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Kim shows off new North Korean drones, ICBMs to Russia defence minister

July 27, 2023 spacewar.com reported: “Walking past huge intercontinental ballistic missiles and previously unseen military drones, Kim Jong Un gave Russia’s defence minister a tour of North Korea’s newest and most advanced weaponry Thursday, state media reported.

After Washington earlier this year accused Pyongyang of supplying Moscow with weapons for its war in Ukraine, photographs in state media showed Kim walking Moscow’s Sergei Shoigu through a vast defence exhibition showcasing the North’s nuclear missiles and what Seoul-based specialist site NK News said were new unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).



Shoigu and a high-ranking Chinese delegation are in Pyongyang as Kim’s first known foreign guests since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, as the country marks the 70th anniversary of the signing of the July 27, 1953, Korean War armistice, which ended open hostilities and is celebrated as Victory Day.

Kim and Shoigu visited the ‘Weapons and Equipment Exhibition 2023’, the official Korean Central News Agency said, showing photos that featured North Korea’s largest intercontinental ballistic missiles, the Hwasong-17, and the Hwasong-18 solid-fuel ICBM. Russia, a historic ally of North Korea, is one of a handful of nations with which Pyongyang maintains friendly relations...”

Latest in Ukraine: Britain Says Russia Could Be Preparing Black Sea Blockade

July 26, 2023 voanews.com reported: “Britain’s defense ministry said Wednesday that Russia has altered its naval activity in the Black Sea, adding that there is a possibility Russian forces were preparing ‘to enforce a blockade of Ukraine.’

Last week, Russia withdrew from a nearly year-old agreement brokered by the United Nations and Turkey that allowed for the safe passage of grain shipments from Ukrainian Black Sea ports. Before the deal, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine had halted the grain exports, worsening a global food crisis.

The British defense ministry said in its daily update that the Russian corvette *Sergey Kotov* had deployed to the Black Sea to patrol a shipping lane between the Bosphorus Strait and Ukraine’s southern port of Odesa.

‘There is a realistic possibility that it will form part of a task group to intercept commercial vessels Russia believes are heading to Ukraine,’ the British ministry said...”

Iran boosts navy with new ‘Abu Mahdi’ cruise missile

July 25, 2023 jpost.com reported: “The Iranian Navy and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corp (IRGC)’s Navy both received a cruise missile that is supposed to extend their ability to strike at ships in the region. The missile is called the Abu Mahdi and is said to be a ‘high-precision naval cruise missile.’

This would give them a cruise missile with a claimed range of 1,000km, Iranian state media claimed on Tuesday. The announcement comes amid rising naval tensions as the US has sent more warplanes and ships to the Persian Gulf. Iran doesn’t have a very large navy or air force, and therefore using missiles and drones is the main way Iran can threaten ships and other naval forces.

The announcement is important to Iran and was widely reported by Iran’s media. ‘Iran’s Defense Minister Brigadier General Mohammad Reza Ashtiani said during the ceremony that the Abu Mahdi cruise missile is capable of confronting electronic warfare and evading radar systems and has utilized artificial intelligence to chart its optimal flight path,’ Iran’s pro-regime *Fars News* said...”

Islamic Jihad: We must use crisis in Israel for war against it

July 24, 2023 israelnationalnews.com reported: “Nasser Abu Sharif, a member of the Islamic Jihad terror group’s political wing, has called on the Palestinian Arab groups to unite in a war against Israel.

Abu Sharif stressed, 'The Zionist entity is also facing real crises and suffering from significant internal disagreements. Therefore, the Palestinian nation is facing a new stage, and standing before a historic opportunity which it must utilize for fighting and the conflict for the sake of the Palestinian problem, and to achieve victory and remove the occupation from the Palestinian land.'

Speaking to *Al-Quds Radio*, which is affiliated with the Islamic Jihad, Abu Sharif said that the Palestinian struggle is continuing and even intensifying in Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem, because the Palestinian people see the struggle as the proper way to fight the Zionist operation which executes policy of 'Judaizing' the land..."

Computer chip with built-in human brain tissue gets military funding

July 21, 2023 newatlas.com reported: "Last year, "Monash University scientists created the "DishBrain" – a semi-biological computer chip with some 800,000 human and mouse brain cells lab-grown into its electrodes. Demonstrating something like sentience, it learned to play *Pong* within five minutes.

The micro-electrode array at the heart of the DishBrain was capable both of reading activity in the brain cells, and stimulating them with electrical signals, so the research team set up a version of *Pong* where the brain cells were fed a moving electrical stimulus to represent which side of the "screen" the ball was on, and how far away from the paddle it was. They allowed the brain cells to act on the paddle, moving it left and right.

Then they set up a very basic-reward system, using the fact that small clusters of brain cells tend to try to minimize unpredictability in their environment. So, if the paddle hit the ball, the cells would receive a nice, predictable stimulus. But if it missed, the cells would get four seconds of totally unpredictable stimulation.

It was the first-time lab-grown brain cells had been used this way, being given not only a way to sense the world, but to act on it, and the results were impressive. Impressive enough that the research – undertaken in partnership with Melbourne startup Cortical Labs – has now attracted a US\$407,000 grant from Australia's National Intelligence and Security Discovery Research Grants program.

These programmable chips, fusing biological computing with artificial intelligence, "in future may eventually surpass the performance of existing, purely silicon-based hardware," says project lead, Associate Professor Adeel Razi..."

Whistleblowers Says Fox News Is Financially Supporting Satanic Temple and Planned Parenthood

July 21, 2023 slaynews.com reported: "Whistleblowers at Fox News revealed that the company is matching employee donations to the Satanic Temple, LGBT activist organization The Trevor Project, Planned Parenthood, and the SPLC.



Two current Fox News employees and a former producer told The Blaze that Fox News has set up an internal app, known as "Fox Giving," which allows employees to donate to various charitable organizations with the company matching donations up to \$1,000. The company is willing to match donations to the Satanic Temple, the Trevor Project, Planned Parenthood (and local Planned Parenthood branches), and the Southern Poverty Law Center – radical groups that go against core conservative Blaze Media's head of programming, Rikki Ratliff-Fellman, said:

"I watched the source physically log in to their company portal at Myfox.okta.com to confirm the giving app and to see some of the questionable charities and the donation match option for myself to verify nothing was photoshopped."

One current employee turned whistleblower said: "Fox pretends to care about Christians, but some of the stuff they push internally suggests otherwise.

"Glory holes, trans surgeries for kids, and potential donations to Satan are a huge slap in the face to every Christian at the company, and we resent it.

"It offends me personally that this company acts like they support Christians and yet they're literally willing to match \$1,000 donation to the Satanic Temple."

One ex-producer said this "shows complete disregard and hatred for Fox's core audience..."

(Fox News backtracked on this, and reversed its match policy. The Blaze reported Monday that The Satanic Temple had been removed as an option in which the company would match 100% of a donation up to \$1,000 from Fox News employees, although other far-left wing groups such as Planned Parenthood, The Trevor Project, and the Southern Poverty Law Center remain as options.)