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'Time has come' to create US Space Force, sixth military branch: Pence

August 9, 2018 spacewar.com reported: "Vice President Mike Pence on Thursday unveiled details of plans to build a US Space Force that would become the sixth branch of America's massive military, saying the "time has come" to prepare for "the next battlefield."

President Donald Trump ordered the creation of Space Force in June, arguing the Pentagon needs it to tackle vulnerabilities in space and assert US dominance in orbit. Its creation however is not a done deal, as it needs to be approved by Congress, and the concept has met with some skepticism from lawmakers and defense officials who are wary of the cost and added bureaucracy.



But Pence was unequivocal in presenting the administration's wish for it to become a reality -- preferably by 2020, the end of Trump's term in office.

"The time has come to write the next great chapter in the history of our armed forces, to prepare for the next battlefield where America's best and bravest will be called to deter and defeat a new generation of threats to our people, to our nation," Pence told an audience at the Pentagon.

"The time has come to establish the United States Space Force," he said, repeating Trump's call for Congress to invest an additional \$8 billion in US space security systems over the next five years. Shortly after Pence's speech, Trump tweeted: "Space Force all the way!"

Son of Imam Linked to WTC Bombing Kept Children in 'Filthy' Compound, Allegedly Trained Them to Shoot Up Schools

August 8, 2018 Breitbart.com reported: "Horror details emerged on Wednesday in the case of Siraj Ibn Wahhaj, the son of an imam linked to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, who was arrested in New Mexico on charges of keeping 11 starving children in a filthy compound. According to court documents filed by prosecutors, Wahhaj was training the children to carry out school shootings.

Prosecutors asked the judge to hold Wahhaj without bond for felony child abuse. He is also the subject of an extradition warrant from Georgia on charges of kidnapping his own son from the state in December.

His son was not among the starving children rescued from the compound. There are fears the remains of an as-yet unidentified child found at the compound could be Wahhaj's son.

Prosecutors said on Wednesday that Wahhaj and four accomplices possessed an AR-15 rifle and four pistols with ample ammunition and were training the children to commit school shootings..."

Mattis supports creation of command dedicated to space

August 8, 2018 SpaceDaily.com reported: "US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Tuesday he 'absolutely' agrees the Pentagon should create a new command dedicated to space, but he stopped short of fully endorsing President Donald Trump's order to create a whole new Space Force.

Trump in June ordered the creation of Space Force, which he said would become the sixth branch of the US military, arguing the Pentagon needs a dedicated service to tackle vulnerabilities in space and assert US dominance in orbit.

The Pentagon is expected this week to present Congress with proposals for how it will carry out Trump's order. According to a draft copy of that report, obtained by the Defense One military news site, Pentagon planners are outlining a series of steps towards a Space Force.

Though the creation of a new branch of the military requires congressional approval, the Pentagon is proposing to create a new "combatant command," called US Space Command that would be dedicated to space..."

'Thought control': China cracks down on Christians

August 8, 2018 World Net Daily reported: "While China continues its decades-long trade with the West, the officially atheist ruling Communist Party is engaging in a new effort to dictate and even displace the practice of religious faith in the country.

The Associated Press reported that under President Xi Jinping, regarded as China's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong, Christian believers are 'seeing their freedoms shrink dramatically even as the country undergoes a religious revival.'

'Experts and activists say that as he consolidates his power, Xi is waging the most severe systematic suppression of Christianity in the country since religious freedom was written into the Chinese constitution in 1982,' according to AP.

The Associated Press featured the story of the March raid of an unofficial "underground" church in Henan province, the "heartland" of Christianity in China, by dozens of police officers and local officials that dispersed frightened congregants.

The crackdown is part of a broader push by Xi to infuse the nation's religions with "Chinese characteristics," particularly loyalty to the Communist Party..."

US Navy's Top Admiral Cites Increased Threat in Ocean Nearest Washington

August 7, 2018 voanew.com reported: "Chinese military vessels are now operating in the Northern Atlantic, and Russian submarines are prowling those same waters at a pace not seen since the end of the Cold War, the Navy's top admiral told VOA in an exclusive interview.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson said China's military movements from the North Atlantic into the Mediterranean Sea create a 'new dynamic.'

'Even five years ago, we wouldn't have seen anything like this,' Richardson said.

According to Richardson, the Chinese navy is a global one that is both "ready and capable" of operating wherever Beijing wants." ..."

Iran, U.S. trade warnings as sanctions on Tehran set to take effect

August 7, 2018 SpaceDaily.com reported: "The leaders of Iran and the United States traded accusations Monday as the clock ticked down to Washington's reimposition of sweeping sanctions on Tehran, which dismissed Donald Trump's offer of talks on a new nuclear deal.

After Trump told Iran to change its 'destabilizing' behavior or risk further economic isolation — while leaving the door open to negotiation — Iranian President Hassan Rouhani accused America of 'psychological warfare.'

The comments all came as Iran braces for the return of sweeping US sanctions on Tuesday — the first round, which takes effect overnight, targets the Islamic republic's access to US banknotes and key industries including cars and carpets.

Trump's withdrawal from the historic 2015 nuclear accord in May infuriated his European partners, as many European businesses operating in Iran could find themselves on the wrong side of the US sanctions"..."

Japan marks 73rd anniversary of atomic attack on Hiroshima

August 6, 2018 SpaceDaily.com reported: "A bell tolled Monday in Hiroshima as Japan marked 73 years since the world's first atomic bombing, with the city's mayor warning that rising nationalism worldwide threatened peace.

The skies over Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park were clear, just as they were on August 6, 1945, when an American B-29 bomber dropped its deadly payload on the port city dotted with military installations, ultimately killing 140,000 people.

Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui, standing at the park near ground zero for the annual ceremony, appealed for a world without nuclear weapons and sounded the alarm over increasing nationalism.

Without naming specific nations, he warned that "certain countries are explicitly expressing self-centred nationalism and modernising their nuclear arsenals."

They were "rekindling tensions that had eased with the end of the Cold War", he added.

He urged the abolition of nuclear weapons, in a year when President Donald Trump pledged to increase the US nuclear arsenal.

"If the human family forgets history or stops confronting it, we could again commit a terrible error. That is precisely why we must continue talking about Hiroshima," Matsui said.

"Efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons must continue."..."

139 S Africa Farms May Be Taken From White Owners Without Compensation - Reports

August 6, 2018 sputniknews.com reported: "South Africa's ruling African National Congress (ANC) has targeted 139 farms that they plan to expropriate without compensation in the coming weeks, in line with section 25 of the country's Constitution, according to the website News 24.

It cited Zizi Kodwa, a member of the ANC's national executive committee (NEC), as saying that the move should be "appreciated" by domestic and international investors, given that "long-term investment is tied [to] ownership of land by the majority of people."

His remarks came after South African President Cyril Ramaphosa confirmed ANC party's push for allowing land expropriation without compensation in the country. Even though South Africa passed a law allowing land expropriation in 2016, Ramaphosa said that he believes that the constitution should be "more explicit" on the issue."..."

South Africa on brink of 'ANARCHY' as president demands white farmers' land is SEIZED

August 5, 2018 express.co.uk reported: "South African President Cyril Ramaphosa recently announced plans to allow white people's land to be taken without compensation, which will then be distributed to black people in a move that he believes will be good for the economy. The president made the announcement late on Tuesday in a televised address to the nation.



The farmers have claimed that the government's plan will be "catastrophic and could lead to anarchy and food shortages like Venezuela or Zimbabwe". The economy of Zimbabwe collapsed after their own land reform was carried out.

More than 20 years after the end of apartheid in South Africa, white farmers still own the majority of South Africa's land. An organisation representing South Africans, AfriForum, said that land expropriation with no compensation would have "catastrophic results like in Venezuela and Zimbabwe"..."

North Korean scientists attempting to CLONE humans for Kim's super army

August 5, 2018 dailystar.co.uk reported: "Dictator Kim Jong-Un wants to create an army of super soldiers who will obey his every command. Genetic scientists have spent billions on a secret cloning programme started by Kim's grandfather more than 30 years ago.

Now intelligence experts believe the 35-year-old tyrant wants to create perfect copies of both his father Kim Jong-il, grandfather Kim II-Sung, the founder of the modern state, and other family members — which could include himself.

MI6 believes the secretive Communist state has already cloned cats, dogs and horses — and has been experimenting on human embryos for at least 10 years.

Senior spooks working alongside the US intelligence agency the CIA have uncovered information suggesting human cloning has taken place at two secret laboratories."..."

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