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Russia's Lavrov calls German army buildup plan 'very worrying'

May 29, 2025 *spacewar.com* reported: "Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Wednesday called German plans to build the 'strongest' army in Europe 'very worrying', citing the world wars of the 20th century.

Germany has since WWII been reluctant to build up its military, and NATO allies have mostly relied on the United States for security.

Berlin is one of Kyiv's strongest allies as it fights Moscow's full-scale offensive for more than three years.

'Many were immediately reminded about the periods of the previous century, when Germany twice became the leading military power and how much trouble this brought,' Lavrov said at a security conference in Moscow, where representatives from the US embassy participated for the first time since Russia's Ukraine offensive.

Merz had vowed to 'provide all financial means necessary' for the long-underfunded defence forces of Europe's economic powerhouse.

Berlin has recently stationed a 5,000-strong armoured brigade in Lithuania, the first permanent deployment of German troops abroad since WWII in response to Russia's full-scale offensive on Ukraine in 2022.

The Kremlin has repeatedly used the memory of the Soviet Union's fight against Nazi Germany to whip up support for its military campaign in Ukraine..."

Report: North Korea Has Enough Fuel for 90 Nuclear Warheads

May 28, 2025 *breitbart.com* reported: "The Congressional Research Service (CRS) issued a report on Friday that found North Korea has produced enough fissile material — i.e. atomic bomb fuel — to build up to 90 nuclear warheads, a dramatic increase from the 20 to 60 warheads it was believed capable of building last year.

'North Korea continues to advance its nuclear weapons and missile programs despite UN Security Council sanctions and high-level diplomatic efforts. The country's ballistic missile testing, military parades, and policy statements suggest that North Korea is continuing to build a nuclear warfighting capability designed to evade regional ballistic missile defenses,' CRS warned.

CRS worried that the longstanding strategy of deterrence, exercised through sanctions and U.S. military drills with South Korea, has not dissuaded Pyongyang from pumping out a remarkable amount of weapons-grade plutonium and enriched uranium..."

Hamas preventing Gazans from receiving food aid, agency says

May 27, 2025 *jpost.com* reported: "The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) said it has begun distributing food aid in the Gaza Strip, with additional aid trucks scheduled to arrive on Tuesday.

In a statement, the foundation also condemned threats from Hamas targeting humanitarian organizations supporting aid distribution at GHF's Safe Distribution Sites. It further accused the terror group of trying to prevent Palestinians from accessing humanitarian supplies at the designated locations.

'It is clear that Hamas is threatened by this new operating model and will do everything in its power to see it fail,' the foundation said in its statement.

'The safety and security of aid workers and civilians is non-negotiable. GHF and its partners are committed to protecting the teams on the ground who risk their lives to bring critical aid to those who need it most. These



threats will not deter us. We are taking every measure to ensure secure operations and will continue working with trusted partners to deliver aid with integrity.’

On Monday, the Hamas-controlled Palestinian Interior Ministry called on Gaza residents not to cooperate with the new aid mechanism initiated by Israel, *the Jerusalem Post* previously reported...”

Senior European officials warn US: Iran stalling negotiations to avoid sanctions

May 26, 2025 jpost.com reported: “Senior officials from the E3 countries — the United Kingdom, Germany, and France — warned the Trump administration that Iran is deliberately stalling negotiations over a new nuclear agreement to hinder the ability to impose sanctions if no agreement is reached, according to several sources familiar with the matter who spoke to *The Jerusalem Post*.

Under the 2015 nuclear agreement, the member states have the authority to impose broad United Nations Security Council sanctions on Iran through a mechanism known as the snapback, in response to major violations of Iran’s nuclear commitments.

This option will no longer be available after October, the ‘sunset date’. The European signatories have made it clear to Iran that if a new and ‘meaningful’ nuclear deal is not reached by August, they will trigger this mechanism, which would result in extensive sanctions on Iran.

‘The Europeans told the United States that there must be a clear timeline for the negotiations; otherwise, the Iranians will deliberately stall to create a US-Europe confrontation in an effort to block the use of the sanctions mechanism,’ several sources told the *Post*...”

Israel said readying to quickly strike Iranian nuclear sites if US-Iran talks fail

May 26, 2025 timesofisrael.com reported: “Israel is getting ready to quickly strike Iran if ongoing talks between the United States and the Islamic Republic over the latter’s nuclear program break down, *Axios* reported Wednesday, citing a pair of Israeli sources.

‘Bibi is waiting for the nuclear talks to collapse and for the moment Trump will be disappointed about the negotiations and open to giving him the go-ahead,’ said one of the sources, using Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s nickname.

According to the sources, the Israeli intelligence community now thinks the nuclear talks could collapse soon, after previously believing an agreement was close. One of the sources said the military believes the window to attack Iran may soon slam shut, requiring Israel to move fast if the negotiations do not pan out, without saying why the IDF reached that assessment.

The news site also said that both sources confirmed a CNN report that Israel is preparing for potential strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities, while adding that any attack would require a weeklong campaign and not be a one-off. Conducting such an operation would also pose great risks to the Israeli forces, the report said...”

Canada discussing joining US ‘Golden Dome’ as Putin signals no issues

May 23, 2025 spacewar.com reported: “Canada has been holding ‘high level’ talks with its southern neighbor about joining US President Donald Trump’s proposed ‘Golden Dome’ missile defense system, Prime Minister Mark Carney said Wednesday.

‘We are conscious that we have an ability, if we so choose, to complete the Golden Dome with investments in partnership (with the US). And it’s something that we are looking at and something that has been discussed at a high level,’ he told a news conference.

Trump wants a system that can defend against a wide array of enemy weapons — from intercontinental ballistic missiles to hypersonic and cruise missiles and drones — asking for it to be ready in about three years, near the end of his second term in office...”



*Canada Pres. Carney & U.S. Pres. Trump
‘Golden Dome’ Missile Defense System*