie-qui-acte-le-reveil-militaire-de-lallemagne-texte-integral/>

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▲ AMÉRIQUES : Le secrétaire à la Marine américain quitte ses fonctions

What Led to Navy Secretary John Phelan Losing His Job? What We Know

Prior to being confirmed, Phelan was a big Trump and GOP donor. Federal Election Commission records showed that during Trump's 2024 campaign, Phelan donated \$834,600 to the now-president's joint fundraising committee. He donated another \$93,300 on Nov. 10, 2024, days after Trump's big victory. Criticism towards Phelan's appointment largely centered on his lack of a military background. While not mandatory or completely unusual, he became the first Navy secretary since 2006 to be appointed and not have any such experience.

<https://www.military.com/daily-news/2026/04/23/what-led-navy-secretary-john-phelan-losing-his-job-what-we-know.html>

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U.S. navy chief resigns amid Pentagon infighting

Phelan, who served just over a year in his post, had helped conceive of the new battleships to curry favor with President Donald Trump, according to two people familiar with the matter. The "Trump Class" battleships were a major source of frustration for Hegseth and Deputy Secretary Stephen Feinberg because they did not serve the Pentagon's broader strategy to pivot toward smaller, cheaper uncrewed ships, according to the two people, who, like others in this story, were granted anonymity to discuss sensitive matters.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/u-s-navy-chief-resigns-amid-pentagon-infighting/>

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US Navy chief leaving post 'effective immediately', Pentagon says

It comes just weeks after US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth asked Army Chief of Staff Randy George to step down from his post. Two other Army officials, Gen David Hodne and Maj Gen William Green, have also been removed from their roles recently. Since entering the Pentagon, Hegseth has fired more than a dozen senior military officers, including the chief of naval operations and the Air Force's vice chief of staff.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/ce9ml02g5k7o>

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▲ EURASIE : V. Poutine reçoit le ministre des Affaires étrangères iranien à Saint-Petersbourg

Iran fights 'courageously and heroically,' Putin says during talks with Tehran's foreign minister

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi met Russian President Vladimir Putin in St. Petersburg on April 27, lauding the "strategic partnership" between the two countries. Araghchi traveled to Russia after visiting

Pakistan and Oman as part of diplomatic efforts to reinvigorate ceasefire talks between Iran and the U.S... Russia and Iran concluded a strategic partnership agreement in January 2025, and Moscow has repeatedly denounced the U.S.-Israeli strikes against Iran on Feb. 28... Iran, in turn, has closely supported Russia during its all-out war against Ukraine, supplying Shahed strike drones and assisting Moscow in developing and mass-producing its own variants used in regular attacks on Ukrainian cities.

<https://kyivindependent.com/irans-foreign-minister-visits-russia-to-meet-putin-discuss-negotiations-with-us/>

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Iran reportedly proposes three-phase peace framework as Iranian FM visits Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin held talks with Iran's foreign minister Abbas Araghchi in St. Petersburg in which Putin emphasized that Russia will do everything that corresponds to the interests of Iran and other countries of the region, so that peace in the Middle East comes as soon as possible, according to Russian media RIA Novosti. Putin also stated that he had received a letter from Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei... The fact that Iran keeps making visits to third-party countries further shows its readiness for peace talks and its acceptance of mediation from these nations, Sun said, adding that it also indicates that Iran is not isolated within the international community regarding the current situation in the Middle East.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202604/1359912.shtml>

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Iran's Foreign Minister Meets With Putin in St. Petersburg

"Russia, just like Iran, intends to continue our strategic relationship," Putin said in comments carried by Russian state media. Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, Kremlin foreign policy adviser Yury Ushakov and the head of Russia's GRU military intelligence agency, Igor Kostyukov, were also present at the sitdown. Upon his arrival in St. Petersburg earlier in the day, Araghchi had told Iranian media he was "confident" that his meeting with Putin would be a good opportunity to discuss developments in the war and review the latest situation"... Russia is one of Iran's closest partners. It has repeatedly condemned U.S.-Israeli attacks on the Islamic republic, calling them an "unprovoked act of armed aggression," and has insisted that the sides resolve the conflict through diplomacy... Russia has reportedly provided Iran with intelligence and advice on drone tactics since the outbreak of war in late February. The Kremlin has denied those reports.

<https://www.themoscowtimes.com/2026/04/27/irans-foreign-minister-meets-with-putin-in-st-petersburg-a92608>

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▲ ASIE – OCÉANIE : Le Japon autorise désormais l'exportation d'armes létales

Exporting Security: Japan Expands Its Defence Footprint Abroad
Tokyo's expanding defence exports mark a decisive shift from postwar restraint to proactive security statecraft in the Indo-Pacific. Breaking from its long-standing self-imposed bans on arms exports, Japan's recent agreement with Australia to supply upgraded Mogami-class frigates marks a strategic inflection point, not just in Tokyo's arms export policy, but in the evolving security architecture of the Indo-Pacific. Valued at US\$10 billion, last month's deal stipulates the first three frigates to be built in Japan, and the remaining eight in Australia under joint production arrangements... For more than four decades, these constraints confined Japan's defence industry largely to the domestic market, limiting its scale and capacity for international collaboration... This revision significantly widened the scope of arms exports to include items such as warships, combat drones, and missiles to those countries that have signed defence equipment and technology transfer agreements with Japan.

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/exporting-security-japan-expands-its-defence-footprint-abroad>

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Le tournant stratégique du Japon : exportations d'armes, manœuvres aux Philippines

En l'espace d'une semaine, le Japon a franchi plusieurs seuils historiques en simultané. Le premier, le 21 avril, le Cabinet de la Première ministre Sanae Takaichi levait officiellement l'interdiction d'exporter des armes létales, renversant un pilier de la politique étrangère japonaise vieux de plus d'un demi-siècle... Tokyo opère une transformation profonde et délibérément accélérée de sa posture stratégique, sous la pression d'un environnement régional que ses dirigeants qualifient, avec une insistance croissante, « de plus en plus grave »... La montée en puissance militaire de la Chine, les tensions persistantes autour de Taïwan, les revendications de Pékin en mer de Chine méridionale, l'imprévisibilité croissante de Washington sous l'administration Trump : autant de facteurs qui poussent le Japon à redéfinir, à marche forcée, son rapport à la puissance militaire.

<https://asiayst.com/fr/2026/04/28/tournant-strategique-japon-exportations-armes-manoeuvres-philippines/>

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Chinese FM expresses grave concern over Japan's revision of arms export rules, urges international community to maintain high vigilance against Tokyo's neo-militarism

China is gravely concerned by the move, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun on Tuesday in response to Japan's revision of Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology and their implementation guidelines, allowing overseas sales of lethal weapons in principle. Guo stated that back that time, Japanese militarism launched rampant aggression and expansion, committing heinous crimes against China and other neighboring Asian countries... After World War II, Japan also established strict norms such as the exclusively defense-oriented policy to limit its military development and arms exports... A series of recent dangerous moves by Japan in the military and security field have exposed its false claim of pacifist nation and its so-called "exclusively defense-oriented" principle, said Guo.

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202604/1359430.shtml>

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Japan reverses landmark policy to allow lethal arms exports

Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's Cabinet on April 21 lifted Japan's decades-old ban on exporting lethal weapons, reversing a cornerstone of the nation's post-war policy... Japan first adopted a ban on arms exports to the communist bloc and other destinations in 1967. In 1976, Prime Minister Takeo Miki went further and effectively decided on a comprehensive embargo. This was partially eased in 2014 under the Cabinet of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe that created the Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology allowing exports under certain conditions... Japan can now export lethal weapons to the 17 countries with which it has defense transfer agreements. Non-lethal equipment may be exported without destination restrictions... All potential weapons exports will be reviewed by the NSC, which will use new criteria including the security environment of the destination country and any potential impact on Japan's own Self-Defense Forces.

<https://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/16513588>

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▲ AFRIQUE : Offensive majeure des djihadistes du JNIM et des Touaregs du FLA au Mali

Fall Of Kidal - What JNIM's Latest Offensive Means For Mali's Future

« JNIM launched its most coordinated and significant attacks in Mali since at least 2012, seizing several major urban centers in

northern Mali. » « The offensive likely aimed to [...] topple the current Malian junta to put in place new national authorities that the group can heavily influence. » « The attacks targeted junta leader Assimi Goita, severely wounded - possibly fatally - intelligence chief Modibo Koné, and killed Defense Minister Sadio Camara. » « The attacks seriously undermine Russia's future presence in Mali, which could impact Russian influence across Africa. »

<https://www.criticalthreats.org/analysis/fall-of-northern-mali-jnim-fla-offensive-russia-issp-camara>

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Western Withdrawal, Jihadist Expansion: How the Sahel Became round Zero for Global Terrorism

"The systematic breakdown of military and diplomatic relationships with Sahelian states has left Western actors increasingly unable to see, shape, or contain events." "Western counter-terrorism priorities in the Sahel focused on kinetic engagements, while aid and development assistance were second-order priorities." "The Sahel now accounts for roughly half of all terrorism-related deaths worldwide, a dramatic shift from just over a decade ago." "The overlap between withdrawal and escalation is difficult to dismiss as coincidence [...] replaced by a Russian alternative."

<https://warontherocks.com/western-withdrawal-jihadist-expansion-how-the-sahel-became-ground-zero-for-global-terrorism/>

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Luis Martinez : « Au Mali, un scénario se profile, celui d'un compromis tacite selon lequel le religieux prendrait en main le social, tandis que l'économie constituerait le domaine réservé d'une élite liée à la Russie ou à la Turquie »

« Le djihad est déclaré quand pèse une menace très forte, de nature à éloigner la communauté des croyants des valeurs de l'islam. » « Les insurgés rétablissent l'ordre, ou plutôt établissent un ordre, que tous n'apprécient pas obligatoirement, mais qui est accepté. » « Un scénario se profile, celui d'un compromis tacite, selon lequel le religieux prendrait en main le social, tandis que l'économie constituerait le domaine réservé d'une élite liée à la Russie ou à la Turquie. » « Le réformisme semble souhaité par tous, mais à dose homéopathique ; l'aventurisme politique n'a plus le vent en poupe dans la région. »

<https://lerubicon.org/luis-martinez-au-mali-un-scenario-se-profile-celui-dun-compromis-tacite/>

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▲ MOYEN-ORIENT : Les Emirats arabes unis annoncent quitter l'OPEP

Le Golfe ne fait plus bloc

Depuis le début de la guerre contre l'Iran, les responsables émiratis expriment un mécontentement croissant à l'égard des institutions dont leur pays est membre, comme l'OPEP, le Conseil de coopération du Golfe (CCG), la Ligue arabe ou l'Organisation de la coopération islamique. Les griefs sont les mêmes depuis longtemps : ces alliances ne tiennent pas leurs promesses. Cela est d'autant plus insupportable pour les Émirats arabes unis que le pays, tout comme plusieurs autres de la région, aspire à jouer un rôle plus important sur la scène internationale. [...] Le Qatar a quitté l'OPEP en 2018, lors du blocus imposé par ses partenaires du CCG. Cette décision ne concernait pas seulement la politique énergétique, mais aussi le positionnement politique plus large du pays. Aujourd'hui, les Émirats arabes unis font aujourd'hui quelque chose de similaire, mais dans un contexte bien plus lourd de conséquences. Ce faisant, c'est une crise systémique, dans la région et à l'échelle mondiale, qu'ils tentent de dévoiler au grand jour, afin d'obtenir des réponses ou des répercussions au niveau international.

<https://legrandcontinent.eu/fr/2026/04/30/le-golfe-ne-fait-plus-bloc/>

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Les Émirats arabes unis quittent l'OPEP en pleine crise pétrolière, un revers pour l'Arabie saoudite

La décision émirati fragilise ainsi fortement l'OPEP, dominée de facto par l'Arabie saoudite. Riyad se retrouve dans une position délicate : elle doit gérer un marché pétrolier plus difficile à contrôler, des alliances régionales moins solides et une organisation affaiblie au moment où la stabilité des prix de l'énergie devient cruciale pour son influence économique et géopolitique. Le départ d'Abou Dhabi marque une rupture dans les relations entre les pays du Golfe. La décision émirati est surtout hautement stratégique. Abou Dhabi repose moins que ses voisins sur les revenus du pétrole. Quitter l'OPEP signale encore davantage sa volonté de diversifier ses sources de revenus, notamment en se concentrant sur le numérique et l'intelligence artificielle. Mais c'est aussi un moyen de se départir des contraintes de production imposées par l'OPEP [...] Côté OPEP, ce départ risque d'avoir des conséquences négatives. Selon Homayoun Falakshahi, ses "prises de décisions sur le marché du pétrole seront moins impactantes à l'avenir".

<https://www.geo.fr/geopolitique/les-emirats-arabes-unis-quittent-lopep-en-pleine-crise-petroliere-un-revers-pour-l-arabie-saoudite-231888>

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UAE quits OPEC: What that means for the Gulf, energy markets and beyond

After decades of membership, the United Arab Emirates has decided to quit the oil producers' group, OPEC, in order to focus on "national interests" and forge its own path, it has said. [...] The UAE's decision to quit comes after years of open dissatisfaction with the oil cartel's policy of capping members' production as a way to control prices and stabilise the market. [...] OPEC has shown itself to be adaptable in the past. Founded in the 1960s by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iran, Iraq and Venezuela, it has survived challenging times and other withdrawals in past years, including by Qatar, Indonesia, Ecuador and Angola. [...] Despite the UAE's departure, other members may still see the benefit of sticking to the club. [...] The dramatic departure from OPEC is just the latest shift by Abu Dhabi along a foreign policy path which diverges from its neighbours. It was the first Arab country to normalise ties with Israel by signing the Abraham Accords in 2020.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2026/4/29/uae-quits-opec-what-that-means-for-the-gulf-energy-markets-and-beyond>

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Why the UAE Walked Out on OPEC—and What It Means for the Cartel

The Emiratis began studying whether to leave OPEC around the time Qatar (not a relatively large oil producer) left the cartel at the beginning of 2019. [...] Like other smaller states in the Gulf, the Emiratis have more often than not resisted Saudi Arabia's efforts to dominate them and the region. [...] In late 2025, the Saudis and Emiratis were in conflict over Yemen. [...] At the same time, Israel's recognition of Somaliland contributed further to the mutual distrust between Saudi Arabia and the UAE. [...] Then came the war in Iran. With Iran's initial attacks on the Emirates and Saudi Arabia, Saudi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman and Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, the president of the UAE, expressed solidarity with each other as well as the other regional countries under Iranian attack. Yet, the UAE and Saudi Arabia diverged as the war continued as the Saudis joined the Pakistanis, Egyptians, and Turks in seeking a diplomatic solution.

<https://www.cfr.org/articles/why-the-uae-walked-out-on-opec-and-what-it-means-for-the-cartel>

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▲ EUROPE

FRANCE : politique de sécurité et de défense

La ministre française des Armées renvoie dos à dos le Hezbollah et l'armée israélienne

<https://fr.timesofisrael.com/la-ministre-francaise-des-armees-renvoie-dos-a-dos-le-hezbollah-et-larmee-israelienne/>

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L'industrie de défense et les territoires : la cohérence introuvable

<https://www.institutmontaigne.org/expressions/lindustrie-de-defense-et-les-territoires-la-coherence-introuvable>

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Pour contrer les attaques hybrides, le SGDSN massivement doté

<https://www.intelligenceonline-fr.cdem.idm.oclc.org/europe-russie/2026/04/28/pour-contrer-les-attaques-hybrides-le-sgdsn-massivement-dote,110711792-eve>

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Les Français et les enjeux de défense

<https://www.institutmontaigne.org/expressions/les-francais-et-les-enjeux-de-defense>

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Enfin sincère ? L'actualisation de la Loi de programmation militaire à l'épreuve des défis stratégiques et capacitaires

<https://www.ifri.org/fr/briefings/enfin-sincere-lactualisation-de-la-loi-de-programmation-militaire-lepreuve-des-defis>

Date de publication : 16/04/2026

FRANCE : opérations et déploiements

ORION 2026 : débarquer en haute intensité

<https://www.forcesoperations.com/orion-2026-debarquer-en-haute-intensite/>

Date de publication : 26/04/2026

Comment l'IA permet à l'armée de l'Air et de l'Espace d'accélérer le tempo de ses opérations

<https://www.rfi.fr/fr/podcasts/lignes-de-d%C3%A9fense/20260419-l-ia-permet-%C3%A0-l-arm%C3%A9e-de-l-air-et-de-l-espace-d-acc%C3%A9l%C3%A9rer-le-tempo-de-ses-op%C3%A9rations>

Date de publication : 19/04/2026

FRANCE : équipements et armements

Le porte-avions Charles de Gaulle valide la capacité à lancer n'importe quel aéronef pendant un ravitaillement à la mer

<https://www.opex360.com/2026/04/17/le-porte-avions-valide-la-capacite-a-lancer-nimporte-quel-daeronef-pendant-un-ravitaillement-a-la-mer/>

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Le Rafale teste sa capacité à tirer des roquettes à guidage laser de 68 mm pour abattre des drones

<https://www.opex360.com/2026/04/17/le-rafale-teste-sa-capacite-a-tirer-des-roquettes-a-guidage-laser-de-68-mm-pour-abattre-des-drones/>

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EUROPE / UNION EUROPÉENNE

The EU has gone mad – it must be stopped

<https://russiancouncil.ru/en/analytcs-and-comments/comments/the-eu-has-gone-mad-it-must-be-stopped/>

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The new E6 format: The EU between unity and fragmentation

<https://www.swp-berlin.org/en/publication/the-new-e6-format-the-eu-between-unity-and-fragmentation>

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SCAF : l'impasse structurelle d'un projet de défense européen [2/2]

<https://www.portail-ie.fr/univers/defense-industrie-de-larmement-et-enseignement/2026/scaf-impasse-structurelle-projet-defense-europeen-2/>

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Europe's Path to Strategic Autonomy in the Defence Industry

<https://hcass.nl/news/new-report-catching-up-europes-path-to-strategic-autonomy-in-the-defence-industry/>

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EUROPE OCCIDENTALE

Trump says 'probably' when asked if he might pull US troops out of Italy, Spain

<https://www.defensenews.com/news/your-military/2026/04/30/trump-says-probably-when-asked-if-he-might-pull-us-troops-out-of-italy-spain/>

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Minister Crosetto's Gulf tour signals Italy's strategic push in the region

<https://decode39.com/14461/minister-crosettos-gulf-tour-signals-italys-strategic-push-in-a-volatile-region/>

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