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## **IRGC Aerospace Force Commander General Amir Ali Hajizadeh: 'We are a superpower now'**

*April 30, 2020* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "IRGC Aerospace Force Commander General Amir Ali Hajizadeh said in a Channel 2 (Iran) interview that he would like to thank the start-up companies, the universities, and the people from Iran's Ministry of Defense and Aerospace Industries Organization for their help in the construction of the first-stage engine of the missile that launched the Noor satellite into orbit on April 22, 2020, reports the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

Saying that Iran is now a superpower, he said that the Noor satellite's orbit passes over the U.S. and other countries that Iran can't fly planes over, and he went on to explain that the first-stage engine used liquid fuel that is also used in surface-to-surface missiles because it was a cheaper option.

He elaborated that the first-stage engine had belonged to an old missile that had been in storage, and that in the future, Iran will develop a solid-fuel first-stage engine. Furthermore, he said that since Iran used a portable launch pad, it has no need for a stationary command center.

He also promised to advance Iran's space technologies, to strengthen Iran every day, and to secure Iran such that nobody would dare threaten it..."

## **Russia warns U.S. against any attempt to use low-yield missiles**

*April 30, 2020* jpost.com reported: "The Russian foreign ministry has warned the US against any attempt to use low-yield nuclear weapons, after the State Department said placing such weapons on ballistic missiles launched from submarines would counter possible new threats from Russia and China, according to VOA.

A low-yield weapon is on the level of the bombs dropped by the US on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The State Department claims that low-yield weapons 'reduce the risk of nuclear war by reinforcing extended deterrence and assurance' and alleges that Russia is considering using such weapons in a limited war, according to VOA.

Russia denied the threat and accused the US of 'lowering the nuclear threshold.'..."

## **45,500 corpses incinerated in Wuhan in 2 weeks, say U.S. intel sources**

*April 29, 2020* World Net Daily reported: "The Wuhan coronavirus pandemic has infected more than 3.1 million people worldwide, causing more than 216,000 deaths.

But the true totals probably never will be known, in part because of unreliable information from China, where it originated.

The Chinese Communist Party's count of about 80,000 infections and 4,000 deaths in the country is not even 'remotely close,' according to U.S. officials.

*Summit News* reported U.S. intelligence has estimated that between March 23 and April 4, at least 45,500 corpses were incinerated in China.

The U.S. believes the total is at least 50 times worse than China admits. They say up to 60,000 dead bodies per month could have been processed by funeral homes in Wuhan..."

## **Wuhan Residents: China's Claims of Zero Coronavirus Patients 'Fake', a 'Cover-Up'**

*April 29, 2020* Breitbart.com reported: "Residents of the city of Wuhan, source of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, expressed doubts about the Chinese government's claim on Monday that absolutely no one is currently hospitalized with Chinese coronavirus.

People in Wuhan anonymously told foreign media they believed the claim of zero patients is a political stunt.

'Given the problem of information asymmetry we face, my gut feeling tells me that this zero-patient report is merely a political show after the authorities announced earlier that no treatment was necessary for recovered patients testing positive,' a Wuhanite told Voice of America News (VOA) on Monday, using the pseudonym 'Yang' to avoid retaliation from the oppressive Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

'The harm from shutting down the factories has caused a worse impact on the ruling regime than that from the virus itself,' Yang said, explaining the CCP's need to put on such a show..."

## **The other crisis: Locusts imperil millions in Africa**

*April 28, 2020* euobserver.com reported: "The idea that a butterfly flapping its wings can cause a hurricane on the other side of the globe is a commonplace of so-called 'chaos theory' in physics."



But theory aside, individual consumers making tiny choices in the industrialized north have helped set flapping the wings of hurricanes of locusts in east Africa.

‘The situation is particularly worrisome in Ethiopia, Somalia, and Kenya,’ Cyril Ferrand, a senior UN official based in the region, told *EUobserver*. ‘About one million individuals in Ethiopia have been affected by the desert locust upsurge and require emergency food assistance,’ he said. ‘Around 20 million people were already experiencing acute food insecurity in the ... greater Horn of Africa,’ he added...

### **Chinese scientists predict coronavirus won't be eradicated**

*April 28, 2020* thehill.com reported: “Chinese scientists said this week that they believe the novel coronavirus will not be eradicated, predicting that the disease could possibly return periodically like the flu.

A group of Chinese viral and medical researchers told reporters in Beijing on Monday that the virus will likely not disappear like SARS because it can infect asymptomatic carriers, Bloomberg News reported, so people can spread the virus without experiencing symptoms like a fever and cough.

The researchers said Chinese health officials are still confirming dozens of asymptomatic carriers every day, the news outlet reported.

“This is very likely to be an epidemic that co-exists with humans for a long time, becomes seasonal and is sustained within human bodies,” Jin Qi, director of the Institute of Pathogen Biology at the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, said.

Health officials and leaders worldwide have projected that the virus is unlikely to be completely eliminated, despite lockdowns, stay-at-home orders and other measures being enforced around the world.

The Chinese experts said Monday that they have found no evidence that the virus’s spread will slow during the summer as temperatures continue to rise in the northern hemisphere, according to Bloomberg.

“The virus is heat sensitive, but that’s when it’s exposed to 56 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes and the weather is never going to get that hot,” Wang Guiqiang, head of the infectious diseases department of Peking University First Hospital, said. “So globally, even during the summer, the chance of cases going down significantly is small.” ...”

### **Coronavirus breaks the food supply chain**

*April 27, 2020* axios.com reported: “America's food supply chain is in trouble because of coronavirus outbreaks in rural meatpacking plant communities.

Why it matters: For consumers, this means less meat at the grocery store. For many farmers, this means the prospect of financial ruin. For many animals, this means euthanasia instead of slaughter.

The big picture: Plants in more than a dozen states have closed in recent weeks, spanning beef, pork, poultry and fish. Many more plants are struggling to remain open despite significant outbreaks. More than 25% of U.S. pork production is now offline because of plant closures...

- Tyson Foods described this as a "breaking" of the food supply chain, warning on Sunday that millions of animals will need to be killed without being turned into food.

Between the lines: There's also an enormous human toll taking place at these plants.

- “It is not going to be easy to get workers six feet apart,” William Schaffner, a professor of infectious diseases, told the N.Y. Times. “If you space people out, you reduce productivity.” ...”

The bottom line: America's farmers have long feared that everyday citizens were clueless about how their food gets made. Unfortunately, it appears that this education is now happening in a flash.”

### **Iranian general threatens: We'll destroy US warships**

*April 24, 2020* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “The head of Iran’s elite Revolutionary Guards threatened on Thursday that Iran will destroy US warships if its security is threatened in the Persian Gulf.

‘I have ordered our naval forces to destroy any American terrorist force in the Persian Gulf that threatens security of Iran’s military or non-military ships,’ Major General Hossein Salami said, according to *Reuters*, adding, ‘Security of the Persian Gulf is part of Iran’s strategic priorities.’

‘I am telling the Americans that we are absolutely determined and serious in defending our national security, our water borders, our shipping safety, and our security forces, and we will respond decisively to any sabotage,’ he continued.

‘Americans have experienced our power in the past and must learn from it,’ stated Salami...”



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