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Jerusalem to host 'unprecedented' Israel-Russian-US security summit

May 30, 2019 timesofisrael.com reported: "Jerusalem will host next month an unprecedented trilateral meeting of top security officials from Israel, Russia and the US, the White House announced on Wednesday.

'In June, United States National Security Adviser Ambassador John Bolton, Israeli National Security Adviser Meir Ben-Shabbat, and Russian Secretary of the Security Council Nikolay Patrushev will meet in Jerusalem, Israel, to discuss regional security issues,' the White House press secretary said in a statement issued minutes before the Knesset voted to disband and to set new elections for September 17.

Minutes after the vote, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu referred to the planned meeting, stressing its unique nature and importance for Israel's national security..."



Jerusalem Temple Mount

Saudi king calls on Gulf states to tackle Iran's 'criminal' acts

May 30, 2019 arabianbusiness.com reported: "Saudi Arabia's King Salman on Thursday urged Gulf Arab states to work together to confront what he called Iran's "criminal" actions in the region.

"The Iranian regime's interference in the internal affairs of the countries of the region, development of nuclear and missile programs, and its threats to freedom of international shipping are a threat to global oil supply," the king told an emergency summit in the holy city of Makkah.

Its "recent criminal acts... require that all of us work seriously to preserve the security... of GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) countries," the king added, referring to recent attacks on Gulf oil installations.

His comment came a day after hawkish US National Security Advisor John Bolton said Iran was almost certainly behind the sabotage of four ships, including two Saudi oil tankers, off the UAE coast.

Iran strongly rejected the accusation." ..."

Xi broke promise on South China Sea: Top US general

May 29, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: The US military's top general said Wednesday that Chinese President Xi Jinping reneged on promises not to militarize the South China Sea and called for "collective action" to hold Beijing responsible.

General Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Pentagon's Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he was not calling for military action, but stressed that there was a need to enforce international laws.

"The fall of 2016, President Xi Jinping promised President Obama that they would not militarize the islands. So what we see today are 10,000-foot runways, ammunition storage facilities, routine deployment of missile defense capabilities, aviation capabilities, and so forth," he said in a talk on US security and defense at the Brookings institution.

"So clearly they have walked away from that commitment."

"The South China Sea is in my judgement not a pile of rocks," he continued, referring to the series of reefs and outcrops that have been claimed as territory by China, reclaimed and expanded to accommodate military forces and large aircraft." ...

"What needs to happen ... is coherent collective action to those who violate international norms and standards. They need to be held accountable in some way so that future violations are deterred."

China steps up threat to deprive U.S. of rare earths

May 29, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: "Chinese state media on Wednesday dangled the threat of cutting exports of rare earths to the United States as a counter-strike in the trade war, potentially depriving Washington of a key resource used to make everything from smartphones to military hardware.

The warning is the latest salvo in a dispute that has intensified since President Donald Trump ramped up tariffs against China and moved to blacklist telecom giant Huawei earlier this month, while trade talks have apparently stalled.

Huawei stepped up its legal battle on Wednesday, announcing it had filed a motion in US court for summary judgment in its bid to overturn US legislation that bars federal agencies from using its equipment over security concerns.

Beijing had already dropped a big hint that rare earths could be in the firing line by showing images last week of President Xi Jinping visiting a rare earths factory in Ganzhou, central China.

An unnamed official from the National Development and Reform Commission, China's state planner, issued a cryptic warning late Tuesday.

"You asked whether rare earths will become China's countermeasure against unwarranted suppression from the US. What I can tell you is that if anyone wants to use products made from our rare-earth exports to curb and suppress China's development, I'm sure the people of Ganzhou and across China will not be happy with that," the official said in answers to questions published by state media." ..."

U.S., Japan, S. Korea start 'first-of-its-kind' naval drill

May 28, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: "The United States, Japan, South Korea and Australia have kicked off 'first-of-its-kind' naval drills near Guam, the US Navy said Thursday, amid mounting tensions with China and North Korea.

The 'Pacific Vanguard' drill brings together more than 3,000 sailors from the four countries to 'sharpen skills and strengthen practical cooperation at sea,' the US Seventh Fleet said in a statement.

The drills will focus on 'live fire exercises, defensive counter-air operations, anti-submarine warfare, and replenishment at sea,' added the statement..."



U.S. Seventh Fleet

Angela Merkel warns against dark forces on the rise in Europe

May 28, 2019 [cnn.com](#) reported: "German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said "there is work to be done" in Germany to face up to the dark forces that are finding mainstream support there and in other parts of the world.

"In Germany, obviously, they always have to be seen in a certain context, in the context of our past, which means we have to be that much more vigilant than others," she said.

Speaking exclusively to CNN's Christiane Amanpour a day after the European elections, where nationalists failed to live up to a forecasted surge in support, Merkel said we have to face-up "to the specters of the past."

"We have to tell our young people what history has brought over us and others."

In recent days, German Jews were warned by a leading government official not to wear kippahs in public, following a rise in anti-Semitic attacks. Addressing the rise in anti-Semitism, Merkel said that Germany has "always had a certain number of anti-Semites among us, unfortunately."

"There is to this day not a single Synagogue not a single daycare center for Jewish children, not a single school for Jewish children that does not need to be guarded by German policemen," she added.

Merkel, who has been Chancellor for more than 13 years and outlasted many global leaders, has shouldered much of the blame for Europe's populist wave, with some pinning the spike in support for the far-right, anti-Islam Alternative for Germany (AfD) on her handling of the European refugee crisis.

The Chancellor again defended her decision to allow nearly 1 million refugees into Germany, saying that the best way to manage immigration in the wake of humanitarian crises, like those in Syria and Iraq, was not to "shut ourselves off from each other," but to be more "vigilant" in making sure that refugees fleeing these countries are "sufficiently cared for."..."

IDF launches airstrike on Syria

May 28, 2019 [Arutz Sheva](#) 7 reported: "The IDF confirmed that it had launched an airstrike on Syrian territory Monday evening following reports of an attack on the province of Quneitra

One Syrian soldier was killed and two others wounded in the Israeli missile strike, the official SANA news agency reported.

'An Israeli missile targeted Tel al-Shaar in Quneitra,' the Syrian news agency said, adding a 'military vehicle was targeted and there are wounded.'

The IDF stated that the strike had targeted a missile launcher following an attack on an Israeli aircraft. The missile did not strike the plane and landed in Syria..."

Iran Warns U.S. Navy of 'Secret New Weapon' to Send Warships 'to the Bottom of the Sea'

May 26, 2019 [breitbart.com](#) reported: "The U.S. Navy has been warned: Iran claims to possess a terrifying 'secret new weapon' that will send American warships 'to the bottom of the sea along with their crew and planes.'

'America... is sending two warships to the region,' General Morteza Qorbani, an adviser to military command, told semi-official news agency Mizan in comments translated by Reuters. 'If they commit the slightest stupidity, we will send these ships to the bottom of the sea along with their crew and planes using two missiles or two new secret weapons.'

Another senior commander, General Hassan Seifi, backed up the threat, claiming Iran is so powerful the U.S. would never initiate a first strike against the Islamic republic. He said, 'rational Americans and their experienced commanders will not let their radical elements lead them into a situation from which it would be very difficult to get out, and that is why they will not enter a war.'

Iran's rhetoric comes after the U.S. confirmed it will send hundreds of additional troops and a dozen fighter jets to the Middle East in the coming weeks to counter what the Pentagon said is an escalating campaign by Iran to plan attacks against the U.S. and its interests in the region..."

The world's second-biggest Ebola outbreak is still raging

May 25, 2019 [nationalgeographic.com](#) reported: "An Ebola epidemic thundering through heavily populated provinces in the northeastern Democratic Republic of the Congo has sickened 1,877 people and killed 1,248 as of May 22, according to the World Health Organization—despite the efforts of specialist medical teams, an effective vaccine, and new treatments that are being tested in the region.

The outbreak already is the second-largest on record, behind the epidemic that burned through West Africa from 2014 to 2016, killing more than 11,300 people. In its most extreme form, the viral hemorrhagic fever leads to uncontrollable bleeding and death.

In this outbreak, the virus appears to be infecting an unusually high number of children and killing a large percentage of people before they've sought or received treatment in Ebola centers staffed by local and international aid workers. Now, teams trying to track the spread of the disease are finding fresh cases with no obvious connection to previous patients, leading some health specialists to worry that the end of this epidemic is nowhere in sight.

Efforts to contain the virus also have been hindered by the path of the outbreak, which is spreading through areas marked by a deep distrust of foreigners, and therefore more hesitance to seek treatment. As well, ongoing political strife and violence are tearing through the region, including assaults aimed specifically at Ebola responders—and making it difficult for aid workers to corral the spread of the outbreak." ..."

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