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'Israel has right to defend self, borders from Iranian lackeys'

November 7, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Saudi strategic expert Muhammad Al-Qabiban said in an interview on Al-Sumaria TV (Iraq) that Israel has the right to defend itself and its borders from Iranian 'lackeys' like Hezbollah, reports the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

He said that Iran's intervention has created anarchy in the region and he criticized Iraqi, Lebanese, and Yemeni leaders for 'whining' about Israeli intervention in Arab countries even though it is they who have empowered Iran to destroy the region under the pretext of the Islamic revolution.

Al-Qabiban pointed out that none of the Shiite militias in the Arab countries have attacked Israel, and he said that they want to destroy Arab countries for sectarian and economic reasons.

He referred to Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah as a joke, and he said that Iran is behind the spread of political Islam in the region..."

US Army to test 50-kilowatt laser weapon that incinerates drones, helicopters, planes and missiles

November 6, 2019 thesun.co.uk reported: "The upcoming weapon systems each chew through enough energy to power several homes and can take down drones, helicopters and incoming missiles.

Officially known as "directed energy lasers", they'll hit battlefields in the year 2022 attached to a platoon of four vehicles, an army report stated.

"The time is now to get directed energy weapons to the battlefield," Lt. Gen. L. Neil Thurgood, Director of Hypersonics, Directed Energy, Space and Rapid Acquisition, said in the report.

"The Army recognises the need for directed energy lasers as part of the Army's modernisation plan.

"This is no longer a research effort or a demonstration effort. It is a strategic combat capability, and we are on the right path to get it in soldiers' hands."

Army researchers have worked on the weapon for several years.

High energy lasers travel at the speed of light and are one way the Army plans to defend itself from new aerial threats, according to an Army release.

The extreme temperatures they produce is able to simply melt enemy craft in an instant.

Aerial threats of concern to US troops include drones loaded with guns or explosives."..."

Most Brits don't believe the Bible is relevant to their own lives

November 6, 2019 christiantoday.com reported: "A new study by the Bible Society has found that only a minority of Brits see the Bible as relevant to their own lives. In the survey of nearly 20,000 adults, only 18% said that the Bible was 'relevant to them personally'. This was despite 40% of those surveyed saying that they were Christian.



Over half (52%) of the respondents agreed that it was important to know the Bible because it has shaped British culture, and a majority (61%) said that it was good for children to know Bible stories.

The survey underscored Britain's increasing secularisation, with just under half (49%) saying that they were not religious, and the same proportion saying that there was 'definitely, or probably, not a God or gods'. By comparison, only 38% said that there 'definitely or probably is' a God or gods..."

North Korea slams planned US military drills with South

November 6, 2019 spacewar.com reported: "North Korea on Wednesday slammed Washington for plans to conduct a joint military exercise with Seoul next month, as negotiations over Pyongyang's nuclear arsenal remain deadlocked.

The allies cancelled the combined air exercise known as Vigilant Ace along with several other joint drills last year amid a rapid diplomatic thaw with the North, which considers them a rehearsal for invasion

But Pentagon spokesman David Eastburn said this week that the US had "no plans to skip upcoming combined exercises" this year.

A senior North Korean official said Wednesday that the announcement was equivalent to a "declaration for confrontation" that could jeopardise the diplomatic process.

"We have stressed on several occasions that the joint military drills will force us to reconsider the important steps that we have already taken," said Kwon Jong Gun at the North's foreign ministry.

"Our patience is reaching an uppermost limit," Kwon said in a statement carried by the official KCNA news agency."..."

Netanyahu: We will never let Iran get nuclear weapons

November 6, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu condemned Iran's recent moves to increase its uranium enrichment efforts, and vowed that Israel would prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

'Iran is intensifying its aggression. It wants to hurt Israel,' said Netanyahu Wednesday.

'I reiterate: we will never allow Iran to develop nuclear weapons.'

Netanyahu spoke out a day after Iranian President Hassan Rouhani declared that Iran would move forward quickly with gas injection at the Fordow Fuel Enrichment plant outside of the city of Qom, beginning Wednesday. A total of 1,044 centrifuges will be injected with uranium gas.

Later on Tuesday, Iran announced that it would enrich uranium to 5% at the Fordow nuclear facility, in a further violation of the 2015 nuclear deal it signed with world powers..."

Syrian Christians Take Up Arms Against Turkish Invasion

November 6, 2019 breitbart.com reported: "Kurdish news service Rudaw reported on Tuesday that Syrian Christians living near the Turkish border are taking up arms to protect their villages from invading Turkish forces and their Syrian allies.

Rudaw's report focused on a woman named Madelin, an Assyrian Christian mother of three, who joined up with the Syriac Military Council (known by the acronym MFS), a Christian militia aligned with the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF).

'We Assyrians are 17,000 people spread across the Jazira Region in northeastern Syria,' Madelin explained.

'Our villages were paradise on earth. Before ISIS coming to the region, other differently named groups attacked our region. After the situation calmed down, we were living peacefully. Life was somehow good. Now, Turkey is coming and repeating the same history. They want to return the mess and conflicts to northeast Syria,' she said.

Rudaw quoted an MFS statement that said the group has deployed forces to protect eight villages, where the situation has become 'calm' after deadly shelling on Sunday by Turkish-backed forces..."

North Korea says chance of talks with U.S. 'narrowing'

November 5, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: "The possibility of talks between nuclear-armed North Korea and Washington is 'narrowing', Pyongyang said Tuesday after the US State Department reaffirmed its designation as a state sponsor of terrorism.

Last month the North walked away from working-level nuclear talks with the US in Sweden, saying it was disappointed at the lack of 'new and creative' solutions offered by Washington.

The process has been deadlocked since the Hanoi summit between leader Kim Jong Un and US President Donald Trump broke up in February amid disagreement over sanctions relief and what the North would be willing to give up in return..."

Iran to launch three domestically-made satellites in near future

November 5, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: "In October, the Minister of Information and Communications Technology Mohammad-Javad Azari Jahromi said that Iran intended to send an astronaut into space, adding that Tehran would hold talks with Russia on the issue as foreign assistance would be needed.

The head of the Iranian Space Agency (ISA) Morteza Barari has announced that Iran plans to launch three satellites in the near future.

'Following the implementation of the country's second decade-long space development program, three satellites are being developed to be ultimately put into orbit,' Barari, who is also Iran's Deputy Minister of Communication and Information Technology, said on Sunday.

According to the senior official, the newly emerging space technology field has grown by 139 percent in 10 years, leading to 'major' developments in the country's economy..."

Russian top diplomat says US refuses to discuss Russian-Chinese idea against militarisation of space

November 5, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: "The United States has been refusing to launch negotiations on the initiative of Russia and China on preventing an arms race in space, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said.



'The United States remains practically the only side that refuses to launch discussions on the initiative introduced by Russia and China at the Conference on Disarmament and Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space,' Lavrov said in an interview with the Rossiya 24 TV channel late on Friday.

Moscow and Beijing have offered to draft a binding international document that would outline guarantees that no weapons would be placed in orbit around the Earth and would include measures to prevent an arms race in space.

Lavrov noted that for nearly 20 years, Russia has been working on the creation of a verification mechanism for the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) but the United States had been blocking the creation of such mechanism..."

Khamenei: Talks with US won't achieve anything

November 4, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, declared on Sunday there is no point to any negotiations with the United States.

'Even if Iranian officials were naive enough to engage in negotiations with the US, they would certainly not achieve anything,' Khamenei said, according to the dpa news agency. The negotiations would not lead to a change in the current US policy of maximum pressure on Tehran, nor the lifting of US sanctions, he added. Khamenei's comments come just days ahead of the 40th anniversary of the seizure of the US embassy in Tehran.

The hostage-taking, which took place soon after the Iranian Revolution in 1979, set the tone for decades of mistrust and poor ties between Washington and Tehran..."

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