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Stoltenberg: Russia poses a 'direct threat' to NATO security

June 30, 2022 *spacewar.com* reports: "NATO leaders meeting in Madrid Wednesday are set to label Russia a menace to their security as they overhaul the alliance's defences in response to the war on Ukraine, NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said.

'We'll state clearly that Russia poses a direct threat to our security,' Stoltenberg said ahead of the unveiling of NATO's new strategic blueprint. Stoltenberg said the meeting in Madrid was set to be 'historic and transformative' for the seven-decade-old alliance as it grapples with the fallout from Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

'We meet in the midst of the most serious security crisis we have faced since the Second World War,' Stoltenberg said.

NATO is due to launch the largest revamp of its defence and deterrence capabilities since the end of the Cold War by strengthening the forces on its eastern flank and massively ramping up the number of troops it has at high readiness..."



NATO Chief Jens Stoltenberg

Egypt warns Iran not to target Israelis on its soil -report

June 30, 2022 *jpost.com* reports: "Egypt has warned Iran not to target Israelis on its soil, reported the UK-based publication *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed*. Citing Egyptian sources, the report said that Egyptian intelligence officials recently met with their Iranian counterparts and warned them that any attempt to carry out attacks against Israelis in the country would harm ties between Cairo and Tehran.

According to the source, 'the Iranian side assured Egyptian officials that Iran is keen not to harm the state of peace with Egypt' and that 'Israeli allegations about attempts to target Israeli tourists in third countries is a lie.'

The meetings between the Egyptians and Iranians reportedly saw officials discuss security ties and other regional issues, including the high tensions between Israel and Iran following the recent killings of senior Revolutionary Guard commanders and scientists..."

Beijing slams NATO over 'completely futile' China warning

June 30, 2022 *spacewar.com* reports: "Beijing on Thursday slammed NATO over a 'completely futile' warning in which the group said for the first time in a guiding blueprint that China's power challenges the military alliance. The response came after NATO's strategic concept, published at a summit in Madrid, said Beijing's stated ambitions and coercive policies challenged its interests, security and values. NATO also said that China's closer ties to Russia went against Western interests, drawing a fiery response from Beijing.

'NATO's so-called new strategic concept document disregards facts, confuses black and white... (and) smears China's foreign policy,' foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a regular briefing Thursday. He added that China 'firmly opposes it. We would like to warn NATO that hyping up the so-called China threat is completely futile,' Zhao told reporters..."

UK military chiefs urge army 'mobilisation' over Russia threat

June 29, 2022 *spacewar.com* reported: "British military leaders warned Tuesday that UK armed forces must 'mobilise' in response to the threat posed by Russia, with the army's new chief invoking the Allies' struggle against Nazi Germany.

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace and Patrick Sanders, a general and the army's most senior officer, both argued in separate speeches that Britain's army must ramp up its readiness following Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. Wallace, who has been in post for three years, also suggested the government will need to further boost defence spending to meet the heightened threat.

'There's a very real danger that Russia will lash out against wider Europe, and that in these days of long-range missiles and stealth, distance is no protection,' he told an audience at military think-tank the Royal United Services Institute..."

Canada sends 2 warships to Baltic Sea to bolster security

June 28, 2022 *spacewar.com* reported: "Canada on Sunday deployed two warships to the Baltic Sea and North Atlantic, joining a pair of frigates already in the region, to reinforce NATO's eastern flank in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Her Majesty's Canadian Ships (HMCS) Kingston and Summerside set sail for a four-month deployment as part of 'deterrence measures in Central and Eastern Europe' launched in 2014 after Moscow annexed Crimea, the Canadian navy said in a statement.

Through October, the ships will participate in naval mine sweeping exercises and maintain a 'high readiness' allowing them to 'quickly and effectively respond in support of any NATO operations,' it added. HMCS Halifax and Montreal are scheduled to return to port in July from the so-called Operation Reassurance — which is currently Canada's largest deployment abroad..."

North Korea says US is setting up Asian NATO; vows stronger defense

June 27, 2022 jpost.com reported: "North Korea has accused the United States of setting up a military alliance like NATO in Asia, saying the unwavering US aim to oust North Korea's government compelled it to develop stronger defenses.

The North Korean criticism comes amid concern it could be preparing its first nuclear test in five years and after a recent agreement between South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol and US President Joe Biden to deploy more US weapons if deemed necessary to deter the North.

'While blatantly holding joint military exercises with Japan and South Korea, the United States is making a full-fledged move to establish an Asia-style NATO,' North Korea's foreign ministry said in a statement on its website on Sunday.

It was referring to recent military exercises conducted by US, South Korean and Japanese forces. The United States also held exercises with South Korean forces that involved a US aircraft carrier, for the first time in more than four years..."

Iran Launches Rocket Into Space as Nuclear Talks to Resume

June 27, 2022 voanews.com reported: "Iranian state television said Sunday that Tehran had launched a solid-fuel rocket into space, drawing a rebuke from Washington ahead of the expected resumption of stalled talks over Tehran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers.

It's unclear when or where the rocket was launched, but the announcement came after satellite photos showed preparations at Imam Khomeini Spaceport in Iran's rural Semnan province, the site of Iran's frequent failed attempts to put a satellite into orbit. State-run media aired dramatic footage of the blastoff against the backdrop of heightened tensions over Tehran's nuclear program, which is racing ahead under decreasing international oversight." ..."

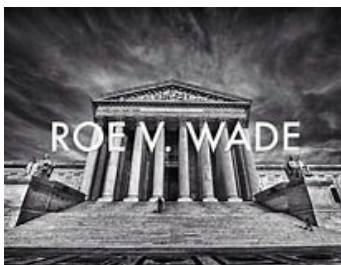
Russian missiles hit Kyiv residential buildings

June 27, 2022 spacewar.com reported: "Russian missile strikes hit residential buildings in the Ukrainian capital Kyiv early on Sunday, burying some people under rubble and hospitalizing at least four, the city's mayor said.

Four explosions were heard at around 6:30 am (0330 GMT), half an hour after air raid sirens sounded in the city, which had not come under Russian bombardment for nearly three weeks. The missiles struck just hours before the start of a G7 summit in Germany and prompted calls from Ukraine for a stronger response to the Russian invasion..."

Biden calls on Congress to restore Roe v. Wade protections as federal law: 'This is not over'

June 24, 2022 foxnews.com reported: "President Biden on Friday urged Congress to restore the protections of Roe v.



Wade by codifying abortion rights into federal law after the Supreme Court Friday overturned the landmark decision, while urging protesters to remain peaceful and saying 'violence is never acceptable.'

The president, from the White House Friday, slammed the high court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, which protected 'a woman's right to choose' and 'her right to make intensely personal decisions with her doctor, free from interference of politics.'

Biden said Roe v. Wade 'reaffirmed basic principles of equality that women have the power to control their own destiny, and to reinforce the fundamental right of privacy.'

The president also said Roe v. Wade 'was a correct decision' on a 'complex matter through a careful balance between a woman's right to choose.'

'Let me be very clear and unambiguous: the only way we can secure a woman's right to choose—the balance that existed—is for Congress to restore the protections of Roe v. Wade as federal law,' Biden said. 'No executive action from the president can do that.' ..."

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