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Kremlin says Biden 'fundamentally wrong' on Russia

July 29, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "The Kremlin said Wednesday that Joe Biden was 'fundamentally wrong' about Russia, after the US president said Vladimir Putin was in trouble and the country's economy had 'nothing' except for nuclear weapons.

'The wrong understanding and wrong knowledge of modern Russia is evident here,' Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

'Russia is a nuclear power but a very responsible nuclear power, and yes, we have the oil and gas sector,' Peskov said.

'But to say that Russia has nothing else is fundamentally wrong.'

Biden said on Tuesday that President Putin has 'a real problem, he is sitting on top of an economy that has nuclear weapons and nothing else.'

'He knows he is in real trouble, which makes him even more dangerous in my view,' the US leader added..."

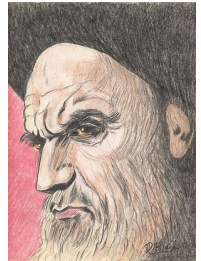
Iran's Khamenei blames 'cowardly' US for pause in nuclear talks

July 29, 2021 jpost.com reported: "Iran's supreme leader on Wednesday declared Tehran would not accept Washington's 'stubborn' demands in talks to revive a 2015 nuclear deal and said the United States had failed to guarantee that it would never abandon the pact again.

'The Americans acted completely cowardly and maliciously,' state TV quoted Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as saying.

'They once violated the nuclear deal at no cost by exiting it. Now they explicitly say that they cannot give guarantees that it would not happen again.'

...Since April 9, Tehran and six world powers have been in talks to revive the nuclear pact ditched three years ago by then U.S. President Donald Trump, who argued it favored Iran..."



Tsunami warning canceled after 8.2 offshore earthquake

July 29, 2021 adn.com reported: The largest Alaska earthquake since 1965 caused a tsunami warning and local evacuations along the southwest Gulf of Alaska coast late Wednesday. After tsunami waves of less than 1 foot arrived onshore, the warning was canceled and coastal residents returned home.

Jeremy Zidek, a spokesman for the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, said he expects any damage from the earthquake may be revealed in the morning.

The earthquake, with a preliminary magnitude of 8.2, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, hit at 10:16 p.m. at a depth of 20 miles. It was centered 65 miles offshore of the Alaska Peninsula village of Perryville..."

US Concern Over China Nukes Buildup After New Silos Report

July 28, 2021 voanews.com reported: "The Pentagon and Republican congressmen on Tuesday aired fresh concerns about China's buildup of its nuclear forces after a new report saying Beijing was building 110 more missile silos.

An American Federation of Scientists report on Monday said satellite images showed China was building a new field of silos near Hami in the eastern part of its Xinjiang region. The report came weeks after another on the construction of about 120 missile silos in Yumen, a desert area about 380 kilometers (240 miles) to the southeast.

'This is the second time in two months the public has discovered what we have been saying all along about the growing threat the world faces and the veil of secrecy that surrounds it,' the U.S. Strategic Command said in tweet linked to a *New York Times* article on the AFS report..."

'Death to the dictator!': Anti-government protests reach Tehran

July 27, 2021 jpost.com reported: "Protests in Iran are entering their third week, with widespread arrests of protesters and deadly use of force.

Demonstrations began on July 15 in response to the severe drought and water crisis suffered by Iran's Arab Ahwazi citizens in Khuzestan. Protesters say that water is only a trigger for the movement, in addition to a long history of repression by the Iranian government.

Since then, protests against the regime and countrywide drought have spread across the country, including to the capital Tehran. Protesters also object to Iran's foreign policy agenda, especially given the lack of necessities domestically.

A video shared on social media showed protesters marching down the streets shouting slogans such as 'Death to the dictator' and 'Neither Gaza nor Lebanon: I will sacrifice my life for Iran.'..."

Space Force chief seeks European alliances to counter threats

July 27, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "The United States seeks partners to counter threats in space from China and Russia, U.S. Space Force Chief Gen. John Raymond said during a European trip. Raymond met with representatives from Luxemburg, Spain, the Netherlands and Belgium on Thursday, seeking to build relationships leading to cooperation of allies in the space domain.

Since the Space Force's creation in 2019, space is regarded by the Pentagon as a military responsibility and space-related missions have been shifted from the Air Force to the new branch.

'We have seen what China and Russia have done in developing a suite of capabilities designed to deny our access to space,' Raymond said.

'The space domain shifts from a peaceful, benign domain to [one] that is much more congested, much more competitive and much more contested. Partners are important to us, and there are opportunities for like-minded nations,' he said..."

Japan Talks of Defending Taiwan Against China Aggression

July 27, 2021 voanews.com reported: "Although Japan has in recent months hinted it would aid in any Taiwanese defense against China, it would only help defend the island from Chinese attack if called on by the U.S. or if the conflict affected outlying islands under Japanese control, analysts say.

China claims sovereignty over Taiwan and has not ruled out the use of force to bring the island under its control.

Tokyo would join a U.S.-led defense of Taiwan because of its historical alliance with Washington, including the 70-year-old Japan-U.S. Security Treaty, experts say, or if China struck in a way that threatened Japan's islets, such as Yonaguni, that are near Taiwan's east coast..."

Putin warns of 'lethal' strikes at Russian warship parade

July 23, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "President Vladimir Putin said Sunday that Russia's navy was capable of delivering lethal strikes against underwater and aerial enemy targets during a parade of warships in the port city of Saint Petersburg. The Russian leader's boast comes days after military officials announced tests of advanced new weapons, some of which come from an arsenal Putin has described as 'invincible.'

'The Russian navy today has everything it needs to guarantee the protection of our country and our national interests,' he said.

'We can detect underwater, surface or aerial enemies and target them if a lethal strike is necessary,' Putin said according to a broadcast on state television..."

Iranian navy ships sail through Baltic Sea en route to Russia

July 23, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "A pair of warships from the Iran's navy were spotted sailing through the Baltic Sea Thursday on their way to St. Petersburg, Russia, for a naval parade taking place later this month.

Satellite imagery marked the ships before they entered the English Channel, The Drive reported, which includes the sea-base ship Makran and the frigate Sahand, Iran's most modern warship...

Iranian officials notified authorities in Copenhagen that the ships would be transiting through Danish waters to Russia, the *Guardian* reported.

The ships are expected to represent the Iran Navy in a parade celebrating the 325th anniversary of the Russian Navy.

U.S. officials worried that the ships would head toward Venezuela when they entered the Atlantic Ocean before turning toward the English Channel..."

