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

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Russia has world's largest nuke arsenal – 10,000 warheads

Israel National News reports: "Russia, which is helping Iran develop nuclear power, has more nuclear warheads than any country in the world, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's annual report.

Worldwide, there are an estimated 19,000 nuclear warheads held by eight countries. The list of countries includes Israel, which the Institute estimates has 80 nuclear warheads. Israel officially has a policy of 'nuclear ambiguity' but is assumed by most everyone to have manufactured nuclear warheads. Previous estimates have been around 200.

The United States has the second largest nuclear arsenal, with 8,000 nuclear warheads. Both superpowers possess more than 90 percent of the world's nuclear weapons, France is estimated to possess 300, followed by China with 240, Britain with 225, and India and Pakistan with around 100 each..." (The Russian bear is again raising his Communist head and ignoring the non-proliferation treaty he signed with President Obama. If our president knew and believed Ezekiel 38: 1, 2, 8, 16; and Joel 2:3, 20 and 30 he would never have signed such a devastating and destructive agreement. These texts predict the largest and deadliest world war with Russia. See the next three reports.)

Russia tests next generation missile

SpaceDaily.com reports: "On May 23, Russia successfully tested a new intercontinental long-range missile at the Plesetsk space center which is located in its northwestern Arkhangelsk region. According to Russia's Defense Ministry, the missile's dummy warhead landed on target at the Kura testing range on the Kamchatka peninsula.

The Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) was fired from a mobile launcher by the Russian Missile and Space Forces.

The purpose of the launch was to test the missile's new technical features, in particular its maneuverable warheads, says Vice President of the Academy of Defense and Security, Viktor Esin.

'These warheads have a variable and unpredictable flight trajectory, so they can defeat any interceptor missile system.'

Due to the new missile's high velocity and a greater number of warheads it can carry, it is more effective at penetrating missile defense systems than any of its predecessors: for example, missiles carrying 10 warheads have a better penetration capacity than a single warhead missile, so our engineers have designed a missile which can carry multiple warheads..."

Russia develops air defense lasers

SpaceDaily.com reports: "According to CEO of Russia's Almaz-Antei advanced arms makers Dr. Vladislav Menshikov, his company continues work, started decades ago in the Soviet Union, to develop powerful airborne lasers capable of shooting down hostile aircraft and incoming missiles. Sources say a weapon of this kind can destroy targets travelling at altitudes of up to 40 kilometers. Chief Editor of the *Natsionalnaya Oborona* (National Defence) journal Dr. Igor Korothcenko is 'moderately skeptical'.

'Laser weapons will catch on, but not before 30 to 40 years from now. The problem is that developing them is exorbitantly costly. In the near future, guided missiles will be doing the air defence job. In the meantime, Russia has made considerable progress in laser weapon development. Its work in this field is focused on powerful airborne laser guns.'..."

Putin dominates new Russian government

Reuters reports: "Russian President Vladimir Putin unveiled a government dominated by loyalists, tightening his grip on the economy and limiting Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev's ability to pursue his reform agenda.

Igor Shuvalov, a powerful Putin ally, kept his post as first deputy prime minister in overall charge of economic policy and Anton Siluanov, a career bureaucrat, remained finance minister.

Putin also consolidated his power over the security structures, with Anatoly Serdyukov staying on as defense minister, and kept faith with long-serving Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

'Work will be difficult, given the concrete situation in the world economy... there are very many uncertain factors,' Putin told a meeting of the new cabinet team in the Kremlin, where he sat at the head of the table with Medvedev on his right..."

SHARIAH LAW

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..." (Shariah Law is the most ungodly and undemocratic piece of legislation any country could ever employ or survive under. Honor killing alone becomes horrendous for Muslim daughters if the law is passed. If a girl has sex and is discovered, her father, brother, or another family member must put her to death. This is murder — Exodus 20:12; Revelation 21:8; 22:15.)

U.S. author threatened with decapitation

WND.com reports: "Islam expert Robert Spencer has been threatened with death for his new book, '<u>Did</u> <u>Muhammad Exist?: An Inquiry into</u> the Obscure Origins of Islam.'

Spencer said the threats issued via the social networking site Twitter are part of the increasing pressure by Muslims to impose Islamic law which bans criticism of Muhammad — on the free world.

Spencer, director of *JihadWatch*. *org*, told *WND*: 'This is an increasing tactic on the left, as well as by Muslims. They don't seem to have any attachment to the principle of freedom of speech.'

Spencer reported that the tweeted threats of beheadings and stabbings came from a Muslim in Australia who goes by 'Abdulhakim' on Twitter..." (The difference in Christianity is beautifully expressed in I John 3:16: "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.")

Muslim Brotherhood's dream: Egypt to elect Islamic Caliphate

Israel National News reports: "Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood is hoping that when the polls open, voters will bring in the era of the Islamic Caliphate. 'We are seeing the dream of the Islamic Caliphate coming true at the hands of Mohammed Morsi,' said cleric Safwat Higazy, speaking at a rally for the Brotherhood's presidential candidate.

The TV preacher vowed from the podium before thousands at the stadium of an industrial city in the Nile Delta, 'The capital of the Caliphate and the United Arab States is Jerusalem, Allah willing.'

In response, the crowd waved green Brotherhood flags, chanting, 'The people want to implement Allah's law.'

Morsi himself said at a rally at Cairo University, 'We will not accept any alternative to Shari'ah... The Qu'ran is our constitution and it will always be so.'..." (The Muslim Brotherhood Islamic terrorist group is a Jew hating organization. Jerusalem belongs to the Jews mentioned 930 times in God's Holy Word. Psalm 122:6 states: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." It is dangerous to go against God's chosen people: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" — Genesis 12:3.)

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Persecuted church: Stop removing 'Son of God' from Bibles

WND.com reports: "A new Bible translation that alters references to God as 'Father' and Jesus as 'Son of God' is 'unacceptable and unusable,' charge representatives of the Alliance of Protestant Churches in Turkey.

'As leaders of local Protestant churches,' the leaders said they find 'the misleading translations of these very important and foundational New Testament terms to be wrong and extremely adverse.'

'We most certainly cannot approve of it,' a letter from the organization said.

Biblical Missiology is one of the groups criticizing the new Turkish translation and others in languages in the Muslim world.

'How is it the 'West' knows what's best for the national churches on the front lines, who are pressed in every way, who have sacrificed their lives for the gospel and have to live with the ramifications of these translations and methodologies?' asked the group, which posted the letter from Turkish leaders on its website..." (Praise God for genuine Christians in the Alliance of Protestant Churches in Turkey, a Muslim nation. These beloved believers have buried loved ones who died for the doctrine of Jesus being the Son of God and they won't change because of apostate Christians whose hands and hearts have destroyed God's everlasting Word — Romans 16:17; Ephesians 5:11; II Corinthians 6:18. See also the next ungodly article. The true Word of God endures forever — Psalm 119:160; I Peter 1:25.)

Iran: Discovery will collapse Christianity

WND.com reports: "Iran's *Basij Press* is claiming that a version of the

Gospel of Barnabas, found in 2000, will prove that Islam is the final and righteous religion and the revelation will cause the collapse worldwide of Christianity.

Turkey confiscated a leather-bound text, written on animal hide, in an antismuggling operation in 2000. Turkish authorities believe the text could be an authentic version of the Gospel of Barnabas, one of Jesus' apostles and an associate of the apostle Paul.

This version of the Barnabas Gospel was written in the 5th or 6th century and it predicted the coming of the Prophet Mohammad and the religion of Islam, the Basij Press claims.

The Christian world, it says, denies the existence of such a gospel..."

'Muslim Brotherhood will terrorize Christians,' warns candidate

Israel National News reports: "Presidential candidate Ahmed Shafiq

hit hard at the Muslim Brotherhood on two fronts, warning that an Islamist victory will lead to terrorizing Christians and accusing the Brotherhood of trying to make 'Palestine' the central issue for Egyptians.

Shafiq was a close aide to ousted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and the Brotherhood took the offensive after the life sentence for Mubarak, instead of death, and the acquittal of his two sons regarding their involvement in the murder of hundreds of protesters last year.

In an unusually sharp attack, Shafiq accused the Brotherhood of acting as if 'Palestine is the capital of Egypt.' He said that Egyptians face several domestic issues that should not be overshadowed by the status of the Palestinian Authority, whose Hamas faction was founded by the Brotherhood.

'Don't let the Muslim Brotherhood control Egypt and take it to the dark ages,' Shafiq declared..." (Brotherhood thugs hate Jews and Christians and fulfill such Biblical texts as Matthew 24:9; John 16:2; Revelation 6:9; Revelation 20:4.)

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

China and Russia flex muscle at the West

Asia Times Online reports: "Beijing and Moscow will send a clear message to the world at the ongoing Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit. The leaderships of China and Russia have drawn two lines in the sand — an unequivocal 'No' to bombing Iran, and another unambiguous 'No' to regime change in Syria brought about through a Western bombing campaign.

Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in Beijing to start his first overseas visit after he was elected as the Russian leader again, which highlights the importance he attaches to his country's relations with China. And in Beijing, no less, he is scheduled to hold talks with his Iranian counterpart, Mahmud Ahmadinejad. This is indicative of the joint Russian and Chinese geopolitical strategy.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Liu Wenmin spelled out the shared Russian and Chinese viewpoint on the ongoing crisis in Syria...

Besides lauding Sino-Russian cooperation on the issue, Liu explicitly

made clear the two nations' consistent objection to the use of force to resolve the Syrian issue: 'China and Russia share the same position on these points and both sides oppose external intervention into the Syrian situation and oppose regime change by force.'...'' (Russia and China unite for World War III — Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 16; and Daniel 11:44; Revelation 16:12 and Revelation 9:14. Iran [Persia] and Syria and numerous other Muslim nations join Russia and China – Ezekiel 38:5-7; Psalm 83:5-7.)

PSALMS 83:4

Iranian calls for 'Islamic Awakening' to destroy Israel

Israel National News reports: "An Iranian official called for an 'Islamic Awakening' movement to help Palestinian Authority Arabs 'demolish the Zionist regime', the *IRNA* news

agency reported.

The comments were made at a conference in Tehran in honor of Nakba Day — the day of catastrophe — which is what the Arabs call the English date of May 15, when the State of Israel was re-established with

a declaration of independence in 1948.

In a brief address at the end of the conference, the official, Hossein Shiekholeslam said, 'In success of a revolution three major factors need to play effective roles, and they are the people, the leadership, and the school of thought, or ideology.'

He added, 'If we wish success for the Palestinians, the existence of these three factors is necessary, as they did exist in the case of the victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran.'

Sheikholeslam said that 'In near future the Islamic Awakening movement would also swallow the Zionist regime.'..." (Iran's goal is 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." See the next four reports.)

Top commander reiterates Iran's commitment to full annihilation of Israel

The Fars News Agency reports: "Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Hassan Firouzabadi said threats and pressures cannot deter Iran from its revolutionary causes and ideals, and stressed that the Iranian nation will remain committed to the full annihilation of the Zionist regime of Israel to the end.

Addressing a defense gathering here in Tehran, General Firouzabadi said that nations should realize the threats and dangers posed by the Zionist regime of Israel.

He reiterated the Iranian nation and Supreme Leader's emphasis on the

Israel slams Western powers for 'bowing down' to Iran on nuclear program

Haaretz reports: "Two days before the second round of nuclear talks between Iran and world powers in

necessity of support for the oppressed Palestinian nation and its causes, and noted, 'The Iranian nation is standing for its cause that is the full annihilation of Israel.'

The top military official reminded that the Iranian Supreme Leader considers defending Palestine as a full religious duty and believes that any kind of governance and rule by anyone other than the Palestinians as an instance of usurpation..."

Iran: 'Thunder' will fall on Israel if it attacks

SpaceDaily.com reports: "Anv attack by Israel on Iran will blow back on the Jewish state 'like thunder.' Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said.

Khamenei also said that the international community's suspicion that Iran was seeking nuclear weapons is based on a 'lie' and he insisted that sanctions imposed on his country were ineffective and only strengthened its resolve.

His speech, broadcast on state television to mark the 1989 death of his predecessor and founder of the Islamic republic, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, contained no sign Iran was prepared to make any concessions on its disputed nuclear program.

Instead, it was infused with defiance and Khamenei's customary contempt for Iran's arch-foes Israel and the United States.

If the Israelis 'make any misstep or wrong action, it will fall on their heads like thunder,' Khamenei said.

The Jewish state, he added, was feeling 'vulnerable' and 'terrified' after losing deposed Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak as an ally ... "

Nasrallah: Hezbollah able to strike anywhere in Israel

Haaretz reports: "Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah said that his militant group was capable of striking any target in neighboring Israel, saying 'the days when we fled and they did not are over.'

'Today we are not only able to hit Tel Aviv as a city but, God willing, we are able to hit specific targets in Tel Aviv and anywhere in occupied Palestine,' Nasrallah said in a televised address.

'For every building destroyed in Dahiya, a building will be destroyed in Tel Aviv,' he said, referring to Hezbollah's stronghold in a suburb of southern Beirut.

Nasrallah's comments were some of his harshest words against Israel in several months, and came amid rising tensions between Israel and Hezbollah's main backer, Iran..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Baghdad, senior Israeli officials criticized the diplomats in charge of negotiations with the Islamic Republic. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu commented on the upcoming talks, saying that 'the Western powers must

not reveal any weakness while dealing with Iran, and must not cave in on any aspect of its nuclear program.'

'The west is bowing down to Iran, and at the same time the chief of staff of Iranian military chief is revealing Iran's true intentions, as he calls for the destruction of Israel,' said one official, on condition of anonymity.

The official's comment referenced the speech made by the top ranking officer in the Iranian military, which received coverage from one of Iran's news agencies. During the speech, the Iranian military chief of staff called for the destruction of the state of Israel.

Earlier, Defense Minister Ehud Barak commented on the upcoming talks in Baghdad, and stated that the Iranians will attempt to display a false front of progress, meant to relieve some of the pressure on the world powers — before asking the west not to level any more sanctions..."

Iran thinks U.S. and Israel unable to attack, says Barak

Israel National News reports: "Iran is convinced that Israel and the United States are unable to stage an attack on its nuclear facilities, Defense Minister Ehud Barak told the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS).

He added that Iran is only trying to buy time while it tries to reach the point where it cannot be successfully attacked and can develop the capability to manufacture a nuclear weapon.

Speaking at an INSS conference at Tel Aviv University, Barak warned, 'The Iranian threat is significant and is not disappearing. We are at a fateful crossroads.' Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu spelled out at the conference Israel's demands from the world powers trying to reach an agreement with Iran over international supervision of its nuclear program. Iran already is enriching 20 percent grade uranium, a key element for a nuclear weapon, and Israel wants it to be restricted to 'zero enrichment.'

'Why not draw clear red lines,' Barak said in his lecture, adding that the Iranian Ayatollah and his aides 'are not dumb and correctly understand [their nuclear program] is being exposed and that action might be taken to endanger their progress..." (Imam Khamenei, the head cleric of Iran stated: "It matters not if millions of Iranians die from nuclear warfare as long as we are able to rule the world." You won't get your prayers answered. Here's why. God promises Israel an everlasting name, and the God of Israel keeps His promises — Isaiah 56:5. Proof? See the next report.)

Report: Iran sought to strike Jewish, U.S. targets in Azerbaijan

Haaretz reports: "Iran has been implicated in a foiled plot to attack foreign and Jewish targets in Azerbaijan, according to a report published by the *Washington Post*.

The report quotes unnamed 'U.S. and Middle Eastern security officials' who cited a six-page official report containing details of the investigation. Among the targets of the plot were foreign diplomats and businesses, as well a Jewish elementary school and other targets associated with the local Jewish community.

According to the report, the plot came to light when Balagardash Dashdev, an Azerbaijani man with a criminal background, was revealed to have coordinated shipments of explosives, weapons and cash from inside Iran.

The weapons were smuggled into the country late last year, along with 10 Iranian nationals suspected of being recruited to carry out the attacks, the officials told the *Post*..."

THE MIDDLE EAST TINDERBOX

U.S. General: Pentagon prepared to provide 'military options' on Syria

Haaretz reports: "The U.S. Defense Department was prepared to provide 'military options' on ending the violence in Syria should mounting diplomatic pressure not stop the fighting, the top U.S. military official told broadcaster *CBS*.

'I think that diplomatic pressure should always precede any discussions about military options. And that is my job by the way, is options, not policy. And so, we will be prepared to provide (military) options if asked to do so,' General Martin Dempsey told *CBS This Morning*.

His comments came after the UN Security Council unanimously decried the use of tanks and artillery

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in a recent attack by Syrian forces on the town of Houla, killing at least 108 people.

It was the latest report of mass casualties in more than a year of fighting in which more than 12,000 people have died, according to opposition activists..." (Beware Syria — Isaiah 17:1 has not yet been fulfilled. Soon it will become a 21st Century judgment: "...Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap." See the next two reports.)

Panetta: Military option against Iran ready and available

The Jerusalem Post reports: "The military option against Iran is ready and available, U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta said in an interview with ABC News' This Week.

'The fundamental premise is that neither the United States nor the international community is going to allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon,' Panetta said. 'We will do everything we can to prevent them from developing a weapon.'

Panetta referenced recent comments made earlier by U.S. ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro that Washington has a military contingency plan, should diplomatic talks fail to convince Iran to abandon its nuclear program. 'It would be preferable to solve this diplomatically and through the use of pressure, than to use military force,' he said. 'But that doesn't mean that option isn't fully available. Not just available, it's ready. The necessary planning has been done to ensure that it's ready.'

'The international community has been unified,' he said. 'We've put very tough sanctions on them as a result of that.. We are prepared for any sort of contingency in that part of the world.'..."

U.S. study: Iran has enough uranium for five nuclear bombs

Haaretz reports: "Iran has significantly stepped up its output of low-enriched uranium and total production in the last five years would be enough for at least five nuclear weapons if refined much further, a U.S. security institute said.

The Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS), a thinktank which tracks Iran's nuclear program closely, based the analysis on data in the latest report by the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Progress in Iran's nuclear activities is closely watched by the West and Israel as it could determine how long it could take Tehran to build atomic bombs, if it decided to do so. Iran denies any plan to and says its aims are entirely peaceful..."

NEWS FROM IRAN

Iran to inaugurate "Imam Khomeini" space center in near future

The Fars News Agency reports: "A new satellite launch center whose construction will finish in the near future has been named after the Late Founder of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeini, Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi announced.

Vahidi said that 80% of the construction of Imam Khomeini Space Center has been completed.

Vahidi added that the base will

send a new generation of home-made satellites as well as the satellites made by the regional and Muslim countries into orbit in the near future.

'In a first move' Vahidi stated 'the Imam Khomeini Space Center will send Tolou (Dawn) satellite into orbit on the back of Simorgh satellite carrier.'...'' (The present deaths of thousands of innocent Muslims, the Arab Spring slaughter has been caused by the Imam Khomeini's brutal plans. This honor, to the bigoted cleric, should be scraped or devoted to a loving worthy Imam if he could be found — Romans 3:9, 10. "Thou shalt love your neighbor as yourself" and "love works no ill [harm] to his neighbor. See the next report.)

Anti-Capitalism, Islamic Awakening inspired by Imam Khomeini's thoughts

The Fars News Agency reports: "The thoughts and notions of the Late Founder of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeini, is the source of inspiration for the growing tides of Islamic Awakening in the region and the anti-capitalist moves in the Western society, the Iranian Armed Forces said in a statement.

In a statement released on the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of the demise of the Founder of the Islamic Republic, the General Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces stated said that revolutions in the Middle-East followed by the collapse of the West-backed dictatorial regimes in the region was a materialization of the events forecasted by the Late Imam Khomeini.

'23 years after the painful demise of the great architect of the Islamic Revolution, the emergence of Islamic Awakening in the region and anti-Capitalism movement in the Western bloc indicates the effects of the Revolution and the influence of Imam Khomeini's pure thoughts beyond the Islamic Iran's geographical boundaries,' the statement said..."

Supreme Leader: Collapse of arrogant powers imminent

The Fars News Agency reports: "Developments in the West display that the world's arrogant powers are definitely on the verge of collapse, Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei said.

'The front of oppression, arrogance and bullying is weakening and on the verge of demise despite its apparent hue and cry,' Ayatollah Khamenei said, addressing a number of Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) cadets in Tehran.

He meantime underlined that despite

the arrogant powers' decline, 'the pioneering Iranian nation continues its speedy move towards more progress and materialization of justice in the decade of progress and justice'.

Noting that the Iranian nation is hopeful of its future, Ayatollah Khamenei called on the country's youths to continue Iran's glorious path in the future so that the nation will reach its real eminence..." (This is the Imam, head clergyman of Iran who stated: "It matters not if millions of Iranian's die from nuclear war as long as our Muslim flag flies over all the nations of the world." This only happens when the antichrist comes to power — Revelation 13:1, 7, and 8.)

THE MARK OF THE BEAST

'Human barcode' could make society more organized, but invades privacy

The New York Daily News reports: "Would you barcode your baby?

Microchip implants have become standard practice for our pets, but have been a tougher sell when it comes to the idea of putting them in people.

Science fiction author Elizabeth Moon rekindled the debate on whether it's a good idea to 'barcode' infants at birth in an interview on a BBC radio program.

'I would insist on every individual having a unique ID permanently

attached — a barcode if you will — an implanted chip to provide an easy, fast inexpensive way to identify individuals,' she said on The Forum, a weekly show that features 'a global thinking' discussing a 'radical, inspiring or controversial idea' for 60 seconds.

Moon believes the tools most commonly used for surveillance and identification — like video cameras and DNA testing — are slow, costly and often ineffective.

In her opinion, human barcoding would save a lot of time and money.

The proposal isn't too far-fetched

— it is already technically possible to 'barcode' a human — but does it violate our rights to privacy?

Opponents argue that giving up anonymity would cultivate an 'Orwellian' society where all citizens can be tracked..." (This headline and study will soon occur — Revelation 13:15-18. The *Popular Science* magazine of January 2011 reports: "When researchers at IBM power up new supercomputer 'Blue Waters' it will perform 10 quadrillion calculations per second. That's 10 followed by 15 zeros. Big Brother has arrived.)