

"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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CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Kenya: Grenade attack on church in Garissa kills two

BBC News reports: "Two people have been killed in a grenade attack on a church in an eastern Kenyan town.

At least three others were injured after the grenade was thrown into the compound of the East African Pentecostal Church in Garissa.

Another bomb was placed near a military base in the town earlier, but failed to detonate.

Police suggested the attack could have been carried out by Islamist extremists sympathetic to Somalia-based al-Shabab.

Ibrahim Makunyi, head pastor of the church in Garissa, said a house near the entrance of the church that belonged to a church elder had been bombed... (Dr. Dave Williams, pastor of the great "Assembly of God" mega-church in Lansing, Michigan had a speaker from Kenya who told the audience that the new Muslim terrorist group al-Shabab has begun killing multiplied Christians in Kenya and said: "It is the voice of Dr. Jack Van Impe that brings comfort to our hearts through his telecasts." I wept tears of compassion

as I realized how God is using Rexella and me. PTL! — Jude 1:3, 4, 10, 14, 15; James 1:12; Revelation 2:10.)

Concerns for Christians in Tunisia as Islamists take most votes

ChristianToday.com reports: "There are concerns that the freedom of Christians will be compromised in the new Tunisia after the runaway success of Islamists in the country's first free elections.

Preliminary results show that the Ennahda (Renaissance) Party has won up to 40 per cent of the votes cast in the election, making it the largest party in the new 217-seat Constituent Assembly.

Tunisia is the first of the Arab Spring countries to hold free elections. Although Ennahda has taken the greatest share of the votes, it is expected to fall short of an absolute majority, meaning that it will have to seek coalition partners.

The party has reportedly already entered into coalition talks with Ettakatol and the Congress for the Republic, two left-of-centre parties that came in just behind Ennahda in the election.

Dr Raouf Ghattas, who spent four

years in Tunisia with International Mission Board, said that although Ennahda is regarded as moderate, its links to the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt are a cause for concern... (Great persecution will inundate the world soon as Islamic terrorists slaughter Christians in most Muslim nations — Revelation 6:9; 13:15; 20:4.)

Europe's political leaders condemn crackdown on Copts

ChristianToday.com reports: "Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) have condemned the massacre of peaceful protesters in Egypt and Syria, and have passed a resolution this week calling for authorities in the nations to do more to protect vulnerable and targeted Christian communities.

MEPs voted by a show of hands to pass the resolution on the escalating situations in Egypt and Syria, and highlighted in particular the recent slaughter of Christians in Egypt that saw dozens massacred by government army personnel.

Reports indicate that tens of thousands of Coptic Christians have fled Egypt in the past six months. Most

have left fearing for their lives as Islamic extremists attack Christian churches and residences with increasing regularity and ferocity..." **(The Copts are the Catholic believers in Egypt. Recently the terrorists marched in their main church during Mass, killed the priests in front of the congregation and murdered most of those gathered to worship the Lord Jesus Christ. See Matthew 24:9 and John 16:2.)**

Quebec's new secular norm: fines for worship

The National Post reports: "On a Sunday morning two years ago, Paula Celani and about 80 members of her Catholic lay group gathered in a hall they had rented from the city. They watched an inspirational video, they prayed, they celebrated Mass and they capped it off with a potluck lunch. 'We had a beautiful day,' Ms. Celani recalls.

But now that beautiful day has generated a nasty court battle after she was hit with a \$144 ticket from the city, which alleged her event was illegal because it involved religious worship.

Her lawyer advised Montreal municipal court that he will challenge the fine on constitutional grounds...

John Zucchi, a McGill University history professor who is president of the non-profit group that organized the 2009 event, said the case against Ms. Celani is evidence of state secularism gone overboard.

'I think there is something wrong here when you're renting space for private use that you cannot be free to do what is very important to you,' he said 'There's this idea that there's a new norm in Quebec, a secular norm, that we are all supposed to subscribe to...' **(Jesus predicted such animosity — Matthew 5:10-12; II Timothy 3:12.)**

Persecuted Christian? Don't expect these pastors to speak up

WorldNetDaily.com reports: "About half of all the pastors in America's churches today do not want to tell their congregations that there are forces in the world that persecute Christians for their beliefs, because it's a 'downer,' according to the results of a startling new poll.

The Barna Research Associates survey, commissioned by Open Doors USA, says a significant majority of American Christians, some three out of four, want to hear about the persecuted church.

But the same study showed that 52 percent of America's pastors don't want to talk about persecution and have no plans to talk about it.

In the nationwide poll of more than 800 Christians, 74 percent of America's churchgoers want to hear about the persecuted church.

But the same survey said only 48 percent of the pastors want to discuss the issue.

Open Doors President Carl Moeller says the survey shows that American Christians are not isolationists.

'Much of what we've been hearing from people and in my experience of speaking with people all over the country would indicate that American Christians really want to know what's happening to their brothers and sisters in Christ all around the world, particularly those that are suffering for their faith in Christ,' Moeller said..." **(God forgive these spineless, jellyfish, carnal ministers who stand for nothing. Revelation 3:15-19 describes them. Verse 19 — "Repent!")**

Christian church teams up with high priestess of Isis

WorldNetDaily.com reports: "A Protestant church in California is coming

under fire from some Christians over its upcoming conference featuring 'guided meditations' by a high priestess of the pagan fertility goddess Isis.

The fifth annual 'Faith and Feminism Conference' taking place Nov. 11-13 is being hosted by the Ebenezer Lutheran Church in San Francisco, which bills itself as 'herchurch.'

Among the scheduled participants is Loreon Vigne, high priestess of Isis Oasis — a temple, retreat and animal sanctuary Vigne founded in 1978 in Geyserville, Calif.

'I personally see Isis as Mother Nature,' Vigne told *WND*, 'and that she encompasses everything with her wings. She's a winged goddess. She encompasses any other goddess from any culture.'

Vigne, who plans to bring several other priestesses to the conference, will conduct prayers, songs and meditation.

'Guided meditation is where the audience closes their eyes and you take them on a little journey,' she explained. 'I've taken people to their past lives in Egypt, as (that culture) had all the secrets. They're the ones that knew. Their main concept is to know thyself, know thy heart, know thy soul and know thy purpose...' **(The above blasphemy is shocking. Martin Luther would take care of such Lutheran leaders in a second. I can hear him now. "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" — Matthew 23:15, 33.)**

CYBER INSECURITY

London hosts cyberspace security conference

BBC News reports: “London is hosting a major international conference on the threat from cyber security attacks.

Representatives of 60 nations are gathering to discuss how to tackle the rising levels of cybercrime.

Foreign Secretary William Hague convened the London Conference on Cyberspace, and urged a ‘global coordinated response’ on policy.

However, Wikipedia founder, Jimmy Wales, warned that ill-advised interventions posed their own risks.

The event comes a day after intelligence agency GCHQ warned that cyber-attacks on the UK were at ‘disturbing’ levels.

Experts attending the two-day conference include EU digital supremo Neelie Kroes, Cisco’s vice-president Brad Boston and Joanna Shields, a senior executive at Facebook...” **(Cyber-attacks can bring a nation down overnight. If they attack the grid system of a nation, all electrically operated and controlled systems could and will often fail from coast to coast — I Timothy 3:1. Also — “Nations will be in distress with perplexity (mass confusion) — Luke 21:25. See also the next three reports.)**

GCHQ chief reports ‘disturbing’ cyber-attacks on UK

BBC News reports: “The UK has been subject to a ‘disturbing’ number of cyber-attacks, the director of communications intelligence agency GCHQ has said.

Sensitive data on government computers has been targeted, along with defence, technology and engineering firms’ designs, Iain Lobban said in the *Times*.

There was a ‘significant’ unsuccessful internet-based attack on Foreign Office computer systems this summer, he added...

Foreign Secretary William Hague convened the London Conference on

Cyberspace after criticism that ministers are failing to take the threat from cyber warfare seriously enough.

It aims to bring together political leaders, such as U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and EU digital supremo Neelie Kroes, with leading cyber security experts and technology entrepreneurs such as Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales and Cisco vice-president Brad Boston.

Mr. Hague believes a ‘global coordinated response’ is required to forge policy on cyber development.

Writing in the *Times*, Mr. Lobban said such an inclusive approach was vital.

‘The volume of e-crime and attacks on government and industry systems continues to be disturbing,’ he wrote.

‘I can attest to attempts to steal British ideas and designs — in the IT, technology, defence, engineering and energy sectors, as well as other industries - to gain commercial advantage or to profit from secret knowledge of contractual arrangements.

‘Such intellectual property theft doesn’t just cost the companies concerned; it represents an attack on the UK’s continued economic wellbeing.’...”

Japan parliament hit by China-based cyberattack

SpaceDaily.com reports: “Computers in Japan’s lower house of parliament were hit by cyber-attacks from a server based in China that left information exposed for at least a month, a report said.

Passwords and other information could have been compromised in the attacks, which began in July but were not reported to security authorities until the end of August, the *Asahi Shimbun* said, without citing sources.

The government’s top spokesman Osamu Fujimura, chief cabinet secretary and a lower house member, said he was not previously aware of the reported attack but that the government was

investigating the issue.

However, the *Asahi* said that lower house officials told lawmakers and parliamentary staff to change their network IDs and passwords, over fears that security had been breached.

The *Asahi* said politicians’ computers and a lower house server contracted a ‘Trojan horse’ virus containing a programme that allowed a China-based server to steal passwords and other information...”

U.S.: Russia and China stealing online from U.S. companies

BBC News reports: “China and Russia are the most active perpetrators of economic cyber-espionage against U.S. companies, a U.S. intelligence report says.

The report specifically cited Chinese ‘actors’ and Russian intelligence as the top culprits.

Robert Bryant, U.S. national counter-intelligence executive, told reporters that online spying was ‘a quiet menace to our economy’.

Both China and Russia’s embassies have denied the allegations.

The report, titled Foreign Spies Stealing U.S. Economic Secrets in Cyberspace, says both private firms and cybersecurity experts have reported an ‘onslaught’ of computer network intrusions that they say originated from China.

However, they have not been able to track the ultimate culprit of the intrusions.

Google said in 2010 that it had lost data to Chinese hackers.

According to the report, attacks from Russia are a ‘distant second’ to those from China, but were ‘extensive’ and ‘sophisticated’.

The proliferation of methods used to hack into the computer systems of both research organisations and private companies also means that it is harder to identify and track who is stealing information...”

THE SPREAD OF SHARIAH LAW

Egypt heading toward Shariah standard

WorldNetDaily.com reports: “The Muslim Brotherhood, which initially sought to allay fears Egypt would adopt radical Islam after the fall of President Hosni Mubarak, has reversed course and now is ‘working to maximize its achievements in the upcoming elections,’ according to a report from the Middle East Media Research Institute.

And raising alarms for many, according to the Islamic group’s platform, it is deriving its ‘source of authority’ from Islamic religious law, or Shariah, arguing that the majority of Egyptians favor it.

The aftermath of the revolution in Egypt has turned violent in recent weeks, with 25 Christians being killed just last month (October 2011) in growing conflicts between majority Muslims who are increasingly demanding imposition of strict Shariah and minority Christians

who have lived in the region for centuries.

The Muslim Brotherhood platform ‘adds that non-Muslims have the right to follow their own religious laws in matters of faith, worship, and personal status whenever these laws differ from those of the Shariah, but should be judged according to the Muslim principles of justice and equality in all other domains of life,’ the MEMRI report explains...”

(The Arab Spring arising which many believe could bring democratic reform within Muslim nations know nothing about Shariah law which Islamic nations are now attempting to vote or force into law. Not only does Shariah Law oppose a democratic form of government but would bring mass devastation upon any nation and people who promote anything but Shariah law, the most deadly dealing law exercised. See also the next report.)

Al-Qaeda flag flies high on top of Benghazi courthouse

YnetNews.com reports: “The black flag of al-Qaeda has been put on top of a courthouse in the Libyan city of Benghazi, further raising concerns that the country could turn into a Muslim extremist entity.

‘There is no God but Allah’ was written in Arabic on the flag raised above the streets of Benghazi, considered the heart of the Libyan revolutionaries who toppled Muammar Gaddafi’s regime.

According to the *Daily Telegraph*, citing the news site *Vice.com*, the flag was flying alongside the Libyan national flag but the National Transitional Council denied it was involved.

If that were not enough, *Vice.com* reported that Islamists were seen driving the streets of Benghazi while waving al-Qaeda flags and shouting, ‘Islamiya, Islamiya! No East, nor West’...”

THE GROWING NUCLEAR THREAT

Pakistan’s nuclear weapons vulnerable to theft: report

SpaceDaily.com reports: “Pakistan has begun moving its nuclear weapons in low-security vans on congested roads to hide them from U.S. spy agencies, making the weapons more vulnerable to theft by Islamist militants, two U.S. magazines reported.

The *Atlantic* and the *National Journal*, in a joint report citing unnamed sources, wrote that the U.S. raid that killed Al-Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden in May at his Pakistani compound reinforced Islamabad’s longstanding fears that Washington could try to dismantle the country’s nuclear arsenal.

As a result, the head of the Strategic Plans Divisions (SPD), which is charged with safeguarding Pakistan’s atomic

weapons, was ordered to take action to keep the location of nuclear weapons and components hidden from the United States, the report said.

Khalid Kidwai, the retired general who leads the SPD, expanded his agency’s efforts to disperse components and sensitive materials to different facilities, it said.

But instead of transporting the nuclear parts in armored, well-defended convoys, the atomic bombs ‘capable of destroying entire cities are transported in delivery vans on congested and dangerous roads,’ according to the report...” **(The nuclear threat is growing. Along with this report the missiles in Romania have been stolen and Russia’s nuclear storehouse is often left unguarded. Is this done purposefully?)**

IAEA says foreign expertise has brought Iran to threshold of nuclear capability

The Washington Post reports: “Intelligence provided to U.N. nuclear officials shows that Iran’s government has mastered the critical steps needed to build a nuclear weapon, receiving assistance from foreign scientists to overcome key technical hurdles, according to Western diplomats and nuclear experts briefed on the findings.

Documents and other records provide new details on the role played by a former Soviet weapons scientist who allegedly tutored Iranians over several years on building high-precision detonators of the kind used to trigger a nuclear chain reaction, the officials and experts said. Crucial technology linked

to experts in Pakistan and North Korea also helped propel Iran to the threshold of nuclear capability, they added.

The officials, citing secret intelligence provided over several years to the International Atomic Energy Agency, said the records reinforce concerns that Iran continued to conduct weapons-related research after 2003 — when, U.S. intelligence agencies believe, Iranian leaders halted such experiments in response to

international and domestic pressures.

The U.N. nuclear watchdog is due to release a report laying out its findings on Iran's efforts to obtain sensitive nuclear technology. Fears that Iran could quickly build an atomic bomb if it chooses to has fueled anti-Iran rhetoric and new threats of military strikes. Some U.S. arms-control groups have cautioned against what they fear could be an overreaction to the report, saying there is still time to persuade Iran to

change its behavior..." **(America is being warned that if Iran is not stopped in its tracks immediately, this maniacal leader will drop an atomic barrage on multiplied nations and millions will die. Persia, who unites with Russia and China for Armageddon will be part of the greatest and deadliest wars in history — Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 16 (Persia in verse 5 changed its name to Iran in 1935); Revelation 9:14-18.)**

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

China could play key role in EU rescue

The Financial Times reports: "China is very likely to contribute to the Eurozone's bail-out fund but the scope of its involvement will depend on European leaders satisfying some key conditions, two senior advisers to the Chinese government have told the *Financial Times*."

Any Chinese support would depend on contributions from other countries and Beijing must be given strong guarantees on the safety of its investment, according to Li Daokui, an academic member of China's central bank monetary policy committee, and Yu Yongding, a former member of that committee.

Financial markets reacted with relief hours after a European deal was agreed at a summit aimed at calming the two-year-long sovereign debt crisis. The plan includes recapitalising European banks, making them accept a loss of 50 per cent on their holdings of Greek debt and boosting the firepower of the rescue fund, known as the European Financial Stability Facility..." **(Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14-18. See also the next report.)**

China suspect in U.S. satellite interference

SpaceDaily.com reports: "NASA satellites were interfered with four separate times in 2007 and 2008, possibly

by the Chinese military, according to a draft of an upcoming report for the U.S. Congress.

The latest draft of the report by the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission said the computer hackers behind the interference gained the ability to issue commands to one of the satellites on two occasions.

The targeted satellites are used for observation of the earth's climate and terrain, according to the report to be submitted to Congress on November 16. A copy of the latest draft of the report was obtained by *AFP*.

It said the account of the interference with the satellites came from a May 2011 briefing for the Commission by the U.S. Air Force..."

NEWS FROM SYRIA

McCain raises prospect of military option in Syria

Breitbart.com reports: "U.S. Senator John McCain raised the prospect of possible armed intervention to protect civilians in Syria where a crackdown on pro-democracy protests has killed more than 3,000 people.

'Now that military operations in Libya are ending, there will be renewed focus on what practical military operations might be considered to protect civilian lives in Syria,' McCain told a World Economic Forum meeting in Jordan.

McCain, the top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee,

said Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's 'regime should not consider that it can get away with mass murder.

Libya's ousted leader Moamer Kadhafi, who was captured and killed...'made that mistake and it cost him everything,' he said.

'There are even growing calls among

the opposition for some foreign military intervention. We hear these pleas for assistance. We are listening to and engaging with the (opposition) National Council,' he added..." (Syria is headed for disaster. Isaiah 17:1 has never occurred but may soon bring the fulfillment of this text "...Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap." See also the next three reports.)

France FM: Fall of Assad government in Syria 'unavoidable'

Haaretz reports: "The government of Syrian President Bashar Assad will almost certainly fall under the pressure of protests and sanctions, but it will take time due to the complexity of internal and regional politics, French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said.

With a crackdown on pro-democracy protests in Syria now seven months old, Western powers including France are relying on a combination of sanctions and diplomatic pressure to weaken Assad's hold on power.

The European Union widened sanctions against Assad and the Syrian state after China and Russia blocked an attempt by Western powers to bring about a UN Security Council resolution condemning violence against protesters.

'It's true that in New York (at the United Nations) we were blocked, and that is a stain on the Security Council, which said almost nothing about this barbaric repression,' Juppe said on France Inter radio.

'This will end with the fall of the regime, it is nearly unavoidable, but unfortunately it could take time because the situation is complex, because there is a risk of civil war between Syrian factions, because surrounding Arab countries do not want us to intervene.'..."

Arab League chief warns of 'disastrous consequences' if Syria deal fails

Haaretz reports: "Government forces intensified their attack on pro-democracy protesters and army defectors, leaving 15 people dead, as the Arab League chief warns of 'disaster' if the violence continued.

Secretary General of the Arab League, Nabil al-Arabi, said that 'the failure of the Arab initiative would have disastrous consequences on the situation in Syria and the region as a whole.'

He also warned the various parties against ignoring the Arab League plan, which called on the government to withdraw its troops from the streets, release all political prisoners, grant foreign media free access to Syria and hold talks with opposition.

Shortly following his statement, the Syrian government released 553 detainees, arrested during the events in Syria, who they said 'did not have blood on their hands' — on the occasion of the Muslims' Eid al-Adha, which began on Sunday, November 6, 2011. Authorities also promised to withdraw troops from the streets.

'Syria means what it says and we will implement the Arab League agreement, every aspect of it. If we agree to something, we do it,' the deputy foreign minister, Abdulfattah Ammura, told Britain's *Daily Telegraph* newspaper... 'We are working on it. We will see it very shortly, hopefully before Eid al-Adha,' Ammura said..."

Syria's Assad warns of 'earthquake' if West intervenes

BBC News reports: "Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has warned of an 'earthquake' if the West intervenes in his country.

In a rare interview with the UK's *Sunday Telegraph* newspaper, Mr. Assad said involvement risked transforming

Syria into 'another Afghanistan'.

The UN has renewed its call for the repression to end, and China has warned Syria the situation cannot continue.

More than 50 civilians and members of the security forces were killed according to the two sides.

Activists said 21 civilians were killed and that army tanks had shelled a historic district in the city of Homs.

The government said 20 soldiers were killed in Homs, and 10 members of the security forces were killed during an ambush of their bus in Idlib province.

More than 3,000 people have died in the unrest since protests calling for the government of Mr. Assad to step down broke out in March.

In the *Sunday Telegraph* interview, Mr. Assad said Western countries were 'going to ratchet up the pressure, definitely'.

'Syria is the hub now in this region. It is the faultline, and if you play with the ground you will cause an earthquake,' he said.

'Any problem in Syria will burn the whole region. If the plan is to divide Syria, that is to divide the whole region.

'Do you want to see another Afghanistan, or tens of Afghanistans?'

President Assad admitted that 'many mistakes' had been made by his security forces in the early part of the uprising, but the paper said he insisted that 'only terrorists' were now being targeted.

He said he had responded differently to the Arab Spring than other, deposed Arab leaders.

'We didn't go down the road of stubborn government,' he said. 'Six days after (the protests began), I commenced reform.'

Mr. Assad described the uprising as a 'struggle between Islamism and pan-Arabism'.

'We've been fighting the Muslim Brotherhood since the 1950s and we are still fighting with them,' he said..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Israel gets ready to unveil David's Sling

SpaceDaily.com reports: "The Israeli air force is preparing to deploy a new air-defense system with the biblical name of David's Sling, designed to intercept medium-range missiles, while the Iron Dome system deployed earlier battles Palestinian rockets.

A new unit has been formed to man the first David's Sling battery that will be based in central Israel sometime in 2012.

David's Sling, also known as Magic Wand, has been jointly developed by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and U.S. defense contractor Raytheon to counter missiles and rockets with ranges of 25-185 miles.

The interceptor, known as Stunner, is a two-stage missile that can change course in mid-flight and can operate in all weather conditions.

It will form part of the multilayered missile defense system Israel is putting in place to meet the growing threat of a sustained bombardment, possibly lasting several weeks, by missiles and rockets of all calibers and ranges, including ballistic missiles.

In the worst-case scenario, but one which Israeli military planners fear is likely, the Jewish state would be hammered by Iran and Syria as well as Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas and other Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip..." **(Israel may soon move on Iran with America's blessing as well as scores of nations who distrust the second Hitler — Ahmadinejad. If someone does not stop his damnable satanic plot, the world will experience a bloodbath — Revelation 14:20.)**

Israel test-fires missile as Iran debate rages

Reuters reports: "Israel test-fired a missile from a military base two days after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned of the 'direct and heavy threat' posed by Iran's nuclear program.

The noon launch near Tel Aviv, which had not been announced in advance, coincided with a week-long surge of speculation in local media that Netanyahu was working to secure cabinet consensus for an attack on Israel's arch-foe.

Netanyahu's office declined comment on the reports, which were unsourced and unconfirmed, and which some commentators suggested might be disinformation designed to jolt war-wary foreign powers into stepping up sanctions against Tehran.

The Defense Ministry described the launch from Palmachim base as the test of the propulsion system of a missile on which it declined to elaborate.

"This is an impressive technological achievement and an important step in Israel's advances in the realms of missiles and space, which has been a long time in the planning," Defense Minister Ehud Barak said in a statement.

Israel Radio's military affairs correspondent, who is regularly briefed by top officials on Defense matters, said a 'ballistic missile' had been launched. The term generally applies to long-range missiles for delivering warheads..." **(When Rexella and I had lunch with President Navon of Israel and a discussion with Moshe Dayan years ago, both said our next war will be with Russia — Ezekiel 38 & 39, and an Arab alliance as Israel becomes the**

battleground of the Middle East — Ezekiel 38:8, 16, 17, 18, 19; 39:2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 17, 22, 23, 25, and 29.)

Iran says united and 'ready for war' with Israel

Haaretz reports: "Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi responded to reports claiming Israel is planning a military attack against his country, stating Tehran is 'ready for war' with Israel.

"We have been hearing threats from Israel for eight years. Our nation is a united nation...such threats are not new to us," Salehi told Turkey's *Hürriyet Daily*.

Salehi further warned that if any country would attempt an attack, Iran would not hesitate to retaliate. "We are very sure of ourselves. We can defend our country," Salehi claimed.

Salehi's statements come a day after Iran's chief of staff said Israel would be severely punished for any attack on Iranian soil.

"We would make them regret such a mistake and would severely punish them," Gen. Hassan Firouzabadi told the *ISNA* news agency.

"In case of an attack by the Zionist regime, the United States would also be hit," he added, without elaborating.

Britain is also stepping up its preparations for a military strike on Iran, *The Guardian* newspaper reported. According to its report, London is increasingly concerned over Tehran's nuclear program and is preparing to deploy Royal Navy ships in the coming months to assist a possible American strike on Iran..." **(Iran wants to fulfill Psalm 83:4 "...Come, and let us cut**

them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.” But God says “I will give them (Israel) an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.” Isaiah 56:5. See the next two reports as the Eternal God deals with Israel’s invaders.)

Iran cleric: Israel wouldn’t dare pursue its ‘foolish’ military threats

Haaretz reports: “A senior Iranian cleric dismissed talk of a military strike by Israel as empty propaganda, taunting it for screaming ‘like a cornered cat’ rather than ‘roaring like a lion’.

Israeli media have speculated that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is seeking cabinet consensus to attack Iranian nuclear sites as Western diplomats say new evidence that Tehran researching ways to build atom bombs will be published this week.

Some analysts dismiss the speculation as part of a strategy of psychological warfare to raise pressure on Iran and bolster a case for harsher international sanctions sought by Washington, rather than endorse or

participate in military action.

‘The recent threats of the Zionist regime against Iran are more for internal consumption for themselves and their masters who are struggling with the Wall Street movement,’ said Ayatollah Mahmoud Alavi, referring to anti-capitalism protests that began in New York and have spread around the world.

‘There is a difference between the roar of a lion and the scream of a cat that has been trapped in a corner,’ he said.

‘And this threat of the Zionist regime and its master America is like the scream of a cornered cat.’

Alavi, a member of the Assembly of Experts, a body that appoints and supervises Iran’s supreme leader, said Israel would not dare attack Iran. ‘If they make such a mistake they will receive a crushing response from the Islamic Republic,’ he told the official *IRNA* news agency.

Iran says it would respond to any attack by striking U.S. interests in the region and could close the Gulf to oil traffic, causing massive disruption to global crude supplies...”

Russia: Israeli threat of strikes on Iran ‘a mistake’

BBC News reports: “Military action against Iran would be a ‘very serious mistake fraught with unpredictable consequences’, Russia’s foreign minister has warned.

Sergei Lavrov said diplomacy, not missile strikes, was the only way to solve the Iranian nuclear problem.

His comments come after Israeli President Shimon Peres said an attack on Iran was becoming more likely.

The UN’s atomic watchdog is expected to say that Iran is secretly developing a nuclear arms capability.

Diplomats say the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report will produce compelling evidence that Iran will find hard to dispute.

Iran has always insisted that its nuclear programme is exclusively to generate power for civilian purposes.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi has said the alleged evidence is a fabrication and part of a multi-pronged U.S. smear campaign against his country...”

THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Slippery slope: ‘loneliness,’ ‘fatigue’ now criteria for euthanasia in Netherlands

LifeSiteNews.com reports: “The Royal Dutch Medical Association (KNMG) has released new guidelines for interpreting the 2002 Euthanasia Act that now includes ‘mental and psychosocial ailments’ such as ‘loss of function, loneliness and loss of autonomy’ as acceptable criteria for euthanasia. The guidelines also allow doctors to connect a patient’s lack of ‘social skills, financial resources and a social network’ to ‘unbearable and lasting suffering’ opening the door to legal assisted death

based on ‘psychosocial’ factors, not terminal illness.

The June 2011 position paper, titled ‘The Role of the Physician in the Voluntary Termination of Life’ concludes that the ‘concept of suffering’ is ‘broader’ than its ‘interpretation and application by many physicians today.’

Included in a broader interpretation of suffering would be ‘disorders affecting vision, hearing and mobility, falls, confinement to bed, fatigue, exhaustion and loss of fitness,’ according to the authors...

‘In the KNMG’s view, such cases are sufficiently linked to the medical domain

to permit a physician to act within the confines of the Euthanasia Law.’...”
(The mass murder of unwilling victims goes against God’s Holy Word — Thou shalt not kill — Exodus 20:13. Sad that Holland’s ministers have kept silent about legalized prostitution, drug abuse, and euthanasia. Holland’s leaders must repent and practice II Chronicles 7:14 “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”)