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Iran's Rouhani Anti-Israel Attack: Urges 'Righteous' Muslim Nations to 'Rid the Region' of 'Zionism'

April 18, 2019 Breitbart.com reported: "Iranian President Hassan Rouhani used an address at an Army Day parade in Tehran on Thursday to call on 'righteous' Muslim countries across the Middle East to unite against Israel and the United States.

In urging neighbouring countries to 'drive back Zionism', the Islamic republic's leader said the U.S. and its ally Israel were the root cause of all the troubled region's problems.

'The region's nations have lived alongside each other for centuries and never had a problem. If there is a problem, it is caused by others,' he said in the speech broadcast live on state television. 'Let us stand together, be together and rid the region of the aggressor's presence.'

Rouhani assured neighbouring countries that Iran's armed forces are 'never against you or your national interests' but are 'standing against the aggressors.'

'The power of our armed forces is the power of the region's countries, the Islamic world', he said. 'If we have a problem in the region today, its roots are either with Zionism or America's arrogance.'

Rouhani said Muslim nations must band together and 'restore the historical right of the nation of Palestine,' saying that 'Zionism ... has been committing crimes in the region for the past 70 years',

'The final victory will surely be with the righteous,' he said..."

North Korea Tests 'Tactical Guided Weapon' with 'Powerful Warhead'

April 18, 2019 Breitbart.com reported: "North Korea on Wednesday announced the test of a 'new tactical guided weapon' with a 'powerful warhead,' personally supervised by dictator Kim Jong-un. It was North Korea's first weapons test since the second summit between Kim and U.S. President Donald Trump.

Pyongyang's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) hyped the test as an event of 'very weighty significance,' but it apparently was not significant enough to show up on any U.S. military monitoring systems. A defense official told CNBC on Wednesday night that the U.S. Strategic Command 'did not detect a missile launch from North Korea.'

The term 'tactical' sounds ominous, but it refers to short-range missiles of the type North Korea is not banned from developing under U.N. Security Council resolutions. A test of short-range weapons flying at low altitudes probably would not be detected from outside North Korea.

'The design indexes of the tactical guided weapon, whose advantages are appreciated for the peculiar mode of guiding flight and the load of a powerful warhead, were perfectly verified at the test-fire conducted in various modes of firing at different targets,' KCNA claimed..."

USS Ross tracked by Russian fleet after entering Black Sea

April 17, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: "The USS Ross, an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, has been deployed to the Black Sea where Russia's fleet is monitoring its movement.

The Ross, which began its northbound transit of the Dardanelles Strait on Sunday, according to the U.S. Navy, is the fourth U.S. ship to visit the Black Sea since the start of the year.

The USS Donald Cook went to the area in February, the second time the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer entered the region in 2019. In January, the USS Fort McHenry, an amphibious warship, entered the Black Sea.



The Ross will "conduct maritime security operations and enhance regional maritime stability, combined readiness and naval capability with NATO allies and partners in the region," according to a U.S. Navy news release Tuesday.

The United States works with NATO allies and partners in the Black Sea under Operation Atlantic Resolve.

"Our allies in the Black Sea continue to play a key role in maintaining security in the European theater," said Cmdr. Dave Coles, commanding officer of Ross. "The crew and I look forward to enhancing our interoperability in a dynamic environment as well as experiencing the rich history and culture in this region."

The Dardanelles Strait serves as a vital transportation bridge between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea. Black Sea ports are in Odessa, Ukraine; Novorossiysk and Tuapse, Russia; Batumi, Georgia; Varna and Burgas, Bulgaria; Constanta, Romania; and Istanbul, Turkey.

The U.S. Navy routinely operates in the Black Sea consistent with international law and with the Montreux Convention signed in 1936. According to the document, Black Sea nations can only send warships with displacements of less than 15,000 tons into the Black Sea and these ships can only stay for 21 days.

Russia, which has considered the ships' presence a threat, tracks their movements from the sea and air." ..."

Muslims celebrate as blaze destroys Notre Dame

April 16, 2019 World Net Daily reported: "Social-media users with Muslim names are celebrating the catastrophic fire at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris on Monday. The American Mirror blog provided a sampling of the names of Facebook users who responded to a video of the fire with a laughing emoji.

The names included Yusuf Mohammedzai, Mohamed Hiadi, Mohamed Bensalem and Abdelhakim Noui Oua. Twitter user Damien Rieu posted examples of Muslims cheering the cathedral's demise.

'Allah est grand,' commented Mohamed. Jihad Watch Director Robert Spencer pointed out many Muslims 'believe that the ruins and destruction of non-Muslim structures testifies to the truth of Islam.'

The Quran, wrote Spencer, 'suggests that the destroyed remnants of ancient non-Muslim civilizations are a sign of Allah's punishment of those who rejected his truth...'

Khamenei: Normalizing relations with Israel against the Quran

April 16, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said on Monday that normalizing relations with Israel goes against the Quran and Islamic faith.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of a Quran competition in Tehran, Khamenei criticized 'certain Islamic nations' that are not adhering to Muslim principles, he claimed.

'Unfortunately, the rulers of some Islamic countries do not adhere to Quranic teachings and instead of being 'harsh against the unbelievers,' they have become servants and followers of America and the Zionists; and instead of being 'merciful to one another,' they pave the way for divisions and wars, like the wars in Yemen and Syria, and the massacre of Muslims,' Khamenei said, according to local media.

'Today, many leaders of Arabic countries are of this kind,' Khamenei added, claiming that some of those rulers 'colluded with Israelis and stepped on the blood of Palestinians.'

He added that unlike some Islamic nations, Iran is putting the Quran at the heart of its decision-making, 'no matter how angry this makes them (the enemies).'

'Although today the hostilities look more than they were in terms of both volume and intensity, these actions and conspiracies are the last throes of our enemies' enmity with the Islamic Republic,' said Khamenei...

U.S. Defense officials lay out plans for Space Force

April 15, 2019 SpaceDaily.com reported: "Top Defense Department officials have detailed plans to develop the Space Force, including a massive network of satellites, recognizing that the 'status quo is not sufficient' to confront adversaries in outer space.

Acting Defense Secretary Patrick M. Shanahan on Thursday appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee with Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson; and Air Force Gen. John Hyten, commander of U.S. Strategic Command.

For the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act, Shanahan asked the committee to authorize the U.S. Space Force in the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act.

'America has enduring interests in space,' Shanahan said. 'And just as the U.S. Navy ensures freedom of navigation of the seas, America's Space Force must now ensure the freedom to navigate the stars.'...

Russia Says 'New World Order' Being Formed

April 12, 2019 tzarism.com reported: "Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov declared today that the Western, liberal model of society is dying, and a new world order is taking its place. Lavrov made the comments at his annual meeting with students and professors at the Foreign Ministry's Diplomatic Academy, reported Russian state news agency TASS.

"The Western liberal model of development, which particularly stipulates a partial loss of national sovereignty – this is what our Western colleagues aimed at when they invented what they called globalization – is losing its attractiveness and is no more viewed as a perfect model for all. Moreover, many people in the very western countries are skeptical about it," Lavrov said.

According to him, global development is guided "by processes aimed at boosting multipolarity and what we call a polycentric world order."

"Clearly, multipolarity and the emergence of new centers of power in every way requires efforts to maintain global stability and search for a balance of interests and compromises, so diplomacy should play a leading role here," Lavrov went on to say. "..."

"The US and its allies are trying to impose their approaches on others," Lavrov noted. "They are guided by a clear desire to preserve their centuries-long dominance in global affairs although from the economic and financial standpoint, the US – alone or with its allies – can no longer resolve all global economic and political issues," he said. "..."

U.S. warship cruises disputed sea in Philippine war games

April 12, 2019 SpaceDaily.com reported: "A US warship laden with hi-tech fighter planes took centre stage at key war games in the Philippines Thursday, brandishing military might as fresh tensions bubble in the contentious South China Sea.

The amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, with at least 10 F-35B stealth jets on deck, stood guard as amphibious tanks rolled onto a Philippine beach located a short sail from islands also claimed by China.

The vessel was in the area for long-running US-Philippine military drills, which come as Manila pushes back against the recent presence of hundreds of Chinese ships near its Pag-asa (Thitu) island.

'We can't disclose the official movements of the USS Wasp for security reasons, but they have been operating in the South China Sea region... as part of the exercise,' US spokeswoman Second Lieutenant Tori Sharpe told reporters...

