Earthquakes and Wars Updates Judgement!

Mark 13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.
8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.

March 30, 2025

Trump Says He's 'Very Angry' With Putin, Threatens Tariffs

President Donald Trump said Sunday he's "very angry" and "pissed off" at Vladimir Putin over the Russian president's remarks late last week suggesting the removal of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and the implementation of a "transitional administration" in Ukraine.

In a Sunday morning interview with <u>NBC News</u>, Trump threatened a 25% tariff on Russian oil if a ceasefire deal can't be reached.

"If Russia and I are unable to make a deal on stopping the bloodshed in Ukraine, and if I think it was Russia's fault — which it might not be — but if I think it was Russia's fault, I am going to put secondary tariffs on oil, on all oil coming out of Russia," Trump told NBC News.

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Iran officially rejects direct talks with US

Trump threats Iran: 'There will be bombing like they have never seen before'

The US President threatened severe consequences if Iran refuses a nuclear deal.

Retrieved March 30, 2025, from <u>Trump threats Iran: 'There will be bombing like they have never seen</u> <u>before' | Israel National News</u>

Tonga rocked by 7.1 magnitude earthquake as locals forced to evacuate

Tsunami warnings were issued to Tonga after the Pacific island was struck by a 7.1 magnitude <u>earthquake</u> but were later lifted.

Evacuation orders are in place as residents brace for the second prong of the storm.

People have been <u>instructed to move to higher ground or go further inland</u> due to hazardous waves, though officials believe the island no longer faces the threat of a tsunami. No initial damage has been reported.

Retrieved March 30, 2025, from <u>Tonga rocked by 7.1 magnitude earthquake as locals forced to evacuate</u>

March 29, 2025

Putin Suggests China, North Korea Join Ukraine Talks

Russian President Vladimir Putin suggested on Friday that China and North Korea could join the ceasefire negotiations to end the conflict in Ukraine.

Putin was speaking in Murmansk, Russia, about the ongoing efforts to end the war and said other countries apart from the United States could contribute to the negotiations.

"This is not only the United States but also the People's Republic of China, India, Brazil, South Africa, all BRICS countries," Putin said.

Retrieved March 29, 2025, from Putin Suggests China, North Korea Join Ukraine Talks | Newsmax.com

Iran sends response to Trump on nuclear talks via Oman

Iranian Foreign Minister says his country sent a response via Oman to Trump's letter calling for new nuclear deal: Our policy is still to not engage in direct negotiations, but indirect negotiations can continue.

Retrieved March 29, 2025, from <u>Iran sends response to Trump on nuclear talks via Oman | Israel National</u> <u>News</u>

Myanmar Earthquake: Thai defense minister warns of hundreds of

casualties

Hundreds are suspected dead or injured in Southeast Asia as authorities begin to clarify the full extent of the damage from the magnitude 7.7 earthquake felt earlier today. Retrieved March 29, 2025, from <u>Myanmar Earthquake: Thai defense minister warns of hundreds of casualties | Israel National News</u>

March 21, 2025

Iran: We're carefully assessing Trump's letter

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi says his country is assessing letter from Trump which urged Tehran to engage in negotiations for a new nuclear agreement: There is an opportunity behind every menace.

Retrieved March 21, 2025, from Iran: We're carefully assessing Trump's letter | Israel National News

Russian Drones Hammer Ukraine's Odesa as Czech Leader Visits

Russia pounded Ukraine's Black Sea city of Odesa late on Thursday with one of its biggest drone attacks, injuring three teenagers and sparking fires as the Czech president visited, Ukrainian officials said.

The attack comes as the United States is pushing for a peace deal between Ukraine and Russia, and hoping to agree a partial ceasefire that would halt strikes on energy infrastructure by both sides.

Czech President Petr Pavel, a vocal backer of Kyiv who has led an effort to source more than one million artillery shells for Ukraine's war effort, was in the port city for talks with regional officials at the time of the strikes.

Retrieved March 21, 2025, from <u>Russian Drones Hammer Ukraine's Odesa as Czech Leader Visits |</u> <u>Newsmax.com</u>

March 19, 2025 Report: Trump gave Iran 2-month ultimatum for new nuclear deal

US President's recent letter to Iran's supreme leader reportedly included an ultimatum setting a deadline for it to reach a new nuclear deal. Retrieved March 19, 2025, from <u>Report: Trump gave Iran 2-month ultimatum for new nuclear deal | Israel National News</u>

March 17, 2025 Trump: 'Iran will be held responsible for every shot fired by Houthis

US President says Iran arms terrorists, including the Houthis, and will therefore suffer the consequences of attacks carried out by their proxies.

Retrieved March 17, 2025, from <u>Trump: 'Iran will be held responsible for every shot fired by Houthis | Israel</u> <u>National News</u>

Trump, Putin to Talk About Ukraine War, 'Dividing Up Certain Assets'

President Donald Trump will speak with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday in a possible pivot point in efforts to end the war in Ukraine and an opportunity for Trump to continue reorienting American foreign policy.

Trump disclosed the upcoming conversation to reporters while flying from Florida to Washington on Air Force One on Sunday evening, while the Kremlin confirmed Putin's participation on Monday morning.

"We will see if we have something to announce maybe by Tuesday. I will be speaking to President Putin on Tuesday," Trump said. "A lot of work's been done over the weekend. We want to see if we can bring that war to an end."

Retrieved March 17, 2025, from <u>Trump, Putin to Talk About Ukraine War, 'Dividing Up Certain Assets'</u> <u>| Newsmax.com</u>

China Says Military Exercise Near Taiwan Punishes 'Separatism'

Chinese military exercises near Taiwan on Monday were punishment for Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te's continued promotion of "separatism," according to a stern statement out of Beijing, as Taiwan hit back by calling China a troublemaker. China, which has never renounced the use of force to bring democratically governed Taiwan under its control, has stepped up military and political pressure against the island in recent years. Taiwan's Defense Ministry said China carried out "joint combat readiness patrols" — one in the morning and one in the afternoon — sending 54 Chinese warplanes, including J-10 jets and drones, to areas near Taiwan.

Retrieved March 17, 2025, from <u>China Says Military Exercise Near Taiwan Punishes 'Separatism'</u> <u>Newsmax.com</u>

3.9 magnitude earthquake recorded in Malibu, California: USGS

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March 9, 2025

Is Russia planning to attack another European country?

Head of Germany's intelligence service says Putin may 'examine NATO's Article 5', which states attacking a NATO member constitutes an attack against all members.

<u>Tziki Brandwine</u>

Bruno Kahl, President of Germany's Federal Intelligence Service (Bundesnachrichtendienst), issued a warning that Russian President Vladimir Putin may try to test the unity of the NATO alliance by challenging Article 5 of the treaty.

According to this article, any attack on one NATO member state constitutes an attack on all members, and the other countries must help in defense.

In an interview with *Deutsche Welle*, Kahl said, "We very much hope that this will not happen, and that we will not have to stand this test. However, we must assume that Russia wants to test us and put the unity of the West to the test."

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When asked when he considers such a 'challenge' realistic, Kahl replied that it depends on the development of the war in Ukraine, stating that if the war ends before 2029-2030, Russia will use its technical resources and manpower to pose a threat to Europe as quickly as possible.

According to Kahl, Russia will use the period after the war in Ukraine to rebuild its forces to prepare for another attack.

He also claimed that Russia was trying to restore the world order that existed in the past, when it had greater influence on Europe.

These comments come amid pressure from the US on Ukraine to end the war, as well as reports that Trump is considering moving 35,000 US troops from Germany to Hungary.

Retrieved March 9, 2025, from <u>Is Russia planning to attack another European country?</u> | <u>Israel</u> <u>National News</u>

Oops, Scientists May Have Miscalculated Our Global Warming Timeline

Story by Darren Orf

- The Paris Climate Accords in 2015 set an ambitious (and necessary) goal of keeping global temperatures at 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial temps. But a study says we might've blown past that threshold several years ago.
- Scientists at the University Western Australia Oceans Institute studied longlived Caribbean sclerosponges and created an ocean temperature timeline dating back to the 1700s.
- While the study claims that we surpassed 1.5 degrees Celsius in 2020, other scientists question if data from just one part of the world is enough to capture the immense thermal complexity of our oceans.

Whatever your stance is on <u>climate change</u> (it's real, let's move on), it's impossible to have missed the near-ubiquitous call to action to "keep temperatures from exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels." Over the past few years, the somewhat bureaucratic phrase has become a rallying cry for the climate conscious.

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March 6, 2025 IDF Chief of Staff: 'We must defeat Hamas, we are preparing to return to battle'

IDF Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir met with local leaders in the Gaza envelope and pledged: 'The hostages are our top priority.'

Retrieved March 6, 2025, from <u>IDF Chief of Staff: 'We must defeat Hamas, we are preparing to return to battle'</u> <u>Israel National News</u>

Report: Trump Admin. holding secret direct talks with Hamas over hostages

US hostage envoy Adam Boehler reportedly engaged in the first direct talks between the US and Hamas in decades over the remaining American hostages and chances for a deal to end the war.

Retrieved March 6, 2025, from <u>Report: Trump Admin. holding secret direct talks with Hamas over hostages | Israel</u> <u>National News</u>

Hint to Iran? IAF, US Air Force, hold joint aerial exercise

Israeli F-35i, F-15i aircraft, fly alongside US B-52 strategic bomber in joint Air Force exercise. Watch.

Retrieved March 6, 2025, from Hint to Iran? IAF, US Air Force, hold joint aerial exercise | Israel National News

March 5, 2025

China: We're Ready for 'Any Type of War'

Following the start of President Donald Trump's additional tariffs on Chinese imports, Beijing warned that it's ready for any "type of war" with the U.S.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian took that stance <u>during a</u> <u>press conference</u> late Tuesday after being asked his reaction to the tariffs, which are now 20% on Chinese goods.

"If war is what the U.S. wants, be it a tariff war, a trade war, or any other type of war, we're ready to fight till the end," Lin said.

"We urge the U.S. to stop being domineering and return to the right track of dialogue and cooperation at an early date." Retrieved March 5, 2025, from <u>China: We're Ready for 'Any Type of War' | Newsmax.com</u>

March 4, 2025

Report: Russia and Iran expand military cooperation

A new investigation highlights the growing military collaboration between Russia and Iran since the onset of the Ukraine War.

The Russian investigative site *Insider Russia*, associated with the opposition, published findings indicating that since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, relations between the two countries have significantly expanded. According to the investigation, Russia previously refrained from deepening its ties with Iran due to fears of damaging its relations with Israel. However, the war in Ukraine has led to a change in approach—Russia has begun to rely on Iran as a source for advanced weaponry. Retrieved March 4, 2025, from Report: Russia and Iran expand military cooperation | Israel National News

March 3, 2025

Los Angeles Oscars afterparties rocked by 3.9-magnitude earthquake as red carpet backdrop shakes

Story by Benedict Tetzlaff

Los Angeles has been hit by a 3.9-magnitude earthquake - leaving the <u>red</u> <u>carpet</u> backdrop at the <u>Oscars afterparties</u> shaking.

Camera crews reporting live from A-list <u>parties hosted by Vanity Fair, Elton John</u> <u>and others</u> were seen holding onto their equipment as projected signs and backdrops trembled. The earthquake, measuring 3.9 on the Richter scale, struck about 10 miles northwest of L.A. at approximately 10.13pm local time on Sunday (6.13am GMT).

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Magnitude 4.5 earthquake strikes in Washington state

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March 1, 2025 Qatar files international court complaint against Israel

Qatar has requested that the court order Israel to allow the UNRWA to continue operations in areas it deems 'Palestinian territory.' Retrieved March 1, 2025, from Qatar files international court complaint against Israel | Israel National News

Pentagon Orders Deployment of Stryker Combat Team to Border

The Pentagon <u>has ordered</u> the deployment of up to 3,000 activeduty troops to the U.S.-Mexico border, along with soldiers from a motorized brigade equipped with 20-ton armored Stryker combat vehicles.

"As directed by President Trump, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth has ordered the deployment of a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) and General Support Aviation Battalion to reinforce and expand current border security operations to seal the border and protect the territorial integrity of the United States, a priority for the President," a senior defense official said in a press release. "These forces will arrive in the coming weeks and their deployment underscores the Department's unwavering dedication to working alongside the Department of Homeland Security to secure our southern border and maintain the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and security of the United States under President Trump's leadership."

Retrieved March 1, 2025, from <u>Pentagon Orders Deployment of Stryker Combat Team to Border |</u> <u>Newsmax.com</u>

Earthquake recorded near Midland, Texas at magnitude 4.8, USGS says

An <u>earthquake shook parts of West Texas</u> Friday afternoon with a preliminary magnitude of 4.8, according to the United States Geological Survey.

The earthquake was recorded about 16 miles southwest of Ackerly, which is roughly 60 miles northwest of Midland and 320 miles west of Dallas. The UŠGS says the quake happened at a depth of about 4.2 miles, with no injuries or damages reported so far.

Earthquakes have been shaking the Texas-New Mexico border in recent weeks. According to the El Paso Times, part of the USA TODAY Network, several earthquakes ranging between magnitudes of 2.5 and 4.6 have been observed.

Several areas of New Mexico, including Carlsbad, Alamogordo, and Roswell, and parts of West Texas, including El Paso, reported feeling the quakes, the USGS said.

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M 2.8 - 18 km W of Isla Vista, CA

- 2025-03-01 19:12:54 (UTC)
- 34.436°N 120.057°W
- 4.0 km depth

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February 27, 2025

America rattled by multiple earthquakes in quick succession

Story by Ellyn Lapointe For Dailymail.Com

The US has been rattled by two earthquakes, one striking the coast

of Oregon and another hitting western Texas.

The magnitude 3.4 Texas guake struck roughly 20 miles west-southwest of the town of Ackerly around 12:30am Thursday morning.

One person in Springfield, Missouri — nearly 600 miles from the quake's epicenter — reported feeling weak shaking, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS).

The Oregon guake was a magnitude 3.0 that struck just before 7:15am ET this morning, about four miles east of Pistol River. So far, no one has reported feeling shaking from this guake.

No damages or injuries related to either <u>earthquake</u> have been reported.

This is a developing story. More updates to come. Retrieved February 27, 2025, from <u>America rattled by multiple earthquakes in quick succession</u>

February 26, 2025 Magnitude 5.3 earthquake triggers shaking felt as far as Washington

Story by Ellyn Lapointe For Dailymail.Com

magnitude 5.3 earthquake struck off <u>the Pacific Coast</u> Tuesday, generating shaking felt as far as Washington state — 375 miles from the epicenter. The tremblor hit at a depth of roughly six miles, striking 130 miles west of Port McNeill in northwest Vancouver Island around 12:37am ET. Retrieved February 26, 2025, from <u>Magnitude 5.3 earthquake triggers shaking felt as far as Washington</u>

February 25, 2025

Iran on high alert in fear of Israeli-US joint attack

The IRGC is strengthening air defense and preparedness, particularly around nuclear sites.

According to a report in *The Telegraph*, Iran has placed its missile defense systems on high alert amid growing fears of a potential attack by the United States and Israel. Escalating tensions in the region, fueled by Iran's nuclear program and its support for proxy groups, have created a volatile environment where miscalculation could lead to open conflict.

The Trump administration has repeatedly pledged 'maximum pressure' on Iran, and Republican lawmakers have stated their support for direct US military action against the Iranian nuclear program. Many have vocally supported backing an Israeli strike on the Iranian nuclear program if President Trump refused to order an American attack. Retrieved February 25, 2025, from Iran on high alert in fear of Israeli-US joint attack | Israel National News

Magnitude 5.9 earthquake shakes Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic

According to the United States Geological Service, this was part of a swarm of at least 10 earthquakes in that area of the Caribbean Sea that began Monday morning. No immediate damage has been reported. Retrieved February 25, 2025, from <u>Magnitude 5.9 earthquake felt in Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico</u> <u>Fox Weather</u>

February 20, 2025 **Russia Mocks US** With Massive Drone Strike on Ukraine

Retrieved February 20, 2025, from <u>Russia Mocks US With Massive Drone Strike on Ukraine |</u> <u>Newsmax.com</u>

February 19, 2025 **Russia Plans High-Level Contacts With Syria**

Russia is planning to hold high-level contacts with Syria in the near future, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Wednesday. President Vladimir Putin spoke by phone with Syria's interim leader Ahmed al-Sharaa on Feb. 12, the first direct communication between the two since Sharaa's forces overthrew Moscow's ally Bashar al-Assad in December.

Russia is hoping to retain the use of two military bases in Syria. Retrieved February 19, 2025, from <u>Russia Plans High-Level Contacts With Syria</u> | <u>Newsmax.com</u>

February 15, 2025

Report: Israel planning strike on Iran's nuclear program, seeks regime change

CNN reports that US intelligence warned both Biden and Trump Administrations that Israel will likely seek to strike Iran's nuclear program this

year.

US intelligence officials believe Israel is planning to strike Iran's nuclear program this year, *CNN* reported.

According to the report, intelligence agencies warned both the Biden and Trump Administrations of the Israeli attack plans. Israel's ultimate goal vis a-vis Iran is regime change in Tehran, according to the report.

US President Donald Trump recently stated in an interview with the New York Post that he would prefer a new nuclear deal to prevent Iran from building nuclear weapons to military action against Iran's nuclear program, though he did not rule out a military strike.

Retrieved February 15, 2025, from <u>Report: Israel planning strike on Iran's nuclear program, seeks</u> regime change | Israel National News

Magnitude 5 earthquake hits southeast New Mexico

• February 15, 2025

A strong earthquake reportedly centered in rural, far-west Texas shook portions of southeast New Mexico Friday night.

The magnitude 5 tremor was reported at about 10:30 p.m. by the U.S. Geological Survey about 32 miles northwest of Toyah, Texas, a small-town west of U.S. Highway 285 and about 80 miles south of Carlsbad.

Reports were made to the Geological Survey of light to moderate shaking felt throughout the area, as far east as San Angelo, Texas and as far west as Las Cruces.

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Map: 3.5-Magnitude Earthquake Strikes Southern California

By <u>William B. Davis</u>, <u>Madison Dong</u>, <u>Judson Jones</u>, <u>John Keefe</u> and <u>Bea Malsky</u> Updated Feb. 15, 2025 at 2:13 p.m. E.T.

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February 13, 2025

Disturbing footage: Egypt increasing military readiness on Gaza border Egyptian Defense Minister instructs soldiers in Sinai

Peninsula to 'maintain high level of alert in order to ensure military's ability to fulfill its various tasks.'

Egyptian Defense Minister Abdel Mageed Saqr on Tuesday called for forces from the Egyptian Third Field Army to maintain a high level of operational readiness in order to ensure the military would be able to fulfill its tasks under any conditions.

The Third Field Army is headquartered in Suez and charged with guarding the Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza-Egypt border.

Saqr's statements were made during a central part of the Third Field Army's military command exercise, an Egyptian military spokesman said.

Retrieved February 13, 2025, from <u>Disturbing footage: Egypt increasing military readiness on Gaza</u> <u>border | Israel National News</u>

California Shaken By Several Recent Earthquakes

Story by Sean Breslin

Both Northern and Southern California have been shaking this week as multiple light earthquakes have struck the state.

The latest tremor occurred Thursday afternoon and was centered 1.5 miles east of Hayward, which is in the San Francisco Bay Area. The U.S. Geological Survey gave <u>the quake</u> a preliminary rating of 3.4 magnitude.

hat followed an earthquake shortly after midnight Tuesday morning just offshore the Northern California community of Petrolia. The USGS <u>gave the quake a</u> <u>preliminary rating of 4.1</u> and said it occurred roughly 12 miles below the surface. No damage or injuries were immediately reported in either.

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February 12, 2025 Hawaiian Volcano Kilauea Is Spewing Lava Again

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February 9,2025 A 7.6 magnitude earthquake shakes Caribbean; some islands urge residents to leave coastlines

A magnitude 7.6 earthquake shook the Caribbean Sea southwest of the Cayman Islands on Saturday, according to the U.S. Geological Survey, and some islands and countries urged people near the coast to move inland in case of a tsunami. The quake struck at 6:23 p.m. in the middle of the sea and had a depth of 6.2 miles, the USGS said. The epicenter was 130 miles south-southwest of George Town in the Cayman Islands.

The U.S. National Tsunami Warning Center issued, then canceled a tsunami advisory for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The sounding of alarms in Puerto Rico's northwest region spurred people to leave coastal areas and caused heavy traffic, according to local media.

Puerto Rico Gov. Jenniffer González Colón said in a statement she was in contact with emergency agencies after the tsunami advisory, but did not recommend anyone leave the coast.

Hazard Management Cayman Islands urged residents near the coast to move inland and to higher ground. It said wave heights of up to 3.3 feet were expected. The Dominican government also issued a tsunami alert and recommended residents on the coast move to higher, inland areas. It later canceled the alert. The Cuban government requested that people leave beachfront areas. The Bahamas Department of Meteorology also issued a tsunami advisory, but urged its residents to be "vigilant."

Retrieved February 9, 2025 from <u>A 7.6 magnitude earthquake shakes Caribbean; some islands</u> urge residents to leave coastlines

February 7, 2025 Iran's Revolutionary Guard deploys first drone-carrying warship

Iran unveils its first drone-carrier warship, claims the vessel can operate far from its shores.

Retrieved February 7, 2025, from Iran's Revolutionary Guard deploys first drone-carrying warship | Israel National News

Santorini in state of emergency after hundreds of earthquakes shake Greek island for days, sending residents fleeing

Story by Katie Mather

A state of emergency was declared on Santorini Thursday after a <u>magnitude 5.2</u> <u>earthquake</u> shook the Greek island late Wednesday. The tremor is the latest and strongest — in a series of quakes that have struck the island since last week, prompting residents to evacuate and rescue teams to deploy.

The island is under a state of emergency until March 3 to "address the emergency needs and manage the consequences," <u>BBC News reported</u>. No major damage was immediately reported on the island.

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February 6, 2025

Ukraine: Russia Might Be Improving North Korea's Missiles

North Korean ballistic missiles fired at Ukraine by Russian forces since late December have been far more precise than salvos of the weapons launched over the past year, two senior Ukrainian sources told Reuters.

At a time when Moscow's burgeoning ties with Pyongyang are causing alarm from Washington to Seoul, the increase in accuracy – to within 50-100m of the intended target – suggests North Korea is successfully using the battlefield to test its missile technology, the sources said. A military source, who requested anonymity to discuss sensitive information, described a marked improvement in the precision in all the more than 20 North Korean ballistic missiles that hit Ukraine over the past several weeks. A second source, a senior government official familiar with the issue, confirmed the findings when asked by Reuters.

Read more: <u>Russia May Be Improving North Korean Missiles in Ukraine</u> | <u>Newsmax.com</u>

Retrieved February 6, 2025, from <u>Russia May Be Improving North Korean Missiles in Ukraine</u> <u>Newsmax.com</u>

February 4, 2025 China hits back at tariffs, launches Google investigation

Beijing has retaliated against the wave of tariffs President Trump has imposed, including launching investigations against Google and heavily taxing American energy suppliers.

Trump's tariffs on Chinese goods have prompted immediate retaliation from Beijing, raising concerns about global economic repercussions. Under Trump's tariff plan, the US implemented 10% tariffs and eliminated an exemption for Chinese exports valued under \$800, affecting retailers like Shein and Temu that rely on this exemption.

China has launched an anti-trust investigation into Google and announced tariffs on US goods including coal, liquefied natural gas, crude oil, farm equipment, large vehicles, and pickup trucks. China also announced export controls on critical minerals like tungsten, tellurium, ruthenium, molybdenum, and ruthenium-related items, citing national security concerns.

According to *The Guardian*, US companies PVH Group (owner of Tommy Hilfiger and Calvin Klein) and Illumina Inc, specializing in genomic sequencing, were added to China's "unreliable entity list," potentially facing restrictions or penalties. The reasons for their inclusion were not specified.

China's finance ministry condemned the US tariffs as a violation of World Trade Organization rules, arguing they harm bilateral economic cooperation.

After a call with Mexico's president, Claudia Sheinbaum, Trump postponed tariffs after she offered to send 10,000 troops to the US-Mexico border. Discussions with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau resulted in a

similar postponement of tariffs. Canada is implementing a border security plan and will designate a "fentanyl czar."

As the US prepares even higher tariffs, the White House announced that Trump would speak with China's president, Xi Jinping, later this week. China has pledged countermeasures and a WTO legal challenge. Economists have warned that Trump's tariffs could increase prices for US consumers. In response, Trump has stated tariffs are a "very powerful" means of strengthening the US economy and achieving desired outcomes. "In all cases, they all wanna make deals." Trump acknowledged the tariffs might cause "a little pain" but maintained they were necessary to "make America great again."

Retrieved February 4, 2025, from <u>China hits back at tariffs, launches Google investigation | Israel</u> <u>National News - Arutz Sheva</u>

February 3, 2025

Watch: Egypt builds up forces on the Gaza border

Egypt has begun building up a large force on the Gaza border, including tanks and armored vehicles.

Israel National News Feb 3, 2025, 5:37 PM (GMT+2)

Egypt has reportedly deployed hundreds of tanks along its border with the Gaza Strip, accompanied by footage showing logistical preparations and construction of barriers.

It was revealed during the war that there were tunnels in Rafah crossing from Gaza to Egyptian territories.

Israel has so far not commented on the current Egyptian military preparations on the border. However, previous reports indicated increased military activity by Egypt in the Sinai Peninsula.

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Iran unveils new ballistic missile with range of 1,700 kilometers

Iran unveils Etemad ballistic missile which is capable of reaching Israel.

Elad Benari Feb 3, 2025, 5:14 AM (GMT+2)

Iran unveiled a new ballistic missile on Sunday, claiming it has a range of 1,700 kilometers, *AFP* reported.

The missile, named Etemad—meaning "trust" in Persian—was showcased at a ceremony in Tehran attended by President Masoud Pezeshkian, according to the report.

State television aired footage of the missile, describing it as "the most recent ballistic missile" produced by the Iranian defense ministry. With its range, the newly revealed missile is capable of reaching Israel, which Iran targeted twice last year amid the broader regional impact of the Gaza conflict.

"The development of defense capabilities and space technologies... aims to ensure that no country dares to attack Iranian territory," Pezeshkian stated in a televised speech, as quoted by *AFP*.

The unveiling came just one day after Iran's Revolutionary Guards Navy <u>revealed a new underground missile facility</u> along the country's southern coast.

The facility, whose exact location was not disclosed, houses missile systems stored "hundreds of meters underground" and capable of being deployed swiftly, claimed Iranian media

Iran's recent military-related unveilings coincide with <u>large-scale military</u> <u>exercises</u> by the Iranian army and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, which are set to run until mid-March. These drills are focused on safeguarding critical nuclear facilities, including Natanz, Fordow, and Khondab.

The latest military exercises align with the recent inauguration of US President Donald Trump and heightened scrutiny of Iran's nuclear program due to increased uranium enrichment activities. During Trump's first term, the US withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers. In response, Iran has taken many steps to scale back its compliance with the 2015 agreement.

These steps include <u>banning UN nuclear inspectors</u> from the country as well as <u>expanding uranium enrichment capabilities</u>.

Trump has pledged to reinstate his previous policy of using economic pressure as leverage to compel Iran to negotiate a new agreement addressing its nuclear program, ballistic missile development, and regional influence.

Trump <u>last week stressed</u>, in an interview with Sean Hannity of *Fox News*, that Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon.

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January 27, 2025 3.8 magnitude earthquake strikes off coast of New England

A 3.8 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of New England on Monday morning with shaking felt in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and an hour away in Boston.

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NATO's Rutte Calls for Raising Defense Spending Above 2 Percent of GDP

NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte called on the alliance members on Monday to step up their defense spending beyond their common goal of 2% of GDP, which had been set a decade ago and is now considered too low due to new challenges posed by Russia.

Rutte spoke in Lisbon alongside Prime Minister Luis Montenegro, who only reiterated Portugal's pledge to meet its 2% goal by 2029.

In 2023, the country spent 1.5% of its GDP on its NATO commitments.

"We know that the goal of 2%, now set a decade ago, will not be enough to meet the challenges of tomorrow," Rutte said. Retrieved January 27, 2025, from <u>NATO's Rutte Calls for Raising Defense Spending Above 2 Percent of</u> GDP | Newsmax.com

January 21, 2025 Putin Vows Stronger Ties With Xi Hours After Trump's Inauguration

Russian President Vladimir Putin held a video call with Chinese President Xi Jinping on Tuesday in which he proposed further developing their strategic partnership just hours after Donald Trump was sworn in as the 47th president.

Putin waved at Xi and addressed Chairman Xi as his "dear friend," saying he wanted to outline "new plans for the development of the Russian-Chinese comprehensive partnership and strategic cooperation."

Retrieved January 21, 2025, from <u>Putin Vows Stronger Ties With Xi Hours After Trump's Inauguration</u> <u>| Newsmax.com</u>

27 injured as 6.4 magnitude earthquake rattles Taiwan

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Historic snow amounts could fall on Florida, Louisiana and Texas as a oncein-a-generation storm hits

• **Historic storm underway:** Snow is falling from southeast Texas through Louisiana and into parts of Mississippi and Alabama Tuesday morning and creating treacherous conditions. An area stretching from Houston into southern Louisiana has already recorded widespread 1 to 3 inches of snow, with a few locales approaching 6 inches, and more is on the way. A record amount of snow is forecast for New Orleans and other cities along the Gulf Coast.

Retrieved January21, 2025, from <u>A once-in-a-generation winter storm is sweeping through the South</u> as much of US deals with frigid temperatures | CNN

January 16, 2025

Iranian military introduces sophisticated reconnaissance ship during military drills

Iranian media claims the ship, named Zagros, is outfitted with ''electronic sensors,'' interceptors, and additional cyber and intelligence capabilities. Retrieved January 16, 2025, from <u>Iranian military introduces sophisticated reconnaissance ship during military</u>

drills | Israel National News - Arutz Sheva

January 15, 2025 2.8 magnitude earthquake shakes Richmond, Virginia Tuesday; no damage or injures reported

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Firefighters Brace for Increasing Gusts Following Reprieve for LA Area

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January 14, 2025

Iranian plot to assassinate Jewish official in Azerbaijan foiled

Georgian citizen accused of being offered \$200,00 to gather intelligence and carry out assassination of leader of local Jewish community on behalf of Iran. Retrieved January 14, 2025, from Iranian plot to assassinate Jewish official in Azerbaijan foiled | Israel National News - Arutz Sheva

Sources in negotiations: 'Hamas changed its position - not Israel'

A source familiar with the negotiations responded to Minister Ben-Gvir's concerns regarding the emerging deal, saying that new pressures had forced Hamas to compromise. Retrieved January 14, 2025, from <u>Sources in negotiations: 'Hamas changed its position - not Israel' | Israel National News - Arutz Sheva</u>

Ukraine Launches 'Massive Attack' on Multiple Targets in Russia

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January 13, 2025

Kremlin: Security Guarantees for Ukraine, Russia Key to Peace Deal

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Japan Hit by Another Major Earthquake | Real Reason Behind Non-Stop Fear of New Tsunami Explained

A powerful 6.9 magnitude earthquake has struck Japan's Kyushu region, sparking concerns and tsunami warnings for coastal areas. In this video, we explore the reasons behind Japan's

vulnerability to frequent seismic activities and how its location on the Pacific Ring of Fire makes it one of the most earthquake-prone regions in the world. Get the latest updates on the aftermath of this major quake, tsunami warnings, and insights into Japan's geologic risks. Stay informed and prepared as we delve into the science of earthquakes and their global impact.

#JapanEarthquake #TsunamiWarning #KyushuQuake #SeismicActivity #Japan #EarthquakeRisk #NaturalDisasters #Geology #RingOfFire #JapanNews #Earthquake2025

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January 12, 2025 6.2 magnitude earthquake hits Mexico

The US Geological Survey on Sunday said a magnitude 6.2 earthquake struck a region of southwest Mexico.

It was gathered that the tremor was centred eight kilometers from Coalcoman de Vazquez Pallares, a municipality of around 20,000 people which is about 600 kilometres west of the capital Mexcio City.

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Tensions Explode: China Threatened as Japan Arms Philippines Near Taiwan

Story by Regtechtimes

The Philippines has initiated a significant move to strengthen its coastal defense by installing Japanese-supplied radar systems which threatened China near the Batanes islands. These islands, located less than 200 kilometers from Taiwan, have gained strategic importance due to rising tensions in the region. The newly installed radars will monitor the Bashi Channel, a crucial maritime passage separating the Philippines from Taiwan. This area is not only a vital shipping route but also a potential evacuation point for Filipinos if a conflict involving Taiwan arises.

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January 10, 2025

Earthquake rattles San Francisco, Bay Area at magnitude 3.7, USGS says

An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 3.7 struck the coast of San Francisco on Friday morning, the <u>United States Geological Survey</u> reported. The earthquake occurred about three miles northwest of the San Francisco Zoo in the Pacific Ocean, the <u>U.S. Geological Survey</u> reported, with none to light shaking felt in the area. As of Friday morning, no damage was immediately reported.

Earthquakes with a magnitude of 3 or 4 generally lead to affected residents feeling mild shaking, according to <u>California State University Long Beach</u>. Earthquakes of magnitude 5.4 or less occur hundreds of thousands of times per year, <u>Michigan Technological University</u> reported.

Retrieved January 10, 2025, from San Francisco earthquake: Magnitude 3.7 shake recorded in Bay Area

January 9, 2025

Biden to leave decision on Syria sanctions to Trump

US officials say the Biden administration is expected to leave the decision on lifting sanctions against Syrian rebel group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and its leader to the incoming Trump administration.

Retrieved January 9, 2025, from <u>Biden to leave decision on Syria sanctions to Trump | Israel National News - Arutz</u> <u>Sheva</u>

Los Angeles Fire: 130,000 evacuated so far, at least five fatalities

Strong winds are driving the massive wildfire in Los Angeles onwards. At least five people were killed and a state of emergency has been declared in California. Retrieved January 9, 2025, from Los Angeles Fire: 130,000 evacuated so far, at least five fatalities | Israel National News - Arutz Sheva

January 7, 2025

7.1 Western China Earthquake Kills at Least 126 in Tibet

A strong earthquake shook a high-altitude region of western China and areas of Nepal on Tuesday, damaging hundreds of houses, littering streets with rubble and killing at least 126 people in Tibet. Many others were trapped as dozens of aftershocks shook the remote region.

Rescue workers climbed mounds of broken bricks, some using ladders in heavily damaged villages, as they searched for survivors. Videos posted by China's Ministry of Emergency Management showed two people being carried on stretchers by workers treading over the debris from collapsed homes.

At least 188 people were injured in Tibet on the Chinese side of the border, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Retrieved January 7, 2025, from Western China Earthquake Kills at Least 126 in Tibet | Newsmax.com

January 4, 2025

4.6-4.8 Magnitude earthquake causes panic in grocery store, Yinchuan, China

Retrieved January 4, 2025, from https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/4-6-4-8-magnitude-earthquake-causes-panic-in-grocery-store-yinchuan-china/vi-

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Series of Ethiopia earthquakes trigger evacuations

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