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Senior EU official: 'Iran doesn't have peaceful intentions with its nuclear program'

November 4, 2021 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "'I don't believe that the Iranians only have peaceful intentions with their nuclear program,' said David Lega, a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament. Lega was responding to recent protestations of the Iranian regime that it has only 'civilian purposes' in mind with its progress toward nuclear capability.

Speaking ... from his residence in Sweden, Lega said that, 'We haven't yet come to a decision regarding Iran; we are monitoring the situation closely, using great caution. I don't want to speak on behalf of the Committee as we haven't debated this issue yet, but I think that most of the other members hold similar views to my own.'

In the interview, Lega mentioned the letter of condemnation that he, together with his fellow committee members, sent to the European Union Foreign Minister, Josep Borrell, protesting the presence of Enrique Mora, the EU's deputy secretary-general for political affairs, at the inauguration ceremony for the new president of Iran, Ibrahim Raisi, last June..."

Israel needs to 'be ready' for war, IDF officer says as large-scale drill ends

November 4, 2021 jpost.com reported: "As the IDF's large-scale Homefront Command and National Emergency Authority (RAHEL) drill simulating a large-scale conflict with Iran and the Lebanese Hezbollah terrorist group comes to a close, officers warn that both citizens and soldiers need to be ready for any type of emergency to hit the homefront.

'The homefront needs to be ready, and so do we. Whenever something should happen we all need to be ready, the citizens and the army,' said Training Officer of the Northern Command, Lt.-Col Yaniv Friedman.

Along with the Homefront Command and RAHEL, all security and various governmental bodies as well as Israel Police and Magen David Adom participated in the drill that ended on Wednesday night.

'The drill became more complicated as days went on, just like we expect war to become,' said Friedman. 'We know that there are not only soldiers but also reservists who need to be drilled in order to protect the state of Israel.'..."

Pentagon: China expanding its nuclear arsenal faster than anticipated

November 4, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "China is expanding its nuclear arsenal much more quickly than anticipated, narrowing the gap with the United States, the Pentagon said in a report published Wednesday.

China could have 700 deliverable nuclear warheads by 2027, and could top 1,000 by 2030 — an arsenal two-and-a-half times the size of what the Pentagon predicted only a year ago, according to the report.

The People's Republic of China (PRC) 'is investing in, and expanding, the number of its land-, sea-, and air-based nuclear delivery platforms and building the infrastructure necessary to support this major expansion of its nuclear forces.

The assessment came in the US Department of Defense's annual report to Congress on Chinese military developments..."

China, Russia Urges UN Security Council to Lift Economic Sanctions on North Korea

November 3, 2021 voanews.com reported: "China and Russia are set to introduce a joint resolution to the United Nations Security Council calling for an end to a host of economic sanctions on the isolated regime. Among the sanctions the two countries want lifted are a ban on North Koreans working overseas and sending home their earnings, exporting seafood and textiles and ending a cap on imports of refined petroleum.

The draft resolution, obtained separately by the Associated Press and Reuters, urges the 15-member Security Council to remove the sanctions 'with the intent of enhancing the livelihood of the civilian population' of North Korea.

The U.N. first imposed sanctions on North Korea in 2006 over its nuclear and ballistic missile programs, which have grown even stronger with each test Pyongyang carries out in defiance of the international community and in spite of its worsening economic situation..."



Pentagon watches possible Russian troop buildup near Ukraine

November 3, 2021 spacewar.com reported: “The Pentagon is monitoring the Ukraine region closely amid reports of a new buildup of Russian troops on the country’s border, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said Monday. According to *The Washington Post*, US officials are concerned over unexplained movements of Russian military units in the area. Videos posted on social media show military trains and truck convoys moving tanks and missiles in Russia’s southwest near Ukraine.

A US official, speaking on the basis of anonymity, confirmed that there had been some movement, though not as large as the surge in Moscow’s forces early this year.

‘We’re aware of public reports of unusual Russian military activity near Ukraine,’ Kirby told reporters...”

China unleashes satellite ‘crusher’ into orbit occupied by U.S. tech

November 2, 2021 wnd.com reported: “An expert on China is warning that the Communist regime in control in Beijing has launched into an orbit – where satellites critical to America’s Nuclear Command, Communications and Control system are located – a satellite ‘crusher.’

Gordon G. Chang explains in a column at the Gatestone Institute, where he is a senior fellow and advisory board member, that the satellite, Shijian-21, was just launched on Oct. 24 and according to the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp., will provide the ability ‘to alleviate and neutralize space debris’, but, he noted, China perceives American satellites as ‘debris.’

‘Shijian-21 has a robotic arm that can be used to move space junk—there are more than 100 million pieces of it floating around the earth—or capture, disable, destroy, or otherwise render unusable other nations’ satellites,’ Chang wrote. ‘That arm makes Shijian-21 a ‘satellite crusher.’...”

US flies bomber over Middle East in show of force to Iran

November 1, 2021 spacewar.com reported: “A US Air Force bomber escorted by fighter jets from allies including Israel has flown over key waterways in the Middle East where American and Iranian naval vessels have faced off.

The B-1B Lancer passed over the Gulf, Bab al-Mandeb Strait, Suez Canal and Gulf of Oman, the US Central Command, or Centcom, said in a statement Saturday. It also flew over the Strait of Hormuz, a chokepoint for a fifth of world oil output at the head of the Gulf that Iran considers a strategic area of influence.

‘The bomber task force mission... was intended to deliver a clear message of reassurance,’ Centcom said. Fighter jets from Israel, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, all US allies opposed to the Islamic Republic of Iran, escorted the US bomber over their respective airspaces...”

Iran, China Legitimize Taliban as ‘Interim Government’ of Afghanistan

October 29, 2021 breitbart.com reported: “Chinese and Iranian diplomats both referred to the Taliban terrorist organization on Wednesday as a ‘government’ – modifying the term with words like ‘interim’ or ‘caretaker’ – suggesting both rogue regimes have accepted the group’s legitimacy as a state entity.

The Taliban invaded and conquered Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, on August 15. The fall of the capital occurred after the jihadists stormed the rest of the country and seized power with little resistance from the Afghan military, in a campaign launched in response to President Joe Biden extending the 20-year American presence in Afghanistan beyond the pre-existing May 1 deadline.

No state has recognized the Taliban as the official government of Afghanistan, nor have international institutions like the United Nations. As a result, the Taliban does not have access to billions of dollars in government assets, and the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have frozen Afghanistan’s assets.” ...”

Chinese Military on Target to Surpass US, Russia

October 29, 2021 voanews.com reported: “It is only a matter of time before China’s plan to replace the United States as the world’s preeminent military becomes reality, a top U.S. general warned, calling on the Washington and its allies to speed efforts to counter Beijing’s bid for dominance.

General John Hyten, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Washington’s second-most-senior military officer, called the rapid rise of the Chinese military ‘stunning.’

‘The pace they’re moving and the trajectory that they’re on will surpass Russia and the United States if we don’t do something to change it,’ he told the Defense Writers Group on Thursday, responding to a question from VOA.

