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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*

## THE GROWING NUCLEAR THREAT

### **Putin says Russia could use nuclear weapons if it is threatened**

**June 6, 2024** -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Russian President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday that Russia could use nuclear weapons if its sovereignty is threatened.

‘If somebody’s actions threaten our sovereignty and territorial integrity, we consider it possible to use all means at our disposal,’ Putin said, citing what he said is his country’s security policy.

‘For some reason, they believe in the West that Russia will never use it,’ Putin told a group of international journalists, adding that Russia’s nuclear arsenal is much more powerful than what the U.S. used in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan during World War II.

The Russian leader spoke face-to-face at some length on the sidelines of the annual St. Petersburg International Economic Forum...” **(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 four reports.)*

### **Nuclear Weapon Drills Help Russia Prepare for Possible NATO Invasion**

**June 12, 2024** -- *Sputnik International* reports: “The ongoing Russian tactical nuclear weapon drills, whose second phase began this week, is not some kind of act of showmanship, warns military analyst Igor Korotchenko, editor in chief of *National Defense* magazine.

The purpose of this exercise is to rehearse the ‘practical mechanisms’ of tactical nuclear weapon use if a decision to resort to such drastic measures were to be made.

This is not signaling someone, not some underscoring of some ‘red lines’ – this is about practice,’ Korotchenko tells *Sputnik*.

The various aspects of tactical nuclear weapon use being tested during this exercise include the delivery of presidential authorization to the troops, unlocking the warheads, flight data input and targeting – basically everything involved in an actual nuclear strike, he says...”

### **China’s nuclear stockpile is growing faster than any other nation**

**June 17, 2024** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “China’s nuclear arsenal increased by nearly 100 warheads over the last year, according to a new report published Monday that warned it expects Beijing’s stockpile to keep growing at a faster rate than any other nation.

Beijing’s nuclear arsenal increased from 410 warheads to 500 over 2023, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute said Monday in its annual report on international security.

The institute added that while China’s stockpile is expected to keep growing it may also be deploying a small number of warheads on missiles during peacetime.

China is modernizing and expanding its nuclear arsenal, and the report warned that though it will have a smaller stockpile of nuclear warheads than Russia or the United States by the end of the decade, it could possibly have as many intercontinental ballistic missiles as them by then.

‘China is expanding its nuclear arsenal faster than any other country,’ Hans Kristensen, associate senior fellow with SIPRI’s Weapons of Mass Destruction Program, said in a statement. ‘But in nearly all of the nuclear-armed states there are either plans or a significant push to increase nuclear forces.’

The report was published amid growing tensions in much of the world. Relations have continued fray between

the West and China, and Russia’s war in Ukraine as well as Israel’s against Iran-backed Hamas in Gaza have raised worries about growing conflicts and about present conflicts turning nuclear. According to the institute of the world’s estimated 12,121 warheads, more than 9,500 were in military stockpiles for potential use with an estimated 3,904 having been deployed as of January 2024, representing an increase in 60 from a year earlier...”

**Report: North Korea Added 20 Nukes to Its Arsenal in 2023**

**June 18, 2024 -- Breitbart.com** reports: “North Korea is believed to possess 50 nuclear weapons – 20 more than in the past year, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) revealed in its annual report published on Monday on global militaries. SIPRI’s ‘Yearbook 2024 Armaments, Disarmament and International Security’ report assesses the known arsenals of nuclear states as well as global military

development. It once again found that the vast majority of known nuclear weapons are in the possession of America and Russia, but that communist China is making significant efforts to expand and modernize its own arsenal. Notably, the report documented ‘the first time China is believed to have some warheads on high operational alert’ in 2024.

In its section on North Korea, SIPRI warned that evidence suggests communist dictator Kim Jong-un is ‘putting new emphasis’ on Pyongyang’s nuclear assets...”

**Spending on nuclear weapons hit \$91.4 billion in 2023, watchdog finds**

**June 18, 2024 -- Voice of America News** reports: “The world’s nine nuclear-armed states together spent \$91.4 billion last year, or nearly \$3,000 per second, as they ‘continue to modernize, and in some cases expand their arsenals,’ according to a report issued Monday by ICAN, the International Campaign to

Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

‘This money is effectively being wasted given that the nuclear-armed states agree that a nuclear war can never be won and should never be fought,’ Alicia Sanders-Zakre, co-author of the report, told journalists in Geneva last week in advance of the report’s publication.

For example, she said, \$91.4 billion a year ‘could pay for wind power for more than 12 million homes to combat climate change or cover 27 percent of the global funding gap to fight climate change, protect biodiversity and cut pollution.’

The report shows the nuclear-armed states spent \$10.7 billion more on nuclear weapons in 2023 compared with 2022, with the United States accounting for 80% of that increase.

ICAN reports the United States spent \$51.5 billion, ‘more than all the other nuclear-armed countries put together.’ It says the next biggest spender was China at \$11.8 billion with Russia spending the third largest amount at \$8.3 billion...”

# ANTI-SEMITISM ABOUNDS

**‘I wish Hitler was still here’: Anti-Israel protestor shouts at Nova massacre memorial**

**June 14, 2024 -- The Jerusalem Post** reports: “Footage was posted on X, formally known as Twitter, of an unidentified anti-Israel protestor shouting loudly that he wished Hilter was still around to kill the Jews during the Monday Union Square memorial in New York that honored victims of the Nova Music Festival massacre.

The video was posted on multiple X accounts and showed the unidentified man pointing his hand at the crowd of people surrounding him while yelling, ‘I wish Hitler was still here. He would have wiped you [the Jews] all out.’

The man continued to repeat that Hitler ‘would have wiped all you all out’ as those surrounding him called on him to stop and go home...” **(Hitler’s persecution of the Jews began in 1933; shortly after he took office. On April 7 of that year he stripped all Jews of offices in the German civil service. Government officials, doctors, lawyers, and workers in educational and cultural fields were all required to sign the following statement:**

**I declare officially herewith I do not know of any circumstance — despite**

careful scrutiny — that may justify the presumption that I am not of Aryan descent; in particular, none of my paternal or maternal parents or grandparents was at any time of the Jewish faith. I am fully aware of the fact that I expose myself to prosecution and dismissal if this declaration proves untrue.

**Within three months, thirty thousand heads of Jewish families had been deprived of income.**

**The future sufferings of the Jews were also announced in two lines of a song called “The Horst Wessel Song,” which became the theme of every major parade in Germany. Translated, two lines of the song were: “When Jewish blood flows from the knife, Things will go much better.”**

**Under Hitler’s direction there was a steady rise in outrageous demands and unlawful acts against all Jews. By 1938 every synagogue in the nation had been burned, the windows of every Jewish establishment had been shattered, and twenty-five thousand innocent Jews were in concentration camps.)**

**‘Gas the Jews’: U.S. man pleads guilty to cyberstalking, threatening synagogues, businesses**

**June 19, 2024 -- The Jerusalem Post** reports: “Donavon Parish, a 29-year-old resident of Mississippi, pled guilty on Tuesday to one count of cyberstalking and five counts of abuse and harassment using a telecommunications device of synagogues and Jewish-owned businesses, the Department of Justice announced.

Parish admitted in the court that he had targeted the synagogues and businesses based on their association with Judaism. During April and May of 2022, Parish used voiceover software to target synagogues and Jewish businesses in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, according to court documents. During the calls, he repeatedly praised, referenced and promised a reenactment of the Holocaust.

Parish called one business 15 times, and a synagogue he called at multiple times also housed a preschool and kindergarten, according to the *Associated Press*.

‘Heil Hitler,’ ‘All Jews must die,’ ‘We will put you in work camps,’ ‘gas the Jews’ and ‘Hitler should have finished

the job,’ are some of the statements Parish reportedly made during the calls...” (The Jewish people have long been blamed for all of the world’s ills. All throughout history they have been the universal scapegoat. Incredibly, even the awful plague of the Black Death that swept Europe was blamed on the Jews. They were accused of having poisoned wells with a powder made of spiders, frog legs, Christian entrails, and consecrated hosts (Communion bread). The public wrath that resulted from that fantastic tale brought about the slaughter of thousands of Jews and the complete extermination of two hundred Jewish communities. This can be traced back to the father of anti-Semitism – Satan who ...stood up against Israel – I Chronicles 21:1. God loves His Chosen People – ...I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee – Jeremiah 31:3. See the next three reports.)

### **New York: Anti-Israel protester holds sign reading, ‘Kill hostages now’**

**June 3, 2024** -- *Israel National News* reports: “A masked anti-Israel protester attempted to disrupt the Israel Day Parade which took place Sunday in New York. As he marched wearing a black mask

and Palestinian Authority flag, the man held a sign reading, ‘Kill hostages now.’ This year’s parade was led by the families of the approximately 250 people who were taken hostage by Hamas and other terrorists on October 7. The Red Cross has not been allowed to visit or treat any of the hostages, and it is not clear how many remain alive...”

### **NYC protesters wave terror group flags, call for intifada outside Nova massacre exhibit**

**June 11, 2024** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Anti-Israel protesters waved flags of terror groups and chanted slogans championing attacks on Israeli civilians during a chaotic demonstration outside an exhibit on the Nova festival massacre in New York City Monday.

Organized by the pro-Palestinian group Within Our Lifetime, the demonstration was dubbed ‘A Day of Rage for Gaza’ and began with a rally at Union Square before participants headed to Wall Street where the exhibit has been set up since April.

‘Long live the intifada,’ protesters could be heard chanting in video from the demonstration. ‘Resistance is justified where people are occupied.’

Protesters set off flares, flew flags of Hamas’s armed al-Qassam Brigades terror wing and of the Hezbollah terror

group, and carried banners with slogans such as ‘Long live October 7’ and ‘The Zionists are not Jews and not humans.’ Protesters also held marches in other parts of Manhattan, chanting pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel slogans, and in some cases expressing overtly antisemitic views...”

### **‘I Am Hamas’; Pro-Palestinian Protester Outside White House**

**June 12, 2024** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A pro-Palestinian protester screamed ‘I am Hamas!’ during a demonstration outside the White House on Saturday as she confronted members of Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) as they interviewed both pro- and anti-Israel activists.

The video, filmed by Jasmyn Jordan of YAF, showed an unhinged protester, wearing a *kaffiyeh*, shouting that Hamas had not raped Israelis and that Israeli soldiers had, in fact, raped Palestinians. (Both claims are false).

As *Breitbart News* reported:

Hundreds of pro-Palestinian protesters — some openly supporting Hamas and other terror groups — surrounded the White House on Saturday, vandalizing a statue and assaulting a U.S. Park Police officer who tried to protect it.

The protest happened on the day Israel successfully rescued four hostages from Hamas’s clutches in a raid in Gaza...”

## CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

### **Pakistani Christian man dies from blasphemy mob assault injuries**

**June 4, 2024** -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Police and relatives in majority-Muslim Pakistan reported Monday that a Christian man who was severely injured in a mob attack a week ago over disputed blasphemy allegations has died due to his injuries.

Nazir Masih, the 70-year-old victim, was receiving treatment for severe head injuries at a military-run hospital near the capital, Islamabad, after being rescued, along with family members, from angry protesters gathered outside his residence in the city of Sargodha on May 25. He underwent multiple surgeries but could not survive, a police official said.

The mob ransacked Masih’s house and burned down his shoe shop, claiming he had desecrated Islam’s holy book, the Quran, allegations his relatives rejected

as baseless.

Social media videos from Sargodha showed Christians carrying Masih’s coffin through the street, shouting ‘Praise to Jesus’ and ‘Jesus is great.’ The coffin was covered in black fabric and had a small crucifix on it.

Christian community leaders lamented the latest mob lynching and urged the Pakistani government to ensure the protection of religious minorities and to punish those responsible for inciting mob violence in the name of religion over controversial blasphemy charges...” (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, but I have chosen you out 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. See the next report.)*

**ISIS kills dozens of Christians in DRC; churches close after latest attacks**

June 17, 2024 -- *The Christian Post* reports: “The Islamic State has claimed responsibility for killing dozens of people in a series of violent attacks lasting multiple days in several villages in the Democratic Republic of Congo, with at least 80 Christians reportedly among the dead, military and local sources say.

The series of attacks saw one of its deadliest days on June 7, when suspected militants from the Islamic State-affiliated Allied Democratic Forces launched coordinated assaults on several villages in the Beni territory of the Christian-majority North Kivu province.

On Friday, the Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack that killed over 40 people in the village of Mayikengo in Lubero territory earlier in the week. Citing figures from local authorities, *Agence France-Presse* reports that nearly 150 people have been killed since the beginning of June by the Allied Democratic Forces.

Open Doors, a watchdog organization monitoring the persecution of Christians in over 60 countries, responded to the attacks in a statement shared with *The Christian Post*, saying that of those killed, at least 80 were Christians. While ADF attacks in DRC are not new, Open Doors reports that the recent violence is ‘comparatively deadlier’ and particularly more ‘aggressive in targeting Christians’ than in previous years...”

**Nineteen dead in attacks on churches and synagogue in southern Russia**

June 24, 2024 -- *BBC.com* reports: “Attacks on police posts, churches and a synagogue in Russia’s North Caucasus republic of Dagestan have left 19 police officers and several civilians dead. Six gunmen were also killed.

The apparently coordinated attacks targeted the cities of Derbent and Makhachkala on the Orthodox festival of Pentecost.

The assailants have not been officially identified, but Dagestan has in the past been the scene of Islamist attacks.

The republic’s head, Sergei Melikov, said it was understood who was behind the organisation of the attacks, without giving details.

Two churches and a synagogue were targeted in Sunday’s attacks, as well as a police post in Makhachkala, Dagestan’s largest city. An Orthodox Church priest was among those killed.

Mr Melikov said several civilians had lost

their life, including a priest, Father Nikolai Kotelnikov, who he said had served in Derbent for more than 40 years.

Mr Melikov announced that three days of mourning would begin on Monday.

The gunmen have not yet been officially identified, but in a video on Telegram, Mr Melikov said their attack had been prepared abroad and that Dagestan was now directly involved in Russia’s war in Ukraine...” *(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, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I have 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 your also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me – John 15:18 – 24; 16:1 – 3.)*

**RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST**

**Putin vows to support North Korea against the United States**

June 18, 2024 -- *Reuters* reports: “Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed on Tuesday to deepen trade and security ties with North Korea and to support it against the United States, as he headed to the reclusive nuclear-armed country for the first time in 24 years.

The U.S. and its Asian allies are trying to work out just how far Russia will go in support of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, whose country is the only one to have conducted nuclear weapon tests in the 21st century.

In a signal that Russia, a veto-wielding member of the United Nations Security Council, is reassessing its entire approach to North Korea, Putin praised Pyongyang for resisting what he said

was U.S. economic pressure, blackmail and threats.

In an article published by North Korean state media, Putin praised ‘Comrade’ Kim, and promised to ‘jointly resist illegitimate unilateral restrictions’, to develop trade and strengthen security across Eurasia.

‘Washington, refusing to implement previously reached agreements, continuously puts forward new, increasingly stringent and obviously unacceptable demands,’ Putin said in the article, printed on the front page of North Korea’s Rodong Sinmun, the ruling Workers’ Party mouthpiece...” **(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’** [emphasis mine]. 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 visa-free 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." Notice the emphasized line above – "both the former Soviet Lands and elsewhere...")

### **Russia, North Korea Agree on Mutual Assistance in Case of Aggression**

**June 19, 2024** -- *Sputnik International* reports: "Earlier in the day, Putin said that 'a new fundamental document' that will form the basis of the Russia-North Korea relationship for years to come has been prepared.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Agreement, a *Sputnik* correspondent reported on Wednesday. The Russia-North Korea agreement implies mutual assistance in case of aggression against participants, Putin explained.

The document was inked during the face-to-face talks between the two, which were preceded by the Putin-Kim negotiations with the participation of delegations earlier in the day.

Putin also stressed that Moscow appreciates North Korea's consistent and unwavering support for Russian policy, including in connection with the Ukraine crisis..." (**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, 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.)**

### **North Korea-Russia treaty calls for mutual military aid 'without delay' in event of war**

**June 21, 2024** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "A treaty signed by Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during their summit in Pyongyang called for extending military aid 'without delay' if either country is attacked, according to the full text published by the North's state-run media Thursday.

'In the event that either party is in a state of war as a result of armed aggression by individual or multiple states, the other side shall provide military and other assistance without delay by all means at its disposal in accordance with Article 51 of the U.N. Charter,' the agreement, published by *Korean Central News Agency*, said.

The U.N. Charter's Article 51 stipulates 'the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense if an armed attack occurs against a Member of the United Nations.'

The two leaders signed the treaty on Wednesday night during a brief visit by Putin, his first to North Korea in 24 years. The pact revives a 1961 mutual defense clause between the Cold War allies that expired when the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991..." (**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. 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**

two reports.)

### **Russia and Vietnam vow to strengthen ties as Putin visits**

**June 20, 2024** -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Russia and Vietnam pledged Thursday to deepen ties as President Vladimir Putin made a state visit aimed at bolstering his alliances to counter Moscow's growing isolation over the war in Ukraine.

Putin traveled to Vietnam, a close ally of Moscow since the days of the Cold War, from a summit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un, where he won a pledge of 'full support' on Ukraine and signed a mutual defense pact.

The Russian leader did not receive such a clear public declaration of support in Hanoi, but Vietnamese President To Lam indicated a desire to boost defense cooperation.

'The two sides want to push up cooperation in defense and security, how to deal with non-traditional security challenges on the basis of international law, for peace and security in the region and the world,' Lam told reporters after talks with Putin.

Moscow has been Vietnam's main arms supplier for decades, accounting for more than 80 percent of imports between 1995 and 2023, but orders have dropped off in recent years as international sanctions related to the Ukraine conflict have intensified..."

### **Russia Teases 'Big Treaty' with Iran**

**June 28, 2024** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said at a press conference on Wednesday that Moscow is preparing to sign a 'big treaty with Iran.'

She implied the Iran treaty might be even more expansive than the security pact Russia signed with North Korea, which caused great alarm among the free world and considerable unease in China.

'Now we are working on a treaty — probably you have heard about it, and I ask you once again not to use the formula 'the same as the one with North Korea' — now the work is underway on the big treaty with Iran,' Zakharova said.

Several other Russian officials previously hinted that a deal with Iran that has been at least two years in the making could be signed soon. Both the



Iranian and Russian foreign ministers declared their commitment to finalize

an agreement at the BRICS Foreign Ministers' meeting in Nizhny Novgorod

in June. BRICS is an economic bloc headed by China and Russia..."

# NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

## 'Palestine depends on destruction of Israel,' says Green Prince at 'Post' Conference

**June 10, 2024** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Palestine depends on the destruction of Israel. If there is any definition of Palestine, it means the absence of Israel," Mossab Hassan Yousef, otherwise known as the Green Prince, told Dr. Dan Diker, president of the Jerusalem Center for Foreign Affairs at The Jerusalem Post Annual Conference on Tuesday.

Yousef is the son of Hamas co-founder Sheikh Hassan Yousef. A Palestinian extremist, he defected to Israel in 1997 and worked as a spy for the Shin Bet (Israel Security Agency) until he moved to the United States in 2007.

Yousef said that you have to ask: 'What is Palestine? Is it an ethnic group? A religion? A distinct language? Do you have scripture? Are you a nation? Were you a country? None of that. So what is Palestine? What is the purpose of Palestine?' he rhetorically asked the audience at the conference.

He voiced his opposition to a two-state solution with a Palestinian state led by the Palestinian Authority. 'For those representing a two-state solution, they either want Israel to cease to exist, or they are not aware of this existential threat,' he declared. In his opinion, the PA is an even greater threat than Hamas..." **(What does Almighty God have to say about Israel's future? Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee. Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages – Isaiah 49:7,8)**

## Khamenei: Renounce the Zionist regime and its supporters

**June 17, 2024** -- *Israel National News* reports: "Iran's Supreme Leader,

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, took to social media where he urged Hajj pilgrims to disassociate from the U.S. and Israel.

'This renunciation of the Zionist regime and its supporters, in particular the government of the United States of America, must be demonstrated in the words and actions of nations and governments, and it must impede the actions of the murderers,' he wrote in one post.

The Supreme Leader also stressed the need for the dissociation to become a worldwide movement among Muslims.

'The ironclad resistance of Palestine and the patient, oppressed people of Gaza – whose remarkable patience and resistance have earned them admiration and respect globally – must be fully supported in every way,' Khamenei wrote..." **(Iran will be blotted out when Russia, China, and Islamic nations fight Israel and her allies during Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. The battle is described in Ezekiel 39:1 – 5: ...thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured... Soon the war of wars will arrive from the North and East [Russia and China] – Daniel 11:44. The battle is described in Ezekiel 38:1 – 5: ...the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief [Russian] prince of Meshech and Tubal: [Moscow and Tubal, or Tubalsk – Southwest of the Russian capital]: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great**

*company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet.)*

## Hezbollah Chief Claims 100,000 Terrorists Ready to Attack Israel, Threatens Cyprus

**June 21, 2024** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The head of the Shiite Lebanese terrorist organization Hezbollah, Hassan Nasrallah, threatened to expand his war against Israel in a speech on Wednesday, boasting that he allegedly has 100,000 terrorists at his disposal and suggesting war with Cyprus may also be imminent.

Hezbollah, one of many Iranian proxy terrorist organizations, has long maintained ties with the Sunni jihadist group Hamas. The group has expanded its attacks on Israel since October 7, when Hamas terrorists launched an unprecedented invasion of Israel that resulted in an estimated 1,200 deaths, the abduction of about 250 people, and widespread torture, rape, and other atrocities.

Hezbollah has focused on attacking northern Israel, near the border with Lebanon, firing hundreds of rockets, missiles and drones into Israel. Hezbollah has also started widespread fires, forcing Israelis to evacuate.

Nasrallah delivered his address on Wednesday at a funeral event for Hezbollah terrorists killed in an Israeli counter-operation, emphasizing claims that Israel is lying about its progress in its war on genocidal jihadists and that Hezbollah, despite its documented losses, is putting on an 'effective' struggle against the country..." **(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 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 report.)*

**Nasrallah says 'no place' in Israel would be safe in war, threatens to target Cyprus**

**June 20, 2024** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "The head of Lebanon's Hezbollah terror group Hassan Nasrallah said Wednesday that nowhere in Israel would be safe if a full-fledged war breaks out between the two foes, while also threatening Cyprus and other parts of the Mediterranean.

Speaking at a ceremony commemorating slain Hezbollah senior commander Taleb Abdullah, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike in southern Lebanon last week alongside three other operatives, Nasrallah commented on the escalating conflict with the Jewish state and said the Shiite terror group does not want 'total war' but is only acting in support of Hamas.

Hezbollah has been attacking northern Israel since October 8, leading to Israeli reprisals and an escalating conflict Israel has increasingly warned could spark open war.

Were Israel to launch a large-scale offensive against the Lebanese terror group, it must prepare for attacks from the ground, the air and the sea, and the 'situation in the Mediterranean will change completely,' Nasrallah vowed.

'No place' in Israel would be spared from the group's weapons in case of a full-blown war, Nasrallah warned, saying Hezbollah will fight with 'no rules' and 'no ceilings' and adding: 'The enemy knows well that we have prepared ourselves for the worst... and that no place... will be spared from our rockets.' ..."

**Pres. Herzog to AIPAC: We are fighting for the free world, against the Empire of Evil**

**June 19, 2024** -- *Israel National News* reports: "Israeli President Isaac Herzog on Wednesday morning met with an AIPAC bipartisan delegation of members of the United States Congress, led by Congressman Steny Hoyer.

During the meeting, President Herzog stressed: 'I say repeatedly, we are utterly grateful to the United States of America for standing with us in this war. And I'm very grateful to the President of the United States for being here at the beginning of the war and sending a clear message on behalf of the American people.'

'We also respect tremendously the bipartisan support that crosses all divides and conflicts within American society. We are fighting here the battle of the free world against the Empire of Evil. That's why together, we must stay together.' ... " **Israel will never be destroyed. God has declared His love for Israel from its very beginning: And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born. And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live... Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil – Ezekiel 16:4 – 6; 9. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 states: For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Despite the rantings and ravings of the world: ... let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance – Psalm 83:4, God has promised: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5.)**

**Air force chief says IDF ready to face Hezbollah in north, Hamas nearly defeated in Gaza**

**June 28, 2024** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "The head of Israel's air force said Thursday that the Hamas terror group

was close to being defeated and that the military was prepared to shift fighting to the north despite the lengthy war.

'We are in the midst of the longest war in our history since the War of Independence,' Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar said at a graduation ceremony for new air force pilots. 'We have been fighting for almost nine months without respite, tirelessly.'

'Hamas in Gaza will be defeated soon,' he said.

The comment was the latest from Israeli officials indicating that the war in Gaza sparked by the October 7 attack was nearing a place where Hamas could no longer muster a cogent fighting force, while also tempering expectations for the total elimination of the terror group.

Israeli officials have said that the army has defeated all but four Hamas battalions in the Gaza Strip, including two in the southern city of Rafah, and two more in central Gaza. Several of the group's top leaders, including Gaza chief Yahya Sinwar and armed wing head Mohammed Deif nonetheless remain at large... " **(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. See the next report.)**

**Benny Gantz: Israel can destroy Hezbollah's military in days**

**June 26, 2024** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "The IDF can destroy Hezbollah's military capabilities in a matter of days, National Unity Party leader Benny Gantz said on Tuesday.

Speaking at the 21st Herzliya Conference at Reichman University, Gantz said a major challenge for Israel is to 'return the southern and northern residents back to their homes, even at the price of escalation.'

He said he heard the reports about the Hezbollah threat to bring down Israel's electrical grid, and responded, 'We can bring Lebanon completely into the dark, and take apart Hezbollah's power in days.'

The former defense minister and IDF



chief of staff said the price to ‘Israel will be heavy. We need to back up our institutions. We need to be ready for major incidents of harm [to the public].

We should try to avoid it, but if we need to do it, we cannot be deterred from it.’ ‘We cannot let Hezbollah keep threats

close to the northern border,’ he added, ‘we need to get the [northern] residents back by September 1.’...”

# OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> MASSACRE

## **Israeli forces rescue 4 hostages who are in ‘good medical condition’**

**June 10, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports:** “Israel Defense Forces freed four hostages from two locations within the Nuseirat refugee camp in Central Gaza on Saturday, the IDF announced.

Shlomi Ziv, 40; Almong Meir Jan, 21; Andrey Kozlov, 27; and Noa Argamani, 25; were liberated from Hamas captors who kidnapped them during the Oct. 7 attack on the Nova Music Festival in Israel. Three other hostages were previously rescued.

Argamani’s Hamas captors posted a viral video of Argamani being placed on the back of a motorcycle and taken into Gaza by her kidnapers during the attack. She was attending the music festival with her boyfriend, who also was kidnapped.

Last month, Hamas published video featuring the voice of Argamani in which she urged Israel to bring about her release.

On Saturday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke with Argamani, who said in the call: ‘I haven’t spoken Hebrew in a very long time,’ after Netanyahu asked how she was feeling.

‘For one moment, we haven’t given up on you. I don’t know if you believed it, but we had full belief,’ Netanyahu said.

The IDF, special forces and Israeli intelligence rescued the four hostages during the operation as heavy artillery fire occurred.

‘They are in good medical condition and have been transferred to the ‘Sheba’ Tel-HaShomer Medical Center for further medical examinations,’ the IDF announced...” **(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.)**

## **Doctor who treated rescued hostages: They were beaten while in captivity**

**June 11, 2024 -- Israel National News reports:** “Dr. Itai Pessach of Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer, who is in charge of medical treatment for the four Israeli hostages who were rescued on Saturday, told *CNN* in an interview on Monday that they were beaten while in Hamas captivity in Gaza.

‘It was a harsh, harsh, experience, with a lot of abuse, almost every day,’ he said, adding, ‘Every hour, both physical, mental, and other types, and that is something that is beyond comprehension.’

Pessach said the eight months spent in captivity ‘left a significant mark on their health’ and despite appearing in good condition initially, they are all malnourished.

‘They had no protein, so their muscles are extremely wasted, there is damage to some other systems because of that,’ he told *CNN*...” **(Nolan Finley, Editorial Page Editor for *The Detroit News* tells of watching “Bearing Witness to the October 7<sup>th</sup> Massacre” that was shown by the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Israeli Consulate to the Midwest. The majority of the film was compiled from the cell phones and body cameras of the Hamas terrorists as they carried out this massacre. He states: *What we saw Sunday night was excruciating to watch, harder still to discuss. When it was over most of us walked to our cars barely speaking.***

***Imagine watching the most gruesome horror flick, without the benefit of knowing the gore on screen is make-believe. In this movie, the blood is real. The bodies are real. The evil is real...***

***More sickening for me than the gruesome images is the absolute joy with which the killers went about their sadistic work. I expected to see angry, frothing mad men. Instead, these killers are happy. They looked like gleeful young men celebrating a soccer win...***

***And this, I’m told, is the PG version. It doesn’t depict the mass rapes and mutilation of babies that was reported,***

***but nothing in video suggests such depravity is beyond the pall for the marauders...***

***I wondered going into the screening what emotions I’d feel coming out. Revulsion? Heartache? Grief?***

***All of that. But mostly rage, an absolute red-hot anger that there are people in this world capable of such evil and others who would excuse their wickedness.***

**See the next report.)**

## **Rescued hostage, ‘brainwashed’ by Hamas, thought IDF forces had come to kill him**

**June 13, 2024 -- *The Times of Israel* reports:** “The mother of Andrey Kozlov, one of the four hostages rescued from Gaza by Israeli commandos last weekend, has described some of her son’s harrowing experiences during his eight months of captivity, as well as the surge of emotions that she and her family have experienced since officials rang her to say that he was safe...”

Speaking to *The New York Times*, Evgeniia Kozlova said the captors had told Andrey: ‘Your mom is on vacation in Greece. Your mom doesn’t know about you at all — and doesn’t want to know.’

The terrorists had also persuaded him and the other hostages that their girlfriends were dating other men, Andrey Kozlov’s mother told British outlet *The Telegraph*.

‘He said he was brainwashed... they told them that nobody wants them, that nobody is fighting for them,’ she said. ‘They said that the Israel Defense Forces wants to kill them and that this will be the solution for the war. So, at the moment when the IDF came, Andrey thought that they came to kill them.’

‘It took him a while to understand that the army came to bring them back to Israel. It was only after a soldier said to them that they love them and they will be fine, that they will be safe. It was only after these words he believed,’ she said, adding that he then viewed the soldiers as ‘superheroes.’...”