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## Taiwan Defense Ministry: China Capable of 'Full Scale' Invasion by 2025

*October 7, 2021* breitbart.com reported: "China will be capable of staging a 'full scale' invasion of Taiwan by 2025, Taiwan's defense minister warned legislators in Taipei on Wednesday.

'By 2025, China will bring the cost and attrition to its lowest. It has the capacity now, but it will not start a war easily, having to take many other things into consideration,' Taiwanese Defense Minister Chiu Kuo-cheng said at a Taiwanese parliamentary session on October 6.

Lawmakers asked Chiu 'about Beijing's ability to attack Taiwan on all fronts' during the meeting.

'The Chinese Communists already have the ability to do so now, but they need to think about the cost and consequence of starting a war,' Chiu responded, as quoted by the *South China Morning Post (SCMP)*..."



Taiwan Defense Minister

## Iranian Azerbaijan border drill a warning to Israel, Turkey and Russia

*October 7, 2021* ynetnews.com reported: "Tensions between Iran and Azerbaijan have been on the rise in recent weeks. The relationship between the two countries started souring in August, when Azeri forces reportedly detained Iranian trucks passing through Azerbaijan on their way to Armenia.

Relations were further strained when Turkish and Azeri forces held a joint drill in the Caspian Sea. Iran claimed that the drill violated an international convention that barred the forces of countries not bordering on the sea.

On Friday, Iran began a large military exercise close to its border with Azerbaijan. The drill, which Iranian ground forces commander Gen. Kioumars Heidari said was intended to exhibit the country's capabilities, test the troops' preparedness and test weaponry, prompted a surprised response from the Azerbaijani president, Ilham Aliyev.

In an interview for Turkey's *Anadolu Agency*, Aliyev said that he was shocked by the exercise. 'Every country can carry out any military drill on its own territory. It's their sovereign right. But why now and why on our border?' he said.

While Saeed Khatibzadeh, the Iranian Foreign Ministry's spokesperson, portrayed the exercise as 'a question of sovereignty,' a move whose goal is 'protecting regional security,' a series of statements by Iranian officials – including Khatibzadeh himself – have connected the drill to Azerbaijan's close ties with Israel.

In a meeting with the Azerbaijani ambassador to Tehran, Iranian Foreign Minister Amir Abdollahian said, 'The Islamic Republic of Iran does not tolerate the presence and activities of the Zionist regime against its national security and will take due measures accordingly,' *Fars News Agency* reported..."

## Hypersonic missiles: the alarming must-have in military tech

*October 5, 2021* spacewar.com reported: "North Korea's test of a hypersonic missile last week sparked new concerns about the race to acquire the alarming technology that is hard to defend against and could unsettle the global nuclear balance.

Russia, which said Monday it had test-launched a hypersonic missile from a submerged submarine for the first time, leads the race, followed by China and the United States, and at least five other countries are working on the technology.

Why do countries want hypersonics? Hypersonic missiles, like traditional ballistic missiles which can deliver nuclear weapons, can fly more than five times the speed of sound.

But ballistic missiles fly high into space in an arc to reach their target, while a hypersonic flies on a trajectory low in the atmosphere, potentially reaching a target more quickly. Crucially, a hypersonic missile is maneuverable (like the much slower, often subsonic cruise missile), making it harder to track and defend against..."

## French Catholic clergy abused 216,000 victims since 1950

*October 5, 2021* bbc.com reported: "Some 216,000 children have been sexually abused by members of the French Catholic clergy since 1950, an independent inquiry has found. It warned that the number could rise to 330,000 when abuse by lay members of the Church was included. The head of the inquiry, Jean-Marc Sauvé, said the figures were 'overwhelming'.

The French Church expressed ‘shame and horror’ over the findings, and asked for forgiveness. One victim called the report a turning point in France’s history, and said it was time for the Catholic Church to fundamentally reassess its actions.

The release of the report marks the latest sexual abuse scandal to rock the Roman Catholic Church. The inquiry was commissioned by the French Catholic Church in 2018...”

### **Former Vatican Bank President Warns COVID ‘Pandemic Is Device For Great Reset’**

*October 4, 2021* infowars.com reported: “Ettore Gotti Tedeschi is an Italian economist who was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI to head the Institute for the Works of Religion (IOR) to “get rid of the accounts that were not supposed to be there and were sometimes used for money laundering purposes.”

In an interview translated by RAIR Foundation USA, Tedeschi, who was ousted from his post in 2021, explained that the Great Reset agenda was first cultivated by globalist Henry Kissinger “at the end of the sixties and the beginning of the seventies” as the “New World Economic Order.”

But Kissinger’s vision, he said, “produced several mistakes,” and so “a second reset is needed today,” which is why the globalists are “taking advantage” of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“After fifty years, since the first reset of the seventies produced several mistakes, a second reset is needed today,” Tedeschi said.

“The current reset, commonly called ‘The Great Reset,’ is nothing but a correction of the mistakes which we have been making for the last fifty years.”

“So therefore, thanks to — or rather taking advantage of — this unfortunate situation called the ‘Covid Pandemic,’ there is the possibility to boost, or rather – I will use a strong expression – to impose or to cause to be imposed certain behaviors.”...

Tedeschi said the globalists decided the world was becoming too overpopulated and had to be mitigated, which occurred mainly in the Western world.

“First, a suggestion was made, that is related to the great crisis we have been witnessing in recent decades: too many births,” he said. “And as a consequence, the need to decrease the birth rate of the population.”...“Because, according to the neo-Malthusian worldview, the more people are born, the more people consume, the more people waste what nature provides for us,” he added.” ...”

### **US concerned by ‘provocative’ Chinese military action near Taiwan**

*October 4, 2021* sinodaily.com reported: “The United States on Sunday slammed China for ‘provocative’ and ‘destabilizing’ military activity, after Chinese fighter jets and bombers made their largest-ever incursion into Taiwan’s air defense zone.

‘The United States is very concerned by the People’s Republic of China’s provocative military activity near Taiwan, which is destabilizing, risks miscalculations, and undermines regional peace and stability,’ US State Department spokesman Ned Price said in a statement.

‘We urge Beijing to cease its military, diplomatic, and economic pressure and coercion against Taiwan.’

Beijing marked its National Day on Friday with its biggest aerial show of force against Taiwan to date, buzzing the self-ruled democratic island with 38 warplanes, including nuclear-capable H-6 bombers...”

### **Russia Test Fires Submarine-launched Hypersonic Tsirkon Missile for First Time**

*October 4, 2021* voanews.com reported: “Russia said on Monday it had successfully test launched a Tsirkon (Zircon) hypersonic cruise missile from a submarine for the first time, a weapon President Vladimir Putin has lauded as part of a new generation of unrivaled arms systems.

The defense ministry said that the Severodvinsk submarine had fired the missile in the Barents Sea, successfully hitting its chosen target.

The launch took place at night, video footage released by the ministry showed...”



*Ettore Tedeschi*