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NASA's small nuclear reactor to power a habitat on Mars

To provide safe and plentiful energy for future robotic and human missions for Mars and beyond, NASA is conducting experiments on Kilopower — a small nuclear reactor that can generate a reliable power supply. This pioneering space fission power system could provide up to 10 kilowatts of electrical power — enough to run two average households — continuously for at least 10 years, the US space agency said in a statement. Four Kilopower units would provide enough power to establish an outpost.

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UN calls for new nuke disarmament efforts

The UN has called for a new push for nuclear disarmament amid concerns over the North Korean crisis and bilateral spats between Russia and the US. The threat posed by weapons of mass destruction continued and were also increasing, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned, Efe news reported. He was speaking at the opening of a special Security Council session devoted to nonproliferation headed by Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

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