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“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh” - Luke 21:28

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Franklin Graham warns Christian broadcasters of ‘coming storm’

May 24, 2023 -- *The Christian Post* reports: “The Rev. Franklin Graham warned members of Christian news media organizations and others about the ‘coming storm’ headed toward churches and ministries in the United States.

Graham, who serves as president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and head of Samaritan’s Purse, gave the keynote speech Monday evening at the National Religious Broadcasters convention in Orlando, Florida.

‘I believe there is a coming storm that we all need to be ready for,’ Graham said. ‘The world has deteriorated so quickly. We cannot be deceived and we can’t be fooled. We need to get ready and be prepared.’

Graham said believers in the United States are ‘living in a cancel culture that wants to destroy Christian organizations,’ adding that ‘we cannot back up, we can’t retreat, don’t apologize for the Gospel — just declare it, just preach it.’

‘They want us to shut our mouths, they don’t want to hear from us. If you’re not going to preach the Gospel, you don’t have anything to worry about,’ he said.

‘If you’re not going to talk about sin,

you’re not going to have anything to worry about; but if you’re going to proclaim the Gospel, they’re going to try to shut you up.’...” (Jesus stated the reason for the persecution of Christians worldwide. It is because the world hates Him. Why? *If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin... If I had not done among them the works that none other man did, they had not had sin...*

– John 15:22, 24. Before Jesus came to the earth, mankind could look at each other and say “I’m not as bad as that person is, I’ve never murdered, I’ve never stolen,” much like the Pharisee did in Luke 18:10 – 14 – *I thank thee that I am not as other men...* Once Jesus came to the earth, those rationalizations were no longer valid. As a result, the world strikes out against God, and against Christians. Jesus also stated in Matthew 5:10 – 12: *Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.)*

Trans Tyranny: Christian Teacher Banned from Profession After Calling Students ‘Girls’ in Classroom

May 24, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Regulators in Britain have banned a Christian teacher from the profession for life for ‘misgendering’ a student, in what is believed to be the first case of its kind in the country.

The Teaching Regulation Authority (TRA) has ruled that Joshua Sutcliffe, 33, formerly of the Cherwell School at Oxford, should be banned from the teaching profession for failing to use the so-called preferred pronouns of a girl student who identified as a boy, which they claimed amounted to not providing the pupil with ‘dignity and respect’.

Sutcliffe admitted that there was an instance in which he praised a group of students by saying ‘well done girls’ during a maths lesson, which apparently was enough for a student to feel misgendered. Regulators claimed that it was likely that there were other instances of the teacher not using preferred pronouns, however, Sutcliffe had denied these charges, *The Telegraph* reported.

In addition, the TRA also found the former mathematics teacher guilty of misconduct for expressing his faith-based opposition to gay marriage and for showing students at a different

school video with ‘inappropriate comments’ about the problems of declining masculinity in the modern world...” (*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! – Isaiah 5:20. This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away – II Timothy 3:1-5.*)

Shock poll: Bible beliefs ‘much closer to extinction in America’

May 3, 2023 -- *WND.com* reports: “A new study by Christian pollster George Barna comparing Americans’ religious beliefs and practices before and after the COVID pandemic finds some stunning departures from biblically faithful Christianity — including a 14 point drop, from 58%-44%, in the percentage of ‘born-again’ Christians who believe Jesus lived a sinless life on Earth.

The survey, released April 20 and conducted by the Cultural Research Center (CRC), based at Arizona Christian University, in Glendale, Arizona, finds a mere 4% of overall Americans polled who possess a ‘biblical worldview,’ down from 6%, while among born-again Christians, ‘the incidence of biblical worldview among them fell from 19% in 2020 to 13% in 2023.’

In another finding of the report, which compares religious beliefs and practices in 2020, before the pandemic, to 2023, found a huge drop among born-again Christians — from 85% to just 50% — who say they are ‘deeply committed to practicing [their] faith.’...” (**What a sad state Christianity is in all the world. I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of**

season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry – II Timothy 4:1-5.)

At Least 58 Killed, 50 Churches Destroyed in Violence in India

May 9, 2023 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “At least 58 people, many of whom are Christian, have been killed amid violence in Manipur, a state in northeastern India.

Some 50 churches were also destroyed or burned in the violence.

According to *The Christian Post*, the violence was reported in several parts of the state, but mainly in the Imphal Valley and Churachandpur. The Christian victims have identified the attackers as members of the Hindu Meitei ethnic community.

It’s unclear how many Christians have been affected by the violence.

‘We are further verifying,’ Kuldeep Singh, the chief of the Central Reserve Police Force and security advisor of Manipur, said. ‘As and when we get it verified and find out that it is because of the violence, we will confirm it.’

Some 10,000 troops have been stationed in Manipur, while about 13,000 individuals sought refuge in Mizoram, Meghalaya, and Nagaland.

Nine of the 16 districts of Manipur are under curfew, and internet services have been suspended in the state...” (***Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life – Revelation 2:10. Jesus said in the Beatitudes: Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.***

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you – Matthew 5:10 – 12. See the next report.)

Dozens of Churches Burned, 35,000 Displaced in North India Anti-Christian Riots

May 12, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Riots in northeastern India’s state of Manipur have killed 62 people over the past week and driven some 35,000 from their homes.

The situation is a wild free-for-all battle between some 30 different tribes and the Meitei, the state’s ethnic majority.

Police and military forces were sent in to stabilize the situation, and by Tuesday had begun escorting some displaced residents back to their homes, or the burned ruins of their homes.

‘The situation is slowly limping back to normal,’ said Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on Tuesday. ‘We shall order a high-level probe to enquire into the violent clashes.’

On the other hand, state lawmaker Lorho S. Pfoze said the situation in Manipur remains ‘extremely tense,’ and ‘victims are scared to return to their villages as they fear clashes could erupt again.’...”

400 Churches Burned, 70 Christians Killed amid Ongoing Violence in Manipur, India

May 23, 2023 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “A wave of violence in Manipur, India, continues to run rampant, with 400 churches being burned and more than 70 Christians killed.

According to *The Christian Post*, the predominantly Hindu Meitei community — Arambai Tengoll, also known as ‘black-shirts,’ and Meitei Leepun — were alleged to be responsible for the violence.

Earlier this month, violence broke out at the Imphal Valley and Churachandpur, resulting in at least four days of turmoil. Christian tribals associated with the Kuki-Zo communities reside in the Churachandpur.

As reported by *The Indian Express*, more than 1,000 weapons and 10,000 rounds of ammunition were stolen from the Manipur Police Training College,

two local police stations, and an IRB battalion camp in Imphal by members of the Meitei ethnic group during the first few days of the violence.

At the time, 73 people, 64 of whom were Christian tribal residents, were killed, while 200 people were left injured. Over 1,700 residences were also damaged, destroyed, or set on fire. As a result, the turmoil forced 50,000 individuals to abandon their homes. Among those affected were about 35,000 belonging to Christian tribal communities...” **(The Lord Jesus Christ predicted persecution and death for His faithful followers preceding His return to earth – ...when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held – Revelation 6:9 and ...I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that**

were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years – Revelation 20:4.)

Nigeria: Islamist Herdsmen Kill Dozens in Latest Anti-Christian Massacre

May 17, 2023 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Nigeria police said on Monday they are investigating no less than 15 murders over the past week in a rural farming community that was attacked by nomadic herdsmen.

Residents of four villages in the state of Nasarawa said they are ‘under siege’ by the herdsmen, who were reportedly enraged when one of their number was killed with a machete early last week.

Central Nigeria is the scene of a

long-running conflict between the herdsmen, who mostly hail from a nomadic Muslim tribe called the Fulani, and farmers, who are largely Christian. Christian groups were stunned last year when the Biden administration began insisting there was no strong religious dimension to the violence, and the Biden State Department removed Nigeria from its list of countries that severely violate religious freedom...” **(Killing is rewarded in Islam. Not only do they receive 72 virgins as righteous and martyred godly men, but what even more shocking is they get to choose 70 relatives and friends to go to heaven. Their plan of winning the lost is a sick one and against God’s plan which is: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life – John 3:16.)**

RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

U.S. Military Intercepts Russian Military Aircraft Near Alaska for Second Time in a Week

May 18, 2023 -- Voice of America News reports: “The U.S. military has confirmed another Russian military aircraft was tracked while operating near the U.S. state of Alaska on Monday, the second such incident in less than a week.

North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) said that it had ‘detected and tracked’ one Russian military aircraft while it was operating in the Alaska Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ). The Russian aircraft remained in international airspace and did not enter U.S. or Canadian sovereign airspace, according to a NORAD press release.

Speaking to *VOA* on Wednesday, a NORAD official declined to identify the type of Russian military aircraft, adding that U.S. fighter jets did not fly out and intercept the aircraft in this instance.

The flight occurred as several planned large-scale military training exercises are underway in and around Alaska...” **(Russia is warming up for**

Armageddon. Soon a peace program will be contracted for the Middle East nations – Daniel 11: 21, 24. It will be a peace contract for seven years but broken after 42 months – Daniel 9:27. Russia is the nation that then says: ...I will go up to the land of unwallied villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations... – Ezekiel 38:11, 12. See the next report.)

Palestinians prefer Russia, China to mediate with Israel, don’t trust U.S.

May 15, 2023 -- YnetNews.com reports: “A new survey published on Monday showed that Palestinians prefer Russia and China as potential peace mediators with Israel, while the U.S. is seen as the least favorable option.

The majority of respondents to the survey, conducted this month by YouGov at the request of *Arab News*, said that they would like Moscow

to be a potential peace broker. In the meantime, 80% pointed to China – which has strengthened its position in the region after mediating the Saudi-Iranian rapprochement in March.

Later in April, Beijing offered to facilitate peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians amid tensions in Jerusalem during the holy month of Ramadan. The third possible option, according to the survey, is the European Union.

Meanwhile, nearly 60% of respondents said they did not trust the U.S. to mediate negotiations, with 86% claiming that Washington has significant influence over Jerusalem...”

‘Russian-Iranian Axis’ Threatens American Empire – Top DC Think Tank

May 16, 2023 -- Sputnikglobe.com reports: “Russia and Iran have enjoyed warm, strategic cooperation for decades, building on ties forged over the course of more than 500 years, when the Grand Duchy of Moscow and the Persian Empire first established relations. The countries plan to sign a new strategic cooperation agreement in the near future.

The U.S. must do something to counter a ‘growing Iran-Russia axis’ before it wreaks havoc on and further ‘undermines American interests in Europe, Eurasia, and the Middle East,’ a pair of scholars from the Heritage Foundation – a leading Washington, DC-based think tank, have warned.

According to Heritage’s Middle Eastern affairs observer James Phillips and weapons of mass destruction and proliferation expert Peter Brookes, the West’s efforts to ‘isolate’ Russia and Iran and to sanction them into submission haven’t borne their expected fruit, with the two countries not only ramping up security and defense cooperation, but cooperating economically to sabotage Western restrictions...” **(Russia in Bible prophecy is the main instigator of death and suffering during Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39, which Dr. Van Impe proclaimed for sixty years. Russia, aided by Oriental and Islamic nations, bring total chaos and atomic devastation upon the world. Worse yes, it’s just ahead of us. Every nation he included in World War III is forming exactly as taught this global blood bath six decades ago. The only good news is that the Rapture precedes Armageddon – Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth – Revelation 3:10. Then our deliverance as believers – Revelation 4:1 and our joy because of missing Armageddon. See the next report.)**

U.S. Says Iran, Russia Are Expanding Military Ties

May 16, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “The United States said Monday there are signs that Russia and Iran are expanding their military cooperation.

State Department spokesperson Vedant Patel told reporters that Iran ‘remains Russia’s top military backer, and Iran has already provided Russia with artillery and tank rounds for use in Ukraine.’

Patel said that since August, ‘Iran has provided Russia with more than 400 UAVs, primarily of the Shahed variety,

and Russia has expended most of these UAVs using them to target Ukrainian critical infrastructure inside Ukraine.’

‘The deepening of this cooperation is a threat and a danger to not just Ukraine; it’s a threat and a danger to Russia’s neighbors, Iran’s neighbors, and the international community broadly,’ Patel told reporters...”

China’s premier hails close ties in talks with Russian PM

May 24, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “China’s premier on Wednesday hailed the ‘strategic cooperative partnership’ between Beijing and Moscow as he hosted the Russian prime minister, with the two sides expected to sign a number of economic and infrastructure deals.

The two nations have in recent years ramped up economic and diplomatic cooperation, and have grown closer since Russia invaded Ukraine despite China’s insistence that it is neutral in that conflict.

Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin arrived in China on Monday, attending a business forum in Shanghai on Tuesday before travelling to Beijing to meet Premier Li Qiang and President Xi Jinping.

‘Under the strategic leadership of our two heads of state, the comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership between China and Russia in the new era has always been maintained at a high level,’ Li told Mishustin after a grand welcoming ceremony outside Beijing’s Great Hall of the People on Wednesday.

‘I believe your trip to China this time will definitely leave a deep impression.’

China is Russia’s largest trading partner, with trade between the nations reaching a record \$190 billion last year, according to Chinese customs data...” **(China will become a basic partner with Russia for the rapidly approaching battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Russia will lead invasion number one – Ezekiel 38 & 39. China will lead invasion number two – Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 16. Then all nations will come against Jerusalem for the final invasion at which point Jesus will return to stop the bloodshed and set up his eternal kingdom upon earth – [He gathers]**

all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south – Zechariah 14:2 – 4. Then Psalm 2:6 occurs as God the Father says: ...I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem].)

China nuke arsenal build-up ‘concern for global stability’: G7

May 22, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “China’s rapidly growing nuclear arsenal is a ‘concern to global and regional stability’, Group of Seven leaders said Friday after talks on nuclear disarmament in the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

The SIPRI think tank estimates that China has a stockpile of around 350 nuclear warheads — a small sum when compared with the United States and Russia.

But it is growing fast, and the country could have 1,500 warheads by 2035, according to a Pentagon estimate published in November.

Concerns about the build-up have been growing in the West, and the G7 leaders warned that expansion ‘without transparency nor meaningful dialogue poses a concern to global and regional stability’.

Since its first nuclear test in 1964, China has been content to maintain a comparatively modest arsenal and has maintained that it will never be the first to use nuclear weapons in a conflict.

But in recent years, under President Xi Jinping, it has begun a massive military modernisation drive that includes upgrading its nuclear weapons to not only deter foes but also be able to counter-attack if deterrence fails...” **(A huge nuclear war is prophesied multiplied times in God’s Word. Revelation 9:14 – 18 depicts Armageddon: Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet,**

Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. And Revelation 16:16 tells of the longest and final battle of the ages. See the next report.)

China: Simulated War Games Sink U.S. Carrier Group with Hypersonic Missiles

May 25, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A study in China’s *Journal of Test and Measurement Technology* concluded, citing a series of software simulations, that the communist nation’s hypersonic missile technology could destroy the formidable USS *Gerald R. Ford* carrier fleet by evading the ships’ defense systems, the *South China Morning Post* reported on Tuesday.

The war games add to mounting anxiety in the United States about communist China’s hypersonic capabilities, exacerbated by an alleged 2021 missile test that an American intelligence source admitted Washington had ‘no

idea how’ Beijing pulled off without detection. More recently, the trove of alleged Defense Department documents surfacing on the video game chat platform Discord included an alleged top-secret Pentagon report describing a Chinese hypersonic missile that had ‘a high probability of penetrating’ American ballistic missile defenses. The missile in question, according to the alleged leak, could potentially bomb Guam...”

France insists on China’s role for peace in Ukraine

May 11, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “France said Wednesday that China had an important role to play for ‘global peace and stability’ as Beijing seeks to mediate in Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang is visiting Germany, France and Norway this week, and met his French counterpart Catherine Colonna in Paris on Wednesday.

‘We know the importance of China’s role on the world stage and the importance of the role it can play for global peace and stability,’ Colonna told Qin at the start of their meeting.

China should work ‘to convince Russia to return to fully respecting’ the UN Charter, she added, before a scheduled dinner with Qin at the French foreign ministry.

Colonna had earlier told a cabinet meeting that Beijing should urge Russia to ‘return to peace’, according to a post-cabinet press briefing.

‘It is necessary for China to use its

relations with Russia to make Russia understand better that it is at an impasse, and to tell Russia to come back to its senses,’ she said.

The request comes after French President Emmanuel Macron visited China last month and sparked controversy by saying Europe should not be a ‘follower’ of either Washington or Beijing or get caught up in any escalation over the future of Taiwan...” (China will become a basic partner with Russia for the rapidly approaching battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Russia will lead invasion number one – Ezekiel 38 & 39. China will lead invasion number two – Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 16. Then all nations will come against Jerusalem for the final invasion at which point Jesus will return to stop the bloodshed and set up his eternal kingdom upon earth – [He gathers] all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south – Zechariah 14:2 – 4. Then Psalm 2:6 occurs as God the Father says: ...I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem].)

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Iranian President: The first foolish step of the Zionist entity will be its last

May 3, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi issued threats against Israel ahead of his scheduled visit to Syria on Wednesday, *Israel Hayom* reports.

Speaking on Tuesday to the Lebanese television channel *Al-Mayadeen*, which is associated with Hezbollah, Raisi said, ‘The Zionist entity cannot provide

security within its borders, as the conditions differ greatly than in the past. It is clear to everyone that the Sharm el-Sheikh, Camp David, and Oslo agreements cannot provide security to this entity. The decision today is in the hands of the Palestinian Mujahideen and not determined at the negotiating table.’ Raisi also claimed that ‘the Zionist entity knows very well that they will never be able to confront Iran. Its threats are empty and the proof of this is that it cannot deal with the youth resistance in

Palestine and the region. No one in the world believes these threats.’

He added, ‘If the Zionist entity takes the smallest step against Iran, our first step will be to remove it. The first foolish step of the Zionist entity will be its last step.’...” (Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their

cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him. – Psalm 2:1-12. See the next two reports.)

Hamas threatens: We will expand the attacks to additional targets in Israel

May 12, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Hamas spokesperson Abdel Latif al-Qanoa threatened on Thursday that the terrorist organizations will expand the rocket fire towards Israel if the IDF attacks in Gaza continue.

"The Palestinian resistance organizations continue to respond to the Zionist aggression against us and the crime of murdering the commander and deputy commander of the organization's rocket array," said the spokesperson.

He noted that the terrorist organizations in Gaza are cooperating with one another. "The joint operations room will continue to operate with all its might to thwart the objectives of the occupation, and disrupt its plans, and it (the occupation) will be the one to bear the consequences of expanding its aggression against our people and the commanders of the struggle organizations."...

Abbas demands UN ban Israel

May 16, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Palestinian Authority chairman Mahmoud Abbas demanded that the United Nations take the unprecedented step of suspending Israel's membership in the organization if it does not give in to his demands to create a Palestinian

Arab state and to accept millions of descendants of refugees from the 1948 War of Independence.

Addressing the 'Nakba Day' event held at the UN today, Abbas claimed that Israel's acceptance as a UN member was contingent on its fulfillment of the 1947 UN Partition Plan and General Assembly Resolution 194, which called for refugees who were willing to live in peace to be allowed to return to their former homes following the war. 'Forcing Israel to implement these two resolutions was a condition, a prerequisite for their membership in the UN at the time. However, sadly, certain countries — we all know we are talking about, we will mention them later — in this organization have deliberately obstructed the implementation of these resolutions in a practice that undermines justice, ethics and human values.'

'We demand today, officially, in accordance with international law and international resolutions, to make sure that Israel respects these resolutions, or suspend Israel's membership in the UN, particularly since Israel never fulfilled its obligations and the prerequisites for its membership in this organization that they committed to implementing,' he said..."

Over 800 rockets fired at Israel

May 12, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The IDF released updated statistics this evening (Thursday) on the number of rockets which have been fired at Israel by the Islamic Jihad terrorist organization since the beginning of Operation Shield and Arrow earlier this week.

According to the IDF, 803 rockets had been fired at Israel as of 8 pm. The IDF had previously reported that 547 rockets had been fired at Israel as of 2:30 pm, meaning that over 250 rockets were fired in under six hours.

One person was killed and five people injured when a rocket struck a residential building in the city of Rehovot this evening.

The IDF further stated that 620 rockets crossed into Israeli airspace, while 152 rockets fell short in Gaza. 179 rockets were intercepted by the Iron Dome and David's Sling missile defense

systems..." (They may threaten Israel, but Psalm 121 states: *I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.* Notice especially verse 4 – *Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.* During his confrontation with the prophets of Baal, Elijah mocked the prophets after they were unable to get a response from Baal. **I Kings 18:27** states: *And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. God does not sleep, and He will preserve Israel.* See the next three reports.)

Iran unveils 2,000 km ballistic missile

May 25, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Iran unveiled the fourth generation of its Khorramshahr ballistic missile under the name Khaibar, with a range of 2,000 km (1,243 miles) and a 1,500 kg (3,300 lb) warhead, the official *IRNA* news agency reported on Thursday.

Iran has expanded its missile program, particularly its ballistic missiles, despite opposition from the United States and expressions of concern by European countries. Tehran says the program is purely defensive and is for deterrence.

'Iran's newest ballistic missile and the latest product of the defense ministry's Aerospace Industries Organization (AIO) was unveiled today in a ceremony attended by the defense minister,' *IRNA* added..."

Gallant reveals new threat: Iran establishes 'floating terror bases'

May 23, 2023 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: "Defense Minister Yoav Gallant revealed Monday a new threat Israel may have to face – Iran converts civilian merchant ships into military vessels to serve as 'floating terror bases.'

Speaking at Reichman University at the annual Herzliya Conference on the topic Policy and Strategy in an Age of Uncertainty, the minister said that "these vessels are of considerable size, ranging from tens to sometimes hundreds of thousands of tons. They are intended to carry various types of combat capabilities, including aircraft, missiles, offensive systems and advanced intelligence, in order to serve as forward terror bases in areas located far from the Iranian border."

Gallant noted that the coastal terrorist bases are already operational in a practical manner..."

IDF intel chief: Nasrallah close to 'mistake that could plunge region into big war'

May 23, 2023 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "The IDF's Military Intelligence Directorate chief assessed on Monday that the head of Lebanon's Hezbollah terror group was 'close to making a mistake' that could spark a regional war, while warning that the conflict between Israel and Iran was becoming increasingly direct.

Speaking at a conference hosted by the Institute for Policy and Strategy of Reichman University in Herzliya, Aharon Haliva said 'the chances of an escalation that could deteriorate into war is not low,' and that, as far as Hassan Nasrallah is concerned, a recent flareup on the Israel-Lebanon border may not be over.

Haliva alluded to Nasrallah's past comments that Hezbollah's abduction of two Israeli soldiers on the border in 2006, which set off the Second Lebanon War, was a mistake, but said he is now starting to believe the balance of power can be tested.

'The story of the terrorist at the Meggido Junction isn't a one-off,' Haliva said,

referring to a bombing attack in March that seriously injured a man, and is suspected to have been orchestrated by the Iran-backed terror group. 'Nasrallah is close to making a mistake that could plunge the region into a big war. He is close to making this mistake from Lebanon or Syria.'

He also said Syrian President Bashar Assad, another Iranian ally, was growing increasingly confident, noting his inclusion at the Arab League summit in Saudi Arabia last week after a 12-year absence and a recent drone attack launched from Syria..."

Netanyahu: Israel is prepared for a multi-front war with Iran

May 10, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Israel is ready to fight Iran on multiple fronts if it needs to, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Tuesday, following the launch of Operation Shield and Arrow.

In separate comments, Netanyahu said that '95% of Israel's security problems come from Iran,' referring to 'an attempt by Iran to start a multi-front campaign against us.'

Israel 'will do all it can to prevent Iran from establishing terror fronts around us,' he said at a conference for Habithonistim, a right-leaning group of former senior defense officers..." **(Though Satan has always stood against Israel — I Chronicles 21:1 – Yahweh God will ...send a fire against Magog [Russia] and her Arabic allies –Daniel 11:40; Isaiah 17:1; Ezekiel 38:5-7 and Psalms 83:5-7. In the heat of the battle to destroy Israel – Psalms 83:4 – the enemies of God will be crushed as Jesus, the Son of God sets up His kingdom. Isaiah 59:20 states: ...the Redeemer shall come to Zion [Jerusalem], sent by His Father – Psalms 2:6 – to reign over the world from Jerusalem forever – Luke 1:32 – 33.)**

Erdan slams UN Nakba Day event

May 15, 2023 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: "Israeli UN Ambassador Gilad Erdan appealed to member states to refrain from attending what he called 'an abominable and blatant attempt to distort history,' as Palestinians will mark

a 75-year anniversary of the Nakba – the Palestinian Catastrophe – at the United Nations General Assembly on Monday.

The event in which Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is set to speak is the first time, the UN will officially commemorate the flight of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from what is now Israel.

Riyad Mansour, the Palestinian U.N. envoy, called the U.N. observance 'historic' and significant because the General Assembly played a key role in the partition of Palestine.

In a speech to the U.N. Security Council on April 25, Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad Malki said 'it is time to bring the Nakba to an end,' stressing that the Palestinians have suffered from the most protracted refugee crisis in the world..." ***(Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea,***

let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth Psalm 83:1-18. See the next report.)

California school to host 'Nakba 75' event on Jerusalem Day

May 18, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "An event headlined 'Nakba 75' is scheduled to take place in the auditorium of the Public Santa Ana High

School in Orange County, California on Thursday evening, May 18th. The stated goal of the event is to mark the 75th anniversary of the 'Nakba' (Arabic for 'catastrophe'), the term commonly used by Palestinians and anti-Israel groups to refer to the founding of Israel. The event is sponsored by American organizations that support terrorist attacks against Israelis and the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

Notably, the event's invitation refers to

Israel as a 'settler-colonial state.' The auditorium in which the event is taking place in the Santa Ana High School is available to rent for \$151 an hour and can be rented through a platform called Facilitron.

Santa Ana High School hasn't responded to *The Jerusalem Post's* request for comment on whether the school supports this narrative and whether the school would host pro-Israel events as well..."

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

Pakistan Crowd Beats Man to Death for Alleged Blasphemy

May 8, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Police in Pakistan say people attending a political rally in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Saturday beat a man to death because they believed he made blasphemous remarks.

Local police officer Iqbal Khan said Maulana Nigar Alam, 40, was killed because 'Some words of his prayer were deemed blasphemous by a number of protestors, leading to torture and death at the hands of the angry mob.'

Police locked the man up in a shop to protect him, but the mob broke through the shop's door.

Khan told *Dawn*, a Pakistani website, that Alam died during the attack in the northern city of Mardan.

Blasphemy is a sensitive issue in predominantly Muslim Pakistan and is punishable by death..." **(Islam is a religion of hate. Sharia Law demands death penalties for (1) Daughters who have premarital sex, (2) Homosexuals – these murderers are told to drop them from the highest mountain to be sure to hear their fearful screams, (3) Apostates – these are Islamic religionists who mock Allah, Muhammad, of the Koran, (4) All infidels – non Muslim religionists. Nothing matters to these self-proclaimed holy and righteous men. How wrong they are. It is the Muslims who will be judged by the true God for the way they committed every abominable sin wicked minds created – "Knowing this, that the**

law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust" I Timothy 1:9-11. See the next two reports.)

Iran hangs two men for crimes of blasphemy, insulting Islam

May 8, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Iran has executed two people who had been sentenced to death for blasphemy, Iran's judiciary website Mizan showed on Monday.

Yusef Mehrdad and Sadrollah Fazeli Zare were executed for crimes including blasphemy, insulting the religion of Islam, the prophet and other sanctities, Mizan reported. It did not say when they were executed.

The two were running dozens of online anti-religion platforms dedicated to the hatred of Islam, the promotion of atheism and insults to sanctities, Mizan reported.

UN experts have called on majority Shi'ite Muslim Iran to stop persecution and harassment of religious minorities pointing out an Iranian policy of targeting dissenting beliefs or religious

practices, including Christian converts and atheists..."

Iran Hangs Seven More in Execution 'Spree,' Rights Group Says

May 11, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Iran executed seven men Wednesday in two prisons outside Tehran on drug and rape charges, a rights group said, accelerating what activists describe as a hanging spree over the past two weeks.

The United Nations had warned on Tuesday of a 'frighteningly' high number of executions in the country after a rare execution on Monday of two men on blasphemy charges.

Three men were executed on drug-related charges in Ghezal Hesar prison in the city of Karaj outside Tehran, said Iran Human Rights (IHR), a Norway-based NGO.

It added that four other men were hanged on rape charges in Rajai Shahr prison, also in Karaj.

The judiciary's *Mizan Online* website confirmed the three executions on drug charges, saying the convicts were members of a cocaine distribution cartel. There has been no official confirmation so far of the four executions on rape charges.

IHR said the latest hangings meant Iran had conducted at least 64 executions in the last 12 days alone..."