

The United States Must Win the AI Arms Race



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We are in the middle of an Artificial Intelligence (AI) arms race that we must win. So-called “Killer Apps” are being created. “Whoever leads in AI will rule the world,” declared President Vladimir Putin. He understands that his ally, China, is poised to do just that, and now the United States is making it possible.

I am not on the Trump bandwagon for sending powerful Artificial Intelligence microchips and related infrastructure to Arab oil sheiks who have sponsored anti-American terrorism and already have close relationships with Communist China.

I believe global Islam is as dangerous as international communism. We saw an example of that when a communist supporter of the “Free Palestine” movement shot and killed two Israeli embassy staffers, one a Christian and one a Jew, on the streets of Washington, D.C.

In an April 1 letter, I had specifically [warned](#) FBI Director Kash Patel and Deputy Director Dan Bongino about the Red-Green or Communist-Muslim alliance planning violence in America. On my Rumble program, investigative journalist James Simpson [discussed his research](#) into the subject.

Tragically, what President Trump has done, through his Middle East tour, is fall for the same line that convinced the global elites to build up China, insisting that trade and commerce

would transform the communist giant into a friend, not a foe. It did not work.

The MAGA movement needs to understand that, before Trump was traveling through the Middle East region making deals with the Arab oil sheiks, China was doing so, and already has a strong presence in the Islamic world. That inevitably means that high-tech being transferred to the Gulf Arab states will make its way to China.

As part of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which was launched in 2013, Beijing launched the [Digital Silk Road](#) (DSR) in 2015 that quickly made inroads including projects and "cooperation areas" in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

As far back as 2020, the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission was [warned](#) by Steven Feldstein, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, that major Chinese firms such as Huawei, ZTE, Hikvision, Dahua, Meiya Pico, Sensetime, and others, were "building surveillance networks, peddling hi-tech censorship tools, and supplying advanced social media monitoring capabilities" to countries around the world, including the Arab states of the Middle East.

These same capabilities, having been deployed to monitor and control their domestic populations, can now be used, in conjunction with the advanced technologies authorized by Trump, to monitor U.S. military forces in the region, including the Al Udeid Air Base, located in Doha, Qatar, for the benefit of China and its strategic partner Russia.

Under Biden, in January 2024, U.S. officials reached a secret agreement to extend the American military presence at the Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar for another 10 years. Trump has not rescinded it.

Now, with Trump's acquiesce, American-based firms like Cisco

and Amazon are investing \$5 billion in an “AI zone” in Saudi Arabia while AI chipmakers Nvidia and AMD will provide tens of thousands of semiconductors and advanced AI chips to Saudi Arabia’s AI venture “[Humain](#),” Qatar’s [QCAI](#), and the United Arab Emirates enterprise [known](#) as G42.

Under Biden, Microsoft [invested](#) \$1.5 billion back in 2024 in G42 “to accelerate AI development and global expansion.” Rep. John Moolenaar (R-MI), chairman of the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party, [warned](#) at the time that the relationship could “open a backdoor for U.S. technology & dollars to flow to the Chinese Communist Party’s (CCP) surveillance state & military research.”

The House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party cited evidence that G42’s CEO Peng Xiao “operates and is affiliated with an expansive network of UAE and People’s Republic of China-based companies that develop dual-use technologies and materially support PRC military-civil fusion and human rights abuses.”

The company posted [a photo](#) of H.H. Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Chairman of G42; Brad Smith, Microsoft Vice Chair and President; and Peng Xiao, Group Chief Executive Officer of G42. Peng Xiao is described in [one report](#) as a controversial figure who renounced his American citizenship in exchange for UAE citizenship and has done deals with Huawei, China’s huge telecommunications firm described in a 2012 [report](#) from the House Intelligence Committee as a threat to U.S. national security interests.

Now, in the wake of Trump’s deals, Rep. Moolenaar [warns](#) that the sensitive chip deals with Gulf nations represent “a vulnerability” for the Chinese Communist Party to exploit. He added, “The CCP is actively working to indirectly access our most advanced technology. Without a formal AI diffusion rule, deals like this risk creating backdoor vulnerabilities for export control circumvention.”

The so-called “AI diffusion rule” represents export controls over chips with national security implications. Trump has limited exports of advanced AI chips to China but if they go to China through the Arab states the export controls will obviously fail.

Ironically, we are told the Big Business deals arranged by Trump for the Arab states are designed to freeze Red China out of the market. Trump’s AI czar David Sacks [said](#) that there is no risk “with a friend like Saudi Arabia.”

Saudi Arabia is not a friend. The late Middle East expert Dore Gold wrote a book, [Hatred’s Kingdom](#) (2003), on how 9-11 was a Saudi operation. Al-Qaeda founder Osama bin Laden was a Saudi and 15 of the 19 skyjackers were Saudis.

Former Al-Jazeera reporter Yosri Fouda interviewed the al-Qaeda architects of 9/11, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and Ramzi bin al-Shibh, and co-authored a [book](#) about it entitled *Masterminds of Terror*.

Decades later, justice still has not been done.

The case of United States v. Khalid Shaikh Mohammad, the 9/11 mastermind, and other al-Qaeda operatives is scheduled for August 18 – September 5, 2025, at the Expeditionary Legal Complex located in Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (NSGB) Cuba. He is a Pakistani national who was based in Qatar.

Huawei had [opened a cloud data center](#) in the Saudi capital Riyadh back in 2023 and staged the [“Huawei Cloud Summit”](#) in Saudi Arabia in 2024. This is an outpost for espionage, including the theft of American technology.

NSA/CIA defector [Edward Snowden](#) had arrived in Chinese Hong Kong in 2013, before going to Russia, and his disclosures included documents on NSA surveillance of Huawei, one of many sources of hacking attacks on the United States and other countries. Not surprisingly, Chinese hacking attacks have been

increasing since the Snowden disclosures because they now understand how the NSA spies on them.

Snowden exposed operations targeting China, “severing an intelligence capability that could have yielded a sustained flow of critical information on Beijing’s highly secretive leadership structure, deliberations, and decisions,” [noted](#) analyst Daniel McKivergan. “His actions also spurred China to overhaul its communications network.”

In addition to Huawei, Chinese companies Alibaba, China Telecom, Dahua, SenseTime, Tencent, and ZTE are also heavily invested in the Gulf Arab states. SenseTime is a Chinese state-owned artificial intelligence company headquartered in Chinese Hong Kong.

The Huawei presence in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates, the last stop on Trump’s Middle East tour, was the subject of an [investigative report](#) by the Defense One website, which focuses on national security threats to the U.S. “The United States bases many of its regional forces within or near the same urban areas now wired by Chinese gear,” the report says.

Trump appeared before and spoke to U.S. forces at the Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar. It is already the largest U.S. military installation in the Middle East and Trump has announced its expansion, saying Qatar will invest \$10 billion in the base.

The report by Tye Graham and Peter W. Singer reveals that “The United States still supplies the bulk of Gulf security, yet its presence now overlaps with Chinese telecom towers and cloud racks, a juxtaposition that complicates intelligence protection and crisis planning.”

The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission [notes](#) that the Middle East is “a region of strategic importance to China” and that it seeks to become the dominant power in the region while appearing content “for the moment to free-ride on

the U.S. and allied regional security infrastructure.”

That means, in effect, that the Qatar base as well as U.S. arms shipments to the region will serve to protect Chinese investments in the Gulf Arab states.

Bring our troops home from Qatar

Viewed in this context, Trump’s last-ditch campaign to increase American involvement in the Gulf through Big Money deals with Arab oil sheiks will most certainly backfire by making it easier for China to steal American technology, monitor U.S. military forces in the region, and continue to scheme to dominate the world in collaboration with Russia.

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