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Summary: Iskander Rehman believes that the immense economic heft of China and the US would cause conflict between them to be protracted for many months, perhaps years and even decades. This makes it necessary for the West to build strategic stocks of weapons and munitions on a scale currently unimagined by planners. The current US mindset seems to confuse planning to win a mere battle or limited campaign with the demands of protracted conflict. Rehman's book argues that if the West — which means principally the US — is to deter war, above all in Asia, "it will need to launch a once-in-a-generation construction and procurement effort, all the while encouraging the even more industrially atrophied allies in Europe and Asia to do the same." Related: Japan Raises Military Spending To Counter China With More Missiles and Ships and 2023 Chart Book Examines Spending, Taxes, and Deficits and The Age-Old Question: How Do Governments Pay For Wars?

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