

"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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CYBER-WARFARE

Stuxnet malware is 'weapon' out to destroy ... Iran's Bushehr nuclear plant?

The Christian Science Monitor reports: "Cyber security experts say they have identified the world's first known cyber super weapon designed specifically to destroy a real-world target — a factory, a refinery, or just maybe a nuclear power plant.

The cyber worm, called Stuxnet, has been the object of intense study since its detection in June. As more has become known about it, alarm about its capabilities and purpose have grown. Some top cyber security experts now say Stuxnet's arrival heralds something blindingly new: a cyber-weapon created to cross from the digital realm to the physical world — to destroy something.

At least one expert who has extensively studied the malicious software, or malware, suggests Stuxnet may have already attacked its target — and that it may have been Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant, which much of the world condemns as a nuclear weapons threat...

So far, Stuxnet has infected at least 45,000 industrial control systems around the world, without blowing them up — although some victims in North America have experienced some serious computer problems, Eric Byres, a Canadian expert, told the *Monitor*. Most of the victim computers, however, are in Iran, Pakistan, India, and Indonesia. Some systems have been hit in Germany, Canada, and the U.S., too. Once a system

is infected, Stuxnet simply sits and waits — checking every five seconds to see if its exact parameters are met on the system. When they are, Stuxnet is programmed to activate a sequence that will cause the industrial process to self-destruct, Langner says.

Langner's analysis also shows, step by step, what happens after Stuxnet finds its target. Once Stuxnet identifies the critical function running on a programmable logic controller, or PLC, made by Siemens, the giant industrial controls company, the malware takes control. One of the last codes Stuxnet sends is an enigmatic 'DEADF007.' Then the fireworks begin, although the precise function being overridden is not known, Langner says. It may be that the maximum safety setting for RPMs on a turbine is overridden, or that lubrication is shut off, or some other vital function shut down. Whatever it is, Stuxnet overrides it, Langner's analysis shows...

A geographical distribution of computers hit by Stuxnet, which Microsoft produced in July, found Iran to be the apparent epicenter of the Stuxnet infections. That suggests that any enemy of Iran with advanced cyber war capability might be involved, Langner says. The U.S. is acknowledged to have that ability, and Israel is also reported to have a formidable offensive cyber-war-fighting capability.

Could Stuxnet's target be Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant, a facility much of the world condemns as a nuclear weapons threat?

Langner is quick to note that his views on Stuxnet's target is speculation based on suggestive threads he has seen in the media. Still, he suspects that the Bushehr plant may already have been wrecked by Stuxnet. Bushehr's expected startup in late August has been delayed, he notes, for unknown reasons. (One Iranian official blamed the delay on hot weather.)

But if Stuxnet is so targeted, why did it spread to all those countries? Stuxnet might have been spread by the USB memory sticks used by a Russian contractor while building the Bushehr nuclear plant, Langner offers. The same contractor has jobs in several countries where the attackware has been uncovered... (This dangerous invention fulfills at least three Scripture passages — Daniel 12:4; II Timothy 3:1, 2; II Timothy 3:13. See also the next three reports.)

Iran's nuclear agency battles virus that can bring down power plants

Haaretz reports: "Iranian media reports said that the country's nuclear agency is trying to combat a complex computer worm that has affected industrial sites in Iran and is capable of taking over power plants.

The computer virus, which attacks a widely used industrial system, appears aimed mostly at Iran and its sophistication suggests a state may have been involved in creating it, Western cyber security companies said earlier.

Kevin Hogan, Senior Director of Security Response at Symantec told *Reuters* 60 percent of the computers worldwide infected by the so-called Stuxnet worm were in Iran, indicating industrial plants in that country were the target.

European digital security company Kaspersky Labs said the attack could only be conducted ‘with nation-state support.’

‘Stuxnet is a working and fearsome prototype of a cyber-weapon that will lead to the creation of a new arms race in the world,’ it said in a statement about the virus, which attacks Siemens AG’s widely used industrial control systems.

The companies’ remarks are the latest in a series of specialist commentary stirring speculation that Iran’s first nuclear power station, at Bushehr, may have been targeted in a state-backed attempt at sabotage or espionage.

‘It’s pretty clear that based on the infection behavior that installations in Iran are being targeted,’ Hogan said of the virus...’’

Coding of Virus Attacking Iran May Refer to Queen Esther

Israel National News reports: “Iranian Intelligence Minister Heider Moslehi said that his country is under cyber-attack, and blamed the United States and Israel. Iranian officials initially admitted that their country had been hit by the Stuxnet computer virus, but insisted that the damage was minimal.

Iran has been forced to push back the opening of the nuclear plant in Bushehr. Senior Information and Technology official Hamid Alipour admitted that while Iranian officials had hoped to clean up the virus in under two months, that hope had been proven unrealistic. ‘The virus is not stable, and since we started the cleanup process, three new versions have been spreading,’ he said.

Stuxnet hit Iran much harder than any other nation, affecting an estimated 62,000 systems. A total of 100,000 computers are thought to have been hit with the virus worldwide. The virus was made to target software created by the German company Siemens; Iran relies heavily on Siemens systems.

Israel has been among the top suspects

in the creation of the Stuxnet worm, due both to Israeli opposition to Iran’s unsupervised nuclear program, and to the complexity of the virus, which experts say could only have been created by a team with significant funding, resources and expertise.

Stuxnet is uniquely dangerous in that it cannot only cause damage to a system, but can take control of facilities, producing physical, real-world results to an attack. The virus also studies its targets, determining which type of system it has entered before deciding whether or not to attack. To date, it has entered primarily systems that control critical infrastructure...’’

Analysis: Could Iran retaliate for apparent cyber-attack?

Reuters reports: “Iran has limited capacity to retaliate in kind to an apparent cyber-attack that infected computers at its sole nuclear power plant, analysts say, but some worry it could seek to hit back by other means.

Security experts say they believe the release of the Stuxnet computer worm may have been a state-backed attack on Iran’s nuclear program, most likely originating in the United States or Israel. But they say the truth may never be known.

Little information is available on how much damage, if any, Iran’s nuclear and wider infrastructure has suffered from Stuxnet — and Tehran will probably never share the full details. Officials said the worm had hit staff computers at the Bushehr nuclear power plant but had not affected major systems there.

Some analysts believe Iran may be suffering wider sabotage aimed at slowing down its nuclear ambitions, and point to unexplained technical problems that have cut the number of working centrifuges in its uranium enrichment program.

In the short term, intelligence experts believe Tehran’s priority will be trying to identify the source of the attack and examining how the worm was uploaded onto its systems. ‘The Iranian internal security and counterintelligence departments will need to nail down the culprits first, then work out how to turn

the tables,’ said Fred Burton, a former U.S. counterintelligence expert who is now vice president of political risk consultancy Stratfor.

But finding reliable evidence identifying which country or group was responsible might well prove impossible, increasing the probability of a more unofficial and deniable reaction.

Some analysts suggest Iran might like to retaliate with a cyber-attack against Israel or the West — although there are question marks over its capability to do so.

‘I don’t think we can expect much in the way of retaliatory cyber-attacks,’ said regional analyst Jessica Ashooh. ‘The Iranians simply don’t have the technical capacity to do anything similar to properly protected systems — as evidenced by the very hard time they are having controlling and quarantining this attack.’...’’ (**The cocky little Ahmadinejad who boasted at the UN about Iran’s glorious and victorious future may soon face even greater humiliation — Proverbs 6:16-19; 16:18.**)

Iran blames Bushehr nuclear plant delay on ‘small leak’, not virus

Haaretz reports: “A small leak in a pool near the reactor caused a delay in starting up Iran’s first nuclear power plant but it has now been fixed, a senior official was quoted as saying.

Ali Akbar Salehi, head of Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization, also said the delay had nothing to do with the global Stuxnet computer virus believed mainly to have affected Iran.

Earlier, Iranian officials said Stuxnet had hit staff computers at Bushehr, a symbol of Iran’s growing geopolitical sway and rejection of international efforts to curb its nuclear activity. But the virus had not affected major systems there, they said.

Security experts say the release of Stuxnet may have been a state-backed attack on Iran’s nuclear program, most likely originating in the United States or Israel, which accuse the country of seeking to develop atomic bombs. Iran denies this.

When Iran began loading fuel into Bushehr in August, officials said it would take two to three months for the plant to start producing electricity and that it would generate 1,000 megawatts, about 2.5 percent of the country's power usage.

But Salehi said the fuel would soon be

transferred to the core of the reactor and the plant would begin supplying energy in 2011, signaling a delay in its start-up.

He gave further details saying 'a small leak was observed in a pool next to the reactor and was curbed,' the official *IRNA* news agency reported..." (Another lie

by Iran's professional deceiver. Here's why — "*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it*" John 8:44.)

SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS

Not too hot, not too cold: Could the 'Goldilocks' planet support life?

The Independent.co.uk reports: "The search for a faraway planet that could support life has found the most promising candidate to date, in the form of a distant world some 120,000 billion miles away from Earth.

Scientists believe that the planet is made of rock, like the Earth, and sits in the 'Goldilocks zone' of its sun, where it is neither too hot nor too cold for water to exist in liquid form — widely believed to be an essential precondition for life to evolve.

It is unlikely that anyone would be able to visit planet Gliese 581g in the near future as it would take 20 years travelling at the speed of light to reach it, and many thousands of years in a spacecraft built using the best-available rocket technology.

The planet is named after its star, Gliese 581, a red dwarf found in the constellation Libra, and is the sixth planet in its solar system. Scientists said that it is the most habitable planet yet found beyond our own Solar System, and a prime spot for the possible existence of extraterrestrial life.

Two previous claims for the existence of earth-like planets in the same solar system were subsequently found to be overstated in that they were either too far away or too near to Gliese 581, making it too cold or too hot for liquid water and life to exist.

However, the latest discovery, made by American astronomers, put the orbit of planet Gliese 581g between the orbits of the two previous contenders for earth-like worlds, said Professor Steve Vogt of the University of California at Santa Cruz, who led the study.

'We had planets on both sides of the

habitable zone — one too hot and one too cold — and now we have one in the middle that's just right. This planet sits right between the two of them. It is right smack in the middle and it couldn't be more in the habitable zone where liquid water and life could exist,' Professor Vogt said. 'We estimate it has a mass of between three and four times that of Earth, which means it is small enough to be made of rock. It means it has a surface you could stand on and a gravity similar to Earth's that could hold a nice atmosphere in place,' he added..." (We are informed by the astronomers and scientists that there probably are millions or even billions of galaxies like ours. I have no doubt that life will be discovered in space; especially demonic beings. Hebrews 1:2 [worlds] — demons — Ephesians 2:2; 6:12. See also the next report.)

First Habitable Exoplanet Could Be Discovered by May 2011

Wired.com reports: "A new mathematical analysis predicts the first truly habitable exoplanet will show itself by early May 2011.

Well, more or less. 'There is some wiggle room,' said Samuel Arbesman of the Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science, lead author of a new paper posted online and to be published in *PLoS ONE* October 4. His calculations predict a 50 percent probability that the first habitable exoplanet will be discovered in May 2011, a 66 percent chance by the end of 2013 and 75 percent chance by 2020.

'This is, as far as we can tell, right around the corner,' said exoplanet expert Greg Laughlin of the University of California, Santa Cruz, coauthor of

the paper.

Astronomers have found 490 planets outside our solar system to date, and those planets have been getting steadily smaller and more Earth-like. But none so far actually resemble Earth in its most important property: the ability to support life.

So Arbesman and Laughlin devised a mathematical way to define habitability using the techniques of scientometrics, the scientific study of science itself.

The pair considered a planet's mass and its surface temperature at the points in its orbits when it is closest and furthest away from its star, and calculated which of these properties would be friendliest to liquid water (and therefore, presumably, life). Then they plotted their habitability function on a scale of 0 to 1, where 0 is uninhabitable and 1 is a clone of Earth..." (Fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven — Luke 21:11, 25.)

China launches Moon mission

BBC News reports: "A Chinese rocket carrying a probe destined for the Moon has blasted into space.

A Long March 3C rocket with the Chang'e-2 probe took off from Xichang launch centre at about 1100 GMT.

The rocket will shoot the craft into the trans-lunar orbit, after which the satellite is expected to reach the Moon in about five days.

Chang'e-2 will be used to test key technologies and collect data for future landings.

China says it will send a rover on its next mission, and it also has ambitions to put humans on the surface of the lunar body at some future date.

The *Xinhua News Agency* said

Chang'e-2 would circle just 15km (nine miles) above the rocky terrain in order to take photographs of possible landing locations.

It is China's second lunar probe - the first was launched in 2007. The craft stayed in

space for 16 months before being intentionally crashed on to the Moon's surface.

China launched its first manned flight into low-Earth orbit in 2003; and two more followed, with the most recent one in 2008.

So far, only three countries have

managed to independently send humans into space: China, Russia and the U.S. ...” (*And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring* — Luke 21:25.)

TERROREST THREAT

Osama bin Laden 'behind plot to attack European cities'

The London Daily Telegraph reports: “Several months ago, bin Laden sent a directive to al-Qaeda affiliates and partners that he wanted a Mumbai-style attack on at least three European countries — the United Kingdom, Germany and France — the U.S. National Public Radio said, citing intelligence officials.

Gunmen had planned to fire on crowds at busy European tourist sites and take over hotels in a plot that would mark a new style of attack for al-Qaeda, although details of the plans remain unclear for now. The United States may also have been in bin Laden's sights.

‘We know that Osama bin Laden issued the directive,’ an unnamed official familiar with intelligence surrounding the plot said.

‘And if he issued the directive, we just don't believe that the US wouldn't be on his shortlist of strategic targets. It has to be.’

The public radio station said initial intelligence came from Ahmad Siddiqui, a German national currently held at the U.S.-run Bagram Air Base in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Siddiqui is said to have known Mohamed Atta, one of the alleged hijackers in the September 11, 2001 attacks, and to have worshipped at the same mosque in Germany.

The plot is thought to have been inspired by al-Qaeda's fugitive leadership in Pakistan's lawless tribal regions, where a recent surge of U.S. drone attacks sought to eliminate the plotters — and did kill some of them.

Intelligence officials said some of the operatives who had been due to participate in the shootings were already in

Europe...” (One of the final signs before Christ returns is terrorism — Genesis 6:11; Matthew 24:37. “Be not afraid of their terror neither be troubled” — I Peter 3:14.)

Terrorists' Goal is Three-Way Missile Attack on Tel Aviv

Israel National News reports: “IDF Intelligence chief General Amos Yadlin said that the ultimate goal held by anti-Israel terrorists is to attack Tel Aviv and the Gush Dan region from three fronts. Iran, Syria and Hizbullah hope for a chance to rain missiles on central Israel from three directions, he said.

‘Gush Dan is the main target that our enemies plan to fire missiles at,’ he said. Yadlin spoke at an event marking 100 years since the establishment of the first kibbutz.

Currently most rocket attacks are carried out by Gaza terrorists, and target southern Israel. Hamas hopes to gain the improved missile technology that would allow it to target central Israel as well, Yadlin said.

Hizbullah targeted Israeli cities with missiles during the Second Lebanon War, murdering dozens of people. The terrorist group, which has since joined Lebanon's ruling coalition, was unable to carry out plans to target central Israel after IDF warplanes demolished its larger missiles in the first days of battle...” (**The demonic trinity – Iran, Syria, Hizbullah, will be destroyed. Ezekiel 38:5 — Persia is modern Iran and along with Hizbullah is destroyed along with Russia in Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 12, and 13. Syria meets her Waterloo in Isaiah 17:1.**)

Britain facing a new wave of terrorist attacks, MI5 warns

The London Daily Telegraph reports: “Britain is facing a wave of terrorist attacks on two fronts from a new generation of al-Qaeda extremists and Irish Republican militants who could strike on the mainland, the head of MI5 Jonathan Evans warns.

In his first public speech on the national security threat for three years, Mr. Evans will say that his officers are engaged in an ‘intense struggle’ against Muslim radicals and Irish nationalists.

It is only ‘a matter of time’ before Britain is the victim of an attack from extremists based in Somalia, the director-general of the security service adds.

There has been a ‘persistent rise in terrorist activity and ambition’ in Northern Ireland over the past three years, says Mr. Evans. Terrorists in Ulster are using increasingly sophisticated weaponry to launch ‘reckless’ attacks that could kill civilians.

‘While at present the dissidents’ campaign is focused on Northern Ireland, we cannot exclude the possibility that they might seek to extend their attacks to Great Britain as violent Republican groups have traditionally done,’ he says.

Mr. Evans, who has briefed David Cameron and Nick Clegg on the threats, says there remains ‘a serious risk of a lethal attack taking place’.

‘I see no reason to believe that the position will significantly improve in the immediate future,’ he adds...” (**Another attack by members of a so called peace loving religion. It's just a beginning — perilous days are ahead — II Timothy 3:1.**)

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Jordan's Abdullah: Peace talks failure will drag U.S. into new Mideast war

Haaretz reports: "If peace talks fail, the United States will be involved in another Middle East war, Jordan's King Abdullah told talk show host John Stewart.

On his satirical news show program, *The Daily Show*, Stewart asked Abdullah for his opinion on the role of the U.S. in the Mideast.

'The lack of ability in moving the Israeli-Palestinian process forward' as well as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are 'weakening the moderates,' Abdullah said. 'If we don't solve this problem, you're going to be in the fight as much as we are.'

When asked about Jordan's role in the region Abdullah joked that he was 'in between Iraq and a hard place.'

He spoke about Jordan's vested interest in the success of the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

'Their future security is our security,' Abdullah said. 'We have a vested interest to bring a win-win for everyone here.'

The direct peace talks are set to face their biggest challenge yet in the coming days, when Israel's moratorium on building in West Bank settlements is set to expire..." (Strange that Jordan's King predicts a new Mid East war for the U.S. at the same time President Obama states: "We are not at war with Islam and will never be at war with Islam". Please look up Daniel 11:40; Isaiah 17:1; Ezekiel 38:5-7; and Psalm 83:3-7.)

Egypt president warns of 'global terror' if Mideast peace talks fail

Haaretz reports: "Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has warned that a failure in Israel-Palestinian peace

negotiations would lead to 'violence and terrorism' across the world.

In an interview with the journal of the Egyptian armed forces, given to mark the anniversary of the 1973 Yom Kippur War, he said he has told several leaders, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, that 'if the peace process collapses, violence and terrorism will erupt in the Middle East and all over the world.'

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is planning to convene his forum of top ministers to discuss extending Israel's moratorium on West Bank settlement construction for another 60 days.

Israel initially halted construction for 10 months only, which ended on September 26. But the Palestinians have said they would not continue the recently resumed negotiations unless Israel agreed to halt construction again. The Obama administration has urged Israel to reconsider its rejection of this demand.

The concession for a 60-day freeze would be in exchange for a series of U.S. guarantees regarding Israel's negotiations with the Palestinians..." (President Mubarak agrees with Jordan's leader in the previous article. When it becomes global it will be titled "Armageddon" — Revelation 16:16.)

Obama to warn UN of alternatives to Mideast peace

Haaretz reports: "U.S. President Barack Obama is due to speak at the United Nations' annual ministerial meeting in New York, and express the urgency for an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal.

'If an agreement is not reached, Palestinians will never know the pride and dignity that comes with their own state. Israelis will never know the certainty and security that comes with sovereign and stable neighbors who are committed to co-existence,' Obama

will tell the UN General Assembly, according to excerpts released ahead of his planned speech.

'The hard realities of demography will take hold. More blood will be shed. This Holy Land will remain a symbol of our differences, instead of our common humanity.'

Obama expressed deep hope in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process and the imminent establishment of a Palestinian state.

'When we come back here next year, we [could] have an agreement that will lead to a new member of the United Nations — an independent state of Palestine, living in peace with Israel.'

The U.S. president defended Israel's right to exist, and expressed the United States' support for its ally.

'Those who long to see an independent Palestine rise must stop trying to tear Israel down,' Obama said.

'Israel's existence must not be a subject for debate. Israel is a sovereign state, and the historic homeland of the Jewish people,' Obama said. 'It should be clear to all that efforts to chip away at Israel's legitimacy will only be met by the unshakeable opposition of the United States...' (Not only is Israel a state Mr. President, but the land in its totality belongs to Israel. This is mentioned 120 times in God's Holy Word — Ezekiel 36:24, 37:11, 12; Amos 9:15. Israel is mentioned over 2,200 times in the Old Testament, faced the Diaspora in 70 AD, was held captive for 1,900 years and regained their land and returned the original name of Israel to God's Chosen People on May 14, 1948.)

Islamic Movement: Israeli Arabs will reject peace achieved by current PA leaders

Haaretz reports: "Israeli Arabs will reject any future peace achieved under the current Palestinian Authority

leadership, the deputy leader of the Islamic Movements' northern branch said at a rally in Umm al-Fahm.

The comment by the Islamic Movement official came against the backdrop of recently relaunched direct peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, with a possible breakdown in negotiations feared over the September 26 expiration date of Israel's 10-month-long settlement freeze.

Speaking at a rally titled 'Al-Aqsa in danger' Sheikh Kamel Khatib said that Israeli Arabs would not recognize a potential peace deal signed by the current PA leadership, saying no one authorized them 'to speak in our name.'

Calling out to the Palestinian negotiators, Khatib said Arab Israelis 'will stomp on any paper or signature which you agree to on our behalf — we will not recognize it.'

Khatib also rejected Russian-born Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman's proposition, according to which a future peace deal would involve the exchange of land between Israel and the Palestinians, saying that the only swap he would agree to would be one which would see Lieberman 'return to his country while refugees in Syria and Lebanon return to their homeland.'

The Islamic Movement strongman also claimed Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa mosque was in danger, adding that those who covet Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa 'will not stop there,' saying the holy cities of Mecca and Medina were also under the threat of a foreign takeover... (Peace will eventually come to the Mid-East, but only for 42 months and then all hell will break loose — Daniel 9:24; I Thessalonians 5:3.)

Pakistani plea: Make Obama supreme Islamic leader

WorldNetDaily.com reports: "A Pakistani newspaper is quoting one of the country's ministers as stating he wants President Obama to offer Muslim prayers at Ground Zero and become the 'Caliph,' or ruler, of the Islamic nation.

'The coming Eid would expectedly be observed on 9/11; this a golden

opportunity for President Obama to offer Eid prayers at Ground Zero and become Amir-ul-Momineen or Caliph of Muslims. In this way, all the problems of Muslim World would be solved,' stated Minister of State for Industries and Productions Ayatullah Durrani, according to Pakistan's *The Nation* newspaper.

The newspaper reported Durrani called its offices and argued the Muslim world was in 'dire need' of a supreme leader and that the position would earn Obama the exemplary titles of what Durrani termed 'Mullah Barrack Hussain (sic) Obama,' or 'Allama Obama.'

'The time is approaching fast. Barrack Hussain Obama must act now. This is a golden opportunity, Muslims badly need it,' added Durrani, according to the newspaper.

Durrani reportedly stated that Obama becoming supreme Islamic leader would be the 'key to success...' (Why would a Muslim nation desire a Christian American President? Something is extremely fishy between Islam and Obama, your guess is as good as mine — Amos 3:3 — "Can two walk together except they be in agreement?")

'Al-Aqsa' being built for Ahmadinejad

YnetNews.com reports: "The Lebanese people will soon have an Al-Aqsa mosque of their own, *Yedioth Ahronoth* reported.

The mosque, to be built a few hundred meters from the border with Israel, is being constructed in honor of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's upcoming visit.

Construction is nearing its end in the village of Maroun al-Ras, with the structure being made to look exactly like its Jerusalem prototype — including the golden dome on top. But there is one glaring difference: An Iranian flag, a tribute to its sponsor.

Bulldozers and cranes have been working for months on the site, which will also include a boardwalk and a lookout point from which Ahmadinejad plans to throw a symbolic stone at Israel. The president will also inaugurate the

mosque.

'It is unbelievable that Iranian money has made its way to the entrance of our home. It is very worrying,' says Shimon Biton, head of the council of Avivim, a town located just a few hundred meters from the new mosque.

'From our bitter experience we are sure that during the next war this site will be used as a foremost Hezbollah outpost. I am certain that bunkers and military storerooms have been built underneath it...' (Read once again the final paragraph of this report. Jesus warned of wars and rumors of wars and how His people, the Jews would suffer — Matthew 24:6, 7, 9; John 15:2; and John in Revelation 12:13.)

IRGC Official Terms Iran "Most Powerful Country in Middle-East"

The Fars News Agency reports: "A senior Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) official described Iran as the most powerful country in the Middle-East region, reiterating that enemies are fearful of Tehran's deterrent power.

'Iran is the most powerful country in the Middle-East,' Supreme Leader's Deputy Representative to the IRGC Mojtaba Zonnour said.

'The Islamic Republic of Iran enjoys the highest capabilities in the region and this is a highly important and distinguished value,' Zonnour added.

Stressing that the Islamic Republic is now experiencing its best conditions since the onset of the Islamic Revolution, he stated that such conditions have angered the enemies, but Tehran's deterrent power has dissuaded them from attacking Iran.

His remarks came after the U.S. and Israel both recently intensified threats against Iran. Speculations that Israel could bomb Iran mounted after a big Israeli air drill in 2008. In the first week of June 2008, 100 Israeli F-16 and F-15 fighters reportedly took part in an exercise over the eastern Mediterranean and Greece, which was interpreted as a dress rehearsal for a possible attack on Iran's nuclear installations.

Iran has warned that it would target

Israel and its worldwide interests in case it comes under attack by Tel Aviv.

The United States has always stressed that military action is a main option for the White House to deter Iran's progress

in the field of nuclear technology.

Iran has warned that in case of an attack by either the U.S. or Israel, it will target 32 American bases in the Middle East and close the strategic Strait of Hormuz.

An estimated 40 percent of the world's oil supply passes through the waterway..." **(Bunk and wishful thinking. We'll soon see who holds the power in the Middle East — Psalm 122:6.)**

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Russia, China Praise Their Relationship

Voice of America News reports: "Russia and China, once bitter foes during the Cold War, have praised their current relationship as their leaders concluded new cooperative pacts between the countries.

Russian President Dmitri Medvedev said that Sino-Russian ties had reached their 'highest point' ever as he ended a three-day state visit to China. Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping said it was the 'best period in history' for Russian-Chinese relations.

The two countries celebrated the completion of a cross-border oil pipeline that links Russia, the world's biggest oil producer, with China, the largest energy consumer. Russia is expected to send China \$150 billion worth of oil over the next 20 years. They are working on a natural gas deal as well.

According to the Chinese state news agency *Xinhua*, the two countries also signed a pact supporting each other's core territorial interests.

Russia said it supports China's control of Taiwan, Tibet and Xinjiang, while China expressed approval of Russian efforts to 'promote peace and stability' in the North Caucasus region, where Islamists are seeking to establish an independent Islamic state..." **(Russia and China unite for Armageddon — Daniel 11:44. First invasion: Russia — Ezekiel 38, 39. Second invasion: China and remaining army of Russia — Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14-18. Third invasion: all nations — Zechariah 14:2 — and then Christ**

returns — Zechariah 14:4 and wins the battle — Zechariah 14:12, 16.)

Photos show S-300 missiles unguarded on Russian bases

Haaretz reports: "Even as Israel attempted to pressure Russia not to sell S-300 missile systems to Iran, a part of Russia's own missile arsenal stood open and unguarded in a forest near Moscow, Russian bloggers discovered recently.

A report containing scores of pictures appeared earlier this month on the popular blogging platform *Livejournal.com*, showing a completely abandoned missile base. The pictures were accompanied by amusing captions, which recounted how easy it was for a mushroom-picker walking in the forest to enter through the rusting gates and take pictures of the missiles and radar systems — some in storage, some resting on their launch pads.

'Maybe it's a museum?' a mushroom-picker wonders in one of the captions. 'There's no one around — just come and take what you like... What a strange museum — all the exhibits are working and the systems are all buzzing.' No soldiers could be seen in any of the photographs.

Within a week, the pictures were reproduced on dozens of websites, drawing considerable coverage. An officer told the Russian tabloid *Komsomolskaya Pravda* that each site used to be guarded by an entire battalion, but ongoing cutbacks resulted in sites being guarded by the same soldiers that operate the missiles' launching devices. He said the base has some guard dogs, but the soldiers don't

have firearms and the officers only have handguns.

Speaking to the Russian media, Russian defense officials doubted that whoever took the photographs was indeed an innocent passerby.

The Russian military said the pictures were taken in three different missile bases, speculating that the photographer was a soldier on active duty or recently discharged, with intimate knowledge of the localities.

They mocked the notion that a terrorist could have launched a missile, noting this was much more complicated than pushing a button. 'No one yet has managed to blow up or take apart a missile. You can wreck it, but certainly not use it for terrorism,' one general told *Komsomolskaya Pravda*..." **(Luke 21:25)**

Russia says they may sell more arms to Syria

YnetNews.com reports: "Russia will complete the delivery of anti-ship missiles to Syria this year and may sell more weapons to Israel's neighbor after assessing the impact on the regional balance of power, Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov was quoted as saying by the *Bloomberg* news agency.

Serdyukov returned to Moscow from meetings with US Defense Secretary Robert Gates. Both the US and Israel have expressed concern about the arms deal.

'A contract may not be signed in the end,' the Russian defense minister told *Bloomberg*. 'We are conducting a serious assessment of how it may affect the existing balance of forces in

the region. We understand that it would not be right to upset it. Therefore all these nuances and analyses are being thoroughly assessed.'

The Moscow-based *Interfax* news service reported September 19 that Russia intends to supply Yakhont

missiles worth more than \$300 million to Syria.

'The Israelis and perhaps to some extent the Americans voice apprehension that these weapons can somehow fall into the hands of terrorists,' Serdyukov told *Bloomberg*.

'The contract has provisions for a series of controlling measures that will not allow for this to happen...'" (**Russian — Ezekiel 38:1, 2 — and Syria unite and both suffer defeat — Ezekiel 39:1, 2, 12, 13; and Isaiah 17:1.**)

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Computers set for quantum leap

The Financial Times reports: "A new photonic chip that works on light rather than electricity has been built by an international research team, paving the way for the production of ultra-fast quantum computers with capabilities far beyond today's devices.

Future quantum computers will, for example, be able to pull important information out of the biggest databases almost instantaneously. As the amount of electronic data stored worldwide grows exponentially, the technology will make it easier for people to search with precision for what they want.

An early application will be to investigate and design complex

molecules, such as new drugs and other materials, that cannot be simulated with ordinary computers. More general consumer applications should follow.

Jeremy O'Brien, director of the UK's Centre for Quantum Photonics, who led the project, said many people in the field had believed a functional quantum computer would not be a reality for at least 25 years.

'However, we can say with real confidence that, using our new technique, a quantum computer could, within five years, be performing calculations that are outside the capabilities of conventional computers,' he told the British Science Festival, as he presented the research.

The breakthrough, published today in the journal *Science*, means data

can be processed according to the counterintuitive rules of quantum physics that allow individual subatomic particles to be in several places at the same time.

This property will enable quantum computers to process information in quantities and at speeds far beyond conventional supercomputers. But formidable technical barriers must be overcome before quantum computing becomes practical..." (**America now has a computer capable of 1,250 trillion calculations per second. China is working on one that will produce 3,000 trillion calculations per second and Japan 10,000 trillion calculations per second. Wow! See Revelation 13:11-18 — it's coming!**)

ECONOMIC DOOMSDAY

Doomsday warnings of U.S. apocalypse gain ground

Breitbart.com reports: "Economists peddling dire warnings that the world's number one economy is on the brink of collapse, amid high rates of unemployment and a spiraling public deficit, are flourishing here.

The guru of this doomsday line of thinking may be economist Nouriel Roubini, thrust into the forefront after predicting the chaos wrought by the subprime mortgage crisis and the collapse of the housing bubble.

'The U.S. has run out of bullets,' Roubini told an economic forum in Italy earlier. 'Any shock at this point can tip you back into recession.'

But other economists, who have so far

stayed out of the media limelight, are also proselytizing nightmarish visions of the future.

Boston University professor Laurence Kotlikoff, who warned as far back as the 1980s of the dangers of a public deficit, lent credence to such dark predictions in an International Monetary Fund publication.

He unveiled a doomsday scenario — which many dismiss as pure fantasy — of an economic clash between superpowers the United States and China, which holds more than 843 billion dollars of U.S. Treasury bonds.

'A minor trade dispute between the United States and China could make some people think that other people are going to sell U.S. treasury bonds,' he wrote

in the IMF's Finance & Development review.

'That belief, coupled with major concern about inflation, could lead to a sell-off of government bonds that causes the public to withdraw their bank deposits and buy durable goods.'

Kotlikoff warned such a move would spark a run on banks and money market funds as well as insurance companies as policy holders cash in their surrender values.

'In a short period of time, the Federal Reserve would have to print trillions of dollars to cover its explicit and implicit guarantees. All that new money could produce strong inflation, perhaps hyperinflation,' he said..." (**James 5: 1-4; Revelation 18:10, 17, and 19.**)