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As tensions rise, US deploys F22s to Eastern Europe

November 16, 2022 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "With the war in the Ukraine at a critical stage, tensions in the countries under the influence of the former Soviet Union could not be getting much higher. With the Ukrainian Armed Forces putting pressure on Putin's Generals, the tension can be felt across NATO's eastern flank.

NATO has been bolstering all of its Allied Nation's local units. Recent deployment around the Europe show Italians, Canadians, Spanish and US forces all rotating around various countries that share a border with Russia and Ukraine.

These deployments have showcased some of the US Military's most advanced and capable



F-22 Raptor

units. If several years ago it was very rare to see what is known as 5th generation aircraft deployed to any bases in Europe, the past year has seen F35s in Romania and Poland and F22s across Poland and Norway...

Deploying F22s to Poland is a significant show of force on the US's part. These aircraft are considered by most experts to be the World's best fighter jets, placing them in Poland is meant to showcase the US and NATO's commitment to defending Allied nations from the possibility of a Russian invasion..."

UK to build five new frigates to counter Russia threat

November 16, 2022 spacewar.com reported: "Britain will spend £4.2 billion (\$4.9 billion) on five new frigates from defence giant BAE Systems to bolster security 'in the face of increased Russian threats', Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said Tuesday.

'The UK and allies are taking steps to bolster their security in the face of increased Russian threats,' Sunak said in a Downing Street statement.

'Russia's actions put all of us at risk. As we give the Ukrainian people the support they need, we are also harnessing the breadth and depth of UK expertise to protect ourselves and our allies. This includes building the next generation of British warships.'

The spending is the next phase in a programme under which three vessels are already under construction, and all eight frigates are expected to be completed by the mid-2030s..."

Biden Calls 'Emergency' Meeting After Missile Hits Poland

November 15, 2022 newsmax.com reported: "President Joe Biden convened an "emergency" meeting of the Group of Seven and NATO leaders in Indonesia Wednesday morning for consultations after NATO-ally Poland said a "Russianmade" missile killed two people in the eastern part of its country near the Ukraine border.

Biden, who was awakened overnight by staff with the news of the missile explosion while in Indonesia for the Group of 20 summit, called Polish President Andrzej Duda early Wednesday to express his "deep condolences" for the loss of life. Biden promised on Twitter "full U.S support for and assistance with Poland's investigation," and "reaffirmed the United States' ironclad commitment to NATO."

Meeting at a large round table in a ballroom in his hotel, the U.S. president hosted the leaders of the G-7, which includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the European Union, along with the president of the European Council and the prime ministers of NATO allies Spain and the Netherlands." ..."

Taliban leader orders full enforcement of Sharia law in Afghanistan

November 15, 2022 timesofisrael.com reported: "Afghanistan's supreme leader has ordered judges to fully enforce aspects of Islamic law that include public executions, stonings and floggings, and the amputation of limbs for thieves, the Taliban's chief spokesman said. Zabihullah Mujahid tweeted late Sunday that the 'obligatory' command by Haibatullah Akhundzada came after the secretive leader met with a group of judges.

Akhundzada, who has not been filmed or photographed in public since the Taliban returned to power in August last year, rules by decree from Kandahar, the movement's birthplace and spiritual heartland.

The Taliban promised a softer version of the harsh rule that characterized their first stint in power, from 1996-2001, but have gradually clamped down on rights and freedoms..."

'400 seconds' to Tel Aviv: Iranian media publishes Hebrew hypersonic missile threat

November 14, 2022 jpost.com reported: "The IRGC-affiliated *Sobh-e-Sadegh* newspaper published a threat in Hebrew on its front page on Monday, warning that a new hypersonic missile reportedly developed by Iran could reach Israel in 400 seconds.

'400 seconds: General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps' (IRGC) Aerospace Force, said that Iran has obtained technology for hypersonic missiles,' wrote the newspaper. An article written by Hamza Pariyab, described as a 'defense expert,' called the new missile a 'game changer,' as it can avoid most modern-day missile defense systems. Pariyab added that the missile could be used to take out a country's defense systems and open the way for a mass launch of drones and missiles..."

US, Japan and South Korea warn Pyongyang against nuclear test

November 14, 2022 spacewar.com reported: "The United States, Japan and South Korea on Sunday vowed a 'strong and resolute response' if Pyongyang carried out a nuclear test. A record-breaking recent spate of missile tests by North Korea has sent fears soaring that such a test — its seventh — may happen soon.

US President Joe Biden held talks on the crisis with allies Japan and South Korea in Phnom Penh Sunday, on the eve of a crunch meeting with Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, whom he will press to rein in North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.



North Korea Dictator Kim Jong Un

Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol issued a joint statement condemning the recent barrage, which included an intercontinental ballistic missile.

'They reaffirm that a DPRK nuclear test would be met with a strong and resolute response from the international community,' the statement said, using an abbreviation for North Korea's official name..."

Iran launches deadly missile, drone strikes on Kurdish groups in Iraq

November 14, 2022 spacewar.com reported: "Iran launched new cross-border missile and drone strikes Monday against Iraq-based Kurdish opposition groups it accuses of stoking unrest at home, killing at least one person according to local authorities.

Iran has been rocked by almost two months of protests sparked by the death of Kurdish Iranian woman Mahsa Amini, 22, after she was arrested by the feared morality police for allegedly breaching the strict dress code for women.

Tehran, which accuses Kurdish-Iranian opposition groups based in northern Iraq of stoking the 'riots', already launched attacks in late September that killed more than a dozen people in Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan region.

In Monday's barrage, 'five Iranian missiles targeted a building used by the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Iran', the mayor of Koysanjaq in Iraqi Kurdistan, Tariq al-Haidari, told *AFP*..."

IAEA report: Iran further increases stockpile of highly enriched uranium

November 11, 2022 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the UN's atomic watchdog, said Thursday it believes that Iran has further increased its stockpile of highly enriched uranium and criticized Tehran for continuing to bar the agency's officials from accessing or monitoring Iranian nuclear sites, *The Associated Press* reported.

In its quarterly report, the IAEA said that according to its assessment, as of Oct. 22, Iran has an estimated 62.3 kilograms of uranium enriched to up to 60% fissile purity. That amounts to an increase of 6.7 kilograms since the IAEA's last report in September.

That enrichment to 60% purity is one short, technical step away from weapons-grade levels of 90%. Nonproliferation experts have warned in recent months that Iran now has enough 60%-enriched uranium to reprocess into fuel for at least one nuclear bomb.

The IAEA report also estimated that as of Oct. 22, Iran's stockpile of all enriched uranium was at 3673.7 kilograms — a decrease of 267.2 kilograms since the last quarterly report in September, according to AP..."

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