

"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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NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

NETANYAHU: IF IRAN GOES NUCLEAR, MUSLIM WORLD WILL FOLLOW

Haaretz reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned his Greek counterpart in an impromptu meeting that if Iran managed to develop nuclear weapons, the rest of the Muslim world would follow suit.

Netanyahu met George Papandreou while the two were dining separately at the Pushkin restaurant in Moscow, where the prime minister arrived earlier for talks with Russian officials about Iran's contentious nuclear program.

Papandreou recognized Netanyahu and asked if he could join the prime minister's entourage for the evening. The two began by discussing the economic crisis in Greece, but the conversation quickly turned to Israel's efforts to impose harsher sanctions on Iran.

According to an official traveling with the prime minister, Netanyahu told Papandreou that he was concerned Egypt, Turkey and Saudi Arabia would soon begin their own attempts to develop a nuclear weapon should Iran accomplish its own goal.

Such widespread nuclear development would have negative implications on the whole world, Netanyahu warned, and

reiterated that nothing less than harsh sanctions could prevent this phenomenon.

Russia warned Iran meanwhile that it must allay growing international fears over its contentious nuclear program, declaring that the Western push for fresh and harsh sanctions could not be excluded..." (**An atomic war is prophesied when the armies of Russia and her Arab allies as well as the Oriental armies march to the Middle East and attack Israel — Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 5-7, 8, 16; Revelation 16:12, Revelation 9:14-18; Joel 3:2, 20, 30; Psalm 83: 4-7. See also the next article.**)

PERES WARNS OF NUCLEAR MIDEAST

The Jerusalem Post reports: "If the world does not unite to stop Iran's nuclear program, the upshot will be a nuclear Middle East, where ongoing conflicts will be accompanied by nuclear bombs, President Shimon Peres warned during a meeting with Austrian Foreign Minister Michael Spindelegger.

Peres said that he was surprised by the foot-dragging of the international community which still seemed reluctant to recognize Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad for what he is – 'a dictator and a murderer who hangs people in the streets, shoots at unarmed civilians, calls for the destruction of a nation and travels

the world as if he was a legitimate leader.'

Spindelegger said that the urgency of the Iranian issue was understood in Europe as was the need to act in response to statements made by Ahmadinejad. 'There is no other way,' he said.

Spindelegger pledged that Austria, as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, would take constructive measures to ensure that sanctions are imposed on Iran. He was hopeful that the Security Council would not delay its discussions of effective sanctions. He also promised that Austria would work within the European Union towards the advancement of such discussions..."

IRAN CLAIMS TO BE AMONG WORLD'S TOP 15 NUCLEAR STATES

Haaretz reports: "Iran is among the top states in terms of its nuclear technology, the country's atomic chief was quoted as saying by the *Fars* news agency.

'Within the 150 IAEA [International Atomic Energy Agency] member states, we are among the top 15,' Ali-Akbar Salehi claimed.

'We are of course not yet at the same level as Japan but within the Islamic world, we are the number one,' he claimed. 'Even though Pakistan has the atomic bomb but that does not mean that also it possesses all

nuclear technologies,' he added.

According to the IAEA, 436 power reactors are in operation in 30 different countries, although only a handful of them enrich their own uranium. Iran only plans to begin operations at the Russian-built Bushehr nuclear power plant this year.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that Iran has succeeded in producing its first batch of uranium enriched to 20 percent. He also claimed his country's nuclear technicians had the capacity to enrich up to the 80 percent needed for weapons grade material, and was therefore to be counted among the nuclear powers.

The IAEA monitors had not been able to verify the claims of enrichment capacity to 20 percent..." (Ezekiel 38:5 mentions Persia as allied with Russia in Ezekiel 38:1, 2 — Persia changed its name to Iran in 1935.)

IRAN TO 'HIDE NUCLEAR PLANTS INSIDE MOUNTAINS'

Agency France Presse reports: "Iran said it is considering plans to build two new uranium enrichment plants concealed inside mountains to avert air strikes, drawing condemnation from the United States.

The announcement from Iran's atomic chief Ali Akbar Salehi came soon after top U.S. General David Petraeus warned that Washington would now pursue a 'pressure track' against Iran to thwart its galloping nuclear program.

'Inshallah (God willing), in the next Iranian year (starting in March) as ordered by the president we may start the construction of two new enrichment sites,' Salehi told *ISNA* news agency.

Last November, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced Iran would build 10 new uranium enrichment plants, after Tehran was strongly rebuked by world powers for building a second enrichment

plant near the Shiite holy city of Qom.

Salehi said the enrichment capacities of the new sites would be similar to the existing facility in the central city of Natanz, where a defiant Tehran is refining uranium despite three sets of U.N. sanctions.

According to the latest U.N. nuclear watchdog report, Iran has installed in Natanz 8,610 centrifuges, the device which rotates at supersonic speed to enrich uranium.

Of these, 3,772 centrifuges are actively enriching uranium under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Salehi said the new plants will be equipped with new generation centrifuges and the facilities would be hidden in mountains so as to protect them from 'any attacks...' (Their scheme will fail — Ezekiel 39:1, 2, 12, 13. See also Isaiah 34:3 and Ezekiel 38:20. Could these three Biblical texts unfold God's plan to bring down Ahmadinejad's hidden plants inside of mountainous terrain?)

CONFUSION AT THE NUCLEAR TABLE

IRAN'S SUPREME LEADER KHAMENEI SAYS ISLAM OPPOSES NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Voice of America News reports: "Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is reiterating a previous claim that Islam is 'opposed to nuclear weapons,' insisting that Tehran is not trying to build them. Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency is also calling a leaked report that Tehran is working to build a nuclear warhead 'baseless.'

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei christened a new, Iranian-built warship, as a military band honored him on the ship's deck. Addressing a crowd of military commanders after the ceremony, he told them that 'Islam is opposed to nuclear weapons and that Tehran is not working to build them.'

Iran's ambassador to the International

Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna indicated earlier that Tehran had informed the new IAEA director Yukiya Amano that it had started enriching 20 percent grade uranium for its medical research reactor in Tehran.

'Even if the nuclear agency would continue for ten more years, the result would be the same,' he said. 'If a new director general comes, again, [he] will report the same, because we are absolutely sure and we have assured the international community that all are activities are exclusively for peaceful purposes.'

Ambassador Soltaniyah added that a leaked report claiming Tehran was trying to build a nuclear warhead is 'baseless,' because the documents have 'no confidential or secret stamps.' The West, he argued, is trying to distort the nature of Iran's nuclear program for political purposes.

'Our advice is, in fact, to stop [these] political challenges and debates in the IAEA. Let the IAEA begin new director general to focus on their purely technical and professional work,' he said..." (Khamenei's quotation above is opposed by other Islamic clerics or Imams in Iran — Matthew 7:15.)

IRANIAN SPIRITUAL LEADER: NUKES ARE A RELIGIOUS OBLIGATION

Israel National News reports: "Ayatollah Masbah Yazdi, the spiritual teacher of Iran's dictator Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, says that the acquisition of nuclear weapons is a religious obligation. So reports the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (ITIC), headquartered in Ramat HaSharon.

Yazdi, considered one of the leading religious thinkers in Iran, authored a book

in which he wrote that attaining the ability to independently produce 'special combat means of a specific type' is not only a military obligation for Iran, but also a religious one.

Just ten days ago, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the opposite. Speaking to army commanders at the launch of a new Iranian naval destroyer, Khamenei said, 'Our religious beliefs are against the use of [nuclear] weapons. We in no way believe in an atomic weapon and do not seek one.'

Yazdi wrote that the country's leaders need not fear the financial costs of producing atomic weapons, as these would be more than compensated for by the 'Divine and Messianic aid' that would result.

ITIC acknowledges that the prevalent approach in official Iran is as Khamenei said, namely, that Islam forbids the development of nuclear weapons. However, no official ruling to this effect is known, nor 'is it reasonable to assume that this would prevent the regime from developing' such weapons, ITIC says.

'We must manufacture, here at home, the most advanced weapons,' Yazdi wrote, 'even if it doesn't please our enemies. There is no reason that they should have the right to manufacture [such] weapons, while other countries are denied this right...' **(Apparently Ayatollah Masbah Yardzi interprets the Koran differently. I believe this report reveals Ali Khamenei's distorted cover up. See Amos 3:3.)**

KHAMENEI: IRAN NOT SEEKING BOMB

The Jerusalem Post reports: "Supreme Iranian Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

said that was not seeking nuclear weapons, a day after the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) published a report expressing concern the Islamic republic may develop a nuclear-armed missile.

In the report, the IAEA expressed concern for the first time that Iran may currently be working on ways to turn enriched uranium into a nuclear warhead, adding that Iran managed to make a minute amount of near 20-percent enriched uranium within days of starting production from lower-enriched material.

'The West's accusations are baseless because our religious beliefs bar us from using such weapons ... we do not believe in atomic weapons and are not seeking that,' Iranian state television quoted Khamenei as saying in a report cited by *Reuters*..

Iran's envoy to the IAEA, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, also rejected the U.N. watchdog's report, saying the documents cited in the report were 'fabricated and thus do not have any validity,' *AFP* reported.

'None of the documents had any confidential or secret stamps on them,' Soltanieh reportedly said. 'And thus it was proved that all of the documents have been fabricated and are baseless and thus do not have any validity.'

Soltanieh went on to say that 'the issue of the missile or explosives has nothing to do with the IAEA's charter and function.'...'' **(More discredited statements by Iran's leading deceiver. Jesus alone is the Way, Truth and the Life — John 14:6. See the opposing view in the next report.)**

IRAN COULD BE BUILDING A WARHEAD, SAYS U.N. INSPECTOR

The Guardian.co.uk reports: "The U.N.'s nuclear watchdog raised concerns for the first time yesterday that Iran might be developing a nuclear warhead for a missile.

In his first report on Iran, the new director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Yukiya Amano, suggested Iran could have looked into the construction of a weapon, and that work on a weapon could be under way.

Amano's report to the IAEA board also confirmed that Iran had succeeded in producing 20% enriched uranium, a level of enrichment much closer to weapons grade than it had attempted before. It criticized the Iranian authorities for taking the step without giving IAEA inspectors notice.

In an unexplained development that is likely to further raise international anxiety about Iran's intentions, the IAEA noted that Iranian technicians had moved almost the entire stock of low enriched uranium (LEU), nearly 2,000kg, to a pilot plant being used to produce the 20% enriched fuel. That is far more than would be needed for its ostensible purpose — to provide fuel for a medical research reactor.

Iran also has installed or plans to install a series of production lines for the manufacture of metal using natural, depleted and enriched uranium. Highly enriched uranium (HEU) metal has some limited civilian applications, but it also used to form the core of a nuclear weapon...' **(Since the Shia messiah Mahdi cannot appear until Ahmadinejad has blown Israel off the global map, he certainly must have weapons matching Pakistan's nuclear weapons to fulfill his demented dream — Luke 21:26.)**

NEWS FROM ASIA

CHINA VOWS SANCTIONS AGAINST U.S. COMPANIES WILL GO FORWARD

Voice of America News reports: "The rift between China and the United States looks far from healing as Beijing reiterates its plan to punish U.S. companies following disagreements between the two countries.

Beijing's anger at Washington over a range of issues from arms sales to Taiwan and the U.S. president's meeting with Tibet's exiled leader the Dalai Lama, showed no signs of abating...

Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang reaffirmed punitive sanctions against American companies would go ahead,

because of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan. In addition, China is angry over U.S. positions on a number of issues, including trade, human rights and allegations of Chinese cyber-attacks on U.S. organizations.

He says it is up to the United States to heal relations.

Qin says that China demands that the

U.S. seriously regard China's position and take credible measures to undo the damage done. And, he says, sanctions against U.S. companies will go ahead.

Qin refused, however, to say when sanctions would come into effect..." **(There is trouble ahead because America has vowed to protect Taiwan if China moves against their nation — II Timothy 3:1 "perilous [dangerous] times shall come.")**

CONCERNS GROW OVER CHINA'S SALE OF U.S. BONDS

The London Daily Telegraph reports: "Evidence is mounting that Chinese sales of U.S. Treasury bonds over recent months are intended as a warning shot to Washington over escalating political disputes rather than being part of a routine portfolio shift as thought at first.

A front-page story in the state's *China Information News* said the record \$34bn sale of U.S. bonds in December was a 'commendable' move. The article was republished by the National Bureau of Statistics, giving it a stronger imprimatur.

It follows a piece in *China Daily*, the Politburo's voice, citing an official from the Chinese Academy of Sciences praising the move to 'slash' holdings of U.S. debt. This was published on the same day that U.S. President Barack Obama received the Dalai Lama at the White House, defying protests from Beijing.

'There are ongoing spats between the U.S. and China on so many fronts so you have to assume that this is some sort of implicit threat,' said Neil Mellor, a currency expert at the Bank of New York Mellon, who cautioned that it can be hard to read the complex signals from China.

'We still think China will have to continue buying U.S. Treasuries by the bucket load. Where else can they invest in a liquid market. The euro has become a tarnished currency,' he said.

China's power is growing so fast that it now feels confident enough to raise the stakes on a string of festering conflicts with the U.S. It has threatened to impose sanctions on any U.S. firm that takes part in a \$6.4bn arms deal for Taiwan agreed by the White House. This is a tougher response than on any previous occasion and raises the spectre of a trade war over Boeing, the key supplier.

'Chinese leaders are deploying their reserves to try and pressure the U.S. to stop haranguing China about its currency and trade policies, and to back off from interference in its domestic issues,' said professor Eswar Prasad, ex-head of the IMF's China division..." **(The U.S.A. would be in a state of turmoil if China turned in her \$2 trillion dollars worth of America's notes held by them — James 5: 1 — 4; Revelation 18:10, 17, 19.)**

ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES INTERCEPTED FROM NORTH KOREA ALARMS SCIENTISTS

Voice of America News reports: "A group of American scientists is expressing alarm at a possible attempt by North Korea to ship portable anti-aircraft missile systems abroad. The missiles were part of an airborne cargo intercepted by authorities in Thailand in December.

The Federation of American Scientists, based in Washington, is urging more vigilance by the international community after the discovery of so-called MANPADS

missile systems aboard a cargo plane loaded in North Korea.

The plane was intercepted during a landing in Thailand. The U.S. group cites a report to the United Nations Security Council as saying the plane contained 'five crates' of MANPADS, which stands for man-portable air defense system.

'These are normally shoulder-fired, always man-portable, surface-to-air missiles,' said Matt Schroeder, the manager of the FAS Arms Sales Monitoring Project.

The missiles are usually built to target the heat signature of airplane engines. Schroeder says when used properly, they can literally empower a single individual to take down an aircraft.

'They've been used in 48 confirmed instances against civilian aircraft, which has resulted in 45 shoot-downs. Recent hotspots for illicit MANPADS activity are Somalia, the horn of Africa, Iraq, and then Russia — that was when the Chechen conflict was heating up,' he said.

International diplomats say shipping such weapons is a clear violation of United Nations sanctions against North Korea following its second test of a nuclear weapon last May. Schroeder says it presents a unique challenge for global leaders..." **(This weapon is exceedingly dangerous as terrorists using it could bring down planes with a simple shoulder fired missile by a terrorist who is lying in a field or any concealed place. "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" — Luke 21:26.)**

RUMBLINGS FROM IRAN

IRAN TO BAN AIRLINES NOT USING THE TERM 'PERSIAN GULF'

BBC News reports: "Iran has warned that airlines will be banned from flying into its airspace, unless they use the term 'Persian Gulf' on their in-flight monitors.

The transport minister has threatened to impound planes that fail to comply.

The nation is most insistent that the

stretch of water separating it from its southern neighbors should be known as the Persian Gulf.

To call it the Gulf, annoys the authorities, to call it the Arabian Gulf, infuriates them even more.

Conferences are held to make the matter quite clear, an ancient map with definitive proof of the correct name was sent on a world tour.

And recently a foreign member of the cabin crew working for an Iranian airline was sacked and expelled from Iran when he got it wrong.

Now the Iranian transport minister has given foreign airlines 15 days to change the name to Persian Gulf on their in-flight monitors.

If they failed, they would be prevented from entering Iranian airspace, he warned.

And if the offence was repeated, foreign airliners would be grounded and refused permission to leave Iran.

Numerous Arab airlines fly into Iran every day, not to mention Europeans and others, so it remains to be seen how they will respond..." **(This headline is shocking since Iran is the nation called Persia mentioned in Ezekiel 38:5.)**

AHMADINEJAD: ARAB WORLD WILL USHER IN NEW MIDEAST WITHOUT ZIONISTS

Haaretz reports: "Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that Arab nations will usher in a new Middle East without Zionists and without colonialists.

Ahmadinejad made the comments during his visit in Syria, where he met with President Bashar Assad, opening a two-day visit that follows U.S. efforts to break up Syria's 30-year alliance with Tehran.

The Iranian president also said that 'if the Zionist regime wants to repeat its past mistakes, this will constitute its demise and annihilation.'

Assad signaled his strong support for Iran, saying America's stance toward the country is a 'new situation of colonialism in the region.'

Ahmadinejad said Iran, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon will all stand against Israel.

'(The Americans) want to dominate the region but they feel Iran and Syria are preventing that,' Ahmadinejad said during a news conference with Assad. 'We tell them that instead of interfering in the region's affairs, to pack their things and leave.'

Ahmadinejad is also scheduled to meet senior officials from the militant groups Hamas and Hezbollah, Syria's state-run news agency said.

Before leaving Tehran, Ahmadinejad told reporters that 'the Zionist regime and its sponsors' are rapidly approaching a dead-end, according to the Iranian Students News Agency. Ahmadinejad also said that Iran and Syria have common viewpoints and stances and Syria is on the frontline against Israel..." **(Isaiah 56:5 is God's promise that this 21st century Hitler will not have his heart's desire fulfilled because Yahweh God will give Israel "an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off:")**

IRAN'S AHMADINEJAD CALLS SEPT 11 "BIG FABRICATION"

Reuters reports: "Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called the September 11 attacks on the United States a 'big fabrication' that was used to justify the U.S. war on terrorism, the official *IRNA* news agency reported.

Ahmadinejad, who often rails against the West and Israel, made the comment in a meeting with Intelligence Ministry personnel.

It came amid escalating tension in the long-running dispute between Iran and the West over Tehran's nuclear program, with the United States pushing for new U.N. sanctions against the major oil producer.

Ahmadinejad described the destruction of the twin towers in New York on September 11, 2001 as a 'complicated intelligence scenario and act,' *IRNA* reported.

He added: 'The September 11 incident was a big fabrication as a pretext for the campaign against terrorism and a prelude for staging an invasion against Afghanistan.' He did not elaborate.

Nearly 3,000 people died in the hijacked airliner attacks on New York and Washington, which were carried out by al Qaeda operatives.

In January, Ahmadinejad termed the September 11 attacks 'suspicious' and accused the West of seeking to dominate the Middle East.

Ahmadinejad, who has called for Israel to be wiped off the map, was re-elected in a disputed presidential vote last June that stirred the largest display of internal unrest in the country since the 1979 Islamic revolution..." **(Only an unlearned idiot could claim the above information as valid. Ahmadinejad reminds me of the story of Balaam and his donkey. I wish the verse could be repeated in our day: "...Balaam... was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet" — II Peter 2:15, 16.)**

IRAN MAKING NEW SMART BOMBS

SpaceWar.com reports: "With defense and acrimony building in the Persian Gulf, Iran announced plans to test a new laser-guided bomb.

Iran's *Fars News Agency* reported that a prototype of the 2,000-pound smart bomb

would be tested 'in the near future,' the country's air force commander Brig. Gen Hassan Shahsafi said.

He said the smart bomb, dubbed Qassed-2, had a longer range and better vision than its earlier version, the Qassed-1. That weapon made its debut four years ago and has since then been in mass production. Qassed is interpreted as 'messenger'.

It was not immediately clear how advanced the prototype is and whether it would be available for mass production.

Western military experts seemed skeptical of the announcement, saying the Islamic Republic had a history of declaring military advancements prematurely as a means of saber-rattling.

Others speculated that 'the announcement of the Qassed-2 is a move of brinkmanship to discourage the Gulf emirate states of Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates from participating in the expansion of the United States' Patriot missile defense system,' the Threat Matrix reported..." **(Iran's goal is the fulfillment of Psalm 83:4 "...let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." God has promised Israel 120 times that they, as a nation, will exist forever. See the next three reports and apply this message to all the threatening headlines.)**

'IRAN DEVELOPING MASSIVE LAUNCH SITE'

The *Jerusalem Post* reports: "Iran is building a new rocket launch site with North Korean assistance, *Israel Radio* quoted *IHS Jane's* as reporting.

The new launcher, constructed near an existing rocket base in the Semnan province east of Teheran, is visible in satellite imagery, according to the report.

The defense intelligence group said the appearance of the launcher suggests assistance from North Korea, and that it may be intended to launch the Simorgh, a long-range Iranian-made missile unveiled in early February and officially intended to be used as a space-launch vehicle (SLV). SLV's can be converted to be used as long-range ballistic missiles for military purposes.

Both the missile and the launch pad, which according to *Jane's* is large enough to accommodate it, point to cooperation from

Pyongyang.

Tal Inbar, head of the Space Research Center at the Fisher Institute for Air and Space Strategic Studies, said shortly after the unveiling of the Simorgh that the rocket is a worrisome development since the missile could one day be adapted into an ICBM, capable of carrying a nuclear warhead.

After analyzing images of the missile, Inbar said that it appeared to currently be powered by liquid fuel, but could one day be configured to work with a solid fuel propellant, a technology that the Iranians have already begun using in their Sajil ballistic missile, which has a range of around 2,500 km.

‘This is a major technological breakthrough and could mean that the Iranians are on their way to obtaining an ICBM,’ he said...’

AHMADINEJAD WARNS ISRAEL AGAINST ANY MILITARY MOVE

Reuters reports: “Iran’s President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Israel should be resisted and finished off if it launched military action in the region, state broadcaster *IRIB* reported.

Ahmadinejad’s comments were made when the president spoke over the telephone with his Syrian counterpart...

Syria — a key regional ally of Iran — accused Israel of pushing the Middle East toward a new war.

Lebanese Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri, in an interview said Israeli aircraft were making daily incursions into Lebanese air space, creating a very dangerous situation.

‘We have reliable information... that the Zionist regime is after finding a way to compensate for its ridiculous defeats from the people of Gaza and Lebanon’s Hezbollah,’ Ahmadinejad told Syria’s Bashar al-Assad, referring to conflicts in 2006 and 2009.

‘If the Zionist regime should repeat its mistakes and initiate a military operation, then it must be resisted with full force to put an end to it once and for all.’

Ahmadinejad, who has often predicted the imminent demise of the Jewish state, said Iran would remain on the side of regional nations including Syria, Lebanon and Palestine.

The Islamic Republic does not recognize Israel, which it refers to as the Zionist regime. Israel sees Iran’s nuclear program as an existential threat and has not ruled out military action if diplomacy fails to resolve the row.

Iran, the world’s fifth-largest crude exporter, says it would retaliate for any attack on its nuclear facilities which it says are part of a peaceful energy program but which the West suspects are aimed at making bombs...’

AHMADINEJAD MANEUVERING HIZBULLAH AND ISRAEL INTO WAR?

Israel National News reports: “Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is reportedly angling to start another war between Israel and the Lebanese Hezbollah terrorist group in order to deflect attention away from his own lack of popularity at home. Ahmadinejad has faced constant friction from grassroots opposition movements since last June, when lopsided election results re-electing the president raised red flags among suspicious voters, who suspected the government had rigged the polls.

‘As Israel is beating the war drums four years after its humiliating military defeat against Hezbollah, many believe that Ahmadinejad might exploit another conflict between Israel and the militant group as a way of resolving his own lack of legitimacy inside Iran,’ wrote *Iran’s Green Voice* newspaper.

The publication, which represents the ‘green’ anti-government protest movement in Iran, noted that many Hezbollah terrorists were involved in the violent post-presidential election crackdowns on protestors who demonstrated for weeks against the results.

The newspaper identified as one example Hossein Manif Ashmar, a member of the

Iranian Revolutionary Guard force that attacked the northern Tehran campaign office of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi on election day, June 12, 2009. The paper said Ashmar, who has been living in the country since the mid-1990s, also works at Hezbollah headquarters in Iran. Two of his brothers died as ‘shaheeds’ (martyrs) — both as members of the Hezbollah terrorist group.

The report also alleged that Hezbollah was the beneficiary of a gift of \$400 million from its Iranian handlers during ‘Iran-Lebanon Friendship Week.’...’

PERES CALLS FOR ‘TOTAL’ WORLD ISOLATION OF AHMADINEJAD

Haaretz reports: “President Shimon Peres said Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad must face ‘total’ international isolation, adding that his anti-Israel rhetoric was only a cover for his ambitions for Iranian hegemony in the Middle East.

‘A person like Ahmadinejad, who calls openly to destroy the state of Israel, cannot be a full member of the United Nations,’ Peres said, as he met visiting U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden in Jerusalem.

‘A man who calls for acts of terror, and who hangs people in the street ... he should be placed in his proper definition. He cannot go around almost like a cultural hero,’ Peres said.

‘Ahmadinejad has to be isolated and not be welcomed in the capitals of the world,’ Peres said.

Peres urged Washington to ‘surround Iran with an envelope’ to protect Israel against Tehran’s ‘missiles and nuclear threat’.

‘We have trust in President [Barack] Obama,’ Peres told visiting U.S. Vice President Joe Biden. But when it comes to Iran’s contentious nuclear program, said Peres, ‘Nobody knows exactly what they are doing...’ (30 nations presently agree to supply Israel’s protection. “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee” — Psalm 122:6.

CALLING FOR JIHAD

IRAN’S KHAMENEI URGES JIHAD UNITY

YnetNews.com reports: “Iran’s Supreme Leader Grand Ayatollah Ali Khamenei met

Hamas Politburo Chief Khaled Mashaal and told him that the liberation of Palestine will only be achieved through further resistance.

‘Palestine will be liberated through the

Palestinian people’s tough resistance and unity among jihad groups. Those who support Zionism will be shamefully ushered off the stage of history and departing with a

tarnished image,' Khamenei said during the meeting, which was also attended by Ahmad Jibril, secretary-general of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Islamic Jihad Secretary-General Ramadan Shallah.

The three terror leaders arrived in Iran in order to participate in a conference supporting the Palestinians. They met in Damascus with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad who said that Israel 'was doomed' and urged them to remain alert to the possibility of an Israeli strike..."

GADDAFI URGES JIHAD AGAINST SWITZERLAND

YnetNews.com reports: "Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi called for a 'jihad' or

armed struggle against Switzerland, saying it was an infidel state that was destroying mosques.

'Any Muslim in any part of the world who works with Switzerland is an apostate, is against (the Prophet) Muhammad, God and the Koran,' Gaddafi said during a meeting in the eastern Libyan city of Benghazi to mark the Prophet's birthday.

'The masses of Muslims must go to all airports in the Islamic world and prevent any Swiss plane landing, to all harbors and prevent any Swiss ships docking, inspect all shops and markets to stop any Swiss goods being sold,' Gaddafi said.

The Swiss Foreign Ministry said it had no

comment on Gaddafi's remarks.

U.N. Director-General Sergei Ordzhonikidze said that calls for jihad by a head of state were 'inadmissible'.

Asked by journalists about one state calling for jihad against the other, Ordzhonikidze said: 'I believe that such declarations on the part of the head of state are inadmissible in international relations.'..." **(Islam, through various religious leaders' states: "We will give up millions of our people if their deaths will cause our flag to fly over all nations." Ahmadinejad is even attempting to create an Islamic New World Order.)**

CYBER THREATS

FBI DIRECTOR WARNS OF GROWING CYBER THREAT

Reuters reports: "In a speech to an Internet security conference, Mueller said militant groups like al Qaeda had primarily used the Internet to recruit members and plan attacks, but had made clear they also see it as a target.

'Terrorists have shown a clear interest in pursuing hacking skills and they will either train their own recruits or hire outsiders with an eye toward combining physical attacks with cyber attacks,' Mueller said.

He noted a cyberattack could have the same impact as a 'well-placed bomb.'

Mueller added that some foreign governments, which he did not identify, also posed a threat by seeking to use the Internet for espionage.

'Apart from the terrorist threat, nation-states may use the Internet as a means of attack for political ends,' he said.

'Nation-state hackers or mercenaries for hire' as well as rogue hackers or international criminal syndicates are targeting government networks, Mueller added.

'They seek our technology, our intelligence, our intellectual property, even our military weapons and strategies.'..." **(A cyber attack via computers or an**

electromagnetic pulse attack could paralyze a nation for months as failed computers or a blast 300 miles above the earth create a nuclear mix with gamma rays in space and a magnetic field catastrophe as the rays hit the earth — Luke 21:11, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32.)

U.S. LIFTS LID ON TOP-SECRET PLAN FOR INTERNET SECURITY

BBC News reports: "The White House has declassified parts of a top secret plan outlining how government will protect the nation's computer networks from cyber warfare.

The announcement by cybersecurity czar Howard Schmidt was made at the world's biggest security event.

The move is aimed at encouraging greater co-operation between academia, government and the private sector.

'We have to fully recognise the importance cybersecurity has in our lives,' Mr. Schmidt said.

'We must continue to seek out innovative new partnerships — not only within government, but also among industry, government and the American public,' he told delegates at the event, hosted by the security company RSA in San Francisco.

It was his first major speech to industry

peers since being appointed to the job in December 2009.

The Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI) was introduced in 2008 by then-President George W Bush..." **(The damage resulting from either a cyber or electromagnetic pulse nuclear attack could cause a disaster throughout a nation as all electrical operations cease and the nation is at a total standstill. This is predicted in God's Word especially for the 7-year tribulation period — Matthew 24:29. It's during this attack that a blazing light from East to West occurs for all the world to witness and it's Christ's return in Matthew 24:27.)**

U.S. OFFICIALS REHEARSE FENDING OFF CYBERATTACK

Breitbart.com reports: "A cyber attack disabled U.S. cell phone networks, slowed Internet traffic to a crawl and crippled America's power grid — all in the interest of beefing up U.S. security.

The simulated exercise was in fact a dress rehearsal meant to give U.S. leaders practice in responding to a future devastating cyber-assault.

Dubbed 'Cyber ShockWave' and organized by the Bipartisan Policy Center

(BPC), the event was held at a Washington hotel room transformed for the day into the White House Situation Room, where the president and his advisers typically meet to address national emergencies.

In the simulation, former top U.S. officials debated how to respond as the power grid in the eastern United States was virtually shut down by a stealth cyber attack and a pair of bombings, cutting electricity to tens of millions of homes.

Three large television screens behind the participants displayed multi-color maps of the United States with a series of alarming updates and a fictional television network, ‘GNN,’ broadcast news reports on the cascading crisis.

‘You’re going to see planes being grounded now. You’re going to see trains not moving,’ said Fran Townsend, former president George W. Bush’s one-time Homeland Security advisor, who was promoted to Homeland Security secretary for the simulation.

The ‘cabinet members’ debated how to respond to the situation and what advice to give the president, with suggestions ranging from calling out the National Guard, nationalizing the power companies and retaliating once the attackers’ identities were known.

‘If this is an attack on the United States the president, as commander-in-chief, has the authority to use the full powers at his disposal,’ said former deputy attorney general Jamie Gorelick, playing the role of the U.S. attorney general.

‘We’re in good shape from a command

and control standpoint,’ said ‘Secretary of Defense’ Charles Wald, a retired general and the former deputy commander of U.S. European Command.

‘We can take action offensively if we know where to go,’ Wald said. ‘Problematically, we don’t know where that is.’

The Cyber ShockWave simulation was drawn up by Michael Hayden, a former CIA director, and members of the BPC’s National Security Preparedness Group...”

CYBERSECURITY BILL TO GIVE PRESIDENT NEW EMERGENCY POWERS

The Hill.com reports: “The president would have the power to safeguard essential federal and private Web resources under draft Senate cybersecurity legislation.

According to an aide familiar with the proposal, the bill includes a mandate for federal agencies to prepare emergency response plans in the event of a massive, nationwide cyberattack.

The president would then have the ability to initiate those network contingency plans to ensure key federal or private services did not go offline during a cyber-attack of unprecedented scope, the aide said.

Ultimately, the legislation is chiefly the brainchild of Sens. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.) and Olympia Snowe (R-Maine), the chairman and ranking member of the Senate Commerce Committee, respectively. Both lawmakers have long clamored for

a federal cybersecurity bill, charging that current measures — including the legislation passed by the House last year — are too piecemeal to protect the country’s Web infrastructure.

Their renewed focus arrives on the heels of two, high-profile cyberattacks last month: A strike on Google, believed to have originated in China, and a separate, more disjointed attack that affected thousands of businesses worldwide.

Rockefeller and Snowe’s forthcoming bill would establish a host of heretofore absent cybersecurity prevention and response measures, an aide close to the process said. The bill will ‘significantly [raise] the profile of cybersecurity within the federal government,’ while incentivizing private companies to do the same, according to the aide...

Privacy groups are nonetheless likely to take some umbrage at Rockefeller and Snowe’s latest effort, an early draft of which leaked late last year.

When early reports predicted the cybersecurity measure would allow the president to ‘declare a cybersecurity emergency,’ online privacy groups said they felt that would endow the White House with overly ambiguous and far-reaching powers to regulate the Internet...” **(Let’s pray that America will be protected before the time of tribulation as our leaders work to create a cyber security bill.)**

THE EU SUPERSTATE

GREECE LOSES EU VOTING POWER IN BLOW TO SOVEREIGNTY

The London Daily Telegraph reports: “The European Union has shown its righteous wrath by stripping Greece of its vote at a crucial meeting, the worst humiliation ever suffered by an EU member state.

The council of EU finance ministers said Athens must comply with austerity demands by March 16 or lose control over its own tax and spend policies altogether.

If it fails to do so, the EU will itself impose cuts under the draconian Article 126.9 of the Lisbon Treaty in what would amount to economic suzerainty.

While the symbolic move to suspend Greece of its voting rights at one meeting makes no practical difference, it marks a constitutional watershed and represents a crushing loss of sovereignty.

‘We certainly won’t let them off the hook,’ said Austria’s finance minister, Josef Pröll, echoing views shared by colleagues

in Northern Europe. Some German officials have called for Greece to be denied a vote in all EU matter until it emerges from ‘receivership’...” **(This is the beginning of the loss of sovereignty by a nation as was passed recently by the acceptance of the Lisbon Treaty. The 27 European Union nations accepted the loss of sovereignty (personal control). It will become compulsory for all nations when the New World Order arrives — Revelation 17:13.)**