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# This Week: Five Events You Need to Know (June 18)

Russian and Chinese military cooperation, Putin-approved assassinations, a European Army, and more.

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This week, we learned more about the growing military ties and cooperation between Russia and China. We also learned about European military cooperation. Meanwhile, Britain is becoming weaker militarily, politically and socially. British polls are now revealing the debilitating force behind the shocking results from the United Kingdom's June 8 election.

Here are the five most important news stories this week, as well as relevant links to the full articles and videos here on theTrumpet.com.

## *'Revenge of the Youth'*

Jeremy Corbyn, the radical leader of Britain's Labour Party who sympathizes with Osama bin Laden and other terrorists from the Irish Republican Army, Hamas and Hezbollah, came so close to power in the United Kingdom's June 8 election.

The *youth vote* is a major part of the reason, and Britain's young people are powerfully leading the surge toward socialism in the nation.

## *Russia and China Plan 'Enormous' Military Events*

Russia and China announced on June 7 that they will hold "enormous" and "important" joint military activities from 2017 to 2020.

A research fellow at the Center on Asia and Globalization noted that in the years since the end of the Cold War, Moscow and Beijing have "progressed from a relationship of 'good-neighborliness' to 'constructive cooperation,' and then to 'comprehensive strategic partnership,' and further on to 'comprehensive strategic partnership and coordination.'"

Chinese National Defense Minister Chang Wanquan told Interfax that the "scope of our cooperation [with Russia's armed forces] is constantly expanding, and the trend of developing military cooperation has maintained a good trajectory."

Will the two powerhouse nations soon enter into a *formal alliance* ?

## *Another Putin-Approved Assassination?*

In 2010, Alexander Perepilichnyy revealed massive financial corruption in the Russian government and then fled to England. Two years later, he collapsed and died while jogging just outside London.

"It's so obvious that it's an *assassination* ," Chris Phillips, the former head of Britain's National Counter Terrorism Security Office, told BuzzFeed News.

The British government, however, says it wasn't.

According to British and American officials referenced in a BuzzFeed report, the British government is anxious not to "inflame diplomatic tensions with Russia." The last time Britain incriminated Russia for a high-profile assassination, a 10-year standoff with the Kremlin ensued.

And President Vladimir Putin's *power* surged.

## *The European Union: A 'Second NATO'?*

On June 7, the European Commission published a reflection paper outlining three proposals on how to transform and unify the bloc's military. One of those proposals, called Common Defense and Security, has been considered by critics as an attempt at forming a "*Second nato*."

The day before the publication, Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said: "The EU must not only complement nato but also react independently and appropriately to external threats."

German mep Manfred Weber told *Die Welt* that a European army will come "faster than many believe."

## *Latin America Hopes on Germany*

On June 8, Latin American leaders welcomed German Chancellor Angela Merkel as the region's new best friend in the era of United States President Donald Trump.

During her three-day visit, Merkel expressed her hopes for an early conclusion of a *free-trade agreement* between the European Union and mercosur, the common economic market of South America. German newspaper *Handelsblatt* said the alliance "would create a toll-free zone with over 800 million people. Due to the uncertainty of the U.S. trade policy under President Trump, trade with South America could experience a new boom."

Latin America is becoming a "*front line of trade war*," as we wrote in April.

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