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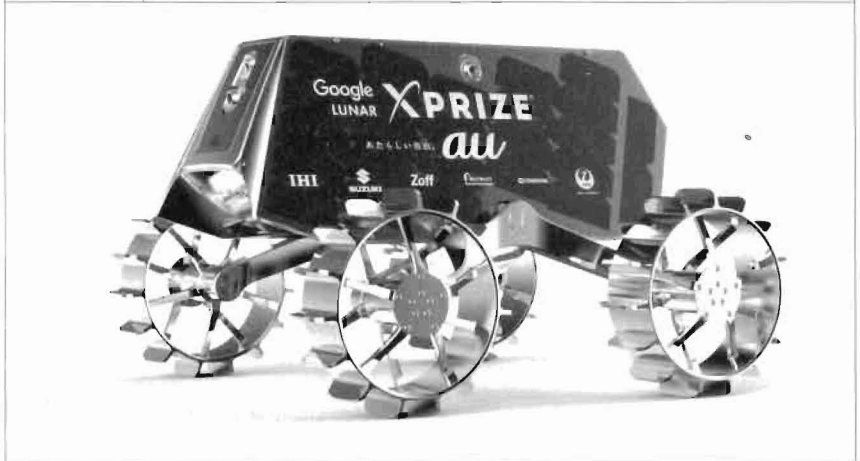
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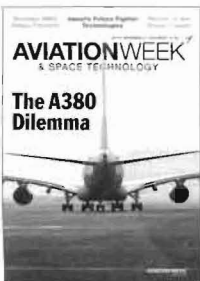
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After the show, Pentagon Editor **Lara Seligman** spent several days with the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing based at Al Udeid air base, Qatar. At left, she watches as a KC-135 refuels an F-16 over Afghanistan.



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