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North Korea 'ready for nuclear test' with Biden due in Seoul

May 19, 2022 *spacewar.com* reported: "North Korea is poised to conduct a nuclear test, Seoul and Washington said Thursday, with the United States warning it could come as President Joe Biden visits South Korea this week.

Touted as proof of the US 'pivot' to Asia, Biden's first trip as president to the region looks set to be overshadowed by an increasingly belligerent North Korea bent on staging a new 'provocation'.

Despite a spiraling Covid outbreak, Pyongyang's 'preparations for a nuclear test have been completed and they are only looking for the right time', South Korean lawmaker Ha Tae-keung said after being briefed by Seoul's spy agency.

US intelligence says there is a 'genuine possibility' that Kim could stage this 'provocation' after Biden arrives in Seoul late Friday, his administration said..."

Iran filling vacuum left by Russians in Syria, says Jordan's king

May 19, 2022 *jpost.com* reported: "Jordan's King Abdullah II stated that Iran and its proxies were filling a vacuum left by Russia in southern Syria, warning that this could lead to issues along Jordan's borders, during an interview on Wednesday at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University.

When asked about Iran, the king stated that 'we want everybody to be part of a new Middle East and to move forward, but we do have security challenges. We're seeing border attacks on a regular basis and we know who's behind that.'

Abdullah II stressed that Russia's presence in southern Syria was a 'source of calm' and warned that Iran and its proxies were filling the vacuum left by Russia as it focuses on Ukraine. 'Unfortunately, we're looking at maybe an escalation of problems on our borders.'

Recent reports indicated that Russia was withdrawing its forces in Syria in order to reinforce its forces in Ukraine, but these reports have not been officially confirmed..."



King Abdullah II

'Absolutely asinine': Dr. Robert Malone warns against giving WHO 'the keys to the kingdom'

May 18, 2022 *wnd.com* reported: "On Wednesday, the last state to try to impose a school vaccine mandate gave up after testimony by Dr. Robert Malone and others.

But in a video interview with WND, the medical scientist said it amounted to "winning one small skirmish" in "a protracted battle" amid the news this week that the FDA has approved COVID booster shots for children and the Biden administration's proposal to give the World Health Organization the authority to declare a health emergency in the United States. He described the latter move as the U.S. giving the China-controlled WHO "the keys to the kingdom..."

Iran working on advanced centrifuges at new underground sites, Gantz warns

May 18, 2022 *ynetnews.com* reported: "Defense Minister Benny Gantz warned Tuesday that Iran has made significant strides vis-à-vis its nuclear program, partly by installing advanced uranium centrifuges at new sites near its Natanz nuclear facility.

Speaking at a conference by the Institute for Policy and Strategy at Reichman University, the defense minister said that 'Iran is making an effort to complete the manufacturing and installation of 1,000 additional advanced IR6 centrifuges in its nuclear facilities, including new facilities being built at underground sites near Natanz'.

Gantz's statement echoed a March 3 report by the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which stated that Iran had installed or planned to install a total of three IR6 cascades, amounting to around 660 machines – as well as IAEA chief Rafael Grossi's April report, which stated that Iran had set up a new underground Natanz workshop for making centrifuge parts, an apparent precaution against attacks..."

French City to Replace Mother and Father with 'Parent 1' 'Parent 2' On Civil Documents

May 18, 2022 *breitbart.com* reported: "In an effort to become more inclusive and welcoming to LGBT people, the French city of Marseille is moving to scrap mother and father from civil documents and replace the terms with 'parent 1' and 'parent 2'.

The city of Marseille is moving to update its civil status forms, such as administrative documents and marriage certificates, to become ‘more inclusive, in coherence with the law’ according to deputy mayor Jean-Marc Bonnaffous.

So far, the forms have been updated in select boroughs in the city but Marseille is hoping to implement the new changes across the entire city as part of the initiative, the newspaper *La Marseillaise* reports.

Along with the changes to the forms, around 300 civil registrars are also being trained in LGBT issues, according to deputy mayor Sophie Roques, indicating the registrars will be trained on sexual lifestyles as well as gender identity issues...”

Report: Russia Opens Fire on Israel

May 17, 2022 *israeltoday.co.il* reported: “The situation in Ukraine has opened a widening rift between Israel and Russia that many fear could ultimately result in armed confrontation. If an Israel Channel 13 News report is to be believed, the first shots in the Israel-Russia conflict have already been fired.

Last week, Israel Air Force (IAF) jets allegedly attacked targets in northern Syria. That’s not out of the ordinary. But this time, according to unnamed sources cited by Channel 13, Russian military units stationed in Syria opened fire on the Israeli aircraft.

Syrian military air defenses have been almost entirely ineffective in preventing Israeli airstrikes on targets in the country. But there are a number of advanced Russian-made S-300 anti-aircraft batteries deployed throughout Syria that until now have not been activated against the Israelis.

Those batteries are operated by Russian military personnel and are under Russian military command. And one of them reportedly joined Syrian air defenses in attacking Israeli planes last week. If true, experts said this marks a significant and dangerous policy shift on the part of Moscow. Israel tried to maintain at least the semblance of neutrality in the Russia-Ukraine war, believing it could play a role in brokering a ceasefire.” ...”

‘Shocking’ New Poll: Only 37 Percent of U.S. Pastors Hold a Biblical Worldview

May 16, 2022 *christianheadlines.com* reported: “A majority of Christian pastors in the United States do not hold a biblical worldview, according to surprising new research from pollster George Barna, who says the data shows a spiritual awakening is ‘needed just as desperately in our pulpits as in the pews.’

The survey, released Thursday by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, shows that only 37 percent of pastors in the U.S. hold a biblical worldview.

Among senior/lead pastors, 41 percent possess a biblical worldview – the highest percentage within the sub-groups of pastors. Less than one-third of associate/assistant pastors (28 percent), teaching pastors (13 percent) and children’s/youth pastors (12 percent) hold a biblical worldview, the data found. An accompanying report labeled the findings ‘shocking.’ ...”

Finland, Sweden inch closer to seeking NATO membership

May 14, 2022 *apnews.com* reported: “Finland’s government declared a “new era” is underway as it inches closer to seeking NATO membership, hours before Sweden’s governing party on Sunday backed a plan to join the trans-Atlantic alliance amid Russia’s war in Ukraine.

Russia has long bristled about NATO moving closer to its borders, so the developments will be sure to further anger Moscow. President Vladimir Putin has already warned his Finnish counterpart on Saturday that relations would be “negatively affected.”

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said Sunday the process for Finland and Sweden to join could be very quick. He also didn’t expect Turkey to hold up the process.

Speaking after top diplomats from the alliance’s 30 member states met in Berlin, Stoltenberg also expressed his hope that Ukraine could win the war as Russian military advances appear to be faltering.” ...”

US, China clash at UN Security Council over North Korea

May 13, 2022 *spacewar.com* reported: “The United States and China took opposing stances at the UN Security Council Wednesday on how to reduce tensions with North Korea, with Washington arguing for more sanctions against Pyongyang while Beijing called for their easing.

The emergency meeting of the body charged with global peace and security came amid fears that North Korea will resume nuclear testing in the coming weeks.” ...”

