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ZADANIE 1

Nagranie 1

The US has said it will continue surveillance flights near the war zone in Ukraine despite the loss of a drone that crashed into the Black Sea after being intercepted by Russian fighter jets. Moscow has denied that Russian jets forced it down after colliding with its propeller. Exactly what type of flying robot then was this drone? David Hambling is the author of the book "Swarm Troopers: How small drones will conquer the world."

This is an MQ9 Reaper which is the mainstay of the American drone reconnaissance force. Well, they can be on this one would almost certainly have been carrying out an intelligence gathering mission outside the borders of the Ukrainian air space. Keeping an eye on what was happening inside Ukraine. Probably using a radar or electronic sensors.

How easy would it have been to take it down? I mean is this likely to have been an accident or something done deliberately?

They did not deliberately bring it down. But they were deliberately harassing it. It's a very unequal contest with a manned aircraft against a drone like this because the drone pilot has no situational awareness. They can't see what is happening around them. One pilot has compared the view you get to seeing through a drinking straw. And a cruising speed is something like 200 miles an hour, so the Russian jets could virtually fly circles around it. Clearly they are trying to harass, they are trying to interfere with its ability to carry out its mission by flying close to it and forcing the pilot to make evasive manoeuvres. My suspicion is that in

doing so they simply flew a bit too close and actually clipped it causing damage that caused drone to be lost.

It is a costly loss? Something like 20 million dollars is it right?

Somewhere upwards of 20 million depending on what additional equipment they have on it. That's not the most expensive drone the Americans have lost. A few years ago the Iranians shot down a Global Hawk drone which should have been somewhere over 200mln. Also these drones operate in what are known as orbits as soon as one drone falls out of a station other one takes its place, so they have 24/7 surveillance. So there will be another drone in exactly the same place as that one continuing its mission.

Has it happened because Russia just wants to annoy the US or do you think that they are concerned about the amount or quality of intelligence that the Americans are getting through these drones?

The Americans are getting a vast amount of intelligence that has been fed straight back to Ukraine. According to some reports every single time the Ukrainians use the Himars missile systems the targets for that are located and confirmed using intelligence supplied by the US. So this is probably carrying quite militarily important information.

David Hambling speaking to James Copnall.

Nagranie 2

To Australia now and the story of a 13-year-old indigenous boy who was held in solitary confinement for 45 days while awaiting trial for

minor offences. The teenager's treatment at the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre in Townsville is the latest case to raise human rights concerns about the youth justice system in the state of Queensland. Our correspondent in Sydney, Phil Mercer, told us more.

He is being referred to as Jack. He was released on probation last week, after more than two months in custody, being held on remand, on charges relating to a fight with another boy. His lawyer said this boy Jack had no serious criminal history, describing his incarceration as extraordinary and cruel. His mother said that he went in to prison as a bright talkative teenager and came out very withdrawn and very stressed.

Presumably this is a very unusual kind of thing, is it?

We'd like to think so but according to campaigners in Queensland it has happened before. In February of this year it emerged there's another 13-year-old boy in the state of Queensland, with learning difficulties this time, spent 78 days in a cell for 20 hours a day. This is clearly raising concerns over Queensland's youth justice system. And the authorities in Queensland say that solitary confinement is only used as a last resort And lawyers say that perhaps solitary confinement is being used because of a lack of staff in these facilities. But quite clearly it is shining a light on the way that young people, children are treated in that part of the country.

And the law around children being locked up is being looked at as we speak, but I am told it could get worse for them.

Well, the Queensland government is considering new legislation that could well criminalise bail breaches by children, that is minors breaching the rules of their release after being accused of crimes Now campaigners believe this could cause the youth present population to rise even higher than it is at the moment. If you look at the statistics first nations Australians are up to 12 times more likely to be in jail than non

indigenous people in the state of Queensland. Rates of juvenile incarceration are also very high. It's estimated that 70% of child inmates in Queensland are indigenous. That unfortunately, these recent cases of two 13-year-old boys held for such a long time on their own is raising serious concerns again.

Phil Mercer in Sydney.

ZADANIE 2

Welcome, I'm major Tim Russell and I shall introduce you to the political and military situation in Africa in relation to the recent joint naval exercise launched in South Africa in February 2023. This exercise was conducted in the Indian Ocean and involved navy forces from Russia, China and South Africa.

The first joint exercise between these three countries was organised by South Africa in November 2019. The participants practised tackling coastal fires and floods, search and rescue, and recapturing ships from pirates. However, the 2023 joint naval exercise was richer in content. It included the same tasks as before. But also a new element, that had not been trained together earlier, was added: namely the integrated air defense. Despite the joined command expectations and good multinational cooperation, it proved quite a challenge.

This unusual "military alliance" between Russia, China and South Africa might seem strange. But if you think of the Cold War era, and then the more recent political history of the continent, it is not surprising at all. Let me start with the mutual relationships between South Africa and Russia. The ties between South Africa's ruling African National Congress, or ANC for short, and Moscow run deep. Russia's predecessor, the Soviet Union, supported the ANC's members by providing them with logistics and funding. Moreover, the black organisation members were respected by the white Soviets and treated as their equals. This has been appreciated ever since and will never be forgotten.

As for China's presence in Africa, it also dates back to liberation struggles of the 1960s, when it supported anti-colonial and anti-apartheid movements in South Africa. The Chinese military involvement in Africa blends ideology, economics and politics. The military engagement of China on the continent has become much more complex than merely the extension of its ideological concerns. What has been seen recently between some African countries and China are extended military exchanges which, as you might suspect, cover a whole range of issues.

Well ladies and gentlemen, many African states, such as South Africa, see in China a strategic partner. However, the way the Chinese perceive this relationship is different. For China the African countries are potential customers. As we all know, China has become a major player in the global weapons supply chain and is looking for new markets. Chinese manufacturers, subsidised by their government, produce military hardware. Unlike the one of their competitors, Chinese hardware is cheaper and easier to maintain. Additionally, the Chinese sell it with ammunition, bullet-proof armour and unmanned aerial vehicles not only to African militaries, but also to police and intelligence forces.

Nowadays Russia, like the US and some European weapons' producers, is trying to balance China's presence in Africa. To mark its high position in the military competition Russia sent its modern frigate, "Admiral Gorshkov" to the February exercise. The vessel is equipped with the so called "undetectable and unstoppable" hypersonic Zircon missiles. These missiles were supposed to be fired in a training launch. For now, Russia is considered to be most advanced in the development and tests of hypersonic missiles. The presence of "Admiral Gorshkov" was to prove that. But the ultimate aim was to remind the world that Russia still remains a superpower at sea.

Ladies and gentlemen, apart from that clear military message, "Admiral Gorshkov" also carried a provocative political statement marked by the letters "Z" and "V" on the battleship's hull. Both of them are symbols of the Russian invasion on Ukraine. The Russians imposed the date of the exercise to correlate with the first anniversary of the break-out of the war. This was a real shock to mass media all over the world. Consequently, South Africa came under severe criticism from many democratic countries. They found it hard to accept that South Africa is cooperating with the Russian dictatorship so closely.

Right, I shall finish the introduction at this point. Here comes Capt. Tom Price who will give you more classified information on the naval exercise. Thank you for your kind attention.

ZADANIE 3

13. China has stopped issuing long, short term visas to individuals from South Korea and Japan in retaliation of the Covid restrictions imposed on Chinese travellers. Officials say its discriminatory to single out Chinese citizens.
14. New Zealand's outgoing Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has handed over the leadership of the governing Labour Party to her successor Chris Hipkins. At an emotional meeting in the capital of Wellington the party's MPs unanimously endorsed Mr Hipkins avoiding the need for a party leadership contest. The new Prime Minister thanked his fellow MPs for their vote of confidence.
15. State media in Burkina Faso say the military government has demanded the departure of the four hundred French troops stationed in the country. The official news agency said that the government had in its words denounced the agreement under which they are based free there and they have given them one month to leave Burkina Faso.

- territory. It said the French were accused of doing too little to combat Islamist militant attacks. Their reason for being in the country, Jihadist extremism, has spread across the region from Mali in the past decade.
16. Three journalists from one of Egypt's last remaining independent media outlets are to be put on trial. The three women work for the liberal online newspaper Mada Masr. They are charged with offending legislators from the Nation's Future party which strongly supports President Abd al-Fattah as-Sisi. If convicted, the journalists could face prison sentences of up to two years.
 17. A new study of ancient skeletons has revealed evidence that a spurt in human growth 8000 years ago was caused by some populations becoming tolerant to lactose. Researchers found that people in parts of Europe increased in size at the same time that early dairy production took place. The consumption of animal milk provided a boost in nutrition, which enabled humans to grow taller.
 18. A parliamentary block in Iraq has filed a lawsuit with the country's highest court to overturn the legislation banning the import, sale and production of alcohol. On Saturday Iraq's customs authority ordered the implementation of the ban with immediate effect. The Babylon Movement, which has five seats representing Iraq's Christian minority, says the legislation is unconstitutional because it ignores the rights of minorities and undemocratic because it restricts freedom.
 19. The independent Russian television station Dozhd has been granted a broadcasting licence by the Dutch authorities weeks after it'd lost one in Latvia. Dozhd moved out of Russia after it was forced to shut its operations there over its coverage of the war in Ukraine.
 20. The former chief financial officer of the Trump organisation has been sentenced to five months imprisonment for tax evasion. Allen Weisselberg had pleaded guilty to the charges that relate to a large scale forge scheme that the firm ran for fifteen years. Donald Trump was not charged in connection with the case.



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