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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Corrupt Chinese Officials Filled Missiles With Water, Report Says

Aadil Brar – Newsweek: 8 January 2024

Chinese officials filled missiles with water instead of rocket fuel in one example of pervasive corruption, according to a report on United States intelligence assessments of China's military.

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Markus Anderljung and Anton Korinek – Lawfare: 4 January 2023

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Samiksha Jain – The Cyber Express: 10 January 2024

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