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Gazans take to streets to protest Hamas leadership, call out Sinwar and Haniyeh

February 22, 2024 jpost.com reported: “Residents of Jabaliya in the northern Gaza Strip and Rafah in the south took to the streets on Tuesday night to protest against Hamas leaders amid the ongoing war with Israel. Since the beginning of the conflict, there have been several protests by Gazan residents against the terrorist organization, but this is still a rather exceptional event.

In footage circulated on Palestinian social networks, residents are documented calling out against Hamas’s leader in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar, and against the organization’s political bureau chief, Ismail Haniyeh, who continues to live in luxury in Qatar. The protesters also shouted for humanitarian aid, saying, ‘We need food, we need flour, Sinwar and Haniyeh, stay away from us, you thieves.’...”



Iran Boasts of Expanding Arsenal of Kamikaze Drones

February 22, 2024 breitbart.com reported: “Iranian state media reported on Wednesday that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has ‘taken delivery of sophisticated homegrown kamikaze and combat unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), featuring state-of-the-art technologies suitable for operations against enemy targets.’

According to Iran’s *PressTV*, IRGC commanders attended a ceremony on Tuesday to take possession of the latest Shahed-131 and Ababil-5 drones, upgraded versions of two designs that have helped Iran’s homegrown drone industry become a significant threat.

The Shahed drone is a ‘suicide’ or ‘kamikaze’ design, intended to fly an explosive payload to its target and then explode. Iran admitted in November 2022 it has supplied Russia with a large number of Shahed drones to attack Ukrainian targets. Iran also supplied Shahed models to the Houthis terrorists of Yemen, who have used them to attack commercial vessels in the Red Sea...”

Israeli Airstrikes Hit Northern, Southern Gaza

February 21, 2024 voanews.com reported: “The Israeli military said Wednesday it carried out airstrikes in northern and southern Gaza, a day after the United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution that called for an immediate humanitarian cease-fire, scaled up aid access and rejected the forced displacement of Palestinians.

The Israel Defense Forces reported killing dozens of militants, including in the Khan Younis area of the southern part of the Gaza Strip.

The Hamas-run health ministry in Gaza said Wednesday it recorded 118 deaths during the past day, pushing the total number of Palestinians killed to 29,313 with another 69,333 injured since the war began in October....”

Nuclear Threat: Russia Will Drop ‘Entire Arsenal’ on London, Washington if it Doesn’t Win Ukraine War

February 20, 2024 breitbart.com reported: “Top Putin Ally warns West off striving for a Ukrainian victory, warning that would lead to nuclear strikes on ‘Kiev, Berlin, London, Washington’, as well as an apocalyptic civil war in Russia with ‘tens of millions of’ dead.

Deputy chairman of the Russian Security Council Dmitry Medvedev, who was also formerly the Prime Minister and President of Russia in service to Vladimir Putin, has threatened Western capitals with the ‘entire strategic arsenal’ of Russian nuclear weapons. Medvedev, for whom absolutely no slight is too small to necessitate a nuclear response, was speaking of Ukraine’s hope to retake its U.N.-recognised national territory which in some cases have been occupied by Russia for very close to ten years...

He said: ‘Attempts to return Russia to the borders of 1991 will lead to only one thing. To a global war with Western countries using the entire strategic arsenal of our state. In Kiev, Berlin, London, Washington.’...”

US moves to stop Israel’s invasion of Rafah

February 19, 2024 telegraph.co.uk reported: “The US said on Monday night that Israel’s planned invasion of Rafah “should not proceed under current circumstances” as it sought to use the UN to halt fighting.

Joe Biden is pushing for a United Nations vote on a “temporary ceasefire” in a break with the Israeli government as its troops prepare for an assault on the city, in south Gaza.

In a draft resolution, the US warns that a ground offensive into the city, where more than one million Palestinians are sheltering, would have “serious implications for regional peace and security”.

The move comes as Israel has rebuffed efforts by frustrated Western allies to call off its planned invasion of Rafah, the only remaining city controlled by Hamas.

It marks a departure from America’s initial position at the UN that Israel has the right to defend itself. Washington has twice vetoed council resolutions for a ceasefire in Gaza since the Hamas terror attack on Oct 7...”

Iran claims to add two new ‘stealth’ ships to IRGC Navy

February 19, 2024 *jpost.com* reported: “Iran held a ceremony to mark the addition of two new patrol ships, the Shahid Sayad Shirazi and Shahid Bagheri ships, to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy. Iran has two navies: one is the official navy, and the other is the IRGC Navy. Iran’s Maj. Gen. Mohammad Bagheri, head of the armed forces, attended the ceremony.



These ships look different than most naval ships. They are based on a catamaran or twin-hull design and have a sleek futuristic look. They are apparently based on inspiration and designs from the Chinese Type 22 missile boat. China has more than 80 of these coastal patrol vessels, which are 42 meters long. The Iranian ships are 60 meters long. Iran is seeking to build four of these ships. The ship has a helipad on its stern section and can also apparently hold fast boats. It has naval radar and anti-ship cruise missiles, according to reports.

Iran believes these vessels have stealth aspects. Iran has invested in these types of designs recently to make up for Tehran’s lack of naval power. Another ship, the Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, represents a second type of twin-hull design along with a third type Iran commissioned back in 2016 called the Shahid Nazeri...”

Al-Qaeda resurfaces in Afghanistan with new training camps, Islamic schools

February 19, 2024 *jpost.com* reported: “The al-Qaeda terrorist organization is having a resurgence in Afghanistan under the ruling Taliban, setting up eight new training camps alongside five madrasas, Islamic educational institutions, around the country, a report from the UN Security Council in late January has revealed.

The report said that the training camps are located in various provinces, including Ghazni, Laghman, Parwan, and Uruzgan. It also listed sites used by al-Qaeda to move its operatives in and out of neighboring Iran, and said that a new base to stockpile weaponry has been established in the Panjshir Valley, north of the capital, Kabul.

‘The group maintains safe houses to facilitate the movement between Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran in the provinces of Herat, Farah, and Helmand, with additional safe house locations in Kabul,’ the report said...”

Russia developing ‘troubling’ anti-satellite weapon: White House

February 16, 2024 *spacewar.com* reported: “Russia is developing a space-based anti-satellite weapon that is ‘troubling’ for the United States but poses no immediate threat to people on Earth, the White House said Thursday.

The announcement came a day after a wave of speculation sparked by US lawmakers making a cryptic warning of an unspecified but serious national security threat to the country.

Moscow denied the ‘malicious’ and ‘unfounded’ claims, describing them as a White House ploy to try to pass a multi-billion-dollar Ukrainian war aid package stalled in Congress.

‘I can confirm that it is related to an anti-satellite capability that Russia is developing,’ National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told reporters in a briefing at the White House.

‘This is not an active capability that’s been deployed. And though Russia’s pursuit of this particular capability is troubling, there is no immediate threat to anyone’s safety,’ he said. Kirby confirmed that the Russian weapon was ‘space-based’ but would not comment on reports in US media that it was either nuclear-capable or nuclear powered...”

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