

*"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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## TERRORIST THREATS

### **Al Qaeda Magazine Calls for Firebomb Campaign in U.S.**

ABC News reports: "The men who launched al Qaeda's English-language magazine may have died in a U.S. missile strike last fall, but 'Inspire' magazine lives on without them — and continues to promote jihadi attacks on Western targets, offering detailed advice on how to start huge forest fires in America with timed explosives and how to build remote-controlled bombs.

Two new issues of 'Inspire' magazine have surfaced on jihadi forums, the first since radical cleric Anwar al-Awlaki and chief Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula propagandist Samir Khan were killed by missiles from a U.S. drone over Yemen on September 30, 2011. The magazines eulogize Awlaki and Khan as the 'spirit' and the 'tongue' of 'Inspire' respectively, but deny that their deaths will stop the magazine or jihad.

The second of the two issues seems to have been prepared after Khan and Awlaki's deaths. 'To the disappointment of our enemies,' says one of the articles, 'issue 9 of Inspire magazine is out against all odds... The

Zionists and the Crusaders thought that the magazine was gone with the martyrdom of Shaykh Anwar and brother Samir. Yet again, they have failed to come to terms with the fact that the Muslim ummah is the most fertile and most generous mother that gives birth to thousands and thousands of the likes of Shaykh Anwar and brother Samir.'..." **(Al-Qaeda is continuing the magazine al-Awlaki, killed by a drone bomb, started. In a recent article this Islamic murderer suggested to the young Muslims the purchasing of trucks, mounted with blades to drive through the streets of America and killing as many as possible. Now other leaders in Islam are promoting the "Inspire" magazine and promoting the above headline across the USA — Matthew 24:37; Genesis 6:11. See the next three reports.)**

### **Al Qaeda Militants Warn of Terror Attack in Britain if Abu Qatada is Deported**

The [telegraph.co.uk](http://telegraph.co.uk) reports: "The Al Qaeda militants warned of a 'disaster' for Britain if the Government attempts to send Qatada back to Jordan.

SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors online activity from terrorist groups, said al-Shabaab had issued a warning on militant forums.

'The British public is also forewarned that it will be the British government, as a result of its imprudence, that shall be liable for any disaster that befalls them, or their national interests,' the statement said, according to SITE.

It comes a week after Al-Qaeda threatened to attack Britain if it decides to extradite Qatada.

In a statement signed by Al-Qaeda's general command and published on jihadist forums, the terror network said Abu Qatada's extradition would 'open the gates of evil' on 'Britain and its citizens everywhere.'..."

### **Danes Arrest 3 Men Suspected of 'Preparing Terrorist Act'**

ABC News reports: "Danish intelligence officials arrested three men in their twenties suspected of 'having been in the process of preparing a terrorist act,' according to a statement from PET, the country's Security and Intelligence Service.

A 21-year old Danish citizen who

lives in Egypt and two Copenhagen residents — a 22-year-old Jordanian and a 23-year-old Turk — were picked up from two locations in Copenhagen and charged with illegal possession of automatic weapons.

Intelligence officials also searched several locations after the arrests, but a spokesman for Copenhagen police declined to provide any additional information. The three are scheduled to appear in court.

‘The investigation will establish whether possible terror threats have been addressed and averted by the arrests,’ PET said in the statement...’

### **NYC Subway Bombing Plotter Found Guilty**

*Voice of America News* reports: “A federal jury in New York has found Adis Medunjanin, a Bosnian-born U.S. citizen, guilty on all nine terrorism counts in an abortive bombing plot in 2009. Prosecutors argued that Medunjanin, 28, was fully committed to the plot with two friends

to detonate suicide bombs in crowded New York subways. Medunjanin’s defense lawyers said their client had renounced involvement.

The defense attorneys argued that Medunjanin wanted only to defend Muslims when he traveled to Pakistan in 2008 with former high school classmates Najibullah Zazi and Zarein Ahmedzay, intending to fight U.S. forces in Afghanistan. The three ended up instead at an al-Qaida training camp where they were asked to carry out a bombing plot in the U.S.

Zazi and Ahmedzay, both of Afghan descent, pleaded guilty and took the stand against their friend in exchange for possible leniency in sentencing. They testified that Medunjanin suggested specific subway stations and proposed the attacks be timed for Ramadan, on September 11, 2009...” **(This unholy trio, according to all reports I studied planned for a gigantic bombardment on NYC subway stations that would have a death count superseding 9/11. Please study Luke 21:9, 27, 28, 31, and 32 in**

**this order. See also the next report.)**

### **Iran Readying Hacker Attacks on U.S. Infrastructure, Specialists Say**

*The Washington Times* reports: “Iran is recruiting a hacker army to target the U.S. power grid, water systems and other vital infrastructure for cyber attack in a future confrontation with the United States, security specialists will warn Congress.

‘Elements of the IRGC [Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps] have openly sought to pull hackers into the fold’ of a religiously motivated cyber army, according to Frank J. Cilluffo, director of the Homeland Security Policy Institute at George Washington University.

Lawmakers from two House Homeland Security subcommittees will hold a joint hearing about the cyber threat posed by Iran, as tensions over Tehran’s nuclear program continue at a high level, and a possible Israeli strike looms...”

## **NEWS FROM RUSSIA**

### **Russia Does Not Rule Out Preemptive Missile Defense Strike**

*RIA Novosti* reports: “Russia does not exclude preemptive use of weapons against [NATO] missile defense systems in Europe but only as a last resort, the Russian General Staff said at a missile defense conference in Moscow.

‘The placement of new strike weapons in the south and northwest of Russia against [NATO] missile defense components, including the deployment of Iskander missile systems in

Kaliningrad region is one possible way of incapacitating the European missile defense infrastructure,’ Chief of the General Staff Nikolai Makarov said.

Taking into account the ‘destabilizing nature of the missile defense system... the decision on the pre-emptive use of available weapons will be made during an aggravation of the situation,’ he said...” **(It certainly looks like President Obama’s secret deal with Russia according to the New York Times is about to crumble.**

**The non-proliferation treaty is a farce and as Prime Minister Chamberlain was deceived by Hitler, so is Obama being misled by Putin. God help and save Americas’ millions of citizens — Zechariah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7; 9:14-18.)**

### **Russian Warship Patrols Syrian Waters**

*RIA Novosti* reports: “A Russian guided-missile destroyer that called in the Syrian port of Tartus left it to

carry out unspecified tasks near the country's shores, a military-diplomatic source said.

The Smetlivy ('Sharp') will stay in eastern Mediterranean until early May, the source said. He did not elaborate on the tasks set for the ship.

The Russian Navy has repeatedly said that it wants its ships on constant patrol in the region, which is considered an area of responsibility of the Russian Black Sea Fleet.

The United States, the United Kingdom, France and Germany are some of the countries that have their military ships currently patrolling waters around Syria..." **(Our president has ignored the Syrian catastrophe because of Russia's warning to protect Syria. In the Russian led battle of Armageddon, Syria aligns its nation and people with Russia. The domino lineup is being set up by Putin already — Revelation 16:16; Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 16; Isaiah 17:1.)**

### **China and Russia Hold First Navy Exercises**

*SpaceWar.com* reports: "China and Russia launched their first joint naval exercises amid tensions between China and its Asian neighbors over

regional territorial claims.

The six days of drills are taking place in the Yellow Sea off China's east coast, the official China News Service said, adding they were the first dedicated exercises involving the two navies.

The exercises near Qingdao city off the coast of Shandong province were started by Russian and Chinese military officials, the state-run *Xinhua* news agency said.

They come as China boosts military spending and asserts claims over disputed territory, including a chain of islands in the East China Sea also claimed by Japan..." **(China and Russia will unite for the battle of Armageddon. Both leaders of the North — Russia, and East — China are preparing for the battle of battles which Judaism calls Armageddon. Daniel 11:44 pictures the two superpowers in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39; Revelation 16:12 and Revelation 9:14-18.)**

### **Official: Russia to Deliver Control of Bushehr Nuclear Plant to Iran in Autumn**

*The Fars News Agency* reports: "A senior Iranian official announced that the Russian contractor of the Bushehr

nuclear power plant will deliver full control of the facility to Iran by the end of autumn.

'The Russian contractor will definitely deliver the power plant (to the Iranian side) by the end of this autumn,' Governor-General of Iran's Southern Bushehr province Mohammad Hossein Jahanbakhsh said.

Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Fereidoun Abbasi announced earlier that the power plant is generating and sending 940 megawatts of electricity to the national power grid.

'940MW of nuclear-generated electricity has been sent to the national grid,' Abbasi said, adding that the Bushehr nuclear power plant had produced 730MW of electricity since February and Iranian experts succeeded in boosting its capacity to 940MW now..." **(Iran, originally known as Persia — Ezekiel 38:5 — will also be aligned with Russia. This will include most of the Muslim world — Daniel 11:40; Isaiah 17:1; Ezekiel 38:5-7; and Psalm 83:5 — 7 to fulfill the prophecy of Psalm 83:4 — "They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.")**

# NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

### **Jordanian TV: 'Shatter Might of Israel,' Conquer Jerusalem**

*Israel National News* reports: "Jordanian state television aired a sermon by cleric Ghaleb Rabab'a, in

which he declares that the Arabs will conquer Jerusalem and 'shatter the might of Israel,' *The Middle East Media Research Institute* (MEMRI) exposed.

'The (Jordanian) army is invincible,'

he says. 'Its units are filled with people who pray with imams, and with people who memorized the Koran.'

'This army will never be defeated, Allah willing. Jerusalem will be

regained, Allah willing, by the modest and pure hands which hold the Koran high and recite it day and night. This is an army that bows before none but Allah.'

'Today we must take pride in our country and its army, which descends from the Prophet Muhammad,' he continued. 'Indeed, my brothers in faith, things will happen, but the arrogance of the Jew will be defeated, Allah willing. This army, my brothers in faith, will shatter the might of Israel, Allah willing...'" **(Jerusalem captured by Jews in the Six Day War, June 5-10, 1967, will face another battle as the majority of the nations march against Jerusalem — Zechariah 14:2 — and lose the capital of Judaism. God the Father intervenes in Zechariah 14:4, by sending His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ to destroy those who are slaughtering Jews and Christians — Revelation 11:18. Then Christ sets up His kingdom of peace — Revelation 11:15.)**

### **Islamic Jihad: Abduct More Israelis**

*YnetNews.com* reports: "Islamic leaders in the Gaza Strip called for the kidnapping of Israelis and use them as bargaining chips to secure the freedom of thousands of Palestinians prisoners held in Israeli jails.

Human rights groups say Palestinian prisoners have joined an open-ended hunger strike to protest against jail conditions and thousands of Palestinians staged a rally in the Gaza Strip to support their cause.

'We should work hard to get (Israeli) prisoners in our hands in

order to secure the freedom of our prisoners,' Khaled Al-Batsh, a senior member of the Islamic Jihad, told the crowd.

'I say to all armed factions, the way to free the prisoners is through swaps ... An arrest for an arrest, and freedom for freedom. This is the way,' he said..." **(Our Lord Jesus predicted the hatred of His chosen people when He warned in Matthew 24:9: "...ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." And John 16:2: "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." See the next report.)**

### **CBS's Ben Stein Warns of Second Holocaust**

*Israel National News* reports: "In light of the Passover holiday, CBS's Ben Stein warned that the Jewish people must heed the lessons of history in order to prevent another Holocaust from befalling it.

Every Passover, the Jewish people attest to the daunting and recurring theme that, as it says in the Haggadah, 'In every generation we are faced with enemies that seek our complete annihilation and destruction.' Stein gives voice to his understanding that Jews must not rely on the nations of the world to determine their destiny, but must do so themselves.

Stein asserts, 'It's Passover. This is a major Jewish holiday that marks what the Bible cites as miraculous salvation of the Jewish people from enemies bent on exterminating them.

'At many services in people's homes and at synagogues, prayers will be recited which proclaim that in every generation, enemies of the Jews arise

to kill the Jews, but G-d always saves the Jews in the end.

'Sadly, this section is now obsolete [in Stein's opinion, *Israel National News* editor].

'About 75 years ago, enemies of the Jewish people rose up in the form of the Nazis in Europe and their many eager helpers, from France to Russia. Their hands were not stayed. In the cruelest imaginable ways, they basically wiped out the Jews of Europe — a staggering six million men, women and children. That was roughly half of the Jews on Earth.

'Basically, the world did nothing to save them.

'So, the Jews of this world know, as only a few other groups know, that the absolute worst that can be imagined CAN happen..." **(The big braggart and little dummy of Iran, Ahmadinejad, constantly promotes the lie that there was no holocaust. No statement has ever been as nonsensical or ridiculous as this. God forgive this demonically controlled perpetrator of the no holocaust lie. "all liars shall have their part in hell" — Revelation 21:8; 22:15.)**

### **PM: Throughout history, Jews Have Overcome All Enemies**

*The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Throughout history, Jews have overcome all their enemies, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said during the state ceremony for fallen soldiers at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem.

'They want to wipe Israel off the map,' Netanyahu said of Israel's enemies today. 'They will not succeed.'

'We are here in Jerusalem, and will stay in Jerusalem, the holy city of the Jewish nation for generations to



come,' the prime minister declared on Remembrance Day, 45 years after the IDF liberated Jerusalem during the 1967 Six-Day War.

'We won't cease from living... We'll continue to strengthen the State of Israel. We will raise our children here,' he said..." (Israel will win again. **Isaiah 56:5** states "...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.")

### **Iran preparing for 'the Last Six Months'**

*WND.com* reports: "Despite the recent declaration by Iran that it does not want a nuclear bomb and statements by regime officials that they are willing to negotiate over the nuclear issue, indications from within Iran signal massive preparation for an all-out war as part of its destiny.

Nine years ago a Revolutionary Guards arm, the Holy Defense, published a book, 'The Last Six Months,' in which it describes the conditions needed in the last six months prior to the reappearance of the last Islamic messiah. The book was distributed in the hundreds of thousands to all Guards, Basij and army bases throughout the country.

Islam's Shiites believe their 12th Imam, Mahdi, will reappear at the end of times and kill all the infidels, raising the flag of Islam in all four corners of the world.

The book admonishes the military forces that they must be prepared to do their duties during those six months and that there will be many signs to help the faithful to understand the transition, which will center on Iran..." (The most horrendous situation of the above report is that

**Islam's messiah, Mahdi, according to the Koran, is the prophet Jesus who returns with Mahdi as a convert to Islam and becomes the chief lieutenant to Mahdi and administrator of the mass murder of all Jews and Christians who won't become Muslims. In case you have trouble accepting this report study Surah 4:157 — 159, 172, 173; Surah 5:72, 73; Surah 6:19; 9:30; 19:33. What blasphemy about our precious Lord and Savior.)**

### **Commander: Iran Will Change Enemies' Equations with 'Persian Gulf' Missile**

*The Fars News Agency* reports: "Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy Rear Admiral Ali Fadavi underlined Iran's high defensive capabilities and power, and said a newly developed missile called 'Khalij-e Fars' (Persian Gulf) will make the enemies change their equations and calculations due to its unusual and unique features.

'The Khalij-e Fars missile has been developed somehow different from the usual trend and can change the equations on which the enemy most relies,' Fadavi said.

Referring to Iran's missile power, he said that the Islamic Republic of Iran is now in possession of home-made missiles with the range of over 200km which can be mounted on Iranian high-speed boats.

Earlier, a senior commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps had announced that the IRGC has equipped its high-speed and highly-functional vessels with home-made missiles capable of destroying different targets..." (II Timothy 3:1, 2 states: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

*For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers..." See the next report.)*

### **Khamenei: No Fleet of Warships Able to Confront Iran in Persian Gulf**

*The Fars News Agency* reports: "A senior Iranian analyst and researcher praised the Iranian Navy for its might and power in safeguarding the country's security, and underscored that no country with even the most powerful fleets of warships can stand against Iran in the Persian Gulf.

'Given the fact that the Persian Gulf, unlike oceans, is limited in width and area and Iran has a highly functional and efficient power which is suitable for this region, huge fleets of warships are not able to confront Iran and they will be vulnerable,' Head of the Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute (Hekmat Sadra Foundation) Ayatollah Seyed Mohammad Khamenei told *FNA*.

He reiterated that the power balance between the two sides of a war should not merely be evaluated on the basis of the number of war tools and equipment or their quality, preciseness and speed, but other factors and parameters are also important.

Khamenei described the high morale of the Iranian forces as a winning card for the Iranian side in any war, and said the U.S. forces deployed in the region are tired and depressed and cannot be counted on for fighting in a serious war..."

### **Prominent Researcher Stresses 2,500-Year Old Iranian Identity of Persian Gulf**

*The Fars News Agency* reports: "A prominent Iranian scientific and

research figure stressed the Iranian identity of the Persian Gulf, and stated that the sea has been under Iran's sovereignty for, at least, over 2,500 years.

'The Persian Gulf is a complete example of a historical gulf and has been under the sovereignty of Iran and Iranian governments for, at least, 2,500 years,' Head of Sadra Islamic Philosophy Research Institute (Hekmat Sadra Foundation) Ayatollah Seyed Mohammad Khamenei told *FNA*.

'Even, it has been the history (its Abinitio and ipsofacto), and not the Iranian people or government, which has put the name of the Persian Gulf on this sea. This is a crystal clear fact for historians and international lawyers,' Khamenei added.

While historical documents show that the waterway has always been referred to as the 'Persian Gulf', certain Arab states have recently mounted efforts to remove 'Persian' from the name of the waterway.

Iran designated April 30 as the National Persian Gulf Day to highlight the fact that the waterway has been referred to by historians and ancient texts as 'Persian' since the Achaemenid Empire was established in what is now modern day Iran...'' **(This is the very reason we proclaim that Persia which changed its name to Iran in 1935 will be aligned with Russia — Ezekiel 38:5 and China — Revelation 9:14-18 for Armageddon — Revelation 16:16.)**

### **Syria Boosts Fears of Sunni-Shiite war**

*SpaceWar.com* reports: "The bloodbath in Syria is developing into a battle between Islam's mainstream Sunni sect, led by Saudi Arabia and

Turkey, and the breakaway Shiites, led by Iran.

The main fear in the region is the conflict could spread to Arab states, particularly those with sharp sectarian divisions, such as Iraq and Lebanon.

Saudi Arabia, the world's leading oil producer and the birthplace of Islam in the seventh century, has a sizeable Shiite minority, which predominates in the kingdom's Eastern province.

That's Saudi Arabia's main oil-producing zone, so it's highly sensitive and Riyadh has long feared that Shiite-dominated Iran seeks to use its co-religionists as a fifth column to sabotage its all-important oil industry.

Turkey, a Sunni-dominated state that under its Islamic government is striving to restore its Ottoman-era power and become the paramount state in the region.

Turkey, neighbor to both Iran and Syria, is increasingly being drawn into the Syrian conflict against the Damascus regime, its former ally..."

**(Imagine a war between two groups – both Islamic and worshipping the same god Allah — are killing one another as well as destroying each other's mosques because of a hatred for their supposed brothers and sisters of the faith [Islam]. How different Christianity is: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" — John 13:35, and "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" — I John 3:16.)**

### **Muslim Brotherhood Official: Egypt's Peace Deal with Israel Must Be Changed**

*Haaretz* reports: "Egypt's peace treaty with Israel is not set in stone and is susceptible to change, a top Muslim Brotherhood official said, indicating that Cairo would seek to allow more security forces in the Sinai than current agreements with Jerusalem permit.

The comment, made by Waleed al-Haddad, a member of the Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party's (FJP) Foreign Relations Committee during an official visit to Poland, came amid growing concerns of security in the desert peninsula.

Earlier, the heads of Bedouin communities in northern Sinai demanded that the Egyptian parliament amend the Camp David Accords with Israel, claiming they do not guarantee national security and do not provide for the Bedouin population's participation in security plans for the Peninsula.

The Bedouins' demands were made when members of the Egyptian national Security Council visited the coastal town of Al-Arish to inspect the community's economic situation and assess the security situation..." **(The Muslim Brotherhood is the most anti-Semitic, Jew hating organization ever. They will pay for their decisions, God says "...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, and "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" — Psalm 122:6.)**

# NEWS FROM ASIA

## **North Korea Threatens South with Special Military Action**

*Voice of America News* reports: “North Korea is escalating its war of words against the South Korean government over what the North perceives as insults by the South. Pyongyang is now threatening to turn the heated rhetoric into action, threatening to take ‘quick action’ against South Korea.

Senior newscaster Ri Chun Hee, interrupting regular programming on North Korea’s central television station, forcefully read an unusual announcement from a unit of the army’s supreme command.

The announcer said a special operation would reduce to ‘ashes in three or four minutes’ the supporters of South Korea’s president and their bases utilizing ‘unprecedented peculiar means and methods.’

Pyongyang blames President Lee Myung-bak for insulting the North at a time when the country was mourning its late leader, Kim Jong Il, who died in December, and then during this month’s celebrations marking the centennial of the birth of North Korea’s founder, Kim Il Sung.

North Korea often uses belligerent language and threatens violence against South Korean leaders. But some analysts who closely monitor the North’s bombastic rhetoric say the latest message may presage some sort of attack...” (**Matthew 24:6, 7; Matthew 13: 7, 8; Luke 2:9, and 27.**)

## **North Korea Boasts of Ability to Destroy U.S. Military in ‘Single Blow’**

*Voice of America News* reports: “North Korea’s army marked its 80th anniversary with a vow to retaliate against what its chief of staff terms the traitors in the South. The remarks are the latest in a series of harsh threats directed at Seoul in recent weeks.

North Korea is boasting of ‘powerful, modern weapons’ that can defeat in a single blow the United States which it accuses of plotting a war against it.

Chief of general staff, Ri Yong Ho, gave no further details about the weaponry in his speech to mark the North Korean army’s 80th anniversary.

His address, from Pyongyang’s House of Culture, was broadcast later in the day on North Korean television.

Vice Marshal Ri says the blood of North Korea’s military and civilians is boiling in anger with a desire for revenge against South Korea’s president, Lee Myung-bak. He reiterates a threat of ‘sacred war,’ transmitted earlier, to crush the bases of provocation in the South...” (**Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall — Proverbs 16:18.**)

## **Pakistan Test Fires Nuclear-Capable Ballistic Missile**

*BBC News* reports: “Pakistan has test fired a nuclear-capable ballistic missile, military officials say, less than a week after India also test-launched a

long-range missile.

The military said the test of the Shaheen 1-A, an intermediate-range missile capable of reaching targets in India, was successful.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since 1947.

They conduct regular missile tests and inform each other in advance.

Both countries carried out nuclear weapons tests in 1998.

Defence experts say that while the exact range of the Pakistani missile has not been revealed, it is it capable of hitting targets up to 2,500 to 3,000km (1,550 to 1,850 miles) away — putting arch-rival India well within reach...”

**(Nuclear weaponry covering the next three reports — II Peter 3:10-12; Psalm 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Ezekiel 20:47; 39:6; Joel 2:3; 30 and Revelation 9:18.)**

## **North Korean Missile Failure Setback for Iran**

*SpaceDaily.com* reports: “The failure of North Korea’s latest missile launch could prove to be a setback for Iran’s efforts to develop a missile that could threaten the United States and Europe.

The Islamic Republic’s aerospace industry has depended on North Korean — as well as Chinese and Russian — technology and expertise to develop its strategic missile force, generally seen as a means of delivering the nuclear warheads that the United States and its allies say Tehran is driving to produce.

The April 13 launch in North Korea of a long-range Unha-3 rocket ended

when the much-hyped rocket crashed into the Yellow Sea shortly after launch.

That's not likely to enhance Pyongyang's reputation with the Iranians, who have had similar setbacks themselves in tests in the Dasht-e Kavir, the Great Salt Desert south of Tehran.

North Korea said the three-stage Unha was meant to put a communications satellite in orbit. But U.S., South Korean and Japanese officials said the launch was part of North Korea's drive to develop an intercontinental ballistic missile..."

### **Experts: North Korea 'missiles' at Parade were Mock-ups**

*SpaceDaily.com* reports: "Apparently new long-range ballistic missiles displayed at a North Korean military parade this month were mock-ups, according to two German experts who termed the exercise 'a nice dog and pony show'.

One of the missiles on show in Kim Il-Sung Square on April 15 — transported on a launcher of apparent Chinese design — seemed to be a new addition to the nuclear-armed country's long-range arsenal, according to analysts at the time.

But Markus Schiller and Robert

H. Schmucker, of Schmucker Technologie, said all six of the road-mobile intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) on show that day were models.

'A closer look reveals that all of the presented missiles are mock-ups,' they wrote in a report carried on the armscontrolwonk.com website.

'There is still no evidence that North Korea actually has a functional ICBM,' they said in the April 18 report.

Schiller and Schmucker said the surface structure of the warheads was undulated, while a real warhead would have to be designed to withstand atmospheric re-entry..."

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

### **Hundreds of Christians Slaughtered in Nigeria**

*WND.com* reports: "An international Christian ministry that assists persecuted members of the faith says hundreds of Christians have been killed in a series of attacks in Nigeria.

This is the African nation where members of the Muslim jihadist group Boko Haram earlier vowed to 'eradicate Christianity.'

At the time of the threats, the Nigerian news site *Bikya Masr* reported the group had declared war on all Christians living in northern Nigeria.

Human-rights group International Christian Concern's Jonathan Racho called the news alarming.

Now the Barnabas Fund is reporting that some 300 Christians were killed in one diocese alone, and 27 people died in attacks on three church services..." **(The slaughter of believers prophesied in God's Word is already beginning. Revelation 6:9; 13:15; and 20:4 are completely fulfilled during the seven year tribulation period. So much for the religion of peace. See the next report.)**

### **12 Christians in Iran Await Verdicts after Easter Sunday Apostasy Trial**

*Fox News* reports: "Twelve Christians stood trial Easter Sunday in Iran, where they were called 'apostates' in a courtroom and tried on multiple charges, according to sources

close to Iran's Christian community.

The Christians had been acquitted on the same charges, including 'crimes against the order,' a year ago in Bandar Anzali, a city on the Caspian Sea. The group was first arrested when authorities found them drinking wine while taking communion, according to sources.

'It ultimately illustrates that being a Christian is illegal in Iran. No matter how clear or how open a pastor and a church may be, Christians are being brought to trial just for being Christian,' said Jason DeMars, director of the Present Truth Ministries advocacy group who is in daily contact with the Evangelical Christian community in Iran..."