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Episcopal Church Comes Out in Support of Sex Changes 'at All Ages'

August 11, 2022 [breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com) reported: "The Episcopal Church passed a resolution in support of sex change attempts 'at all ages,' calling it a matter of 'religious liberty.'

Resolution D066, passed by the 80th General Convention, is titled 'Addressing restrictions on access to gender affirming care.' The House of Bishops has concurred with the resolution.

It calls for the Episcopal Church to 'advocate for access to gender affirming care in all forms (social, medical, or any other) and at all ages.' It goes on to say that advocating for sex change operations is 'part of our Baptismal call to respect the dignity of every human being.'

The resolution specifically 'affirms that all Episcopalians should be able to partake in gender affirming care with no restriction on movement, autonomy, or timing.' The Episcopal Church also opposes laws that prohibit people, including children, from being medically assisted in their attempts to change their sex.

What the Episcopal Church refers to as 'gender affirming care' includes medical interventions such as the use of puberty blockers and hormone replacement therapy, as well as surgeries that permanently damage fully functioning body parts, or that seek to change one's face shape..."

China warns it will not tolerate Taiwan 'separatists'

August 10, 2022 [sinodaily.com](https://www.sinodaily.com) reported: "China on Wednesday vowed zero tolerance for 'separatist activities' in Taiwan and reaffirmed that it would take the self-ruled island by force if necessary.

The warning from Beijing, which considers Taiwan its territory, came after days of unprecedented Chinese military drills around the island sparked by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's trip.

Pelosi last week became the highest-ranking US official to visit Taiwan in decades despite stark threats from China, which tries to keep Taipei isolated on the world stage.

China's Taiwan Affairs Office on Wednesday issued a white paper laying out how it intends to claim the island through a range of economic incentives and military pressure.

'We are ready to create vast space for peaceful reunification, but we will leave no room for separatist activities in any form,' said the paper..."

New Iran satellite presents significant challenge to Israel, US and allies

August 10, 2022 [timesofisrael.com](https://www.timesofisrael.com) reported: "A new Iranian satellite has surveillance capabilities that present a serious problem for Israel due to its ability to monitor sensitive sites in the country, snapping high-resolution images of objects on the ground, experts have warned.

The Khayyam satellite, built and launched by Russia on behalf of Iran, lofted into orbit on Tuesday from the Russia-controlled Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

Hours later Iranian media reported that the first telemetry had been received from the spacecraft. The Iranian Space Agency has said the satellite will be used for agriculture and water resources planning, and the Russian embassy in Tehran said the spacecraft was devised for non-military purposes, the *New York Times* reported Tuesday. But Western experts have no doubts that the satellite is intended for spying..."

Australia Seeks a More 'Potent' Defense Force as Taiwan Tensions Escalate

August 9, 2022 [voanews.com](https://www.voanews.com) reported: "Australia says its defense force must be 'as potent as possible' as China intensifies its military drills near Taiwan.



Nancy Pelosi
US Speaker of the House

Speaking on Tuesday, Australian Defense Minister and acting Prime Minister, Richard Marles, said Beijing's military buildup was of 'enormous' concern and has shaped the strategic circumstances of the region.

Tensions have escalated since U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit last week to Taiwan, an island China claims as its own. In response, Beijing has launched drills in the Taiwan Strait, deploying jets and warships, and firing several ballistic missiles.

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*Acting Australian Prime Minister
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Rocket barrage launched towards Tel Aviv

August 8, 2022 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Islamic Jihad terrorists in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip launched a massive barrage of rockets towards Israel Sunday evening, amid reports of a looming ceasefire.

Air raid sirens were sounded in southern Tel Aviv, Lod, Rishon Letzion, Bat Yam, Beer Yaakov, Ramle, Holon, and a number of towns in the western Negev near the Gaza frontier, including Netivot. The latest wave of rocket attacks, which took place just after 7:30 p.m., followed on the heels of a small barrage launched at 7:00 p.m. towards Sderot, Ashkelon, and other communities in southern Israel. More than 50 rockets were fired in total between 7:00 to 7:30..."

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Iraq's Sadr plans new show of force

August 5, 2022 spacewar.com reported: "In a new power play, Iraq's Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr called for traditional Friday prayers to take place on a vast square inside the Green Zone where his followers have occupied parliament for seven days.

A similar call from Sadr in mid-July drew hundreds of thousands of Muslim worshippers to Sadr City, a Baghdad district named after his assassinated father, amid tensions between his political bloc and a rival Shiite faction that is backed by Iran. The latest mass-prayer call by Sadr, a longtime political and religious force in the war-scarred country, follows his demand for early elections — a possibility that the rival bloc says it is conditionally open to, despite the last national polls only taking place less than 10 months ago.

Months of post-election negotiations between Sadr's bloc — the largest in parliament — and other factions failed to lead to agreement on a new government, prime minister and president..."