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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

RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Polls open in Russian vote to extend Putin's reign

March 15, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Russians started voting on Friday in a three-day presidential election set to hand hardline leader Vladimir Putin another six-year term as fresh attacks bring the raging conflict in Ukraine further into Russian territory.

In power as president or prime minister since the final day of 1999, the former KGB agent is casting the election as a show of Russians' loyalty and support for his military assault on Ukraine, now in its third year.

Polling stations in a country spread over 11 time zones opened at 8:00 am on Friday (2000 GMT Thursday) on the Far Eastern Kamchatka peninsula and will close Sunday at 8:00 pm (1800 GMT) in Russia's Kaliningrad exclave, wedged between EU members Poland and Lithuania.

Victory will allow Putin to stay in power until 2030, longer than any Russian leader since Catherine the Great in the eighteenth century..." (And to the surprise of no one, he won the election. Vladimir Putin has been in power as either the Prime Minister or President of Russia since 1999. He has, in essence, set himself up as ruler for life in Russia, much as Xi Jinping is set to be ruler for life in China. Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 predict the union of Russia and China [Revelation 16:12; Daniel 11:44] as leaders in the battle for the greatest war in history

called Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 9:14 – 18 pictures its upcoming disastrous results.)

China ties with Russia set to deepen after Putin election win

March 19, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday congratulated Vladimir Putin on his election victory, hailing the Russian president as a force for progress as Moscow's ties with Beijing deepen.

Putin faced no genuine competition on the way to what state media reported was a record landslide win — one that paves the way for the former spy to become the longest-serving Russian leader in more than 200 years.

Both he and Xi, who often tout their deep friendship, have torn up political convention to secure unprecedentedly long terms in power.

In a congratulatory message reported by Beijing's state broadcaster *CCTV*, Xi told Putin his re-election 'fully reflects the support of the Russian people for you'.

'I believe that under your leadership, Russia will be able to achieve greater achievements in national development and construction,' Xi said.

For his part, Putin heaped praise on Beijing on Monday, saying he was 'sure that in the coming years we will only strengthen and build up our relations', Russian state news agency *TASS* reported.

'The most important thing is the

coincidence of state interests. This creates a very good tone for solving common problems in the field of international relations,' Putin reportedly said..." (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 report.)

Russia, China and Iran deepen ties with naval drill

March 14, 2024 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Iran, Russia, and China sent ships that gathered for a naval drill

over the weekend. The drill continued this week and illustrates the growing cooperation between the countries. Russia, Iran, and China have conducted at least four naval drills in the past. However, this year's are larger, and they come amidst rising tensions in the Red Sea and off the coast of Yemen.

Chinese and Russian state media both highlighted the drills. Iran says the drills cover some 17,000 square kilometers of open ocean. *Global Times* in China reported that 'the naval forces of China, Iran, and Russia on Monday launched an exercise near the Gulf of Oman in a joint effort to safeguard regional maritime security, without targeting any third country or current regional tensions.'...

'The joint drills are conducive to enhancing exchanges and cooperation among the Chinese, Iranian, and Russian navies, and it further displayed [the three countries'] will and capability in jointly safeguarding maritime security and actively building a maritime community with a shared future,' Liang Dong of the PLA Navy's 45th escort task force, said in the CCTV report..."

Russian Activists Warn Putin Will Use Terrorist Attack to Tighten His Grip on Power

March 26, 2024 -- Voice of America News reports: "Russian activists are warning that Russian President Vladimir Putin will use the deadly terrorist attack on a concert hall outside Moscow to tighten his grip on power and further repress society.

'It truly scares me how this regime uses terrorism,' said Evgenia Kara-Murza, a human rights activist and wife of political prisoner Vladimir Kara-Murza. Addressing reporters at a press conference in Geneva, she warned that Putin would likely use Friday's horrific event 'to start new aggressions against our neighbors.'

'And, of course, the fact that the terrorists were caught near the Ukrainian border raises many questions as to whether it is a provocation or whether the terrorist attack is being used as such,' she said.

Though the militant Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack, which killed at least 137 people and injured some 182 others, the Kremlin has been trying, without any evidence, to link the attack to Ukraine..." (As was mentioned following the first

article, Vladimir Putin has been in power as either the Prime Minister or President of Russia since 1999. On August 16, 1999, in front of Duma, or parliament, he declared: 'Russia has been a great power for centuries, and remains so.' 'It has always had and still has legitimate zones of interest abroad in both the former Soviet lands and elsewhere.' In 2019, Asia Times Online reported of the lavish welcome Putin received in Serbia. They stated: "Serbia – despite its new pro-Western leadership and EU ambitions – has deep historical ties with the Slavic 'big brother' that has supported Belgrade over the centuries, most recently during the 1999 NATO bombing campaign. It is the only European nation that is truly close to Russia, with common Orthodox and Slavic roots, a daily Moscow-Belgrade train and a bilateral visafree entry agreement. Putin pledged to invest US\$1.4 billion in gas pipeline infrastructure for Serbia, which already buys all its natural gas from Russia. But ties extend far beyond cultural and ethnic similarities, to Moscow's wider geopolitical strategies. The Belgrade love fest is just another brick in the giant international structure Russian officials label Russkiy Mir, or Russian World. Moscow media cover 'Russkiy Mir' and conferences of 'Russian compatriots' on a daily basis. Though the USSR has dissolved, step by step, Putin's Kremlin is bringing the vast lands of its former empire back into the fold." See the next report.)

Russia Announces 11 Arrests After Moscow Concert Hall Terror Attack That Left At Least 115 Dead

March 25, 2024 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Russia on Saturday said it had arrested 11 people — including four gunmen — over the attack on a Moscow concert hall claimed by the Islamic State, as the death toll rose to 115.

Russian President Vladimir Putin was yet to comment publicly on the attack and Moscow has not addressed the Islamic State's claim of responsibility, even as some lawmakers pointed to a possible Ukraine connection.

Camouflaged gunmen opened fire at the packed Crocus City Hall in Moscow's northern suburb of Krasnogorsk on Friday evening ahead of a concert by Soviet-era rock band Piknik in the deadliest attack in Russia for at least a decade

Russia's FSB security service said some of the perpetrators had fled towards the Russia-Ukraine border, adding that the assailants had 'appropriate contacts' in the country.

It did not provide further details.

Some Russian lawmakers also pointed to Kyiv, without providing evidence.

'The main interested party could most likely be Ukraine and its patrons ... we can't rule it out,' said senior Russian MP Andrey Kartapolov..."

Putin says Russian nuclear weapons 'more advanced' than in U.S.

March 13, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday lauded Moscow's nuclear arsenal and warned that he was ready to deploy the weapons if Russia's sovereignty was threatened.

The Kremlin has touted its nuclear prowess throughout its two-year offensive in Ukraine, last month warning Western countries that there was a 'real' risk of nuclear catastrophe if they escalated the conflict.

Putin's browbeating rhetoric comes just days ahead of elections in Russia that are all but guaranteed to hand him another six years in power and as his military posts gains in Ukraine.

'Our triad, the nuclear triad, it is more modern than any other triad. Only we and the Americans actually have such triads. And we have advanced much more here,' Putin said in a wide-ranging interview with state media.

'We are ready to use weapons, including any weapons — including the weapons you mentioned — if it is a question of the existence of the Russian state or damage to our sovereignty and independence,' Putin added in the interview that aired on Wednesday..." (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.)

Russia says it is considering putting a nuclear power plant on the moon with China

March 6, 2024 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Russia and China are considering putting a nuclear power plant on the moon from 2033-35, Yuri Borisov, the head of Russia's space agency Roscosmos said on Tuesday, something he said could one day allow lunar settlements to be built.

Borisov, a former deputy defense minister, said that Russia and China had been jointly working on a lunar program and that Moscow was able to contribute with its expertise on 'nuclear space energy.'

'Today we are seriously considering a project – somewhere at the turn of 2033-2035 – to deliver and install a power unit on the lunar surface together with our Chinese colleagues,' Borisov said.

Solar panels would not be able to provide enough electricity to power future lunar settlements, he said, while nuclear power could.

'This is a very serious challenge... it should be done in automatic mode, without the presence of humans,' he said of the possible plan..." (And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." – Luke 21:25 – 27. See the next report.)

As Russian Threats Grow, King Warns U.S. Space Command of American Vulnerabilities

March 4, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "In a move to address vulnerabilities in America's space infrastructure, U.S. Senator Angus King (Ind. ME) has

emphasized the urgency of bolstering defenses against potential threats to the nation's extensive satellite fleet. During a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing, Senator King engaged with General Stephen Whiting, the Commander of the United States Space Command (USSPACECOM), on the critical issue of safeguarding American space assets from emerging threats, particularly highlighting the advancements in Russia's nuclear antisatellite capabilities.

Senator King's inquiries underscored a growing concern within the U.S. government and military regarding the asymmetric vulnerabilities posed by the nation's dependence on space technologies. These technologies, integral to everyday operations such as GPS navigation in smartphones worldwide, represent a double-edged sword; while they afford the U.S. unparalleled capabilities, they also expose critical infrastructures to potential adversary actions.

'We have the best space capability and have for many, many years. That's the good news. The bad news is the dependency that we have on space, makes asymmetrically which us vulnerable in terms of the relationship with these potential adversaries, 'Senator King stated, urging USSPACECOM to explore alternative strategies to mitigate these risks. The senator's call for a renewed focus on traditional navigation methods, such as celestial navigation. highlights a strategic pivot towards reducing reliance on space-based assets...

China, Not Russia, Still Tops List of Threats to U.S.

March 20, 2024 -- Voice of America News reports: "Russia's war in Ukraine — portrayed by top U.S. officials as posing a danger to the United States itself — still trails China when it comes to long-term threats to America's security, according to a top Pentagon official.

The warning from Ely Ratner, the Defense Department's assistant secretary for Indo-Pacific security affairs, comes in testimony prepared for a hearing Wednesday by the House Armed Services Committee on security challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

'The PRC [People's Republic of China] continues to present the most comprehensive and serious challenge

to our national security,' Ratner is set to tell lawmakers, according to a copy his opening statement obtained by *VOA*.

'The PRC remains the only country with the will and increasingly the capability to dominate the Indo-Pacific region and displace the United States,' Ratner warns, adding, 'the PRC is pursuing its revisionist goals with increasingly coercive activities in the Taiwan Strait, the South and East China seas, along the Line of Actual Control with India, and beyond.'

This is not the first time Ratner has addressed the growing threat from Beijing..." (China is prophesied to be a top contender and bloody warrior during the battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 16:12 pictures Kings coming to the Middle East, primarily China, to slay a third-part of mankind in atomic warfare. Revelation 9:14 – 18 the Oriental nations from the East join with Russia – the leader from the North – Daniel 11:44 – for the most horrendous war in history. See the next report.)

China will be global 'force for peace': foreign minister

March 7, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "China will be a global force for peace and stability, the country's foreign minister Wang Yi said Thursday in a wide-ranging press conference where he hit out against U.S. 'suppression' and expressed support for Palestinians.

'In the face of complex turmoil in the international environment, China will persist in being a force for peace, a force for stability, and a force for progress in the world,' Wang told reporters.

Wang met the press on Thursday on the sidelines of China's largest annual political gathering, which opened in Beijing earlier this week.

The 'Two Sessions' — parallel meetings of China's rubber-stamp parliament and political consultative body — offer a rare glimpse into the strategy of the Communist Party-led government for the year ahead.

This year's gathering is being closely watched for signals as to Chinese leaders' confidence in current geopolitical conditions, as tensions persist across the Taiwan Strait and Russia's war in Ukraine enters its third year.

China's expanding political reach has sparked friction on multiple fronts, with

Wang's press conference coming after Southeast Asian and Australian leaders warned this week against Chinese actions that 'endanger peace' in the South China Sea.

China has increasingly flexed its muscles in the South China Sea, which it claims almost entirely despite an international arbitration ruling that declared its stance baseless..."

U.S. Bolstering Philippines Amid Increasing Assertiveness by China

March 22, 2024 -- Voice of America News reports: "The U.S. and Philippines will for the first time venture outside Manila's territorial waters when they begin joint annual combat drills in April, a Philippines government spokesman said Thursday.

Colonel Michael Logico said elements of the Balikatan 2024 drills would be conducted about 22 kilometers (more than 12 nautical miles) off the west coast of Palawan, an island in the archipelago nation that faces a troubled region of the South China Sea.

Chinese ships this month blocked Philippine ships near the Second Thomas Shoal, a reef about 200 kilometers (120 miles) off Palawan that both sides claim.

'The message that we want to send is that we are serious about defending our territory and we have allies,' Logico said at a news conference, according to Philippine media.

Beijing claims most of the South China Sea as its own, putting it in conflict with Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam, all of which border the sea. An international tribunal at The Hague has rejected China's claim..." (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 states:

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 four reports.)

Philippines' Marcos sees Chinese actions in South China Sea with 'great alarm'

March 6, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos said Wednesday that he sees Chinese actions in the South China Sea with 'great alarm', after recent confrontations described by a Filipino military commander as 'the worst' in two years.

The latest incidents involving Philippine and Chinese vessels took place on Tuesday in waters around Second Thomas Shoal in the Spratly Islands where the countries have contested maritime claims.

Manila said that China Coast Guard ships caused two collisions with Philippine boats and water cannoned one of them, leaving four Filipino crew members injured.

The Philippine vessels were part of a regular mission to deliver provisions to a handful of Filipino troops stationed on a grounded navy vessel at Second Thomas Shoal.

'We continue to view with great alarm this continuing dangerous manoeuvres and dangerous actions that are being done against our seamen, our coast guard,' Marcos told reporters.

'I think that we cannot view this in any way but in the most serious way,' he said..."

China says U.S. has 'no right' to interfere in South China Sea

March 19, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "China said Tuesday the United States had 'no right' to interfere in the South China Sea, after Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Washington stood by its commitments to defend the

Philippines against armed attack in the disputed waterway.

'The United States is not a party to the South China Sea issue and has no right to interfere in maritime issues that are between China and the Philippines,' foreign ministry spokesman Lin Jian told a regular press conference in Beijing.

Blinken is in the Philippine capital Manila — his second visit since President Ferdinand Marcos took office in 2022 — as part of a brief Asia tour to reinforce U.S. support for regional allies against China.

'Military cooperation between the U.S. and the Philippines must not harm China's sovereignty and maritime rights and interests in the South China Sea, and still less be used to provide a platform for the Philippines' illegal claims,' Lin said in a response to a question on Blinken's earlier comments.

'China will continue to take necessary measures to resolutely defend its territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests, and uphold peace and stability in the South China Sea,' he added.

Beijing claims almost the entire South China Sea — a crucial route for global trade — brushing aside competing claims from several Southeast Asian nations, including the Philippines, and an international ruling that has declared its stance baseless..."

32 Chinese warplanes detected around Taiwan: Taipei

March 21, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Taiwan's defence ministry said Thursday that 32 Chinese military aircraft were detected around the island in a 24-hour window — the second-highest number this year.

In the 24 hours leading up to 6:00 am Thursday (2200 GMT Wednesday), the Ministry of National Defence also detected five naval ships operating around Taiwan, it said.

Twenty of the aircraft 'crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait', it added in a statement.

Taiwan's armed forces have 'monitored the situation and employed (patrol) aircraft, Navy vessels, and coastal missile systems in response to the detected activities'.

In two other 24-hour periods in late January and early February, the ministry

detected 33 Chinese warplanes around the island, the highest number this year. Those detections followed the January 13 presidential election won by current Vice President Lai Ching-te, whom Beijing dislikes..."

Australia, Britain Criticize China for Actions in Hong Kong

March 22, 2024 -- Voice of America News reports: "Australia and Britain on Friday criticized China for its actions in Hong Kong and the South China Sea and its support of Russia, after a

meeting in which London and Canberra deepened their security ties.

The two countries called out 'recent unsafe and destabilizing behavior by China's vessels against Philippine vessels and crew near Second Thomas Shoal in the South China Sea,' in a statement that contained unusually direct language on Beijing's activities in the region.

In a joint statement earlier this month with Southeast Asian nations, Australia called for restraint in the South China Sea, without explicitly mentioning China.

Friday's statement was issued after Britain's foreign secretary, David Cameron, and defense secretary Grant Shapps met their Australian counterparts, Penny Wong and Richard Marles, in Adelaide.

The four ministers said they were concerned about Hong Kong's new security law and the erosion of freedom and rights in the territory, a former colony of Britain, as well as human rights abuses in China..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

History repeating itself? Begin to Biden: 'Don't threaten us'

March 13, 2024 -- Israel National News reports: "The dispute between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. President Joe Biden over Israel's plan to enter and engage in military action in Rafah, as part of the war to eradicate Hamas, rekindles a historic meeting between Biden and a former Israeli prime minister, the late Menachem Begin.

At the time several American newspapers described the meeting between the two on June 22, 1982, when Begin appeared before the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee and was verbally attacked by Senator Biden from Delaware, who threatened him that if he did not accept the U.S. position on the First Lebanon War, the U.S. would stop military aid to Israel.

Begin responded harshly. 'Don't threaten us with cutting off your aid. It will not work. I am not a Jew with trembling knees. I am a proud Jew with 3,700 years of civilized history.'

'Nobody came to our aid when we were dying in the gas chambers and ovens. Nobody came to our aid when we were striving to create our country. We paid for it. We fought for it. We died for it. We will stand by our principles. We will defend them. And, when necessary, we will die for them again, with or without your aid,' Begin added, leaving Biden speechless..." (Ours was the first nation to recognize the sovereign state of Israel in 1948, but we have moved further and further away. God promised to Abraham: ... I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee,

and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed – Genesis 12:2, 3. Soon all Hell will break loose in the Middle East. Joel 3:2 warns today's politicians that World War III occurs because of parting God's land. It won't succeed. Christ will return, stop the horrendous war and reign over the world from the Throne of David in Jerusalem forever – Revelation 11:18; Luke 1:32, 33. See the next report.)

Report: Biden Trying to 'Collapse' Netanyahu Government, Mid-war

March 12, 2024 -- Breitbart.com reports: "U.S. President Joe Biden is reportedly attempting to force the 'collapse' of the Israeli government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the middle of a war against Hamas terrorists in Gaza and a potential war against Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Biden has been increasingly hostile to Netanyahu in his public remarks, recently saying that Netanyahu is 'hurting' Israel more than he is helping it through his conduct of the war. (Netanyahu fired back, saying that Biden was 'wrong.')

Now, New York Magazine reports that the Biden Administration is actively looking for ways to force Netanyahu's right-wing coalition, which has been remarkably unified, to fall apart, which would bring about early elections..."

Half of Israel may come under Hezbollah fire, former Israeli security chief warns

March 18, 2024 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Israel's security establishment is continuing to monitor the developments in the North closely. Meanwhile, in the coalition, threats against Hezbollah are becoming more frequent.

After Defense Minister Yoav Gallant warned that 'the hourglass is about to reverse course,' ex-MK Moshe Feiglin (Likud) said in a conversation with Gadi Ness on his show on Radio North 104.5FM that 'Lebanon may be destroyed in the next war.'

In the midst of this, former National Security Council (NSC) chief Uzi Dayan warned in an interview with Ness that 'we need to be prepared for a rocket attack from Hezbollah that will hit half of the State of Israel.'..." (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. See the next report.)

Poll: Majority of Israelis believe war with Hezbollah certain

March 26, 2024 -- Israel National News reports: "A majority - 69% - of Israelis strongly believe that a war will soon break out between Israel and Hezbollah on the Lebanon border, according to a new poll by the Israel Democracy Institute.

A significant majority of both Arab and Jewish Israelis believe such a war to be inevitable. The assumption holds true for center, right, and left political blocs, without significant differences between them..."

Iran believes Gaza war will 'shape new world order' – analysis

March 26, 2024 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Iran's president Ebrahim Raisi believes that the war in Gaza will lead to a 'transformation in the unjust order that rules the world.' He made the claims at a gathering on Monday, according to Iran's pro-government Fars news.

Iran's president appears to believe that the war in Gaza will accelerate various processes in the global order. He said that after the war the new world order is 'very close and achievable.'

In Iran's view the war in Gaza is part of a larger process. It could be seen as a kind of first shot of a major war in the world. This war is not always being fought on battlefields.

It may be other types of struggles, such as Iran joining BRICS and the SCO, two economic groups that are linked to China or Russia, and which Iran wants to be part of in order to balance the western-led economies such as the G7.

Iran's president's statement matters. It shows how Iran is thinking about October 7 and the long term plans that Iran has. Iran sees the fighting in Gaza as a benefit. It also sees the suffering of Gazans as a benefit. What that means if that Iran believes it can use suffering in Gaza to take advantage of the war, and exploit it for its own interests..." (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 ve kings: be instructed, ve judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ve 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.)

UN: 'Convincing information' sexual violence committed against hostages in Gaza

March 5, 2024 -- BBC.com reports: "A UN team says there is 'convincing information' that hostages held in Gaza have been subjected to sexual violence including rape and sexualised torture.

There were grounds to suspect the abuse was still ongoing, the UN said.

The UN team also found 'reasonable grounds to believe' sexual violence, including gang rape, took place when Hamas attacked Israel on 7 October.

Israel's foreign ministry said it welcomed the 'definitive recognition that Hamas committed sexual crimes'.

The UN Security Council should now designate Hamas as a terrorist organisation and impose international sanctions on it, spokesman Lior Haiat said

Hamas has denied its gunmen sexually assaulted women during the attacks...' (Mass sexual assault of women in public has been documented in Egypt since 2005. On February 11, 2011, CBS News correspondent Lara Logan was reporting in Egypt about the celebrations following the resignation of Hosni Mubarak when she was attacked by a group of 200 – 300 men, several of whom gang raped her for nearly one half hour. Her only offense - not having her head covered. In an article I have cited before, Dawn Perlmutter said: "From a Western perspective this was a crazed mob out of control. For a shame culture this was an acceptable punishment for a woman who was

not properly covered. They pulled her blonde hair out and more than likely kept it as souvenirs."

Here is what our God states: Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God I Corinthians 6:9, 10.)

Prime Minister's Office: 'Hamas has turned down every compromise proposed by the U.S.'

March 26, 2024 -- Israel National News reports: "The Prime Minister's Office on Tuesday morning said that Hamas is not interested in a prisoner swap agreement.

'The Hamas position proves clearly that Hamas is not interested in continuing the negotiations for a deal, and constitutes saddening evidence of the damage done by the Security Council's resolution,' the Office said in a statement.

'Hamas has once again rejected every U.S. compromise and returned to its extremist demands: an immediate end to the war, the IDF's complete withdrawal from the Strip, and remaining in power so that they can repeat the October 7 massacre over and over again, as they have promised to do.'

'Hamas has refused every U.S. compromise proposal, and praised the Security Council resolution.'..." (Benjamin Netanyahu has stated: "If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel." Israel does all that it can to protect civilians — Hamas uses civilians to protect their missiles; placing them next to schools and in residential neighborhoods.)

Michigan Imam: We Muslims Will Yet 'Slaughter' the Jews 'Like Sheep'

March 22, 2024 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Muslims will yet 'slaughter' the Jews 'like sheep' when the opportunity arises, according to a Michigan Islamic cleric who appealed to Allah, seeking to become 'soldiers' for Islam in any form desired, including death.

In a sermon at the Islamic Center of Warren, Michigan, in January, Imam Abdou Zindani warned of the fate of Jews everywhere, pointing to a Palestinian businessman who told a Jewish New Yorker what Muslims have in store for the Jews.

'Don't worry, don't worry, Jewish man,' he said. 'One day will come, and we will slaughter you like a sheep and the stone and the tree will work... undercover for us, [saying:] 'Hey Muslim, come, there is somebody hiding here, get up and kill him."

The Sheikh was apparently referencing a grisly passage in the Islamic text, known as the Hadith, that reads as follows: 'Judgement Day will not come until the Muslims fight the Jews. The Jews will hide behind the stones and the trees. and the stones and the trees will say, oh Muslim, oh servant of Allah, there is a Jew hiding behind me — come and kill him.' The same excerpt is cited in the Hamas terror group's charter..." (Dr. Michael Brown in his column "In The Line of Fire" for Charisma News wrote an article entitled "Verses of Violence: Comparing the Bible and Quran" in which he brought out three points: "1. The violent verses in the Bible were for a specific time and place; the violent verses in the Quran are spoken in general terms. 2. For Christians, the Old Testament is the foundation on which the New Testament is built and so the New Testament contains the final revelation. Significantly, there are no verses in the New Testament in which believers are called on to kill their enemies. For Muslims, the Quran is the final revelation. 3. The ultimate example for Christians is Jesus. For Muslims, Muhammad is the perfect man and the model to be followed. Jesus was crucified and ordered His followers not to defend Him from His fate. Muhammad, who began his mission as a preacher rather than a soldier, led pillaging raids (to get money for his followers); fought aggressive, offensive wars to subdue his enemies; and on one famous occasion, beheaded his Jewish captives." See the next three reports.)

> American imam claims that right now, fall of Israel is 'imminent'

March 20, 2024 -- WND.com reports: "There long have been Islamists around the world who desire, even call for and predict, the destruction of Israel.

Now an adjunct professor at UC-Irvine, Osman Umarji, has joined that group, by insisting that the fall of Israel is now imminent.

He claims it's because Muslims now are acknowledging that Muhammad was a 'warrior.'

The details of Umarji's claims are documented in a video at the Middle East Media Research Institute.

The organization reports that Umarji is an 'Islamic scholar' and teacher in the school of education at Irvine.

His ideology was revealed during a recent sermon at the Islamic Center of San Gabriel Valley..."

'Death to All Jews' — Orthodox Jewish Man Stabbed by 'Allahu Akbar' Knifeman in Zurich

March 4, 2024 -- Breitbart.com reports: "An Orthodox Jewish man was stabbed multiple times in Zurich on Saturday evening by a knifeman who reportedly shouted out 'death to all Jews' and 'Allahu Akbar' during the attack.

A 50-year-old man of Orthodox Jewish faith was left with life-threatening injuries after being stabbed multiple times in Switzerland's largest city at the Brandschenkestrasse/Selnaustrasse junction in Zurich District 2.

According to the German-language Swiss newspaper Neue Zürcher Zeitung, a 15-year-old suspect was arrested at the scene of the attack. Police are currently investigating the potential motive for the attack, including the possibility that it was inspired by antisemitism.

The name and background of the suspected knifeman have yet to be revealed to the public..."

Foreign Min.: Hamas wants to destroy Israel because they want to destroy the Jewish people

March 7, 2024 -- Israel National News "Israel's Foreign Affairs reports: Minister Israel Katz (Likud) on Thursday praised South Dakota for its decision to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) antisemitism definition.

Earlier this week, South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem signed into law HB 1076, requiring the consideration of International Holocaust the

Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism in investigations of unfair or discriminatory practices in the state.

'I commend the Governor of South Dakota, a true friend of Israel, on her decision to join 33 other states in the United States and adopt the IHRA definition which considers anti-Zionism as anti-Semitism, as an official law in her state,' Katz wrote.

'Since October 7th, we see the hatred of Jews and the support for Hamas' horrific acts of terror as a modern form of Jew hatred.'

'They want to destroy the State of Israel because they want to destroy the Jewish people,' he added..."

Israeli Ambassador Has Purim Message for Enemies of Israel

March 25, 2024 -- PJMedia.com reports: "The God of Israel saved His people from attempted genocide in ancient Persia, as the Bible tells us — and the modern Israeli ambassador to the United Nations (UN) wants current violent anti-Semites to remember that.

Speaking to a UN Council, Israel's UN Ambassador Gilad Erdan said, in a clip posted to Twitter/X, 'Tomorrow, dear colleagues, the Jewish people will celebrate the holiday of Purim, and this holiday is a very important message to the murderous Avatollah regime [of Iran] and the rest of the world.' This is not the first time a powerful Persian has tried to ensure destruction of the Jews, as Erdan explained: '1500 years ago, in Persia, which is modern-day Iran, the king signed a disastrous decree, a resolution calling to annihilate all the Jews in his empire.' The slogan for the holiday of Purim is 'and the opposite happened,' Erdan continued. 'Those who plotted against the Jewish people had their own schemes turned against them.'

Purim is rooted in the historical events related in the book of Esther, included in both Jewish and Christian Bibles. The beautiful Hadassah was selected to be Queen of Persia, but concealed her Jewish identity and took the name Esther on the advice of her uncle Mordecai. The arrogant royal official Haman plotted the annihilation not only of pious Mordecai but of the whole Jewish population in Persia. Esther, however, bolstered by prayer, interceded with her husband King Xerxes (or Assuerus)

and saved her people. Haman and his ilk were killed instead, and the feast of Purim still commemorates how the Jews escaped massacre and instead conquered their enemies..." (The Ambassador is

correct. The events are described in the Old Testament book of Esther, where Haman plotted to kill all the Jews because Mordechai would not bow down to him. Haman launched an elaborate plot to kill all the Jews in the vast Persian Empire. But God had other plans, and the fate that Haman planned for the Jews became his own.)

OH CANADA?

Trudeau Government Cuts off Arms Sales to Israel

March 20, 2024 -- Breitbart.com reports: "The Canadian government of Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Tuesday that it is ending arms sales — such as they are — to Israel, bowing to pressure from leftwing radicals as Israel fights against genocidal Palestinian terrorists.

According to *Al Jazeera*, Canada's arms exports to Israel are minuscule, amounting to less than \$90 million over the past nine years. 'The vast majority of Canada's military exports to Israel come in the form of parts and components.'

Israel's foreign minister, Israel Katz, reacted angrily, according to the *Times of Israel*:

'I am sorry that the government of Canada is taking this step that undermines Israel's right to self-defense in the face of Hamas murderers who carried out terrible crimes against humanity and against innocent Israelis, including the elderly, women and children,' he says in a statement.

'History will judge the current acts of Canada harshly,' he says...' (Fortunately this will not have much of an impact on the military might of Israel, 69% of Israel's arms purchases come from the U.S. and 30% from Germany- in fact, in 2022 Canada exported only 21 million in military good to Israel while Canada has purchased more than a billion dollars of Israeli weapon systems in the past decade.

According to GlobalFirepower.com, the United States has the highest Military Strength Rating, Israel is number 15, and Iran is number 21. Even if Iran were more powerful than Israel, history has shown us that when Israel is attacked by superior forces, the result is that Israel gets a new national holiday. Yahweh God has promised: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off — Isaiah 56:5. See the next report.)

Lapid slams Canada's suspension of arms exports to Israel: Wrong, harmful and dangerous

March 20, 2024 -- Israel National News reports: "Opposition leader Yair Lapid on Tuesday criticized Canada for deciding to stop arms exports to Israel, but in the same breath also blamed the Israeli government's conduct which, he claimed, led to Canada's decision.

'Canada's decision to suspend arms supplies to Israel is wrong, harmful and dangerous. Israel is waging a war against an extreme and cruel terrorist organization and the Canadians simply do not understand what is really happening here,' Lapid wrote on social media.

He then added, 'This does not change the fact that we are witnessing the collapse of Israel's foreign relations because of a bad and negligent government that manages it terribly.'

'It is unimaginable that while our children are being murdered, women are being raped and kidnapped civilians are being held captive by Hamas, this extreme government manages to lose the battle for public opinion,' charged Lapid.

'It's time to have a good government here that will win in Gaza, and also win in the international arena. We have done it in the past, we will know how to do it in the future,' he concluded..."

After significant alterations, Canada approves motion on Palestinian statehood

March 19, 2024 -- Israel National News reports: "Canada's parliament on Monday approved a motion submitted by the New Democratic Party (NDP) on Palestinian statehood, but not before the ruling Liberals drastically altered its wording, CTV News reported.

The motion initially called on Canada to recognize the 'State of Palestine', but the Liberals drastically altered its wording to see the government simply work towards that aim as part of a twostate solution.

After appearing destined to fail when the governing Liberals vowed Monday to not let the opposition sway its foreign policy, Government House Leader Steven MacKinnon shocked MPs on both sides of the aisle when he rose in the final minutes of debate to advance a nearly 500-word motion that rephrased considerable portions of the NDP motion.

generating After considerable international attention and division among MPs during a nearly day-long debate, the non-binding but symbolic NDP motion ultimately passed 204 to 117, according to CTV News..." (Caroline B. Glick, senior contributing editor to The Jerusalem Post wrote a book in 2014 entitled "The Israeli Solution" where she stated in the preface: "Establishing a Palestinian state, so the thinking goes, would be a panacea for all the region's ills. It would end the Arab world's conflict with Israel, because the reason the Arab world is anti-Israel is that there is no Palestinian state. It would also nearly erase the Arab world's anti-Americanism, because the reason the Arabs - and the larger Muslim world - are anti-American is that the United States supports Israel even though there is no Palestinian state... For the past ninety years, the twostate solution has been tried more than a dozen times, and every time it has failed, abysmally. Between 1970 and 2013, the United States presented nine different peace plans for Israel and the Palestinians, all based on the two-state solution - and for the past twenty years, the two-state solution has been the centerpiece of the U.S. Middle East policy. But despite this laser focus, American efforts to implement the two-state solution have all been dismal failures.")