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## Iran says fires missiles from underground in Gulf war games

*July 30, 2020* spacewar.com reported: "Iran's Revolutionary Guards said they launched ballistic missiles from 'the depths of the Earth' on Wednesday during the last day of military exercises near sensitive Gulf waters.

The launches came a day after the Guards struck a mock-up of a US aircraft carrier with volleys of missiles near the Strait of Hormuz, a vital shipping lane for a fifth of world oil output.

The Iranian maneuvers were staged amid heightened tensions between Iran and its decades-old arch enemy the United States.

Iranian state television broadcast aerial footage of the latest daylight exercises in the desert showing bursts of flames, smoke and dust before what appeared to be four projectiles climbed into the sky.

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) said in a statement on their *Sepahnews* website that it was 'the first time in the world' that such an exercise had been carried out.

The statement did not elaborate on the claim or provide any of the missiles' specifications..."

## Israeli archaeology destroys Palestinian myths

*July 30, 2020* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "On July 22, 2020, a stunning announcement was reported by the *Jerusalem Post* about a new archaeological discovery by the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) in Arnona near the US Embassy in Jerusalem.

It was the uncovering of a vast administrative center in Judea built during the reign of King Hezekiah with seals attesting to the ancient Jewish presence during the First Temple period between the eighth and the middle of the seventh century B.C.E. IAA archaeologist Benyamin Storchon noted:

'We found about 120 stamped seal impressions on jar handles written in ancient Hebrew script, which translate as 'belonging to the king.' These stamped jars were usually related to tax collection. Up to this day, 1,000 similar items have been found in over a century of excavations in Israel, which gives us an idea of the importance of this area'.

In 2019, the City of David Foundation announced discovery of seals of legendary King David's son. Lawrence Franklin noted in a *Gatestone Institute* article:

'On September 9, 2019, the foundation's leading archaeologist, Eli Shukron, announced the discovery of a 2,600-year-old royal seal, found near the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, which bears the name (in Hebrew) of Adenyahu, a son of King David mentioned in the biblical book of Kings'..."

## In pulling troops, Trump doesn't hide spite for Merkel

*July 29, 2020* spacewar.com reported: "In pulling 12,000 US troops from Germany, President Donald Trump is laying bare what has long been clear -- there is no love lost between him and Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Trump has clashed with plenty of US allies but he has appeared to have special enmity for Merkel, whose liberal, technocratic approach on issues from the coronavirus to immigration is at stark odds with the New York mogul's in-your-face populism.

After the Pentagon made the cuts official, Trump said he was acting because Germany had failed to meet the NATO goal of spending two percent of GDP on defense -- although Italy and Belgium, which will take some of the US troops, spend even less.

"Germany is delinquent. They haven't paid their fees," Trump told reporters.

"The United States has been taken advantage of on trade and on military and on everything else for many years, and I'm here and I've been straightening it out."

Trump, himself of German ancestry, has long accused NATO's second largest economy of unfairly enjoying US protection while promoting cars and other exports." ..."



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## **China's fastest rocket carries deep space dream**

*July 29, 2020* spacedaily.com reported: "A Long March-5 rocket blasted off Thursday at the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site in south China's Hainan Province, carrying the country's Mars probe, Tianwen-1.

It is the first time that the Long March-5 carrier rocket, currently China's largest launch vehicle, is put into practical use after a series of trial launches.

It is also the first time the Long March-5 exceeded the second cosmic velocity, the fastest China's carrier rockets have gone to date, said Li Dong, the rocket's chief designer at the China Academy of Launch Vehicle Technology (CALVT).

The rocket did not separate from Tianwen-1 until it accelerated to over 11.2 km per second, the second cosmic velocity or escape velocity.

At that speed, Tianwen-1 went into the Earth-Mars transfer orbit, overcoming the gravitational pull of Earth and embarking on an interplanetary journey, Li explained..."

## **Kim: Our nuclear weapons guarantee our safety**

*July 28, 2020* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said on Monday there will be no more war as the country's nuclear weapons guarantee its safety and future despite unabated outside pressure and military threats, Reuters reported, citing state media.

Kim made the remarks as he celebrated the 67th anniversary of the end of the 1950-53 Korean War, which fell on July 27, with a reception for veterans, the official KCNA news agency said.

The country developed nuclear weapons to win 'absolute strength' to stave off another armed conflict, Kim said in a speech carried by the news agency, emphasizing the defensive nature of the programs.

'Now we are capable of defending ourselves in the face of any form of high intensity pressure and military threats from imperialist and hostile forces,' he said.

'Thanks to our reliable and effective self-defensive nuclear deterrent, there will no longer be war, and our country's safety and future will be firmly guaranteed forever.'

The speech came amid stalled talks aimed at dismantling North Korea's nuclear and missile programs in exchange for sanctions relief from the US..."

## **US, Britain say Russia tested space-based anti-satellite weapon**

*July 24, 2020* spacewar.com reported: "The United States and Britain on Thursday said Russia conducted a non-destructive, space-based, anti-satellite weapons test earlier this month.

According to U.S. Space Command, on July 15 Russia 'injected a new object into orbit from Cosmos 2543,' a satellite that has been in orbit since 2019.

That move is 'inconsistent with the system's stated mission as an inspector satellite,' Space Command said.

'The Russian satellite system used to conduct this on-orbit weapons test is the same satellite system that we raised concerns about earlier this year, when Russia maneuvered near a U.S. government satellite,' Gen. John W. 'Jay' Raymond, Commander of U.S. Space Command and U.S. Space Force Chief of Space Operations, said in a statement..."

## **Trump tells Putin he hopes to avoid US-Russia-China arms race**

*July 24, 2020* spacewar.com reported: "President Donald Trump told his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Thursday that he hopes to avoid an 'expensive' US arms race with Russia and China, the White House said.

Washington and Moscow are preparing negotiations on a successor to the New START treaty capping their countries' nuclear arsenals.

However, China has so far rejected pressure from the Trump administration to join the talks, saying that its arsenal is far smaller than that of the two former Cold War foes.

In a call with Putin, Trump 'reiterated his hope of avoiding an expensive three-way arms race between China, Russia, and the United States and looked forward to progress on upcoming arms control negotiations in Vienna,' a White House spokesman said..."



*Presidents Trump and Putin*

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