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Netanyahu slams Iran, Hamas as Israel marks Holocaust

April 24, 2025 *spacewar.com* reported: "Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, speaking Wednesday at an annual Holocaust commemoration, said Iran was an existential threat and warned that 'the fate of all humanity' was at stake if it acquires nuclear arms.

Netanyahu was speaking at the start of Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day, which commemorates the murder of six million Jews by the Nazis during World War II, and is observed every year in April or May according to the Jewish calendar. The International Holocaust Remembrance Day is marked on January 27.

'The regime in Iran is a threat to our destiny, to our very existence, and to the fate of all humanity,' Netanyahu said in a solemn address at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial centre in Jerusalem.

'This is what will happen if it obtains nuclear weapons. If we lose this battle, the Western nations will be next,' Netanyahu said, using the Memorial Day to deliver a political message.

'Israel will not lose, will not give in, and will not surrender,' he said..."

Congressman claims: Syria wants to join Abraham Accords – under the right conditions

April 24, 2025 *israelnationalnews.com* reported: "Syria's new leader is interested in joining the Abraham Accords, US Congressman Cory Mills said.

According to a *Bloomberg* report, Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa, also known as Abu Mohammad al-Julani, expressed willingness in principle to join the Accords, if they take place under 'the right conditions.' Those conditions would include the removal of economic sanctions on Syria, as well as a peace agreement between Syria and Israel. But al-Sharaa is open to addressing US concerns, Mills noted.

Mills told al-Sharaa that all chemical weapons left over from former Syrian President Bashaar al-Assad's regime must be destroyed, and Syria must coordinate on counterterror initiatives, including with US allies. He also said that Syria needs to demonstrate how it plans to deal with foreign fighters in the country and provide appropriate assurances to Israel..."

'Sons of dogs, release the hostages,' Mahmoud Abbas tells Hamas

April 23, 2025 *jpost.com* reported: "'Sons of dogs, hand over the hostages,' Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas told Hamas in a televised speech at the PA's Central Council on Wednesday.

He added that the 'war must end,' citing that hundreds are dying every day because '[Hamas] doesn't want to hand over the American hostages. Sons of dogs – hand over the hostages and end the matter.'

Abbas said the goals are 'Returning the hostages; lifting the Israeli blockade of Gaza; stopping the displacement of our people in coordination with Arab countries; defending the 'Palestinian cause.'"

He also stressed that 'Hamas must end its control of the Gaza Strip and hand over its weapons to the Palestinian Authority.'..."



Israel Prime Minister Netanyahu at Yad Vashem

Vladimir Putin says he's open to holding direct, 'limited', cease-fire talks with Ukraine

April 23, 2025 spacewar.com reported: "Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday held out the prospect of direct peace talks with Ukraine for the first time since the early days of the war amid mounting pressure on both Moscow and Kyiv from the United States to move swiftly to bring an end to the three-year-long conflict.

Putin told reporters in Moscow that ending the targeting of civilian infrastructure was one area that could be tackled in face-to-face negotiations with Kyiv.

'We have a positive attitude towards a cease-fire. That is why we have always said that we take a positive attitude to any peace initiatives. We hope that the representatives of the Kyiv regime will feel the same way,' he said..."



Russian President Vladimir Putin

'Eliminating Christianity': Chinese Communists unleash new limits on faith

April 22, 2025 wnd.com reported: "A new report in the Federalist is warning that the Chinese Communist Party has embarked on a new campaign with the goal of attacking, even eliminating, Christianity.

The new rules, to become effective May 1, are needed to fight 'extremism,' the party charges, and will require foreign missionaries to get government approval for lectures, sermons and group activities.

'Additionally, the regulation includes a comprehensive set of restrictions that prohibit foreign missionaries from engaging in activities such as 'Recruiting religious believers among Chinese citizens and appointing religious clergy,' 'Organizing and carrying out religious education and training,' 'accepting religious donations from Chinese organizations and citizens,' and producing, distributing, and selling religious materials.' Violators, the CCP charges, are criminals..."

Air Force said to hold drill simulating another Iranian missile attack

April 22, 2025 timesofisrael.com reported: "The Israeli Air Force conducted drills on Monday simulating another Iranian missile attack on Israeli airbases, in light of rising tensions over the Islamic Republic's nuclear program, the Kan public broadcaster reported. IAF bases were targeted in previous Iranian strikes in April and October 2024. The report of the exercise came as the US and Iran continue to hold talks on the latter's nuclear program, with the drills said to be aimed at boosting readiness in case the talks collapse..."

North Korea warns of 'overwhelming deterrence' after U.S.-South Korea air drills

April 21, 2025 spacewar.com reported: "North Korea warned Thursday it would respond with 'overwhelming deterrence' against the United States following Washington's deployment of B-1B strategic bombers to the Korean Peninsula for a joint air exercise with South Korea this week.

The allies' drills represent an 'open threat to the security of our state and a grave provocation that raises the military tension in the region to an extreme dangerous level,' a spokesperson for North Korea's Defense Ministry said in a statement carried by state-run Korean Central News Agency.

'The DPRK will exercise the overwhelming deterrence and continue to make the U.S. recognize that its unannounced deployment of strategic means is a reckless and unnecessary abuse of strength,' the spokesperson said, using the official acronym for North Korea. 'The higher the level of provocation against the DPRK is, the greater the level of danger returning to the U.S. will be.'

The United States sent a pair of B-1B strategic bombers to participate in joint drills on Tuesday, which was a holiday in North Korea marking the birthday of founder Kim Il Sung. The exercise was intended to 'respond to the continuous threat of North Korea's increasingly sophisticated nuclear and missile programs,' Seoul's Defense Ministry said..."