

*"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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# ECONOMIC EARTHQUAKE

## **Euro in danger: Germans trigger panic over future of single currency**

*The Times Online* reports: "Shocked European ministers are preparing for emergency talks to shore up the euro after markets fell in reaction to panic measures in Germany.

Angela Merkel stunned EU capitals by warning that the euro was in danger and triggered fears of a fresh financial meltdown by announcing a ban on risky trading practices by speculators. The German Chancellor's actions opened up new cracks in the single currency, drawing sharp criticism from France and prompting Brussels to issue an appeal for unity.

Shares in London plunged by nearly 3 per cent, with similar falls in Paris, Berlin and Madrid. The euro plummeted to a new low against the dollar before making a slight recovery.

European finance ministers, who have just hammered out a massive rescue plan for Greece, will hear controversial calls from Germany at a meeting for changes to the Lisbon treaty to give Brussels powers to coordinate national budgets.

Ms. Merkel believes that the EU should

have stronger powers to organize the 'orderly insolvency' of countries such as Greece that set giveaway budgets with no means of paying for them. After announcing a ban on speculative share trading in Germany's top financial institutions and the bonds of Eurozone countries until next March, she warned: 'This challenge is existential and we have to rise to it. The euro is in danger. If we don't deal with this danger, then the consequences for us in Europe are incalculable . . . If the euro fails, then Europe fails.'

Her apocalyptic warning came as David Cameron prepared for his first visit as Prime Minister to Paris and Berlin, where he is likely to come under pressure to commit more British funds to EU bailout programs.

His desire to build relations with Ms. Merkel will be tempered by his reluctance to see any more powers transferred to Brussels. However, with 54 per cent of Britain's exports going to Europe, the economy is not immune to the effects of the euro's problems..." **(America and the entire world are facing financial collapse — as predicted in James 5:1-4 and Revelation 18:17, 19. This could lead to the world's final sign — an implanted**

**microchip, the "666" mark of Revelation 13:16-18 — to buy or sell. See also the next three reports.)**

## **Medvedev: Russia Concerned About European Currency Crisis**

*Voice of America News* reports: "Russian President Dmitri Medvedev has urged the European Union to stabilize its common currency, saying a stable euro is important for EU trade partners, including Russia.

Mr. Medvedev told reporters in Germany that Russia is not indifferent to the fate of the European single currency, because it keeps part of its foreign currency reserves in euros.

The Russian president arrived in Germany to discuss global and bilateral issues with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

After speaking with the German leader, Mr. Medvedev expressed confidence that a package of EU measures put in place to help stabilize the euro will work..."

## **Angela Merkel's government threatened with collapse**

*The Guardian.co.uk* reports: "German chancellor Angela Merkel's centre-right

coalition government looked to be close to collapse, weakened by a string of disagreements and intense infighting over austerity cuts, policy reform and the departure of senior conservatives.

Less than eight months after it took office, the government was given only a narrow chance of running to a full term by the majority of Germans, 53% of whom said in a poll they expected it to fall.

‘Either we get things sorted out in Berlin, or it will soon be the end for the coalition,’ said Jorg-Uwe Hahn, head of the Hessen branch of the Free Democrats (FDP), the junior coalition allies of the Christian Democrat Union (CDU) and its Bavarian sister party, the CSU. Renate Künast, leader of the opposition Greens, said: ‘The phrase ‘new elections’ is in the head and the heart of anyone who is thinking in a politically responsible way.’

Merkel called for the government partners to bury the hatchet over their disagreements after a week when relations reached such a low that members of her government had variously referred to each other as ‘wild pigs’ and ‘gherkin troops’ (rank amateurs).

But much of the mistrust and anger is being directed at Merkel herself. *Spiegel* magazine called her the Trummerfrau, a reference to German women who cleared away the rubble after Second World War bombings. It painted a picture of a woman presiding over a government in ruins

and used its title page to request the government in one word to ‘Aufhören!’, or stop...”

### **Iran Prepared to Block Gulf Oil and Wreck Western Economies**

*Israel National News* reports: “Iran’s recently-concluded war games concentrated on preparations to block the Persian Gulf and wreck Western economies in the event that the United Nations Security Council tries to place harsh sanctions against it.

Forty percent of the world’s oil and gas sails through the Persian Gulf, and an Iranian blockade would cause an inflationary spike in energy prices and a fuel shortage that could cause catastrophe for the West, which is dependent on Iranian crude to fuel their gas-hungry economies.

Public affairs consultant Lenny Ben-David, a former senior Israeli diplomat in Israel’s embassy in Washington, pointed out on Cutting Edge.com that the Islamic Republic stopped, searched or photographed several Western ships during the eight-day war games.

The Revolutionary Navy searched a French and an Italian vessel for ‘environmental’ checks, buzzed the U.S. Eisenhower in what American officials called a ‘close encounter,’ and patrolled the Gulf, also known as the Straits of Hormuz, stopping and checking destroyers

and cargo ships.

The Iranian Air Force also drove away a U.S. reconnaissance drone that was monitoring Iran’s massive Gulf military exercises.

During and after the war games, Tehran issued daily press releases boasting of new and advanced speed boats, an anti-submarine torpedo and advanced arms for attacking ships.

Ben-David noted, ‘While the press focuses on the Iranian military exercises, uranium enrichment, and long-range missile development, the navies of dozens of countries have been relatively quietly gravitating toward the Persian Gulf.’

The war games exercises in the Gulf sent a clear signal to the West regarding what may be in store if it succeeds in placing tough sanctions against Iran as a way to try to force it to comply with international rules on the development of its nuclear program...” **(The rider on the third horse of the “Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse” creates famine and financial devastation as the cry is heard: “A measure of wheat for a penny and three measure of barley for a penny.” A penny represents one day’s wages for a loaf of bread. Iran’s president is bent on destroying especially the West financially. However, the results will be global.)**

# CALLING FOR A NEW WORLD ORDER

### **At West Point, Obama Presses for New World Order to Defeat Al Qaeda**

*Fox News* reports: “President Obama vowed to press for a new international order ‘that can resolve the challenges of our times’ and help the United States defeat Al Qaeda and other threats to freedom.

Delivering the commencement speech at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Obama ticked off a list of lofty goals this new

order could accomplish; from combating violent extremism to stopping the spread of nuclear weapons to stemming climate change and sustaining global growth.

While saying he was ‘clear-eyed about the shortfalls’ of the international system that has led many critics of the United Nations and other institutions to abandon multilateralism, Obama said the United States would move ahead on a policy of ‘national renewal and global leadership.’

‘We have succeeded by steering those

currents in the direction of liberty and justice — so nations thrive by meeting their responsibilities, and face consequences when they don’t,’ he said.

The comments suggest the Obama administration may be ready to more vigorously court the international community’s support, and further distance itself from the ‘distinctly American internationalism’ pursued by George W. Bush.

The Bush administration lobbied for

support on issues like the removal of Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq, but at other times pursued unilateral action in defense of U.S. interests.

Obama said the United States would continue to pursue at least one Bush administration goal — the defeat of Al Qaeda in Afghanistan — and warned ‘there will be difficult days ahead.’ He also said international support would be a key to winning the battle...” (My DVD entitled **“Dictator of the New World Order: Alive & Waiting in the Wings”** reports Henry Kissinger’s promotion of President Obama as creator of the final world government. It’s chilling in the light of the above report.)

### **Ahmadinejad Stresses Need for New World Order**

*Fars News Agency* reports: “The conditions we are experiencing today need planning for new orders in the world and (our) cooperation and co-thinking for organizing the conditions,’ Ahmadinejad told reporters before departing for Istanbul, Turkey to take part in the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA).

Reminding that major world and Asian players will take part in the Istanbul conference, the Iranian president underlined that ‘Iran, too, will have active participation in drafting the final

statement, taking stances as well as mutual consultations’ with participants in the conference.

Ahmadinejad said that his visit will take place at the invitation of Turkish President Abdullah Gul, and pointed out that he is slated to meet other foreign officials during the visit...

CICA is an inter-governmental security forum in Asia which was initiated by Kazakhstan’s then president in 1992 and currently has 18 member states, including Iran, Russia, China, South Korea and Turkey...” (The global society recognizes the need for a system of international control and it will soon come into existence — Revelation 13:1, 7.)

# THE GROWING CYBER THREAT

### **South Korean government website hit by cyber attacks**

*SpaceDaily.com* reports: “South Korea’s intelligence service is investigating a major cyber-attack on the main government website by hackers traced to China, officials said.

The attacks lasted around three-and-a-half hours, slowing traffic on the site (<http://korea.go.kr>) which provides information on policies and services, said the Ministry of Public Administration and Security.

The ministry said its cyber security team had been on alert for such attacks as tensions rose with North Korea.

Hackers used about 120 China-based Internet servers, a ministry spokesman told *AFP*, adding the government took immediate measures to thwart the ‘distributed denial of service’ (DDoS) attacks.

‘We are now tracing the origin of the attacks’ in cooperation with intelligence authorities and other government offices, he said.

South Korea’s spy chief blamed North Korea for cyber-attacks from China-based servers that briefly crippled U.S. and South Korean government and commercial websites last July...” (The next three reports are shocking as cyber-attacks are so overwhelmingly devastating that an emergency

meeting is being planned in Estonia. This event is drastically needed because the destruction of computer systems could place the entire world back in the stone age — II Timothy 3:1; Luke 21:25. See the next two reports.)

### **Global cyber security experts to meet in Estonia**

*SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Top cyber security experts will focus on the role of IT in national security at a meeting in Tallinn, an official at NATO’s Tallinn-based cyber defence centre said.

‘The conference will be attended by various cyber security experts and professionals from related disciplines in governments, military and academia to discuss the growing connection between computer security and national security,’ NATO cyber defence centre spokeswoman Lisa Tallinn told *AFP*.

The four-day international conference tackling the issue of cyber conflicts takes place in the Estonian capital June 15-18 and is organized by the Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence created by the NATO Western defence alliance in Tallinn...”

### **U.S. Backs Talks on Cyber Warfare**

*The Wall Street Journal* reports: “The chief of the Pentagon’s new cyber-security

command endorsed talks with Russia over a proposal to limit military attacks in cyberspace, representing a significant shift in U.S. policy.

The U.S. has for years objected to Russian proposals to establish a kind of arms-control treaty for cyber weapons, arguing that international cooperation should first focus on reducing cyber-crime. Russia has been working to marshal support for a United Nations treaty to limit the use of cyber weapons, such as software code that could destroy an enemy’s computer systems.

‘What Russia’s put forward is, perhaps, the starting point for international debate,’ Gen. Keith Alexander said at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think tank. ‘It’s something that we should, and probably will, carefully consider.’

In the past, the U.S. has also frowned on Russian proposals because a treaty wouldn’t necessarily prohibit countries from using third parties to conduct cyber warfare. Cyber-security specialists say Russia and China rely on proxy groups to conduct attacks on enemies, as Russia allegedly did in 2008 against Georgia. China and Russia deny such accusations...”

# NEWS FROM ISRAEL

## **'Israel is facing an attack of international hypocrisy'**

*The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Prime Minister Netanyahu in first statement after raid: 'it is our right and obligation to prevent arms from reaching Gaza. This was not a 'Love Boat' it was a hate boat.'

Speaking live to the nation in his first public statement since the crisis began, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that:

'The state of Israel faces an attack of international hypocrisy. This is not the first time we have faced this, two years ago we faced a massive attack of missiles fired by Hamas who hid behind civilians. Israel went to great lengths to avoid civilian casualties but who did the UN condemn? It condemned Israel....'

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu decided that Israel would not prosecute or continue to hold the participants it captured from the Gaza protest flotilla, despite earlier plans to put on trial those who had attacked the soldiers boarding the ships..." **(Hamas and Hezbollah, both financed and formed by Ahmadinejad of Iran have been created to wipe Israel out of existence. The recent flotilla attack was to stop new armaments from entering Israel to continue the terroristic release of more missiles against the Jewish sector. 6,000 have already rained down upon the Jewish people and the invasion of ships by Israeli's was halted as a measure of protection against further devastation and death — Psalm 83:4; Isaiah 56:5.)**

## **Ex-Spain PM: If Israel goes down, we all go down**

*YnetNews.com* reports: "José Maria Aznar, former prime minister of Spain, published an opinion article with the *London Times* saying the world must support Israel because 'if it goes down, we all go down'.

Aznar, who has joined the 'Friends of Israel' campaign to which David Trimble, a foreign observer taking part in Israel's flotilla raid probe, also belongs, calls on Europe to refuse to put up with cries to eliminate Israel as part of global Christian-Jewish cooperation.

'Anger over Gaza is a distraction. We

cannot forget that Israel is the West's best ally in a turbulent region,' Aznar writes of the IDF's calamitous raid on a flotilla bound for Gaza on May 31.

'In an ideal world, the assault by Israeli commandos on the 'Mavi Marmara' would not have ended up with nine dead and a score wounded. In an ideal world, the soldiers would have been peacefully welcomed on to the ship.'

Aznar also criticizes Turkey, to which the Marmara belonged, for placing Israel 'in an impossible situation' in which it would have to either give up its security or face world condemnation.

The former prime minister calls on the world to 'blow away the red mists of anger' and take a 'reasonable and balanced approach' based on the fact that Israel was created by a decision of the UN and therefore unquestionably a legitimate state.

'Israel is a nation with deeply rooted democratic institutions. It is a dynamic and open society that has repeatedly excelled in culture, science and technology,' he adds.

However, he says, '62 years after its creation, Israel is still fighting for its very survival. Punished with missiles raining from north and south, threatened with destruction by an Iran aiming to acquire nuclear weapons and pressed upon by friend and foe, Israel, it seems, is never to have a moment's peace.'

Aznar says the real threat to the region is extreme Islamism, 'which sees Israel's destruction as the fulfillment of its religious destiny and, simultaneously in the case of Iran, as an expression of its ambitions for regional hegemony'.

'Both phenomena are threats that affect not only Israel, but also the wider West and the world at large,' he adds..." **(The above headline is a fact. Once Jerusalem and Israel is divided it will lead to World War III — Armageddon — Revelation 16:16. See also Joel 3:2 and Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 11, 15, and 16.)**

## **Israel recoils as U.S. backs nuclear move**

*Breitbart.com* reports: "Washington's unprecedented backing for a UN resolution for a nuclear-free Middle East that singles out Israel has both angered and deeply worried the Jewish state although officials

are cagey about openly criticizing their biggest ally.

The resolution adopted by the United Nations calls on Israel to join the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and urges it to open its facilities to inspection.

It also calls for a regional conference in 2012 to advance the goal of a nuclear-free Middle East.

Israel is widely believed to be the only nuclear power in the Middle East, with around 200 warheads, but has maintained a policy of deliberate ambiguity about its capabilities since the mid-1960s.

The document, which singles out Israel but makes no mention of Iran's controversial nuclear programme, drew a furious reaction from the Jewish state who derided it as 'deeply flawed and hypocritical.'

But it was U.S. backing for the resolution which has caused the most consternation among Israeli officials and commentators, who interpreted the move as 'a resounding slap around the face' which has dealt a very public blow to Israel's long-accepted policy of nuclear ambiguity.

Publicly, the Israel government has not criticized the U.S. position but privately, officials expressed deep disappointment over the resolution, which Washington backed despite intensive Israeli efforts to block it..." **(Israel should recoil at Obama's pro-Muslim moves. Her nuclear facility and weaponry is her only source of defense, along with Yahweh God's protection — Ezekiel 39:6.)**

## **U.S. Joins Pro-Muslim 'Alliance of Civilizations'**

*Israel National News* reports: "The Obama administration has announced the United States will join the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, another openly anti-Israel organization.

The group was created in 2006 to find ways to bridge the growing divide between Muslim and Western societies — a goal wholeheartedly embraced by President Barack Obama, who has redirected American foreign policy in pursuit of the same goal.

The White House announcement stated that the move is intended to realize Obama's 'vision of active U.S. engagement with other nations and international organizations,'

a goal sometimes pursued, noted *National Review Online* columnist Brett D. Schaefer, 'even when there is little or no chance that doing so will advance U.S. interests.'

The U.S. decision is also meant to support the Alliance goal of 'improved understanding and cooperative relations among nations and peoples,' the statement said.

However, the Alliance has been anything but cooperative when it comes to improving understanding of issues relating to the security of Israel's and United States' civilians.

The group claimed in its first report in 2006 that global tensions were driven primarily by the conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. The same report referred to 'a perception among Muslim societies of unjust aggression stemming from the West' in a discussion relating to the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States by the international Al Qaeda terrorist group..." **(Obama's true colors and religious preference will soon become obvious — Amos 3:3.)**

### **Arab MK to EU: Israeli leaders must be tried at The Hague**

*Haaretz* reports: "Speaking at a hearing of the European Parliament, MK Afu Aghbaria (Hadash) accused Israel of deliberately harassing the residents of the

Gaza Strip and called for Israeli leaders to be tried at the International Criminal Court.

The hearing, also attended by MK Nahman Shai (Kadima) and MK Einat Wolf (Labor), was organized by the Communist Party in the European Parliament.

'In its 62 years of existence, Israel has attacked its neighbors and its Arab citizens nonstop,' Aghbaria said.

'Israel prevents the passage of medicines and medical supplies to Gaza. As a result of this, 700 Gazans have died at the border crossings. [Benjamin] Netanyahu, [Ehud] Barak, [Avigdor] Lieberman and [Tzipi] Livni should be brought to the International Criminal Court in The Hague,' the lawmaker said.

Shai and Wilf quickly condemned Aghbaria's words, in a joint statement.

'It is very grave that at a time when MKs are making every effort to calm spirits, lessen the damage and bring a positive message to the European Parliament, an Arab MK comes and arouses tempers and takes advantage of his position to call on the European Parliament to enact sanctions on Israel,' they said..." **(This report is laughable when one considers 1,300 Islamic terrorist attacks in more than twenty nations since 9-11-01.)**

### **Israeli Ambassador: Israel Will Do 'Whatever It Takes' to Defend Itself**

*Fox News* reports: "Israel will do 'whatever it takes' to defend itself from terrorism, the Israeli ambassador to the U.S. said, without elaborating what actions would be taken in the face of a potential Iranian Revolutionary Guard escort of ships to break through the blockade of Gaza.

Ambassador Michael Oren said Israel is 'open to any ideas to somehow deal with the Gaza situation' but dropping the blockade is unlikely since that would mean allowing thousands of rockets to arrive in Hamas-controlled Gaza.

If Iran sends its elite military unit to escort any other ships — as it has suggested it would — 'Israel will also do whatever it takes to defend itself from Hamas terror,' Oren told *'Fox News Sunday.'*

'Israel will do what it has to do to defend 7.5 million Israelis,' he said..." **(The prediction of Joel 2:1-3 is to prevent Joel 3:2, the division of Israel that begins Armageddon — Revelation 16:16. Regardless of all Israel's attempts for peace, everything will fail — Ezekiel 38, 39; Joel 2:1-3; Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14-18.)**

# NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

### **Assad says U.S. has lost Mideast peace influence**

*YnetNews.com* reports: "The United States has lost its influence in the Middle East peace process despite the hopes raised by President Barack Obama, Syrian President Bashar Assad said in an interview.

Assad was quoted as telling the Italian daily *La Repubblica* that Washington 'has no influence because they don't do anything for peace. But they remain the greatest power.'

'Obama raised hopes but we cannot wait any more,' he said, adding that a 'new era has been born' in the Middle East including

an understanding between its major powers that was reshaping the region.

He pointed to a similar phenomenon throughout the world, with countries such as China and Brazil refusing to wait for the United States to 'hand out roles.'

Assad said there had been a realization that the United States and Europe had failed to resolve the problems of the Middle East, noting that Russia was trying to rebuild its own role in the region..." **(This report is interesting. Recently, I reported on television that Russia was working on a nuclear deal with Syria as well as Iran. In the battle of Armageddon — Revelation 16:16, Syria, Isaiah 17:1 and Iran (old**

**Persia) Ezekiel 38:5 align themselves with Russia against Israel — mentioned 18 times in Ezekiel 38 and 39 — Ezekiel 38:8, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19; 39:2, 4, 7 [twice], 9, 11, 12, 17, 22, 23, 25, 29. See also the next two reports.)**

### **Syria's Bashar al-Assad warns of Middle East conflict**

*BBC News* reports: "Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has said Israel's raid on the Gaza aid flotilla has increased the chances of war in the Middle East.

In an interview with the BBC's Middle East editor Jeremy Bowen, he said Syria was working to prevent a regional war.

But he added that there was no chance of a peace deal with the current Israeli administration, which he called a 'pyromaniac government'.

Mr. Assad also rejected claims he was arming Hezbollah militants in Lebanon.

Nine Turkish activists died during last month's raid on the Free Gaza ships attempting to break Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Asked if the Israeli raid had increased the chance of war in the Middle East, Mr. Assad said: 'Definitely, definitely.'

'When you don't have peace, you have to expect war every day, and this is very dangerous,' he said...'

### **Security Chief: Hamas Still Smuggling, Can Strike Tel Aviv**

*Israel National News* reports: "Terrorists in the de facto Hamas government continue to smuggle weapons into Gaza, and possess 5,000 medium-range rockets with a range of 25 miles, including several that can bomb Tel Aviv, security chief Yuval Diskin said.

Speaking to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, Diskin warned that lifting the maritime embargo on Hamas would 'be a huge security breach.' Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu already has rejected a proposal by the Quartet's Middle East envoy Tony Blair that Israel allow aid to reach Gaza by sea after it is inspected at Cyprus.

Diskin also informed the committee that 80 percent of the Gaza rockets, or about 4,000, are in the hands of Hamas, while the remainder are scattered among the Islamic Jihad and other terrorist groups.

'Hamas also possesses several rockets that can reach central Israel,' meaning metropolitan Tel Aviv, he added. During last year's Cast Lead war against the Hamas terrorist infrastructure, missiles exploded as far north as Ashdod, several miles from Tel Aviv's suburban communities.

Diskin said that although there is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza, an easing of the blockade could be implemented in order to allow the supervised transfer of a wider variety of goods and merchandise...'

### **Iran sanctions as good as 'used tissue'**

*Asia Times Online* reports: "The nuclear standoff on Iran is bound to deepen,

aggravated by new United Nations sanctions on the Islamic republic and the United States digging in its heels against an alternative diplomatic plan that was designed to defuse tensions.

The United Nations resolution for a fourth round of sanctions, voted in by the Security Council, calls for the inspection of vessels suspected of carrying materials, setting the stage for military incidents at sea between Iran and the U.S. Navy. With Brazil and Turkey, the architects of a nuclear-swap deal with Iran, voting against it, the resolution also removes any pretense of unified global support for coercive diplomacy on Iran.

'The sanctions you pass should be thrown into the trash bin like a used tissue,' Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinejad said immediately after the vote, according to the state-run *Iranian Students News Agency*. 'The realm of politics has become one of deception.'

The Security Council, in a resolution supported by all five of the veto-wielding permanent members (the U.S., the United Kingdom, France, Russia and China) was passed 12-2, with Lebanon abstaining, despite strong U.S. lobbying. Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Gabon, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria and Uganda all backed sanctions. But the members failed to give the U.S. what it needed most in diplomatic terms: a unanimous vote.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva accused the Security Council of acting out of 'obstinacy' in accepting the U.S.-drafted sanctions, 'instead of bringing Iran to the table', the official *Agencia Brasil* news agency quoted Lula as saying. The Security Council had 'thrown away a historic opportunity to negotiate calmly over the Iranian nuclear program'.

Warning of an unwanted spiral reminiscent of the fiasco that led to the invasion of Iraq in 2003 over its alleged weapons of mass destruction, Brazil's representative in the council was pointedly critical of the West's disregard for the opportunity for a breakthrough provided last month by the Tehran declaration between Iran, Turkey and Brazil regarding a swap of fuel for Iran's medical reactor in the Iranian capital. The agreement to transfer some of Iran's nuclear fuel to Ankara was not acceptable to the U.S., despite its similarity to a plan to transfer fuel to Russia and France, which Washington had

earlier endorsed and Iran rejected..." **(Iran needs heavy sanctions. Protestors against Ahmadinejad's regime are being arrested in huge numbers. This little bigot won't stop hating and persecuting the Jews until his messiah, Mahdi arrives. This Islamic prophecy can only occur if this Iranian president wipes Israel off the map — Psalm 83:4 in correlation with Russia — Ezekiel 38:1, 2, and 5. See also the next two reports.)**

### **Ahmadinejad accuses Obama of meddling in Iran**

*SpaceDaily.com* reports: "Iran's hardline president accused Barack Obama of meddling in his country after the U.S. leader called for global support for Iranians in their fight for greater democracy.

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, reinstated as president last year in what the opposition charged was a fraudulent election, branded the U.S. government as 'the most violent dictatorship.

'He (Obama) has issued a statement on the anniversary of the election. This is meddling in Iran's affairs,' Ahmadinejad said in a televised speech, referring to the U.S. president's statement before the June 12 anniversary of the disputed poll.

'This nation does not acknowledge you at all and hates you,' Ahmadinejad said, drawing chants of 'Death to America!' from the crowd assembled for his visit in the central city of Shahrekord.

'Today the most violent dictatorship is being applied against American people,' the hardliner charged. Americans 'are not free to express their opinions... are not free to demonstrate and many live in poverty.

'Mr. President, if you are worried about nations, you should first think about your own people. From now on, one of the Iranian people's demands would be the freedom of the U.S. nation from the oppressive and undemocratic U.S. government,' he said...'

### **Ahmadinejad: Further aggression will end Zionist regime**

*YnetNews.com* reports: "Iranian President Mahmud Ahmadinejad said that the Israeli commando raid on the international flotilla off Gaza's shores was 'barbaric' and called for dismantling the Zionist regime.

He warned that any further aggression by Israel 'would bring about the demise of the Zionist regime.'

Speaking before tens of thousands of people at a memorial marking the 21st anniversary of Ayatollah Khomeini's death, Ahmadinejad said, 'The Zionist regime's crimes are not perpetrated because it is strong, but because it is weak. They are crazy. They cannot control themselves.'

Ahmadinejad expressed hope that more aid flotillas will make their way to Gaza in light of Monday's 'achievement.'

'Everyone should know that with God's help thousands of flotillas from all over the world will sail (to Gaza) with peace-lovers and give freedom and peace to mankind,' he said.

Ahmadinejad warned that Israeli is planning to attack Gaza. 'To make up for

their past mistakes and to restore their force – the Zionists are planning another attack on Gaza,' said the presidents.

The tens of thousands on hand chanted 'Death to Israel!...'

### **Iran says they can destroy Israel in week**

*ynetNews.com* reports: "Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's chief of staff, Efsandiar Rahim Mashaei, said that if Israel attacked Iran it would be destroyed within a week.

Speaking at a political conference of ultra-conservatives in Iran's north, Mashaei said, 'If the Zionist regime attacks Iran, the Zionists will have no longer than a week to live.'

The semi-official *Fars* news agency quoted him as saying that the Islamic Republic would destroy Israel 'in less than 10 days'.

Mashaei, who was also formerly a vice president, added that new sanctions to be imposed on Iran for its nuclear program would only harm Western countries.

The statesman is considered a close affiliate of the Iranian president and has previously caused a stir by saying that Iran was 'a friend of the Israeli people'. He later retracted this statement and issued a contrary one saying Israel should be destroyed... (It won't happen – Yahweh God the Father declares in Isaiah 56:5 — "...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name...")

## SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS

### **Solar storms to erupt soon. What will be the impact on Earth?**

*The Christian Science Monitor* reports: "The sun is about to get a lot more active, which could have ill effects on Earth. So to prepare, top sun scientists met to discuss the best ways to protect Earth's satellites and other vital systems from the coming solar storms.

Solar storms occur when sunspots on our star erupt and spew out flumes of charged particles that can damage power systems. The sun's activity typically follows an 11-year cycle, and it looks to be coming out of a slump and gearing up for an active period.

'The sun is waking up from a deep slumber, and in the next few years we expect to see much higher levels of solar activity,' said Richard Fisher, head of NASA's

Heliophysics Division. 'At the same time, our technological society has developed an unprecedented sensitivity to solar storms. The intersection of these two issues is what we're getting together to discuss.'

Fisher and other experts met at the Space Weather Enterprise Forum, which took place in Washington, D.C., at the National Press Club.

People of the 21st century rely on high-tech systems for the basics of daily life. But smart power grids, GPS navigation, air travel, financial services and emergency radio communications can all be knocked out by intense solar activity.

A major solar storm could cause twenty times more economic damage than Hurricane Katrina, warned the National Academy of Sciences in a 2008 report, 'Severe Space Weather Events—Societal and Economic Impacts.'

Luckily, much of the damage can be mitigated if managers know a storm is coming. That's why better understanding of solar weather, and the ability to give advance warning, is especially important.

Putting satellites in 'safe mode' and disconnecting transformers can protect electronics from damaging electrical surges.

'Space weather forecasting is still in its infancy, but we're making rapid progress,' said Thomas Bogdan, director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)'s Space Weather Prediction Center in Boulder, CO...' (Solar storms, cyber-warfare or the "electromagnetic pulse" unitedly or singularly can throw the entire world into chaos as the computers and electrical systems fail — as predicted in Luke 21:25 where it states that: "...nations [will be] in distress with perplexity [ meaning mass confusion].)

## KNOWLEDGE INCREASED

### **'Artificial life' breakthrough announced by scientists**

*BBC News* reports: "Scientists in the U.S. have succeeded in developing the first living cell to be controlled entirely by synthetic DNA.

The researchers constructed a bacterium's 'genetic software' and transplanted it into a host cell.

The resulting microbe then looked and behaved like the species 'dictated' by the synthetic DNA.

The advance, published in *Science*, has been hailed as a scientific landmark, but critics say there are dangers posed by synthetic organisms.

Some also suggest that the potential benefits of the technology have been

over-stated.

But the researchers hope eventually to design bacterial cells that will produce medicines and fuels and even absorb greenhouse gases.

The team was led by Dr. Craig Venter of the J. Craig Venter Institute (JCVI) in Maryland and California.

He and his colleagues had previously

made a synthetic bacterial genome, and transplanted the genome of one bacterium into another.

Now, the scientists have put both methods together, to create what they call a ‘synthetic cell’, although only its genome is truly synthetic.

Dr. Venter likened the advance to making new software for the cell.

The researchers copied an existing bacterial genome. They sequenced its genetic code and then used ‘synthesis machines’ to chemically construct a copy.

Dr. Venter told *BBC News*: ‘We’ve now been able to take our synthetic chromosome and transplant it into a recipient cell — a different organism.

‘As soon as this new software goes into the cell, the cell reads [it] and converts into the species specified in that genetic code.’

The new bacteria replicated over a billion times, producing copies that contained and were controlled by the constructed, synthetic DNA.

‘This is the first time any synthetic DNA has been in complete control of a cell,’ said Dr. Venter...’ (A final sign — Daniel 12:4)

### **China aims to become supercomputer superpower**

*BBC News* reports: “Its Nebulae machine at the National Super Computer Center in Shenzhen, was ranked second on the biannual Top 500 supercomputer list.

For the first time, a second Chinese supercomputer appears in the list of the top ten fastest machines.

However, the U.S. still dominates the list with more than half the Top 500, including the world’s fastest, known as Jaguar.

The Cray computer, which is owned by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, has a top speed of 1.75 petaflops.

One petaflop is the equivalent of 1,000 trillion calculations per second.

It is used by scientists conducting research in astrophysics, climate science

and nuclear energy.

By comparison, China has 24 machines in the list. Its fastest has a top speed of 1.20 petaflops, more than double the speed of its previous top supercomputer. However, it has a theoretical top speed of nearly 3 petaflops, which would make it the fastest in the world.

The fastest machine in the UK — which has 38 supercomputers on the list — is housed at the University of Edinburgh. It has a top speed of 0.27 petaflops.

‘The Top 500 list definitely has an element of flag waving,’ said Dr. Jon Lockley, manager of the Oxford Supercomputing Centre...’ (The beginning of Big Brother, the attempted mark of the antichrist embedded in every human being as prophesied in Revelation 13:15 — 18 is being readied as the European Union Bilderberg plan has been set for 2017 as laid out in a conference held at Chantilly Virginia in November of 2008.)

# PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

## **Phoenix-area hospitals fight highly toxic ‘supergerm’**

*The Arizona Republic* reports: “Maricopa County health officials have confirmed that a relatively new, extremely toxic strain of bacteria has been found in hospitals and other health-care facilities in the Valley.

The germ, known as *Clostridium difficile*, has long plagued the medical profession and is blamed for an increasing amount of illness in patients.

But this is the first time the new strain, known in medical circles as ‘NAP1,’ is believed to have been linked to patient illness and deaths in Arizona, health officials said. It carries at least 20 times as much toxin as the original strain.

According to the county, at least 10 patients have fallen severely ill from this new type of *C. diff* since early March. Two of those who were infected have died, though the germ has not been named conclusively as the cause of death. All the patients were elderly and suffered from health problems.

‘Assuming this continues to evolve, it is going to be a real pain for our health-care communities,’ said Dr. Bob England, director of the Maricopa County Department

of Public Health.

Like other ‘supergerms,’ all strains of *C. diff* are resistant to powerful antibiotics, and the infection is difficult and expensive to treat. The germ causes pronounced diarrhea and, in severe cases, can lead to inflammation of the colon, which can be fatal.

Healthy and younger people usually don’t get *C. diff*. Most cases occur in health-care facilities, and those represent only a small fraction of the tens of millions of admissions to U.S. hospitals and nursing homes every year. But the number of cases has risen sharply over the past decade, to nearly 500,000 in 2007, according to the latest data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention...’ (Pestilences are predicted as a latter day sign pointing to Christ’s return — Matthew 24:7; Mark 13:8; Revelation 6:7, 8. See also the next report.)

## **Antibiotic Resistance Called Growing Threat to Human Health**

*Voice of America News* reports: “Experts fear antibiotic resistance puts humans in danger of becoming nearly defenseless

against some bacterial infections.

The World Health Organization calls antibiotic resistance one of the three greatest threats to human health.

The improper use of antibiotics has led to strains of bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics. Experts say if efforts to combat the problem are not launched now, infections that were curable could make a dangerous comeback.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, calls on American lawmakers to address the problem.

‘We speak of the pre-antibiotic and antibiotic eras, but if we don’t improve our response to the public health problem of antibiotic resistance, we may enter a post-antibiotic world in which we will have few or no clinical interventions for some infections,’ he says.

Specialists are concerned that the more an antibiotic is used, the less effective it becomes. The genetic mutation of bacteria, which makes them resistant to antibiotics, is a natural process. But drug overuse has accelerated the process...’ (Come quickly Lord Jesus — Revelation 22:20.)