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Taiwan troops simulate urban warfare with China

January 6, 2022 ssinodaily.com reported: “Taiwanese troops and armoured vehicles were deployed Thursday for a mock urban street battle in the latest drill preparing forces against China, which has long vowed to take the island. Democratic Taiwan lives under constant threat of an invasion by authoritarian China, which claims the self-ruled island as part of its territory to be seized one day — by force if necessary.

Beijing has ramped up military drills and diplomatic pressure on Taiwan since President Tsai Ing-wen came to power in 2016, as she regards the island as a sovereign nation.

On Thursday, soldiers from two platoons faced off in a simulated battle, firing at each other from houses and sandbag barricades as tanks rolled down a street in a mock-up town complete with signs for pharmacies and beer brands. Urban warfare has become an increasingly key training subject for the military...”

North Korea says it tested hypersonic missile

January 6, 2022 spacewar.com reported: “North Korea has successfully tested a hypersonic missile, state media reported Thursday, in the first major weapons test by the nuclear-armed nation this year. This was the second reported test of what Pyongyang claimed were hypersonic gliding missiles, as it pursues the sophisticated technology despite international sanctions and condemnation.



Hypersonic missiles move far faster and are more agile than standard ones, making them much harder for missile defence systems — on which the United States is spending billions — to intercept.

The missile fired on Wednesday carried a ‘hypersonic gliding warhead’ that ‘precisely hit a target 700 km away’, the official *Korean Central News Agency (KCNA)* reported, without identifying the launcher. The warhead also demonstrated a ‘new’ capability, moving 120 km laterally after it detached from the launcher to strike the target, it added...”

Biden, in Shift, Prepares Americans to See Covid-19 as Part of Life

January 6, 2022 wsj.com reported: “As Covid-19 cases climb across the U.S., President Biden and his administration are preparing Americans to accept the virus as a part of daily life, in a break from a year ago when he took office with a pledge to rein in the pandemic and months later said the nation was “closer than ever to declaring our independence from a deadly virus.”

The recalibration of Mr. Biden’s message comes as the country braces for another round of disruptions wrought by the pandemic. A growing number of schools temporarily have returned to virtual instruction and many businesses are strained by staffing shortages, in both cases due to infections triggered by the highly transmissible Omicron variant. Nearly 1,700 U.S. flights were canceled Wednesday, the 11th straight day of more than 1,000 cancellations, and many states warned that ongoing testing shortages will make it harder to return people to work and school.”...

North Korea fires suspected ballistic missile into sea

January 5, 2022 spacewar.com reported: “North Korea fired what appeared to be a ballistic missile into the sea on Wednesday, South Korea and Japan said, in the first such launch by Pyongyang this year.

In the decade since Kim Jong Un took power, North Korea has made rapid progress in its military technology at the cost of international sanctions.

The nuclear-armed nation’s first apparent weapons launch of 2022 follows a year of major arms tests despite the severe economic hardship during the coronavirus pandemic.

The South Korean military said the North fired what is ‘presumed to be a ballistic missile’ towards the sea east of the peninsula at around 8:10 am (2310 GMT Tuesday) from Jagang province, which borders China...”

Quebec shuts houses of worship in response to Omicron variant

January 5, 2022 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “The Omicron coronavirus variant has made Quebec the only Jewish community in North America with no synagogue services for the foreseeable future.

Quebec Premier François Legault ordered all houses of worship, including synagogues, to close on New Year's Eve, as a possible way to slow down the spread of Omicron.

The decision, said Rabbi Reuben Poupko, spiritual leader of the mainstream Orthodox Congregation Beth Israel Beth Aaron, is 'overreach' and 'epidemiologically indefensible,' he told *The Canadian Jewish News*.

'Nowhere in North America... have places of worship been shut down. This anomaly has to be justified, but it can't be because there is no logical explanation,' Poupko added. 'This is not March 2020. A lot more is known about COVID and we all know how to behave to take care of ourselves.'..."

World powers make rare pledge to prevent nuclear weapons spread

[January 4, 2022](#) spacewar.com reported: "Five global nuclear powers pledged Monday to prevent atomic weapons spreading and to avoid nuclear conflict, in a rare joint statement setting aside rising West-East tensions to reaffirm a goal of a nuke-free world.

'We believe strongly that the further spread of such weapons must be prevented,' said permanent UN Security Council members China, France, Russia, the UK and United States, adding: 'A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought.'

The statement was issued after the latest review of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) — which first came into force in 1970 — was postponed from its scheduled date of January 4 to later in the year due to the Covid-19 pandemic..."

Putin and Erdogan vow to improve ties after tensions

[January 3, 2022](#) spacewar.com reported: "Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, on Sunday pledged to improve ties during a call, both sides said, after tensions mounted over drones and NATO in recent weeks.

Turkey, a NATO member since 1952, has angered Moscow by supplying combat drones to Ukraine that Russia fears could be used by Kiev in its conflict with separatists in two eastern regions.

Putin and Erdogan 'exchanged New Year's greetings and summarized the main results of bilateral cooperation and confirmed the desire to further intensify the mutually beneficial partnership between Russia and Turkey,' the Kremlin said in a statement about the leaders' phone call..."



Iran vows revenge for Soleimani killing if Trump not put on trial

[January 3, 2022](#) jpost.com reported: "Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi vowed revenge on Monday for the US assassination of Iranian general Qasem Soleimani two years ago unless former US President Donald Trump was put on trial.

Iran and groups allied with it in Iraq have been holding events to honor Soleimani, the commander of the Quds Force, the overseas arm of the elite Revolutionary Guards. He was killed in Iraq in a drone strike on Jan. 3, 2020, ordered by then-president Trump.

'If Trump and (former secretary of state Mike) Pompeo are not tried in a fair court for the criminal act of assassinating General Soleimani, Muslims will take our martyr's revenge,' Raisi said in a televised speech on Monday..."

NASA Hires 24 Theologians to Examine Implications of Contact with Aliens

[December 31, 2022](#) christianheadlines.com reported: "NASA recently hired two dozen theologians at the Center for Theological Inquiry (CTI) in Princeton, New Jersey, to offer religious guidance to people if contact with aliens were ever to occur.

According to *Relevant Magazine*, Carl Pilcher, the former head of NASA's Astrobiology Institute, said NASA enlisted the theologians to 'consider the implications of applying the tools of late 20th (and early 21st) century science to questions that had been considered in religious traditions for hundreds or thousands of years.'

Rev. Dr. Andrew Davison, a University of Cambridge religious scholar and one of the 24 theologians on the new project, agreed that if humans were ever to make contact with aliens, it would 'be useful to have thought through the implications in advance.'

Davison believes that a 'large number of people would turn to their religion's traditions for guidance' if such contact were to occur and that it would present significant ramifications 'for the standing and dignity of human life.'..."