



ABOUT US

We are a couple of open source aficionados who have a specific interest in China related Open Source Intelligence (OSINT). We aim to provide inspiration and resources to those looking to deepen their understanding about some of the key themes related to China by the use of OSINT techniques. If you want to get in touch please contact us on our X profile @allsourcechina.



YEAR OF THE DRAGON

新年快乐! Happy Lunar New Year! The 10th of February brought the beginning of the new year for Chinese culture all around the world. We have officially entered the year of the Dragon (wood Dragon to be more precise). This month we have looked at more context based articles. We feel that having a fuller picture leads to better investigations.



CHINESE MILITARY OSINT



Mastering Chinese Military OSINT: A Comprehensive Deep Dive for Non-Chinese Analysts

The complex realm of Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) becomes even more labyrinthine when deciphering China's intricate military activities. For those unfamiliar with the Chinese language and culture, the challen...

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This short but concise piece outlines some really valuable top tips for anyone who is not a Chinese speaker looking at starting OSINT investigations in that space. Having some resources to look at on specifics, such as the military, is much needed as resources are usually saturated with social media. We have found this article to be a great first stop for those starting to look at the Chinese military to get a better understanding of how they operate. This resource will be one that the All Source China team will be bookmarking for future investigations. It is good to see other OSINTers taking an interest in China specific resources.



MODERNISATION OF CHINA'S NULCEAR FORCES



China Power have done a great job at explaining such a complex topic. China Power discuss the fundamental transformations in nuclear policy, posture, and force structure, shedding light on the evolving nature of China's nuclear strategy. They explain that China having a smaller nuclear arsenal compared to the U.S. and Russia, there is a need for a reassessment of China's nuclear capabilities due to its status as a nuclear weapons state. The article is a valuable resource for understanding the evolving landscape of nuclear capabilities, and also aligns with broader discussions on the strategic implications of China's actions. We assess this article to be a useful resource for those wanting an easy to read but comprehensive look at the topic of Chinese Nuclear forces.

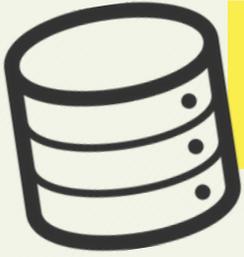


How is China Modernizing its Nuclear Forces?

China is rapidly expanding and modernizing its nuclear forces and may be significantly shifting its nuclear policies.

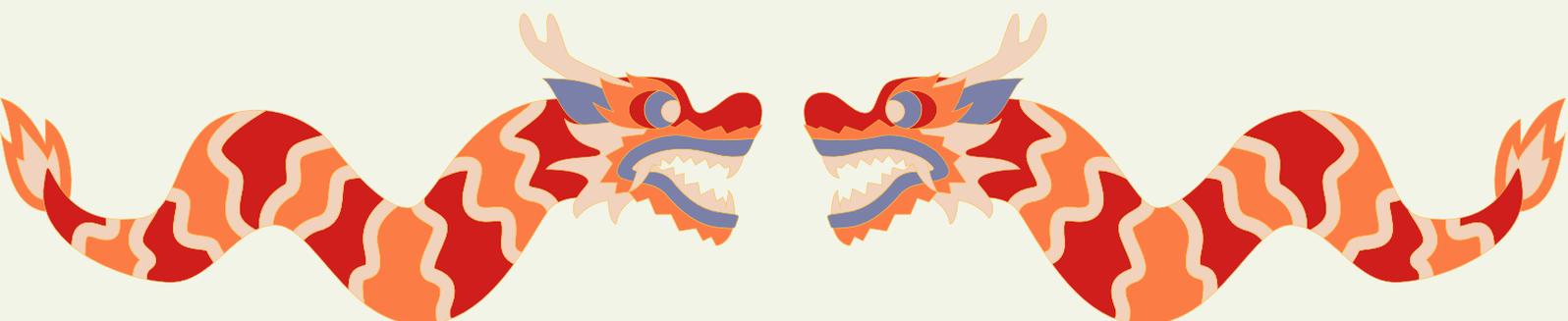
 ChinaPower Project / Dec 10, 2019





IS GOOGLE MAKING CHINA OSINT HARDER?

The link above outlines Google's decision to retire its internet archiving tool has created some discontent among Chinese researchers. Those that are used to working on the topic of China know how difficult it can be to access relevant pages. The use of cached pages (especially those of Chinese websites) is valuable when doing research on sites that may not open correctly when looking at them live. The decision to remove this function, as stated by a Google spokesperson, was because “the web , and web serving as a whole, has greatly improved, making the need for cached pages less necessary”. This could particularly affect studies on digital trends, censorship, and other aspects of China's online environment. Access to historical online data is crucial for understanding trends and developments, the retirement of Google's internet archiving tool has become a focal point in the ongoing discussions regarding information accessibility and research challenges in China. The Internet Archive (Archive.org) has become an even more powerful tool than it already was now Google has turned of their caching function.



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