

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

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A PALESTINIAN STATE

Abbas: Palestinians to ask for UN recognition if peace talks fail

Haaretz reports: "Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has been dropping hints that he will leave his post in September should negotiations with Israel not resume by then, and should there be no agreement about the establishment of a Palestinian state.

During a meeting in Ramallah with members of the Council for Peace and Security (who include former top IDF officers), Abbas declared that the PA intends to work toward the establishment of a Palestinian state, and to win Israeli recognition for such a state. However, he indicated, if no accord is reached between the two sides, and if serious talks do not resume, the PA will turn to the UN General Assembly in September and request recognition of an independent Palestinian state.

Asked about possible scenarios following such a UN vote, Abbas claimed he is deliberately maintaining ambiguity on this issue. Yet, he said, 'should we return [from the United Nations] empty-handed, we will convene a meeting of the Palestinian leadership and decide what to do. We have autonomous rule, but we don't have independence. There is and isn't

occupation. The [Israeli occupiers] can come at any moment. They can invade our territories. They can do anything. They can even stop me, as head of the PA, from going home.'

'So what are we supposed to do?' he asked. 'What should be our answer, if we have lost all hope? I can't respond to that.'

Abbas reiterated that the PA will only turn to the UN General Assembly if it runs out of all other options... **(The ungodly and prejudiced members of the UN should keep their noses out and hands off of the demand by Abbas. Israel belongs to the Jews forever and President Obama should quit promising Jerusalem — mentioned 930 times as belonging to God's chosen people the Jews — to the Palestinians. This leads to WWII — Joel 3:2)**

Israel threatens unilateral steps if UN recognizes Palestinian state

Haaretz reports: "Israel informed the 15 members of the United Nations Security Council, as well as several other prominent European Union countries, that if the Palestinian Authority persists in its efforts to gain recognition in September as a state within the 1967 borders, Israel would

respond with a series of unilateral steps of its own.

Senior Foreign Ministry officials said the ministry's director general, Rafael Barak, sent a classified cable to more than 30 Israeli embassies, directing them to lodge a diplomatic protest at the highest possible level in response to the Palestinian efforts to gain international recognition for statehood at the UN General Assembly session in September.

The Israeli diplomatic corps conveyed the message that support for international recognition, particularly by most of the members of the European Union, encouraged the Palestinians to forgo negotiations with Israel and to move more quickly toward recognition at the UN of Palestinian statehood. Israeli diplomats stressed that such a move violates the Oslo Accords and will not lead to a Palestinian state even if the General Assembly grants recognition, but could lead to violence on the ground.

European diplomats have confirmed to *Haaretz* that such a message was conveyed several days ago. One diplomat said his country did not receive a serious response when asked what unilateral steps Israel might take. Another diplomat, from a European country, said in light of the current deadlock in negotiations, international

recognition of Palestinian statehood appeared unavoidable in September...” (Israel belongs to the Jews — Ezekiel 36:24; Ezekiel 37:4-14; Amos 9:15; Isaiah 56:5.)

Ahmadinejad: U.S. seeking to divide Jordan to form Palestinian state

Haaretz reports: “The United States is leading an effort to annex a part of Jordan to the West Bank, thus enlarging the future Palestinians state, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said in a press conference, adding that the alleged move was meant to protect Israel’s security.

Speaking in a Tehran press conference, Ahmadinejad claimed the latest conflicts in the Arab world would eventually lead to the collapse of Israel, saying: ‘The latest conflicts will leave no chance for the Zionist regime [Israel] to survive as all the involved countries are against the occupation of Palestine.’

He added that the Arab states should be careful not to rely on the United States and its allies, ‘as their ultimate aim is to save’ Israel.

Later, Ahmadinejad was quoted by the Iranian Mehr news agency as saying that a western plot was in motion to

divide Jordan, geared at saving ‘the Zionist regime from annihilation and tell the world that an independent state of Palestine has been formed’

However, the Iranian president added, these ‘attempts will not save Israel from extinction.’...” (Ahmadinejad, the Mid East Hitler is so prejudiced against Jews that he maintains that his messiah — Mahdi — will not come until he has eliminated most Jews from the earth. His goal is Psalm 83:4, 5. He fails — Isaiah 56:5.)

Israel holds secret talks with Russia to thwart recognition of Palestinian State

Haaretz reports: “Isaac Molho, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s senior adviser and top negotiator on the Palestinian channel, made a secret trip to Moscow and met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. The purpose of the visit was to dissuade Russia from supporting the European Union’s intention to present a plan for the establishment of a Palestinian state within the 1967 borders.

Molho was accompanied on the trip by the Foreign Ministry’s legal advisor, Daniel Taub, and spent over an hour with Lavrov. Taub and Molho also met

with the Russian envoy to the Middle East, Sergei Yakovlev, and other senior Russian officials. A senior Israeli official told Haaretz that Taub and Molho used the visit ‘to present new Israeli ideas for re-launching the peace process with the Palestinians.’

The visit comes before the foreign ministers of the Quartet — the United States, Russia, the European Union and the UN — are to meet. France, Germany and the United Kingdom are pushing for announcing a new international peace initiative. The principles of the initiative known so far include setting up two states on the basis of the 1967 borders with territorial swaps; a fair, realistic and agreed-upon solution to the predicament of the Palestinian refugees; Jerusalem as a capital for both states and security arrangements that would protect Israel but not infringe on Palestinian sovereignty...” (This move will also become hopeless as Russia leads in the first invasion of Israel — Ezekiel 38 & 39 — specifically 38:1, 2, 8, 11, 16. The area of the invasion can never be misunderstood as it is mentioned 18 times — Ezekiel 38:8, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19; 39:2, 4, 7 [twice], 9, 11, 12, 17, 22, 23, 25, and 29.)

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Ahmadinejad hits back at Obama

The Asia Times Online reports: “In a sharply-worded press conference, Iran’s President Mahmud Ahmadinejad hit back at Barack Obama, predicting that ‘a future more shameful than his predecessor’ is awaiting the United States president, whom he accused of adding deception to the mix of George W. Bush’s hegemonic policies in the Middle East.

At the same time, instead of an unbounded expression of hostility

toward the U.S., Ahmadinejad in the same Tehran press conference somewhat amended his view by adding that Iran considered itself a ‘friend with all nations and governments against the Zionist regime’. Echoing the president’s statement, Iran’s permanent representative to the United Nations, Mohammad Khazaee, said Iran was willing to enter into another round of nuclear talks with the ‘Iran Six’ nations ‘without any preconditions’.

By all indications, Ahmadinejad’s

decision to up the ante against the U.S. president is a reaction to Obama’s recent new year message that reached out to youths to revolt against Iran’s leaders thus following the footsteps of Iran’s spiritual leader, who also lambasted Obama for betraying his promised sea-change in U.S. foreign behavior...” (Ahmadinejad is a human windbag who cannot be trusted. Lying and deceit are practiced and promoted under Sharia law if it promotes Islam. Christianity says:

“Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another” — Ephesians 4:25.)

Ahmadinejad: God has chosen my successor

YnetNews.com reports: “Mahmoud Ahmadinejad says his replacement as Iranian president has already been chosen by God, a local website reported.

Friends told me, ‘We are concerned about the future.’ Ahmadinejad said in a meeting with council heads in Tehran. ‘I told them, ‘The future has already been determined. Go to work and the results will come.’

‘One of them asked me, ‘Who will be next?’ I said, ‘Don’t you think God knows who’s next.’

Ahmadinejad did not name anyone specific, but according to Iranian estimates he was implying that he wants his associate Esfandiar Rahim Mashai to replace him. Mashai served as Ahmadinejad’s deputy in the past, before being fired for saying that the Iranian people are friends of Israel.

Mashai currently serves as head of the president’s bureau. The two are also related, as one of Ahmadinejad’s sons is married to Mashai’s daughter.

THE APPROACHING MIDEAST STORM

Peres to Clinton: Mideast ‘storm’ must bring peace and democracy

Haaretz reports: “President Shimon Peres met with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton after he landed in Washington D.C., the first in a series of high-profile meetings scheduled

This isn’t the first time that Ahmadinejad, a devout Shiite Muslim, predicts the political future his country. A week before the controversial presidential elections in 2009, Ahmadinejad told his people that he would win...” (His successor could not be more hateful, proud, and belligerent — Proverbs 16:18. See also the next two reports.)

Ahmadinejad Calls on World Nations to Unite against Bullying Powers

The Fars News Agency reports: “Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad blasted the attempts made by the arrogant and colonialist powers against the other countries, and urged the world nations to become united against the bullying powers.

He also reiterated that independent states by adopting rational stands can thwart plots of their enemies.

President Ahmadinejad made the remark in a meeting with Lebanese caretaker Foreign Minister Ali al-Shami in Tehran.

The global arrogance is doing its best to save the Zionist regime through suppression of governments and nations that are against the West’s policies.

Ahmadinejad underlined the need

to adopt a unified stand in dealing with the bullying powers, and said the arrogant and colonial powers under the guise of backing nations pursue their ill-wishes...”

Ahmadinejad: UN should stop West’s ‘interference’ in Mideast

The Jerusalem Post reports: “Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon that the UN should stop the ‘interference’ of Western governments in Middle Eastern affairs, Iranian news agency ISNA reported.

In a phone call with Ban, Ahmadinejad said: ‘The time is ripe for the UN Secretary General to play a historic and important role in resolving problems to avoid another catastrophe as those in Iraq and Afghanistan.’

He added that the UN Security council ‘is not able to manage regional developments well due to the ill will of the U.S. and some European states.’

‘Added interference of certain European governments as well as the U.S. in regional affairs has made the situation more concerning and complex,’ Ahmadinejad explained.

The Iranian president also said his country ‘is ready to play an active role in ending regional problems.’...”

for his U.S. trip.

The president and U.S. Secretary of State met at the Blair House, where an Israeli flag had been put up to honor the Israeli visitor. Clinton and Peres met one-on-one, however they spoke with the press prior to their meeting, both full of positive projections for

their talk.

In their statement to the press, Peres, who spoke first, said that Clinton’s name for Israel symbolizes ‘true friendship, even in tough times,’ and that Israelis are full of respect for her.

The Israeli president added that the

Middle East is in the midst of 'storm', and he hopes that the recent turmoil that has swept up the region will bring more security, peace and democracy — a change that Israel will support.

Clinton called Peres an 'exceptional leader', lauding him for his pursuit of peace. The U.S. secretary of state said that she and President Obama are looking forward to their meetings with him, concurring with his assessment of the trend of uprisings in the Middle East that has come to be known as the 'Arab Spring' and adding that the revolutions are generational, not an overall upheaval of Arab civilizations.

She added that although this is a time of uprisings and uncertainty, it is also an opportunity for change and progress..." **(Islam does not want democracy. It goes against Sharia Law which believes and promotes the impossibility of democracy and Sharia Law being united because the two orders of law enforcement are opposite and unattainable — II Corinthians 3:17: "...where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty".)**

Security official: Al-Qaida exploiting Libya unrest to acquire weapons

Haaretz reports: "Al-Qaida is exploiting the conflict in Libya to acquire weapons, including surface-to-air missiles, and smuggle them to a stronghold in northern Mali, a security official from neighboring Algeria told *Reuters*."

The official said a convoy of eight Toyota pick-up trucks left eastern Libya, crossed into Chad and then Niger and from there into northern Mali where it delivered a cargo of weapons.

He said the weapons included Russian-made RPG-7 anti-tank rocket-propelled grenades, Kalashnikov heavy machine guns, Kalashnikov rifles, explosives and ammunition.

He also said he had information that

Al-Qaida North African wing, known as al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), had acquired from Libya Russian-made shoulder-fired Strela surface-to-air missiles known by the NATO designation SAM-7.

'A convoy of eight Toyotas full of weapons travelled a few days ago through Chad and Niger and reached northern Mali,' said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity..." **(Al-Qaida, the murderous denomination of Islam is seeking for weapons and especially nukes out of Pakistan. If they succeed, Chernobyl and Japan will exemplify the devastation they will release upon America and much of the world — Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7.)**

Iranian MP: Saudi Regime Nearing Collapse

The Fars News Agency reports: "A senior Iranian legislator deplored the continued suppression of the Bahraini protesters by the Saudi troops deployed in the tiny Persian Gulf island, and warned that the move will result in the accelerated collapse of the al-Saud dynasty in Saudi Arabia."

Pointing to the deployment of Saudi forces in Bahrain, Mahmoud Ahmadi Biqash warned, '...the Wahabi king of Saudi Arabia should know that although he embarked on occupying Bahrain to renew his allegiance and obedience to the U.S. and Britain in a bid to prevent his collapse, we will soon witness the collapse of their (the Al-Saud) medieval dynasty and cruel dictatorship.'

He called on Riyadh to withdraw its forces from Bahrain before it is too late, warning that the Saudis' continued military intervention in Bahrain would be synonymous with the imminent demise of the al-Saud.

Demonstrators in the Shiite-majority Bahrain have been demanding constitutional reforms

as well as an end to the 230-year-old Sunni-led monarchy, with hundreds camping out peacefully in the capital's Pearl Square since February 14th.

Bahraini security forces have been brutally suppressing anti-government protesters. So far, at least 24 people have been killed, almost 100 have gone missing and about 1,000 others have been injured..." **(Nonsense)**

Israel urges Russia to reconsider Syrian arms deal

YnetNews.com reports: "As the unrest in Syria grows, so does the concern that arms deals pursued by the unstable Damascus regime may result in weapons ending up in terror groups' hands."

In an interview with Russian news agency *Interfax*, Israeli Ambassador to Moscow Dorit Golender called on the Kremlin to revisit its intent to finalize a recent arms deal with Syria, which will see the latter get anti-ship cruise missiles.

The deal, which will see Russia supply Syria with two units of P-800 Yakhont missiles, was signed in 2007.

'The situation in Syria is unstable, and can get worse at any time. We hope Russia will take this seriously,' said Golender. 'We believe the risks and possible negative repercussions should be reconsidered.'

'Israel is concerned that weapons delivered to Syria may eventually end up in the hands of terror groups and terrorists, who will use them to carry out attacks on Israel...' **(Israel knows the danger Syria could create against their tiny nation. When World War III occurs, Syria is allied with Russia. Russia is defeated — Ezekiel 39:1, 2, 12, 13; and Damascus, the capital of Syria, becomes a ruinous heap — Isaiah 17:1.)**

THE RUSSIAN BEAR STIRS

Medvedev Orders Security Forces to Crush Militants

Voice of America News reports: "Russian President Dmitry Medvedev is ordering his security forces to crush Islamic insurgents in the Caucasus, saying their criminal activities must be wiped out."

The president met with security officials as Russian authorities announced that airstrikes and an attack on a rebel base in Ingushetia killed 17 militants.

The authorities say Chechen rebel leader Doku Umarov, who has been charged in the January Moscow airport suicide bombing, may be among the dead. Officials are carrying out DNA tests for confirmation.

Russian officials say the militants killed in the operation were training suicide bombers.

Mr. Medvedev said all those he calls bandits and scoundrels must realize that they can either give up or stay and be destroyed..." **(Hurray! Go to it Medvedev!)**

Russia's military space activity increases

SpaceDaily.com reports: "Russia's military space forces in 2010 intensified the level of their activities."

These included maintaining and strengthening the military preparedness of the military's various space units, including the unit responsible for the orbital grouping of spacecraft (KA), ground units of the military's missile attack warning forces (PRN), space surveillance (KKP) and missile defense (PRO) systems, in addition to spacecraft launch and control units.

In 2010 the PRN, KKP and PRO operational forces detected and tracked more than 30 launches both of Russian and foreign space rockets and ballistic missiles, Russia's Ministry of Defense newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* reported.

Last year Space Troops combat teams carried out and supported six classified spacecraft launches supporting Russian Defense Ministry interests.

Ministry of Defense Space Troops also assisted in 18 launches of spacecraft designed to support of Russia's Federal Space Program Global'naia Navigatsionnaia Sputnikovaia Sistema,

the Russian counterpart to the Western Global Positioning System, along with other international cooperation programs and commercial projects..." **(Russia, as mentioned earlier is preparing for World War III and is building massive weaponry for the battle of Armageddon — Revelation 16:16. So much for the START treaty Mr. President — Ezekiel 38 & 39. See also the next report.)**

Russian Military To Buy 36 ICBMs, 2 Missile Subs In 2011

SpaceDaily.com reports: "The Russian Defense Ministry will buy 36 strategic ballistic missiles, two strategic missile submarines and 20 strategic cruise missiles this year, Minister Anatoly Serdyukov said."

Over 19 trillion rubles (\$665 billion) has been set aside for the state arms procurement program, Serdyukov told a military board meeting attended by Russian President Dmitry Medvedev.

The budget will also cover spacecraft (5), warplanes (35), helicopters (109), missile defense systems (21), multirole nuclear powered submarines (3) and a surface warship, he said..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Top defense official: Israel faces isolation 'no less severe than war'

Haaretz reports: "The chief of Israel's diplomatic-security bureau warned that Israel faced an isolation 'no less severe than war' should the United Nations recognize Palestine as an independent state this September."

In remarks carried by Channel

10, General (res.) Amos Gilad said behind doors that the Palestinian Authority leadership was organizing an 'international assault against Israel'.

The Palestinians have warned that if peace talks with Israel do not resume by the deadline set for December, they will ask the UN general assembly to recognize their sovereign state.

'Israel's isolation in September, the

beginning of the isolation, will be no less severe than war,' Gilad told participants in a private session.

The central issue facing Netanyahu come September was whether Israel should enter 'a partnership for peace [with the Palestinians] and spare itself international pressure or go head to head with them,' said Gilad, hinting that the ongoing freeze in the peace

process was likely to bring about a third Intifada...” **(War will certainly come to Israel. God intervenes and saves His beloved people — Zechariah 14:2, 4, 12, 16; Ezekiel 39:1, 2, 6, 12, and 13. The next three reports are all preparatory for World War III mentioned in my notes above.)**

Israel believes Hamas trying to establish 'balance of terror'

Haaretz reports: “A 16-year-old Israeli was critically injured when an anti-tank missile fired from the Gaza Strip hit a school bus near Kibbutz Sa’ad. The missile attack was followed by additional mortar shelling from Gaza. The launch occurred just four to five kilometers from the target, from a point where it was clear students were on board and it was possible to keep the bus within sight.

A senior defense source told *Haaretz* that he believes this was an act by the military wing of the organization, and that their aim was to deter Israel and establish a ‘balance of terror.’

According to the same source, Hamas Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh has no control over the situation and the head of the group’s military wing, Ahmed Jabari, does not take his views into account when deciding military operations against Israel.

The Israel Defense Forces quickly retaliated for the attack, launching both land and air strikes on Hamas targets in the Strip, the IDF spokesperson said, killing a 50-year-old man and wounding five others...”

'Hezbollah prepared to send 100 missiles daily at Tel Aviv'

The Jerusalem Post reports: “Hezbollah would be able to strike Tel Aviv directly from an arsenal of more than 20,000 missiles a recent WikiLeaks cable revealed to the Israeli press by WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange.

During a Joint Political Military

Group meeting in November 2009, Israeli intelligence officials told their U.S. counterparts that ‘Hezbollah was preparing for a long conflict with Israel in which it hopes to launch a massive number of rockets at Israel per day,’ with plans to send ‘400-600 rockets and missiles...per day, 100 of which will be aimed at Tel Aviv.’

Tel Aviv’s mayor Ron Holdai responded to the claim that Hezbollah could slam the city with sustained rocket fire during the Tel Aviv Marathon, saying ‘we live in Israel, and we have threats made to us all the time. If something were to happen we could cope,’ Israel Radio reported...”

Peres: Israel won't agree to Iranian presence in Golan

YnetNews.com reports: “President Shimon Peres said Israel was willing to change things in the Golan Heights, but will not agree to Iranian presence there.

The president spoke after the U.S. State Department expressed ‘deep concern’ over the approved plans for construction of 942 new homes in the neighborhood of Gilo, which lies beyond the 1967 borders. The condemnation was issued just hours after Peres’s meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama.

In an interview with *CNN* during his visit to Washington, Peres said Israel has always desired peace with Damascus and that all former prime ministers have been willing to give up the former Syrian territory in exchange for a deal.

However, the Syrian government must choose between peace with Israel or continuing to ‘service Hezbollah and Iran’, the president said. He added that he is following events in the country, where protests against President Bashar Assad’s regime have proliferated recently...”

DM: Iran to Inaugurate New Production Line of Cruise Missiles Soon

The Fars News Agency reports: “Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier

General Ahmad Vahidi announced that the country is scheduled to inaugurate a new production line of its home-made cruise missiles in the near future.

‘Iran’s Defense Ministry will unveil important arms, marine, aerospace and electro-optic achievements in the new Iranian calendar year (started on March 21),’ General Vahidi said in the Western Iranian city of Kermanshah.

In recent years, Iran has made great achievements in the defense sector and attained self-sufficiency in producing essential military equipment and systems.

In January, Iran successfully test-fired surface-to-air mid-range Hawk missiles and the Iranian Defense Ministry delivered new naval cruise missile systems to the Navy.

The systems, designed and manufactured by Iranian experts, are capable of spotting and destroying different targets at sea.

The Navy has successfully test-fired a range of powerful missiles mounted with laser technology, which display high precision and have a range of 45 km (28 miles) to 300 km (186 miles).

Iran has been pushing an arms development program in recent years in a bid to reach self-sufficiency...” **(Iran will be allied with Russia during Armageddon — Ezekiel 38:1, 2, and 5. Persia changed its name to Iran in 1935. Egypt will also join Iran as an ally with Russia — Daniel 11:40, 44. For more on Egypt see the next report.)**

Egypt's new FM wants ties with Iran

YnetNews.com reports: “Egypt’s new foreign minister, Nabil al-Arabi, said that his country wants to promote ties with Tehran and that Cairo no longer sees Iran as its enemy.

‘Iran is a state in the region, and we have had long-term historical ties with it over the different periods,’ al-Arabi told a press conference. ‘We will turn over a

new leaf with all states, including Iran.’

The foreign minister had no definitive answer to whether Egypt planned to open an embassy in Tehran, however.

No love was lost between the deposed regime of Egypt’s former president,

Hosni Mubarak, and that of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who saw Mubarak as too closely connected with Western powers and Israel.

Al-Arabi was also asked about Hezbollah, of which he said, ‘Hezbollah

is part of Lebanon’s composition, and we see this as an internal matter... If any party wishes to have ties with Egypt there will be nothing preventing us from talking, but we will not become involved in internal matters.’...”

PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

Europe 'losing' superbugs battle

BBC News reports: “Antibiotic-resistant infections have reached unprecedented levels and now outstrip our ability to fight them with existing drugs, European health experts are warning.

Each year in the EU over 25,000 people die of bacterial infections that are able to outsmart even the newest antibiotics.

The World Health Organization says the situation has reached a critical point.

A united push to make new drugs is urgently needed, it says.

Without a concerted effort, people could be dealing with the ‘nightmare scenario’ of a worldwide spread of untreatable infections, says the WHO.

One example is the New Delhi or NDM-1 superbug recently found in UK patients.

They brought the infection back with them from countries like India and Pakistan, which they had visited for medical treatment and cosmetic surgery.

These superbugs are resistant to carbapenem antibiotics, which is concerning for experts because they are some of our most powerful weapons and are used for hard-to-treat infections that evade other drugs...” **(Pestilences — Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:11; Revelation 6:7, 8. See also the next two reports.)**

C.difficile inquiry finds superbug linked to 31 deaths

BBC News reports: “A £2m public inquiry into the outbreak of superbug *C. difficile* in northern trust hospitals has concluded that it was linked to 31 deaths.

The inquiry, chaired by Dame Deirdre Hine, found the superbug was the underlying cause in 15 deaths and a contributory cause in 16.

The report, which sets out 12 recommendations, is highly critical of some of the trust’s practices.

It accepted that some of the practices in the trust had since changed.

The remit of the inquiry was not to apportion blame but to look at the experiences of those affected by the outbreak.

However it was particularly critical of the trust’s communication and described it as ‘inadequate.’

It also identified weaknesses in some of the management systems and said the panel failed to understand why some problems, including the isolation facilities in the A & E were not resolved more quickly.

The report recommended that where possible, patients should be nursed in single rooms and that patients who contract *C. diff* are told of the diagnosis.

The report also said that the traumatic experience of *C. diff* compounded by the failures in

communication and care has for some families lasted well beyond the date when the outbreak was officially declared over...”

38 patients at risk of CJD after surgery in south Wales

BBC News reports: “Thirty eight patients may have been put at risk of contracting Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) during surgery in south Wales, it has been revealed.

Letters have been sent after it was found someone who had an operation in an Abertawe Bro Morgannwg hospital in 2007 was at high risk.

The surgical instruments were then used in other operations but officials say transmission risk was ‘extremely low’.

The subsequent operations took place between 2007 and 2009.

Officials called it the first incident ‘of this magnitude’ in Wales.

Thirty seven of the patients are from mid and west Wales and one is from north Wales.

CJD is a rare fatal disease that causes degeneration of nervous tissues, for example in the brain and spinal cord.

Public Health Wales (PHW) said it did not have a single confirmed case of the rare disease and the only patient at high risk remained well...”

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Thousands of Christians Displaced in Ethiopia

Fox News reports: “Thousands of Christians have been forced to flee their homes in Western Ethiopia after Muslim extremists set fire to roughly 50 churches and dozens of Christian homes.

At least one Christian has been killed, many more have been injured and anywhere from 3,000 to 10,000 have been displaced in the attacks that began March 2 after a Christian in the community of Asendabo was accused of desecrating the Koran.

The violence escalated to the point that federal police forces sent to the area two weeks ago were initially overwhelmed by the mobs. Government spokesman Shimelis Kemal told *Voice of America* police reinforcements had since restored order and 130 suspects had been arrested and charged with instigating religious hatred and violence.

Prime Minister Meles Zenawi said the Islamist group Kwarja is believed to have incited the violence.

‘We believe there are elements of the Kwarja sect and other extremists who have been preaching religious intolerance in the area,’ he said at a press conference. ‘In previous times, we have cracked down on Kwarja because they were involved in violence. Since then they have changed their tactics and they have been able to camouflage their activities through legal channels.’

The string of attacks comes on the heels of several reports of growing anti-Christian tension and violence around the country where Muslims make up roughly one-third of the total population but more than 90 percent of the population in certain areas, 2007 Census data shows.

One of those areas is Besheno where,

on November 9, all the Christians in the city woke up to find notes on their doors warning them to convert to Islam, leave the city or face death, a Christian from Besheno told *FoxNews.com* on condition of anonymity.

‘Under the Egyptian constitution we are supposed to have freedom of religion, but Muslim leaders in our town don’t allow us that right,’ the source said.

Later three Christians in Besheno were assaulted in religiously-motivated attacks and three others were forced to flee the city after being told that Muslim leaders had commissioned hit men to kill them, one of the exiled Christians told *FoxNews.com*...” **(Jude 1:3, 4, 10, 13, 14, and 15 — the Islamic terrorists are destroying Christians in most of the nations where they co-exist. Or do they? Islamic terrorists are barbaric murderers — beware America.)**

Religion may become extinct in nine nations, study says

BBC News reports: “A study using census data from nine countries shows that religion there is set for extinction, say researchers.

The study found a steady rise in those claiming no religious affiliation.

The team’s mathematical model attempts to account for the interplay between the number of religious respondents and the social motives behind being one.

The result, reported at the American Physical Society meeting in Dallas, U.S., indicates that religion will all but die out altogether in those countries.

The team took census data stretching back as far as a century from countries in which the census queried religious affiliation: Australia, Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Finland, Ireland,

the Netherlands, New Zealand and Switzerland.

Nonlinear dynamics is invoked to explain a wide range of physical phenomena in which a number of factors play a part.

One of the team, Daniel Abrams of Northwestern University, put forth a similar model in 2003 to put a numerical basis behind the decline of lesser-spoken world languages.

At its heart is the competition between speakers of different languages, and the ‘utility’ of speaking one instead of another.

‘The idea is pretty simple,’ said Richard Wiener of the Research Corporation for Science Advancement, and the University of Arizona.

‘It posits that social groups that have more members are going to be more attractive to join, and it posits that social groups have a social status or utility.

‘For example in languages, there can be greater utility or status in speaking Spanish instead of [the dying language] Quechuan in Peru, and similarly there’s some kind of status or utility in being a member of a religion or not.’

Dr Wiener continued: ‘In a large number of modern secular democracies, there’s been a trend that folk are identifying themselves as non-affiliated with religion; in the Netherlands the number was 40%, and the highest we saw was in the Czech Republic, where the number was 60%.’

The team then applied their nonlinear dynamics model, adjusting parameters for the relative social and utilitarian merits of membership of the ‘non-religious’ category...” **(Jesus said: “When the Son of man comes, shall he find faith upon the earth?” — Luke 18:8)**