

US War Games Galore

Burning the North Korean Flag

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US War drills and joint military exercises are routinely conducted in different parts of the World.

Tel Aviv has recently announced the holding of US-Israel war games to be held in October prior to the US presidential elections. According to the Israeli newspaper Maariv: Israel and the United States will initiate joint training exercises in October:

“The Israeli and American armies will be training together to enhance their protection capacity against any potential rockets fired toward Israel from Iran and Syria.

Around 3000 American soldiers and thousands of Israeli soldiers will participate in the exercises.

Recently Craig Franklin, Commander of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe, has visited Israel in preparation for the training.

A new joint directorate has also been opened to plan and prepare for the military exercise.” (PNN)

Meanwhile, Senior Israeli officials have recently confirmed that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has, “[decided to attack Iran before the U.S. Elections in November](#)”.

Any relationship between Netanyahu’s bold statement and the scheduling of these war games in October at the height of the US election campaign?

Meanwhile, in the Far East, the US is conducting war games against another country which, alongside Syria and Iran, is also on the list of “rogue states”:

“The US and South Korea are holding war games directed against Pyongyang, which in addition to the usual deployment of air force personnel and advanced weapons systems, involves the burning of the North Korean flag:

A huge North Korean flag disappeared behind a tower of flames and thick black smoke Friday as South Korean fighter jets and U.S. attack helicopters fired rockets in the allies’ biggest joint live-fire drills since the Korean War.

The war games south of the heavily armed Korean border come amid rising animosity between the rival Koreas and are meant to mark Monday’s 62nd anniversary of the start of the 1950-53 war, which ended in a truce, leaving the Korean Peninsula still technically at war.

Live-fire drills by the allies are fairly routine, but using the North's national flag as part of target practice is unusual — and will be seen as a provocation by Pyongyang, which has previously threatened war for what it called South Korean insults to the country's national symbols and leadership." (<http://www.emirates247.com>)

Is war on North Korea, another "renegade state" alongside Syria and Iran, an issue of relevance in the presidential election campaign?

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