

TRENDS!

The Big 'Show-Down' Of Drones



Drones are believed to be rewriting the rules of this war. As The tank was key at one point, but now drones may be the more decisive weapons system.



Pentagon Reveals Secretive New Drone the Air Force is Giving to Ukraine: Phoenix Ghost



The Pentagon is giving Ukraine a secretive new drone that the U.S. Air Force has developed. One that “very nicely” suits the needs of the Ukrainian military.

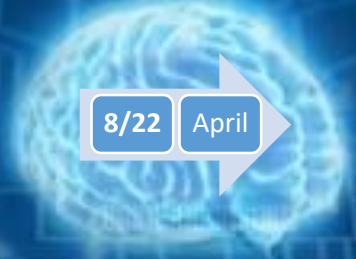


U.S. Navy Drone Boats May Change the Naval Equation in Ukraine



Underwater surface vehicles could perform forward targeting missions for coastal weapons such as anti-ship missiles.





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Russian Offensive Campaign Assessment - April 28

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Russian offensive operations in eastern Ukraine made minor advances on April 28. Russian forces attacking southwest from Izyum likely seek to bypass Ukrainian defenses on the direct road to Slovyansk.

