

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

HAMAS ATROCITIES

In a 65-foot-deep tunnel in Rafah, hostages found executed by captors

Sep. 2, 2024 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “Israeli forces discovered the bodies of six hostages in a 65-foot-deep tunnel in Rafah, approximately a kilometer from where hostage Farhan Alkadi was recently freed. The IDF had no precise intelligence on the hostages’ location in recent months but knew there were captives in the sector, leading to a gradual and cautious operation in Rafah since the ground offensive began.

There was no direct confrontation with the Hamas terrorists who killed the hostages, as they had fled the scene. It is possible they were killed in the ongoing above-ground fighting in the sector. Once the bodies were found, they were brought to the Israeli border, where police and military rabbinical teams confirmed their identities at 4 a.m. The six hostages—Ori Danino, Alex Lobanov, Hersh Goldberg-Polin, Almog Sarusi, Eden Yerushalmi and Carmel Gat—were transferred from northern Gaza to Rafah, where they were murdered.

IDF Spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari also announced on Sunday that troops ‘have located and recovered the bodies of Carmel Gat, Eden Yerushalmi, Hersh Goldberg-Polin, Alexander Lobanov, Almog Sarusi and Sgt. 1st Class Ori Danino. They were kidnapped on October 7 and murdered by Hamas terrorists in Gaza. After an identification process conducted by the

National Center of Forensic Medicine, the Israel Police, and the Military Rabbinate, the Hostage Recovery Team in the IDF’s Personnel Directorate notified the families. The IDF and security forces are doing everything possible to bring all hostages home as quickly as possible. Words cannot describe the suffering endured by these hostages since October 7. This news shakes us all. . . .” **(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 four reports.)**

Autopsy finds 6 hostages were shot multiple times at close range in last 48-72 hours

Sep. 2, 2024 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “The six dead hostages recovered from the Gaza Strip over the weekend were killed 48 to 72 hours before their autopsy, meaning between Thursday and Friday morning, the Health Ministry said Sunday.

The ministry added that an examination carried out by Abu Kabir Forensic Institute found that all six hostages were shot multiple times from close range, indicating they were executed.

The IDF had said that Hamas terrorists murdered the hostages relatively shortly before troops located their bodies on Saturday afternoon in a tunnel in Rafah. . . .”

Initial findings: Hamas identified IDF forces approaching – and murdered the six hostages

Sep. 4, 2024 -- *Israel National News* reports: “An initial investigation of the deaths of six hostages in Gaza showed that Hamas lookouts standing outside a Rafah tunnel identified the Israeli forces nearing the site where the hostages were held captive, and ordered the captors to murder the six and run.

All six hostages were found with bullet holes on their heads and other places on their bodies.

According to *Kan News*, after the hostages’ bodies were located, the IDF found indications at the scene that

Hamas had observed the IDF forces in real time.

Although the IDF is careful not to approach areas where intelligence has indicated that live hostages are being held, in this case, the IDF was apparently unaware of the fact that live hostages were being held in the area.

The six hostages were found twenty meters underground, with no prior intelligence on the matter. Their bodies were recovered from a site about one kilometer from the tunnel where hostage Farhan al-Qadi was rescued alive last week...”

Netanyahu: ‘Those who murder hostages are not interested in a deal’

Sep. 2, 2024 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu addressed the nation Sunday morning following the announcement by the IDF of the recovery of the bodies of six hostages—Hersh Goldberg-Polin, Ori Danino, Eden Yerushalmi, Alex Lobanov, Almgoy Sarusi and Carmel Gat.

‘This is a difficult day. The heart of the entire nation is torn. Along with all the citizens of Israel, I was deeply shocked by the cold-blooded murder of our six hostages. My wife and I, together with the entire nation, mourn with the families. We grieve with

them,’ Netanyahu said in a pre-recorded statement.

‘I want to express my deep appreciation to our forces, to the brave soldiers of the IDF and the Shin Bet fighters, who risk their lives to bring our sons and daughters home. To the Hamas terrorists who murdered our hostages and to their leaders, I say: Your blood is on your heads. We will not rest or be silent. We will hunt you down, we will find you, and we will hold you accountable.

‘Citizens of Israel, we are fighting on all fronts against a brutal enemy that seeks to kill us all. Just this morning, they murdered three police officers in Hebron. My wife and I send our deepest condolences to their families. We witnessed the unimaginable cruelty of Hamas killers on October 7, and we saw it again in the tunnels beneath Rafah. The fact that Hamas continues to commit atrocities like those of October 7 compels us to do everything to ensure they can never commit such horrors again.’

Netanyahu emphasized the ongoing efforts to secure the release of remaining hostages. ‘Our efforts to free our hostages continue at all times. Since December, Hamas has refused to engage in genuine negotiations. On May 27, Israel agreed to a hostage release deal with full U.S. backing. Hamas refused.

Even after the U.S. revised the deal on August 16, we agreed, and Hamas refused again...”

Global Imams Council condemns Hamas for execution of hostages

Sep. 4, 2024 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The Global Imams Council has released a statement condemning the murder of hostages at the hands of Hamas terrorists.

The statement, which was released on the Global Imams Council’s X (previously Twitter) social media account on Sunday, September 1, 2024, referred to the actions of Hamas as ‘barbaric,’ stating, ‘We are deeply saddened and outraged by these heinous murders, which violate all principles of humanity, religious teachings, and international law.’

The Global Imams Council acknowledged that the targeting of civilians not only violates the laws of Islam, but the Geneva Conventions as well.

The statement, issued at the Islamic Seminary of Najaf in Iraq, held Hamas alone responsible for ‘the deaths and suffering of all innocent lives lost since October 7, as their actions have not only brought death and destruction upon the region but have also led to immense suffering for the Palestinian people.’...”

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Jet Blue Airways changes Israel’s borders and name to ‘Palestinian Territories’

Sep. 4, 2024 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “American airline JetBlue Airways has updated their in-flight map to show the words ‘Palestinian Territory’ in significantly larger text than the word ‘Israel,’ to the point where it is overlaid on the entire state of Israel, *N12* reported Tuesday evening.

Hodaya Knafo, an Israeli woman studying in the United States, told *N12* that she was on a domestic flight from Miami to San Diego when she tried to show another passenger where Israel was located on her seat’s personal screen. ‘The label was prominently displayed in a way that didn’t seem innocent,’ she said, and additionally, the borders were incorrect.’

According to the map, Israel’s northern border does not include the Golan Heights...

Along with the removal of the Golan Heights, ‘They don’t show a division of

the West Bank, so it doesn’t seem like that’s what they meant by the ‘Palestinian Territory’ label.’ Knafo continued...”

(Genesis 15:18 states: In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates and in Joshua 1:4 we read: From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. These verses encompass all of the land modern Israel currently possesses, plus all of the land of the Palestinians (the West Bank and Gaza), plus some of Egypt and Syria, plus all of Jordan, plus some of Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Israel currently possesses only a fraction of the land God has promised.)

‘From the water to the water, Palestine is Arab’: Hamas flags fly at NYC anti-Israel march

Sep. 3, 2024 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Terrorist organization flags and symbols flew in New York City on Monday as dozens of anti-Israel organizations took to the streets to protest ongoing Israeli military action against Hamas and the reaction by authorities and officials to pro-Palestinian demonstrations since the October 7 Massacre.

A banner featuring the flags of Hamas’s Izz ad-Din Al-Qassam Brigades, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and al-Aqsa Martyrs’ Brigades was waved in videos published by the Bronx Anti-War Coalition, and in other videos posted by principal protest organizer Within Our Lifetime another banner placed the Hezbollah flag alongside those of Middle Eastern states.

Singular Hamas and Hezbollah flags

could also be seen among the thousands of marchers, who changed slogans and wielded signs accusing the U.S. government of aiding and abetting a supposed Israeli genocide against Palestinians in Gaza.

‘From the water to the water, Palestine is Arab,’ protesters chanted during the march.

Some protesters wore Hamas headbands, and one man waved a banner emblazoned with the images of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar and PFLP General Secretary Ahmad Saadat. The banner’s logo belonged to the Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, a PFLP-tied NGO...” **(They may threaten Israel, but Psalm 121 states: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.)**

UN votes 124-14 to strip Israel of right to self-defense in Gaza, West Bank

Sep. 19, 2024 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday voted 124-14

to strip Israel of the right to self-defense against Palestinian terrorism in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and east Jerusalem.

The text of the resolution was based on the International Court of Justice’s advisory opinion in July that Israel’s occupation of Palestinian territory was illegal.

Prior to the vote, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he supported the ICJ option and would abide by the vote, which calls on the IDF to withdraw to the pre-1967 lines within 12 months.

The resolution also calls on member states not to sell arms or military equipment to Israel that would be used in Gaza, the West Bank, and east Jerusalem. It calls for a boycott of all Israeli products produced over the pre-1967 lines.

The resolution has declaratory power only but provides international backing to those countries that want to take additional steps against Israel...” (Israel seems to be the only nation that is told to temper their response to brutal attacks. Before the smoke cleared and the cries of the dying faded out on October 7, 2023, they were told not to overreact. In the book of Psalms, there are several imprecatory psalms where the author calls down calamity, destruction, and God’s anger and judgment on his enemies. One of these is Psalms 69:

Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while

I wait for my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away...

Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. Hear me, O Lord; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily. Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies...

Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap. Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake. Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them. Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous... Psalm 69:1-4; 14-18; 22-25; 27-28.)

JEREMIAH 51:32,32

Report: Over 1,000 Hezbollah operatives wounded after pagers exploded across Lebanon

Sep. 17, 2024 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “More than a thousand Hezbollah operatives were injured on Tuesday in southern Lebanon, the Bekaa region and the southern suburbs of Beirut after the pagers they used for communication exploded, Lebanese broadcaster *NBN* reported. There were no immediate reports of fatalities.

NBN reported that Israel, using advanced technology, remotely detonated Hezbollah’s communication devices (pagers) in multiple locations in Dahieh. A Hezbollah official admitted to Qatari newspaper *The New Arab* that

‘Israel breached the organization’s communication devices and detonated them.’ He described the breach as ‘serious and under investigation,’ adding that there were casualties but no fatalities.

Iran’s *Mehr* news agency reported that Iranian Ambassador to Lebanon Mojtaba Amani was also injured by a pager explosion.

Al Jazeera also reported explosions of devices in the Bekaa region and southern Lebanon.

Saudi news outlet *Al Hadath* reported more than 70 casualties, with hospitals in Lebanon calling for blood donations. Sources said Hezbollah affiliates requested that images of the injured not be published to avoid putting them at further risk...” **(This is one of the**

most targeted strike in history, focusing on the Hezbollah terrorists. Israel does all that it can to protect civilians – Hamas and Hezbollah use civilians to protect their missiles, placing them next to schools and in residential neighborhoods. Golda Meir has been quoted as saying: “We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. We will only have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate us.”

One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end, And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted – Jeremiah 51:31,32 – lines of

communication were disrupted in this passage – with frightening results. See the next four reports.)

Coordinated pager blasts were 15-years in the making, report

Sep. 20, 2024 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “American intelligence officials said the operation to detonate thousands of communication devices used by Hezbollah in Lebanon was at least 15 years in the making, *ABC News* reported late on Friday.

‘Planning for the attack involved shell companies, with multiple layers of Israeli intelligence officers and their assets fronting a legitimate company that produced the pagers,’ the network said, adding that at least some of those involved were unaware of who they were really working for.

ABC’s sources said 30 to 60 grams of explosives were inserted into the pagers along with an electronic trigger. One source said similar attacks were also considered by the CIA but rejected because of the high risk to innocent bystanders.

According to reports in Lebanon, over 3,000 Hezbollah operatives were wounded when the pagers exploded and 450 more were hurt in the second wave of the attack a day later, when hand radio devices also exploded...”

Completely compromised: Hezbollah faced a ‘multidimensional blow’ with pager attack

Sep. 20, 2024 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Professor Uzi Rabi, head of the Moshe Dayan Center at Tel Aviv University, spoke Wednesday on *103FM* about the severe blow Hezbollah

suffered in the beeper attack and the future of the northern front.

‘This is a multidimensional blow,’ said Rabi. ‘It’s clearly visible on an operational or physical level, but I’d also say it highlights a high level of infiltration. It shows that the organization is completely compromised when it comes to information security. Nasrallah, as we’ve come to know him in recent years – with his inflated ego and the belief that he’s Lebanon’s protector, constantly claiming he’s defending the country – now finds himself, in my view, in a very problematic position.’

This came before Nasrallah’s speech on Wednesday, in which he dared Israel to enter Lebanese territory and called escalation in the North ‘a historic opportunity.’

According to Rabi, the Arab world is recognizing Hezbollah’s difficult position online. ‘This is also reflected in the discourse on social networks, particularly Arab social media. Hezbollah has suffered a blow that forces it not only to pick up the pieces but also to rethink its next steps. Until recently, Hezbollah was letting the situation unfold on its own. It operated under the assumption that a truce in Gaza would lead to a truce in the North and tied itself closely to the Gaza narrative.’...”

U.S. official: ‘Hezbollah has been taken 20 years backward’

Sep. 24, 2024 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “Monday’s intense series of strikes in Lebanon, which followed a string of eliminations of Hezbollah leaders in recent weeks, has led U.S. officials to believe that Israel dealt a significant blow to Hezbollah’s command.

‘They’ve probably been taken 20 years backward,’ a U.S. official told *CNN* on Tuesday.

In the past two months, two of Hezbollah’s most senior military figures, considered part of the terror group’s founding generation, have been eliminated. In a strike in Dahieh at the end of July, Fuad Shukur, dubbed ‘Hezbollah’s Chief of Staff’ was eliminated. Last week, Ibrahim Aqil, Hezbollah’s head of operations, was terminated alongside senior commanders of the group’s elite Radwan Force...”

Iran’s Guards ban communications devices after strike on Hezbollah, security officials say

Sep. 23, 2024 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Iran’s elite Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) has ordered all members to stop using any type of communication devices after thousands of pagers and walkie-talkies used by its Hezbollah allies in Lebanon blew up in deadly attacks last week, two senior Iranian security officials told Reuters.

One of the security officials said a large-scale operation is underway by the IRGC to inspect all devices, not just communication equipment. He said most of these devices were either homemade or imported from China and Russia.

Iran was concerned about infiltration by Israeli agents, including Iranians on Israel’s payroll and a thorough investigation of personnel has already begun, targeting mid and high-ranking members of the IRGC, added the official, who declined to be identified because of the sensitivity of the matter...”

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Putin orders Russian army to become second largest after China’s at 1.5 million-strong

Sep. 17, 2024 -- *Reuters* reports: “President Vladimir Putin on Monday ordered the regular size of the Russian army to be increased by 180,000 troops to 1.5 million active servicemen in a move that would make it the second largest in the world after China’s.

In a decree published on the Kremlin’s website, Putin ordered the overall size of the armed forces to be increased to 2.38 million people, of which he said 1.5 million should be active servicemen.

According to data from the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), a leading military think tank, such an increase would see Russia leapfrog the United States and India in terms of the number of active combat soldiers it has at its disposal and be second only to China in size. The IISS said Beijing has just over 2 million active duty service personnel.

The move, the third time Putin has expanded the army’s ranks since sending his military into Ukraine in February 2022, comes as Russian forces push forward in eastern Ukraine on parts of a vast 1,000 km (627-mile)

frontline and try to eject Ukrainian forces from Russia’s Kursk region...”

(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. See the next report.)

Russia, China kick off joint military exercises, challenging U.S.-led coalition

Sep. 11, 2024 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Russia says it launched massive naval and air drills Tuesday that span a huge swath of oceans and involve more than 400 naval vessels, at least 120 military aircraft and upwards of 90,000 troops.

The large-scale military exercise, dubbed ‘Ocean-2024,’ includes forces from China and will run until September 16 with at least 15 countries invited to observe the maneuvers, according to the Russian Defense Ministry. Russian President Vladimir Putin said Russia pays ‘special attention’ to strengthening military cooperation with ‘friendly states’ and warned the United States not to try and outgun Moscow in Asia.

‘Under the pretext of countering the allegedly existing Russian threat and containing the People’s Republic of China, the United States and its satellites are increasing their military presence near Russia’s western borders, in the Arctic, and in the Asia-Pacific region,’ Putin said in a televised remark to Russian military officials on Tuesday. He said Washington and its allies are ‘openly declaring their plans to deploy medium- and shorter-range missiles in the so-called forward zones.’

Analysts say the joint naval and air drills are an effort by Russia and China to deepen military ties and counter increased security coordination between the United States and its allies in the Indo-Pacific region...”

Putin draws new red line on long-range missiles

Sep. 13, 2024 -- *BBC.com* reports: “The headline in this morning’s *Kommersant* newspaper captured the drama.

‘Vladimir Putin draws his red line.’ Will the West cross it? And, if it does, how will Russia respond?

Speaking in St Petersburg, President Putin sent a clear warning to the West: don’t allow Ukraine to use your long-range missiles to strike Russian territory.

Moscow, he said, would view that as the ‘direct participation’ of NATO countries in the war in Ukraine.

‘It would substantially change the very essence, the nature of the conflict,’ the Kremlin leader continued.

‘This will mean that NATO countries, the USA and European states, are fighting with Russia.’

He claimed that, for missile launches into Russia, Ukraine would require data from Western satellites and that only servicemen from NATO member states would be able to ‘input flight missions into these missile systems’...” **(A huge nuclear war is prophesied multiplied times in God’s Word. Revelation 9:14 – 18 depicts Armageddon: *Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. And Revelation 16:16 tells of the longest and final battle of the ages. See the next report.)***

Moscow says Kyiv could become ‘giant melted spot’ if long-range weapons used

Sep. 16, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev on Saturday said Kyiv could be reduced to a ‘giant melted spot’ if Western nationals allow Ukraine to use long-range weapons to attack Russia.

Medvedev, who currently serves as the deputy chair of the Russian Security Council, made the comments in a lengthy post on his Telegram social media channel.

The comments come after U.S. President Joe Biden earlier in the week suggested the White House may soon end its ban on Ukraine using long-range weapons against Russia.

Biden met Friday at the White House with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer. The two leaders again pledged

their unified support for Ukraine but stopped short of issuing any clarity on the use of long-range weapons.

Medvedev, who celebrated his 59th birthday Saturday, also said in his post that Russia already has ‘formal’ grounds to use nuclear weapons against Ukraine after the latter sent troops into Russia’s Kursk region.

The comments come after Russian President Vladimir Putin this week told Western nations, allowing Ukraine to fire long-range missiles at Russia would equate to being at war with NATO...”

NORAD says it continues to track more Russian military planes near Alaska’s air space

Sep. 17, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “A Russian military aircraft was detected and tracked near U.S. airspace this past weekend in the fourth such incident in less than a week, according to NORAD.

On Sunday, the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, revealed that it had intercepted two Russian IL-38 military aircrafts flying in international space near Alaska’s Air Defense Identification Zone, or ADIZ, in the fourth such reported incident in five days but was ‘not seen as a threat,’ NORAD said Sunday.

NORAD, the U.S-Canadian military alliance tasked with defending North American airspace, say the airspace in which the Russian jets were flying begins ‘where sovereign airspace ends and is a defined stretch of international airspace that requires the ready identification of all aircraft in the interest of national security.’

The string of recent interceptions began Sept. 11 when NORAD spotted a pair of Russian military aircraft operating in international air near ADIZ but also did not enter Canadian or United States sovereign airspace, according to a release on Wednesday.

However, Russian flights occur ‘regularly’ into the airspace known ADIZ with other recent interceptions in recent as July and May.

July’s incident arrived days after the Kremlin’s Defense Ministry claimed it had intercepted two U.S. B-52N bombers near the Russia’s borders just days prior.

On Thursday after the first release, Sen. Dan Sullivan, R-Alaska, called for a greater military presence in the region...” **(Russia preparing to fulfill Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 16; Joel 2:3, 20,**

30 for the Armageddon campaign – Revelation 16:16 – which will be fought against America, the EU and the entire Western World. Islamic armies will align themselves with Russia and China for holy jihad – holy war – Ezekiel 38:13; Daniel 11:40; Isaiah 17:1; Ezekiel 38:5-7; Psalm 83: 4 – 7. See the next report.)

U.S. sounds alarm on Russian aircraft over Alaska as tensions rise over nuclear tests

Sep. 26, 2024 -- WND.com reports: “The North American Aerospace Defense Command has issued a statement stating Russian military aircraft were detected operating in the Alaskan Air Defense Identification Zone.

The Monday statement goes on to say the Russian aircraft remained in international airspace and stayed out of both U.S. and Canadian sovereign

airspace, which the statement notes occurs often and ‘not seen as a threat.’

However, NORAD said it is employing a layered defense network which includes the use of satellites, radars, and fighter aircraft, to employ response options in defense of North America.

On September 12, the U.S. Army deployed 130 soldiers as well as its rocket systems 1,200 miles southwest of Anchorage, to Shemya Island, in response to the increased activity of Russian military aircraft...”

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

China the top challenge in U.S. history: senior diplomat

Sep. 19, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: “China presents the top challenge to the United States in all of its history, surpassing the Cold War, a top U.S. official said Wednesday, as he urged Europe to get tougher on Beijing.

Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell, a key architect of a 15-year push for the United States to reorient its foreign policy toward Asia, also urged greater U.S. investment in advanced technology to compete better with China.

‘There is a recognition that this is the most significant challenge in our history,’ Campbell told the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

‘Frankly, the Cold War pales in comparison to the multifaceted challenges that China presents,’ he said. ‘It’s not just a military challenge; it’s across the board. It is in the Global South. It is in technology. We need to step up our game across the board.’

Asked about the remarks on Thursday, a spokesman for China’s foreign ministry said they ‘disregard facts, openly and wantonly exaggerate the China threat, and clamour for camp confrontations’.

Regarding China as the United States’ greatest challenge was a mistake, Lin Jian said at a regular press conference.

‘China urges the United States to abandon Cold War zero-sum thinking, stop spreading the China threat theory, and stop distorting China’s strategic intentions,’ he added...” **(China will become a basic partner with Russia for the rapidly approaching battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Russia will lead invasion number one – Ezekiel 38 & 39. China will lead invasion number two – Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 16. Then all**

nations will come against Jerusalem for the final invasion at which point Jesus will return to stop the bloodshed and set up his eternal kingdom upon earth – [He gathers] all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south – Zechariah 14:2 – 4. Then Psalm 2:6 occurs as God the Father says: ...I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem]. See the next two reports.)

China launches intercontinental missile into Pacific in rare test

Sep. 25, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: “China said it test-launched an intercontinental ballistic missile on Wednesday, firing it into the Pacific Ocean in its first such exercise in decades.

The launch sparked protests from other countries in the region, with China’s neighbour Japan saying it had not been given advance notice and expressing ‘serious concern’ about Beijing’s military build-up.

Beijing has stepped up its nuclear development and boosted defence spending in recent years, with the Pentagon last October warning China was developing its arsenal more quickly than the United States had anticipated.

China held more than 500 operational nuclear warheads as of May 2023 and is likely to have more than 1,000 by 2030, it said.

On Wednesday, the Chinese military’s Rocket Force ‘launched an ICBM... carrying a dummy warhead to the high seas in the Pacific Ocean at 08:44 on September 25, and the missile fell into expected sea areas’, the defence ministry said in a statement.

An analyst told *AFP* such tests were very rare...”

China insists nuclear stance defensive after ‘routine’ ICBM launch

Sep. 26, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: “China said on Thursday that its launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) into the Pacific Ocean was ‘legitimate and routine’, insisting that its nuclear stance remained defensive after the rare test prompted an outcry from countries in the region.

Beijing announced the trial on Wednesday — its first such test in four decades — saying that the missile was carrying a dummy warhead.

The launch sparked protests from countries in the region, with China’s neighbour Japan saying it had not been given advance notice and Taiwan expressing ‘solemn condemnation’.

Beijing’s defence ministry said on Thursday the test was ‘a legitimate and routine arrangement’ that aimed to ‘test our weapon and training performance’.

‘China’s nuclear policy is very stable, consistent and predictable,’ ministry spokesman Zhang Xiaogang told a news conference in Beijing.

‘We strictly follow a nuclear policy of no first use of nuclear weapons and pursue a nuclear strategy of self-defence,’ he said.

He said China does not seek an ‘arms race’ and had ‘promised not to use or threaten to use nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapons states or

weapon-free zones’.

‘China will continue to keep its nuclear capabilities at the minimum level required for national security,’ Zhang said...

North Korea’s Kim vows to put his nuclear force ready for combat with U.S.

Sep. 10, 2024 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un vowed to redouble efforts to make his nuclear force fully ready for combat with the United States and its allies, state media reported Tuesday, after the country disclosed a new platform likely designed to fire more powerful intercontinental ballistic missiles targeting the mainland U.S.

Kim has repeatedly made similar pledges, but his latest threat comes as outside experts believe Kim will perform provocative weapons tests ahead of the U.S. presidential election in November. In recent days, North Korea has also resumed launches of trash-carrying balloons toward South Korea.

In a speech marking the 76th founding anniversary for his government on Monday, Kim said North Korea faces ‘a grave threat’ because of what he called ‘the reckless expansion’ of a U.S.-led regional military bloc that is now developing into a nuclear-based one. Kim said such a development is pushing North Korea to boost its military capability, according to the official *Korean Central News Agency*.

Kim said North Korea will ‘redouble its measures and efforts to make all the armed forces of the state including the nuclear force fully ready for combat,’ *KCNA* said...” **(God help America. Revelation 9: 14 – 18 is the prophecy describing Armageddon: ...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.)** The good news is that Dr. Van Impe dogmatically believed that

this battle is fought after the Rapture: *“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; ...I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter – Revelation 4:1; ...the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord – I Thessalonians 4:16 – 18. Rest upon God’s Word: Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ – Titus 2:13. See the next three reports.)*

North Korea’s Kim vows to increase nuclear weapons arsenal

Sep. 11, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said the country was moving to steadily increase its nuclear arsenal, state media reported Tuesday, claiming that Pyongyang was a ‘responsible’ nuclear state.

Kim made a speech for an event to mark the 76th anniversary of the country’s founding, with state media images showing thousands of people gathering in central Pyongyang to celebrate.

Due to what Kim characterised as ‘more various threats’ from the United States and its allies, North Korea’s ‘nuclear force’ and its ability to deploy it ‘should be more thoroughly perfected’, he said. North Korea ‘will steadily strengthen its nuclear force capable of fully coping with any threatening acts imposed by its nuclear-armed rival states’, Kim said.

The country will also ‘redouble its measures and efforts to make all the armed forces of the state, including the nuclear force, fully ready for combat’, he added.

Kim said Pyongyang was a ‘responsible nuclear weapons state’, adding that ‘our nuclear weapons for defending ourselves do not pose a threat to anyone’.

Kim’s speech comes as relations between North and South Korea are at one of their lowest points in years, with the North recently announcing

the deployment of 250 ballistic missile launchers to its southern border...”

North Korea claims it tested ballistic missile with ‘super-large’ warhead

Sep. 19, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korea claimed Thursday that its latest weapons test had been of a tactical ballistic missile capable of carrying a ‘super-large’ warhead, and a strategic cruise missile, state media reported.

Leader Kim Jong Un ‘guided the test-fires’, the official *Korean Central News Agency* said, of the ‘new-type tactical ballistic missile Hwasongpho-11-Da-4.5 and an improved strategic cruise missile’.

Kim has staged dozens of launches this year, part of a testing spree that experts say could be linked to North Korea’s alleged illicit supplying of weapons to ally Russia for use in Ukraine.

‘The new-type tactical ballistic missile was tipped with a 4.5 tonnage super-large conventional warhead according to design,’ *KCNA* said.

The North ‘also conducted a test-fire of strategic cruise missile whose performance has been highly upgraded for its combat use,’ it added.

Seoul’s military had described the Wednesday launches as a salvo of short-range ballistic missiles, which it said had flown about 400 kilometres east of the Korean peninsula...”

North Korea releases images of uranium enrichment facility for first time

Sep. 13, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korea released images of its uranium enrichment facility for the first time on Friday, showing leader Kim Jong Un touring it as he called for more centrifuges to boost his nuclear arsenal.

The country, which conducted its first nuclear test in 2006 and is under rafts of UN sanctions for its banned weapons programmes, has never publicly disclosed details of its uranium enrichment facility.

Such facilities produce highly enriched uranium — which is needed to produce nuclear warheads — by spinning the original material in centrifuges at high speeds.

Kim toured the Nuclear Weapons Institute and the ‘production base of weapon-grade nuclear materials,’ the official *Korean Central News Agency* reported, without giving the location of

the facility or the date of the visit.

Kim ‘stressed the need to further augment the number of centrifuges in order to exponentially increase the nuclear weapons for self-defence,’ state media reported, publishing images of Kim inspecting rows of centrifuges.

Kim ‘acquainted himself with the production of nuclear warheads and current nuclear materials,’ the report said...

North Korea’s top diplomat heads to Russia as military cooperation grows

Sep. 18, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui departed for a trip to Russia, state media reported Tuesday, as the two regimes continue to strengthen ties amid growing international concern about their military cooperation.

Choe left for Russia on Monday to attend the Eurasian Women’s Forum and the BRICS Women’s Forum, state-run *Korean Central News Agency* reported in a brief dispatch.

The Russian Embassy in Pyongyang also announced the trip on its Telegram channel, saying the minister traveled on a commercial North Korean Air Koryo flight and would participate in the forums in St. Petersburg Wednesday through Friday.

Choe will also take part in an ‘extensive cultural program,’ the embassy said.

The trip is the second to Russia this year by the North Korean envoy, who rarely

travels abroad. She visited in January and held talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin as part of a series of high-level exchanges between the two increasingly isolated regimes.

Pyongyang and Moscow have strengthened their relationship in the wake of the Kremlin’s invasion of Ukraine, with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Putin signing a mutual defense treaty in June...” **(Ezekiel 38:5 predicts that Russia, the Orient, and Persia [which changed its name to Iran in 1932] will see millions destroyed through atomic warfare in the Latter Years and Latter Days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Prepare to meet thy God Israel – Amos 4:12. This battle is described in Revelation 9:14 – 18: Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. See the next report.)**

U.S., UK concerned Russia may be assisting Iran with nuclear weapons program – report

Sep. 16, 2024 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “The U.S. and UK are concerned that Russia has been helping Iran develop its nuclear weapons program in exchange for the recent delivery of ballistic missiles it was provided by Tehran for use in its war against Ukraine, according to a report Saturday that cited sources familiar with the matter.

The issue of deepening ties between Russia and Iran was a matter of concern during meetings between U.S. President Joe Biden and UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer in Washington, DC, on Friday, as well as during talks between U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy earlier in the week.

According to the *Guardian* newspaper, however, the two countries aren’t just focused on the ballistic missiles supplied to Russia by Iran, but are also concerned about what Russia may provide in return.

Citing British sources familiar with the high-level talks last week, the news outlet reported that the two countries believe Iran may be working with experienced Russian specialists to streamline its manufacturing process as it grows its stockpile of enriched uranium and prepares to make its own nuclear weapons...”

FAITH FOR THE FINAL HOUR

Pastor Alistair Begg Says a Return to “Serious Engagement with the Bible” Is Necessary

Sep. 10, 2024 -- *Crosswalk.com* reports: “Pastor and author Alistair Begg recently lamented the decline of Scripture in congregational life as part of his message at the annual Sing! Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

‘Traditionally, the pulpit was central and visually dominant, not as an expression of the preacher’s authority, but as a reminder of the authority of Scripture,’ Begg said in his message, recalling the awe he felt as a child when the church ‘beadle’ carried the Bible to the pulpit before the service began.

However, he noted that centrality has been lost in most churches nowadays,

The Christian Post reports.

‘Plexiglass, bar stools — why? Well, you’ve got to please the consumers,’ Begg said, referring to the seeker-sensitive style of modern worship spaces. ‘It’s a noble prospect, but there’s an unfortunate symbolism to it.’

According to Begg, the decline of the raised pulpit reflects a broader issue: the diminishing role of Scripture in congregational life. He argued that modern churchgoers typically arrive with a more casual mindset rather than being eager to hear God’s Word.

‘Instead of coming into worship with the express understanding that all of this begins with God in His glory, people come with coffee in hand, saying, ‘Let’s see if he’s got something good

for us today,’ he said...” (What a sad state Christianity is in all the world. *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry – II Timothy 4:1-5.)*