

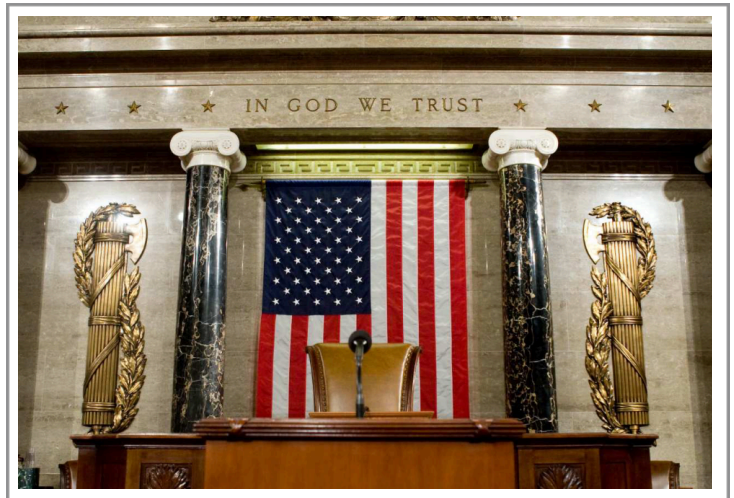
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Planning to Remove 'So Help You God' from Oath Taken Before Key House Committee



A key committee in the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives is moving to eliminate the God reference from the oath administered to witnesses testifying before the panel, as part of a new rules package expected to be approved this week, according to a draft obtained exclusively by Fox News. The draft shows that the House Committee on Natural Resources would ask witnesses to recite only, "Do you solemnly swear or affirm, under penalty of law, that the testimony that you are about to give is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

NO MORE "HIS OR HER"

The draft rules also remove the phrase "his or her" throughout the document, changing those two pronouns to "their." The rules additionally modify all references to the committee's "Chairman" to instead refer only to the committee's "Chair."

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(CNSNews.com) – An enduring image from the 2019 State of the Union address: a bloc of Democratic congresswomen, dressed in "suffragette white," sitting in stone-faced silence as colleagues cheered President Trump's request for "Congress to pass legislation to prohibit the late-term abortion of children who can feel pain in the mother's womb."



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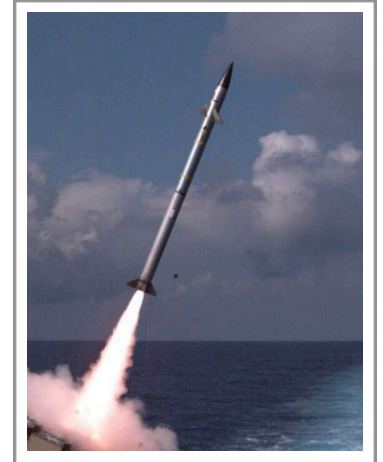
U.S. to Purchase Israel's Iron Dome Missile Defense, Citing 'Immediate Need'

'Israel has an Iron Dome and an iron fist. Our systems can face any threat,' Netanyahu said in response to the deal.

The U.S. military said Wednesday it plans to buy a limited number of Iron Dome missile defense systems from Israel to fill a short-term need for interim indirect fire protection capability.

"The Iron Dome will be assessed and experimented as a system that is currently available to protect deployed U.S. military service members against a wide variety of indirect fire threats and aerial threats," the U.S. army said in a statement.

According to a statement from Israel's Defense Ministry, **the American military told Israel it had decided to purchase the systems "for immediate needs of the U.S. army."** (EMPHASIS MINE)



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Russia—one of the key supporters of Nicolas Maduro in the Venezuelan crisis—has stood by the Venezuelan leader for years and has poured billions of U.S. dollars in the Latin American country in the form of loans and oil investments, even when all other Venezuelan allies—including China—have shown reluctance to continue lending money to Maduro's regime.

At the beginning of the political crisis in Venezuela last month, Russia's President Vladimir Putin held a telephone conversation with Maduro to express support for him as the legitimate president and to denounce that "destructive external interference is a gross violation of the fundamental norms of international law."

Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said a few days later that Russia would defend its interests in Venezuela, including oil interests, within the international law using "all mechanisms available to us."



Signs Of The Times

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Neither Israel nor US has the capacity to counter Iran's new cruise missile



The new Hoveizeh cruise missile with a range of 1,350km was tested on Saturday, Feb. 2, as Iran's answer to the successful Israeli-US Arrow-3 missile test on Jan. 22, DEBKAfile's military sources report.

Iran has made rapid strides towards developing a medium-range missile for attacking Israel in three test launches in recent weeks. In the first, on Dec. 29, a Fajr 5 was aimed at central Israel; three weeks later, on Jan. 21, a Fatteh 100 was fired towards the Golan (and was intercepted); and in the last one, marking the 40th anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, a cruise missile was hailed by Iranian Defense Minister Amir Hatami as accurately hitting its intended target at 1,200 km. This is the distance from Iran to Israel.

The Chinese military's five biggest leaps forward in modern weapon systems

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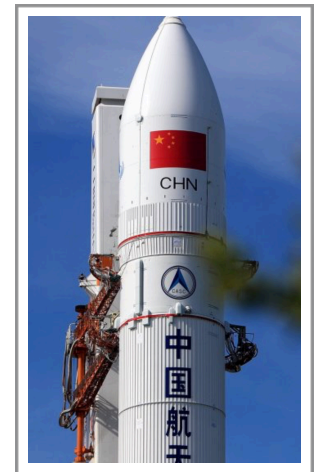
China produces some of the world's most advanced weaponry, and in some cases has surpassed the United States, its biggest geopolitical rival, a US study said.

1. New generation of missiles

China is developing a generation of missiles with warheads consisting of multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles and penetration aids – tactics and devices designed to improve missile performance. These are intended to ensure the viability of China's deterrent in the face of advances by the US and, to a lesser extent, Russia.

2. Hypersonic Weapons

In August, China successfully tested the Starry Sky-2, an aircraft that achieved a speed of Mach 5.5 (five-and-a-half times the speed of sound) and could be used to carry weapons at hypersonic speeds, making them virtually unstoppable. Hypersonic technology has long been seen as a game-changer by strategists as it can hit a target before any of the current generations of missile defence systems can react.



3. Space and counterspace

China continues to invest in improving its capabilities in space-based intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance, satellite communication, satellite navigation, and meteorology, as well as human space flight and robotic space exploration.

4. Nuclear weapons

China maintains a stockpile of nuclear warheads and continues research and development and production of new nuclear weapons through its design and production organization, the China Academy of Engineering. The academy is responsible for all aspects of design research, including nuclear physics, materials science, electronics, explosives, and computer modeling. The state-owned China National Nuclear Corporation operates several uranium enrichment facilities at three plants.

5. Underground facilities

China's underground facilities emphasise protection of what is known as C4I – Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence – and missile assets. China had a robust, technologically advanced underground facility programme, the study said.

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