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## China's Army Joins Pakistan for Military Exercises with Warplanes, Troops

*December 10, 2020* breitbart.com reported: "China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) dispatched fighter jets and soldiers to a Pakistani airbase near the Indian border on Monday for a bilateral drill aimed at preparing both China and Pakistan's militaries for "actual combat," the *Hindustan Times* reported on Tuesday.

"The Chinese air force's troops set off on December 7 for the Pakistani Air Force's air base in Bholari at Thatta District in Sindh, northeast of Pakistan's Karachi to participate in the China-Pakistan Joint Air Force Exercise Shaheen (Eagle) – IX [*sic*]," China's national defense ministry announced in a press release on Monday.

"The joint air force exercise ... is a project within the 2020 cooperation plan of the two militaries," the statement read.

"It will promote the development of China-Pakistan mil[itary]-to-mil[itary] relationships, deepen practical cooperation between the two air forces and improve the actual-combat training level of the two sides," the statement added..."

## Report: Egyptian President invites Netanyahu to Cairo for discussions

*December 10, 2020* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "*Israel Hayom* reports today that PM Netanyahu has received an official invitation to Egypt and will shortly be paying a visit to government leaders in Cairo, citing senior Egyptian officials as its source.

Netanyahu will apparently be leaving within a few days, in response to the invitation from Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi himself.



The Egyptian sources revealed that Al-Sisi and Netanyahu are to discuss a whole raft of regional issues, first and foremost among which will be strengthening their security ties in face of the growing threat from Iran, especially now in light of the expected inauguration of Joe Biden as President of the United States."

## Erdogan Visit to Azerbaijan Could Stoke Russian Rivalry, Observers Say

*December 9, 2020* voanews reported: "A two-day visit by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to Azerbaijan marks his latest bid to expand Turkey's influence in the Caucasus, and analysts are warning his ambitions could stoke a rivalry with Russia.

Erdogan is scheduled to attend a victory parade Thursday in Baku, celebrating last month's defeat of Armenian forces in Azerbaijan's Nagorno-Karabakh enclave, which both countries claim.

'This victory will only strengthen our belief in two nations, one people,' Erdogan told reporters Wednesday before leaving for Baku. Ankara's military support of Baku is widely seen as key to Azerbaijan's victory.

Erdogan, during his scheduled talks with Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev, is expected to discuss Turkey's military role in the peacekeeping operation brokered by Moscow to end the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict..."

## Islamic State built up arsenal after 'red flags' ignored: study

*December 8, 2020* spacewar.com reported: "Islamic State jihadists were able to build up a major arsenal of explosives, weapons and drones through a sophisticated procurement process that saw 'red flags' ignored by governments and suppliers, a monitoring group said on Tuesday.

The Conflict Armament Research group said in a study that IS was able to build up a store of material for a weapons production programme in Iraq and Syria from 2015-2019 via individuals and companies in southern Turkey and also elsewhere.

IS was ousted last year from its former strongholds in Iraq and Syria — where it had wanted to build an extremist so-called caliphate — but experts warned that the knowhow and connections in its supply network have not gone away.

IS 'procured key commodities through groups of linked, family-owned companies and individuals located near key border crossings into IS-held territory,' CAR said, adding these groups were centred around the towns of Siverek and Akcakale in southern Turkey..."

## Iran centrifuge plan alarms European trio

*December 8, 2020* spacewar.com reported: "Plans by Iran to install advanced centrifuges at its main nuclear enrichment plant in Natanz are 'deeply worrying', France, Germany and the UK said on Monday. The three governments, dubbed the

E3, said the plans were contrary to a 2015 agreement between Tehran and world powers that aimed to restrain Iran's nuclear programme.

The deal, officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), is 'the best and currently the only way to monitor and constrain Iran's nuclear programme,' the three countries said.

The UN's nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported last month that Iran had installed and begun operating advanced centrifuges at an underground section at Natanz.

'Iran's recent announcement to the IAEA that it intends to install an additional three cascades of advanced centrifuges at the Fuel Enrichment Plant in Natanz is contrary to the JCPOA and deeply worrying,' the E3 said..."

### **Hamas: Killers of Iranian scientist will 'pay the price'**

*December 7, 2020* Aruta Sheva 7 reported: "Khalil al-Hayya, a member of the Hamas political bureau and one of the group's senior members in the Gaza Strip, on Sunday warned the Palestinian Authority against normalization with Israel.

In an interview with Hamas' website, al-Hayya said that negotiations between the Palestinian Authority and Israel for more than a quarter of a century have not resulted in the realization of the rights of the Palestinian people and, as such, renewing the diplomatic process would be useless.

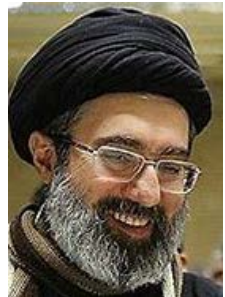
The integration of the Palestinian Authority in normalization with Israel and in the political reorganization of the region will lead to its being a partner in the plan to eliminate the Palestinian issue, he warned..."

### **Iran Supreme Leader Khamenei hands power to son due to health – report**

*December 7, 2020* jpost.com reported: "Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei may have transferred power to his son amid concerns over his declining health, Iranian journalist Momahad Ahwaze reported Saturday.

Taking to Twitter, Ahwaze wrote in Arabic that sources in Iran were concerned regarding the 81-year-old leader's health, and those close to him are reportedly 'very concerned' over his deteriorating condition.

As such, his powers have reportedly been transferred to his 51-year-old son, Sayyid Mojtaba Hosseini Khamenei, who currently oversees several important security and intelligence departments in the country...*The Guardian* even dubbed him 'the gatekeeper to Iran's supreme leader' in a 2009 article..."



*Sayyid Mojtaba Hossini Khamenei*

### **Iranian FM: We will not renegotiate nuclear deal**

*December 4, 2020* Aruta Sheva 7 reported: "Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Thursday stressed that his country will not agree to renegotiate the 2015 nuclear deal it signed with world powers and urged US President-elect Joe Biden to abandon what he calls Washington's 'rogue' behavior.

Speaking in an online interview held as part of the Mediterranean Dialogues event and quoted by *AFP*, Zarif said that when President Donald Trump left the agreement in 2018, the United States had breached a UN Security Council resolution endorsing it.

'The US has been in grave breach of that resolution because the Trump administration has been a rogue regime,' he charged, adding, 'Now if President-elect Biden wants to continue to be a rogue regime, then he can continue to be asking for negotiations to implement its commitments.'

'The United States must stop, the United States must cease its violations of international law. It doesn't require any negotiations,' continued Zarif..."

### **Increased threat to Israelis in countries surrounding Iran**

*December 4, 2020* Aruta Sheva 7 reported: "The National Security Council issued an alert Thursday night warning that Israeli citizens face an increased threat of terrorism targeting them abroad following the assassination of Iranian nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrazadeh.

'In light of the recent threats from Iranian elements and in light of the past involvement of Iranian elements in terrorist attacks in various countries, there is a fear that Iran will try to act in this manner against Israeli targets,' said the National Security Council.

The National Security Council noted that the possible arenas for such activities are countries close to Iran such as Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, the Kurdish region of Iraq, as well as the Middle East and the African continent..."

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