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Hamas trying to instigate conflict in Jerusalem over Temple Mount

September 15, 2022 jpost.com reported: “Hamas and extremist Palestinian forces are trying hard to escalate the situation on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem with the aim of having it develop into an all-out conflict with Israel, head of the National Security Council Eyal Hulata said on Thursday.

‘There are constant efforts by Hamas and others to escalate and create a narrative that al Aksa is in danger and to turn Jerusalem into an explosive detonator,’ Hulata said at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) in Herzliya.

Israel, he said, has not changed its policy regarding the Temple Mount and is working to counter the Hamas lies...”



Temple Mount in Jerusalem

Iran says will pursue membership of Russia, China-led bloc

September 15, 2022 energydaily.com reported: “Iran intends to pursue membership of a Chinese and Russian-led bloc that is meeting in Uzbekistan this week, President Ebrahim Raisi said Wednesday as he prepared to head to the summit.

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) — made up of China, Russia, India, Pakistan and four ex-Soviet Central Asian countries — was set up in 2001 as a political, economic and security organization to rival Western institutions.

The summit set for Thursday and Friday in the Uzbek city of Samarkand is the first entirely face-to-face leaders’ meeting since the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

‘One of the important acts of this summit will be the finalization of SCO (membership) documents and the legal process they will need to take in order to be signed by the foreign ministers of the member countries,’ Raisi said...”

As China Expands Its Fleets, US Analysts Call for Catch-up Efforts

September 14, 2022 voanews.com reported: “As China builds more naval and merchant ships, U.S. maritime experts are calling on the Biden administration to increase investment in domestic shipbuilding to catch up with Beijing.

The disparity has prompted U.S. maritime experts to call for a ‘Ships Act’ comparable to the recently enacted ‘Chips Act’ that supports the return of chip manufacturing to the United States.

A Ships Act would recall the U.S. effort undertaken in World War II when domestic shipyards launched more than 5,000 vessels in a war-changing torrent.

Bryan McGrath, managing director at The FerryBridge Group, told *VOA* Mandarin that the shipbuilding bases of the U.S. and China are simply not comparable.

‘The Chinese industrial base is a behemoth, and the U.S. shipbuilding industrial base is freakishly undersized as a function of the size of America’s economy and its influence in the world,’ McGrath said.

As of 2020, the U.S. Navy had 297 battle force ships, according to a report by the Congressional Research Service. China surpassed the U.S. as the world’s largest navy with an inventory of about 355 vessels, according to a U.S. Defense Department report released in 2021. The Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) projects that China will have 400 battle force ships by 2025 and 425 by 2030...”

China and Russia building ‘more just’ world order: Beijing

September 14, 2022 spacewar.com reported: “China is willing to shape the international order together with Russia in a ‘more just and rational direction’, a senior Chinese diplomat said as the two countries’ leaders prepare to meet this week.

Former Cold War allies with a tempestuous relationship, China and Russia have drawn closer in recent years as part of what they call a ‘no limits’ relationship acting as a counterweight to the global dominance of the United States.

‘Under the strategic guidance of President Xi Jinping and President (Vladimir) Putin, the relationship between the two countries has always moved forward on the right track,’ the Communist Party’s foreign affairs chief Yang Jiechi told Russia’s ambassador to China Andrey Denisov on Monday, according to a foreign ministry readout.

Yang said China was ‘willing to work with Russia to continuously implement the spirit of high-level strategic cooperation between the two countries, safeguard the common interests of both sides, and promote the development of the international order in a more just and rational direction’, according to the ministry...”

‘Iran has tripled its uranium enrichment rate’

September 13, 2022 israelnationalnews.com reported: “On Tuesday, Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz completed a series of meetings at the United Nations in New York, together with Israel’s Ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan, Director of the Policy and POL-MIL Bureau Dror Shalom and Military Secretary Yaki Dolf. Minister Gantz met with U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres and with U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Linda Thomas-Greenfield.

Gantz also held a briefing for UN Security Council Ambassadors and representatives of the Abraham Accord signatories on the occasion of the two-year anniversary of the accords.

The defense minister warned that in the past year, Iran’s nuclear program has advanced not only qualitatively but also quantitatively, noting a three-fold increase in uranium enrichment capacity at the Fordow facility...”

Wary of Russia, Germany in talks to buy Arrow 3 missile defense from Israel

September 13, 2022 ynetnews.com reported: “Germany is in talks to buy the Arrow 3 missile defense system from Israel as part of Berlin’s efforts to strengthen its armed forces after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, Prime Minister Yair Lapid said on a visit to the German capital on Monday.

Germany has ramped up its military spending after Russia sent troops into Ukraine in February, while shipping aid and heavy weapons to Kyiv as part of an international response.

‘Israel ... will play a part in building Germany’s new defense force, mainly in the field of air defense,’ Lapid told reporters, speaking alongside German Chancellor Olaf Scholz.

‘... it has to do with our total commitment to the safety of Germany, to the safety of Europe, to the ability of liberal democracies to defend themselves,’ he added.

Lapid described their talks as leading to a ‘future possible deal’ but declined to outline the cost.

Scholz said Germany would strengthen its defenses by buying more air defense systems in the future and called the Arrow 3 system a ‘high-performance offer’ but also declined to go into specifics...”



Israeli Arrow 3 missile

Iran says it has developed drone 'designed to hit Israel's Tel Aviv, Haifa'

September 12, 2022 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Iran announced Monday that it has designed a new model of long-range drone aircraft capable of striking Israeli cities.

According to a report by Iran’s *Mehr News* which cited a senior Iranian military official, the new Arash-2 suicide drones – upgrades of the older Arash-1 drones – have an extended range enabling them to reach targets in Israel.

Brigadier General Kiomars Heidari was quoted in the piece as saying the new drones are ‘designed to hit Israel’s Tel Aviv, Haifa.’

‘We have specially designed this drone for Haifa and Tel Aviv. This is a unique drone that was developed for this task,’ Heidari said, vowing Iran ‘will unveil this drone’s capabilities in future exercises.’

The announcement comes amid reports that nuclear talks in Vienna have reached an impasse...”

Great Reset: Switzerland Threatens to Jail People Who Heat Their Homes Too Much in the Winter

September 9, 2022 Breitbart.com reported: “People who heat their homes above a certain temperature in Switzerland during the Winter face fines and potentially up to three years in prison if energy rationing measures are put in place.

Under proposed legislation in the home of the World Economic Forum (WEF), Swiss lawmakers are preparing to set legal limits on the use of heating during the winter should the country face energy shortages. Under the plans, gas-heated buildings would be capped at 19C (66.2F) and water heating up to 60C (140F). Saunas and swimming pools would also be forced by government diktat to remain cold.

So-called ‘heating sinners’ in Switzerland who heat buildings above the legal limit will face daily fines of 30 francs (\$30/£27) to a maximum of 3,000 francs. Fines for companies that deliberately breach the regulations will likely be much higher. Most worryingly, individuals who are found to have intentionally violated the energy rationing limit could be jailed for up to three years, the Swiss German-language daily newspaper *Blick* reported...”

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