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## Iran Seeks to Expand Its Military Cooperation With China

**April 28, 2022** *voanews.com* reported: “Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi expressed Wednesday his government’s desire for closer cooperation with China in remarks made during a visit by the Chinese defense minister, state media reported.



*Iran Pres. Raisi* ‘Confronting unilateralism and creating stability and order is possible through cooperation of independent and like-minded powers,’ Raisi was quoted as saying.

According to the report, Raisi told China’s Minister of National Defense Wei Fenghe that Tehran sees its ties with Beijing as strategic. Closer cooperation would serve to confront what the Iranian president described as U.S. unilateralism as talks to revive Tehran’s nuclear deal with world powers have stalled.



*China National Defense  
Wei Fenghe*

Wei in turn said improving ties between Iran and China would provide security, ‘particularly in the current critical and tense situation.’

Wei also met with his Iranian counterpart, Gen. Mohammad Reza Ashtinai, and reportedly invited him to visit China, as well as with other Iranian military officials...”

## Nearly half of Israelis fear a second Holocaust is coming - poll

**April 27, 2022** *jpost.com* reported: Despite the phrase “never again” long linked to Holocaust commemoration, almost half (47%) of the Israeli public are concerned that another Holocaust will strike the Jewish people, according to a new survey.

The poll was conducted just days ahead of Israel’s Holocaust Remembrance Day, which starts Wednesday evening, April 27, by the Pnima movement and first published in the Israeli newspaper *Israel Hayom*.

The survey found that women expressed more anxiety about another Holocaust compared to men (55% versus 42%) and that younger Israelis are especially fearful – 24% of Israelis under the age of 24 said that they were very worried about a second Holocaust, in contrast to just 12% of Israelis over the age of 45.

Notably, religiously observant Israelis are more worried about an ensuing Holocaust. Israelis who define themselves as haredim (ultra-Orthodox) responded that they were very concerned about the likelihood, as opposed to just 11% of Israelis who identify themselves as secular.” ...”

## IRGC navy commander threatens US, Israel and Middle East

**April 26, 2022** *jpost.com* reported: “Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps naval commander Alireza Tangsiri gave a long interview to Iran’s Tasnim News this week in which he boasted about the IRGC navy’s growing capabilities.

This would appear to be a message to the region that the IRGC navy, which consists of fast boats and some ‘mother ships’ that can operate further from Iran, could now threaten to ship further from Iran. Iran has sent IRGC assets to the Red Sea in the past and there have been attacks on commercial tankers in recent years by mines and drones.

Iran has an official navy, but its IRGC navy is seen as the ideological outgrowth of the Iranian revolution, willing to be used to strike at the US, the Gulf, Israel and others. It is often called ‘Nedsa’ as an abbreviation in media.

In the interview Tangsiri says that his units have increased training and combat readiness. ‘The all-encompassing combination of these capabilities constitutes a high and powerful capacity of dense and robust energy to carry out any communicative mission in a timely manner,’ the article says.

‘We are defining, updating and equipping our combat organization based on special mission strategies,’ observes Tangsiri...”

## Chinese navy launches hypersonic anti-ship missiles in public display

**April 25, 2022** *jpost.com* reported: “In what was their first public demonstration, China launched its ‘YJ-21’ or ‘Eagle Strike 21’ hypersonic anti-ship missile, said to be designed to target aircraft carriers, in what seems to be a show of Beijing’s naval capabilities in a warning to the US Navy.

The display of naval power came ahead of the Chinese navy’s 73rd anniversary last weekend.

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In a video clip of the apparent launch, the YJ-21 is shown being launched from a Type 055 vessel, a guided-missile destroyer said to be the largest, most advanced destroyer in China's fleet.

The Type 055 has 112 vertical launch missile cells and is designed as a multiple-role destroyer, armed with various weaponry to tackle different objectives. Air defense, anti-missile defense, anti-ship and anti-submarine weapons are all within the 055's capabilities..."

### **Former Iran MP: From the very beginning we wanted to build a nuclear bomb**

*April 25, 2022 jpost.com* reported: "Despite Iran's insistence that its nuclear activity is for peaceful purposes only, former Iranian MP Ali Motahari revealed on Sunday that Iran 'from the very beginning' aimed to make a nuclear bomb, in an interview with the Iran Student Correspondents Association.

'From the very beginning, when we entered the nuclear activity, our goal was to build a bomb and strengthen the deterrent forces, but we could not maintain the secrecy of this issue, and the secret reports were revealed by a group of hypocrites,' he said.

The former MP stressed that a country that wants to make peaceful use of nuclear power 'never starts with enrichment,' but instead first builds a reactor and then enters the field of enrichment. 'To do enrichment directly creates the illusion that we want to make a bomb.'

'If we, like Pakistan, could secretly make and test bombs, it would be very deterrent,' Motahari told ISCA. 'When we started something, we should have seen it to the end.'

The former MP stressed, however, that Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei is now of the opinion that producing nuclear weapons is forbidden..."

### **North Korea boasts of 'invincible power' ahead of key military anniversary**

*April 25, 2022 spacewar.com* reported: "North Korea's state media boasted Sunday that its armed forces had 'gained invincible power' under leader Kim Jong Un as it prepares for a major army holiday that analysts say could be marked with a military parade or major weapons test.

North Korea on Monday celebrates the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army and the nuclear-armed country has staged military parades in the past to mark key holidays.

Pyongyang has carried out more than a dozen weapons tests this year, including firing an intercontinental ballistic missile at full range for the first time since 2017.

A report by the North's official *Korean Central News Agency* listed the history of the country's military achievements, from its battles against the United States in the 1950-53 Korean War to smaller conflicts..."

### **NATO, Russia eye each other as both up forces in the Med**

*April 25, 2022 spacewar.com* reported: "On the Greek island of Crete, a NATO surveillance plane readies to take off and see what Russia is up to in the Mediterranean, where Moscow and the US have boosted forces amid the war raging in Ukraine.

As Russian forces continue to pound Ukraine, the aim is 'to show the Russians that the eastern Mediterranean is a NATO area,' says lieutenant Johann, the aircraft's chief officer, who asked that his surname not be used. The Ukraine war has seen Washington and Moscow boost their presence in the area to levels unseen in a generation.

'Ukraine has changed things. The Americans are back. This hasn't been the case since the Cold War,' says Thibault Lavernhe, regional communication officer of the French army in the Mediterranean.

'Russia has doubled, if not tripled, its military capacity in the area' in terms of destroyers, frigates and submarines, says Lavernhe.

The Mediterranean is of strategic importance to the world economy, with 65 percent of EU energy supplies and 30 percent of global commerce, according to the French foreign ministry, passing through the sea with shores in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

There are currently around 20 Russian warships in the sea, Lavernhe told AFP. The buildup came in the wake of the civil war in Syria when Moscow -- after riding to the rescue of embattled Syrian President Bashar al-Assad -- began deploying warships in the port of Tartus, the Russian navy's sole repair and refueling base in the Mediterranean. Russian units have been further reinforced after the invasion of Ukraine, military observers say." ..."

