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China: Simulated War Games Sink U.S. Carrier Group with Hypersonic Missiles

May 25, 2024 [breitbart.com](#) reported: "A study in China's *Journal of Test and Measurement Technology* concluded, citing a series of software simulations, that the communist nation's hypersonic missile technology could destroy the formidable USS *Gerald R. Ford* carrier fleet by evading the ships' defense systems, the *South China Morning Post* reported on Tuesday.

The war games add to mounting anxiety in the United States about communist China's hypersonic capabilities, exacerbated by an alleged 2021 missile test that an American intelligence source admitted Washington had 'no idea how' Beijing pulled off without detection. More recently, the trove of alleged Defense Department documents surfacing on the video game chat platform Discord included an alleged top-secret Pentagon report describing a Chinese hypersonic missile that had 'a high probability of penetrating' American ballistic missile defenses. The missile in question, according to the alleged leak, could potentially bomb Guam..."

Iran unveils 2,000 km ballistic missile

May 25, 2024 [jpost.com](#) reported: "Iran unveiled the fourth generation of its Khorramshahr ballistic missile under the name Khaibar, with a range of 2,000 km (1,243 miles) and a 1,500 kg (3,300 lb.) warhead, the official *IRNA* news agency reported on Thursday.

Iran has expanded its missile program, particularly its ballistic missiles, despite opposition from the United States and expressions of concern by European countries. Tehran says the program is purely defensive and is for deterrence.



'Iran's newest ballistic missile and the latest product of the defense ministry's Aerospace Industries Organization (AIO) was unveiled today in a ceremony attended by the defense minister,' *IRNA* added..."

Russia could face a revolution, lose in Ukraine war, Wagner chief warns

May 24, 2024 [jpost.com](#) reported: "Yevgeny Prigozhin, the founder of the Wagner mercenary group, warned that Russia could face a revolution similar to those of 1917 and lose the conflict in Ukraine unless the elite got serious about fighting the war.

Russia's most powerful mercenary said his political outlook was dominated by love for the motherland and serving President Vladimir Putin, but cautioned that Russia was in danger of turmoil.

Prigozhin said there was a so-called optimistic view that the West would get tired of war and China would broker a peace deal, but that he did not really believe in that interpretation.

Instead, he said, Ukraine was preparing a counteroffensive aimed at pushing Russian troops back to its borders before 2014, when Russia annexed Crimea. Ukraine would try to encircle Bakhmut, the focus of intense fighting in the east, and attack Crimea, he added..."

Russia's war on Ukraine pushes overhaul of NATO defences

May 23, 2023 [spacewar.com](#) reported: "US troops stage an airborne assault. British marines conduct a nighttime beach landing. French paratroopers drop from the skies after flying across Europe.

In Estonia, on NATO's eastern flank, the allies train in the shadow of Russia's war on Ukraine. The message is clear. 'It says that at short notice we can deploy very fast,' said Lieutenant Colonel Edouard Bros, commander of the French troops in Estonia and taking part in the Spring Storm exercise.

Fifteen months into Russia's war on Ukraine, and a month ahead of a summit of NATO leaders in Vilnius, the alliance is reinforcing its eastern defences.

Now that Moscow has ripped up decades of post-Cold War order, NATO is conducting the biggest overhaul to its defences and planning in a generation.

‘This change will move us from an alliance that was optimized for out of area contingency operations to an alliance fit for the purpose of large-scale operations to defend every inch of the alliance’s territory,’ US General Christopher Cavoli, NATO’s supreme commander in Europe, said this month...”

Papua New Guinea, US to sign security pact with eye on China

May 22, 2023 spacedaily.com reported: “Papua New Guinea will sign a defence pact with the United States on Monday, giving US forces access to its airfields and ports as Washington vies with China’s growing footprint in the Pacific region. In a sign of the intensifying rivalry over the South Pacific, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken was not alone in representing major powers in Port Moresby, where the deal is to be signed.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi flew into town just hours before him on the eve of a summit Monday with 14 South Pacific Island states, seeking to assert his nation’s role as an Indo-Pacific power in the face of China’s rise. Blinken will meet those same South Pacific leaders as the United States aims to counter China’s expanding economic, political and military presence.

But by signing the security deal with PNG Prime Minister James Marape, Blinken will also expand the US military’s capacity to deploy in the region.

Beijing has snapped up mines and ports across the Pacific and last year inked a secretive security pact with the Solomon Islands that allows China to deploy troops to the country...”

Palestinians, Jews clash in Jerusalem’s Old City Day after flag march

May 19, 2023 jpost.com reported: “Clashes erupted between Palestinians, Jews and Israel Police near the Lions’ Gate of the Old City of Jerusalem on Friday afternoon, shortly before Friday prayers were set to begin at al-Aqsa Mosque.

Footage reportedly from the scene showed Jews dancing and singing in the area before fights erupted and police intervened, throwing stun grenades into the crowd. Amid the clashes, the windshields of vehicles belonging to Palestinians were smashed as well, according to the reports. A number of Palestinians were reportedly injured amid the violence.



Israel Police stated objects and stones were thrown at police officers operating in the area, injuring several people, including a police officer. The police worked to restore order and prevent confrontations while using riot dispersal methods...”

China is calling in loans to dozens of countries from Pakistan to Kenya

May 18, 2023 fortune.com reported: A dozen poor countries are facing economic instability and even collapse under the weight of hundreds of billions of dollars in foreign loans, much of them from the world’s biggest and most unforgiving government lender, China.

An Associated Press analysis of a dozen countries most indebted to China — including Pakistan, Kenya, Zambia, Laos and Mongolia — found paying back that debt is consuming an ever-greater amount of the tax revenue needed to keep schools open, provide electricity and pay for food and fuel. And it’s draining foreign currency reserves these countries use to pay interest on those loans, leaving some with just months before that money is gone.

Behind the scenes is China’s reluctance to forgive debt and its extreme secrecy about how much money it has loaned and on what terms, which has kept other major lenders from stepping in to help. On top of that is the recent discovery that borrowers have been required to put cash in hidden escrow accounts that push China to the front of the line of creditors to be paid.

Countries in AP’s analysis had as much as 50% of their foreign loans from China and most were devoting more than a third of government revenue to paying off foreign debt. Two of them, Zambia and Sri Lanka, have already gone into default, unable to make even interest payments on loans financing the construction of ports, mines and power plants.

In Pakistan, millions of textile workers have been laid off because the country has too much foreign debt and can’t afford to keep the electricity on and machines running. In Kenya, the government has held back paychecks to thousands of civil service workers to save cash to pay foreign loans. The president’s chief economic adviser tweeted last month, “Salaries or default? Take your pick...”

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