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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 RELIGION OF PEACE?

Islamic Scholar Lets Slip the Truth: ‘If Preserving Life Had Priority, There Would Be No Jihad’

Oct. 16, 2024 -- *PJMedia.com* reports: “After 9/11, we were inundated with the claims that by this time have become near-universal assumptions: Islam is peace. Jihadis are just a tiny minority of extremists. Jihad means a spiritual struggle and is willfully or ignorantly misinterpreted among jihadis.

Yet an Islamic scholar has just offered a succinct and telling enunciation of Islamic values that differs sharply from these claims. Is he an ignorant, racist, bigoted ‘Islamophobe’ whose views can be easily dismissed? Hardly. He is an internationally respected Muslim Brotherhood leader whose words should be carefully pondered in Washington, but they won’t be.

The Kuwaiti Islamic scholar Tareq al-Suwaidan, who has been named among the 500 Most Influential Muslims for the last three years, recently enunciated a vision of Islamic values that differs markedly from what we have been told again and again in the West: ‘Preserving life is not the only objective of the shari’a – these include the preserving of religion, life, lineage, intellect, and property. These are the main objectives of the shari’a.’

That all sounds reasonable enough, but then al-Suwaidan added, ‘Which one of these objectives has higher priority? It is preserving religion, not

preserving life. This is why there is a thing called ‘Jihad.’ If preserving life had the priority, there would be no Jihad – we would abolish it. Preserving religion takes priority over preserving life.’ Thus peace, which would preserve life, is not the ultimate goal; Islamization is...” **(Islam is a religion of hate. Sharia Law demands death penalties for (1) Daughters who have premarital sex, (2) Homosexuals – these murderers are told to drop them from the highest mountain to be sure to hear their fearful screams, (3) Apostates – these are Islamic religionists who mock Allah, Muhammad, of the Koran, (4) All infidels – non Muslim religionists. Nothing matters to these self-proclaimed holy and righteous men. How wrong they are. It is the Muslims who will be judged by the true God for the way they committed every abominable sin wicked minds created – Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust I Timothy 1:9-11.)**

‘The time for silence is over’: Experts condemn Hamas’s sexual violence and attacks on women

Oct. 17, 2024 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “An event hosted in the European Parliament on Tuesday discussed the ‘dire’ state of women’s rights in the Middle East since Hamas’s October 7 attacks, according to the event’s co-sponsor, The Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP).

During the event, experts testified that the same forces seeking to attack the Jewish people were abusing women throughout the Middle East.

‘Today, the forces attacking Jewish people are the same ones oppressing women across the Middle East. If the world continues to turn a blind eye, we embolden these regimes and open the door to more atrocities,’ Dr. Charles Asher Small explained...

Dr. Small, commenting on Hamas’s large-scale attack that kickstarted the current war, said: ‘The October 7 attack was not just an assault on Israel but on the core values we claim to uphold—human rights, equality, and dignity. The brutal murders and abductions of Israeli women by Hamas should have sparked global outrage, yet we faced silence or, worse, justifications disguised as resistance. This is a profound moral failure.’

‘When academics and leaders rationalize the murder and rape of Israeli women, they not only betray

the victims but legitimize gender-based violence as a weapon of war. This failure is exacerbated by the appeasement of regimes like Qatar, Iran, and the Taliban.’...” (Nolan Finley, Editorial page editor for *The Detroit News* tells of watching “Bearing Witness to the October 7th 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.

Mass sexual assault of women in public has been documented in Islam for years. On February 11, 2011, former 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 Dr. Van Impe has 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.)

Jewish Man Shot in Chicago; Suspect Appeared to Shout ‘Allahu Akbar’

Oct. 29, 2024 -- Breitbart.com reports: “A Jewish man reportedly on his way to Synagogue was ambushed and shot from behind in Chicago on Saturday by a man allegedly yelling, ‘Allah Akbar.’ He was later taken down by police.

The first shooting occurred at around 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning in the 2600 block of North Washtenaw Avenue in the city’s West Rogers Park neighborhood, an area that is home to a large Orthodox Jewish community.

Chicago’s *WFLD* reported that witnesses said the 39-year-old victim was walking to his synagogue when he was attacked.

The thus-far unidentified man was approached from behind and after several shots were fired, he was hit in the shoulder, police said.

However, the situation was far from

over after the first shooting.

Once officers of the Chicago Police Department (CPD) arrived, the alleged shooter came back to the scene and began shooting at them, reports say. Police returned fire, striking the man. He was given first aid and rushed to the hospital where he remains in critical condition...” (The following verses describe these jihadists: *Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: – Romans 3:13 – 17. See the next report.)*

‘Allahu Akbar’ – Swiss Tourist Had Her Throat Cut by ‘Long Live Palestine’ Knifeman in Algeria

Oct. 28, 2024 -- Breitbart.com reports: “A Swiss tourist had her throat cut in a cafe in Algeria by a man yelling ‘Allahu Akbar’ and ‘Long live Palestine’ earlier this month in an attack which was allegedly covered up by local authorities.

This week, French newspaper *Libération* reported that on October 11th, a female tourist from Switzerland was killed after an Algerian man approached her table in a popular cafe in the southern city of Djanet and slit her throat with a knife.

‘She was evacuated to Djanet hospital where she lost a lot of blood; the doctors were unable to save her,’ a local source told the Parisian daily.

During the attack, which is said to have occurred while she was sitting with a fellow traveller and her children, the Algerian is alleged to have shouted out the jihadist war cry ‘Allahu Akbar’ (God is great/Our God is the greatest) and ‘Long live Palestine’, Swiss broadcaster later *RTS* reported...”

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Transgender ‘pastor’ says the Bible really wasn’t written to instruct today’s world

Oct. 11, 2024 -- WND.com reports: “A self-identified transgender ‘pastor’ is explaining that her transgender lifestyle may not be in sync with the Bible, but that’s all right for her as a pastor, as the

Bible wasn’t written for 2024.

The stunning conclusion comes from an individual, a woman representing herself as a man, who appeared on a *CBS* show talking about faith in transition.

Asked about the Bible’s clear definition of male and female and explanation of how God made them, ‘male and

female,’ she simply went to the next level.

‘It’s hard to relate it to modern-day times because it wasn’t written for 2024. It was written for then. When we read in the scripture that God created man and woman, yes, and God created everyone else, as well,’ the pastor said...” (**... when the Son of man cometh, shall he**

find faith on the earth? – Luke 18:8. The article makes one wonder what the answer to that question would be. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. – Amos 8:11-12.

Thankfully, God always has a faithful remnant. In I Kings 19 following the victory over the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, Elijah fled to the wilderness after hearing a threat from Jezebel. We read: *...he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And*

he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah

heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. – I Kings 19:4-18 [Emphasis mine]. Thank God for His faithful remnant.)

ISRAEL STRIKES BACK

'Backbone of Iran's missile industry' destroyed by IAF strikes on Islamic Republic

Oct. 28, 2024 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "The Israel Air Force struck a dozen targets in Iran that were used to produce solid fuel for long-range ballistic missiles as part of its retaliatory military action against the Islamic Republic, severely harming Tehran's ability to replenish its inventory, it was reported on Saturday night.

The targets struck were sophisticated equipment that Iran could not produce on its own and had to be purchased from China, *Walla* reported. The targets were a critical component of Iran's ballistic missile program, *Walla* cited three anonymous Israeli sources as saying.

An American researcher said an Israeli airstrike on Saturday hit a building that was part of Iran's defunct nuclear weapons development program, and he and another researcher said facilities used to mix solid fuel for missiles also were struck.

The assessments based on commercial

satellite imagery were reached separately by David Albright, a former UN weapons inspector, and Decker Eveleth, an associate research analyst at CNA, a Washington think tank..." (Almighty God has stated: *...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5. Everlasting means everlasting. God promised to Abraham in Genesis 22:17: ...in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore... And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with*

thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever – Deuteronomy 4:37 – 40.)

Khamenei insists 'Hamas is alive,' and 'resistance' goes on, despite Sinwar's death

Oct. 23, 2024 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Saturday that Hamas was alive and would survive despite the death of its leader Yahya Sinwar in an Israeli military operation in Gaza.

Sinwar was the architect of the October 7, 2023 invasion and slaughter in southern Israel, when some 3,000 Hamas-led terrorists burst through the Gaza border and massacred some 1,200 people in their homes, communities and at a music festival, and abducted 251 to Gaza, where 97 are still held hostage from that day.

He was killed by IDF troops in Gaza's Rafah on Wednesday.

'His loss is certainly painful for the resistance front' against Israel, 'but it

will not end at all with the martyrdom of Sinwar,' Khamenei said.

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

Hezbollah vows escalation after Sinwar's death, Iran says 'resistance will endure'

Oct. 18, 2024 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Iran's mission to the United Nations said Thursday that the killing of Hamas terror group leader Yahya Sinwar would lead to the strengthening of 'resistance' in the region, hours after Israel confirmed it had killed the terror chief, while Lebanon's Hezbollah declared a 'transition to a new and escalatory phase' in the war.

The Islamic Republic shared a still image taken from drone footage of Sinwar's last moments, in which the terror leader is seen, face covered and injured, throwing a stick at the Israeli surveillance device.

The mission compared Sinwar with Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, a longtime foe of Iran whom American troops captured in 2003.

'When U.S. forces dragged a disheveled Saddam Hussein out of an underground hole, he begged them not to kill him despite being armed. Those who regarded Saddam as their model

of resistance eventually collapsed,' the mission said on X.

'However, when Muslims look up to Martyr Sinwar standing on the battlefield — in combat attire and out in the open, not in a hideout, facing the enemy — the spirit of resistance will be strengthened.' ..."

Hezbollah backs ceasefire attempts as Israel continues to target its leadership

Oct. 9, 2024 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Hezbollah said it supported efforts to secure a ceasefire with Israel as the IDF continued to target its top leadership and the two armies sharply increased their bombardments.

'After the issue of a ceasefire takes shape, and once diplomacy can achieve it, all of the other details can be discussed and decisions can be taken,' Hezbollah deputy leader Naim Qassem said on Tuesday. 'If the enemy [Israel] continues its war, then the battlefield will decide.'

Qassem mentioned in particular the efforts of Lebanese Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri to restore calm.

'We support the political activity being led by Berri under the title of a ceasefire,' the deputy leader said in his 30-minute televised address..."

Iran Debuts Blood-Splattered 'No Hostage Will Be Released' Mural in Tehran

Oct. 25, 2024 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Iranian authorities recently unveiled a horrific mural in Tehran's Palestine Square on Tuesday that featured blood-splattered photos of the Israeli civilians abducted by Iran-backed Hamas terrorists, surrounding a message written in Hebrew that said 'No Hostage Will Be Released.'

...The barbaric mural was Iran's response to the death of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, who masterminded the October 7 atrocities. Sinwar was killed by Israeli forces last week while attempting to flee into Egypt.

'The new mural is being unveiled while, following the martyrdom of Yahya Sinwar, the Zionist regime had claimed that the time for the release of Israeli prisoners held by Hamas was approaching,' reported the *Fars* news service, which is linked to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), a designated terrorist organization..."

(Islamic murderers will be tormented in the flames of Hell fire forever – ...

the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death – Revelation 21:8; and For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie – Revelation 22:15. Jesus described what it meant to be lost because of a life of sin: ...it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abrahams bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame Luke 16:22 – 24. See the next two reports.)

Netanyahu to Hamas: Free the Hostages and We Will Let You Live

Oct. 18, 2024 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Thursday evening that Hamas terrorists who freed Israeli hostages would be allowed to live, but that those who sought to harm them would be hunted down and killed. He added that the war in Gaza would end if the hostages were freed and Hamas terrorists laid down their weapons.

Netanyahu published a video address in English, hours after Israel confirmed that its soldiers had killed Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar in Gaza in a firefight on Wednesday. He addressed his nation in Hebrew a few hours before...

Netanyahu's message that the war could end if Hamas released the hostages and laid down its arms has been a consistent one for months. But the explicit offer to those holding Israeli hostages — now without the direction of Sinwar's leadership — was new..."

Israel Reiterates: Hamas Terrorists Who Release Hostages Will 'Escape With Their Lives'

Oct. 22, 2024 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Israel reiterated a new offer Monday made last week by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last week: Hamas terrorists who release their Israeli hostages will be allowed to

live; those who do not will be hunted down and killed.

There are 101 remaining Israeli hostages still in Hamas captivity in Gaza, about a third of whom are presumed dead.

However, the killing of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar by Israeli troops last Wednesday has renewed hope for a hostage deal — even if it is not clear with

whom Israel would be negotiating. In the vacuum, private actors have begun to step forward: Daniel Birnbaum, has made a public offer to pay \$100,000 per living Israeli hostage freed by October 23.

David Mencer, an Israeli government spokesman representing the office of the prime minister, was asked in a press briefing about such private hostage

release offers (some of which date to the earliest weeks of the war last October). Without replying directly to the question, Mencer reiterated that Hamas terrorists who released Israeli hostages ‘without further harm’ will ‘escape with their lives.’ He reiterated that this offer had come directly from Netanyahu...”

THE IRANIAN THREAT

Netanyahu says Iran strives for nuclear bomb 'stockpile' to destroy Israel

Oct. 29, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday that Iran is seeking to develop a ‘stockpile’ of nuclear bombs aimed at destroying Israel, two days after Israel bombed military targets in the Islamic republic.

On Saturday, Israel carried out air strikes on military sites in Iran in response to Tehran’s October 1 attack, itself retaliation for the killing of Iran-backed militant leaders and a Revolutionary Guards commander.

‘Iran is striving to develop a stockpile of nuclear bombs to destroy us, equipped with long-range missiles, intercontinental missiles that Iran is trying to develop,’ Netanyahu said.

‘Iran could threaten the entire world at any point,’ Netanyahu added during a speech to lawmakers as Israel’s parliament began its winter session.

‘Stopping the Iranian nuclear programme is at the forefront of our minds, and for obvious reasons, I cannot share with you all our plans and actions in this regard.’

The Iranian government has long denied that it is trying to build nuclear weapons and insists its programme is for peaceful purposes...” (When will Israel be destroyed? The answer is found in a 1970’s Country music song lyric – “Exactly one minute past eternity.” It will never happen. God has promised Israel: *I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.* – Isaiah 56:5. Jesus will reign from Israel forever: *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there*

shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. – Isaiah 9:6-7; *He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.* – Luke 1:32-33; *But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.* – Micah 4:1-3. See the next two reports.)

Report: Iran preparing to launch 1,000 ballistic missiles at Israel

Oct. 25, 2024 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The *New York Times* reported Thursday night that Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei has given orders to prepare for war with Israel and to respond to Israel’s retaliation for Iran’s massive ballistic missile attack earlier this month with appropriate force.

Four Iranian officials told the newspaper that the extent of the Iranian response will depend mainly on the extent of the Israeli attacks.

According to the sources, if the Israeli

attacks – in response to a barrage of missiles from Iran earlier this month – cause extensive damage and many casualties, Iran will respond with as many as 1,000 ballistic missiles against Israel, more than 5 times as many as it launched in early October in what was already the largest ballistic missile attack in history.

But if Israel limits its attack to a small number of military bases and missile depots and UAVs, Iran may not do anything...”

Iranian President: If Israel makes any mistake, Iran will respond strongly

Oct. 24, 2024 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Wednesday warned Israel that any potential act of aggression against Iran will be met with a ‘decisive and unbelievable’ response from the Islamic Republic.

‘We are not inclined towards expansion of conflict and tension in the region, and welcome any action that is in line with peace and calm. The Zionist regime’s actions, however, are being carried out with the precise aim of setting the entire region on fire,’ Pezeshkian said during a meeting with Ethiopia’s Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on the sidelines of the meeting of the BRICS group of nations taking place in the western Russian city of Kazan.

‘If Israel makes any mistake, Iran will respond strongly. The enemy may cause us some harm, but the response it will receive and the extent of the damage it will suffer will be beyond imagination,’ he warned...”

CHINA VS TAIWAN

China's Xi calls for Taiwan reunification in national day speech

Oct. 1, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "President Xi Jinping reiterated his call for China to 'reunite' with Taiwan, the self-ruled island China claims as its own, during an address on the eve of national holiday celebrations.

Xi also used his speech to thousands of people gathered for a banquet celebrating 75 years of the People's Republic to call for opposition to the 'separatist activities' of supporters of Taiwanese independence.

'Achieving complete national reunification is the common aspiration of the Chinese people,' Xi said.

'It is an irreversible trend, a matter of justice, and it is in accordance with the popular will. No one can stop the march of history,' he said.

Beijing has said it will never renounce the use of force to bring Taiwan under its control and has also stepped up rhetoric about 'unification'..." **(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 five reports.)**

China says it will not renounce use of force over Taiwan

Oct. 17, 2024 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "China will not promise to renounce the use of force over Taiwan but this is aimed at external interference and a small minority of separatists, China's Taiwan Affairs Office said on Wednesday following the country's latest war games around the island.

China, which views democratically governed Taiwan as its own territory, staged a day of large-scale drills around the island on Monday it said were a warning to 'separatist acts' following last week's national day speech by Taiwan President Lai Ching-te.

'We are willing to strive for the prospect of peaceful reunification with the utmost sincerity and endeavor,' Chen Binhua, spokesperson for China's Taiwan Affairs Office, told a regular press briefing in Beijing.

'But we will never commit ourselves to renouncing the use of force,' he said.

That is, however, aimed at the interference of 'external forces' – a reference to the United States and its allies – and the very small number of Taiwan separatists not the vast majority of Taiwan's people, Chen said..."

Taiwan president says defence of island's sovereignty 'will not change'

Oct. 18, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te insisted Friday that the island's determination to defend its sovereignty 'will not change', as he praised troops and coast guard personnel for their response to China's latest military drills.

Beijing sent a record number of military aircraft as well as warships and coast guard vessels to encircle Taiwan on Monday in the fourth major round of major drills in just over two years.

Taiwan deployed 'appropriate forces' and put outlying islands on heightened alert in response to the exercises, which Beijing said were a 'stern warning to the separatist acts of 'Taiwan Independence' forces'.

On Friday, Lai visited air force, navy and coast guard facilities in northern Taiwan to thank personnel for 'fully defending national security'.

'Our determination to protect national

sovereignty will not change,' Lai said at a coast guard division near the capital..."

Taiwan president 'won't yield an inch' in defense of island's territory

Oct. 25, 2024 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te said Friday the island will not cede an inch of its territory, as China maintains military pressure on Taipei to accept its claim of sovereignty.

Lai made the remarks during a visit to the Kinmen islands off China for the 75th anniversary of a victory over communist forces in the Battle of Guningtou.

It followed a fortnight of intense military activity in the Taiwan Strait — the sensitive waterway that separates China and Taiwan — with troops from both sides holding drills.

'(We) will not yield an inch of ground in Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu to firmly defend our homeland,' Lai said in a speech, referring to the islands controlled by Taipei.

'The Battle of Guningtou lets us understand that democracy and freedom should not be taken for granted, but require the joint efforts of generations to defend them,' Lai said.

Without naming China, Lai insisted that 'any external forces' would not be allowed to change the future of the islands..."

U.S., Canada warships pass through Taiwan Strait

Oct. 21, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "A U.S. and a Canadian warship have passed through waters separating Taiwan and China, a week after Beijing held large-scale military drills in the sensitive passage.

The United States and its allies regularly cross through the 180-kilometre (112-mile) Taiwan Strait to reinforce its status as an international waterway, angering Beijing.

China's Communist Party has never ruled Taiwan, but it claims the island as part of its territory and has said it will not renounce the use of force to bring it under its control.

'The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Higgins (DDG 76) and Royal Canadian Navy Halifax-class frigate HMCS Vancouver (FFH

331) conducted a routine Taiwan Strait transit on Oct. 20,' the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet said in a statement.

'Higgins and Vancouver's transit through the Taiwan Strait demonstrated the United States' and Canada's commitment to upholding freedom of navigation for all nations as a principle.' China said Monday that the U.S. and Canadian actions had disrupted 'peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait'.

'The PLA Eastern Theater Command organised naval and air forces to monitor and remain on alert throughout the transit, handling the situation according to laws and regulations,' military spokesperson Captain Li Xi

said in a statement..."

U.S. approves \$2 bn arms sales to Taiwan including missiles

Oct. 28, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "The U.S. State Department on Friday approved a \$2 billion arms sale package for Taiwan including advanced surface-to-air missile systems and radar, a move that could provoke Beijing.

The sale, which awaits approval by Congress, includes several anti-aircraft systems, including NASAMS and 123 missiles totaling \$1.16 billion, according to the agency responsible for the sale.

The agency also announced the sale of

radar systems to Taiwan worth \$828 million.

The equipment will be derived from U.S. Air Force supplies.

While the United States does not officially recognize Taiwan diplomatically, it is Taipei's key partner and major provider of weapons — a point of consternation for Beijing, which has repeatedly called on Washington to stop arming the island, which it claims is part of its territory.

Beijing has regularly expressed anger at international support for Taipei and accused Washington of meddling in its affairs..."

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North Korea says constitution now defines South as 'hostile' state

Oct. 17, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korea said Thursday that its constitution now defines the South as a 'hostile' state, the first time Pyongyang has confirmed legal changes called for by leader Kim Jong Un earlier this year.

Relations between the two Koreas have deteriorated since Kim in January defined Seoul as his country's 'principal enemy' and said the North was no longer interested in reunification.

After months of laying fresh mines and ramping up security on the border, the country this week blew up roads and railways linking it to the South, calling it 'an inevitable and legitimate measure', the official *Korean Central News Agency* said.

The move was 'taken in keeping with the requirement of the DPRK Constitution, which clearly defines the ROK (South Korea) as a hostile state,' *KCNA* said, the first time the North has mentioned a revision of its basic law.

The country last week held a key meeting of its rubber-stamp parliament, where experts had widely expected the constitution to be revised after Kim's explicit call for it in January..."

(North Korea marches with Russia and China for the war of the latter years and latter days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Atomic bombs will produce global incineration – Psalms 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Joel 2:3, 30; Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7 and 9:18. See the next three reports.)

Kim Jong Un rejects reunification with 'foreign country' South Korea

Oct. 18, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called South Korea a 'foreign country' and rejected the goal of reunification, state media reported Friday, days after Pyongyang blew up sections of roads and railways connecting it with the South.

Kim made the remarks during an inspection of the headquarters of the 2nd Corps of the Korean People's Army on Thursday, the official *Korean Central News Agency* reported.

'He stressed that our army should keep in mind once again the stark fact that the ROK is a foreign country and an apparent hostile country,' *KCNA* reported, using the official acronym for South Korea.

Kim called the blasting of the roads, once seen as a symbol of improving relations between the two Koreas, 'the physical closure but also the end of the evil relationship with Seoul, which persistently lasted century after century.'

He added that the detonations would completely remove the 'unreasonable idea of reunification.'

On Thursday, state media reported that North Korea's Constitution now defines South Korea as a 'hostile state' in the first indication of changes made during a parliamentary meeting last week.

Kim called the South the 'invariable principal enemy' earlier this year and publicly called for a constitutional change rejecting the long-held official

goal of reunification..."

Pyongyang to 'permanently' shut border with South Korea

Oct. 10, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korea's army said on Wednesday it was moving to 'permanently shut off and block the southern border' with the South and had informed the U.S. military to prevent an accidental clash.

Pyongyang said in a statement it would 'cut off roads and railways' that might have made travel between the two Koreas possible.

However, it was largely a symbolic gesture because cross-border exchanges and travel between North and South Korea have been halted for years.

Inter-Korean relations are at one of their lowest points in years, with Pyongyang closing agencies dedicated to reunification and declaring South Korea its 'principal enemy'.

Some analysts thought the announcement could be a potential first step towards more serious action, such as amending the North's constitution to declare a new maritime border south of the current de facto line.

The nuclear-armed North had been expected to scrap a landmark inter-Korean agreement signed in 1991 at a key parliamentary meeting that ended on Tuesday, part of leader Kim Jong Un's drive to officially define the South as an enemy state..."

North Korea says ordered border army to be ready to shoot

Oct. 14, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korea said Sunday it had ordered

military units deployed near the border with South Korea to be prepared to shoot after claiming the South had sent unmanned drones carrying propaganda leaflets to Pyongyang.

Relations between the two Koreas are at a low point, with the North's leader Kim Jong Un declaring South Korea to be his country's 'principal enemy' earlier this year.

Citing the North's defence ministry statement, the official *Korean Central News Agency* reported that 'the General Staff of the KPA issued a preliminary operation order on October 12 to the combined artillery units along the border... to get fully ready to open fire.' KPA stands for the Korean People's Army, the North's military.

The order was for 'eight artillery brigades fully armed at full wartime strength on standby to open fire' until Sunday night at 8 pm (1100 GMT).

KCNA also said other units were ordered to 'intensify monitoring on full alert' while 'anti-air observation posts have been reinforced' in the capital city Pyongyang..."

North Korea's Kim says he will speed up steps to become a nuclear superpower

Oct. 8, 2024 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said his country will speed up steps toward becoming a military superpower with nuclear weapons and would not rule out using them if enemies attacked it, state media KCNA said on Tuesday.

Kim made the comments in a speech on Monday at a university, which was printed in full by KCNA.

He said he has no intention of attacking South Korea, but 'if the enemy attempts to use force against our country' North Korea's military will use all aggression without hesitation, which 'does not preclude the use of nuclear weapons.'

Kim also called for extensive strengthening of North Korea's defenses, according to KCNA..."

(Kim Jong-un, his sister, and recently his daughter, Ju-ae, who appeared with him twice recently raising speculation about possible succession, are following in the footsteps of Kim Jong-il and Kim Il-sung in seeking nuclear weapons. In 1993, President Bill Clinton spoke in South Korea and stated that if North Korea gained and used a nuclear weapon, the U.S. would quickly and overwhelming retaliate, and it would mean the end of their country as they know it. President George W. Bush named North Korea as one of the three-part 'axis of evil' along with Iran and Iraq in 2002. In 2014, President Barack Obama warned North Korea that the U.S. would not hesitate to use military might to defend our allies against this 'pariah state'. And in August 2017, President Donald Trump stated: "North Korea best not make any more threats to the United States. They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen." It is believed that North Korea developed nuclear weapons in 2004. See the next two reports.)

Kim Jong Un threatens to use nuclear weapons against U.S., South Korea

Oct. 9, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un warned the United States and South Korea that any attack would be met with a nuclear response, state media reported Tuesday, as tensions remain high on the Peninsula and concerns swirl about a possible provocation ahead of the U.S. presidential election.

Kim made the threat in a speech during his visit to Kim Jong Un University of National Defense on Monday, according to *Korean Central News Agency*.

'If the enemy attempts to use force against our state, the armed forces of the Republic will use all their offensive power without hesitation,' he said. 'This does not preclude the use of nuclear weapons.'

Kim added that the North's 'steps toward becoming a military superpower and a nuclear power will be accelerated.'

North Korea passed a law declaring itself a nuclear state in 2022 and claimed the right to conduct a preemptive nuclear strike if threatened..."

South Korean president warns North of 'regime end' if it uses nukes

Oct. 1, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un would face the end of his regime if he ever used his isolated country's nuclear weapons against the South, Seoul's president said Tuesday.

President Yoon Suk Yeol was speaking at an event to mark the anniversary of the founding of South Korea's armed forces, with a military parade and fighter jet flyover in central Seoul scheduled for later in the day.

'If North Korea attempts to use nuclear weapons, it will face the resolute and overwhelming response of our military,' Yoon said, addressing 5,300 service members gathered at Seoul Air Base for the celebration.

'That day will mark the end of the North Korean regime,' he added, pointing to the strength of the country's security alliance with the United States, which stations tens of thousands of troops in the South.

South Korea showcased its largest ballistic missile — the Hyunmoo-5, which is capable of destroying underground bunkers — for the first time as part of the event.

An American B-1B heavy bomber also staged a flyover flanked by F-15K jets to demonstrate the security alliance between Seoul and Washington..."