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Israel-Gaza 'ceasefire begins' after two days of fighting

November 14, 2019 bbc.com reported: "A ceasefire between Israel and militants in Gaza has come into effect after two days of the most intense fighting for months. Egyptian and Palestinian sources said the truce began at 05:30 (03:30 GMT). Israel has not officially commented.

Before fighting ended, a family of eight was killed in an Israeli air strike on Gaza, Palestinians said.

Thirty-two Palestinians died in the violence, local sources say, triggered when Israel killed a militant leader. Israel says more than 20 of the Palestinian fatalities were militants. Dozens more Palestinians and Israelis suffered injuries, according to medical sources on both sides.

More than 400 rockets were fired at Israel by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) militant group, the Israeli military said, while Israel carried out waves of air strikes against what it said were PIJ targets..."

Chinese killer robots sold to Middle East will leave 'every human dead'

November 14, 2019 dailystar.co.uk reported: "China is selling its most advanced "fully autonomous" military drones with fears that it could lead to a bloodbath in the Middle East.

The Asian superpower is reportedly selling AI-enhanced combat drones to the region, with potentially disastrous consequences. Prof Toby Walsh, of the University of NSW, in Australia, said: "They would be impossible to defend yourself against.

"Once the shooting starts, every human on the battlefield will be dead."

US Defence Sec Mark Esper has said that China is selling drones programmed to decide themselves who lives or dies.

He told a conference on Artificial Intelligence: "As we speak, the Chinese government is already exporting some of its most advanced military aerial drones to the Middle East as it prepares to export its next generation stealth UAVs when those come online.

"In addition, Chinese weapons manufacturers are selling drones advertised as capable of full autonomy including the ability to conduct lethal, targeted strikes."

An Australian outlet, news.com.au, reports that a state controlled Chinese defence company is negotiating the sale of its Blowfish A3 armed helicopter drone to Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Dr Malcolm Davis, an Australian Strategic Policy Institute analyst says that it is not strange there is no debate over the sales in China." ..."

Netanyahu: Islamic Jihad should stop attacks before it's too late

November 13, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on Wednesday morning opened the Cabinet meeting by discussing the rockets launched at Israeli civilians by Gaza terrorists.

'We are continuing to strike [Islamic] Jihad after we eliminated one of its senior commanders,' Netanyahu said, adding that the commander 'was responsible for most of the terror attacks emanating from Gaza in the past year.'

Thanking Israel's defense organizations and the IDF, Netanyahu said: 'I would like to congratulate Shabak (Israel Security Agency – ed.) and the soldiers manning the Iron Dome, who have created a new standard.'

'In the past 24 hours, we've destroyed important [Islamic] Jihad targets. We are not interested in escalation, but we are responding to every attack against us by attacking. It would be wise for [Islamic] Jihad to understand that now, before it is too late for them.' ..."

Syria, Russian Missiles on Agenda for Trump-Erdogan Talks

November 13, 2019 voanews.com reported: "Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan visits the White House for talks Wednesday with U.S. President Donald Trump, with the two leaders likely to discuss Turkey's incursion in northern Syria and its purchase of a Russian air defense system.

The agenda for the day released by the White House also includes an afternoon joint news conference.

The United States and other NATO allies have expressed concern about Turkey's purchase of the Russian S-400 missile system, saying they do not fit with the alliances defense systems and pose a threat to the U.S. F-35 fighter jet program. In response, the United States has suspended Turkey's involvement with the F-35.

A senior U.S. official, who spoke to reporters ahead of Erdogan's visit, said the issue of the missile system is one that Trump 'is trying to address head-on' in the talks with Turkey..."

Is the U.S. bracing for a space war with Russia and China?

November 13, 2019 spacedaily.com reports: "In July, the Russian Defence Ministry lambasted American plans to use space as a theatre of war, condemning Washington for its refusal to engage in the Moscow-Beijing talks on the non-deployment of weapons in space.

The US intelligence community (IC) plans to update its assessment of what it described as the space warfare capabilities of Russia and China, Bloomberg reports.

The news outlet cited Air Force spokeswoman Christina Hoggatt as saying that the National Intelligence Estimate on the matter is 'being worked [out] by the IC at this time.'



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The updated intelligence estimate will be used by the new US Space Command ‘alongside current operations and critical information from our international, civil, and commercial partnerships, to identify and drive’ future ‘training and acquisition requirements,’ she said.

Bloomberg cited an annual report of the congressionally mandated US-China Economic and Security Review Commission as claiming that China ‘views space as a critical US military and economic vulnerability and has fielded an array of direct-ascent, cyber, electromagnetic and co-orbital counter-space weapons capable of targeting nearly every class of US space asset.’...”

EU extremely concerned’ by Iran’s nuclear deal breach

November 12, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: “France, Germany, Britain and the European Union said Monday they are ‘extremely concerned’ by Iran’s decision to re-start nuclear activities at one of its key sites, in breach of a landmark 2015 deal with international powers.

‘The Foreign Ministers of France, Germany and the United Kingdom and the High Representative of the European Union are extremely concerned by the latest announcements that Iran is restarting uranium enrichment activities at the Fordow facility, as confirmed by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in its November 11 report,’ they said in a joint statement.

Paris, Berlin, London and Brussels said that Iran’s action was ‘inconsistent’ with the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA, under which Tehran had agreed to curb some of its nuclear activities — notably uranium enrichment — in return for a lifting of economic sanctions.

But the Islamic republic has said it no longer feels bound by the JCPOA after the US unilaterally pulled out of the accord last year...”

Abbas dreams of controlling all of Judea and Samaria

November 12, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Palestinian Authority chairman Mahmoud Abbas on Monday gave a speech on the 15th anniversary of the death of Fatah founder and former PA chairman Yasser Arafat.

Abbas claimed in his remarks that ‘Arafat’s basic principles are the basic principles of the Palestinian people and no one can renounce them, give them up or ignore them, but rather the Palestinians will stick to them until Palestine is liberated.’

‘Those who attack Israel are not terrorists or criminals and the Palestinian Authority will not renounce them or their families,’ he declared.

Abbas also addressed the issue of elections in the Palestinian Authority. ‘The elections must be held simultaneously in both the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. This is a condition without which they will not take place. Our dream is an independent Palestinian state, self-determination and return to all the lands of Judea and Samaria.’...”

Islamic State Media Encourages Jihadis to Set Forest Fires in U.S. and Europe

November 11, 2019 breitbart.com reported: “Quraysh Media, a media organization that supports the Islamic State, is encouraging ISIS followers to start wildfires in the U.S. and Europe as a new way of ‘waging jihad.’

The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) spotted four posters distributed by Quraysh Media since April containing the (literally) incendiary message to Islamic State devotees, or ‘monotheists’ as Quraysh Media prefers to call them.

Two of the posters included images of American firefighters battling wildfires.

‘Ignite fires in the forests of America, France, Britain and Germany, for they are painful to them,’ instructed the fourth poster, which was released on Monday.

Various Western media outlets speculated the Islamic State was inspired by the rash of wildfires in California, although there seems to be no clear evidence of this. ISIS has been known to celebrate American deaths in previous wildfires, and has taken credit for setting crop fires in Syria and Iraq...”

Iran starts building new nuclear reactor in Bushehr

November 11, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Iran and Russia on Sunday inaugurated a new phase of construction for a second reactor at Iran’s sole nuclear power plant in Bushehr, AFP reports.

Ali Akbar Salehi, head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI), and deputy chief of Russia’s nuclear agency Rosatom, Alexander Lokshin, launched the new stage at a ceremony where concrete was poured for the reactor base.

Iran’s first Russian-built nuclear power plant in Bushehr started operating in Iran in 2011 and reached full capacity the following year.

In 2014, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani announced that his country would build a second nuclear power plant in Bushehr. Several months later, Iran and Russia signed a deal for Russia to build two more nuclear power plants in Bushehr...”

Israeli intelligence: Iran can have nuclear bomb within a year

November 8, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Israeli intelligence sources expressed support for US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, warning that ‘Iran can achieve a nuclear bomb within less than a year, if they decide to act quickly in that direction,’ Kan 11 reported Thursday evening.

The sources said that Israel continues to pass materials to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), but that due to bureaucracy, the agency checks the materials very slowly.

On Wednesday, Iran arrested an IAEA inspector and seized his travel documents. The inspector was released shortly afterwards.

On Thursday, IAEA’s top inspector, Massimo Aparo, had told diplomats in a closed-door meeting in Vienna on Wednesday that Iran is evading attempts to discover the source of man-made and natural uranium particles detected at the warehouse earlier this year...”

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