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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

TERRORISM ACCELERATING

Bus driver charged with murder after ramming Quebec nursery

February 9, 2023 -- *BBC.com* reports: “A driver who rammed a bus into a busy nursery in Quebec, killing two children, has been charged with first-degree murder.

Six children were injured in the incident – including some who became trapped under the vehicle – in Laval, near Montreal, on Wednesday morning. Police believe the suspect, Pierre Ny St-Amand, deliberately drove the bus into the nursery during the morning drop-off.

But they said a motive was unclear.

The 51-year-old, who had been employed as a bus driver by the local public transit system for 10 years, was charged with first-degree murder, attempted murder, aggravated assault and assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm.

While about a dozen others were injured, including the six children, police said they did not expect any more fatalities.

One eyewitness, Hamdi Ben Chaabane, told *CBC News* that the driver exited the bus after the crash, took off his clothes and began acting erratically...” (*These*

six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren – Proverbs 6:16-19. Terrorism is certainly on the rise today. Dr. Rexella Van Impe and guest Dr. Carl Baugh have just taped a new special “Terrorism Accelerating...But Peace Coming” that will air beginning March 18, 2023. You can find the broadcast schedule at <https://www.jvim.com/terrorism-accelerating-schedule/> See the next two reports.)

2 dead, 5 injured in Jerusalem terror attack

February 10, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Two people were killed and five more injured in a terrorist ramming attack in Jerusalem Friday afternoon.

The attack occurred at 1:27 p.m. Friday at a bus stop in the Ramot neighborhood of the capital.

According to preliminary reports, the terrorist rammed his car into a group of pedestrians who were waiting for a bus on Golda Meir Boulevard, on the edge of Ramot near the Tomb of Samuel

(Nebi Samuel National Park).

Witnesses say the terrorist, who has been identified as 31-year-old Issawiya resident Hussein Karaka, has been eliminated...”

3 killed, 5 wounded at Michigan State campus shooting; suspect dead

February 14, 2023 -- *The Detroit News* reports: “A suspected gunman who killed three people and wounded several others on the campus of Michigan State University was found dead late Monday night from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, police said.

The 43-year-old suspect was located off campus and died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, MSU Police Interim Deputy Chief Chris Rozman said. A campuswide shelter-in-place order was lifted shortly after midnight Tuesday.

‘This truly has been a nightmare that we are living tonight,’ Rozman said at a 12:30 a.m. press conference.

The suspect was not affiliated with MSU as a student or employee, Rozman said.

‘We have no idea why he came to campus to do this tonight,’ Rozman said at a 1:30 a.m. press conference...”

EYES IN THE SKY

Chinese spy balloon: U.S. tracks suspected surveillance device

February 3, 2023 -- *BBC.com* reports: "The U.S. is tracking a suspected Chinese surveillance balloon that has been spotted flying over sensitive sites in recent days.

Defence officials said they were confident the 'high-altitude surveillance balloon' belonged to China. It was most recently seen above the western state of Montana.

The military decided against shooting it down in case debris falls.

China warned against speculation and 'hype' until the facts are verified.

The object flew over Alaska's Aleutian Islands and through Canada before appearing over the city of Billings in Montana on Wednesday, U.S. officials said.

A senior defence official said the government prepared fighter jets, including F-22s, in case the White House ordered the object to be shot down..."

(A March 19, 2021 article in *The New York Times* – [Tense Talks With China Left U.S. 'Cleareyed' About Beijing's Intentions, Officials Say](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/19/world/asia/china-us-alaska.html) <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/19/world/asia/china-us-alaska.html> states: "Just as Washington's views on China have shifted after years of encouraging the country's economic integration, so have Beijing's perceptions of the United States and the privileged place in the world that it has long held. The Americans, in their view, no longer have an overwhelming reservoir of global influence, nor the power to wield it against China.

That has made China more confident in pursuing its aims openly and unabashedly — from human rights issues in Hong Kong and Xinjiang to territorial disputes with India and Japan and others in the South China Sea to, most contentiously of all, the fate of Taiwan, the self-governing democracy that China claims as its own.

While China still faces enormous challenges at home and around the world, its leaders now act as if history is on their side." See the next report.)

Beijing says balloon shot down 'damaged' relations

February 6, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "A U.S. decision to shoot down a Chinese balloon that Beijing claimed had veered off course has 'seriously impacted and damaged' relations between the two countries, China's foreign ministry said Monday.

The aircraft, which Washington said was a spy balloon, had spent several days flying over North America, leading the United States to call off a planned visit to Beijing by Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

Washington on Saturday said a fighter jet had shot it down off the coast of South Carolina, because of what it called Beijing's 'unacceptable violation' of American sovereignty.

Beijing protested the move, claiming the balloon was a civilian aircraft that was blown off course, and on Sunday lodged an official complaint with the U.S. embassy in China.

'The United States' actions have seriously impacted and damaged both sides' efforts and progress in stabilising Sino-U.S. relations since the Bali meeting,' vice foreign minister Xie Feng said in the complaint, according to a foreign ministry statement.

He was referring to a summit between presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping in November..."

Beijing says second balloon flying over Latin America is Chinese

February 6, 2023 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "Beijing confirmed on Monday a balloon spotted flying over Latin America is Chinese, while the United States worked to recover what it claimed was an unmanned spy craft it shot down at the weekend.

China has expressed fury at Washington's decision to shoot down a

device that it insists was an unmanned weather surveillance aircraft that had veered off course last week.

That balloon sparked outrage in the United States, which accused China of an 'unacceptable violation' of its sovereignty and prompted Secretary of State Antony Blinken to call off a planned trip to Beijing.

Beijing acknowledged on Monday that the latest balloon, spotted by U.S. and Colombian officials flying over Latin America at the weekend, was also Chinese.

Its foreign ministry said the device was of 'a civilian nature and used for flight tests'..." **(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]. See the next four reports.)**

U.S. says China balloon 'fleet' is global as NATO joins concern

February 9, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "The United States said Wednesday that suspected Chinese spy balloons like the one it shot down were

part of a ‘fleet’ that has spanned five continents, as NATO joined in voicing concern.

Pointing to global ramifications of the incident that has animated the United States, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the United States was giving data to allies as it assesses the recovered debris.

‘We already shared information with dozens of countries around the world, both from Washington and through our embassies,’ Blinken said.

‘We’re doing so because the United States was not the only target of this broader program, which has violated the sovereignty of countries across five continents,’ he told a joint news conference with NATO’s visiting chief...”

Biden warns U.S. will act on China after balloon downing

February 8, 2023 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “President Joe Biden vowed Tuesday he would not hesitate to defend U.S. interests against China after he ordered the downing of a suspected surveillance balloon but, delivering his State of the Union address, kept the door open to cooperation.

In the annual speech to assembled lawmakers, many of whom have pressed for a hard line on China, Biden called for U.S. investment in the military, technology and alliances to take on the country widely viewed as the chief U.S. competitor.

‘I’m committed to work with China where it can advance American interests and benefit the world,’ Biden said...”

U.S. says China gave up intel secrets with balloon shoot-down

February 7, 2023 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “President Joe Biden on Monday defended the decision to wait until a Chinese balloon crossed the United States before shooting it down, and the White House said valuable intelligence was being culled from the device.

China says the balloon was an errant weather observation aircraft with no military purpose, but Washington has

described it as a sophisticated high-altitude spying vehicle.

A U.S. fighter plane shot down the balloon Saturday just off the east coast in the Atlantic and naval and coast guard forces are currently recovering the debris for intelligence analysis.

‘Once it came over the United States from Canada, I told the Defense Department I wanted to shoot it down as soon as it was appropriate,’ Biden told reporters.

‘They concluded we should not shoot it down over land. It was not a serious threat and we should wait till it got (over) the water.’

National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said U.S. personnel ‘have recovered some remnants off the surface of the sea,’ although weather conditions have not permitted much undersea surveillance of the debris field...”

Japan says past aerial objects likely Chinese spy balloons

Feb. 15, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “A fresh analysis of unidentified aerial objects that flew over Japan’s airspace in recent years ‘strongly’ suggests they were Chinese spy balloons, according to Tokyo’s defence ministry.

‘After further analysis of specific balloon-shaped flying objects previously identified in Japanese airspace, including those in November 2019, June 2020 and September 2021, we have concluded that the balloons are strongly presumed to be unmanned reconnaissance balloons flown by China,’ the ministry said in a statement late Tuesday.

It said it had ‘strongly demanded China’s government confirm the facts’ of the incident and ‘that such a situation not occur again in the future’.

‘Violations of airspace by foreign unmanned reconnaissance balloons and other means are totally unacceptable,’ it added.

Beijing hit back on Wednesday, saying Japan lacked proof.

‘Japan is making groundless accusations and smearing China without conclusive evidence. We are resolutely opposed to that,’ foreign ministry spokesman Wang

Wenbin told reporters...”

U.S. shoots down ‘high-altitude object’ over Alaska

February 13, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “A U.S. fighter jet shot down an unidentified object drifting high over Alaska on Friday, the White House said, just six days after the downing of an alleged Chinese spy balloon sparked a fresh diplomatic rift with Beijing.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said it was unclear what the purpose or origin of the new object was, but said that it was taken down because, floating at 40,000 feet, it was a threat to civil aviation.

‘The president ordered the military to down the object,’ Kirby said.

Questioned about the incident by reporters at the White House, Biden said the shoot-down ‘was a success.’

Kirby said the object was much smaller than a huge Chinese balloon that crossed the United States last week and was shot down by a U.S. fighter jet off the Atlantic coast on Saturday.

It was ‘roughly the size of a small car,’ he said...” **(After allowing the Chinese spy balloon to traverse the United States, including travelling over multiple military bases, the government has turned the U.S. airspace into a shooting gallery. It is speculated that this object was a \$12 billion balloon launched by the Northern Illinois Bottlecap Balloon Brigade – they lost track of it over Alaska the day this was shot down. Hobbyists like this group launch dozens of balloons like this every day. The Sidewinder missile used to bring down this balloon cost \$400,000 – and it took two missiles to bring down the object over Lake Huron – the first one missed. See the next report.)**

Speculation grows as U.S. shoots down new mystery object

February 13, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “A U.S. warplane shot down a new flying object near the Canadian border on Sunday, the latest of three mysterious devices spotted since military radar settings were cranked

up in the wake of the downing of a suspected Chinese spy balloon.

Jittery Americans have been watching the skies as the mysterious incursions unfolded against a backdrop of acute tensions with China — although only the first object has so far been attributed to Beijing.

On Sunday the Pentagon said that it does not yet know what the other three objects — one shot down Friday over

Alaska, one Saturday over Canada’s Yukon territory, and the most recent one Sunday over Lake Huron — are.

But it said that the object downed Sunday had been tracked for nearly a day and did not resemble the alleged Chinese surveillance balloon that was destroyed off the Atlantic coast on February 4 after traversing the country.

President Joe Biden ordered a F-16 fighter to shoot down the latest object

‘out of abundance of caution,’ a senior administration official said.

The object was described by the official as an octagonal structure with strings hanging off it.

Drifting at about 20,000 feet (6,000 meters) over Michigan, it could have posed a hazard to civil aviation, the official said...”

THE RUSSIAN BEAR AWAKENS

Russia suspends participation in START treaty limiting nuclear weapons

February 21, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Russia would suspend involvement in the new START nuclear treaty Russian President Vladimir Putin announced at an address at the Federal Assembly on Tuesday, in a speech about the challenges facing his country.

Putin said that Russia would not withdraw fully from START, only suspend its participation and that its return to the treaty was predicated on the status of NATO’s combined nuclear arsenal.

Putin said that the Defense Ministry and the Rosatom state nuclear corporation should be prepared to conduct nuclear tests if necessary, but that the Kremlin would not be the first to conduct them. He said that officials in Washington were considering testing nuclear weapons.

Ninety percent of Russia’s nuclear forces have been refitted with the latest systems, Putin said. The Russian military would also be armed with the most advanced technologies possible, and many Russian weapon models were vastly superior to their foreign counterparts...” **(Russia preparing to fulfill Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 16; Joel 2:3, 20, 30 for the Armageddon campaign – Revelation 16:16 – which will be fought against America, the EU and the entire Western World. Islamic armies will align themselves with Russia and China for holy jihad**

– holy war – Ezekiel 38:13; Daniel 11:40; Isaiah 17:1; Ezekiel 38:5-7; Psalm 83: 4 – 7.)

Russia’s Northern Fleet deploys with nukes in first since Cold War

February 16, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Russia’s Northern Fleet is on the move, being deployed while armed with tactical nuclear weaponry for the first time since the Cold War, according to a Norwegian intelligence report.

‘A central part of the nuclear capabilities is located on the North Fleet’s submarines and surface vessels,’ the report stated, adding that these tactical nuclear weapons represent a very significant threat to NATO member states.

This comes amid Russia’s defense budget increasing by 34% in 2023.

In addition, the intelligence report notes that Russia’s conventional military power has weakened.

This is largely due to the ongoing invasion of Ukraine. This conflict has seen Russia expend large amounts of its stockpile of missiles, artillery, combat vehicles, manpower and more...”

(Ezekiel 38:5 predicts that Russia, the Orient, and Persia [which changed its name to Iran in 1932] will see millions destroyed through atomic warfare in the Latter Years and Latter Days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Prepare to meet thy God Israel – Amos 4:12. This battle is described in Revelation 9:14 – 18:

“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.” See the next three reports.)

Russia fires dozens of missiles at Ukraine overnight: Kyiv

February 17, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Ukraine on Thursday reported a new wave of overnight Russian missile and drone strikes, which killed at least one and damaged many buildings.

The Ukrainian army said it shot down 16 of the 36 missiles Russia launched overnight from planes and ships in the Black Sea.

‘Unfortunately, there were hits in the north and west of Ukraine, as well as in the (central regions of) Dnipropetrovsk and Kirovograd,’ presidential chief of staff Andriy Yermak said.

Dnipropetrovsk regional governor

Sergiy Lysak posted images on Telegram of firefighters working in the debris of partially destroyed residential homes.

The strikes killed a 79-year-old woman, Lysak said.

In the western region of Lviv, strikes hit a ‘critical infrastructure facility’, governor Maksym Kozzytsky said on Telegram. No casualties were reported...”

Russia vows ‘response’ if UK sends planes to Ukraine as Zelensky visits London

February 9, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Russia on Wednesday said that it would respond if Britain sends warplanes to Ukraine, warning of an escalation.

‘Russia will find a response to any unfriendly steps taken by the British side,’ Moscow’s embassy in London said in a statement carried by Russian news agencies.

The Russian embassy said that London would bear responsibility for the ‘bloody harvest’ of the next round of escalation as well as military and political consequences ensuing from this for the European continent and the whole world.’

On Wednesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky visited London where he urged allies to send combat aircraft to his war-torn country.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said ‘nothing is off the table’ in terms of military aid for Ukraine...”

Russia Says Longer-Range Western Weapons Would Escalate Ukraine Conflict

February 1, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Russia said Wednesday that supplies of long-range weapons to Ukraine would not deter Russian forces, but would increase tensions and escalate the conflict.

The comments from Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov came amid reports the United States is preparing a new round of aid that would include longer-range rockets to help Ukrainian forces fight

off a Russian invasion.

Reuters reported that according to two U.S. officials briefed on the matter, a weapon called the Ground Launched Small Diameter Bomb with a range of 150 kilometers was part of the package expected to be announced as soon as this week.

Also expected to be included were Javelin anti-tank weapons, counter-drone and counter-artillery systems, armored vehicles, communications equipment, and enough medical equipment to support three field hospitals...”

Russian bomber jets intercepted over Alaska by U.S. air defense systems

February 15, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Multiple Russian military aircraft including fighter jets and strategic bombers were intercepted by North American air defense forces as they flew over international airspace near Alaska, U.S. military said.

The aircraft, which were identified on February 13, did not enter United States or Canadian airspace and did not pose a threat, the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) said in a statement dated February 14.

It added that the Russian flights were in no way related to the mysterious spate of airborne objects shot down by the U.S. military over North America in the past few weeks.

‘NORAD had anticipated this Russian activity and, as a result of our planning, was prepared to intercept it... Two NORAD F-16 fighters intercepted the Russian aircraft,’ it said...” **(Dr. Van Impe began preaching on the coming war with Russia in 1958. The message brought tens of thousands to their 800 church revivals and ten million to 220 mass city-wide crusades in America’s and Canada’s major cities. In the 61 years up to his promotion to Glory, he did not have to change one detail in this Holy Spirit directed and empowered message. This war is soon to take place – Ezekiel 38:1, 2,**

5, 8, 16; Ezekiel 39: 1, 2, 12, and 13. Soon World War III, Armageddon will occur. We believe the Rapture will happen before this climactic war – 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. See the next two reports.)

Dutch F-35 intercept, escort away Russian warplanes nearing Polish airspace

February 14, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Dutch F-35 jets intercepted and escorted away three Russian warplanes after they neared Polish airspace on Monday, said Dutch Defense Ministry.

The Russian IL-20M Coot-A reconnaissance and signals plane and two SU-27 Flanker fighter planes were escorted ‘from a distance and handed over escort to NATO partners,’ said the ministry.

NATO air command said on Monday morning that German Eurofighters shadowed the Russian craft, ‘who were posing a danger to other air users by ignoring international air safety rules.’

This was the first scrambling of the Dutch fighters since deployed at the Malbork air base in northern Poland. The jets are tasked with monitoring NATO airspace and ‘air policing’ until the end of March...”

U.S. warship operates in Black Sea in first instance since Russian invasion of Ukraine

February 7, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “A United States warship, a Destroyer named USS *Nitze*, was seen to be operating in the Black Sea. This is the closest a U.S. warship has been to Russia since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began.

Nitze operates as part of the George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group.

The ship entered the region and visited Turkey on February 3rd, which was confirmed on the Twitter account of the U.S. Navy’s Sixth Fleet...”

KINGS OF THE EAST

Chinese president Xi Jinping has ordered his military to be ready to invade Taiwan in 2027, CIA director says

February 3, 2023 -- *News.com.au* reports: “Chinese president Xi Jinping has ordered his military to be ready to invade Taiwan by 2027, according to the CIA.

CIA director William Burns said Beijing still had its eyes set on taking Taiwan, despite watching Russia’s struggle to defeat Ukraine.

China considers Taiwan to be its own territory and does not recognise the government in Taipei.

Burns said the U.S. knew ‘as a matter of intelligence’ that Xi wants his forces to be war-ready by 2027.

‘Now, that does not mean that he’s decided to conduct an invasion in 2027, or any other year, but it’s a reminder of the seriousness of his focus and his ambition,’ he told an event at Georgetown University in Washington...” **(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]. See the next two reports.)

Taiwan ‘to bolster’ military ties with United States

February 21, 2023 -- *SinoDaily.com* reports: “Taiwan will boost military exchanges with the United States to curb ‘authoritarian expansionism’, President Tsai Ing-wen said Tuesday after meeting with visiting U.S. lawmakers.

The five-day U.S. congressional visit comes after a top U.S. defence official reportedly made a rare stopover to the self-ruled island while Washington-Beijing tensions flared over alleged Chinese spy balloons.

‘Taiwan and the United States continue to bolster military exchanges,’ Tsai said after convening with the U.S. delegation at her office in Taipei.

‘Going forward, Taiwan will cooperate even more actively with the United States and other democratic partners to confront such global challenges as authoritarian expansionism and climate change.’

Tsai did not provide further details on what the future exchanges might entail...”

U.S. says China mulling arming Russia in Ukraine war

February 20, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “The United States on Sunday accused China of considering arming Russia in its war against Ukraine, ratcheting up tensions as the conflict hits its one-year mark this week.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken leveled the allegations as U.S.-Chinese relations have been further tested by Washington’s shooting down this month of what it said was a large Chinese spy balloon.

The European Union also sounded the alarm over munitions in the Ukraine conflict — saying that severe ammunition shortages facing Ukrainian forces had to be overcome within weeks. Blinken told *CBS* that China was now ‘considering providing lethal support’

to Moscow ranging ‘from ammunition to the weapons themselves.’

‘We’ve made very clear to them that that would cause a serious problem for us and in our relationship,’ he added...”

Kim Jong Un Hails His Military as ‘Strongest in the World’

February 8, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, his wife and daughter Ju-ae, visited soldiers at their barracks ahead of a quinquennial army anniversary, the nation’s main broadsheet *Rodong Sinmun* said on Wednesday.

Wednesday is the 75th anniversary of the founding of the North Korean People’s Army or the KPA. A large-scale military parade is anticipated, but not yet reported.

In a commemorative banquet on Tuesday, Kim Jong Un praised the state’s military tradition that — despite the odds — persisted through the decades to achieve a ‘great and absolute power,’ in an apparent reference to North Korea’s nuclear weapon capability.

Kim also hailed the Korean People’s Army as the ‘strongest in the world,’ according to *Rodong Sinmun*, that ‘radiates an extraordinary sense of responsibility and an unbreakable superhuman willpower.’

He lauded the soldiers as the height of the North Korean people’s dignity who defend their bright days ahead, as he called for ‘redoubled efforts’ toward the development of the armed forces and the socialist cause...” **(North Korea marches with Russia and China for the war of the latter years and latter days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Atomic bombs will produce global incineration – Psalms 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Joel 2:3, 30; Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7 and 9:18.)**

North Korea threatens U.S. with 'overwhelming nuclear force'

February 3, 2023 -- *WND.com* reports: "The rogue government of North Korea is threatening 'overwhelming nuclear force' as its reaction to war games the United States is conducting with South Korea.

'The military and political situation in the Korean peninsula and the region has reached an extremely dangerous phase due to the reckless military confrontations and hostile acts of the U.S. and its vassal forces,' that nation's Ministry of Foreign Affairs proclaimed in its statement this week.

'The U.S. is now working hard to 'demonize' the DPRK, spreading again all sorts of rumors. Meanwhile, it, together with its vassal forces, is intensifying the full-scale offensive for putting pressure on the DPRK in all aspects including 'human rights', sanctions and military affairs.'

A report at *Just the News* said the dictatorship was hinting that it might resort to nuclear options if the military exercises continued..." **(Kim Jong-un, and now his sister, are following in the footsteps of their father Kim Jong-il and grandfather Kim il-sung in seeking nuclear weapons. In 1993, President Bill Clinton spoke in South Korea and stated that if North Korea gained and used a nuclear weapon, the U.S. would quickly and overwhelming retaliate, and it would mean the end of their country as they know it. President George W. Bush named North Korea as one of the three-part 'axis of evil' along with Iran and Iraq in 2002. In 2014, President Barack Obama warned North Korea that the U.S. would not hesitate to use military might to defend our allies against this 'pariah state'. And in August 2017, President Donald Trump stated: "North Korea best not make any more threats to the United States. They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen." It is believed that North Korea developed nuclear weapons in 2004. See the next report.)**

Kim Jong-un's Sister Tells 'Idiots' and 'Maniacs' North Korea Will Use Pacific Ocean as 'Firing Range'

February 22, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un's sister, Kim Yo-jong, published an inflammatory screed on Monday referring to South Korean officials as 'idiots' and 'maniacs' and warning that Pyongyang is willing to turn the Pacific Ocean into 'our firing range.'

Kim Yo-jong's statement, published in North Korean government propaganda outlets, follows multiple missile launches on Saturday and Monday, including the firing this weekend of a Hwasong-15 alleged intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM). On Monday, North Korean media protested that South Korean and American forces had staged an exercise directly in response to the ICBM..."

North Korea unveils 'record' number of ICBMs at military parade

February 10, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korea's Kim Jong Un oversaw a major military parade showcasing a record number of nuclear and intercontinental ballistic missiles, state media reported Thursday, including what analysts said was possibly a new solid-fuelled ICBM.

The parade on Wednesday to mark the 75th founding anniversary of North Korea's armed forces featured fireworks, military bands and uniformed soldiers marching in unison to spell out '2.8' — the date of the celebration — and '75', the official *Korean Central News Agency* reported.

Kim attended the parade with his wife, Ri Sol Ju, and daughter Ju Ae, video on state media showed. He wore the black coat and fedora combination favoured by his grandfather, North Korea's founding leader Kim Il Sung.

Images showed Kim flanked by his top generals in Pyongyang's central Kim Il Sung Square, saluting as troops and missile units paraded past while patriotic music played.

The weapons on show included at least

10 of the North's largest Hwasong-17 ICBMs, as well as vehicles apparently designed to carry a solid-fuelled ICBM, Seoul-based specialist site *NK News* reported.

North Korea has long sought to develop a solid-fuel ICBM because such missiles are easier to store and transport, are more stable and quicker to prepare for launch, and thus harder for the United States to detect and destroy pre-emptively..." **(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 three reports.)***

North Korea threatens unprecedented action over allied military drills

February 17, 2023 -- *Reuters* reports: "North Korea threatened on Friday to take 'unprecedentedly constant, strong responses' if South Korea and the United States press ahead with planned military drills, accusing the allies of raising tensions in the region.

In a statement carried by state media *KCNA*, the North's foreign ministry also said it would consider additional military action if the U.N. Security Council, under the influence of the United States, continues to pressure Pyongyang.

The statement came as South Korea and

the United States gear up for annual military exercises as part of efforts to better counter North Korea's growing nuclear and missile threats.

The allies will stage tabletop exercises in Washington next week aimed at improving operations of American nuclear assets and hold regular springtime Freedom Shield drills next month in South Korea, Seoul's defence ministry said on Friday..."

North Korea fires two more missiles into its Pacific 'firing range'

February 20, 2023 -- *Reuters* reports: "North Korea launched two more ballistic missiles off its east coast on Monday, with the powerful sister of leader Kim Jong Un saying North Korea's use of the Pacific as a 'firing range' would depend on the behaviour of U.S. forces.

The launches come just two days after

North Korea fired an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) into the sea off Japan's west coast, prompting the United States to hold joint air exercises with South Korea and separately with Japan on Sunday.

North Korea's state media confirmed it fired two projectiles from a multiple rocket launcher, aiming at targets 395 km (245 miles) and 337 km (209 miles) away...

UN Security Council 'silence' on North Korea missiles 'dangerous', U.S. says

February 21, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "The United States on Monday denounced a 'dangerous' lack of action by the UN Security Council on North Korea's missile launches, accusing — but not naming — China and Russia of having 'forced' the body 'into silence.'

The reclusive North Korean state test-fired dozens of missiles in 2022, setting

security postures in East Asia on edge. It fired two ballistic missiles Monday, 48 hours after it test-launched an intercontinental ballistic missile.

'In the face of unprecedented launches last year, two permanent members forced us into silence in spite of countless DPRK (North Korean) violations,' Washington's UN Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield said, referring to vetoes by China and Russia last May of a resolution that would have imposed new sanctions against Pyongyang.

'On this vital matter, silence leads to irrelevance,' she added at an emergency meeting of the Security Council. The 15-member panel's 'lack of action is worse than shameful. It is dangerous,' Thomas-Greenfield warned, saying the 'repeated failures to respond emboldens the DPRK,' the official acronym for North Korea, to conduct such destabilizing launches without fear of consequences..."

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Indonesia: Village official threatens Christians at Sunday service, demands they stop worshipping

February 23, 2023 -- *ChristianPost.com* reports: "A local village official in Indonesia stopped a church service on Sunday in what became a mob intrusion, sources said.

On western Indonesia's Sumatra Island, the head of the Rukun Tetangga area of Rajabasa Jaya village, Wawan Kurniawan, leaped over a meter-high fence to intrude into the worship service of the Tabernacle of David Christian Church (Gereja Kristen Kemah Daud, or GKKD), sources said. The village is in the southeast corner of the island in Bandar Lampung Regency, Lampung Province.

A video of the incident shows Wawan pushing away a pastor who tries to speak with him as the leader and a congregation member tell him they are in 'a house of God' and are only praying. Ignoring the objections of church members and leaders, Wawan takes the

pulpit and motions with his hand that the service is over. Some Christian women are later seen telling him, 'Be patient, be patient, sir,' and Wawan appears to call someone 'stupid.'

A member of the congregation, Lina Sinambela, told Suara.com that Wawan threatened to bring in more people if the worship did not stop..." **(Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the world. 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; If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto**

you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. — John 15:18 – 21; ...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; ...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; and 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.)