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NATO takes Ukraine lessons into Europe's top air defence drills

March 27, 2025 spacewar.com reported: "NATO commanders said they were drawing on lessons learned in the drone war over Ukraine to conduct Europe's largest air defence exercise that ends in the Netherlands on Wednesday.

New alliance members Sweden and Finland took part for the first time in 'Joint Project Optic Windmill', a biennial 10-day virtual exercise involving 15 states to test NATO's response to missile and drone attacks.



'We've never encountered the number of threats that is now being seen on the battlefield,' said commanding officer Brigadier-General Peter Gielen.

'We learned from the Ukrainians how they act on that... and there is special attention being paid to drones in this exercise,' Gielen told AFP on Tuesday at an air base in the southern Netherlands.

The Iranian-style Shahed exploding drone Moscow has deployed throughout its Ukraine campaign was of particular focus — and incorporated in the training, Gielen said..."

Canada's pediatricians advised to support affirming gender-questioning six-year-olds

March 26, 2025 nationalpost.com reported: "Newly published advice to Canada's pediatricians continues to charge 'full steam ahead' with the gender-affirming model of care in the face of increasing uncertainty about its safety, and suggests that parents who don't unquestionably affirm their child's expressed gender risk harming their child, concerned doctors say.

The advice, published in a brief paper in the Canadian Pediatric Society's flagship journal, is silent on the Cass Review, a four-year long, independent British review that landed last spring that concluded the evidence base for gender-affirming care for minors is 'remarkably weak' and that many unknowns remain about the impact of social transitioning, particularly on very young children.

The Canadian paper advises pediatricians to offer parents of gender-questioning children advice on social transitions and the many benefits of an affirming environment, and to 'support menstrual suppression' using medications such as hormone blockers for a gender dysphoric 12-year-old 'if appropriate and desired by the patient.'

The authors are 'essentially advocating for socially transitioning children,' said Calgary pediatrician Dr. Darrell Palmer..."

'Hamas Out!': Palestinians Launch Rare Uprising in Gaza Strip

March 26, 2025 Breitbart.com reported: "Hundreds of Gazans marched through the northern town of Beit Lahiya carrying white flags and chanting anti-Hamas slogans, according to videos posted from the scene, which showed participants calling for peace, press coverage, and the release of hostages.

In a rare public uprising against Hamas rule in Gaza, demonstrators took to the streets outside the Indonesian Hospital in northern Gaza. Footage shared on social media on Tuesday captured a crowd of protesters demanding an end to what they called 'tyrant rule,' with chants of 'Out, out, out! Hamas out!' and 'We want to live!' echoing through the streets.

Protesters also waved white flags and held signs reading, ‘Stop the war’ and ‘We refuse to be the ones who die,’ as they marched in what was dubbed the ‘Intifada of the North.’

One speaker at the protest declared, ‘We are a people of peace. We demand a secure peace for this town ... We will be the ones who decide who is in control.’...”

Muslim Slashes Throat of Christian Co-Worker in Pakistan

March 25, 2025 morningstarnews.org reported: “A Muslim in Pakistan on Friday (March 21) slashed the throat of a Christian co-worker on allegations that he had committed blasphemy by touching an Islamic textbook ‘with unclean hands,’ sources said.

The attack on Waqas Masih, 22, took place at Subhan Allah Paper Mills in the Sharaqpur area of Sheikhpura District, Punjab Province, said his father, Riyasat Masih.

‘The factory’s shift in-charge, Zohaib Iftikhar, attacked my son with a cutter blade, slashing his jugular vein,’ Masih, a member of the Brethren Church and father of six, told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. ‘My son courageously fought back the assailant despite blood gushing out of his throat.’

Mill management rushed Waqas Masih to a nearby hospital for emergency treatment that saved his life, and they also prevented the suspect from fleeing the scene, handing him over to police, he said. His son was later transferred to Mayo Hospital in Lahore, where he underwent surgery and was recovering...”

U.S. dispatches second aircraft carrier to the Red Sea

March 24, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “The United States is dispatching a second aircraft carrier to the Middle East in an effort to ramp up defense efforts against Houthi militia aggression in the commercial shipping lanes of the Red Sea.

The move could presage an increase in U.S. bombing efforts against Yemen and its proxies in the region. The U.S. will send the USS Carl Vinson and its several destroyers to the Red Sea next week.



It’s the second time in 6 months that the United States has had two aircraft carrier strike groups in the region at the same time, but the first time under the current Trump administration.

The deployment is an extension of a fresh campaign to strike targets in Yemen, during which the United States has struck dozens of sites in the region, many of which have been munitions sites, including missile launch and storage locations, according to the U.S. Defense Department.

Trump claimed on social media that the Iran-backs Houthis would be ‘completely annihilated’ by U.S. forces and warned Tehran to ‘immediately’ stop supplying the militants with military equipment...”

Report: Hamas claims it will accept Egyptian ceasefire proposal

March 24, 2025 israelnationalnews.com reported: “A Hamas source told *AP* that the terror group responded in the affirmative to an Egyptian proposal for a ceasefire in Gaza.

According to reports, the proposal includes a commitment by Hamas to provide Israel with detailed information on the conditions of all hostages, both living and dead, alongside photographed proofs showing the truth of the information sent.

On Monday, *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed* reported that the offer includes an immediate cessation of fighting in Gaza, which will serve as a basis for expanded negotiations with the goal of setting a timetable to release the rest of the hostages. In addition to immediately halting its attacks on Hamas, the IDF will gradually withdraw from Gaza...”