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## Risk of nuclear war now highest since WW2, U.N. arms research chief says

GENEVA (Reuters) - The risk of nuclear weapons being used is at its highest since World War Two, a senior U.N. security expert said on Tuesday, calling it an "urgent" issue that the world should take more seriously.

Renata Dwan, director of the U.N. Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR), said all states with nuclear weapons have nuclear modernization programs underway and the arms control landscape is changing, partly due to strategic competition between China and the United States.

Traditional arms control arrangements are also being eroded by the emergence of new types of war, with increasing prevalence of armed groups and private sector forces and new technologies that blurred the line between offence and defense, she told reporters in Geneva.

With disarmament talks stalemated for the past two decades, 122 countries have signed a treaty to ban nuclear weapons, partly out of frustration and partly out of a recognition of the risks, she said.

"I think that it's genuinely a call to recognize - and this has been somewhat missing in the media coverage of the issues - that the risks of nuclear war are particularly high now, and the risks of the use of nuclear weapons, for some of the factors I pointed out, are higher now than at any time since World War Two." The nuclear ban treaty, officially called the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, was backed by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017.

The treaty has so far gathered 23 of the 50 ratifications that it needs to come into force, including South Africa, Austria, Thailand, Vietnam and Mexico. It is strongly opposed by the United States, Russia, and other states with nuclear arms.

Cuba also ratified the treaty in 2018, 56 years after the Cuban missile crisis, a 13-day Cold War face-off between Moscow and Washington that marked the closest the world had ever come to nuclear war.



FILE PHOTO: Intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) Hwasong-14 is pictured during its second test-fire in this undated picture provided by KCNA in Pyongyang on July 29, 2017. KCNA via Reuters

## U.S. House Democrats subpoena more Trump ex-aides, including Hicks

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A U.S. House committee chairman on Tuesday subpoenaed two more former White House aides, including Hope Hicks, just hours after former White House Counsel Donald McGahn was a no-show for testimony before the panel at President Donald Trump's request.

As tensions rose between the Republican president and the Democrats who control the House of Representatives, lawmakers also negotiated for future testimony by Special Counsel Robert Mueller on his Russia investigation and debated whether to launch high-stakes impeachment proceedings against Trump.

The showdown between Trump and the Democrats intensified after McGahn, heeding Trump's instructions, ignored a subpoena from the Democratic-led House Judiciary Committee and did not show up to testify before the panel.

House panel chairman threatens to force McGahn testimony in court

Undeterred in a growing conflict with Trump over congressional powers to oversee his administration, committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler announced he had issued fresh subpoenas to Hicks,

the former White House communications director, and to Annie Donaldson, McGahn's former chief of staff.

The subpoenas seek testimony and documents in connection with the committee's probe of whether the president obstructed Mueller's inquiry into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election and contacts between Trump's campaign team and Moscow.

Despite McGahn's absence, the committee held a hearing lasting about a half-hour that featured an empty chair at the witness table. Nadler said at the hearing, "Let me be clear: this committee will hear Mr. McGahn's testimony, even if we have to go to court to secure it."

In Mueller's investigative report, McGahn was a key witness regarding possible obstruction of justice by Trump. Career prosecutors not involved in the case have said the report contained strong evidence that Trump committed a crime when he pressured McGahn to fire Mueller and later urged him to lie about it.

Attorney General William Barr, the top U.S. law enforcement official and a Trump appointee, on



May 2 snubbed the same committee, which later voted to hold him in contempt of Congress for not handing over a full, unredacted Mueller report.

At the hearing skipped by Barr, an empty chair also figured prominently and a Democratic committee member placed a ceramic chicken on the table in front of it for the cameras. The ceramic chicken did not make a repeat appearance on Tuesday. After the hearing that McGahn skipped, several Democrats said the Judiciary Committee was negotiating with Mueller about his possible testimony. A redacted version of Mueller's report was released by Barr last month.

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# North Korea warns U.S. over seized ship at rare U.N. news conference

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - North Korea stepped up its campaign on Tuesday for the United States to return a seized cargo ship belonging to Pyongyang, warning Washington that it had violated its sovereignty in a move that could affect "future developments" between the countries.

North Korea U.N. Ambassador Kim Song speaks during a news conference at U.N. headquarters in New York, U.S., May 21, 2019. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid  
North Korea's U.N. Ambassador Kim Song held a rare news conference at the United Nations in New York to demand the immediate return of the ship, which the United States said earlier this month it had seized over accusations it was used for coal shipments in violation of U.S. and U.N. sanctions.

"The United States should deliberate and think over the consequences its outrageous act might have on the future developments. Also the United States must return our cargo ship without delay," Kim said. "We regard it as part of our territory where our sovereignty is fully exercised." He said the seizure of the ship, known as the "Wise Honest," defied the spirit of a statement by U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un after their first meeting in Singapore in June 2018. They pledged to build new ties between their countries and work toward

North Korea's denuclearization. The U.S. Justice Department earlier this month said the ship was seized and impounded to American Samoa. The vessel was first detained by Indonesia in April 2018. A second meeting between Trump and Kim Jong Un in Hanoi broke down in February. With talks on denuclearization stalled, North Korea went ahead with more weapons tests this month. The tests were seen as a protest by Kim Jong Un after Trump rejected his calls for sanctions relief at the Hanoi summit. The U.N. Security Council has unanimously strengthened sanctions on North Korea since 2006 in a bid to choke funding for Pyongyang's nuclear and ballistic missile programs, banning exports including coal, iron, lead, textiles and seafood, and capping imports of crude oil and refined petroleum products. "We will carefully watch every move of the United States," said Kim. Kim wrote to U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Thursday to ask him to take "urgent measures" over the issue. U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said on Tuesday that the letter had been received.

"We're taking a look at it. The issue of sanctions, the implementation of sanctions, the interpretation of sanctions, is really a matter for the U.N. Security Council to decide and to discuss,"



North Korea U.N. Ambassador Kim Song speaks during a news conference at U.N. headquarters in New York, U.S., May 21, 2019. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

## U.S. states, cities sue to block Trump 'conscience' rule for healthcare workers

NEW YORK (Reuters) - A coalition of 23 U.S. states and municipalities sued the Trump administration on Tuesday to stop it from enforcing a rule that would make it easier for doctors and nurses to avoid performing abortions on religious or moral grounds. The lawsuit led by New York Attorney General Letitia James said the expanded "conscience" protections could undermine the ability of states and cities to provide effective healthcare without jeopardizing billions of dollars a year in federal aid. It also said the rule would upset legislative efforts to accommodate workers' beliefs while ensuring that hospitals, other businesses and staff treat patients effectively.

Sterilizations and assisted suicide are among other medical procedures that might be affected, according to the complaint filed in federal court in Manhattan.

"The federal government is giving health care providers free license to openly discriminate and refuse care to patients," James said in a statement. The rule is scheduled to take effect on July 22. It will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Roger Severino, director of HHS' Office for Civil Rights, said in a statement: "The rule gives life and enforcement tools to conscience protection laws that have been on the books for decades. HHS finalized the conscience rule after more than a year of careful consideration and after analyzing over 242,000 public comments. We will defend the rule vigorously."

President Donald Trump, a Republican, has made expanding religious liberty a priority, and the proposed rule drew support from anti-abortion activists.

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Britain's Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt attends a news conference on media freedom as part of the G7 Foreign Ministers' meeting in Dinard



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Demonstrators hold flags and banners during peaceful anti-government protests in Algiers



Palestinian covers his face with a plastic bag to protect himself from tear gas fired by Israeli troops during a protest at the Israel-Gaza border fence in the southern Gaza Strip



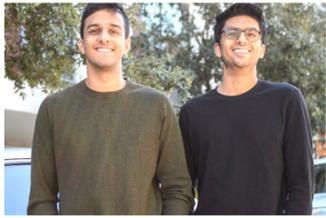
Vietnamese national Doan Thi Huong is seen upon her arrival at Noi Bai airport, in Hanoi



Sudanese fishermen check their boats and nets before they row through the waters of Nile River near Jebel Aulia

Austin's Hitch Offers Car Rides To Houston And Back With Other Destinations On The Way Ride-Sharing Startup Evokes The Spirit Of Hitchhiking

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



From left to right: Hitch's Kush Singh (CEO) and Tanuj Girish (CTO).

A new ride-sharing service based in Austin has found a way to combine the best elements of traditional hitchhiking with the latest technology. The idea for Hitch started when CEO and co-founder Kush Singh found himself dissatisfied with today's inter-city travel options. "There are plenty of ways to travel for \$100 or \$200 from city to city. There are luxury buses, there are airplanes and there are numerous options that are half-decent," Singh said. "But in the economy market for the \$20 to \$30 price-point for the everyday man or woman there's not much. There's Greyhound and there's Megabus. Riding in those vehicles is absolutely abysmal." "Over 10,000 cars make trips every day just between Austin and Houston, and 90% of them have just one occupant—the driver. This represents hundreds of millions of empty seats on our nation's highways every year, billions of gallons of wasted fuel and countless hours of peoples precious time nationwide—that's more seats than all the buses and planes combined" according to Singh, who is CEO of Hitch. The startup was founded out of the Longhorn Startup Lab at the University of Texas at Austin. Singh and Hitch CTO Tanuj Girish were connected with Jay Manickam and Matt Chasen, co-founders of Austin shipping startup uShip and both UT graduates. Manickam and Chasen round out Hitch's group of four co-founders. Together, Singh and co-founder and CTO Tanuj Girish, came up with the concept for Krew, a city-to-city ride-sharing platform that would eventually become Hitch. The duo participated in the Longhorn Startup Lab at the University of Texas at Austin where they connected with Jay Manickam and Matt Chasen, two UT graduates who founded uShip, an Austin-based online marketplace for shipping services.



1966: Three teenagers hitchhiking on the Sunset Strip, Los Angeles, California.

uShip co-founders Matt Chasen and Jay Manickam have now teamed up with former U.T. freshman Kush Singh and Tanuj Girish, who they met while guest lecturing at an undergraduate business school class, to launch a city to city ride-sharing service called Hitch. Hitch's mission is to connect people who need to travel between neighboring cities with drivers who are already making the trip, and today they are officially launching service between Austin and Houston. "There have been a multitude of startups that have tried to solve this 50- 350-mile ride sharing problem using a model where the rider posts a ride request and drivers post their trips days in advance and they try to match. We believe these have all languished due to too much logistical difficulty in planning in advance for the rider and, more importantly, the driver," says Chasen. Over the past few months, the Hitch team has been experimenting with various service models, and believe they have found a completely new, unique product experience that will make matching riders and driver vastly easier for both parties. Hitch offers service from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and charges about \$25 to \$35 a ride. (The fare range will likely expand if Hitch brings the service to more cities.) Pricing is dynamic and automatically adjusts based on the supply of drivers and demand from riders at any given time, but the average price point is competitive with economy bus services—around \$25—for a 150-mile ride from Austin to Houston. The startup recommends an hour's lead time to meeting a driver, though Singh says his team plans to reduce that time to 20 minutes. Hitch takes a 20 percent to 30

percent commission from each ride and about 100 drivers have signed up, he adds.



From left to right: Tanuj Girish (CTO), Kush Singh (CEO)

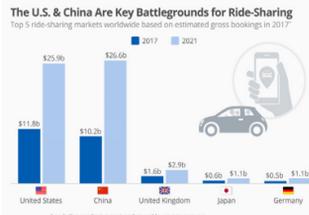
"We've re-thought the end to end service model on a first principles level, and built a completely frictionless experience for both riders and drivers, which requires almost no planning," says Girish, Hitch's CTO. The key innovation of this new model is that, rather than trying to provide the entire door to door trip for the rider, Hitch leverages pick-up and drop-off locations that are "on the way" for drivers that are making the trip with empty seats. Riders join a virtual queue and drivers are able to simply pull over at Hitch pickup locations and provide rides to the next riders in the queue. Today's ridesharing services like Uber and Lyft are essentially local hitchhiking, and we believe that people have grown very comfortable with the idea of ridesharing and will be eager to ditch their cars to ride-share longer distances—especially millennials and students", says Singh. "Trust and safety is the foremost priority for us. All drivers are background checked, and all riders are ID verified using scanned driver licenses and facial recognition. The company is off to a promising start—it recently won U.T.'s Longhorn Startup Lab competition, granting them a \$25K investment from Austin-based Capital Factory—who subsequently invested another \$100,000. They also won the consumer category of the Redbull Launch Institute competition, securing it a spot

at Techcrunch Disrupt SF last September—where it successfully raised its first round of outside funding.



Left to Right: Matt Chasen (Chairman), Tanuj Girish (CTO), Kush Singh (CEO)

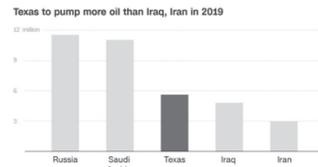
Hitch aims to make the ride-sharing experience seamless and enjoyable to both the rider and the driver. It is available on iOS and Android via their respective app stores. The founders suggest users visit Hitch.net first to get acquainted with the company and all it has to offer. "We wanted to leverage the lure behind hitchhiking. To really think about the freedom of travel. Hitchhiking was a great way to connect with people all over the world," Singh said. A rider would simply check into the app and see when the next driver would be available, go to a pickup location and wait for the driver to come by. Riders only need to book their rides 45 minutes to an hour before the driver's arrival. Unlike other ride-sharing services, Hitch drivers do not need to drop off their customers at individual locations. The idea is that the driver will already be traveling to the intended city and then select an ideal drop-off point for everyone in the car. The driver would also have the discrepancy of dropping off riders at individual locations if the driver does not have to go out of their way. This way, the driver is compensated for a drive they were making anyway. Ride-Sharing: The Global Competition



"If you think about the model, it's really tech-enabled hitchhiking," Singh said. "Where two people are meeting exactly along the driver's route, however, we've embedded background checks and safety features into the app, to make sure nothing goes wrong and everyone feels safe in the car." Another unique feature of Hitch is the flexibility of service. There are departures every one to two hours. "You never have to pre-schedule a ride," Singh said. The founders decided to begin with the Austin to Houston route because it's an "extremely dense" and cost-effective route. The Austin to Houston corridor sees more than 10,000 car trips a day and 90 percent of those are single drivers in a vehicle, they added. "We've been watching this rideshare space develop, obviously with Uber and Lyft on the local side, but even back when we launched uShip there were startups pursuing inter-city ride-sharing," Chasen said. He and Manickam realized the challenges and opportunities that ridesharing spaces offered. They saw startups pursue similar business models without significant success. "With Hitch, we're embarking on an opportunity that really can make travel much more efficient. We founded uShip after we observed that there is so much unused capacity driving around on our roadway," he said. "Whether it's moving shipment, goods, freight or people, technology should be able to solve this problem. I expect it will and can serve to take a lot of cars off the road and help with climate change and other urgent issues that face our society." (Courtesy https://www.americaninno.com, https://xconomy.com/texas and https://austinstartups.com/)

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rapid that growing pains have emerged. The Permian Basin is quickly running out of pipelines to transport oil out of Texas, forcing companies to explore costly and potentially dangerous alternatives like

rail and trucks. More pipelines are getting built, but they won't be ready in time to fix the bottlenecks that have formed. Fifty-five percent of executives surveyed by the Dallas Federal Reserve expect the lack of crude oil pipeline capacity will slow activity in the Permian.

ConocoPhillips (COP) CEO Ryan Lance reportedly said in May. Another headache: the rush to pump in the Permian is making it more expensive to pay for supplies and services.

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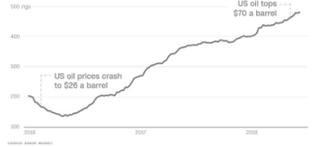
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