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Estonia accuses Russia of 'escalatory' actions

June 23, 2022 spacewar.com reported: "Estonia on Wednesday accused Russia of engaging in escalatory actions ahead of next week's NATO summit, including alleged missile simulations and airspace violations.

It also referenced Russia's threat this week against Estonia's fellow Baltic state Lithuania over its restriction of rail traffic to Russia's Kaliningrad exclave.

[•]Currently, there is no immediate military threat against Estonia. However, we see that the Russian Federation is escalating its rhetoric and activities ahead of the Madrid Summit, [•] Estonian defense ministry spokesman Thomas Mell told AFP.

'Russia turning the implementation of European Union sanctions, which were announced months ago, against Lithuania, simulating missile attacks against targets in the Baltics and the Russian Federation's helicopters violating Baltic borders are all coinciding in time and space,' he added..."



Baltic States

Canada announces new Arctic air, missile defenses with U.S.

June 22, 2022 spacewar.com reported: "Canada's defense minister announced upgrades to Arctic air and missile defenses with the United States on Monday, citing growing threats from Russia and new technologies such as hypersonic missiles.

At a news conference at Canada's largest air base in Trenton, Ontario, Minister Anita Anand outlined Can\$4.9 billion (US\$3.8 billion) in military spending over the next six years.

The monies are to be spent on land and satellite-based radar that can spot incoming bombers or missiles 'over the horizon,' as well as a network of sensors with 'classified capabilities' to monitor Arctic air and sea approaches to the continent.

It is all part of a modernization of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and early warning systems, which has been stepped up following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February.

The new systems will replace an aging Cold War-era North Warning System, whose almost 50 short- and long-range radar stations from Alaska to northern Quebec are incapable of responding to modern missile threats..."

Taiwan Scrambles Jets to Warn Away Chinese Aircraft

June 22, 2022 voanews.com reported: "Taiwan scrambled jets on Tuesday to warn away Chinese aircraft in its air defense identification zone including bombers that flew to the south of the island and into the Pacific, in the latest uptick in tensions and largest incursion since late May.

Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory, has complained for the past two years or so of repeated missions by the Chinese air force near the democratically governed island, often in the southwestern part of its air defense identification zone, or ADIZ, close to the Taiwan-controlled Pratas Islands.

Taiwan calls China's repeated nearby military activities gray zone warfare, designed to both wear out Taiwanese forces by making them repeatedly scramble and also to test Taiwanese responses.

The latest Chinese mission included 17 fighters and six H-6 bombers, as well as electronic warfare, early warning, antisubmarine and an aerial refueling aircraft, Taiwan's defense ministry said.

Some of the aircraft flew in an area to the northeast of the Pratas, according to a map the ministry provided..."

Israel's Government Collapses – The Left And Arabs Take Full Control Of The Country

June 21, 2022 israelunwired.com reported: "Well the end for the most complicated and incoherent government in Israel has arrived. Cobbled together using loopholes in Israel's political system as a way of unseating Prime Minister Netanyahu, it becomes the shortest-lived coalition ever.

Due to increased defections from dissatisfied Yamina party members, the coalition was unable to function and became increasingly reliant on Arab parties within the coalition and in the opposition to function. Given that, Bennett and Lapid

took to two podiums to announce the breakup of the 24th Knesset, handing Yair Lapid the role of caretaker Prime Minister until new elections. This move gives Lapid, an ardent secularist, what he has always sought – control of Israel – albeit with limited powers and only until a new government is formed. Still, with elections in September, the damage a Lapid government can do, especially in partnership with Arab parties, may be irreversible." …"

South Korea launches domestically-developed space rocket

June 21, 2022 spacedaily.com reported: "South Korea launched its first domestically-developed space rocket on Tuesday, the government said, the country's second attempt after a launch last October failed. The Korea Satellite Launch Vehicle II, a 200-tonne liquid fuel rocket informally called Nuri, lifted off from the launch site in Goheung at 4:00pm (0700 GMT).

'Nuri has completed its flight according to plan. Engineers are now analyzing its flight data, which will take around 30 minutes to complete,' said Oh Tae-seok, Seoul's deputy minister of science, technology and innovation. South Korea's second test launch of its homegrown space rocket comes eight months after the first test failed to put a dummy satellite into orbit, a setback for the country's attempt to join the ranks of advanced space-faring nations..."

Gallup Poll: Belief in God Among U.S. Adults Dips to All-Time Low

June 20, 2022 breitbart.com reported: "Belief in God among U.S. adults sank to an all-time low this year, according to recent data from a Gallup survey.

According to the survey, most U.S. adults — 81 percent — believe in God. But while that figure seems high, it is actually the lowest percentage ever reported in this survey. Up until 2011, over 90 percent said they believed in God, but the number has continued to drop, now down eight points from the 89 percent who expressed belief in God in 2016. The previous low was set in 2014, when 86 percent said they believed in God.

When Gallup asked the same question in 1953, 1954, 1965, and 1967, 98 percent said they believed in God. Overall, 17 percent currently say they do not believe in God, and according to the survey's findings, young people and leftists are the most likely not to believe.."

Iran digging vast tunnel network south of Natanz nuclear facility

June 17, 2022 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Israeli and American intelligence officials have been watching each day as Iran digs a vast tunnel network just south of the Natanz nuclear production site, *The New York Times* reported on Thursday.

According to the report, the officials believe this is Tehran's biggest effort yet to construct new nuclear facilities so deep in the mountains that they can withstand bunker-busting bombs and cyberattacks. Though the construction is evident on satellite photographs and has been monitored by groups that track the proliferation of new nuclear facilities, Biden administration officials have never talked about it in public and Israel's defense minister has mentioned it just once, in a single sentence in a speech last month.

In interviews with national security officials in both nations, there clearly were differing interpretations of exactly how the Iranians may intend to use the site, and even how urgent a threat it poses. The International Atomic Energy Agency said earlier this month that the country is just weeks away from being able to enrich enough bomb-grade fuel to make a single nuclear bomb, —though fashioning that into a usable weapon could take at least another two years, even by the most alarmist Israeli estimates, noted the *New York Times*..."

Xi Jinping Greatly Expands Chinese Military's Mandate Beyond Defense, Tells World Not to Worry

June 17, 2022 breitbart.com reported: "A Chinese Communist Party regulation signed by dictator Xi Jinping, whose many titles include chairmanship of the Central Military Commission (CMC), greatly expands the mandate of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to conduct 'non-war military activities' – a benign-sounding term that happens to be very similar to the language Russian dictator Vladimir Putin employs to describe his invasion of Ukraine.

The *South China Morning Post* (SCMP) on Thursday quoted Chinese academics and military experts who scrambled to reassure the world that Xi did not give the PLA a new mandate for conducting offensive military operations beyond China's borders..."

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