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'Iran has all the parts ready – now they just need to be assembled'

July 11, 2024 *ynetnews.com* reported: "IDF Deputy Chief of Staff Major General Amir Baram warned that Iran was closer than ever to obtaining nuclear arms, public broadcaster Kan News reported on Wednesday.

'The nuclear situation in Iran is like a car with all the parts ready – now they just need to be assembled,' he told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee earlier this week. 'We must be able to fight on two fronts simultaneously and understand that these will be long wars. We might face repeated and direct confrontations with Iran.'

The discussion was initially intended to focus on the military draft law, but the major general raised several other security issues, adding, 'Until now, the military has dealt with routine security questions, but today the discussion is centered on Israel's existential questions.'..."



Kamala Harris: Campus protesters on Gaza war 'showing what human emotion should be'

July 10, 2024 *timesofisrael.com* reported: "United States Vice President Kamala Harris has expressed sympathy with the pro-Palestinian, anti-Israel protesters who have been staging campus encampments in colleges around the country, while adding that she doesn't agree with all of their positions, as speculation grows that she could potentially end up as the Democratic presidential candidate.

Young Americans protesting Israel's war against the Hamas terror group in Gaza are 'showing exactly what the human emotion should be,' Harris said in an interview with the left-wing magazine *The Nation*, an excerpt of which was published on Monday.

She noted, however, that 'there are things some of the protesters are saying that I absolutely reject, so I don't mean to wholesale endorse their points. But we have to navigate it. I understand the emotion behind it.'..."

Former Israeli Defense Minister Urges Jews to Flee France After Rise of Far-Left: 'There Is No Time'

July 9, 2024 *breitbart.com* reported: "Former Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman is urging French Jewry to flee France, warning that 'there is no time' following the far-left's triumph in the country's parliamentary elections.

As *Breitbart News* reported, French President Emmanuel Macron's alliance with the New Popular Front delivered a victory over Marine Le Pen's populist right, which has raised concerns about antisemitism, with many French Jews feeling increasingly uncertain about their place in France.

The unexpected shift in political power has sparked fears within the roughly 500,000-strong Jewish community, boosting worries about the potential implications for its safety and rights..."

North Korean leader's sister calls South's live-fire drills 'suicidal hysteria'

July 8, 2024 *spacewar.com* reported: "Kim Yo Jong, the influential sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, condemned recent live-fire drills held by South Korea's military as a form of 'suicidal hysteria' and threatened retaliation Monday.

In recent weeks, the South has conducted live-fire ammunition exercises near both the tense maritime border in the Yellow Sea and the demilitarized zone that separates the two Koreas.

The drills are the first of their kind in six years and come after South Korea withdrew last month from a 2018 inter-Korean military accord meant to reduce tensions along the border. Pyongyang unilaterally suspended the agreement in November.

'I affirm that such an undisguised war game being staged by the enemy near the border of the DPRK is just an inexcusable and explicit provocation that aggravates the situation,' Kim said in a statement carried by the government-run *Korean Central News Agency*.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is the official name of North Korea.

Kim said the drills represented 'suicidal hysteria, for which [South Korea] will have to sustain terrible disaster.' Seoul suspended the inter-Korean military agreement in early June after Pyongyang launched balloons carrying trash and excrement over the border..."

France election highlights: Leftists win most seats, but no party wins majority

July 7, 2024 apnews.com reported: "A leftist coalition, the New Popular Front, has won the most seats in the 2024 French legislative election, beating back a far-right surge but failing to win a majority. The outcome leaves France facing the stunning prospect of a hung parliament and threatens political paralysis in a pillar of the European Union and Olympic host country.

Mélenchon has long been a figure on the left, first in the Socialist Party and as a senator. He founded the hard-left France Unbowed party in 2016 but failed to reach the presidential runoff in 2017 and 2022. He then allied his party with the Socialists, Communists and greens to form the New Popular Ecological and Social Union.

Mélenchon is a divisive figure who angers many moderates. The alliance fell into disarray because of divisions over the Hamas-Israel war. The France Unbowed party condemned the conduct of Israel's war against Hamas and accused it of pursuing genocide against Palestinians. Party leaders denied antisemitism.

Then last month, Mélenchon's party joined a similar alliance that was quickly thrown together for snap elections in response to the prospect of the far right gaining power. The alliance had more luck this time, winning the largest number of seats.

Here's a look at the final results from the second round. According to the Interior Ministry, the leftist coalition has taken the most seats in parliament, with at least 181. Macron's centrists have more than 160 seats. Marine Le Pen's far-right National Rally have 143 seats after leading in the first round.

No majority for anyone. The unpopular Macron will have to form alliances to run the government. Many voters decided that keeping the far right from power was more important than anything else..."

US to send dozens of advanced fighter jets to Japan amid growing Asia tensions

July 3, 2024 spacedaily.com reported: "The Pentagon announced Wednesday it will deploy dozens of advanced fighter jets to multiple bases in Japan as part of a modernization plan amid growing tensions with China, North Korea and Russia.

The Defense Department said in a statement that 36 F-15EX Eagles will be deployed to the Kadena Air Base in Okinawa Prefecture in southern Japan, replacing 48 F-15C/D Eagles 'as part of a planned divestment and modernization.'

Forty-eight F-35A Lightning II fifth-generation fighters will also be deployed to the Misawa Air Base in Japan's northeastern prefecture of Aomori. They will be replacing 36 F-16 Fighting Falcons.



Without specifying, the Pentagon added it would be altering the number of F-35B aircraft at the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni in support of 'the Service's force design modernization implementation.'

The Pentagon said the announcement was made in close coordination with Japan and is part of a modernization plan to be implemented over the next several years that reflects "over \$10 billion of capability investments to enhance the U.S.-Japan alliance, bolster regional deterrence and strengthen peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region."

The United States during the Biden administration has sought to bolster its military presence in the Indo-Pacific as well as relations with Asian allies amid growing global competition with an emboldened China and as North Korea has become even more belligerent not only in rhetoric but in action as it continues its ballistic missile launches..."

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