



The CIBUK Clear Water Partnership

News Bulletin

Welcome!



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Editor's Note: *On behalf of the Clear Water Partnership, I would like to extend particular thanks to our Deputy Chairman Daniel Hodson for the many introductions he has provided for our weekly newsletters and bulletins.*

By way of clarification, I confirm that all future bulletins will be coming exclusively from me as Communications Director and Editor of the Clear Water Partnership.

With many thanks for your continued support in our mission.



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INTRODUCTION

In jockeying for position to become Britain's next Prime Minister, every candidate should have to place geo-political security at the very heart of their manifesto.

The reason of course is obvious: the Western Alliance is under greater pressure than at any time since the height of the Cold War, only this time the battle is on two fronts: with Russia and with China.

In that context, we assess the wider security implications for the United Kingdom as it steps up once again to defend Europe in her hour of need.

The possibility of a joint EU-US nuclear deal with Iran is another worrying development and one we will continue to monitor and address at a later date.

In relation to the leadership campaign, CIBUK remains impartial beyond a general

stipulation that every candidate completes Brexit, upholds sovereignty, and defends the realm. To the extent that we have expressed a view here we would urge our readers and influencers to do the same.

SUMMARY

- In that spirit, we are proud to champion the valiant efforts of our armed forces as they continue to provide full logistical support and training for the Ukrainian forces on Europe's eastern border.
- So far, the UK's contribution to the war effort dwarfs that of the rest of the EU, which now amounts to **£2.3 billion**.
- All of which underlines the leading role which the United Kingdom continues to play alongside its EU and NATO allies in the defence of freedom in Europe.
- On a different but equally important front, we look at the extent of collaboration in military research and technology between Europe's university science departments and China.
- Funding and infiltration of western institutions including here in the UK have been going on for years. Only now, belatedly, has the West finally woken up to what is going on.
- The time has surely come for the new Government to review past academic collaboration in the context of the current and likely future situation and to create a thoroughly secure and transparent framework for resourcing and sharing genuine academic initiatives.
- How the UK and her allies respond to these twin threats will be the critical test in their commitment to uphold democracy and freedom around the world.

Ukraine latest: The UK will soon have trained the equivalent of half the British Army



Britain's contribution outstrips that of the EU as a whole

Actions as they say speak louder than words and in that regard Britain's response to the war in Ukraine has been thunderous.

UK RESPONSE

"On Thursday Ben Wallace, Defence Secretary, visited the latest cohort of Ukrainian soldiers taking part in a major new UK-led military programme, which will train a further 10,000 Ukrainians over the coming months."

Men, Money & Munitions

Men

- Ukrainian troops trained to date: 22,000
- Ukrainian troops being trained this summer: 10,000
- **Total : 32,000**

Money

- **£2.3 billion** in military aid

Munitions

- 5,000 NLAW anti-tank weapons and M270 multiple launch rocket systems.
- British Challenger 2 Tanks from Squadron A of the Queen's Hussars being deployed this month (July).
- Rapid procurement of 2,400 AK variant assault rifles to Ukraine troops



Additional Training

The UK's commitment in Ukraine is not confined to hardware. British troops have been training Ukrainian forces, as Defence Secretary Ben Wallace explained in a statement at a military training camp earlier this week:

"This ambitious new training programme is the next phase in the UK's support to the Armed Forces of Ukraine in their fight against Russian aggression. Using the world-class expertise of the British Army we will help Ukraine to rebuild its forces and scale-up its resistance as they defend their country's sovereignty and their right to choose their own future."

In or out of the EU, the United Kingdom's commitment to the defence of Europe is beyond question. Already the Defence Secretary has called for the defence budget to be increased to 2.5% of GDP by 2030.

With twin threats from Russia and China, many will think it needs to be higher still.

The full article can be read here: <https://cibuk.org/2022-jul-strong-brexite-britain-defence/>

European Scientists Empowering China's Military

by **Judith Bergman** for the Gatestone Institute

It is not just on the battlefield where victories are won or lost, but in classrooms and laboratories.

In an alarming report for the Gatestone Institute, political analyst Judith Bergman reveals the extent to which European security may have been compromised over many years through the unwitting exchange of vital military research technology by its top universities with leading scientists working for the Chinese government.

From Denmark and Holland to Germany and the United Kingdom the practice appears to be widespread.

And the bare facts behind it are astonishing:

"New research done by **Follow the Money**, a Dutch platform for investigative journalism, and ten other European media outlets, found that European scientists have "shared militarily sensitive knowledge with the Chinese army on a large scale."

The project, known as the China Science Investigation, collected a staggering 353,000 scientific collaborations between Europe and China and found that, of these, 2,994 have taken place with the Chinese military, **defined as**, "studies where scientists from Western European universities collaborated with Chinese colleagues directly linked to an institute that is part of the Chinese army."

When one joins the dots, a very sinister picture emerges:

According to *Deutsche Welle*, nearly half of the scientific 2,994 collaborations that the China Science Investigation evaluated were published by scientists affiliated with China's elite National University of Defense Technology (NUDT) at universities in the United Kingdom, followed by the Netherlands and Germany. The NUDT's **explicit purpose** is to "strengthen the armed forces and the nation."

"It [NUDT] is the top institution of the People's Liberation Army, which among other things is known for its research into supercomputers and hypersonic missiles," noted Rebecca Arcesati, a researcher at the Mercator Institute for China Studies (Merics) in Germany.

What's worse, it appears to have been going on for years:

"In Germany alone, at least 230 research articles were published from 2000 through early 2022 in which Chinese military researchers had collaborated with German research institutions.

According to the China Science Investigation, *"Collaboration took place in all kinds of areas: from drone studies to artificial intelligence, from space travel to shipping, and from radar to underwater communication."*

"All roads lead to the PLA":

"Western universities need to understand that Chinese military scientists have only one client, and that is the People's Liberation Army," Meia Nouwens, who is a researcher at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London, **told** *Politiken*.

"Their raison d'être is to modernize the Chinese army. Your study shows that although the EU has identified China as a 'systemic rival', Europe needs to do more to protect our research. Especially when it comes to technologies that we believe will be crucial for the future of warfare."

Not for the first time, Europe finds itself behind the curve as Western leaders finally begin to batten down the hatches to prevent the situation running out of control:

"These revelations have caused consternation in NATO, where David van Weel, NATO's Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, says that European universities need to stop being naïve. "We have noticed that Chinese scholars linked to the People's Liberation Army, as well as Chinese investment firms, are very, very active in our research ecosystems," Weel [said](#).

"It's about becoming less naïve about the fact that there is an attempt to take as much knowledge as possible from our research communities back to China. In my home country, the Netherlands, there are researchers who have been working on artificial intelligence with Huawei instead of with NATO. It's the world turned upside down. This is because we have not invested enough and committed enough in recent years. But we are changing that now."

And the consequence of these breaches?

In November 2021, General Mark Milley, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, [expressed](#) his concern at how fast China had accelerated its military modernization after testing a hypersonic weapon:

"If you look at, again, 40 years ago, they had zero satellites... They had no ICBMs... They had no nuclear weapons... They had no fourth or fifth-generation fighters or even more advanced fighters, back then... They had no navy... They had no sub-force. Look at what they have today..."

So if you look at the totality, this test [of a hypersonic weapon] that occurred a couple weeks ago, is only one of a much, much broader picture of a military capability with respect to the Chinese. That is very, very significant. We're witnessing one of the largest shifts in global geostrategic power that the world has witnessed."

The UK is not exempt either:

"An investigation by *The Times* [published](#) in February showed that British universities have accepted £240 million from Chinese institutions, many with links to the military, including £60 million from institutions sanctioned by the US government for supplying the Chinese military with fighter jets, communications technology and missiles. In addition, in just six years, the number of research collaborations between scientists in the UK and Chinese institutes with deep connections to the country's defense forces tripled to more than 1,000."

"Naïveté combined with an almost extreme form of carelessness" according to the author. A neat summary one might say for the whole of recent Western foreign policy.

The full original article can be found here:

<https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/18660/europe-scientists-china-military>

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