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## **Egyptian TV: Holocaust 'Greatest Lie' Invented by Jews to Extort World**

*February 22, 2018* Breitbart.com reports: "The Holocaust is the greatest lie in history, invented by the Jews to extort the world, and gas chambers were used to disinfect clothes and nothing more, an Egyptian TV host outlandishly claimed on national television in a program broadcast on International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

'Today is the international day commemorating the greatest lie in history: the Holocaust – that nonsense story invented by Jews, who have been using it for years to extort the world,' Ahmad Suleiman said, according to a translation by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). Suleiman went on to explain that the term Holocaust is Latin and means 'murder by burning.'

'The Jews of the world have disseminated this lie, using their influence and their arsenal of media outlets. They label anyone denying that story an anti-Semite and fight him,' he said.

'Their story is that during World War II, upon a decision by Hitler, over six million East European Jews were burned in ovens, designed especially for that purpose. The Jews use the story about the Holocaust as a means of political and material extortion, and in order to gain the sympathy of the whole world,' the TV host asserted.

'This is, of course, completely groundless. They pretend to be the victims, while they are, in fact, the number one perpetrators of massacres, robbing, and plundering the rights of others,' Suleiman added..."

## **National Security Advisor: U.S. Ready for Possible Space Wars**

*February 22, 2018* SpaceDaily.com reported: "National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster said on Wednesday at a meeting of the National Space Council that the United States would be prepared for any conflict that took place in space.

'Due to competitor and adversary actions, the space domain is increasingly contested. Space has now joined land, sea, and air as a war-fighting domain. While we prefer the conflict not to extend to space, the United States will be prepared if it does,' National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster said. Earlier in the meeting, Vice President Mike Pence said the United States should be as dominant in space as it is on earth.

In June, the US Air Force declared the creation of the position of Deputy Chief of Staff for Space Operations Directorate in order to assemble multiple functions and ensure the United States stays dominant in space..."

## **Star Wars: Why U.S., Russia, China Make a Big Deal Out of Hitting Satellites**

*February 22, 2018* SpaceDaily.com reported: "A country capable of destroying the adversary's satellites would easily gain the upper hand in modern warfare, Sputnik contributor Andrei Kots notes; adding that at present only three countries can target orbital spacecraft. However, not one of them has developed a full-fledged operating anti-satellite defense system yet, he remarks.



Exactly ten years ago, on February 21, 2008, the US military first shot down a satellite using the RIM-161 Standard Missile 3 (SM-3) system, Sputnik contributor Andrei Kots writes, adding that the experimental strike brought modern warfare to a whole new level.

In December 2006, the US National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC) launched spy satellite USA 193 from Vandenberg Air Force Base. It soon turned out that the spacecraft had problems maintaining orbit, and in 2007 the US Air Force warned that it could eventually fall to Earth..."

## **Israel, U.S. Successfully Test Hetz 3 Exoatmospheric Anti-Missile System**

*February 21, 2018* spacedaily.com reported: "Israel and the United States have conducted a successful test of the Hetz 3 ('Arrow-3') long-range missile system, capable of intercepting ballistic missiles in space, the Israeli Defense Ministry said Monday.

'Last night at 02.30 [00.30 GMT], the Israeli Defense Ministry together with the US Department of Defense conducted a successful test of the Hetz 3 anti-missile system designed to intercept ballistic missiles above the atmosphere,' the ministry said.

The Hetz 3 has successfully fulfilled its task, the ministry noted. The launch was held in the central part of Israel under the leadership of Israel Aerospace Industries and Israeli Air Force..."

## **Russian FM criticizes Iran's calls for Israel's destruction**

*February 20, 2018* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Monday issued a rare condemnation of Iran's remarks calling for Israel to be wiped off the map. At the same time, he also said he believes that solving any regional problems should not be viewed through the prism of a conflict with Iran.

'We have stated many times that we won't accept the statements that Israel, as a Zionist state, should be destroyed and wiped off the map. I believe this is an absolutely wrong way to advance one's own interests,' Lavrov stressed, according to the Tass news agency.

'By the same token, we oppose attempts to view any regional problem through the prism of fighting Iran,' he added.

'This is happening in Syria, Yemen and even the latest developments around the Palestinian issue, including Washington's announcement of its decision to recognize Jerusalem as the Israeli capital, are largely motivated by this anti-Iranian stance,' Lavrov said..."

## **Is the Yellowstone supervolcano close to erupting?**

*February 20, 2018* dailymail.co.uk reported: "A new swarm of earthquakes has cropped up at the Yellowstone supervolcano, with more than 200 small temblors detected in the last 10 days alone.

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According to experts with the US Geological Survey, the latest swarm began on February 8 in a region roughly eight miles northeast of West Yellowstone, Montana – and, it’s increased dramatically in the days since.

But for now, scientists say there’s no reason to worry. While the earthquakes are likely caused by a combination of processes beneath the surface, the current activity is said to be ‘relatively weak,’ and the alert level at the supervolcano remains at ‘normal.’

According to the USGS, the new swarm is occurring in about the same location as the Maple Creek swarm last summer, which brought roughly 2,400 earthquakes in a four-month span. The University of Utah Seismograph Stations picked up the first quakes just over a week ago, counting more than 200 as of February 18. But, the experts say there are likely many more that have gone undetected.

‘The present swarm started on February 8, with a few events occurring per day,’ according to USGS.

‘On February 15, seismicity rates and magnitudes increased markedly. As of the night of February 18, the largest earthquake in the swarm is M2.9, and none of the events have been felt. All are occurring about 8 km (5 mi) beneath the surface.’...”

### **‘Iran poised to replace ISIS across Middle East’**

*February 19, 2018* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan (Likud) warned that Iran is poised to supplant ISIS across Syria following the Islamic State’s military defeats over the past year, and urged the US to intervene to prevent Tehran from cementing its foothold in the war-torn state. Speaking at the Conference of Presidents’ 42nd annual Leadership Mission to Israel in Jerusalem on Monday, Erdan warned that while ISIS had been weakened militarily, Iran is positioning itself to reap the benefits.

‘Iran will replace ISIS,’ said Erdan.

‘There’s a need for greater American involvement in making sure that Iran does not turn Syria into a puppet state. Every day that Iran entrenches itself in Syria brings war closer.’

Without Western intervention, Erdan added, Syria would be dominated by Iran, leading to the establishment of a ‘Shia crescent’ across the Middle East.

‘There’s no vacuum. If the US chooses not to be a major player in shaping the future of Syria, then others will – and trust me, it won’t be the democratically – elected representatives of the Syrian people. The Islamic Republic [of Iran] will replace the Islamic State, and will try to set up a Syrian Hezbollah made up of Shia militias.’...”

### **Turkey’s outreach hints at Ottoman revival**

*February 18, 2018* Asia Times Online reported: “In Doha, his face is on bumper stickers. In Mogadishu, it looms on giant posters. Nowadays, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan enjoys great popularity in certain countries in the Middle East and Africa. Remarkably, too, he has achieved this while at the same time managing an unprecedented escalation in the number and size of his country’s overseas military bases.

On the Arabian Sea, his country’s flag flutters on warships, and by the Persian Gulf, it flies from tank turrets. Turkish troops are now in Qatar and Somalia, while Turkish navy vessels patrol the Gulf of Aden. Recent statements by leading figures in Sudan and Djibouti have also caused speculation that these countries, too, may soon play host to soldiers sent by Ankara.

Turkey stresses that it has only peaceful intentions behind this buildup. Yet in a region that has not seen such deployments since Turkey’s predecessor, the Ottoman Empire, ruled much of the Middle East, such a return is not always welcome.

‘The Arab world will not be led from Tehran and Ankara,’ United Arab Emirates (UAE) Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash tweeted at the end of last year. He had earlier warned against the ‘surrounding regional ambitions’ of Iran and Turkey...”

### **Netanyahu to Iran: ‘Not only Iran’s proxies, we’ll also attack the country itself’**

*February 18, 2018* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu warned Tehran on Saturday over aggressions by what he called Iran and its ‘proxies’ in Syria, while showing what he said was a piece of an Iranian drone shot down in Israeli airspace.

‘I have a message to the tyrants of Tehran: Do not test Israel’s resolve,’ Netanyahu said at the Munich Security Conference.

‘The Iranian regime is hurting its own people. Iran is not Nazi Germany and there are many differences between the regimes, but there are also many similar points: Iran has repeatedly said it wants to destroy Israel and is threatening the world with violence. Iran has to decide whether it is a country or a problem. They chose to be a problem that also threatens you. As far as I’m concerned, Iran is the greatest threat to the entire world, not just to Israel,’ Netanyahu said.

Netanyahu declared that Israel would prevent Iran from approaching its border. ‘We said we have red lines, we are preventing Iran from establishing itself in Syria, but Iran is trying to cross these red lines, and last week they sent a drone to Israel, which we downed. We will not allow Iran to establish a force on our border. We will attack not only Iran’s proxies, but also the country itself.’



He turned to the audience and told them, ‘The Iranian Foreign Minister will soon talk about peace. He claims Iran is fighting extremism, and he argues the conflict in the Middle East won’t be resolved by a military solution,’ Netanyahu said. ‘How will he explain the fact that they are sending drones to Israel?’ Netanyahu wondered.

At this stage he took out a rectangular piece of dark green metal which he called ‘a piece of that Iranian drone, or what’s left of it, after we shot it down.’ Holding it aloft he asked, ‘Foreign Minister Zarif, do you recognize this?’, drawing laughter from the audience...”