



Russia-North Korea defense pact goes into effect

December 5, 2024 israelnationalnews.com reported: “A landmark defense pact between North Korea and Russia, signed this past June by their respective leaders, has officially come into effect following the exchange of ratification documents, *AFP* reported on Wednesday, citing North Korea’s state news agency *KCNA*.

The treaty’s implementation comes amid accusations from the United States and South Korea that North Korea has deployed over 10,000 soldiers to support Russia in its war against Ukraine.

Experts suggest that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is seeking to gain advanced technology and combat experience for his troops in return for this assistance. The strategic partnership agreement was signed during Russian President Vladimir Putin’s visit to Pyongyang and commits both nations to provide military aid ‘without delay’ in the event of an attack on either country. It also solidifies their joint stance against Western sanctions. The treaty went into effect on Wednesday...according to *KCNA*...”



Russian Pres. Putin visits Kim Jong Un in Pyongyang, North Korea

NATO steps up efforts to counter Russian ‘hybrid war’

December 5, 2024 spacewwar.com reported: “NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte said Wednesday the alliance had agreed on ‘proactive measures’ to counter Russia’s campaign of hybrid attacks against its members.

The West has accused Moscow of being behind a string of sabotage attacks on European soil aimed at deterring Ukraine’s backers from sending support to Kyiv.

‘Allies are working very hard to make sure when it comes to sabotage, cyber-attacks, energy blackmail, that we take all the measures necessary to counter that,’ Rutte said after talks with NATO foreign ministers.

‘These include enhanced intelligence exchange, more exercises, better protection of critical infrastructure, improved cyber defence, and tougher action against Russia’s shadow fleet of oil exporting ships.’

NATO officials said the alliance was working on a new strategy to combat Russian and Chinese hostile actions for a summit next June in The Hague.

The alleged hybrid campaign poses a problem for NATO as it exists in a grey zone often seen as beneath the level of threat that could trigger the alliance’s mutual defence clause...”

Israel warns Lebanon to ensure Hezbollah adheres to truce or face attacks itself

December 4, 2024 timesofisrael.com reported: “Defense Minister Israel Katz warned Tuesday that if the recently implemented ceasefire with Hezbollah collapses, the state of Lebanon will no longer be exempt from blame for attacks, and Israel’s military responses will not distinguish between the terror group and the country where it is based.

Katz’s remarks came a day after the ceasefire, reached last week after 14 months of conflict initiated by Hezbollah was rattled by a Hezbollah mortar attack on Israeli territory and retaliatory IDF strikes on southern Lebanon.

As ceasefire mediators France and the US were said to be pressing both Jerusalem and Beirut to rein in the fighting and prevent the deal from unraveling, an Israeli airstrike near Damascus International Airport in Syria killed a top Hezbollah officer.

‘We will work with all our might to enforce all the understandings of the ceasefire agreement, and we show maximum response and zero tolerance,’ Katz said during a visit to the northern border areas...”

Protesters raise Nazi, terrorist salutes at London protest march

December 3, 2024 [jpost.com](https://www.jpost.com) reported: “Anti-Israel protesters raised Nazi and terrorist salutes at a Pro-Palestinian march and Pro-Israel counter-protest in London, according to statements by Stop The Hate UK and the Metropolitan Police.

The Met appealed to the public on Sunday for their aid in the identification of an elderly man ‘in connection with an alleged public order offense,’ confirming to STH on social media that the investigation was related to a video of the suspect raising his arm in a Nazi salute in the direction of counter-protesters.

STH on Sunday published footage on X/Twitter of another anti-Israel marcher who appeared to shout ‘Heil Hitler’ and raise a Nazi salute and then a middle finger in the direction of pro-Israel counter-protesters.

‘When we tell you these are hate marches, when we tell you that British Jews are frightened to enter central London when they come to town – this is why,’ STH wrote on social media on Saturday. ‘A Nazi salute in full view of officers and directed at Jews. How many more instances like this do Jewish Londoners have to endure before you do something to stop these hate marches?’...”

Report: Iran sees ceasefire as a chance to take stock and rebuild Hezbollah

December 3, 2024 [timesofisrael.com](https://www.timesofisrael.com) reported: “Iran sees the four-day-old ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah as a chance to rebuild the Lebanon-based terror organization, according to sources close to the group quoted by the *Washington Post* on Saturday.

The sources said that the truce gives Iran a chance to take stock of what was previously its strongest proxy in the region, rebuild, and try to restore deterrence. Hezbollah, which avowedly seeks Israel’s destruction, may have lost up to 4,000 people in the war, a source told *Reuters* last week, the vast majority of them during the last two months of intensified fighting.

The Israel Defense Forces has estimated that Israeli forces killed some 3,000 Hezbollah operatives and that it dealt massive blows to Hezbollah’s infrastructure and resources. Around 100 members of other terror groups have also been reported killed in Lebanon...”

Philippine president says Russian submarine ‘worrisome’

December 2, 2024 [spacewar.com](https://www.spacewar.com) reported: “Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos on Monday described as ‘very worrisome’ the presence of a Russian attack submarine off the country’s coast in the disputed South China Sea. The UFA 490 submarine was spotted 148 kilometres (92 miles) west of Cape Calavite on Thursday, the Philippine military said.

‘Any intrusion into the West Philippine Sea, of our EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone), of our baselines is very worrisome,’ Marcos told reporters. The Philippines dispatched a plane and a warship to the submarine, where the crew said they were awaiting good weather before proceeding to Russia’s Vladivostok, the Philippine Navy said...”

Putin signs record Russian budget, one-third for defense

December 2, 2024 [spacewar.com](https://www.spacewar.com) reported: “President Vladimir Putin signed Russia’s new budget on Sunday, which includes record spending on military capabilities as Moscow’s assault on Ukraine approaches the three-year mark. More than 32% of the nation’s 2025 spending plan, or about \$126 million, is earmarked for defense, a record. That amounts to 13.5 trillion rubles, and is up about 4% over this year’s military budget.

Putin signed the spending plan as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who has been on a nearly non-stop world fundraising tour, met with European Union officials who have traveled to Ukraine to offer Zelensky support...”

