

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

## IMPENDING SHARIA LAW

### **New FJP leader in Egypt calls for Sharia law**

*The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Saad al-Katatny was elected chairman of the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood's political wing, the Freedom and Justice Party, Egyptian media reported. He beat out FJP's acting leader Essam al-Erian in a vote that took place recently.

The FJP is Egypt's largest political party, currently occupying 47 percent of all seats in the country's lower house of parliament.

Katatny hailed his election as 'a first step' towards achieving the goals of the FJP, according to Egypt's *Al-Ahram* newspaper.

In this respect, Katatny was quoted as saying that 'The Muslim Brotherhood established the [FJP] to represent the Brotherhood's political project, which, in the end, will be a wise government that will institute Islamic Shari'a law.'

Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi earlier this year ran for office on the FJP ticket. However, he resigned from the party immediately after being elected.

Earlier, Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood spiritual leader Muhammad Badie called on Muslims worldwide to liberate Jerusalem by means of jihad.

According to *AFP*, in his weekly message to supporters, Badie asserted that 'The jihad for the recovery of Jerusalem is a duty for all Muslims,'

stressing that the city's conquest 'will not be done through negotiations or at the United Nations.'

The Brotherhood's Supreme Guide previously vowed that if the Muslim Brotherhood ever rose to power in Egypt, it would work to sever relations with Israel. 'We are certainly not happy with the illegitimate marriage between Cairo and Tel Aviv,' he said.

'Once we rise to power we will change many things in Egypt's policy, starting with the country's relations with Israel which have caused us great harm.'... **(Sharia Law is a complete way of life with Islamic nations – social, cultural, military, religious, and political – governed from cradle to grave by Islamic law. It poses a great threat and there is a considerable awareness about its aggressive design on humanity wherever it is law with Muslim nations. In January our new video study will be released entitled: "Chrislam: Islamic Sharia's Blasphemy Law and the One World Religion." Dangerous days are ahead – II Timothy 3:1.)**

### **Saudi king urges UN action against religious insults**

*AFP* reports: "Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz demanded a UN resolution condemning insults on

monotheistic religions after a low-budget film produced in the U.S. sparked deadly protests...

'I demand a UN resolution that condemns any country or group that insults religions and prophets,' he said during a meeting at his palace with religious figures and heads of hajj delegations in the Mina valley where pilgrims were performing final rituals of hajj.

'It is our duty and that of every Muslim to protect Islam and defend the prophets.'

A low-budget film produced in the U.S., *Innocence of Muslims*, triggered a wave of deadly anti-American violence across the Muslim world targeting U.S. symbols ranging from embassies and schools to fast food chains.

Saudi Arabia had threatened to block YouTube in the kingdom if Google did not respond to a request to deny access to the video footage of the film. YouTube then extended its restrictions on the video to Saudi Arabia.

The king also called for the 'unity of the Islamic nation (and) rejecting division to face the nation's enemies' as he urged for dialogue among Muslims.

'Dialogue strengthens moderation and ends reasons of conflict and extremism,' he said...' **(From 2002 until 2011 the UN attempted to pass this law globally but it only favors**

**Islam. Our President, whose early schooling was in a Wahhabi school, Bin Laden's denomination, favored it while Hillary Clinton firmly opposed it. In 2011 the annual vote was discontinued. But in 2012 a battle has been brewing to reinstate it through the UN in the near future by Islamic fanatics and even apostate Christian leaders. Isn't it strange that under the antichrist this blasphemer will change the times and laws [Sharia?] – Daniel 7:25.)**

### **Pakistan acid attack parents 'feared dishonour'**

*BBC News* reports: "A couple arrested in Pakistan on suspicion of killing their 15-year-old daughter with acid say they carried out the attack because she looked at a boy.

The girl's father told the *BBC* that they feared she would bring dishonour on their family. Her mother said it was her 'destiny' to die that way.

The couple were arrested in Pakistani-administered Kashmir.

The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan reported 943 women died in so-called honour killings last year.

That represented an increase of more than 100 from 2010.

Police say that the incident took place in a remote village in the southern district of Kotli. They say that the case was brought to their attention by the couple's eldest daughter.

The girl, known only as Anusha, was found to have burns over 60% of her body. Her father Muhammad Zafar told the *BBC* what happened:

'There was a boy who came by on a motorcycle. She (Anusha) turned to look at him twice. I told her before not to do that, it's wrong. People talk about us because our older daughter was the same way,' he said.

Her mother Zaheen described the aftermath: 'She said 'I didn't do it on purpose. I won't look again.' By then I had already thrown the acid. It was her destiny to die this way.'..."

**(Under Sharia Law jihad [holy war] is permitted and even commanded. Children are indoctrinated with the law at mosques and madrassas which include lessons about abhorrent behavior including child abuse, wife abuse, female genital mutilation, polygamy, underage and forced marriages, and honor killing if the unmarried daughter has had sex. Death is also administered to apostates, infidels and homosexuals. This will all be documented in the release of our video study in January. See Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:21, 22. See also the next two reports.)**

### **Egypt Salafists punish man for 'cursing' Islam**

*Israel National News* reports: "The 'Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice Authority', a Salafist group in Egypt, has attacked a man for not allowing its member to use his private toilet and ordered to cut his brother's tongue for 'cursing' Islam, *Al Arabiya* reported.

The report quoted Ahmed Gharib, a resident of Egypt's eastern city of Suez, as having told the online newspaper *al-Mowjaz* that the problem started as he was in his shop when a 'bearded man' rushed inside to use the bathroom.

'I told him that he needs to ask for permission to use the toilet,' said Gharib, 'but he just responded with 'we do not ask for permission.'"

A few minutes later, Gharib recalled, a group of 30 'bearded' men came to his shop and said they wanted to 'discipline him for insulting a religious figure.'

'They tied me down and assaulted me,' he said. 'They tried to cut off my hand for reaching for one of them,' he added.

They were unable to cut off his hand as passersby intervened to stop the fight. Gharib sustained deep cuts.

It did not end there, however. Gharib's brother, who had reached the shop later, angered with what had happened to his brother, insulted the men. In response, Gharib said, the 'Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice' group ordered

the cutting of his brother's tongue, claiming he cursed Islam.

'They tried to catch him to carry out the order but he managed to escape with the help of neighbors,' said Gharib.

The father of the two men had to report the incident to police after the group refused to leave and waited for the brother outside his home's doorstep, said the report.

A political activist, Fawazi Abdul al-Fatah, also confirmed the incident and said that the group remained in search of the young man and members of the neighborhood had to guard the man's house.

*Al Arabiya* reported that the incident is the latest in a series of events where extremist groups, mainly Salafis, have carried out attacks against Egyptian citizens.

In July this year the same group stabbed to death university student Ahmed Hussein Eid for walking alone with his fiancée, the report said..."

### **15,000 gather to apply Shariah in U.S.**

*WND.com* reports: "Shariah law is famous for making headlines in the West over its penalties, such as beheadings and amputations; its treatment of women and the violence that is allowed, and its relegation to those who follow other faiths to a subservient status.

Now, it seems, there's a new move to expand its influence in the United States, with a weekend conference in Hartford, Conn., on 'Understanding Shariah' and 'how to apply Shariah in a society where most people are not of the same faith.'

The conference is being assembled by the Islamic Circle of North America, which earlier was revealed through a campaign by Stop Islamization of Nations, to be trying to 'mainstream Shariah.'

Officials say they expect some 15,000 to attend the events at the 37th annual ICNA convention..."

# THE RUSSIAN BEAR AWAKES

## **Putin contemplates firefight with U.S.**

*WND.com* reports: “A recent annual military exercise that Russia held, called Kavkaz-2012, or Caucasus-2012, apparently assumed that Russian battalions would be going up against U.S. Marines who had landed on a Black Sea coast, according to a report from *Joseph Farah’s G2 Bulletin*.

Without saying which coast, analysts believe such a likely scenario would have been Georgia, which until recently had frigid relations with Moscow and was the subject of a Russian invasion in 2008.

According to regional sources, Russian President Vladimir Putin had visited a military training exercise at the training ground Rayevsky near the port city of Novorossiysk.

The military was simulating an attack from U.S. Marines who had presumed to have landed at a Russian Black Sea port. The exercise had the simulated Marine force penetrate deep into Russian territory with armor and air support to take over possible natural gas and oil pipeline terminals, and even one of the many residences Putin has at his disposal.

At the end of the exercise, sources say, the Russians succeeded in defeating the simulated U.S. Marine force with their traditional conventional force of aircraft, tanks, helicopters and anti-aircraft missiles...” **(President Obama’s nonproliferation treaty which brought great praise to him for world peace has collapsed. In a pledge the president made to Medvedev, Putin’s puppet, Obama gave extra promises to Russia after he, Obama, was reelected. Unfortunately, an open mike revealed this compromise. Russia, in October 2012, canceled the**

**treaty and is moving ahead angrily for what I believe to be Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. See Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 16; 39:1, 2, 6, 12, 13; Joel 2:3, 20, 30. World War III is obviously being planned. See the next four reports.)**

## **Putin flexes muscle in big test of Russia’s nuclear arsenal**

*Reuters* reports: “President Vladimir Putin took a leading role in the latest tests of Russia’s strategic nuclear arsenal, the most comprehensive since the 1991 Soviet collapse, the Kremlin said.

The exercises featured prominently in news reports on state television which seemed aimed to show Russians and the world that Putin is the hands-on chief of a resurgent power.

Tests involving command systems and all three components of the nuclear ‘triad’ - land and sea-launched long-range nuclear missiles and strategic bombers - were conducted ‘under the personal leadership of Vladimir Putin’, the Kremlin said.

An RS-12M Topol Intercontinental Ballistic Missile was launched from the Plesetsk site in northern Russia, and a submarine test-launched another ICBM from the Sea of Okhotsk, the Defence Ministry said.

Long-range Tu-95 and Tu-160 bombers fired four guided missiles that hit their targets on a testing range in the northwestern Komi region, it said.

‘Exercises of the strategic nuclear forces were conducted on such a scale for the first time in the modern history of Russia,’ the Kremlin statement said.

‘Vladimir Putin gave a high evaluation to the combat units and crews and the work of the Armed Forces General Staff, which fulfilled

the tasks before them and affirmed the reliability and effectiveness of Russia’s nuclear forces.’

The exercises included tests of communications systems and ‘new algorithms’ for command and control, it said.

Russia says it is modernizing a nuclear arsenal that was largely created during the Cold War and will continue to use nuclear weapons as a key deterrent...”

## **Russian nuclear sub spotted near U.S. East Coast**

*Israel National News* reports: “A Russian nuclear-powered attack submarine sailed within 200 miles of the U.S. East Coast, defense officials told the *Washington Free Beacon*.

The report follows by three months a similar revelation by the newspaper that a Russian nuclear sub patrolled the Gulf of Mexico undetected for more than a month.

The submarine off the East Coast was identified as a Russian Sierra-2 class submarine and was the first time that class of Russian submarine had been detected near a U.S. coast, said officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

‘One defense official said the submarine was believed to have been conducting anti-submarine warfare efforts against U.S. ballistic and cruise missile submarines based at Kings Bay, Georgia,’ *The Free Beacon* reported. ‘A second official said the submarine did not sail close to Kings Bay and also did not threaten a U.S. aircraft carrier strike group that was conducting exercises in the eastern Atlantic.’

The Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base is the home port for two guided missile submarines and six nuclear



missile submarines.

The Washington newspaper also reported that a Russian electronic intelligence-gathering vessel was granted safe harbor at a Florida port during the Sandy Superstorm, within listening range of Kings Bay.

The Russian attack submarine off the East Coast is equipped with anti-submarine warfare missiles and torpedoes. It was detected by U.S. Navy underwater sonar sensors and now is believed to have sailed several hundreds miles from the coast.

Media reports from Russia the past year have indicated that Moscow is trying to flex its power on the oceans, particularly on the North Sea route..."

### **Russia warns West over involvement in Syrian opposition**

*Haaretz* reports: "A senior Russian diplomat warned the West against trying to predetermine a future leadership of Syria.

Deputy Foreign Minister Gennady Gatilov said on Twitter that such attempts would contradict the peace plan for Syria approved by world

powers in Geneva in June.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said that the administration would push for a shakeup in the Syria opposition leadership so that it better represents fighters on the frontline. Washington believes that a revamped rebel leadership could rally wider international support and prevent extremists from hijacking the rebellion.

'Attempts by Western sponsors of the Syrian opposition to enforce a list of the nation's future leadership from the outside contradict the Geneva agreements,' Gatilov said. 'The Geneva communique says that a transitional governing body should be formed on the basis of mutual accord of the government and the opposition.'

Russia has been the main supporter of Syrian President Bashar Assad's government, shielding it from UN sanctions over a crackdown on the 19-month uprising, in which at least 36,000 people have been killed, according to opposition activists..."

### **Russia seeks to rebuild influence in Iraq**

*Voice of America News* reports: "Almost one decade after American

troops overthrew Saddam Hussein in Iraq, the Kremlin is seeking to regain some of the influence it enjoyed in the country during the near quarter century of Saddam Hussein's rule.

Russia's president and prime minister rolled out the red carpet for Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who came to Moscow with his defense and trade ministers and a large group of business leaders. The first priority was negotiating a \$4 billion weapons deal, and Russian President Vladimir Putin got straight to the point.

'Iraqi specialists are familiar with our weapons systems, which are highly recommended,' Mr. Putin told the visiting Iraqi leader. 'And I'm confident that we'll find a mutual understanding in these important directions, which will unquestionably increase not only returns in economic trade, but will also increase trust between the two governments.'

Alexander Golts, a military analyst, said that under Saddam Hussein, 90 percent of Iraq's arms came from Russia, or from its predecessor state, the Soviet Union. The new weapons package is to include air cargo planes and anti-aircraft guns..."

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

### **Syrian Christians fleeing as homes destroyed**

*WND.com* reports: "Islamist rebels are invading Christian communities in Syria – fighting to capture Aleppo's mostly Christian neighborhoods of al-Syriaan al-Jaddie and al-Syriaan al-Qadime..."

Religious Freedom Coalition President William Murray said there's a reason the Free Syrian Army chose to fight over the Christian neighborhoods.

'The Islamist rebels invaded Christian

neighbors to force government troops to destroy homes there,' Murray said. 'They want the government troops to shell the neighborhoods in an effort to recapture it.'

Murray said this is a familiar tactic.

'I have seen this tactic in the so-called West Bank during the Intifada,' he said. 'Muslims would fire mortars from a Christian neighborhood to draw Israeli fire there. This is a win-win for the Islamist rebels supplied by Turkey. Syrian government troops can be fired on and Christian homes get destroyed.'

Although International Christian Concern Middle East analyst Aidan Clay said accurate information on Syria is limited, he's confirmed the fighting in several Aleppo enclaves..." **(There have been as many Christians killed in our generation than all believers slaughtered in the past 1,900 years. Our days are numbered as the Islamic terrorists and communistic murderers continue their outpouring of hatred upon Christians. Jesus predicted this would happen before His return to set up His millennial**

kingdom – Matthew 24:9; John 16:2; John 15:18-20; Revelation 6:9; 13:15; 20:4; Revelation 2:10. The hour has arrived. Our hope is the Rapture which precedes Christ's coming kingdom by seven years – Revelation 4:1; I Thessalonians 4:16 – 18; I Corinthians 15:52; and Titus 2:13. See the next report.)

### **Four Christians imprisoned in Iran**

*ChristianToday.com* reports: "An Iranian Assembly of God pastor and three ministers have each been sentenced to a year in prison for preaching Christianity.

According to Iranian Christian news agency *Mohabat News*, their trial was held on 15 October at Branch 2 of the

Revolutionary Court in Ahwaz. The presiding judge was Seyyed Mohammad Bagher Mousavi.

The four Christians, who had been arrested on 23 December last year, are the pastor of the Assembly of God church of Ahwaz, Farhad Sabokrouh, and his wife Shahnaz Jeizan, together with two other church ministers, Naser Zamen Dezfuli and Davoud Alijani.

*Mohabat News*, whose website is banned inside of Iran, reported the Revolutionary Court said their charges were, 'Converting to Christianity, inviting Muslims to convert, as well as propagating against the Islamic regime through promoting evangelical Christianity'.

*Mohabat News* said this was an initial sentencing, and there is an opportunity

to appeal. The verdict issues by that court will be final.

According to reports received by the news service, Sabokrouh is not to hold any sort of church service or visit Christians in Ahwaz while free on bail. In addition, authorities have told him to leave his hometown of Ahwaz and he and his family have been exiled to Tehran.

*Mohabat News* said the church was raided as church members gathered for worship. Everyone there was arrested and transported by two buses to an undisclosed location.

It stated that security authorities covered their faces during the raid and even arrested terrified Sunday school children..."

# PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

### **Calls to 'free Al Aqsa' sounded in Egypt**

*Israel National News* reports: "Egyptian jurists and politicians have issued calls to 'liberate' the Al Aqsa mosque on the Temple Mount, and to restore Egypt's leading role in the Arab world.

Participants in a news conference in Cairo on October 25 said that the 'liberation' of Jerusalem by Muslims will be accomplished 'without a doubt' by the present generation, which brought about the change in Arab regimes, and that the peace treaty with Israel was just an act of deception that led to the 'loss of the homeland.'

Ambassador Abdullah al-Ashal, a former aide to the foreign minister, took part in the news conference held by the Diplomatic Committee of the Egyptian Bar Association. He said that 'talk of peace with the Zionists must not be believed,' and that 'no ties between Egypt and Israel are taking place under the present government,' because 'the

Palestinian question is a national one for Egypt...' (This headline may soon become prominent in the world's releases. Zechariah 12:2, 3 predicts that Jerusalem will become a "cup of trembling" and a "burdensome stone" in global affairs. This leads to the greatest war in history when Jerusalem is divided --- Joel 3:2. Our president has promised to divide and give to the Palestinians. Pray! – Psalm 122:6. See the next article.)

### **Muslim leader: Muslims need to 'liberate' Jerusalem**

*Israel National News* reports: "Sheikh Raed Salah, leader of the northern branch of the Islamic Movement in Israel, has once again urged the Muslim world to unite and work toward the liberation of Jerusalem from 'the Israeli occupation.'

Salah...in Saudi Arabia for the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, said that the message from 'Palestine' to

Muslim pilgrims from around the world highlights the importance of unifying the lines so that the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds (the Arab name for Jerusalem) can be released from 'the Israeli occupation' and returned to the fold of Islam.

Salah also said that it is obligatory for every Muslim to love Palestine, the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds, and said that the goal of the pilgrims who come from the Palestinian Authority is to raise awareness of the danger of the so-called 'Judaization policies' applied by Israel in Jerusalem.

'I expect that Muslims will visit Al-Aqsa and Al-Quds after the occupation disappears and we get rid of the last occupation that still exists in the world,' said Salah, in a speech translated by Arab affairs expert Dalit Halevi.

'This can only be achieved if all Muslims stand shoulder to shoulder and unite in extracting Al-Aqsa and Al-Quds from the despicable claws of the occupation,' he added..."

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# TERRORIST THREATS

## **Al-Qaeda leader calls on Muslims to kidnap Westerners**

*AFP* reports: “Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri has urged Egyptians to restart their revolution to press for Islamic law and called on Muslims to kidnap Westerners, the SITE Intelligence Group said.

In a video released on jihadist forums and translated by the U.S. monitoring service, Zawahiri also lashed out at President Barack Obama, calling him a liar and demanding he admit defeat in Iraq, Afghanistan and North Africa.

Criticizing the new Egyptian government -- led by a president drawn from the Muslim Brotherhood -- as corrupt, he said a battle is being waged in Egypt between a secular minority and Muslims seeking implementation of Shariah law.

The Egyptian doctor, the former deputy to slain Al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden, said these Egyptians want to see their government liberated from U.S. influence and Palestinian victory over Israel, SITE reported.

‘The battle isn’t over, but it has started,’ Zawahiri said, urging ‘every sincere person in Egypt’ to ‘wage a popular campaign to incite and preach in order to complete the revolution, which was aborted.

‘The revolution in Egypt must continue and the Muslim Ummah must offer sacrifices until it achieves what it wants and until it snatches from the corrupt forces ... the dignity and honor of Egypt.’...” **(This story portrays what Muslims who support the blasphemy law will do in killing its kidnapped victims by crucifixion or beheading as taught in the Koran - Sura 5:22 and Sura 46:4.)**

## **Al-Qaeda forms all-female brigade to attack West**

*Israel National News* reports: “Al-Qaeda has formed an all-female ‘Burkha Brigade’ to infiltrate and hit Western military bases and targets, as they are less likely than men to attract suspicion.

A film posted online shows the all-female unit of al-Qaeda using an alarming array of weapons, including machine-guns, grenade rocket launchers and sniper rifles during their training session at an unknown location.

The women are thought to have been recruited from the war-torn Russian republic of Chechnya by an al-Qaeda-linked group, with bases in Pakistan and Afghanistan, *The Sun* reported.

The report has raised concerns that the global terror network has formed all-female units because they are less likely to attract suspicion than men and can more easily infiltrate security barriers.

Women also remain less conspicuous as they generally hide the explosives beneath the abaya — the black cloak worn from head to toe, according to *The Sun*.

In September, a female suicide bomber in Afghanistan rammed an explosive-laden car into a mini-bus carrying foreign aviation workers to the airport in the Afghan capital Kabul, killing at least 12 people, including eight South Africans...” **(This “Burkha Brigade” is organizing to attack American men in the West. Such female murderers will end up where all killers go – eternal hell – Revelation 21:8; 22:15.)**

## **Now jihadists put bull’s-eye on Muslims**

*WND.com* reports: “Now just being a Muslim apparently isn’t good enough for some radicals. A statement issued by a jihadist group in Pakistan labels non-jihadist Muslims as ‘kafirs’ and calls for non-jihadi Muslims to be killed.

The report released on Islam Watch says that non-jihadi Muslims are not following the path of the Prophet Muhammad and should be treated the same as infidels.

*Atlas Shrugs* publisher and jihad analyst Pamela Geller confirms that the claims in both presentations are correct.

‘The Quran quotes are authentic. It has always been true that non-jihadi Muslims have been challenged as not Muslim enough by jihadis,’ Geller said.

Center for the Study of Political Islam Executive Director Bill Warner has done research into the issue and confirms that jihadi Muslims have a record of targeting Muslims they believe aren’t practicing true Islam.

Warner’s research shows that from 2002 through 2011, the number of Muslim on Muslim attacks has gone from a few hundred per year to over 1,500 per year...” **(One cannot be a lukewarm Muslim. If one is not willing to kill and destroy Muslim apostates and other religious infidels, this person is not a true Muslim. The Muslim manifesto, published by Dr. Kalim Siddiqui states: “Jihad is a basic requirement of Islam and living in Britain or having British nationality by birth or naturalization does not absolve Muslims from his or her duty to participate in jihad [holy war] where they live.”)**



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# NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

## **Hamas 'planning suicide attacks from Judea and Samaria'**

*Israel National News* reports: "According to websites associated with the Fatah movement, Hamas is planning to carry out suicide attacks against Israel from Judea and Samaria, in order to bring down the wrath of the IDF on the Arabs in that region and topple the Fatah-led Palestinian Authority there.

The websites have published a document summarizing the contents of a meeting allegedly held early this year by top Hamas officials, in which the plan is finalized. There has been no independent verification of the document's authenticity.

According to the document, the meeting was attended by top Hamas officials Halil al-Haya and Mahmoud Zahar, as well as the commanders of the Izzedine al-Kassam 'military wing' of Hamas.

It was decided that weapons would be sent into Judea and Samaria through Sinai in order to carry out deadly attacks against Israel, with the cooperation of other terror groups. The purpose of the attacks would be to weaken the PA and bring about its fall, when Israel responds militarily to the attacks..." **(Satan hates Israel and Jews – I Chronicles 21:1. Iran and Islam will soon attempt to rid the world of Jews – Psalm 83:3-7. Jeremiah 30:7 states: "Alas, for that day is great [Armageddon] so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble [that's Israel – II Kings 17:34]." During Armageddon, Yahweh God will come to the defense of Israel – Ezekiel 39:6 – and the armies of Russia, China, and the Arab confederation will be destroyed – Ezekiel 39:1, 2, 6, 12, 13. See the next three reports.)**

## **Revolutionary Guard commander: Israel will be destroyed if Iran is attacked**

*Haaretz* reports: "Israel will 'definitely' face fierce retaliation if it attacks Iranian nuclear sites, the acting commander of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard warned.

The remarks by Gen. Hossein Salami appear to be part of Iranian efforts to portray any strike against it as the trigger for a regional conflict that could draw in Iranian proxies, such as Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group, on Israel's borders.

Iran's suspect nuclear program has topped the international agenda and pressures on Tehran are mounting.

Israel has threatened to strike Iran's nuclear facilities if Tehran doesn't stop uranium enrichment - a process that can be a pathway to nuclear arms. The West and its allies fear Iran's ambitions mask a pursuit of atomic weapons, a charge Tehran denies, saying its nuclear program is only for peaceful purposes such as power generation and cancer treatment.

Salami was quoted by the semi-official *ISNA* news agency as saying Iran has prepared for 'global battles.'

'An attack by the Zionist regime would be an opportunity to destroy that regime,' he said, speaking of Israel. 'Their defense mechanism is not planned for big and long wars. Their threats are only psychological and if they cross the limit or act upon those threats, [Israel] will definitely be destroyed.'..."

## **Hamas leader: Palestinian stance against Israel unchangeable**

*The Fars News Agency* reports: "Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh underlined his nation's irrevocable stance against Israel, stressing that Palestinians will never ignore even a single span of their land.

'We (Palestinians) will never overlook even one span of Palestine's soil because Palestine is an endowed land and no person, leader, organization or group is entitled to the right to ignore this land,' Haniyeh said in a meeting on Saturday with the members of 'Miles of Smiles 17' aid convoy and an Indonesian delegation visiting Gaza.

'Israel has no future in the Palestinian lands and our motto is that we will never recognize the Zionist regime,' he said.

Pointing to the visit of 'Miles of Smiles' aid convoy to Gaza, Haniyeh said that a visit to Gaza by any person or group supporting the Palestinian cause and ideals gladdens Gazans and other Palestinians.

'Anyone who leaves his land to stay on the side of the Palestinian nation during Eid al-Adha ceremonies shows that the Palestinian cause is rooted in beliefs,' the Palestinian prime minister said, and added, 'The issue of Palestine is an essential issue of the Muslim Ummah (nation) and there is an unbreakable bond between the Muslim Ummah and this cause.'..."

## **Sudan declares support for Hamas, says does not fear 'Israeli aggression'**

*Haaretz* reports: "Sudan will not stop supporting Palestinian group Hamas despite Israeli 'aggression,' a senior Sudanese official said less than two

weeks after Khartoum accused Israel of bombing an arms plant in the Sudanese capital.

Israel accuses Sudan of channeling weapons from Iran to Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, via Egypt's Sinai desert. Sudan denies the charge but often expresses sympathy for Hamas in its conflict with Israel.

A blast at Khartoum's Yarmouk

arms factory drew new attention to the accusations after Sudan said an Israeli air strike was behind the explosion. Israel has not commented on the blast.

...Sudan's Second Vice President al-Haj Adam Youssef said the incident would not stop Sudan supporting Hamas, whose officials have often visited Khartoum in the past, state radio reported in a text message sent to mobile phones.

'We declare our support for Hamas ... Israel's aggression has not scared us,' the message quoted him as saying.

A visit by two Iranian warships to a Sudanese port highlighted military ties between the two countries, and prompted speculation the stay was related to the arms factory blast. Sudan denied this, saying the visit was 'routine.'...

# THE KINGS OF THE EAST

## **China's increasing military spending unnerves neighbors**

*The Washington Post* reports: "China's military spending has been rapidly spiraling upward, and the growing amounts are unnerving Beijing's Asian neighbors and policy planners in the Pentagon, who are openly wary about the country's long-term intentions.

Getting a handle on Chinese military spending is difficult because much of it is opaque and off the books, such as the People's Liberation Army's spending on research and space exploration. But various international think tanks estimate that China's military spending has risen from about \$20 billion in 2002 to at least \$120 billion last year.

The United States still spends four times as much on its military. But by some accounts, China is on course to surpass the United States in total military spending by 2035.

The increased spending has allowed the PLA to embark on a sweeping modernization program that includes new long-range cruise missiles, a new fleet of J-10 and J-11 fighter jets, an experimental stealth J-20 plane, a refurbished Soviet-era aircraft carrier and a growing space program,

which includes China's own satellite navigation network. The PLA has also embarked on a long-term campaign to improve the inter-operability of its various ground, naval and air forces — long a weak point for the Chinese military.

Some critics, including China's skeptical neighbors, are alarmed at the spending, which they say is being used to bolster China's more assertive stance over long-disputed, uninhabited islands in the South China and East China seas..." **(China will become the main force in the Armageddon campaign destroying one third of the human race – Revelation 9:14 – 18.)**

## **Tehran, Beijing to start joint ventures**

*The Fars News Agency* reports: "Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Iran's Central Alborz province and China's Council to Promote International Trade inked an agreement to further boost implementation of joint venture projects by the two sides.

The agreement stressed expansion of mutual cooperation in economic and industrial areas.

According to the agreement,

the parties are to encourage local organizations from both countries to carry out joint investments and projects.

Encouraging bilateral trade cooperation as well as facilitating commercial, industrial and scientific cooperation between Iranian and Chinese private sectors were among major objectives of the agreement...

China, like Russia, has consistently opposed the U.S. pressures on Iran and the West's economic sanctions imposed on the Iranian financial sector and petroleum products.

China has refused to comply with U.S. requests to decrease oil imports from Iran and instead has increased its trade with the country..." **(This headline is interesting proving the Armageddon war is aligning now, just as Bible prophecy predicted for 2,500 years. Russia, China, and an Arab confederation of nations including Egypt, Syria, and Persia [changed its name to Iran in 1935] are preparing to join together for World War III - Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 14; – Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 18; Daniel 11:40; Isaiah 17:1; Ezekiel 38:5-7; Psalm 83:5-7. It's closing time. Prepare to meet thy God – Amos 4:12.)**