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U.S. Air Force tests microwave, laser weapon systems

January 24, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: "The U.S. Air Force announced it is planning future experiments involving laser and microwave energy weapons after recent successes in testing sessions.

Future experiments in the Directed Energy Experimentation Campaign are planned at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, the Air Force said Tuesday in a statement.

The tests by the 704th Test Group, essentially the use of microwaves or lasers to bring down aerial targets, come after a first successful experiment in October. The experiments offer better understanding of the capabilities of off-the-shelf high-power microwave and high energy laser systems against targets, according to the Air Force..."

World War 3: 'Rapid military escalation' occurring between Iran and Israel

January 24, 2019 express.co.uk reported: "TENSIONS between Iran and Israel are "escalating and intensifying" after Israel struck Iranian targets this week, a former Pentagon official has warned.



World War 3 fears were sparked this week after Israel hit the Syrian capital of Damascus early on Monday as part of its increasingly open assault on Iran's presence there. In response, Iran issued a chilling message to arch-enemy Israel – warning it is "impatient" and ready to confront and destroy the nation in a statement issued just hours after Israel launched the air raids in Syria.

The former Pentagon official Michael Maloof has warned the situation between the two states is getting "quickly out of hand" due to the "intensified Israeli attacks".

Mr Maloof told RT America: "You have got to keep in mind that the alleged Iranian attack was in response to a prior Israeli attack on Syria.

"So, basically, the Israelis started the whole thing by firing rockets at their sites at the side of Syria.

"So what this indicates is a very rapid escalation that's occurring and Netanyahu himself basically stated that he is only going to intensify and I think this is also a prelude to something even more serious in terms of probably creating even greater uncertainty and conflict within the region itself."..."

Iranian air chief: 'We're ready for the decisive war that will destroy Israel'

January 24, 2019 timesofisrael.com reported: "Amid fears of escalation, hours after Israeli airstrikes destroyed Iranian installations and reportedly killed military personnel in Syria, Iran's air force chief said Monday the country's youths were 'impatient' to fight a war for 'Israel's disappearance.'

'We're ready for the decisive war that will bring about Israel's disappearance from the earth. Our young airmen are prepared for the day when Israel will be destroyed,' Brig. Gen. Aziz Nasirzadeh said, according to an Iranian news site.

A former fighter pilot, Nasirzadeh was named Iran's air chief by Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in August after serving as the acting commander for several months. His comments about eliminating the Jewish state were made during an interview with a state-linked news site, hours after Israel and Iran traded blows over Syria..."

Putin's plan to slowly reclaim Russia's lost empire

January 24, 2019 attimes.com reported: "Last week, Serbia's President Aleksandar Vucic offered a lavish welcome to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Tens of thousands flooded Belgrade to greet Putin in front of the Orthodox Saint Sava Church, waving Serbian and Russian flags and banners praising Putin for trying to rebuild a Russo-centric, pan-Slavic world and to counter global Americanism.

Serbia – despite its new pro-Western leadership and EU ambitions – has deep historical ties with the Slavic 'big brother' that has supported Belgrade over the centuries, most recently during the 1999 NATO bombing campaign.

It is the only European nation that is truly close to Russia, with common Orthodox and Slavic roots, a daily Moscow-Belgrade train and a bilateral visa-free entry agreement. Putin pledged to invest US\$1.4 billion in gas pipeline infrastructure for Serbia, which already buys all its natural gas from Russia.

But ties extend far beyond cultural and ethnic similarities, to Moscow's wider geopolitical strategies. The Belgrade love fest is just another brick in the giant international structure Russian officials label Russkiy Mir, or Russian World.

Moscow media cover 'Russkiy Mir' and conferences of 'Russian compatriots' on a daily basis. Though the USSR has dissolved, step by step, Putin's Kremlin is bringing the vast lands of its former empire back into the fold."..."

China 'compressing' technology gains: US intel official

January 23, 2019 spacewar.com reported: "China is making technological advances in a far shorter timeframe than it took the United States, rapidly narrowing the gap between the two countries, a senior US intelligence official said Tuesday.

Reaping the benefits of sending tens of thousands of students and researchers to the United States, and a determined policy to buy and steal US technology, Beijing has "compressed the timeframe" for catching up, and now has "remarkable" capabilities, the official told journalists on condition of anonymity.

That is one of the key challenges for the United States, according to the new US National Intelligence Strategy. In unveiling the strategy, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats said it sets a focus for the US intelligence community in a time of rapid technological change.

"Today, we face the most diverse and complex set of threats that we have ever seen," Coats said in a speech to the intelligence community.

"The question then becomes what do we need to do now... We must become more agile."

The strategy, the first drafted in five years, notes major changes in the world led by the weakening of the post-World War II global order, China's emergence as a global economic and military power, and the rise of cyber threats.

Coats named China, Iran, North Korea and Russia as key state threats, but said a broad range of non-state actors -- jihadist groups, organized crime and others -- are empowered by new technologies and could find common interests among themselves.

"Our greatest concern comes from those forces merging together," Coats said."..."

Syria's UN envoy threatens retaliatory attack on Ben Gurion Airport

January 23, 2019 timesofisrael.com reported: "Syria's envoy to the United Nations warned Tuesday that if the world body did not halt Israeli strikes on his country, Syria would retaliate with an attack on Ben Gurion International Airport outside Tel Aviv.



Ben Gurion Airport

Speaking at the UN Security Council after a series of IAF airstrikes on Sunday and Monday — most of them launched after an Iranian missile fired from Syria was intercepted over the Israeli Golan Heights on Sunday afternoon — Bashar Jaafari said Israel was only able to act freely in Syria because it had the backing of the US, UK and France in the Security Council.

Syrian state media Sana quoted Jaafari as saying that if the UN Security Council didn't adopt measures stop Israel, 'Syria would practice its legitimate right of self-defense and respond to the Israeli aggression on Damascus International Airport in the same way on Tel Aviv airport.'..."

Tensions Between Israel and Iran Rise Over Syria

January 23, 2010 voanews.com reported: "Twenty-one people were killed by Israeli airstrikes Monday in Syria. The dead reportedly including 12 members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard.

The latest round of attacks between Israel and Iran began with a series of Israeli airstrikes Sunday on Iranian targets in Syria, attacks that have become almost routine. But this time the missile strikes took place during the day and Israeli officials openly took responsibility for them. Israel usually neither confirms nor denies these strikes.

Iran's retaliation came a few hours later with a surface to surface missile fired at the Golan Heights, which includes Israel's only ski resort. That missile was intercepted and shot down by the Iron Dome system. There were no casualties but Israeli army officials said if it had landed it could have killed dozens of people..."

'Arabs should ally with Israel, Iran is more dangerous'

January 23, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) reports Syrian opposition activist and writer Issam Zeitoun appeared on a debate about Israel on Al-Jazeera Network (Qatar) on January 16, 2019. Zeitoun said that Israel is an existing country to which some Arabs turn a blind eye.

Ra'ed Al-Masri, a Lebanese professor of political science and international relations, responded that Israel is 'illegitimate and nonexistent.' Zeitoun went on to criticize the Arabs for not accepting the 1947 Partition Plan and said that the notion that Israel is a tyrannical, arrogant, expansionist, and racist state is a lie.

He said that the idea that Israel wants to expand from the Euphrates River to the Nile is also a fabrication that no Israeli has ever actually said. In addition, Zeitoun said that Israel would have never fought the Arabs if they had never attacked it. He added that Pan-Arabism is a 'cancer' that has brought the Arab nation to the 'verge of annihilation.'

Saying that Iran is much more dangerous than Israel, Zeitoun stated that an alliance with Israel is absolutely better than the current situation..."

U.S. calls on Russia to destroy new missile system

January 21, 2019 Reuters reported: "The United States called on Russia on Monday to destroy a new cruise missile system which it said constituted a 'direct violation' of the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, and accused Moscow of destabilizing global security.

'Unfortunately, the United States increasingly finds that Russia cannot be trusted to comply with its arms control obligations and that its coercive and malign actions around the globe have increased tensions,' Robert Wood, U.S. disarmament ambassador, told the U.N.-sponsored Conference on Disarmament..."

'We are prepared to eliminate Israel'

January 21, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iran is prepared for a cataclysmic final battle with Israel, a senior Iranian military leader said Monday, following the latest escalation between the two countries.

'We are prepared for the decisive battle against Israel, which will lead to its elimination,' Aziz Nasirzadeh, the commander of the Iranian air force, was quoted by Al Jazeera as saying Monday morning, several hours after Israeli forces hit Iranian and Assad regime positions in Syria.

Iranian forces fired a rocket at northern Israel on Sunday, which was intercepted by Israel's Iron Dome anti-missile system. Earlier in the day, Syria announced its air defense systems had foiled an Israeli air strike in the south of the country..."

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