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Iran military drills depict collapse of White House

November 1, 2018 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, inspected military foot drills performed by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

During the drills, the soldiers chanted, 'Allah Akbar! Khomeini is our leader!... America, America, death to your deception! The blood of our youth is dripping from your fingers!'

An announcer also said: 'We will eliminate the regime of injustice... 'Death to America' is the cry of my life!' The drill included a depiction of the White House with a Star of David on top.

The White House was labeled 'House of Injustice,' and the pillars on the front of the White House were labeled 'Corruption,' 'Racism,' 'Terrorism,' 'Axis of Evil,' 'Hollywood,' 'Dollar,' 'ISIS,' 'Genocide,' 'War,' and 'Violence.'

The drill then depicted the White House being split by a sword, followed by the collapse of the White House and the Star of David.

The foot drills aired on channel 5 of the Iranian television on October 16 and were translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

"Death to America" is often chanted at rallies in Iran. The practice is openly encouraged by Iranian leaders, particularly Khamenei who often verbally attacks the US, to which he refers as the "Great Satan"..."

NATO urges Russia to comply by nuclear treaty

November 1, 2018 spacedaily.com reported: "NATO on Wednesday urged Russia to comply fully with a Cold War nuclear weapons treaty after US President Donald Trump announced he wanted to pull out of the deal.

The message came after a meeting of the NATO-Russia Council (NRC) in Brussels.

The NATO allies 'urge Russia... to ensure full compliance with the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) Treaty without delay,' the transatlantic alliance said in a statement after the talks.

'While we stand ready to continue dialogue on this issue with Russia, as an Alliance we are also committed to take effective measures to continue to ensure the safety and security of all Allies,' the statement added.

Trump sparked concerns earlier this month when he announced he wanted to pull out of the INF treaty, a pillar of Cold War disarmament, in response to Russia's deployment of a missile system Washington says breaches the accord..."

Russia to respond to NATO exercises with missile tests

October 30, 2018 spacedaily.com reported: "Russia plans to test missiles off Norway this week in an area where NATO is carrying out its biggest military exercises since the end of the Cold War, a move seen as an escalation of tensions in the Far North.

"We were notified last week about the planned Russian missile tests outside the coast here," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters in western Norway where the Trident Juncture 18 exercises are taking place.

The maneuvers are aimed at training the Atlantic Alliance to defend a member state after an aggression.

Mobilizing some 50,000 troops, 65 ships and 250 aircraft from 31 countries several hundred kilometers (miles) from Norway's border with Russia in the Arctic, the exercises have angered Moscow, which had vowed to "retaliate".

"Despite the pretty awkward attempts by representatives of the Alliance and its member states to present this military activity as defensive, it is obvious that this show of force is clearly of an anti-Russian nature," the Russian foreign ministry said.

The Russian military announced last week it was deploying four vessels in the North Atlantic for exercises of its own.

"Russia has significant naval forces in this area," Stoltenberg said Tuesday. "I expect Russia to behave in a professional way."

NATO's chief sought to tone the situation down.

"We will of course monitor closely what Russia does but they operate in international waters and they have notified us in the normal way," Stoltenberg said."..."

Expert: 'Significant Risk' Libya Will Become Second Islamic State 'Caliphate'

October 30, 2018 Breitbart.com reports: "Libya, located a few hundred miles from the European coast, is facing a 'significant risk' of becoming the 'new' home of the Islamic State's 'caliphate,' a London-based expert from the Chatham House think-tank's Royal Institute of International Affairs cautioned in an editorial published by the Dallas Morning News on Sunday.

Frank Kryza wrote:

'Boots on the ground' is a phrase rarely used by the Trump Administration. And with good reason: 6,251 American soldiers have been killed since 2001; some 45,170 have been wounded. That is a heavy price.

We are already too involved in combating ISIS in Syria and Iraq. But if we do nothing, Libya will cease to exist as a country. Imagine, if you can, an Islamic caliphate on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea not far from Italy. It is a grim vision.



Kryza's warning came as suspected fighters from the Islamic State, or ISIS, killed four people and wounded seven in central Libya on Sunday, according to Nigeria's Punch newspaper..."

China's military ordered to 'concentrate preparations for fighting a war' as tensions with West grow

October 29, 2018 thescottishsun.co.uk reported: CHINA's President Xi Jinping has told his military commanders to "concentrate preparations for fighting a war" as Beijing ramps up fighting talk with the West.

The communist ruler's instructions come amid rising tensions over the future of the South China Sea and Taiwan and weeks after a Chinese warship tried to ram a US Navy destroyer.

China Central Television presented a speech from President Xi – who has claimed the position in perpetuity – when he met troops and generals on a tour of Guangzhou province.

He told officers of the Southern Theatre Command: "It's necessary to strengthen the mission ... and concentrate preparations for fighting a war.

"We need to take all complex situations into consideration and make emergency plans accordingly."

He also reportedly said the regional command was having to bear a "heavy military responsibility" as it was responsible for operations in the disputed South China Sea.

China has claimed sovereignty over the strategic waterway, a major shipping route, and built artificial islands bristling with military hardware including missile silos and fighter jet bases.

President Xi also "underlined the importance of preparing for war and combat", state-run press agency Xinhua reported.

It said he had "stressed the need to focus on combat research and commanding ... to comprehensively boost the military's battle-winning ability."

The president also obliquely instructed his military to ramp up opposition to "freedom of navigation" exercises being undertaken by the US, Australia, France, the UK, Japan and others through the South China Sea.

His comments represent a significant ramping-up of the rhetoric being exchanged between Beijing and Washington."

'The people want to bomb Tel Aviv'

October 29, 2018 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Thousands of Gazan Arabs held demonstrations throughout the Gaza Strip to protest the elimination on Sunday of three Arab terrorists east of Deir al-Balah by Israeli aircraft.

According to the IDF statement, the shooting at the three, 13-year-old youths, was carried out after they were found placing an explosive near the border fence. The Arabs claimed, on the other hand, that the boys had set up a trap to capture birds.

The demonstrators called on terror groups to respond to the killing of the youths. 'The people want revenge,' the demonstrators called out to Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

In Gaza City, demonstrators chanted: 'The people want to bomb Tel Aviv' and 'Oh warrior, oh Habib, bomb, bomb Tel Aviv.'...'

Military to Deploy 5,000 Troops to Southern Border

October 29, 2018 wsj.com reported: "The U.S. military plans to deploy 5,000 troops to the southwest U.S. border in anticipation of a caravan of would-be asylum seekers and migrants currently moving northward in Mexico, U.S. officials said Monday.

The new figure is a major increase from initial estimates of 800 troops and would represent a military force equal to about one-third the number of customs officials currently working at the border. The military sent about 2,000 National Guard troops to the area earlier this year.

"This is an invasion of our Country and our Military is waiting for you!" President Trump wrote on Twitter on Monday morning, without directly mentioning troop numbers.

With midterm elections just over one week away, Mr. Trump has seized on the migrant caravan as a potent political issue to rally his supporters.

The president on Monday repeated his previous assertion that gang members and criminals were hiding among the migrants. The White House has provided no evidence that such people are in the caravan.

Many of the people in the caravan have said they are fleeing violence, poverty and political instability."..."

'We are preparing for war' Russia issues SHOCK warning over US withdrawal from INF Treaty

October 28, 2018 express.co.uk reported: "Andrei Belousov, deputy head of the Department of Nonproliferation and Arms Control at the Russian Foreign Minister, raised concerns over potential future conflict between the US and Russia, stating that Moscow will defend its territorial integrity and principles in response to US aggression.

Mr Belousov made his remarks after the First Committee of the UN General Assembly voted against a draft resolution to the INF proposed by Russia in support of the treaty. He said: "Here recently at the meeting, the United States said that Russia is preparing for war.

"Yes, Russia is preparing for war, I have confirmed it. We are preparing to defend our homeland, our territorial integrity, our principles, our values, our people - we are preparing for such a war."..."

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