



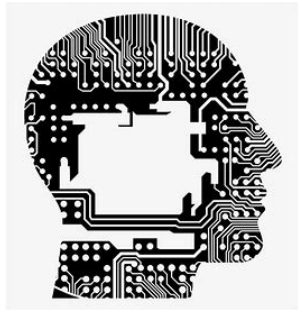
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'Godfather of AI' Urges Governments to Stop Machine Takeover



June 29, 2023 [voanews.com](#) reported: "Geoffrey Hinton, one of the so-called godfathers of artificial intelligence, on Wednesday urged governments to step in and make sure that machines do not take control of society. Hinton made headlines in May when he announced he had quit Google after a decade of work to speak more freely on the dangers of AI, shortly after the release of ChatGPT captured the imagination of the world.

The highly respected AI scientist, who is based at the University of Toronto, was speaking to a packed audience at the Collision tech conference in the Canadian city. The conference brought together more than 30,000 startup founders, investors and tech workers, most looking to learn how to ride the AI wave and not hear a lesson on its dangers.

'Before AI is smarter than us, I think the people developing it should be encouraged to put a lot of work into understanding how it might try and take control away,' Hinton said.

'Right now, there are 99 very smart people trying to make AI better and one very smart person trying to figure out how to stop it taking over and maybe you want to be more balanced,' he said..."

Two Russian warships enter Taiwan waters, escorted by jets

June 28, 2023 [jpost.com](#) reported: "Taiwan spotted two Russian warships off its eastern coast on Tuesday and sent its own aircraft and ships to keep watch, the island's defense ministry said.

In a statement late on Tuesday, the ministry said the two frigates sailed in a northerly direction off Taiwan's east coast and then 'departed from our response zone' in a southeasterly direction off the port city of Suao, which is home to a major Taiwanese naval base. Taiwan's military sent aircraft and ships to keep watch and activated shore-based missile systems, it added, without providing further details.

Russia's *Interfax* news agency reported on Tuesday that a detachment of ships of the Russian Pacific Fleet had entered the southern parts of the Philippine Sea to perform tasks as part of a long-range sea passage..."

Putin after armed revolt: Those responsible will be brought to justice

June 27, 2023 [israelnationalnews.com](#) reported: "Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed on Monday that those responsible for the armed revolt over the weekend would 'be brought to justice', *NBC News* reported.

Addressing the nation for the first time since the short-lived rebellion ended over the weekend, Putin appeared defiant but offered little clarity about his planned response.

'Any blackmail is doomed to failure,' he said, claiming his forces could have crushed a mutiny that posed the biggest challenge to his rule in more than 20 years had the mercenary fighters not turned back from Moscow.

Putin also thanked the Russian people for their support and claimed the crisis had only served to unite the country..."

Russia's 'hypersonic' missiles rely on foreign parts, stocks depleted – report

June 26, 2023 [jpost.com](#) reported: "The decreased intensity of the Russian missile attacks against Ukraine in July is the result of a dependency on foreign components for missile production, a representative of the Intelligence Directorate in the Ukrainian Defense Ministry told *RBC Ukraine* in an interview. The representative, Vadym Skibitsky, explained that this is especially true for the production of the Kinzhal ('dagger' in Russian) missiles, which the Russians claim are hypersonic.

The Kinzhal is an air-launched ballistic missile capable of carrying nuclear or conventional warheads with a reported range of 1,500 to 2,000 km while carrying a payload of 480 kg. It may reach speeds of up to Mach 10 and is one of six 'next generation' weapons unveiled by President Vladimir Putin in a speech in March 2018.

'The largest number of foreign components, on which Russia critically depends, [are found] in two products, the Iskander and the Kinzhal: about fifty components of the electronic base in these missiles are of foreign production,' said Skibitsky..."

Race on for protection against hypersonic missiles

June 26, 2023 *spacewar.com* reported: “Defence firms are racing to meet demand for systems to protect against attacks using tricky-to-intercept hypersonic missiles, with several on display at this week’s Paris Air Show.

Flying at multiples of the speed of sound, ‘everything’s going faster, that’s what changes the game,’ said Lionel Mazenq, of European missile maker MBDA’s Future Systems division.

‘They change course. It’s hard to know whether they’re coming towards you, it’s challenging to predict their behaviour,’ he added — although the new missiles ‘can be intercepted, especially in the terminal stage’ of their flight.

MBDA said Tuesday it had launched a three-year programme to develop an interceptor dubbed Aquila, with 19 partner firms from five EU nations — France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain. Brussels is expected to chip in with 80 million euros (\$87 million) from the European Commission. But no MBDA interceptors are expected to fly before 2030...”



Report Decries ‘Merciless Targeting of Christians’ Around the World

June 23, 2023 *breitbart.com* reported: “The Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) noted in its annual report Thursday that Christian persecution has been “sharply on the rise” and “its terrible impacts have only begun to be felt.”

“The merciless targeting of Christians — driven by hatred of Christians and the faith itself — emerges as a common denominator in hundreds of testimonies of persecution,” ACN declares in the report. ACN also offers a definition of Christian persecution as “the mistreatment, discrimination, oppression, or violence directed towards individuals or communities who identify as Christians or follow the Christian faith.”

Such persecution “involves the infringement of their basic human rights, such as the freedom of worship, expression, and assembly, due to their religious beliefs and practices,” it adds. Regarding the diverse drivers of Christian persecution worldwide, the report states that Christians are primarily persecuted “because of their faith” but economic and political situations “further deepen this problem.”

“In some countries, Christians are seen as a threat to the ruling government, and their persecution is a way to maintain control,” the report says, observing that some 4.5 billion people around the globe live under authoritarian regimes where religious freedom is not respected.

Moreover, in many countries, “cultural and religious intolerance fuel Christian persecution,” it states, noting that in particular 1.1 billion people live in 21 countries where Islamic extremism is the norm.

Finally, in some countries, Christianity “is seen as a foreign or Western religion, hence it faces hostility and violence,” the report finds, with some 1.5 billion people living in these circumstances in countries like India, where Hindu nationalism is on the rise. As a continent, Africa is the most violent against Christians due to a rise in violent jihadist activity, the report states, Christians in Africa increasingly “confront extremist, Islamist violence...”

U.N. ‘Expert’: Religious Liberty Must Yield to LGBT Demands

June 23, 2023 *breitbart.com* reported: “A U.N.-certified ‘expert’ on sexual orientation and gender identity declared Wednesday that religious communities must yield to the demands of LGBT persons to avoid charges of violence and discrimination.

Freedom of religion or belief need not be incompatible with equality for LGBT persons, Victor Madrigal-Borloz asserted in his address to the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva, as long as religious groups accept the claims of gay and transgender persons.

Religious narratives clashing with the beliefs and lifestyle choices of LGBT persons, however, are ‘beyond the scope of the right freedom of religion or belief,’ said Madrigal-Borloz, dubbed by the U.N. ‘the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.’

Predictably, the U.N. Council did not call on an expert in religious freedom to offer a counterpoint to the position of Madrigal-Borloz...”