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#### Is China really plotting to take over the moon?

July 28, 2022 vwashingtonexaminer.com reported: NASA Administrator Bill Nelson recently accused China of plotting a military takeover of the moon. He noted the several successful landings the Chinese have achieved on the lunar surface. Through its English-language mouthpiece, the *Global Times*, the Chinese Communist Party hotly denied any such ambitions and accused the United States of "hypocrisy" and harboring imperial ambitions of its own concerning Earth's nearest neighbor.

First, we can dispense with any protestations on behalf of the CCP of high-mindedness concerning its space program. China has been fortifying islands in the South China Sea. It is casting a covetous eye on Taiwan, the inhabitants of which consider themselves citizens of an independent country, while China regards it as a "breakaway province." China is developing a "belt and road" system of infrastructure investments designed to bind much of the developing world to itself. China is busily stealing intellectual property all over the world. It is committing human rights atrocities that rival those of Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia, including the genocide of the Uyghur minority.

In short, China is the new evil empire. The ruling Chinese Communist Party has no moral impediment against seizing control of the moon if it is able to do so.

Why would China or anyone else want to control the moon? The answer: resources. A recent article in Science Focus divides the moon's resources into three categories: rare-earth metals, helium 3, and water.

Rare-earth metals are an increasingly important part of many high-tech products, especially those related to green energy. Unfortunately, China has the vast majority of rare earths. While the United States strives to develop domestic sources of rare-earth metals, environmental concerns are stymieing attempts to set up mining and processing facilities. Concern for the environment would be less of a problem on the moon." ...."

## Kim Says North Korea 'Fully Prepared' for Fight With US

July 28, 2022 voanews.com reported: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un warned late Wednesday that his country is 'fully prepared' for any military conflict with the United States, state media said Thursday.



The warning is Pyongyang's latest threat amid speculation it will soon conduct its seventh nuclear test.



Yoon Suk Yeol

Kim, in a speech marking the anniversary of the end of the Korean War, also warned that South Korea's government would be annihilated if it made any 'dangerous attempt,' according to the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

North Korea Leader Kim Jong Un

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, a conservative who took office in May, has repeatedly spoken

of the possibility of preemptive strikes, including strikes against senior North Korean leadership, if South Korea detects signs of an imminent attack.

Such action would be 'immediately punished with strong force,' Kim said, adding 'the Yoon Suk Yeol regime and his military will be annihilated.'

'If the South Korean regime and its military gangsters are thinking of taking us on militarily and think they can neutralize or destroy part of our military power preemptively based on particular military means or methods, they are mistaken,' Kim said..."

## North Korea's Kim says 'ready to mobilise' nuclear weapons

July 28, 2022 spacewar.com reported: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said his country was 'ready to mobilise' its nuclear deterrent in any future military clash with the United States and South Korea, state media said Thursday.

Washington and Seoul have repeatedly warned that Pyongyang is preparing to carry out its seventh nuclear test — a move that the United States has warned would provoke a 'swift and forceful' response. In Kim's latest speech to mark the armistice that ended fighting in the Korean War — known as 'Victory Day' in the North — he said the country's armed forces were 'thoroughly prepared' for any crisis.

'Our country's nuclear war deterrent is also ready to mobilise its absolute power faithfully, accurately and promptly in accordance with its mission,' Kim said in a speech on Wednesday, according to Pyongyang's official *Korean Central News Agency*..."

#### China says US will 'bear all consequences' if Pelosi visits Taiwan

*July 27, 2022 sinodaily.com* reported: "China warned Wednesday that Washington would 'bear the consequences' if US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visits Taiwan, with tensions soaring ahead of an expected phone call between the two countries' leaders.

Beijing has hit back hard against the United States after reports emerged last week that Pelosi, a Democrat who is second in line to the presidency, could visit the self-ruled island of Taiwan in August. The potential visit is likely to dominate a phone call between Chinese President Xi Jinping and US counterpart Joe Biden, which the US leader has said he expects will take place this week..."

### China Sends Tanks, Troops to Russia Ahead of Moscow's War Games

*July 27, 2022 breitbart.com* reported: "China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) recently sent a delegation of military tanks and troops from the Chinese city of Manzhouli, Inner Mongolia, to the Russian city of Zabaikalsk in preparation for Beijing's participation in Moscow's International Army Games on August 13, the *South China Morning Post (SCMP)* reported on Tuesday.

China's PLA deployed the military equipment and personnel via train from Manzhouli to the neighboring city of Zabaikalsk sometime in recent days, according to a state-run China Central Television (CCTV) report cited by the *SCMP* on July 26. Manzhouli shares a border with Zabaikalsk and has traditionally served as a major land port of entry between China and Russia.

Russia's International Army Games are scheduled to take place from August 13 to August 27 across 12 countries. This year's host nations include Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Iran, Azerbaijan, Armenia, and India. Russia's Ministry of Defense has organized the competition annually since 2015, which is also when China began participating in the event..."

### Ehud Barak: US should equip Israel with means to attack Iran

*July 26, 2022 jpost.com* reported: "The United States must enable Israel to carry out an independent military attack on the Iranian nuclear program if 'both governments are convinced it is absolutely necessary,' former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak wrote in an opinion piece published in *TIME* on Monday.

Israel should be reserved the right to a large-scale military operation against the Islamic Republic, as a nuclear breakout 'will most probably' occur when the US has its hands full with other crises across the globe, Barak said.

'This summer, Iran will turn into a de-facto threshold nuclear state,' Barak added, further warning that operations over Iranian skies 'simply cannot delay the Iranians from turning nuclear.'

Instead, Barak argued, small-scale operations by both Israel and the US can only accelerate the Islamic Republic's rush to the nuclear bomb, with them providing Iran's program legitimacy 'on grounds of self-defense.'

Despite his warning, the former prime minister is still hopeful a diplomatic ultimatum 'backed by credible threat of a wide-scale war' could be a 'realistic' approach.

'Nothing short of that can assure a result,' he claimed..."

## Gantz declares Israel can 'seriously harm and delay' Iranian nuclear program

*July 26, 2022 timesofisrael.com* reported: "Defense Minister Benny Gantz said Tuesday that Israel has the ability to cause serious damage to Iran's nuclear program, and warned that reviving a 2015 pact with world powers to curb Iranian nuclear activities will only be a delaying tactic.

'Iran is a global problem. It is not just Israel's private problem,' Gantz said during an interview at a *Channel 13* conference in Jerusalem.

Asked if Israel has the ability to stop Iran's nuclear development or merely delay it, Gantz said, 'We are able to seriously harm and delay the nuclear [program].'

Regarding US President Joe Biden's declared desire to revive the so-called Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action signed between Iran and world powers, Gantz said it is not an 'unfounded concept.'



Israel Defense Minister Benny Gantz

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