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ANALYSTS: NEW IRAN SITE MAY BE USED TO TEST BALLISTIC MISSILES

August 8, 2013 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iran has built a new rocket launch site which is likely to be used for testing ballistic missiles, military analysts publishing satellite images of the structure told the British Daily Telegraph on Wednesday. Pictures of the newly discovered site have been published weeks after the Iranian government said it was building new space launch bases for its domestic satellite program.

The new site is close to Iran's first space center in the northern Semnan province, but analysts believe it is designed to test ballistic missiles rather than launch space rockets, according to the Telegraph. A picture of the base taken last month and published by IHS Jane's Military and Security Assessments shows a 23m tall launch tower sitting on a launch pad measuring 200m by 140m..."

Analysts said the unfinished site 25 miles south east of the city of Shahrud has no storage for the liquid rocket fuel used in the Iranian space program, suggesting it is built for ballistic missiles using solid fuel..."

OUTSIDE VIEW: DON'T VIEW IRAN'S PRESIDENT WITH ROSE-COLORED GLASSES

August 8, 2013 SpaceDaily.com reported: "Since the emergence of Hassan Rouhani as the new president of Iran, policymakers have been wondering what the future may hold for nuclear talks with Tehran.

Optimists have argued that Rouhani is a "moderate" and presents an opportunity to finally resolve the long-standing dispute over Iran's nuclear program. Yet, behind all of the hype, the fact remains that the power structure in Iran hasn't changed, nor has its course on the nuclear issue. Rouhani is simply the latest tactic employed by the regime to buy time for its ultimate goal, which is to possess nuclear weapons.

Winston Churchill once famously said, "An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile, hoping it will eat him last." Each administration in the West has looked at short-term solutions to the dilemma posed by the Iranian regime and its nuclear program. However, the reality is that there are no short-term solutions to the dilemma posed by the Iranian regime's nuclear program.

Whether it was the carrot or the stick, neither policy ever resulted in successful negotiations with Tehran. The proof is in the pudding, so to speak, and in this case the pudding and everything in it is under the control of the Supreme Leader of Iran Ali Khamenei..."

IMF URGES GERMANY TO SHOW EUROZONE VISION

August 7, 2013 The EU Observer reported: "The International Monetary Fund Tuesday (6 August) urged Germany to play more of a leading role in laying out a vision for the eurozone. "Germany plays a pivotal role in the development of policies and the evolving architecture of the European monetary union," said the IMF's mission chief for Germany, Subir Lall, to mark the publication of the organisation's annual report on the country.

The assessment said that "clearly articulating the shared vision for closer economic and financial integration among euro area" would give a "crucial anchor" for the expectations of households, businesses and financial markets..."



PM: US PRESSURE THE ONLY THING HOLDING IRAN BACK FROM BOMB

August 7, 2013 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Tuesday met with a delegation of 36 U.S. Congress members who are visiting Israel. Leading the delegation is Maryland Representative Steny Hoyer (D), currently the House minority whip.

Netanyahu held a round-table discussion with the Congress people, presenting Israel's case on a number of regional and security issues. Netanyahu also discussed Iran with the group, saying that the U.S. needed to more forcefully press Iran to stop its nuclear development program. 'Iran's president said that pressure will not help to dissuade him from developing nuclear weapons. But we see that over the past two decades, the only thing that has helped has been pressure.'

As a result, the best thing the U.S. could do to stop Iran from moving forward with its nuclear program was to increase the pressure on Tehran, he said. 'I have said it before, and I will say it again, because it's important that it be understood. If the pressure on Iran is lifted, it will go ahead with developing nuclear weapons.'..."

BIRD FLU STRAIN IN CHINA 'PASSED BETWEEN HUMANS'

August 7, 2013 BBC News reported: "Researchers have reported the first case of human-to-human transmission of the new strain of bird flu that has emerged in China. The British Medical Journal said a 32-year-old woman was infected after caring for her father. Both later died.

Until now there had been no evidence of anyone catching the H7N9 virus other than after direct contact with birds. But experts stressed it does not mean the virus has developed the ability to spread easily between humans. By 30 June there had been 133 cases of H7N9 bird flu reported in eastern China and 43 deaths.

Most people had visited live poultry markets or had close contact with live poultry in the week or two before they became ill.

Yet researchers found that the 32-year-old woman had become infected in March after caring for her 60-year-old father in hospital. Unlike her father - who had visited a poultry market in the week before falling ill - she had no known exposure to live poultry but fell ill six days after her last contact with him.

Both died in intensive care of multiple organ failure. Tests on the virus taken from both patients showed the strains were almost genetically identical, which supports the theory that the daughter was infected directly from her father rather than another source.”...”

JAPAN UNVEILS LARGEST WARSHIP SINCE WORLD WAR II



August 6, 2013 The Associated Press reported: “Japan on Tuesday unveiled its biggest warship since World War II, a huge flat-top destroyer that has raised eyebrows in China and elsewhere because it bears a strong resemblance to a conventional aircraft carrier.

The ship, which has a flight deck that is nearly 250 meters (820 feet) long, is designed to carry up to 14 helicopters. Japanese officials say it will be used in national defense...

Though the ship - dubbed "Izumo" - has been in the works since 2009, its unveiling comes as Japan and China are locked in a dispute over several small islands located between southern Japan and Taiwan...

The tensions over the islands, along with China's heavy spending on defense and military modernization, have heightened calls in Japan for beefed-up naval and air forces. China recently began operating an aircraft carrier that it refurbished after purchasing from Russia, and is reportedly moving forward with the construction of another that is domestically built.



Japan, China and Taiwan all claim the islands. Though technically a destroyer, some experts believe the new Japanese ship could potentially be used in the future to launch fighter jets or other aircraft that have the ability to take off vertically.

That would be a departure for Japan, which has one of the best equipped and best trained naval forces in the Pacific but which has not sought to build aircraft carriers of its own because of constitutional restrictions that limit its military forces to a defensive role.”...”

REPORT: AL-QAIDA DEVELOPED LIQUID THAT TURNS CLOTHES INTO EXPLOSIVES

August 6, 2013 Haaretz reports: “An Al-Qaida affiliate has developed a new generation of liquid explosive that U.S. officials fear could be used in a future attack, ABC News reported Monday.

Two senior U.S. government sources who have been briefed on the terror threat that prompted the U.S. to close embassies across the Mideast and North Africa this week, told the network that clothes dipped in the liquid become explosive devices when dry. One of the U.S. officials described the new generation explosive as ‘ingenious,’ while another said it would be undetectable under current security processes.

The liquid explosive is believed to be the brainchild of the Yemen-based affiliate Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the officials told ABC News. This affiliate is home to Ibrahim al-Asiri, a master bombmaker, who was on the 25 ‘most wanted terrorist’ list...”...”

IN EGYPT, MOUNTING TENSION BETWEEN ISLAMISTS AND MILITARY

August 5, 2013 The Christian Science Monitor reported: “Leading US and EU envoys were in Cairo today, attempting to find a way to reduce tensions between the Egyptian military and supporters of ousted president Mohamed Morsi.

Their visit came as the country’s leading security body issued a new warning to Morsi supporters, saying their time to leave their protest camps peacefully is running out.”...

Tens of thousands of the former president’s supporters have spent the last month camped across two locations in eastern Cairo, demanding the reinstatement of Morsi, who was ousted by the military and arrested on July 3.

Two early morning attempts by police and military forces to clear the camps have resulted in the deaths of around 140 Morsi supporters. Fears are now growing over the possibility of a third state-led massacre in as many weeks if the security services move in again...”

ROUHANI CALLS FOR BROADENING OF TIES WITH CHINA

August 5, 2013 The Fars News Agency reported: “Iranian President Hassan Rouhani underlined the need for the further expansion of bilateral ties between Iran and China.

‘We believe that expansion of Tehran-Beijing relations will guarantee the two nations’ interests,’ Rouhani said in a meeting with the visiting Chinese Culture Minister, Cai Wu, in Tehran on Monday.

The Chinese culture minister, for his part, described the two countries' relations as exemplary, and said, ‘Iran and China have ancient cultures and civilizations and they can play an important role in the world today.’

Cai arrived in Tehran on Sunday to attend President Rouhani’s swearing-in ceremony...”

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