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## US sends two Patriot missile batteries to Poland

**March 10, 2022** *spacewar.com* reported: “The United States has sent two Patriot surface-to-air missile batteries to Poland to defend against any ‘potential threat’ to US or NATO forces in the alliance’s territory, a senior Pentagon official said Wednesday, as Russia’s war in Ukraine grinds on.



The missile batteries, normally stationed in Germany, were repositioned at Poland’s ‘invitation,’ the official said on condition of anonymity.

The move is seen as reflecting growing fear that a Russian missile could — deliberately or not — cross the border from neighboring Ukraine into NATO member Poland...”



## Putin nuclear threats ‘extremely dangerous’, ‘blackmail’: ICAN

**March 9, 2022** *spacewar.com* reported: “Russian President Vladimir Putin is using nuclear ‘blackmail’ to keep the international community from interfering in his Ukraine invasion, the head of the Nobel prize-winning group ICAN said. ‘This is one of the scariest moments really when it comes to nuclear weapons,’ Beatrice Fihn, who leads the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, told *AFP* in an interview Tuesday.

The 40-year-old Swede, who has spearheaded the group’s global efforts to ban the weapons of mass destruction since 2013, said she had never in her lifetime seen the nuclear threat level so high.

‘It is incredibly worrying and overwhelming.’

Just days after Russia launched its full-scale invasion of its pro-Western neighbor on February 24, Putin ordered his country’s nuclear forces to be put on high alert, sparking global alarm...”

## Ukraine warns 48 hours until radiation leaks after power lost at Chernobyl

**March 9, 2022** *Arutz Sheva 7* reported: “Ukraine’s foreign minister says reserve diesel generators can power the Chernobyl nuclear plant for 48 hours after power was knocked out, warning that after that radiation leaks were ‘imminent.’

‘Reserve diesel generators have a 48-hour capacity to power the Chornobyl NPP. After that, cooling systems of the storage facility for spent nuclear fuel will stop, making radiation leaks imminent,’ tweets Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba.

‘Putin’s barbaric war puts entire Europe in danger. He must stop it immediately,’ says Kuleba, calling for pressure on Russia to allow repairs to be made...”

## Russia publishes an official list of states it deems ‘unfriendly’ to it

**March 8, 2022** *jpost.com* reported: “A list of foreign states that Russia considers as having committed ‘unfriendly actions’ against ‘Russia, Russian companies and citizens’ was published on the Russian government’s website on Monday.

The countries, international organizations and territories considered ‘unfriendly’ include: ‘Australia, Albania, Andorra, United Kingdom, including Jersey, Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Gibraltar, the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Canada, Liechtenstein, Micronesia, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Republic of Korea, San Marino, North Macedonia, Singapore, USA, Taiwan, Ukraine, Montenegro, Switzerland, Japan.’

Russia lists Taiwan as being part of China.

A complementary item of legislation from Sunday states that Russian citizens and companies must apply for a special permit to deal with ‘unfriendly’ foreign entities...”

## Defense Minister: ‘World must mobilize to stop Iranian aggression’

**March 7, 2022** *Arutz Sheva 7* reported: “Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz (Blue and White) on Monday reiterated his call to the international community to put an end to Iranian aggression.

‘Iranian aggression is currently conducted without a ‘nuclear canopy,’’ Gantz said. ‘The world must mobilize to stop Iranian aggression.’

In a post on his social media platforms, Gantz detailed a series of Iranian activities that he exposed over the past year and said, ‘Today, we must reiterate the warning that Iranian aggression, whether it emanates from Iranian territory or through Iranian proxies – is a threat to global peace and to regional stability, as well as a threat to the State of Israel.’

‘Over the past year, I have revealed the names of those behind the ‘Mercer Street’ attack – Commander of the IRGC’s Air Force, General Amir Ali Hajizadeh and Head of the IRGC’s UAV Command, Saeed Ara Jani. At a later date, I also revealed the base where Iran trains its proxies in ‘Kashan’. I also exposed the fact that missiles are launched from bases located in the Chabahar and Qeshem regions of Iran...’

### **North Korea fires ballistic missile ahead of South’s election**

**March 7, 2022** *spacewar.com* reported: “North Korea fired a suspected ballistic missile Saturday, Seoul’s military said, continuing this year’s record-breaking blitz of weapons tests with a launch just days before South Korea’s presidential election.

From hypersonic to medium-range ballistic missiles, Pyongyang test-fired a string of weaponry in January and last week launched what it claimed was a component of a ‘reconnaissance satellite’ — although Seoul described it as another ballistic missile.

Despite biting international sanctions over its nuclear weapons, Pyongyang has ignored US offers of talks since high-profile negotiations between leader Kim Jong Un and then-US president Donald Trump collapsed in 2019.

Instead of diplomacy, Pyongyang has doubled-down on Kim’s drive to modernize its military, warning in January that it could abandon a self-imposed moratorium on testing long-range missiles and nuclear weapons...”

### **China pushes Russia’s ‘denazification’ myth to rationalize Ukraine invasion**

**March 7, 2022** *Arutz Sheva* 7 reported: “Many countries have roundly rejected Russian President Vladimir Putin’s argument that his attack on Ukraine is needed to achieve the ‘denazification’ of that country. But the argument is alive and well in Chinese state-run media.



‘Russian President Vladimir Putin mentioned in a televised speech a few days ago that the military operation against Ukraine is aimed at protecting the people who have suffered abuse and genocide by the Kyiv regime for eight years. For this reason, Russia will seek to demilitarize and de-Nazify Ukraine,’ one article on the state-backed site *Wen Wei Po* read.

China is in an awkward position as Russia wages its war in Ukraine: Beijing has interests in both Russia and with the West, so it has refrained from antagonizing Putin while also not openly supporting him. *The New York Times* reported that, behind the scenes, Chinese officials had asked Putin to delay his planned invasion until after the Beijing Olympics. Publicly, Chinese officials have said that China respects Ukraine’s territorial integrity.

This week, China was one of 35 countries to abstain from a United Nations vote to condemn Russia — placing it well outside the mainstream, but also not in the tiny minority of nations to side with Russia and oppose the resolution...”

### **US experts: militarily, the Russian invasion is a disaster so far**

**March 3, 2022** *spacewar.com* reported: “The Russian military’s initial invasion of Ukraine has been a surprising strategic and tactical blunder marked by food and fuel shortages, abandoned armored vehicles, aircraft losses and troop deaths, US experts say. But the failures of the first days, including vastly underestimating the Ukrainians’ willingness to fight back, could lead to a frustrated Moscow deciding to unleash all its power and indiscriminately destroying large swathes of Ukraine, they said.

US specialists who study the Russian military say they have been astonished by the mismanagement of the campaign, which has seen invading columns stalled, apparently hundreds of Russian armored vehicles lost, and the Ukrainians preventing the Kremlin’s air force from controlling the skies.

‘If you were going to screw it up two or three weeks in, I might understand it,’ said Scott Boston, a senior defense analyst at the Rand Corp. think tank.

‘But if you, like, tripped over the doorframe on the way into the house, you have another issue,’ he said...”