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IDF preparing for war with Iran

December 16, 2021 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "The IDF has begun preparing for a general war against Iran, including but not limited to an attack on that country's nuclear facilities, *Israel Hayom* reported.

The new operational plans include the option of an 'exchange of blows' – both direct and indirect – of varying strengths between the two countries.

According to the report, Israel is only partially prepared for a strike on Iran's nuclear facilities, after the preparations for a strike were abandoned in the previous decade following the signing of the 'Iran deal.' The plans were renewed and accelerated this year, but it will take another 3-5 years until they are properly ready..."

EU leaders weigh new sanctions on Russia amid 'series of attacks'

December 16, 2021 jpost.com reported: "The European Union is under assault from Russia on multiple fronts and must unite behind new economic sanctions, Baltic and central European leaders said on Thursday, with Lithuania citing a risk of possible Russian military strikes from Belarus.

The warnings at an EU summit were some of the most direct in recent weeks as the United States and its NATO allies seek to deter any possible Russian attack on Ukraine and reduce Moscow's margin for a surprise. Many NATO allies are also EU member states.

'We really are facing a series of attacks. I see them all as associated,' Latvian Prime Minister Krisjanis Karins told reporters, listing what he said was the weaponization of Middle East migrants on Belarus' borders with the EU, artificially high prices for Russian natural gas, and Russian disinformation..."

'One wrong move': Tehran Times reveals Iran's targets in Israel

December 15, 2021 jpost.com reported: "An Iranian newspaper published a map on Wednesday threatening Israel with missile attacks with pins representing rocket alerts placed on dozens of potential targets, although some of the pins were placed in Lebanese territory and on Palestinian cities in the West Bank.

The map, published on the front page of the *Tehran Times* newspaper, was part of an article headlined 'Just one wrong move!'

'An intensification of the Israeli military threats against Iran seems to suggest that the Zionist regime has forgotten that Iran is more than capable of hitting them from anywhere,' wrote the paper, adding that it 'doesn't need to remind the illegitimate regime of Israel of Iran's defense capabilities.'

The article ended by quoting a threat by Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei from 2013 which warned that Iran would 'destroy Tel Aviv and Haifa' if Israel 'makes a mistake' and conducts a military strike..."



Iran Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei

G7 issues strong warnings on Iran and Russia

December 14, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "The G7 on Sunday said time was running out for Iran to agree a deal to curb its nuclear ambitions, and warned Russia of 'massive' consequences if it invades Ukraine.

Foreign ministers from the world's richest nations held a two-day meeting in Liverpool, northwest England, seeking to present a strong, united front against global threats.

On Iran, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, from G7 host Britain, said resumed talks in Vienna were the Islamic Republic's 'last chance to come to the negotiating table with a serious resolution'.

'There is still time for Iran to come and agree this deal,' she told a news conference..."

Australia warned bid for nuclear subs carries 'enormous' risks

December 14, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "Australia's bid to develop a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines will cost more than US\$80 billion and take decades in the 'most complex' project the country has ever embarked on, a study released Monday warned.

The report from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute — an influential Canberra-based think tank — said ownership of the high-tech subs built with US or British know-how would offer a major advantage in deterring aggression from China or elsewhere.

But it will also be a fiendishly difficult task requiring a step-change in Australia's military and industrial capabilities.

It is 'probably the largest and most complex endeavor Australia has embarked upon. The challenges, costs and risks will be enormous,' the think tank warned.

'It's likely to be at least two decades and tens of billions of dollars in sunk costs before Australia has a useful nuclear-powered military capability.'

The project, announced last month, will make Australia the only non-nuclear weapons power to own nuclear-run submarines, which are capable of travelling quickly over long distances carrying long-range missiles and state-of-the-art underwater drones..."

Gantz: I told the US I've ordered the IDF to prepare a strike against Iran

December 13, 2021 timesofisrael.com reported: "Defense Minister Benny Gantz said Friday that he notified US officials during meetings this week in Washington that he had instructed the Israel Defense Forces to prepare for a strike against Iran.

In a briefing with reporters on the sidelines of the Israeli American Council's national summit in Florida, Gantz said the order he gave was to 'prepare for the Iranian challenge at the operational level.'

A senior defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, indicated that Gantz had presented a timeline for when such an attack might take place during his meetings with US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken, but the source did not specify further..."



*Israel Defense Minister
Benny Gantz*

Most Americans, Many Christians Don't Believe Jesus Existed before Being Born

December 13, 2021 christianheadlines.com reported: "A new study from Lifeway Research found that most Americans believe that Jesus was born in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago, but less than half believe that Jesus existed prior to being born on that first Christmas.

'Most Americans consider Jesus' birth a historical fact,' said Scott McConnell, executive director of Lifeway Research. 'It can be easy to only evaluate Jesus like you would any other historical figure—thinking about when He lived and what He did. However, the Bible also describes Jesus in a way that one must evaluate who you believe He was. Most Americans believe His origin was from God the Father, but half as many believe He existed before His birth.'

According to *Christianity Today*, Most Americans (80 percent) agree Jesus Christ is the Son of God the Father, while 10 percent disagree and 10 percent aren't sure.

However, the study also found that many Americans are not sure if Jesus existed before his birth or are unsure about the Trinity. About 40 percent said God's son existed before the birth in Bethlehem, and about 32 percent said they disagreed with that. About 28 percent said they weren't sure..."

Macron lays out agenda for 'powerful, sovereign' EU

December 10, 2021 spacewar.com reported: "President Emmanuel Macron vowed Thursday France would work towards a strong and 'sovereign' European Union when it takes over the bloc's rotating presidency that coincides with France's presidential election.

Macron, a centrist who portrays himself as a champion of democracy against populism, may aim to use the six-month EU mandate to fill the gap in European leadership left by the departure of German chancellor Angela Merkel, analysts say.

But the president, who was elected in 2017 demanding reform in both France and Europe, will also face a battle to be re-elected in April although he remains the clear favorite for now.

France's aim is 'to move towards a Europe that is powerful in the world, fully sovereign, free in its choices and in charge of its own destiny', Macron said at a rare sit-down meeting with media in Paris that lasted more than three hours..."