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NATO ministers 'clear-eyed' on China challenge

December 1, 2022 spacewar.com reported: "NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said Wednesday the alliance was 'clear-eyed' over the challenge from China, after foreign ministers discussed Beijing's military development.

The Western military alliance has in recent years increased its focus on China's rising might, with the United States urging European allies to pay greater attention to the perceived threat. At a summit in June, NATO leaders for the first time included the 'systematic challenges' posed by China and its closer ties to Russia in the alliance's cornerstone strategic concept.

NATO foreign ministers meeting in the Romanian capital Bucharest on Thursday discussed improving the resilience of allies in the face of Beijing.

'The challenges we face are global, and we must address them together in NATO,' Stoltenberg said..."



NATO Secretary General
Jens Stoltenberg

Russia and China carry out joint air force drills

December 1, 2022 spacedaily.com reported: "Russian and Chinese air forces took part in joint military exercises in the Asia-Pacific region, the Russian defence ministry said on Wednesday.

'The Russian Air Force and the Air Force of the People's Liberation Army of China conducted another joint air patrol in the Asia-Pacific region,' the ministry said in a statement. Russian strategic missile carriers TU-95 and Chinese Xian H-6 flew over the Sea of Japan and East China Sea for eight hours, according to the statement.

A pariah in the West since the Ukraine offensive, Putin has sought to bolster ties with Asia, particularly with China.

'For the first time in the history of air patrols, Russian planes landed in the people's Republic of China, and Chinese aircraft landed on the territory of the Russian Federation,' the ministry said. The exercises were carried out 'in strict compliance with international law' and were 'not directed against third countries,' the statement read..."

China's nuclear arsenal to more than triple by 2035: Pentagon

November 30, 2022 Breitbart.com reported: "China's nuclear arsenal is likely to more than triple to 1,500 warheads by 2035, the Pentagon said in a Tuesday report that also highlighted the increasing sophistication of the country's air force.

Washington has identified Beijing as the most consequential challenge to the United States, and the annual report on China's military emphasized improvements to both its nuclear and conventional forces.

'The Department of Defense estimates that (China's) operational nuclear warheads stockpile has surpassed 400,' the report said. 'If China continues the pace of its nuclear expansion, it will likely field a stockpile of about 1,500 warheads' by 2035. That figure would still however lag far behind the arsenals of the United States and Russia, which each include several thousand nuclear warheads..."

England No Longer a Christian Nation as Atheism and Islam Make Gains – Census

November 30, 2022 Breitbart.com reported: "Less than half of people in England and Wales are Christian, the census has revealed, with both atheism and Islam making major gains. The majority of people in both England and Wales are not Christian for the first time probably since the 7th century AD, data from the 2021 census published on Tuesday has revealed.

According to the information released by Britain's Office of National Statistics, both England and Wales have lost their status as majority-Christian nations, with only 46.3 per cent of the population of England reporting themselves as being Christian, while only 43.6 per cent of the Welsh population now describe themselves as being adherents to a denomination of Christianity..."

Muslim Schoolchildren in London Sing Song Calling for Massacre of Jews

November 29, 2022 Breitbart.com reported: "Students from a Muslim school in London were taught a popular song about the Islamic apocalypse, when all Jews must be massacred, for an Iranian propaganda video, the London-based *Jewish Chronicle* (JC) reported.

Dozens of children from the ages of eight until 15 in the Islamic Republic of Iran School (IRIS) in north London were filmed standing in rows and mouthing lyrics that included a vow to an ‘oath of loyalty as a warrior and servant’ to the Mahdi, a messianic Shi’ite figure who will herald the end of time.

The school’s proximity to several synagogues and Jewish centers has ‘raised serious concerns among community security officials,’ the paper said.

The video, which the *Jewish Chronicle* obtained a copy of, also included scenes filmed at the Islamic Centre of England (ICE), which is currently under investigation by the Charity Commission...”

Israel, US to hold air drill simulating striking Iran nuclear program

November 29, 2022 jpost.com reported: “The Israel Air Force this week will hold one of its largest drills in years with the United States Air Force simulating offensive strikes against Iran’s nuclear program.

The drill will take place from Tuesday until Thursday over the Mediterranean Sea and Israel. It will include long-range flights such as those that Israeli pilots might need to make in order to reach the Islamic Republic.

The exercise will include refuelers as well as fighter jets from both forces.

Washington and Israel have signed an agreement that would see the US come to assist Israel with missile defense in times of war, and the two militaries have held numerous joint air defense exercises in recent years...”

Kim vows North Korea to have world’s most powerful nuclear force

November 28, 2022 spacewar.com reported: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said his country aimed to have the world’s most powerful nuclear force as he celebrated the launch of its newest intercontinental ballistic missile at a ceremony with his young daughter, state media reported Sunday.

Kim also handed promotions to more than 100 officials and scientists for their work on the Hwasong-17 — dubbed the ‘monster missile’ by analysts and believed to be capable of reaching the US mainland — just days after Pyongyang test-fired it in one of its most powerful launches yet.

Hailing the new ICBM as ‘the world’s strongest strategic weapon’, Kim said North Korean scientists had made a ‘wonderful leap forward in the development of the technology of mounting nuclear warheads on ballistic missiles’, the official *Korean Central News Agency (KCNA)* reported...”

China poses increasing threat in military space race, top US general says

November 28, 2022 jpost.com reported: “Rapid advancements in China’s military capabilities pose increasing risks to American supremacy in outer space, the head of the United States military’s space wing said on Monday.

Nina Armagno, director of staff of the US Space Force, said Beijing had made significant progress in developing military space technology, including in areas such as satellite communications and re-useable spacecraft, which allow countries to rapidly scale up their space programs.



Nina Armagno
US Space Force

‘I think it’s entirely possible they could catch up and surpass us, absolutely,’ Armagno said at an event in Sydney run by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, a research organization partly funded by the US and Australian governments. ‘The progress they’ve made has been stunning, stunningly fast.’

Historically lagging in a space race dominated by the United States and Russia, Beijing has made significant advances in recent years that have alarmed Washington and other Western nations...”

Report: Iran developing missiles that could eliminate obstacles to delivering nuke

November 28, 2022 timesofisrael.com reported: “Iran has reportedly been developing large cruise missiles that could potentially ‘eliminate many of the obstacles’ toward delivering a nuclear bomb.

Citing several US intelligence and security sources and experts, *The New York Times* reported Thursday that Tehran has moved closer toward achieving weapons-grade enrichment and could soon possess the technology required to deliver nuclear bombs.

While both American and Israeli intelligence officials have suggested that Tehran would require at least two years to reach sufficient levels of enrichment and build a bomb that could fit atop a missile, the report said ‘growing gaps in knowledge’ about the pace of Iran’s nuclear development could significantly change that estimation...”

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