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NIH has referred 16 allegations of foreign influence on U.S. research to investigators

Stat News, June 5, 2019, By Andrew Joseph

“The National Institutes of Health has referred 16 allegations related to foreign influence of U.S.-funded research to investigators and contacted 61 research institutions about such concerns, federal health officials said at a hearing Wednesday.

Dr. Lawrence Tabak, the NIH’s principal deputy director, said the problem stems from “a small proportion of scientists” who, among other concerns, have failed to disclose ties to foreign governments on grant applications. But he and others noted the contributions foreign-born researchers generally make to U.S. innovation, discoveries, and the economy. [...]

Lawmakers and federal agencies have been increasingly scrutinizing allegations that foreign governments are spying on U.S.-funded research projects, stealing intellectual property, obtaining grant applications, and rigging the grant awarding process. Last year, NIH Director Francis Collins told thousands of grantee institutions to set up briefings with the FBI about protecting their research endeavors.”

To read the full article -

<https://www.statnews.com/2019/06/05/nih-has-referred-16-allegations-of-foreign-influence-on-u-s-research-to-investigators/>



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Thursday, Apr 25, BJA, RSA –
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Tuesday, Jun 4, BJA, RSA –
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Wednesday, Jun 19, OKT S105
– 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

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Wednesday, Jul 17, OKT S105
– 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Thursday, Aug 29, BJA, RSA –
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Thursday, Oct 24, BJA, RSA –
11:30 am to 1:00 pm

SecDef Calls Out China on Tech Theft, South China Sea

Real Clear Defense, June 1, 2019, By Lolita C. Baldor



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U.S. Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan on Saturday denounced China's efforts to steal technology from other nations and militarize man-made outposts in the South China Sea as a "toolkit of coercion," saying Beijing's bad behavior must end.

In his first major speech on the international stage, Shanahan mixed sharp criticism of China and warnings of North Korea's "extraordinary" threat with vows that the U.S. will remain strongly committed to the Indo-Pacific region and is ready to invest billions of dollars in securing its stability.

While he didn't specifically name China in early parts of his speech, he made clear who his target was, making pointed references to Beijing's campaign to put advanced weapons systems on disputed islands in the region.

"If these trends in these behaviors continue, artificial features in the global commons could become tollbooths. Sovereignty could become the purview of the powerful," Shanahan said.

His remarks underscore America's frayed relations with China, as the Trump administration wages a trade war with Beijing, imposes sanctions on Chinese tech giant Huawei and approves a weapons sale to Taiwan, the self-ruled island the Communist mainland claims as its own territory. And they reflect America's new national defense strategy that declared great power competition with China and Russia as top priorities.

To read the full article

https://www.realcleardefense.com/articles/2019/06/01/secdef_calls_out_china_on_tech_theft_south_china_sea_114469.html?utm_source=360Works%20CloudMail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NewsWatch

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