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Russia says it fired warning shots at UK ship

June 24, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "Russia on Wednesday said it fired warning shots at a British navy destroyer in the Black Sea after it violated the country's territorial waters, but the UK denied the incident had occurred.

Incidents involving Western aircraft and ships are not uncommon at Russia's borders, especially during heightened tensions with Washington, Brussels and London, but rarely result in open fire.

The HMS Defender 'was given a preliminary warning that weapons would be used if the state borders of the Russian Federation were violated. It did not react to the warning,' the Russian defence ministry said, according to *Interfax* news agency.

The ministry added that 'a border patrol ship fired warning shots' and a Su-24 aircraft dropped four bombs along the destroyer's path. It said that the ship then left Russian waters.

But the UK's defence ministry swiftly denied that the incident had happened..."



HMS Defender

Iran fails another attempt to launch satellite into space

June 23, 2021 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "'The Pentagon was watching' as Iran attempted, and failed, to launch yet another satellite into orbit earlier this month, multiple defense sources told *CNN*.

'U.S. Space Command is aware of the Iranian rocket launch failure which occurred early June 12th,' a Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Col. Uriah Orland, told *CNN*. Neither he nor other officials consulted could provide an explanation for the cause of the failure, nor could they specify at which stage the attempt to launch the satellite had failed. Previous Iranian attempts have ended in satellites exploding on the Launchpad, but some did make it into the air only to later crash..."

Israel says used 'airborne laser' to down drones

June 22, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "Israel has used an airborne laser to shoot down drones in a series of tests, officials said Monday, calling it a 'milestone' to update its already powerful defence systems.

During the tests, which took place 'over the last week,' a prototype of the high-power laser system carried on a small civilian plane 'successfully intercepted several UAVs', said Yaniv Rotem, head of the defence ministry's research and development unit, using the acronym for unmanned aerial vehicles. The system could down any flying object, including 'drones, mortars, rockets, ballistic missiles,' Rotem said, adding they hoped to have a working prototype in 'three to four years'..."

Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine linked to rare blood disease - Israeli study

June 22, 2021 jpost.com reported: "The Pfizer coronavirus vaccine has been linked to an increased chance of developing thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP), a rare blood disorder, Israeli researchers said Monday. TTP is an autoimmune disease that causes blood clots to form in various organs of the body..."

Researchers from the Institute of Hematology at Shamir Medical Center said they were alerted to the problem after seeing a sudden increase in TTP in the country – four cases detected in one month compared to two or three cases per year.

The medical team said they found a "chronological connection" between the vaccination of the patient and the onset of symptoms of the disease. They stressed that these are both new patients and patients whose disease flared up after a long period of remission. As a result of their research, the medical team, led by Dr. Maya Koren-Michowitz, head of the Hematology and the Translational Hemato-Oncology Laboratory, recommended that people who have had TTP only get vaccinated with special permission from their doctor" ..."

Israel has already tested a digital shekel cryptocurrency

June 22, 2021 jpost.com reported: "Israel has already conducted a pilot test of a digital shekel cryptocurrency, Bank of Israel Deputy Governor Andrew Abir said, perhaps inadvertently, at a recent conference of the Fair Value Forum of IDC

Herzliya. Toward the end of a panel discussion, Abir said the Bank of Israel had already run a digital currency pilot. Another member of the panel seemed surprised and asked: “You have already issued a coin?” Abir responded in the affirmative.

However, Abir said he was not optimistic that such a central-bank digital currency (CBDC) would ever be launched. “I had previously estimated that the chance of having a CBDC within five years is 20%,” Abir said. “My estimate has increased a bit in the last year, mainly because other countries are advancing with it too. But still there is less than a 50% chance.”

In May, the Bank of Israel said it was preparing an action plan for how it could offer a digital currency. The concept of issuing such a currency has been in discussion since 2017, but it decided to accelerate its research and preparation for the potential issuance “in view of the rapid developments in the digital economy and in payments, and in view of the major central banks’ work on the issue.”

A CBDC would rely on distributed ledger technologies such as blockchain, but it would be different from the cryptocurrencies that are popular today, including bitcoin. The most important difference is that while cryptocurrencies do not belong to any specific country, and some are characterized by having no central authority to manage them, a CBDC issued by a country’s central bank would be regulated by the relevant state authorities.

“The option for a CBDC is still being examined, and when we made our statement last month, it was not to say what we are doing, but rather to share what we do not know and receive feedback from the public,” Abir said.” ...”



Iran President Raisi

Iran’s Raisi says won’t meet Biden or negotiate on missiles

June 21, 2021 timesofisrael.com reported: “Iran’s president-elect said Monday he wouldn’t meet with US President Joe Biden nor negotiate over Tehran’s ballistic missile program and its support of regional terror groups, sticking to a hardline position following his landslide victory in last week’s election.

Judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi also described himself as a ‘defender of human rights’ when asked about his involvement in the 1988 mass execution of thousands of people.

‘All that I have done through my years of service has always been towards defending human rights,’ said the Iranian president-elect, while accusing the West of violating human rights. Raisi made the comments in his first press conference in Tehran. The president-elect also said his administration will not allow negotiations for the sake of negotiations in talks with world powers aimed at reviving a 2015 nuclear deal...”

Anti-Israel Activists in NYC Call for Violent ‘Intifada, Revolution,’ Israel’s Demise

June 21, 2021 Breitbart.com reported: “Shocking footage from a recent anti-Israel demonstration in New York City shows over a thousand demonstrators rallying behind calls for Israel’s demise while advocating a violent uprising and revolution against the Jewish state. Footage from the Tuesday event showed a crowd of pro-Palestinian supporters, some wearing Palestinian symbols such as Keffiyeh scarves and waving Palestinian flags, gathered in front of the Israeli consulate in Manhattan.

While some are seen carrying signs attacking ‘U.S. imperialism’ and calling for boycotts and a halt to U.S. aid to Israel, other signs called for full-blown violence. One sign read, ‘Support Palestinian resistance,’ featuring a picture of young man who appeared to be lobbing a stone, while another read, ‘There is only one solution: Intifada, revolution.’ Both signs bore the logo of ‘Within Our Lifetime’ (WOL), a New York-based Palestinian pro-terror group responsible for the demonstration...”

US Defense Chief Warns of al-Qaida, IS Rebound in Afghanistan

June 18, 2021 voanews.com reported: “Top U.S. defense officials are sounding a dire warning about the danger Afghanistan’s top terror groups will pose to America once the last U.S. and coalition troops leave the country in the coming months.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin told lawmakers Thursday that it will take groups like al-Qaida or Islamic State ‘possibly about two years’ to regenerate the capability to plan attacks against the United States and its Western allies.

The nation’s top-ranking military officer, Army General Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, further warned that this timeline could be accelerated depending on the fate of the current Afghan government...”

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