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## France insists on China's role for peace in Ukraine

May 11, 2023 *spacewar.com* reported: "France said Wednesday that China had an important role to play for 'global peace and stability' as Beijing seeks to mediate in Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang is visiting Germany, France and Norway this week, and met his French counterpart Catherine Colonna in Paris on Wednesday.

'We know the importance of China's role on the world stage and the importance of the role it can play for global peace and stability,' Colonna told Qin at the start of their meeting. China should work 'to convince Russia to return to fully respecting' the UN Charter, she added, before a scheduled dinner with Qin at the French foreign ministry.

Colonna had earlier told a cabinet meeting that Beijing should urge Russia to 'return to peace', according to a post-cabinet press briefing.

'It is necessary for China to use its relations with Russia to make Russia understand better that it is at an impasse, and to tell Russia to come back to its senses,' she said.

The request comes after French President Emmanuel Macron visited China last month and sparked controversy by saying Europe should not be a 'follower' of either Washington or Beijing or get caught up in any escalation over the future of Taiwan..."

## Netanyahu after barrage of 270 rockets: We're ready for extended campaign

May 11, 2023 *israelnationalnews.com* reported: "Terrorists operating out of the Gaza Strip launched about 270 rockets towards central and southern Israel in Wednesday afternoon, including over 100 rockets in the space of one hour.

Rocket launch warning sirens were sounded Wednesday afternoon from the Gaza frontier to as far north as Rishon Letzion, Tel Aviv and Ramat Gan. Sirens were first reported in Sderot and nearby towns, with sirens reported minutes later in Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Lachish. Half an hour later, sirens were also reported in the Tel Aviv area...In response, Israeli forces bombed Islamic Jihad rocket launchers and mortar positions in the Gaza Strip, an IDF spokesperson said.



'The IDF targeted rocket and mortar shell launch sites belonging to the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization along the Gaza Strip.'... Following the rocket attacks, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke to municipal leaders in the south by phone and told them: 'We are ready for the possibility of an expanded campaign and harsh strikes against Gaza.'..."

## Iran pressures Hamas to join response against Israel

May 10, 2023 *Ynetnew.com* reported: "Following the launch of Operation Shield and Arrow on Tuesday in which Israel killed 3 Palestinian Islamic Jihad Commanders in a series of attacks in the Gaza Strip, Iran is exerting 'heavy pressure' on Hamas to respond, according to Iran International, a news outlet associated with the Iranian opposition. Meanwhile, preparations continue in Israel for an expected response from the Islamic Jihad for the targeted killing of the organization's top three operatives overnight.

Initially, it was believed that the terrorist organization would respond immediately with rocket fire toward Israel. However, recent updates suggest that the response will likely take place later on Tuesday.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant also instructed the military to be ready to strike at any Palestinian group preparing to launch rockets at Israel..."

## Saudi King Invite's Syrian President Assad to Attend Arab League Summit Amid Normalization Push

May 10, 2023 *haaretz.com* reported: "Saudi Arabia has invited Syrian President Bashar Assad to the upcoming Arab League summit in the oil-rich kingdom, the Syrian president's office said on Wednesday. The news comes as Damascus continues to slowly return to the Arab fold, following a 12-year-period of political isolation.

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Assad received the invitation days after the Arab League restored Syria's membership into the organization during a meeting in Cairo on Sunday. Syria's membership was suspended for brutally cracking down on mass protests against Assad in 2011. Since then, the uprising turned into a vicious civil war that killed nearly a half million people and displaced half of the country's pre-war population of 23 million..."

### **Japan PM Visits Seoul to Forge Closer Ties Amid North Korea Threats**

*May 9, 2023* **voanews.com** reported: "Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida visits Seoul Sunday to meet South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, facing a skeptical public there as the leaders seek deeper ties amid nuclear threats from North Korea and China's increasing assertiveness.

Kishida's bilateral visit, the first by a Japanese leader to Seoul in 12 years, returns the trip Yoon made to Tokyo in March, where they sought to close a chapter on the historical disputes that have dominated Japan-South Korea relations for years.

Yoon is facing criticism at home that he has given more than he's received in his efforts to improve relations with Japan, including by proposing South Korean businesses — not Japanese companies as ordered by a court — compensate victims of wartime labor during Japan's 1910-1945 colonial occupation..."

### **After School Satan Clubs gain popularity amid legal victories**

*May 9, 2023* **thehill.com** reported: "After School Satan Clubs have been steadily increasing in popularity and are not likely to slow as their supporters rack up media attention and legal wins fighting for free speech.

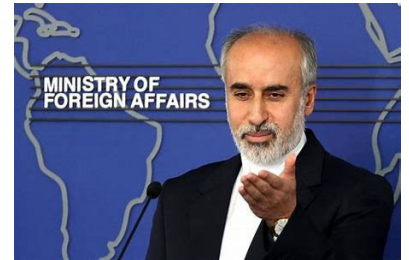
The clubs, associated with the Satanic Temple and offered only in primary schools, began at the beginning of 2020 and quickly gained attention from parents who wanted an alternative to religious clubs, according to June Everett, campaign director of the After School Satan Club.

"That's kind of when things started blowing up. And I anticipate that every year moving forward is going to get busier and busier," Everett told The Hill.

Last Monday, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania ruled in favor of the Satanic Temple and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which sued when a Northampton County school district would not allow the club to meet on its grounds..."

### **Iran urges West not to 'procrastinate' over nuclear deal revival**

*May 9, 2023* **spacewar.com** reported: "Iran on Monday said it is possible to salvage an agreement on reviving its nuclear deal if Western parties, particularly the US, put an end to repeated delays. It comes five years after the US withdrew from a 2015 nuclear deal that gave Iran relief from international sanctions in return for curbs on its nuclear programme.



An agreement 'is possible both in term of the technical and political aspects', Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani said. He charged that 'the other sides, especially the US, have procrastinated' on reviving the deal, while expressing hopes that they would show 'political determination' for a committed return to its implementation.

Exactly five years ago, then US president Donald Trump unilaterally pulled out of the deal and reimposed sanctions on Iran, prompting Tehran to walk back on its commitments that were intended to prevent it from developing a nuclear weapon — an aim Iran has always denied having..."

### **White House summons tech giants over AI dangers**

*May 5, 2023* **spacewar.com** reported: "The White House on Thursday summoned the CEOs of US tech giants to strategize about the dangers of artificial intelligence, afraid that companies are running blindly into a technology that could pose serious harms to society. Vice President Kamala Harris and other administration officials will discuss ways to ensure consumers benefit from AI while being protected from its dangers.

US President Joe Biden has urged Congress to pass laws getting stricter limits on the tech sector, but these efforts have little chance of making headway given political divisions. The lack of rules has given Silicon Valley freedom to put out new products rapidly — and stoked fears that AI technologies will wreak havoc on society before the government can catch up.

The White House was meeting with chief executives from Google, Microsoft, OpenAI and Anthropic on Thursday to discuss the promise and risks of artificial intelligence..."