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Iran warns: Our response to IAEA will be firm and proportionate

June 9, 2022 *Arutz Sheva* 7 reported: “Iran’s foreign ministry spokesman on Wednesday blasted the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) decision to censure Iran. The spokesman, Saeed Khatibzadeh, said in a tweet quoted by *Reuters* that his country’s response to the resolution would be ‘firm and proportionate’ and added that ‘the initiators are responsible for the consequences.’

The IAEA earlier adopted a resolution criticizing Iran for its refusal to cooperate with its inspectors and calling for Iran to begin cooperating with the nuclear watchdog agency. This is the first time in two years that the IAEA Board of Governors has passed a condemnation against Iran. 30 countries voted in favor of the resolution, Russia and China opposed it, and three countries abstained – India, Pakistan and Libya...”

Iranian official threatens to raze Tel Aviv and Haifa

June 8, 2022 *Arutz Sheva* 7 reported: “A top Iranian official on Tuesday threatened to ‘raze Tel Aviv and Haifa’, *Ynet* reported.

‘Upon an order of the Supreme Leader of the [Islamic] Revolution, we will raze Tel Aviv and Haifa to the ground for any mistake made by the enemy (Israel),’ the commander of the Iranian Army’s ground forces, Kiumars Heydari, was quoted as having told the *Fars* news agency. Heydari was also quoted as saying that ‘the Israeli-occupied territories will be liberated in less than 25 years.’

He also stated that the range of the Islamic Republic’s drones and missiles has increased, indicating that they could pose a threat to Israel...”



Iran Army Commander
Kiumars Heydari

China’s drone carrier hints at ‘swarm’ ambitions for Pacific

June 8, 2022 *spacewar.com* reported: “Officially it is just a research vessel, but China’s newly unveiled drone carrier is a clear sign Beijing is rushing to deploy an autonomous swarm of unmanned devices in its push for military supremacy in the Pacific Ocean.

State media last month showed the launching of the Zhu Hai Yun — ‘Zhu Hai Cloud’ — capable of transporting an unspecified number of flying drones as well as surface and submarine craft, and operating autonomously thanks to artificial intelligence. The 89-metre (292-foot) ship would be operational by year-end with a top speed of 18 knots, vastly increasing China’s surveillance potential of the vast Pacific area it considers its zone of influence.

‘The vessel is not only an unprecedented precision tool at the frontier of marine science, but also a platform for marine disaster prevention and mitigation, seabed precision mapping, marine environment monitoring, and maritime search and rescue,’ Chen Dake, lab director at the firm that built the carrier, told *China Daily*...”

The Chinese Navy’s Great Leap Forward

June 7, 2022 *wsj.com* reported: “First by stealth, then by degrees, and now by great leaps, China is building a blue water navy and a network of bases to extend its military and political influence. A new secret Chinese military base in Cambodia ought to wake up America’s political class—including the U.S. Navy brass—to what is fast becoming a global Chinese challenge.

The Washington Post on Monday cites Western officials about the facility under construction at Cambodia’s Ream Naval Base on the Gulf of Thailand. The Journal reported in 2019 that Cambodia and China had secretly agreed to let the Chinese military use a naval base in the Southeast Asian nation. China and Cambodia denied it at the time. But now China is building a naval facility for its exclusive use “and taking extraordinary measures to conceal the operation,” according to the Post.

The Cambodian government is denying the latest report, and that’s no surprise. The Cambodian constitution bans foreign military bases inside the country’s borders, and the presence of the Chinese forces could stir a nationalist backlash. China’s naval base also won’t please Cambodia’s Southeast Asian neighbors, including Thailand, which has been a major non-NATO ally of the U.S. since 2003, and Vietnam, which has had a tense relationship with China.

Beijing has a long history of lying about its military intentions. Recall Chinese President Xi Jinping's promise that he wouldn't militarize the artificial islands in the South China Sea it developed during Barack Obama's Presidency. The islands are now home to an array of advanced Chinese military equipment.

Earlier this year China and the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific signed a security pact. Both governments deny that the agreement will lead to a Chinese base or permanent presence, but China operates in stages until one day the world learns there's an operating base. The Solomons aren't far from Australia and are near important commercial shipping lanes.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi recently took an eight-country tour through the South Pacific to drum up support for a security and development agreement. The Pacific countries rejected a formal accord, but China will be back with more money and other promises. China wants to dominate shipping lanes that have long been guaranteed by the...U.S. Navy."..."

Diplomatic source: 'Iran has enough material for three nuclear bombs'

June 7, 2022 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "A diplomatic source has warned that Iran now has enough enriched uranium for three nuclear bombs. The statement was made ahead of a conference of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). 'Iran has enriched enough uranium for three nuclear bombs,' the source said.



Discussions are expected to last about a week, after which the Board is expected to make a decision critical of Iran, for the first time in 2.5 years. At the same time, the decision is not expected to be harsh enough to lead to international sanctions on Iran, or even to a United Nations Security Council discussion on the matter.

The source emphasized that the detailed information regarding the scope of Iran's uranium enrichment appears in one of the two reports submitted to the Board of Governors by IAEA chief Rafael Grossi. "Iran has not responded to questions addressed to it by the IAEA," the source said." ...

The Israeli source added that Iran is very disturbed by the IAEA's expected decision: "From their responses, we see the pressure. They do not want there to be a decision against them by the Security Council."..."

Ukraine wants Israel's Iron Dome, blasts anti-tank missile refusal

June 7, 2022 jpost.com reported: "Kyiv wants to purchase Israel's Iron Dome air defenses system against missiles and to sign off on the transfer of its Spike SR anti-tank guided missile system from Germany to Ukraine, the country's Ambassador to Israel Yevgen Korniychuk told reporters on Tuesday.

'Last week, from what I know for sure, the Americans gave permission for the anti-tank missiles to be transferred from Germany to Ukraine and Israel said, 'no',' Korniychuk said, adding that Berlin wanted to make the transfer. In so doing, he confirmed a report first published in *Walla* that Israel had refused to sign off on the transfer of its anti-tank defense system produced by the Israeli company Rafael Advanced Defense Systems..."

Syria reports Israeli attack on Damascus

June 7, 2022 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Syrian media sources reported on Monday evening that Israeli warplanes attacked several targets in the region of the Syrian capital of Damascus. According to the reports, Syrian air defense systems were activated against the incursions.

Three weeks ago, the official Syrian media agency, *SANA*, made similar allegations, adding that Syrian land-to-air missiles were fired at the Israeli airplanes, but missed. A week prior to that incident, Syrian media also reported on Israeli aerial attacks, in the west of the country, and alleged that five people were injured in the course of the attacks..."

South Korea, US launch eight missiles in response to North Korea launches

June 6, 2022 jpost.com reported: "South Korea and the United States fired eight surface-to-surface missiles early on Monday off South Korea's east coast in response to North Korea's short-range ballistic missile launches on Sunday, the South's *Yonhap* news agency reported on Monday.

The action is a demonstration of 'the capability and readiness to carry out precision strike' against the source of North Korea's missile launches or the command and support centers, *Yonhap* cited the South Korean military as saying..."