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Iran says new drone has become operational

October 31, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Brigadier General Kioomars Heidari, the commander of the Iranian Army’s Ground Force, on Wednesday announced the production of a new model of Farpad-type drones.

The drones were transferred to the Iranian military’s operational units after operational tests were successful.

Heidari claimed the new drone is intended for ongoing security, surveillance, searches, border control and other similar missions, and is intended to be used by the offensive infantry, rapid intervention units and intelligence units.

He further said that the drone is controlled from a ground station, it was equipped with electronic attack protection systems and has the ability to photograph targets.

Iran often boasts of its military accomplishments, though it is not always possible to say with certainty that it is telling the truth about those accomplishment...”

NATO demands Russia ‘withdraw all troops’ from Ukraine

October 31, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: “NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg on Wednesday welcomed a pullback by the Ukrainian army and Moscow-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine, but reiterated calls for Russia to ‘withdraw all their troops’.

Tuesday saw a long-awaited pullback between the two sides in a key area of the war-torn east.

The move was a precondition for the first face-to-face talks between Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky.

‘We welcome all efforts to reduce tensions, to withdraw forces and to make sure that we have a peaceful solution to the conflict,’ Stoltenberg said in the Ukrainian port city of Odessa, praising Zelensky’s ‘renewed effort’.

‘But we know there is a long way to go because there are still ceasefire violations,’ he said as he began a two-day visit to the ex-Soviet country that was set to include a meeting with Zelensky on Thursday.

‘NATO states very clearly that Russia has a special responsibility to... withdraw all their troops, all their officers’ from eastern Ukraine, Stoltenberg added...”

Israel: All air defense systems on alert amid Iran attack fears

October 31, 2019 timesofisrael.com reported: “Israeli Air Force chief Amikam Norkin on Wednesday said the military’s multi-tiered network of air defense systems were ‘on alert’ amid a general threat of attack by Iran.

In recent weeks, the military has begun to believe that *Tehran* intends to eventually retaliate against Israel’s regular airstrikes against its forces and proxies in the region.

The Israel Defense Forces believes this could take the form of a large-scale attack involving cruise missiles and attack drones, similar to the strike on Saudi Arabia’s Aramco petroleum facility that was attributed to Iran.

Earlier this week, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Iran intends to attack Israel from Yemen, which may make intercepting such a strike more difficult as the IDF’s intermediate and long-range air defenses are better positioned to shoot down incoming attacks from Israel’s north, rather than from the south...”

New Russian submarine test fires intercontinental missile for first time

October 30, 2019 Reuters reported: “Russia’s most advanced new nuclear-powered submarine test- launched a Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time and hit a target thousands of kilometres away, the Defence Ministry said on Wednesday.



The test was carried out while the Borei-class vessel was submerged and comes amid arms control tensions between Moscow and the West following the demise of a landmark Cold War-era nuclear pact that has sparked fears of a burgeoning arms race.

The launch was conducted in the White Sea off Russia’s north with a dummy payload reaching a test site in the Far East Russian region of Kamchatka, the ministry said.

The Knyaz Vladimir submarine is the first upgraded 955A model to be produced in the Borei class of Russian nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines.

It will enter service with Russia’s Northern Fleet at the end of this year once it has completed trials including weapons tests, the fleet’s commander, Vice Admiral Alexander Moiseev said according to TASS news agency...”

Record 67.3 million speak foreign language at home

October 29, 2019 washingtonexaminer.com reported: “A record 67.3 million U.S. residents speak a foreign language at home, the latest sign of the growing influence of immigrants on American culture. Census Bureau data shows that homes that do not speak English first grew seven times faster than those that do.

The data, analyzed by the Center for Immigration Studies, found that in the top five American cities, an average of 48% speak a foreign language at home, mostly Spanish or Chinese.

And in 90 major cities, more than half speak a non-English language at home.

The analysis said, “The Center for Immigration Studies finds that 67.3 million residents in the United States now speak a language other than English at home, a number equal to the entire population of France. The number has nearly tripled since 1980, and more than doubled since 1990. The growth at the state level is even more pronounced. All language figures in Census Bureau data are for persons five years of age and older.”

‘Iran seeking to attack Israel with precision-guided missiles’

October 29, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Monday accused Iran of wanting to strike Israel with precision-guided missiles from Yemen.

Speaking during a meeting with US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin in Jerusalem, Netanyahu called for ‘a lot more’ sanctions against Iran.

‘First, I want to congratulate President Trump, the Armed Forces of the United States and the American people for the successful action against [ISIS leader] Baghdadi, and it’s good that this murderer has met his fate,’ Netanyahu said.

‘We do know that we still have an ongoing battle against terrorism, both of the extremist Sunnis led by Daesh (the Arabic name for ISIS -ed.), but also the extremist Shiites led by Iran, that is making a plunge for everything and everywhere in the Middle East,’ he added.

‘Iran is seeking to develop now precision-guided munitions, missiles that can hit any target in the Middle East with a circumference of five to ten meters. They are developing this in Iran. They want to place them in Iraq and in Syria, and to convert Lebanon’s arsenal of 130,000 statistical rockets to precision-guided munitions. They seek also to develop that, and have already begun to put that in Yemen, with the goal of reaching Israel from there too,’ warned the Prime Minister...”

Newt Gingrich: China-Russia military alliance would have incredible impact on US

October 25, 2019 Fox News reported: “China has dramatically modernized and grown its economy, military, and influence around the world in a relatively short time. In its own right, it has ascended from being a mostly backward country under the rule of Mao Zedong to being a genuine world power today.



Because of these advances, China by itself represents a serious challenge to the United States in many ways, which I discuss in my new book, "Trump vs. China: Facing America’s Greatest Threat."

However, if it were to partner or cooperate with another country, such as Russia, China and its comrade could seriously threaten U.S. – and indeed global – security. This is the topic of this week’s episode of "Newt’s World."

Here is an example of what I’m talking about: Imagine that China decided to invade Taiwan tomorrow. This would put the U.S. in an incredibly difficult position. China insists that Taiwan is part of China – a position which the U.S. formally acknowledges. However, though the U.S. recognizes China’s position, we still maintain strong, unofficial relations with Taiwan. Under the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, the U.S. has a commitment to provide assistance for the island’s defense capabilities.

Looking at years of public statements, support, and rhetoric, the U.S. would be expected to intervene on Taiwan’s behalf – for the good of regional peace and international norms. Of course, this would be a complicated exchange.

Not only has China made significant advancements in its military and weaponry, but it has largely occupied and militarized the South China Sea, claiming the territory as its own. So, any military incursion to defend Taiwan would require a perceived attack on China.

This would create the potential for an incredibly intense conflict between two superpowers, which the United States might win – but at great cost. Now, imagine that China launches a campaign against Taiwan with the help of Russian air forces.

This would entirely change the dynamic, making it much more difficult and costly (in blood and treasure) – and much less likely for any sort of U.S. victory. Now, instead of a focused conflict with China over a specific piece of territory, the U.S. would have to decide whether it wanted to risk engaging with a cooperative China and Russia at the same time.”...

‘Don’t take Jews, Christians’ as allies, Turkish ad warns

October 25, 2019 jpost.com reported: “A local ad currently on display on bus stations around the city of Konya in Turkey warns the public not to take “Jews and Christians as allies,” based on the instruction in the Koran 5:51. The city is dominated by the Justice and Development Party [AKP] which is led by current Turkish President Recep Erdogan.

Historian Daniel Pipes, who shared a photo of the ad on his social media page, said that Turkey is well on its way to become a second Islamic state along the line of Iran and wondered “when will the world awaken to the danger.”..”

Turkey, Russia discuss new S-400 supplies: report

October 24, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: “Turkey is in talks to buy more S-400 missile defence systems from Moscow, Russia’s state arms exporter said, despite Washington’s repeated warnings against such a purchase.

Alexander Mikheyev, head of state arms exporter Rosoboronexport, told Interfax news agency that the two countries were discussing financing and “a delivery schedule”. He did not provide further details on the ongoing talks.

In July, NATO member Turkey received the first batch of Russia’s S-400 missile defence systems in a move that raised tensions with the United States.

In response, Washington kicked Turkey off its F-35 fighter jet programme. The US says Russia will be able to glean sensitive technical knowledge about the new fighter if it is operated alongside the S-400...”

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