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Russia Launches Baltic Naval Drills, Ratcheting Up Tensions With European Neighbors

August 3, 2023 [voanews.com](#) reported: "Russia's Ministry of Defense said it began live-fire naval exercises Wednesday in the Baltic Sea, ratcheting up tensions with nearby European nations that are already high over NATO and Ukraine. Russia last carried out mass military exercises in the Baltic Sea in June, two months after Finland became NATO's newest member. The drills took place at the same time NATO was holding its own Baltic Sea exercises.

The Russian exercises announced Wednesday will involve more personnel and aircraft than the last round and will feature the use of live weapons. The Russian defense ministry said the navy's commander-in-chief, Admiral Nikolai Evmenov, will oversee the drills, which were designed to test 'the navy's readiness to protect the national interests of the Russian Federation in an operationally important area.'

The Ocean Shield-2023 exercises will involve forces practicing how to 'protect sea lanes, transport troops and military cargo, as well as defend the coastline,' the ministry said. More than 200 combat exercises will involve some 6,000 personnel, 30 warships and boats and 30 aircraft, it added..."



Iran's navy unveils new vessels equipped with 600 km range missiles

August 2, 2023 [jpost.com](#) reported: "Iran's Revolutionary Guards' navy has unveiled new vessels equipped with 600-km range missiles at a time of rising tensions with the US in the Gulf, the semi-official *Tasnim* news agency reported on Wednesday. The announcement was made during a military exercise off the coast of Abu Musa island, one of three Gulf islands under Iranian control but disputed by the United Arab Emirates.

The news agency gave no details about the missiles but cited a commander on the need to defend the islands..."

CDC: Researchers Suggest Leprosy May Become Endemic in Florida

August 1, 2023 [breitbart.com](#) reported: "Researchers suggest that leprosy has become endemic in the southeastern United States, with Central Florida accounting for 20 percent of cases. The entire state of Florida accounts for 81 percent of the biblical-era disease in the United States.

The study published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) revealed 159 new cases were reported in the U.S. in 2020, doubling the number of reported cases in the last decade based on data collected by National Hansen's Disease Program. Approximately 70 percent of these new cases were reported in Florida, California, Louisiana, Hawaii, New York, and Texas.

Leprosy, otherwise known as Hansen's disease, is a 'chronic infectious disease caused by the acid-fast rod *Mycobacterium leprae*.' The disease primarily targets the skin and peripheral nervous system which includes the brain and spinal cord..."

Possible Chinese malware in US systems a 'ticking time bomb'

July 31, 2023 [spacewar.com](#) reported: "The Biden administration believes China has implanted malware in key US power and communications networks in a 'ticking time bomb' that could disrupt the military in event of a conflict, *The New York Times* reported Saturday.

The *Times*, quoting US military, intelligence and security officials, said the malware potentially gave China's People's Liberation Army the ability to disrupt US military operations if Beijing were to move against Taiwan at some point.

The systems affected, the *Times* said, could allow China not only to cut off water, power and communications to US military bases, but also to homes and businesses across the United States.

The report comes two months after Microsoft warned that state-sponsored Chinese hackers had infiltrated critical US infrastructure networks..."

Japan says North Korea threat more serious than ‘ever’

July 28, 2023 spacewar.com reported: “Japan said Friday that North Korea posed a more serious threat to its national security than ‘ever before’, as nuclear-armed Pyongyang rattles its neighbors with repeated missile tests and belligerent rhetoric.

In its annual white paper — a rundown of the most pressing military threats and plans to ensure stability — Japan’s defence ministry made a case for a significant hike in domestic defence spending as the world enters ‘a new era of crisis’. While China’s growing military might and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine were major focuses of the white paper, North Korea also ranked as a key concern for Japan.

‘North Korea’s military activities pose an even more grave and imminent threat to Japan’s national security than ever before,’ the document said.

‘It is believed that North Korea has the ability to attack Japan with nuclear weapons fitted to ballistic missiles.’ ...”

Fox spotted along walls of Temple Mount sparks talk of prophecy

July 27, 2023 jpost.com reported: “This isn’t the first time in recent years that foxes have been spotted near the walls of the Temple Mount. A fox was spotted along the southern wall of the Temple Mount on Wednesday night, as Tisha Be’Av, the day when the two Temples of Jerusalem were destroyed, was marked. The sighting of the fox went viral, with social media users saying the sighting was a sign of a prophecy coming true.



The social media users were referencing a story related in Tractate Makkot (24b) in which Rabbi Akiva, Rabban Gamliel, Rabbi Elazar ben Azarya, and Rabbi Yehoshua visited the site of the destroyed Second Temple.

When the rabbis arrived at the site, they saw a fox emerge from the site of the Holy of Holies and began weeping, although Rabbi Akiva began laughing. The rabbis asked Rabbi Akiva why he was laughing as a fox walked in a site about which the Torah wrote “And the non-priest who approaches shall die.”

Rabbi Akiva responded that the appearance of the fox coincided with a prophecy given by the prophet Uriah in which he stated “Therefore, for your sake Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become rubble, and the Temple Mount as the high places of a forest (where foxes are found).” (Although the prophecy appears in Micah 3:12, there is a rabbinic tradition that it was prophesied by Uriah and not Micah.)

‘Non-human biologics’ found among wrecked alien craft, whistleblower says

July 26, 2023 bostonherald.com reported: “Talk of UFOs is taking off. The U.S. has spent the last several decades attempting to reverse engineer the technology found among the wreckage of crashed UFOs and has recovered “non-human biologics” during its work, a whistleblower told a House committee on Wednesday.

Former U.S. Air Force intelligence officer David Grusch testified alongside two former military pilots during a bipartisan hearing of the Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, when he told lawmakers that though he has never seen an alien spacecraft in person, he has spoken to dozens of high-ranking government officials who have. Under direct questioning by U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.), Grusch said some of the “remains” of pilots discovered at crash sites were “non-human.”

“That was the assessment of people with direct knowledge on the program I talked to, that are currently still on the program,” Grusch said. Grusch testified that, while assigned to the National Reconnaissance Office, he was tasked with identifying any government programs dealing with the appearance of unexplained aerial phenomena, or UAPs. During the course of that work, he told Congress, he made a startling discovery that he was then prevented from investigating, despite his high-level security clearance. “I was informed in the course of my official duties of a multi-decade UAP crash retrieval and reverse engineering program, to which I was denied access,” he said.

Ryan Graves, a former F-18 pilot, and David Fravor, a retired Navy commander, both also testified regarding their close encounters with UAPs during their time flying military aircraft.

Both men described objects they say flew in a manner that no man-made craft is designed for and performed aerial maneuvers at odds with the laws of physics. Both acknowledged the craft could have been advanced technology operated by the U.S. or another government, but said the flying objects seemed too incredible to be man-made...Despite the somewhat far-out nature of the subject matter at hand, lawmakers seemed inclined to take the matter seriously...”

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