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Hybrid monkey-human embryos created in lab for first time in scientific breakthrough

April 15, 2021 dailystar.co.uk reported: "In a move that some scientists say raises serious ethical questions, researchers have for the first time embryos that are a hybrid of human and monkey cells.

Juan Carlos Izpisua Belmonte, a professor in the Gene Expression Laboratories at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, California, says that the research could one day slash waiting lists of organ transplants.

"The demand for that is much higher than the supply," he says.

Writing the scientific journal Cell, he describes how his team injected 25 iPS, or induced pluripotent stem cells, from humans into a number of macaque monkey embryos. Over 100 of the embryos remained viable, enabling the scientists to study how the different types of cells interacted.

"Our goal is not to generate any new organism, any monster," Belmonte stressed.

"And we are not doing anything like that. We are trying to understand how cells from different organisms communicate with one another.

"This knowledge will allow us to go back now and try to re-engineer these pathways that are successful for allowing appropriate development of human cells in these other animals," he added. "We are very, very excited."

However, Professor Julian Savulescu, a director of the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics and co-director of the Wellcome Centre for Ethics and Humanities, University of Oxford, told Irish News that the research "opens Pandora's box to human-nonhuman chimaeras"." ..."

China Hints Its Military Activity near Taiwan a 'Rehearsal' for Invasion

April 15, 2021 breitbart.com reported: "China's latest military exercise near Taiwan on Monday 'could be a rehearsal of a reunification-by-force operation,' China's state-run *Global Times* suggested Tuesday.

'The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) conducted an exercise near the island of Taiwan on Monday with the largest number of warplanes ever recorded, which could be a rehearsal of a reunification-by-force operation,' the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) mouthpiece wrote on April 13.

China's PLA deployed 25 aircraft to fly over Taiwan, breaching its air defense identification zone (ADIZ), on April 12, Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense (MND) said in a statement..."

US intel report says North Korea could resume nuclear tests this year

April 14, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "North Korea could resume nuclear tests this year as a way to force President Joe Biden's administration to enter into dialogue, US intelligence experts said in a report released Tuesday.

'North Korean leader Kim Jong Un may take a number of aggressive and potentially destabilizing actions to reshape the regional security environment and drive wedges between the United States and its allies — up to and including the resumption of nuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) testing,' said the Office of the Director of National Intelligence in a report addressing threats the US faces around the world.

'We assess that Kim views nuclear weapons as the ultimate deterrent against foreign intervention and believes that over time he will gain international acceptance and respect as a nuclear power,' the report states..."

Kurdish officials report: Explosive-laden drone targets U.S. troops in Iraq

April 15, 2021 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Kurdish officials reported a drone targeted Erbil airport in northern Iraq yesterday. The airport houses US troops. While no casualties were reported in the attack, a building was damaged.

According to the *Arab News* website, this was the first known drone attack targeting US forces in Erbil, following a number of rocket strikes attributed to pro-Iranian militias in the country.

A terror group reportedly backed by Tehran praised the attack without taking responsibility for it.

The drone was said to be carrying a load of TNT explosives. Smoke could be seen at the airport in a video reportedly taken at the scene of the attack..."

Iran, Russia unite against West on eve of new nuclear talks

April 14, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "Iran and Russia united against the United States and Europe Tuesday warning on the eve of new nuclear talks that an attack on the Natanz atomic site and new EU sanctions could harm ongoing negotiations.

Iran charged Monday that its arch-enemy Israel had sabotaged its Natanz uranium enrichment plant and vowed it would take 'revenge' and expand its nuclear activities.

The latest of a string of incidents to hit Iran's nuclear programme came just days after talks opened in Vienna on bringing the United States back into a troubled 2015 deal that then US president Donald Trump abandoned in 2018.

Israel, which did not claim responsibility for the sabotage, is strongly opposed to US President Joe Biden's efforts to revive the agreement..."

War involving China in the Indo-Pacific region highly likely, warns Christopher Pyne

April 13, 2021 news.com.au reported: "A video shows a crew of pilots board a Chinese Air Force H-6k bomber and take off into a sparkling dawn sky, directed by senior military strategists on the ground.

When in position, a red button is pressed, deploying a nuclear-capable missile that plummets towards its target — the United States of America's Anderson Air Force Base on the island of Guam.

Aerial footage shows a fireball engulfing everything in its path, as the victorious Chinese bomber crew turn towards home. Back on the ground, the airmen grin widely and chat happily, now thousands of miles from the death and destruction they've unleashed...



Former Defence Minister Pyne

There are fears that fantasies like these are a dark insight into what Beijing has planned in our backyard, the strategically crucial Indo-Pacific region. And (Christopher Pyne) a former Australian defence minister now believes deadly conflict is increasingly inevitable ... and within five to 10 years' time..."

Canadian party approves anti-Israel resolution

April 12, 2021 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Canada's New Democratic Party (NDP) approved an anti-Israel resolution during its policy convention over the weekend. The resolution, entitled 'Justice and Peace in Israel-Palestine' calls on Israel 'to end its occupation and settlement program, lift the Gaza blockade, recognize its Arab-Palestinian citizens' right to full equality, and address refugee claims fairly.'

It also calls to 'ensure all relevant government agencies require accurate identification of settlement products imported and marketed in Canada as products of occupied territories in accordance with UNSC 2334, s. 5; and recognize the State of Palestine and upgrade the status of the Palestinian General Delegation in Ottawa to the General Delegation of Palestine, with full immunities.'

At the same time, the NDP did not adopt a resolution that would have committed it to opposing the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Anti-Semitism..."

Putin Threatens Full-Scale War in Ukraine as U.S. Sends Two Warships to the Black Sea

April 12, 2021 pjmedia.com reported: "Russia now has more troops along its border with Ukraine than at any time since 2014, and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky has little hope that war can be avoided. Moscow's demands are impossible to meet.

'A diplomatic solution...requires a radical change in the position of the Kyiv authorities,' said Konstantin Sivkov, a Moscow-based military analyst. 'If the Kyiv authorities agree to the recognition of the federal structure of Ukraine, if the authorities agree to the equal status of the Russian language in Ukraine along with the Ukrainian language, then the whole problem in [Donbas] will be removed,' he said.



The Ukrainians fear that giving Russia further opportunity to undermine the government in Kyiv will only result in the slow erosion of their independence..."