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## **U.S. Army to buy two Israeli Iron Dome air defense systems**

*February 7, 2019* SpaceDaily.com reported: "The US Army said Wednesday it wants to purchase a pair of Iron Dome short-range air defense systems, an interceptor technology developed by Israel with US support.

Army spokesman Colonel Patrick Seiber said the deal would meet a short-term need to protect troops from 'indirect fire' such as rockets and mortars.

No decisions have been made yet about where the two systems may be deployed.

'The Iron Dome will be assessed and experimented as a system that is currently available to protect deployed US military service members against a wide variety of indirect fire threats and aerial threats,' Seiber said in a statement.

Iron Dome systems have been in operation by the Israeli air force since 2011 and have seen frequent use in thwarting rocket attacks from Gaza and elsewhere..."

## **Ukraine amends constitution to cement EU, NATO course**

*February 7, 2019* spacedaily.com reported: "Ukraine on Thursday adopted "historic" changes to its constitution, spelling out the ex-Soviet country's aspirations to join the EU and NATO two months before a crucial presidential vote.

In a final third reading in parliament, a total of 334 lawmakers approved the amendments to the country's basic law, with 35 voting against.

Changes to the constitution require 300 votes to pass. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, who initiated the bill and is running for re-election on March 31, called the passing of the legislation a "momentous" decision.

"It's a historic day today," he added.

After the vote, speaker Andriy Parubiy praised "the irreversibility of our European choice".

"Ukraine will join the EU, Ukraine will join NATO!" he added."..."

## **S-300 deployment in Syria progresses**

*February 6, 2019* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "An intelligence report released today by ImageSat International shows for the first time three out of four S-300 launchers supplied by Russia to Syria last October.

This probably means progress in making the batteries operational. Beginning of October, a Russian Antonov plane carrying components of the S-300 system, including radar, an operating system, and four launchers landed..."

## **Trump: 'All Children – Born and Unborn – Are Made in the Holy Image of God'**

*February 6, 2019* Breitbart.com reported: "President Donald Trump called upon Congress to pass legislation that would prohibit late-term abortion past the time when science has shown an unborn baby can feel pain.

'Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life,' the president said during his State of the Union Address Tuesday evening. 'And let us reaffirm a fundamental truth: all children — born and unborn — are made in the holy image of God.'

Trump contrasted the 'beautiful image of a mother holding her infant child' with the 'chilling displays' of New York legislators after Democrat Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed into law a bill that denies 'personhood' to unborn babies and makes abortion on demand a fundamental right.

'Lawmakers in New York cheered with delight upon the passage of legislation that would allow a baby to be ripped from the mother's womb moments before birth,' the president said. 'These are living, feeling, beautiful babies who will never get the chance to share their love and dreams with the world.'

Similarly, Trump observed, '[W]e had the case of the Governor of Virginia where he stated he would execute a baby after birth.'..."

## **5G, US warns EU nations**

*February 5, 2019* spacedaily.com reported: "US officials are fanning out across Europe to warn about the security risks of allowing Chinese telecoms giant Huawei to help build 5G mobile networks, a US diplomat said Tuesday.

Washington considers the matter urgent as European Union countries prepare to roll out fifth-generation networks that will bring near-instantaneous connectivity, vast data capacity and futuristic technologies.

"We are urging folks not to rush ahead and sign contracts with untrusted suppliers from countries like China," a US State Department official told reporters in Brussels.

The official said he was meeting EU officials as well as those in Belgium, France and Germany, while colleagues will be travelling to Spain and elsewhere to underline US concerns."..."

## **UN experts say North Korea shielding missiles at airports**

*February 5, 2019* spacedaily.com reported: North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs remain intact and Pyongyang is using airports and other facilities to shield its weapons from possible US military strikes, according to a UN panel of experts.



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The panel said in a report seen by AFP on Tuesday that sanctions against North Korea were "ineffective," with Pyongyang still able to acquire illegal shipments of oil products, sell banned coal and violate an arms embargo.

"The Democratic People's Republic of Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programs remain intact," said the report, using the official name for North Korea.

"The panel found that the DPRK is using civilian facilities, including airports for ballistic missile assembly and testing with the goal of effectively preventing 'decapitation' strikes."

The confidential report was sent to the Security Council as President Donald Trump prepares for a second summit this month with leader Kim Jong Un that the United States hopes will yield concrete progress in dismantling Pyongyang's weapons programs."..."

### **Arab League to Europe: Recognize 'Palestine'**

*February 5, 2019* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "The Arab League on Monday called on countries in Europe to recognize the state of 'Palestine' within the pre-1967 borders and with its capital in eastern Jerusalem.

Speaking at a meeting of ministers from Arab and European countries, Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed Aboul Gheit praised Europe for its humanitarian and financial assistance to the Palestinian Arabs through UNRWA, the UN agency for 'Palestinian refugees'...

Several European countries have in recent years recognized the state of "Palestine", but these were symbolic moves that have little, if any, actual diplomatic effect."..."

### **EU warns Iran over ballistic missiles**

*February 5, 2019* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "The European Union (EU) on Monday welcomed the new mechanism to trade with Iran while bypassing US sanctions, but also warned the Islamic Republic over its ballistic missile program, AFP reports.

In a statement on Iran that has been the subject of more than a week of wrangling in Brussels, the EU restated its commitment to saving the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran and took aim at Washington for abandoning the pact and reimposing sanctions.

The bloc hailed the creation last week by France, Britain and Germany of a system to allow firms to trade with Iran without falling foul of US sanctions as vital to supporting legitimate business and said the 'resolve to complete this work is unwavering'.

At the same time, with numerous European powers growing increasingly concerned about Tehran's missile program, meddling in several Middle East conflicts and recent attempted attacks on opposition figures living in the EU, the bloc urged Iran to mend its ways.

The statement criticized Iran's 'provision of military, financial and political support to non-state actors in countries such as Syria and Lebanon', according to AFP..."

### **Iran tests long-range cruise missile, releases video**

*February 4, 2019* Breitbart.com reported: "Iran announced Saturday it successfully fired a cruise missile with a range of more than 800 miles, including the capability of reaching Israel.

The test firing was 40 years after the 1979 Islamic Revolution in which the monarch was overthrown.

The Hoveizeh missile was shown off at a ceremony in Tehran and the private-run Tasnim News Agency published a 37-second video of the test-firing alongside its report.

'The test of the Hoveizeh cruise missile was carried out successfully at a range of 1,200 kilometers [840 miles] and accurately hit the set target,' Brig. Gen. Amir Amir Hatami, the defense minister, said on state television. 'It can be ready in the shortest possible time and flies at a very low altitude.'

At the ceremony in Tehran, Hatami described the Hoveizeh missile as 'the symbol of self-belief and an important defense achievement based on today's technological progress in the world.'..."

### **Maduro threatens to leave White House 'stained with blood'**

*February 4, 2019* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Venezuela's embattled president Nicolas Maduro on Sunday night warned US President Donald Trump he will leave the White House 'stained with blood' if he insists on overthrowing him, The Guardian reported.

'Stop. Stop, Trump! Hold it right there! You are making mistakes that will leave your hands covered in blood and you will leave the presidency stained with blood,' Maduro warned during an interview with Spanish journalist Jordi Évole. 'Why would you want a repeat of Vietnam?'

Maduro signaled in the interview that he had no plans to go anywhere.

'If the North American empire attacks us, we will have to defend ourselves ... We aren't going to hand Venezuela over,' he stressed..."

### **Egyptian lawmakers seek to allow Sisi to extend rule**

*February 4, 2019* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Egyptian lawmakers on Sunday tabled proposed constitutional changes that would allow President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi to extend his rule beyond 2022, legislators said, according to AFP.

The bill submitted to speaker Ali Abdel Aal calls for several amendments to the constitution, including on the duration of presidential mandates currently limited to two four-year terms.

The lawmakers who put forward the amendments hope to extend the length of mandates to two six-year terms, which they say would allow Sisi to run for the presidency two more times after his second term expires in 2022. That could see the former military chief ruling over Egypt until 2034..."

