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# Australia Urges China to Push Russia to End Ukraine War

July 7, 2022 voanews.com reported: "In a major policy address at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in Singapore Wednesday, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong said major countries with 'influence' on Russia should use it to end the war in Ukraine.

Describing the invasion as 'unprovoked,' 'illegal,' 'immoral' and 'inhumane,' Wong urged China, which has not condemned the invasion, to help end the conflict in Ukraine.

'To grow its international influence beyond military strength, China needs to wield this strength with restraint and legitimacy,' said Wong. 'The region and the world is now looking at Beijing's actions in relation to Ukraine.'

Australia has imposed sweeping sanctions on Russian officials, including politicians and members of the military..."

# Shocking percentage of Americans don't believe Bible is God's Word

July 7, 2022 **World Net Daily** reported: "Mainline American churches long have been in decline. And there have been a number of actual civil wars among congregations and divisions that have resulted – often over social issues facing the nation such as the LGBT agenda.

Now the reasons, or results as you choose, are being seen: Only 20% of Americans see the Bible as the actual Word of God. A full 29% call it 'fables' and 'legends.'

The biggest portion, 49%, say it is 'inspired' by God but it is NOT to be taken literally. The results of the Gallup polling say the 20% who believe the Bible actually is God's Word is at a record low. That's down from 24% the last time the question was asked, in 2017, and about half what it was in 1980 and 1984.

This year marks when those claiming it's "fables, legends, history and moral precepts recorded by man," at 29%, is the "first time significantly more Americans have viewed the Bible as not divinely inspired than as the literal word of God."..."

# Russia ex-president invokes nuclear war if Moscow punished by ICC

July 7, 2022 spacewar.com reported: "Former Russian president Dmitry Medvedev invoked Wednesday the possibility of nuclear war if the International Criminal Court (ICC) moves to punish Moscow for alleged crimes in Ukraine.

'The idea to punish a country that has the largest nuclear arsenal is absurd in and of itself,' Medvedev, a close ally of President Vladimir Putin, said on messaging app Telegram.

'And potentially creates a threat to the existence of mankind.'

Medvedev, who was Putin's stand-in president between 2008 and 2012, is now deputy head of the Security Council.



Russian Former Pres. Dmitry Medvedev

He accused the United States of wanting to put Moscow in front of international tribunals, while itself never facing punishment for its own wars which, according to him, caused 20 million deaths worldwide..."

# Lapid says the world must act to protect against Iran

July 6, 2022 **ynetnews.com** reported: "Prime Minister Yair Lapid said on Tuesday that Iran is in violation of the nuclear deal. Speaking after the two leaders met, Lapid said Israel and France were not only friends, they were strategic partners.

The prime minister said that France is one of the main world powers negotiating with Iran on a return to the nuclear deal and although the two countries may disagree about the content of the agreement they are not in disagreement about the facts.

'Iran is violating the agreement and continues to develop its program. Iran is hiding information from the world, It is enriching uranium beyond the level it is allowed to and it has removed cameras from its nuclear sites. Given all this, the world must respond,' he said.

Lapid turned to Macron and reminded him that he was the first among leaders to say that a better deal with Iran, one that would have no time limitations, was needed in order to prevent Iran from becoming a threshold nuclear state.

'You were right then, and you are even more right today,' Lapid said. 'The current situation cannot continue as it is. It will lead to a nuclear arms race in the Middle East, which would threaten world peace. We must all work together to stop that from happening,' he said..."

# China rejects 'concern' by NASA chief about Beijing militarizing the moon

July 6, 2022 **spacewar.com** reported: "The Chinese government hit back on Tuesday at the head of the American space program over remarks he made in an interview that suggested Beijing is seeking to militarize the moon.

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson criticized China in the interview with German newspaper Bild and said there should be concern about Chinese efforts to explore the moon.

"We must be very concerned that China is landing on the moon and saying: 'It's ours now and you stay out'", Nelson said according to Newsweek. Nelson also accused China of learning how to destroy the satellites of other countries in space.

Beijing has significantly ramped up its space program over the last decade and has put a special focus on exploring the moon. It sent its first lunar lander in 2013 and hopes to send astronauts to the moon by 2030 and build a lunar base a few years later. In late 2020, China became the second country to unfurl its flag on the surface of the moon..."

# NATO Signs Accession Protocols for Finland, Sweden

July 5, 2022 voanews.com reported: "NATO members on Tuesday signed the accession protocols for Finland and Sweden to join the military alliance. Both countries submitted their applications in May, breaking longstanding non-aligned stances in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

'This is a good day for Finland and Sweden, and a good day for NATO. With 32 nations around the table, we will be even stronger and our people will be even safer as we face the biggest security crisis in decades,' NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said. He added that 'NATO's door remains open to European democracies who are ready to and willing to contribute to our shared security.'

With the accession protocols signed, each of NATO's 30 member countries now have to ratify them according to their individual national procedures..."

### US announces more missiles, ammunition for Ukraine

July 4, 2022 **spacewar.com** reported: "The Pentagon announced Friday \$820 million in additional weapons and ammunition for Ukraine as it battles Russian forces along the eastern and southern fronts.

The 14th package of armaments for Ukraine forces includes two air defense systems, more ammunition for the Himars precision rocket launchers the US began supplying in June, up to 150,000 rounds of 155mm artillery ammunition, and four additional counter-artillery radars.



The air defense systems, known as NASAMS, are a short and medium-range NASAMS surface-to-air missile system developed by Raytheon and Norway's Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace. The remote-operated launchers are to help Ukraine forces defend against piloted and drone aircraft and cruise missiles..."

#### NATO wary of Russian, Chinese 'gains' on southern flank

July 1, 2022 spacewar.com reported: "NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg pledged more support Thursday for countries in Africa and the Middle East as the alliance looks to compete with Russia's and China's growing influence in the regions.

Leaders meeting at a summit in Madrid discussed 'how Russia and China continue to seek political, economic and military gain across our southern neighborhood', he said.

'Both Moscow and Beijing are using economic leverage, coercion and hybrid approaches to advance their interest in the region,' Stoltenberg added.

'So today, we discussed how to address this growing challenge, including with even more support for those partners in the region.'

Stoltenberg said the alliance had agreed a 'defence capacity building package' for Mauritania to help with border security, illegal migration and terrorism, and additional support for Tunisia and Jordan..."