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Saudi FM: Iranian attack 'cannot go unanswered'

September 26, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Saudi Arabia is in consultation 'with friends and allies about the next steps to take' after a September 14 attack on its oil facilities, but is waiting for the findings of an investigation, Saudi Arabia's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel al-Jubeir told reporters on Wednesday, according to Reuters.

'This cannot go unanswered, there has to be consequences for Iran for what they did,' Jubeir was quoted as having told a United Against Nuclear Iran conference.

The attack on the heartland of Saudi Arabia's oil industry damaged the world's biggest petroleum-processing facility and knocked out more than 5% of global oil supply..."

State Department approves sale of laser aircraft defense system to Qatar

September 26, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: "The U.S. State Department has approved the possible sale of two AN/AAQ-24(V)N Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures systems to Qatar for \$86 million.

The systems Qatar is interested in buying include 12 guardian laser turret assemblies, seven LAIRCM System Processor Replacements and 23 missile warning sensors, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency said Wednesday. The sale would also include technical and logistics support, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

LAIRCM uses a guided laser to blind the seeker head of infrared-guided missiles, which stops their ability to track down the heat signature of an aircraft. The systems are capable of supporting existing facilities.

The proposed sale would support an ally in the Middle East where the U.S. Central Command forces are based, DSCA said..."

State media in Iran, Russia indicate growing Russia-Iran-Turkey alliance

September 25, 2019 jpost.com reported: "On Wednesday Iran's Press TV put out a tweet in English with a quote from Turkey's leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan. 'Nuclear power should be forbidden for all or permissible for all,' the tweet said. Press TV added an image of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appearing to be sweating. The message of Iran wasn't a secret, it tagged Erdogan and hashtagged it 'Israelis exempt'. What is more secret is the growing Iran-Turkey-Russia alliance that is emerging and illustrated via state controlled media.

RT in Russia similarly highlights the greatness of Turkey and Iran as part of a campaign that clearly indicates Moscow's support for the two. On Wednesday it tweeted about Iran showcasing its drone expertise amid tensions in the Gulf. It also tweeted images from Erdogan's speech in which he slammed Israel. Sputnik in Russia similarly highlighted comments by Iran's President Hassan Rouhani on Wednesday morning. 'Turkey will probably never buy American aircraft again,' Sputnik noted as well.

A quick check of TRT and Al-Jazeera, which reflect the views of governments in Ankara and Doha, did not reveal as strong praise for Russia and Iran. This means that in general Tehran and Moscow appear to be using their media arms to curry favor with Turkey as part of a regional strategy aimed at a Turkey-Russia-Iran triumvirate or alliance. This alliance is positioned to upset the regional balance of power and has already been cemented through the Astana process to discuss Syria and the post-Syrian civil war era..."

France, Britain and Germany blame Iran for Saudi Arabia attack

September 24, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "France, Britain and Germany said on Monday that it is clear Iran was responsible for an attack on Saudi oil facilities on September 14. In a joint statement, the three governments also called on Tehran to agree to negotiations on its nuclear and missile programs as well as regional security issues.

'The time has come for Iran to accept a long term negotiation framework for its nuclear program, as well as regional security issues, which include its missile programs,' said the statement, quoted by Reuters.

French President Emmanuel Macron, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and German Chancellor Angela Merkel met during the annual United Nations gathering of world leaders to coordinate their strategy on Iran as the European parties seek to save a 2015 nuclear deal and defuse tensions between Washington and Tehran.

'It is clear to us that Iran bears responsibility for this attack. There is no other plausible explanation,' a statement by the three leaders said..."

King Abdullah warns annexation would have 'major impact' on Israel ties

September 24, 2019 jpost.com reported: "With Israel and Jordan set in a month to mark 25 years to their peace agreement, Jordan's King Abdullah warned that Israeli annexation of the West Bank would have a 'major impact' on ties between the two countries.

Abdullah, in an interview with MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly meeting, said that he took Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's pre-election statement regarding annexation with a 'pinch of salt' because of the timing.

However, he added, 'a statement like that does not help at all, because what you do is hand the narrative to the worst people in our neighborhood. We — who want peace and want to be able to move forward — tend to be more isolated.'

In the days before the September 17 voting, Netanyahu said that if elected he would immediately annex the Jordan Valley, and that — after that and in consultation with US President Donald Trump — would extend sovereignty to other settlements and 'vital areas.'



'If the policy is to annex the West Bank, then that is going to have a major impact on the Israeli-Jordanian relationship and also in the Egyptian-Israeli relationship, because we are the only two Arab countries that have peace with Israel,' Abdullah said..."

U.S. conducting F-35 drills in hopes of outsmarting Russian S-400 Systems

September 23, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: "Commander of the US Air Forces in Europe and Africa, Gen. Jeffrey Lee Harrigian previously claimed that American forces have a plan to take down the Integrated Air Defence System in Kaliningrad, Russia, if such a scenario is necessary.

American F-35 pilots are conducting drills in open spaces using computer simulation to better learn how to counter Russian air defences, specifically S-400s, as well as the latest Chinese developments in this sphere, the National Interest reported citing Pentagon officials. As a part of these drills, the pilots are learning to take on aerial targets 'off-boresight' with AIM-9X missiles, allowing them to engage such targets at distances outside the direct line of sight, thereby potentially avoiding being detected and shot down by ground defences.

The pilots are reportedly preparing to fight not only modern systems, like S-400s, but also trying to be ready for systems that have yet to be developed in case hostilities against countries possessing such technologies emerge..."

Deadly Mosquito Virus Grows To 13 NJ Counties: Human Cases Triple

September 23, 2019 patch.com reported: "Human infections of a deadly virus that's associated with horses have tripled in New Jersey in just a matter of weeks, and there's evidence that it's spread to 13 counties in the state (see list below).

The New Jersey Department of Health says 65 mosquito samples have tested positive for the Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus, also referred to as "EEE" or "Triple E," according to a department release. Last year at this time, 12 samples tested positive. Just two weeks ago, the 2019 number was 48.

The two new human cases of Eastern equine encephalitis were confirmed this weekend in Union and Atlantic counties. The department confirmed the first human case of Eastern equine encephalitis in New Jersey in August, infecting a Somerset County man.

The Somerset County man was hospitalized but was eventually discharged for continued rehabilitation care. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says the disease has spread nationwide, infecting 21 humans in 21 states since 2009 and killing five..."

Eastern equine encephalitis is a rare but potentially deadly illness for humans. The disease is also a concern for horses, though a vaccine is available and recommended for them. Both EEE and West Nile virus are transmitted by the bite of an infected mosquito..."

Iran's General Salami Boasts of 'Hidden' Special Military Powers

September 22, 2019 Breitbart.com reported: "Iran has special 'hidden' military powers it is ready to unleash at any moment on an unsuspecting world, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) leader, Major General Hossein Salami, revealed on Saturday. Salami offered no evidence to back his claim of the so-called 'hidden' powers of military persuasion.

Salami spoke at Tehran's Islamic Revolution and Holy Defence museum during the unveiling of an exhibition of what Iran says are U.S. and other drones captured in its territory.

According to the domestic Fars News, Salami said enemies of his country are unaware of secret capabilities of Iran, adding Tehran has significantly enhanced its military power to create threats and problems unknown and unexpected for anyone who opposes it.

'Our enemies must know that we have increased our capability of creating unknown threats. We have not yet disclosed our main sources of power and what they have seen and we have used so far is a small part of our capacities,' the major general said..."

Mystery towers going up all over Cincinnati area

September 20, 2019 wcpo.com reported: If you drive around the Cincinnati area you may have noticed mysterious cylinder-type cell phone towers, that look nothing like any cell tower most of us have seen.

Now, a growing number of Tri-Staters are getting worried about these towers, and the 5G signals they believe they will soon be sending out, as part of the nationwide rollout of faster 5G cell service. Michelle Krinsky is a nurse who was out walking near her Cleves home earlier this summer, when she looked up and said, "What's that? You can see it's this ugly menace sitting there," she said.

Right at the entrance to the Village of Cleves from US 50 (River Road) is the strangest looking cell tower many people have ever seen.

Dean Beckett, who owns Ann's Tavern nearby, says his customers have been asking him about it.

"It looks like a big heater to me," he said, "I have no idea what it is."

Krinsky decided to call the village administration office, then Hamilton County, and the State of Ohio, but no one knew anything about it, she says. The most information she and some other homeowners were able to find out is that the tower is on the US 50 right-of-way, not in the Village, so that local officials would not have to be consulted.

"We don't know who put it up, if it is running 4G right now, and if it will run 5G soon," she said. 5G cell service has become the hottest controversy in many communities this year, as Verizon rolls it out to its first 30 cities -- among them, Cincinnati. Krinsky has now joined those protesting it locally, because she says we don't know enough about health effects.

Some studies claim 5G transmissions can contribute to a variety of health problems, and a number of cities are attempting to stop the towers and slow the rollout. "..."



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