



China Purchased US Spy Plane Technology from Israel

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A Chinese spy plane recently crashed near Nanjing "revealing details of a covert Chinese espionage effort to copy Israeli technology in an attempt to match the United States in any future air and sea battle," the [Times Online](#) is saying. 40 people were killed in the crash, 35 of them China's top electronic warfare experts. According to *The Times* report, it appears the spy technology the Chinese technicians were experimenting with was American-made, and they acquired it through Israel.

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According to [earlier reports](#) about the June 6th crash, the [People's Liberation Army Air Force](#) was only testing an early warning AWACS jet, a KongJing-2000 (virtually identical to the Soviet [Mainstay A-50](#)). The *Times* article claims the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and a New York avionics company that supplies radars to the US Air Force's AWACS fleet were selling the material to China illegally.

Inside China, the shit-storm that has followed this incident is considerable--[Guo Boxiong](#), Politburo member and the vice chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Communist Party has been appointed head of the investigation. The *Times* suggests this is because the PRC could believe that the CIA intentionally sold faulty tech to the Chinese through Israel. This old, Cold War technique of [selling the enemy faulty technology](#) was used by the CIA during the 1980s, and is believed to have resulted in the disruption of the Soviet economy.

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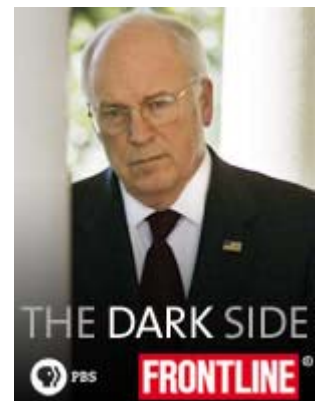
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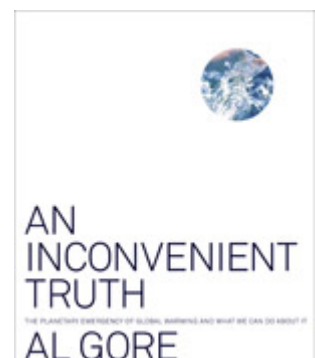
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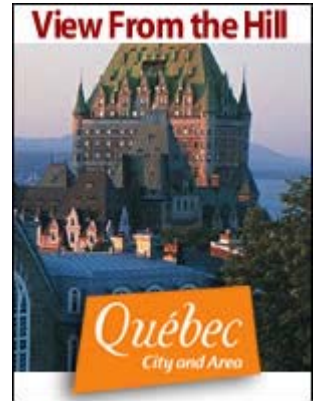


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I'm not sure what's worse ([2.20 / 5](#)) (#1)

by [actmodern](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 03:17:21 AM EST

China getting faulty tech from Israel or Israel selling tech to China. It's pretty scary all things considered. It's not like ANY of the countries involved will ever go to war over anything that could remotely matter. The results would be catastrophic.

i'm ready to make love to concrete

- [yeah, all those stupid people with weapons](#) by nostalgiphile, 06/11/2006 03:22:57 AM EST (3.00 / 3)
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 - [probably not](#) by khallow, 06/11/2006 04:26:21 AM EST (3.00 / 7)
- [Taiwan's matters.](#) by student, 06/11/2006 07:11:44 PM EST (none / 1)

Excellent (2.00 / 2) (#3)

by [mybostinks](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 03:33:25 AM EST

my vote for FP when it gets to voting.

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-1, bullshit\$ (1.75 / 4) (#7)

by [V](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 06:32:31 AM EST

--- "Well, maybe you *are* a woman, but you troll like a real man." MichaelCrawford

Just goes to show that (1.66 / 6) (#11)

by [United Fools](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 08:16:15 AM EST

There are too many smart people causing trouble in this world. If all these experts do not exist, there would be no technology to worry about over all these complicate matters. Let fools rule the world!

Q: What kind of fool are you?

A: We are [the United Fools](#)!

- [united fools shame on you](#) by circletimessquare, 06/11/2006 11:53:53 AM EST (3.00 / 3)
 - [Actually, they are.](#) by Comrade Wonderful, 06/15/2006 09:43:37 AM EST (none / 0)

okay... (none / 1) (#16)

by [circletimessquare](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 11:55:24 AM EST

what's the point?

[I'm making a Low Budget HDV Filipino Horror Movie in NYC](#)

- [point is...there's this technology](#) by nostalgiphile, 06/11/2006 12:32:18 PM EST (none / 1)
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 - [not even undeclared? /nt](#) by nostalgiphile, 06/11/2006 12:47:29 PM EST (1.50 / 1)
 - [china has horrible problems](#) by circletimessquare, 06/11/2006 12:56:09 PM EST (2.00 / 5)
 - [It 's getting harder to see](#) by levesque, 06/11/2006 06:14:39 PM EST (3.00 / 5)
 - [china isn't communist at all anymore](#) by circletimessquare, 06/11/2006 07:50:13 PM EST (2.77 / 9)
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 - [well said](#) by circletimessquare, 06/12/2006 02:20:38 AM EST (2.33 / 3)
 - [both visions are equally bad](#) by nostalgiphile, 06/12/2006 02:42:32 AM EST (2.33 / 3)
 - [maybe if you showed me](#) by circletimessquare, 06/12/2006 03:08:31 AM EST (2.50 / 4)
 - [Thanks for the term](#) by levesque, 06/12/2006 08:48:30 PM EST (none / 1)

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 - [i believe in democracy](#) by circletimesquare, 06/12/2006 03:11:49 AM EST (2.60 / 5)

Just a thought here, but (2.20 / 5) (#27)
by [mybostinks](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 01:59:05 PM EST

I believe China is not nearly the threat they seem to be.

Throughout much of their history, they go through long periods of isolation then world participation. Sort of a cultural destiny thing. Right now they seem to be in a world participation phase.

Will there be a time when they will go back into isolation? Will they ever be a *world power*?

Their government is "communist" but really it seems that it is the fuedal government China has always had. Of course there are a few new twists to it.

Anyway, just my thoughts from afar.

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- [Don't underestimate nationalism](#) by nostalgiphile, 06/12/2006 02:29:55 AM EST (2.50 / 4)

-1, More drivel (2.00 / 12) (#29)
by [strlen](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 02:45:01 PM EST

Heh, I love how this is worded to be interpreted as anti-Israel no matter what the actual circumstances are:

"Israel sells actual technology to China, Israel works with Communist China, Israel bad!"

"Israel sells faulty technology to China, on purpose; Israel is a lackey of Amerikkkan capitalist running dogs, Israel bad!"

So, while this is an interesting topic (especially on what they CIA did in the USSR -- one curious detail that my parents who were "Soviet Academics" told me, is that the Soviets spent immense amount of money scraping their own computer technology [i.e.: what Elbrus grew out of] and replacing it with outdated stolen IBM and DEC equipment -- I may post this as a topic comment if this gets voted up), this is a pointless MLP.

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[T]he strongest man in the world is he who stands most alone. - Henrik Ibsen.

- [Your parents were Soviet Academics?](#) by nostalgiphile, 06/11/2006 11:59:28 PM EST (2.50 / 4)
 - [Yeah](#) by strlen, 06/12/2006 02:48:08 AM EST (2.50 / 2)
 - [oh, it's anti-Israel AND anti-China, buddy](#) by nostalgiphile, 06/12/2006 08:55:08 PM EST (2.75 / 4)

- [The Soviets were idiots when it comes to computers](#) by nidarus, 06/14/2006 10:33:55 AM EST (**none / 1**)
 - [Yeah](#) by strlen, 06/14/2006 09:15:25 PM EST (**none / 0**)
- [maybe that's because it's bad](#) by jcarnelian, 06/16/2006 03:10:52 PM EST (**none / 0**)

I'm shocked, shocked! ([2.50 / 4](#)) (#30)

by [seisa](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 03:06:35 PM EST

next time, do an expose on the war tech that the US sells to the rest of the world

- [the rest of the world?](#) by nostalgiphile, 06/11/2006 11:24:58 PM EST (**none / 0**)
 - [also](#) by Delirium, 06/14/2006 12:44:33 PM EST (**none / 0**)

In your FACE ([2.60 / 10](#)) (#31)

by [r3u8rb](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 03:35:41 PM EST

In your fucking *face*, China!

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35 Electronic Warfare experts you say? ([2.50 / 4](#)) (#33)

by [LilDebbie](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 04:02:44 PM EST

My, that must have put a damper on their cyber-warfare capability.

The lesson here: if you think there's something fishy about Israel betraying its closest ally, there is.

LilDebbie effed me liberally

- [rusty](#) -

- [It's a developing country](#) by nostalgiphile, 06/11/2006 11:19:34 PM EST (**1.50 / 1**)

That's hot. ([1.33 / 3](#)) (#36)

by [spooked](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 05:41:56 PM EST

I'd tap it.

Seriously.

Selling bad Tech ([2.80 / 5](#)) (#37)

by [xC0000005](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 06:11:46 PM EST

I recall reading that the original guidance circuits for nuclear missiles were "stolen", but the design stolen was intentionally heavily flawed. As one engineer put it - "Our version had a 50% failure rate. The one actual version we saw of theirs was unfortunately worse."

So selling bad tech wouldn't be new.

You are about to be eaten by a grue.

So Isreal and China were cooperating... ([1.25 / 4](#)) (#41)

by [United Fools](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 09:27:37 PM EST

They both want to fight the threat of Islamic movements. So they cooperated. Where does this leave the US? Enemy or Friend of Islam?

Q: What kind of fool are you?

A: We are [the United Fools!](#)

Ironically... ([2.87 / 8](#)) (#42)

by [rusty](#) on Sun Jun 11, 2006 at 09:51:01 PM EST

...the article goes on to say, the Israeli technology that they illegally sold to China was, in fact, made in China.

All you read and wear or see and hear on tv is a product begging for your fatass dirty dollar so... shut up and buy --Tool

- [that'd be the bitterest irony](#) by nostalgiphile, 06/11/2006 11:28:53 PM EST (**3.00 / 4**)

Yes, well ([2.00 / 2](#)) (#49)

by [livus](#) on Mon Jun 12, 2006 at 01:04:37 AM EST

if I had a dollar for every US spy plane the Chinese and co have shot down over their territories, I could probably afford to buy plane plans off Israel.

Well not quite but I could certainly afford that huge pavlova from the supermarket that I always want.

Point being, it's not like they don't get to see this stuff up close and personal anyway.

[HIREZ substitute.](#)

- [hmmm](#) by khallow, 06/12/2006 06:05:18 PM EST (**none / 1**)
 - [tbh the pav costs \\$12.](#) by livus, 06/12/2006 08:10:58 PM EST (**none / 1**)
 - [And the US said that it was...](#) by skyknight, 06/12/2006 09:58:44 PM EST (**3.00 / 3**)
 - [that's ass-backwards](#) by livus, 06/12/2006 10:14:34 PM EST (**none / 1**)

israel blah blah whatever, but... ([2.20 / 5](#)) (#50)

by [loteck](#) on Mon Jun 12, 2006 at 01:50:05 AM EST

and a New York avionics company that supplies radars to the US Air Force's AWACS fleet were selling the material to China illegally.

what the fuck is this shit? when is the public flogging/hanging?

- [correct me if i'm wrong](#) by a brief respite, 06/12/2006 11:05:15 AM EST (**2.50 / 2**)
 - [dude, r u on a 0 comment rating spree or what?](#) by nostalgiphile, 06/12/2006 11:26:40 AM EST (**1.50 / 4**)
 - [Sure do](#) by BottleRocket, 06/13/2006 01:30:46 AM EST (**none / 1**)

Cold war era "high tech trolling" ([2.75 / 8](#)) (#58)

by [strlen](#) on Mon Jun 12, 2006 at 02:39:23 AM EST

This happened fairly frequent with the Soviets during the Cold War. One particular area was in computer equipment: hardware and software. During the 1950s/1960s the Soviets developed a great deal of indigenous technologies, some of them having fairly complex and advanced architecture that would not come in until much later time (i.e.: RISC-like highly orthogonal instruction sets, stack based machines, etc...) and the Elbrus was an example of such a system that survived. Yet, the commies on top were unhappy and decided they needed to copy the Americans and had the KGB steal the schematics for machines such as the IBM 360/370 mainframes (which became the Russian ES machines) as well as the software (ATT Unix becoming "MOS", etc...). However, as anyone who has done reverse engineering knows, reverse engineering is far harder to do than "initial engineering": i.e., it's easier to write your own, than attempt to steal. The result was a set back not only for Soviet Union, but for Computer Science as a whole.

What I wonder, is how much of this was deliberate: e.g.: Americans **specifically** making lower-end/business-style machines (i.e.: the IBM mainframes) easy to steal (perhaps dropping by informants). There was also a known incident where they allowed a piece of software to be stolen, **specifically** with malicious code inserted that caused an industrial accident. I'm sure such cases were far more common.

Thus, this is nothing new, or unexpected. I can be more than assured all other countries do so (I'm sure Russia did inserted software back doors, for instance, into avionics of the Sukhoi or Mig fighters they sold to China or Indonesia or India or other regimes which were friendly do it at the moment, but which could not be counted as reliable forever; I'm sure China does the same with equipment they sell to the third world).

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