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## **Liberman: 'If Tel Aviv attacked – we will strike Tehran'**

*April 26, 2018* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: ““Defense Minister Liberman emphasized that Israel would not tolerate an Iranian strike on Israel, asserting that Israel would not hesitate to strike Tehran in such a case. In an interview with the London-based Saudi paper Elaph published this morning, Thursday, Liberman said that, while Israel is not interested in war with anybody, it will not tolerate an Iranian presence in Syria ‘at any price.’

‘These are the final days of the Iranian regime,’ Liberman warned, emphasizing that ‘if Iran attacks Tel Aviv, Israel will strike Tehran and destroy every Iranian military site that threatens Israel in Syria, whatever the price.’

The warning comes after The secretary of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council, Ali Shamkhani, vowed on Tuesday that Tehran would punish Israel in response to the recent air strike on the T-4 airbase in Homs, Syria, in which several Iranian soldiers and officers were killed.

‘The Islamic Republic paid a high price to establish regional security and to fight radical Islamic terrorism, and therefore it cannot sit idly by in the face of the alarming escalation which undermines security that is expressed in the steps of the United States, the Zionist entity and some of their allies,’ Shamkhani said...”

## **Iran’s Khamenei urges Muslim nations to unite against U.S.**

*April 26, 2018* Jerusalem Post reported: ““Iran’s supreme leader called on Muslim nations to unite against the United States, saying Tehran would never yield to ‘bullying,’ state television reported on Thursday.

‘The Iranian nation has successfully resisted bullying attempts by America and other arrogant powers and we will continue to resist... All Muslim nations should stand united against America and other enemies,’ Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said.

Iran’s top authority criticized Trump for saying on Tuesday some countries in the Middle East ‘wouldn’t last a week’ without US protection.

‘Such remarks are a humiliation for Muslims ... Unfortunately there is war in our region between Muslim countries. The backward governments of some Muslim countries are fighting with other countries,’ Khamenei said...”

## **Iran's Rouhani questions 'right' to seek new nuclear deal**

*April 25, 2018* spacedaily.com reported: “Iran's President Hassan Rouhani on Wednesday questioned the legitimacy of demands for a fresh nuclear agreement with Tehran, after the leaders of the US and France called for a "new" deal.

"Together with a leader of a European country they say: 'We want to decide on an agreement reached by seven parties'. What for? With what right?" Rouhani said in a speech.

US President Donald Trump has fiercely criticised a three-year-old deal reached by world powers to curb Iran's nuclear programme, and threatened to pull the US out of the agreement. Trump is eyeing a broader pact that also limits Iran's ballistic missile programme and support for armed groups across the Middle East.”...”

## **China advances, West frets in South Pacific**

*April 25, 2018* Asia Times Online reported: “Recent Australian media reports suggest that China aims to establish a permanent naval base on the Pacific island republic of Vanuatu, a move which if true would significantly shift the region’s security dynamics.

The Vanuatu government and China deny that any such plans are afoot. But the fact is that China has already built a new wharf on the Vanuatu island of Espiritu Santo which is far too large for the mere commercial purposes of its 40,000 inhabitants and occasional tourists.

The port, built with financial support from China, is one of the largest in the South Pacific and can accommodate three cargo ships and two cruise liners at the same time, according to press reports. Whatever the facility’s ultimate intent, the controversy surrounding it has put a new spotlight on China’s expanding influence in the South Pacific, a challenge not only to nearby Australia but also to the United States as the prime power in the region.

Most of the Pacific nations are tiny with minuscule populations. But they each have huge economic exclusive zones (EEZs) in the vast waterway that lies between China and America.”...”

## **Hopes for peace as Kim takes historic step to inter-Korean summit**

*April 24, 2018* spacedaily.com reported: “ North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will walk across the Demilitarized Zone on Friday for a historic summit with the South's President Moon Jae-in, the highest-level encounter yet in a whirlwind of nuclear diplomacy.

Pyongyang's atomic arsenal will be high on the agenda the first time one of its rulers sets foot in the South since the Korean War ended 65 years ago, and a peace treaty to formally end the conflict could also be discussed.

The meeting on the southern side of the truce village of Panmunjom -- only the third of its kind after two in Pyongyang, the last 11 years ago -- is intended to pave the way for a highly anticipated encounter between Kim and US President Donald Trump.



*Tel Aviv, Israel*

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It comes after a rapid and spectacular diplomatic dance on the peninsula, orchestrated by Moon and set to the beat of the Winter Olympics in the South.”...”

### **Iran warns Trump to remain in nuclear deal or ‘face severe consequences’**

*April 24, 2018* Jerusalem Post reported: “Iranian President Hassan Rouhani warned US President Donald Trump on Tuesday to stay in the nuclear deal Tehran signed with world powers in 2015, or face ‘severe consequences,’ as other signatories stepped up efforts to save the agreement.

Trump has said that unless European allies fix what he has called ‘terrible flaws’ in the deal by May 12, he will restore US economic sanctions on Iran, which would be a severe blow to the pact.

The other powers that signed the deal – Russia, China, Germany, Britain and France – have all said they want to preserve the agreement that curbed Iran’s nuclear program in return for lifting most sanctions.

‘I am telling those in the White House that if they do not live up to their commitments, the Iranian government will firmly react,’ Rouhani said in a speech broadcast live on state television.

‘If anyone betrays the deal, they should know that they would face severe consequences,’ he told a cheering crowd of thousands gathered in the city of Tabriz. ‘Iran is prepared for all possible situations,’ he added...”

### **US Commerce Secretary calls China 2025 plan 'frightening'**

*April 24, 2018* spacedaily.com reported: “China’s plan to transform itself into the global technology nexus is a “frightening” one that puts American intellectual property at risk, US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said Tuesday.

“It’s a huge, huge problem,” Ross told a gathering of fabric industry executives about the repeated theft of technology. “And it’s not going away.”

He said Beijing’s development plan -- Made in China 2025 -- maps out the country’s strategy to dominate “every hot industry” from space to telecommunications to robotics to electric cars.

“They have been the factory floor of the world, now their vision is to be the technology center for the world,” Ross said.

“What they are really trying to do is take their immense trade surplus from the conventional industries of today...and plow them into semiconductor research and every kind of research you can imagine.”

Washington last month threatened steep tariffs on \$50 billion in Chinese goods, because of policies it says aim to steal technology, and also filed a complaint at the World Trade Organization. That ratcheted up tensions between the two countries and they have exchanged increasingly severe tariff threats.”...”

### **Russia to move air defenses to Syria ‘soon,’ warns Israel against attack**

*April 23, 2018* Jerusalem Post reported: “Russia will supply Syria with S-300 anti-aircraft defense systems ‘soon,’ a senior Russian official told the Kommersant newspaper on Monday, warning Israel that it would ‘suffer catastrophic consequences’ if it attacks the system.

According to the report, the system will be supplied to the regime of Bashar Assad for no cost and will likely be brought into the country via transport aircraft or Russian Navy ships to be deployed to cover Damascus and the regime’s airfields.

The report stated that while Moscow believes that such a move would stabilize the situation in war-torn Syria, ‘experts believe that the reaction of the Israeli military to such a move will be predictably negative and do not exclude attacks on their locations.’

‘If Israel decides to carry out rocket strikes on the deployment locations of the S-300, the consequences will be catastrophic for all sides,’ Russian defense officials told the paper.

Lt.-Gen. Aitech Bizhev, the Russian Air Force’s former deputy chief commander for the CIS joint air defense system it would take about three months for the Russians to train Syrian troops to operate the S-300 and would likely see Russian military advisors stationed where the batteries are deployed to coordinate with the Syrians...”

### **China Aid: President Xi Jinping Views Christian Churches as ‘Severe National Security Threat’**

*April 22, 2018* Breitbart.com reported: “Chinese President Xi Jinping harbors a ‘particular animosity’ toward Christians and sees underground churches as a ‘severe national security threat,’ according to the founder of China Aid, a U.S.-based watchdog group.

China Aid founder and president Bob Fu told a conference on religious persecution last week that the number of persecuted Christians has ‘dramatically increased’ under the reign of President Xi Jinping who has ‘animosity against Christianity in particular.’

‘The number of people we documented who are persecuted among just Christians alone last year reached 223,000 compared to these 48,000 in 2016,’ Mr. Fu said. Whereas underground churches that operate outside state control are seen as a particular threat, growing attendance even at official churches has provoked hostility from the Xi government.

Mr. Fu said the communist-controlled state is forcing churches to install facial recognition systems to identify those attending services. Every church building was ‘forced to put a sign banning children, students, civil servants, military personnel, and communist party members from entering,’ he said...”

