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DONALD TRUMP SET TO SEND B-52 NUCLEAR BOMBERS TO SOUTH KOREA

March 9, 2017 thesun.co.uk reported: "Earlier this week, trigger-happy Kim pushed his luck once more when he fired off four ballistic missiles into the seas near Japan. Now US military chiefs are reportedly planning to fly in B-1 and B-52 bombers – built to carry nuclear bombs – to show America has had enough, according to the Korea Times.



Secretary of Defence James Mattis said the US "remains steadfast in its commitment" to the defence of the South, according to Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt Jeff Davis.

Capt David said: "He further emphasised that any attack on the United States or its allies will be defeated and any use of nuclear weapons will be met with a response that is effective and overwhelming."

Washington is reportedly expected to deploy a series of strategic assets from the US as well as from military bases in Guam and Japan, reports the Daily Mail. The USS Carl Vinson, a Nimitz-class supercarrier, will join the Foal Eagle exercise after departing from San Diego. The nuke-powered aircraft carrier will carry dozens of fighter jets, early warning aircraft and anti-sub craft.

2B-52 Bomber

It will be accompanied by the guided-missile cruiser USS Lake Champlain (CG-57) and two Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers. From the US Marine Corps in Japan, F-35B stealth fighters will be deployed to the peninsula for the first time."..."

CHINA URGES US-N.KOREA DEAL TO AVERT 'HEAD-ON COLLISION'

March 8, 2017 spacedaily.com reported: "China on Wednesday called on North Korea to suspend its nuclear and missile activities in exchange for the US and South Korea halting military wargames, to prevent what it called a "head-on collision."

Foreign Minister Wang Yi's proposal came after a cascade of events that has led to a dramatic spike in tensions in the region, including a volley of North Korean missile tests that flew provocatively close to Japan. China is particularly concerned over the deployment this week of America's THAAD defence system which is being rolled out in South Korea as a shield against the growing missile threat.

Wang warned of a "looming crisis" stoked by North Korean nuclear and missile tests and annual US-South Korean military exercises.

"The two sides are like two accelerating trains coming toward each other with neither side willing to give way," Wang said at a press conference on the sidelines of China's annual parliament session.

"The question is: are the two sides really ready for a head-on collision? Our priority now is to flash the red light and apply the brakes on both trains."

US REBUFFS CHINA OVER N. KOREA TALKS

March 8, 2017 SpaceDaily.com reported: "The United States on Wednesday rebuffed China's appeal for talks with North Korea, saying leader Kim Jong-Un was behaving irrationally and that it was reassessing its approach to dealing with Pyongyang. China, Pyongyang's main ally, earlier called on North Korea to suspend its nuclear and missile activities in exchange for a halt to the annual US-South Korean military drills.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi said in Beijing that the proposal could help bring the United States and North Korea back to negotiations and avert what he termed a "head-on collision".

After a closed-door meeting of the UN Security Council, US Ambassador Nikki Haley said North Korea's actions called for a different response.

"We are not dealing with a rational person," Haley told reporters. "If this were any other country, we would be talking about that and it wouldn't be an issue."

She described Kim as a "person who has not had rational acts, who is not thinking clearly."

"We are re-evaluating how to handle North Korea going forward," she added. North Korea fired at least four missiles toward Japan on Monday, three of which splashed down in waters near Japan.

The Security Council met to discuss next steps to address North Korea's missile launches after Pyongyang said the latest tests were for a possible strike on US bases in Japan. The US ambassador said "all the options are on the table" and did not rule out talks completely but she made clear that North Korea must first show a willingness to seek a diplomatic solution.

"We have to see some sort of positive action taken by North Korea before we can ever take them seriously," said Haley. Her comments came as US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson prepares to visit Japan, South Korea and China starting next week, his first trip to the region, with talks to focus on North Korea."..."

TURKEY, RUSSIA, US MILITARY CHIEFS SEEK BETTER COORDINATION AGAINST IS

March 8, 2017 spacewar.com reported: The top generals of the Turkish, Russian and US military met Tuesday in a bid to step up coordination in Syria and avoid clashes between rival forces in the fight against Islamic State (IS) group jihadists. The meeting between Turkish Chief of Staff Hulusi Akar, US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joseph Dunford and Russian Chief of General Staff Valery Gerasimov appears to be the first of its kind.

Their discussions in the southern Turkish city of Antalya came as a US-led coalition made progress in its effort to push IS out of Syria. While Turkey, Russia and the United States are all fighting against IS, they support different camps and tension remains because of Ankara's opposition to the involvement of Syrian Kurdish militia forces.

Though it ultimately stepped back from its claim, Turkey had threatened to strike Manbij, a former IS bastion, unless the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) deployed there pulled back. The SDF, seen by the Washington as the most effective anti-jihadist fighting force in Syria, is dominated by Kurdish fighters condemned by Ankara as "terrorists." Both Moscow and Washington confirmed the three-way talks in Antalya."..."

WITHOUT A 'WORLD GOVERNMENT' TECHNOLOGY WILL DESTROY US, SAYS STEPHEN HAWKING

March 8, 2017 independent.co.uk reported: "Stephen Hawking has warned that technology needs to be controlled in order to prevent it from destroying the human race.

The world-renowned physicist, who has spoken out about the dangers of artificial intelligence in the past, believes we need to establish a way of identifying threats quickly, before they have a chance to escalate.

"Since civilisation began, aggression has been useful inasmuch as it has definite survival advantages," he told The Times.

"It is hard-wired into our genes... Now, however, technology has advanced at such a pace that this aggression may destroy us all by nuclear or biological war. We need to control this inherited instinct by our logic and reason."

He suggests that "some form of world government" could be ideal for the job, but would itself create more problems.

"But that might become a tyranny," he added. "All this may sound a bit doom-laden but I am an optimist. I think the human race will rise to meet these challenges."

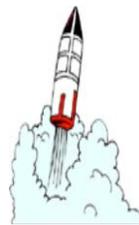
In a Reddit AMA back in 2015, Mr. Hawking said that AI would grow so powerful it would be capable of killing us entirely unintentionally"..."

JAPAN MOVES TO HIGHEST ALERT LEVEL AFTER NORTH KOREA FIRES MISSILES

March 7, 2017 Bloomberg.com reported: "Japan moved to the highest possible alert level after North Korea fired four ballistic missiles simultaneously into nearby waters, the latest provocation from Kim Jong Un's regime.

Three of the missiles fell into Japan's exclusive economic zone, with one dropping about 350 kilometers west of the nation's northern Akita prefecture, government spokesman Yoshihide Suga told reporters after a meeting of Japan's National Security Council. Authorities were still analyzing the type of missile launched, he said.

The launches 'clearly show that this is a new level of threat' from North Korea, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told lawmakers in Tokyo. American officials held phone calls afterward with counterparts in Japan and South Korea, which rely on the U.S. for security..."



TRUMP, ABE SAY NORTH KOREA THREAT 'ENTERED A NEW STAGE'

March 7, 2017 SpaceDaily.com reported: "US President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe warned Monday that the threat from North Korea had "entered a new stage," following another defiant missile test. The two leaders spoke by telephone after North Korea fired off four ballistic missiles, in what Pyongyang provocatively called a training exercise for a strike on US bases in Japan.

"Japan and the United States confirmed" the launches violated UN Security Council resolutions and presented a "clear challenge to the region and international community," Abe told reporters in Tokyo. They also agreed that "the threat has entered a new stage," Abe said.

The missiles traveled about 620 miles (1,000 k) and three of them landed in waters close to Japan that are part of its exclusive economic zone. North Korean weapons programs are rapidly proving to be the most prominent foreign policy question facing Trump's young White House."..."

GOVERNMENT REPORT: ISLAMISTS BUILDING 'PARALLEL SOCIETY' IN SWEDEN

March 5, 2017 Breitbart.com reported: "Aided by a politically correct culture of 'tolerance', the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) is secretly building a 'parallel' society in Sweden by infiltrating organisations and political parties, a government report has concluded. Surprisingly, the document takes aim at 'political elites' for fostering a doctrine of multiculturalism and silence, which can help and facilitate the nefarious ends of anti-democratic organisation like the Brotherhood.

Somewhat predictably, however, the publication of such claims in Sweden – where open criticism of liberal, multicultural ideals is rare – has caused a row, with critics labelling the report 'conspiratorial' and claiming it misrepresents Islam. Published Friday, the document was commissioned by Sweden's Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB), part of the country's Ministry of Defence, which is responsible for civil protection and public safety.

The paper's authors claim the Brotherhood is working to increase the number of practicing Muslims in Sweden, encouraging tension with Secular society, and targeting political parties, NGOs, academic institutions and other civil society organisations..."

NORTH KOREA MISSILES 'DRILL FOR STRIKE ON US BASES': KCNA

March 6, 2017 AFP reported: "Nuclear-armed North Korea said Tuesday its missile launches were training for a strike on US bases in Japan, as global condemnation of the regime swelled. Three of the four missiles fired Monday came down provocatively close to US ally Japan, in waters that are part of its exclusive economic zone, representing a challenge to US President Donald Trump.

In separate phone calls, Trump -- whose rhetoric on the campaign trail had raised doubts about the issue -- reaffirmed Washington's "ironclad commitment" to Japan and South Korea. The US will demonstrate to Pyongyang that there were "very dire consequences" for its actions, the White House said in a statement.

The UN Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting for Wednesday after a request by Washington and Tokyo to discuss additional measures following the launch. Under UN resolutions, Pyongyang is barred from any use of ballistic missile technology, and the US ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, said on Twitter that the world "won't allow" North Korea to continue on its "destructive path". But six sets of UN sanctions since its first nuclear test in 2006 have failed to halt its drive for what it insists are defensive weapons. Kim Jong-Un gave the order for the drill to start, the North's official Korea Central News Agency (KCNA) reported.

"Feasting his eyes on the trails of ballistic rockets", he praised the Hwasong artillery unit that carried it out, it said."..."

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