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Israel stages major air defense drill, proving it can shoot down cruise missiles

December 17, 2020 timesofisrael.com reported: “The Defense Ministry completed a major, unprecedented air defense exercise this month, which tested the abilities of the country’s three tiers of missile defense systems against a variety of aerial threats, officials said Tuesday.

In the drill, which the ministry deemed a glowing success, the various air defense detection systems and batteries were required to communicate with one another and intercept several types of targets, including rockets, unmanned aerial vehicles and — critically — cruise missiles simultaneously.

The exercise, made up of a series of trials, was focused primarily on testing the capabilities of a new version of the medium-range David’s Sling air defense system, which is currently under development, as well as new capabilities of the Iron Dome...”



David Sling Air Defense System

U.S. criticizes Russian attempt to ‘weaponize space’ after latest test

December 17, 2020 spacewar.com reported: “The U.S. Space Command rebuked Russia on Wednesday for testing a direct-ascent anti-satellite missile, saying that Russia is continuing to ‘weaponize space.’

The missile system, called DA-ASAT, travels from Earth to destroy satellites in Low-Earth orbit, and is one of two Russia has tested, according to Space Command officials. The DA-ASAT has been tested multiple times, they said.

The other system, a co-orbital ASAT, has twice previously demonstrated an on-orbit kinetic weapon that can also be used to destroy satellites. Space Command said that system was tested in 2017 and earlier this year.

‘Russia’s persistent testing of these systems demonstrates threats to U.S. and allied space systems are rapidly advancing,’ Gen. James Dickinson, commander of the U.S. Space Command, said Wednesday in a press release...”

Turkish media vows to take over Tel Aviv, calls opposition ‘terrorists’

December 16, 2020 jpost.com reported: “Turkey has in the last few weeks sought to use media connections abroad to push narratives about how it wants reconciliation with Israel, even as its own media pushes extremist anti-Israel comments. One commentator, according to T24 Turkish media, said that Turkey could ‘enter Tel Aviv in 48 hours.’ He claimed, ‘we are not like the Arabs,’ an apparent reference to the inability of Arab armies to defeat Israel in 1948 and 1967.

The commentary on Turkish television was not abnormal. Hatred of Israel and vows to destroy Israel, invade Jerusalem, ‘liberate Al-Aqsa’ and spread extreme nationalist, anti-Zionist or antisemitic comments have become increasingly normal in Turkey. Most journalists who are critical of the ruling party in Turkey have been silenced, forced to flee the country or imprisoned. Turkey is considered the largest jailor of journalists in the world under the AK Party...”

Nigeria: Boko Haram Claims Mass Kidnapping of Hundreds of Schoolboys

December 16, 2020 breitbart.com reported: “The Islamic terror group Boko Haram claimed responsibility on Tuesday for the kidnapping of nearly 700 students from a secondary school in northern Nigeria on December 11.

The Nigerian militant group released a four-minute audio clip on Tuesday in which a man identifying himself as Boko Haram’s leader, Abubaker Shekau, said he and his fellow jihadists were responsible for the abduction of an estimated 668 schoolboys in the town of Kankara, located in northern Nigeria’s Katsina State, over the weekend.

‘Our brothers are behind the kidnapping in Katsina,’ a voice on the recording identifying himself as Shekau said, according to Turkey’s state-run *Anadolu Agency* on Tuesday...”

Iran could be gearing up for more attacks on US in Iraq

December 16, 2020 jpost.com reported: “Iran’s *Tasnim* news ran an article hinting at a renewed round of attacks on US forces in Iraq. Rocket attacks against facilities where US forces are located increased in 2019 and reached a crescendo over the summer. The US has pulled troops from half a dozen places and concentrated them in the Kurdistan region, Baghdad and Al-Asad base.

The Iraqi people are preparing an explosion of anger if US forces do not withdraw, *Tasnim's* report says. Most Iraqis are not necessarily against the US, but Iran has strong influence in the leading Fatah party and various militias that are linked to it. They are called Hashd al-Shaabi and they have 100,000 men under arms being paid government salaries as paramilitaries..."

Rashida Tlaib: 'Allah' Has Given Opportunity to Show 'Power of Muslims in Georgia'

December 15, 2020 breitbart.com reported: "Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) claimed over the weekend that Muslim voters in Georgia have been given an opportunity from Allah to show their 'power' in the Peach State during the Senate runoff elections..."

'I hope that you realize just the opportunity here that Allah has given us to show the power of Muslims in Georgia,' Tlaib said, according to *CNS News*. 'I want people to be like, oh my God, I didn't even know Muslims are in Georgia. ... Exactly! Because we're going to show them in droves of numbers.'

'I want to, mash'allah [what Allah has willed] be able to say, 'Look at the voting in these precincts and guess what? It was the Muslim vote that delivered Georgia,' 'she added..."

Military shows off David's Sling, Iron Dome, Arrow interoperable

December 15, 2020 jpost.com reported: "The Israel Missile Defense Organization said it has successfully completed a series of live-fire intercept tests of the David's Sling weapon system against threat-representative cruise and ballistic missiles. The IMDO is a division of the Defense Ministry. The tests were conducted in cooperation with the US Missile Defense Agency (MDA).

Rafael Advanced Systems led the tests via a testing site in Central Israel, with the participation of the Israel Air Force and the Navy. The ministry said Tuesday that this successful series is a critical milestone in the augmentation of Israel's operational capabilities in defending itself against current and future threats..."

Iran Warns U.S. a "Crushing and Fiery Response" Awaits B-52 Overflights

December 14, 2020 breitbart.com reported: "A senior Iranian military commander warned Sunday that U.S. Air Force B-52 bombers in the Persian Gulf will meet a 'crushing and fiery response' if they dare to venture near Iran airspace.

Deputy Commander of Khatam al-Anbia Air Defense Base, Brigadier General Qader Rahimzadeh, said the 'smallest potential violation of Iran's airspace' would trigger the response, according to the semi-official *Tasnim* news service.

'The country's airspace is among our redlines and, as enemies have experienced in the past too, the smallest violation will be met with the (Iranian) air defense forces' crushing and fiery response,' the Iranian commander said.

As *Breitbart News* reported, a pair of U.S. B-52H Stratofortresses flew a show-of-force mission across the Persian Gulf on Thursday in a display intended to deter attacks from Iran.

The *New York Times* says the bombers flew over the Middle East alongside aircraft from Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain. These were likely fighter jets, as all three countries maintain sizable inventories of American fighters, particularly F-15 Eagle and F-16 Fighting Falcon fighters..."



U.S. developing new nuclear systems to power space missions, new bases

December 14, 2020 spacewar.com reported: "The United States is developing different versions of nuclear power to use on lunar and other space bases and for long-range interplanetary manned and unmanned probes, Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette told the National Space Council.

The Energy Department had created closer ties than ever before with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to empower and speed up its programs, Brouillette said.

'We will continue to develop surface fission power, thermal nuclear propulsion technologies and advanced nuclear fuel production capabilities,' Brouillette said on Wednesday.

The department was also 'ramping up' Uranium isotope-238 production thus clearing a production bottleneck and making possible 'quicker mission tempos' to launch more deep space, interplanetary missions through the Solar System through the 2020s, Brouillette continued..."

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