

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

CREEPING SHARIA

Texas CAIR: 'We are above the law of the land'

WND.com reports: "A leader for the Texas branch of the Council on American Islamic Relations has told a crowd at a rally for Islam that members of the faith really shouldn't be bound by American law.

'If we are practicing Muslims, we are above the law of the land,' said Mustafa Carroll, the executive director of the Dallas-Fort Worth CAIR branch, a keynote speaker at the recent rally.

The event was a rally in Austin, a part of the nationwide effort to hold 'Muslim Capitol Day' events...

CAIR also had on its advisory board Siraj Wahhaj, an unindicted co-conspirator in the attempted 1993 WTC bombings. It was the same Siraj Wahhaj who was asked to deliver the "Juma," or invocation at the Democratic National Convention for President Obama. He also once remarked, "It is my duty and our duty as Muslims to replace the U.S. Constitution with the Quran..." **(America is in trouble. The above headline is a third warning within a few months that this dangerous and damnable law is being promoted in our nation. U.S. law is based on the Judeo-Christian Ten Commandments. Sharia Law gives death sentences to**

unmarried daughters who have sex, homosexuals, apostates, Muslims who deviate in word or deed against Mohammed or the Koran, and infidels – all religions but primarily Christianity. When the antichrist and false religious prophet rule, they will change times and laws --- Daniel 7:25. It's coming – and soon! See the next report.)

Iranian elites, scholars urge Mursi to foster unity, implement Islamic Law

The Fars News Agency reports: "A group of renowned Iranian elites and scholars in a letter to Egyptian President Mohammad Mursi stressed the Islamic community's high capacity to save the world, and asked Mursi to implement Islamic governing system in his revolutionary state.

'There are great capacities in the Islamic world which can blossom salvage, expedience and prosperity in the world. Creating religious and sectarian strife in the Islamic world is a great plot hatched and provoked by the common enemies of Islam and Muslims,' said 17 Iranian elites and scholars in their letter to Mursi on the occasion of the second anniversary of the victory of the Egyptian revolution which ousted Egyptian dictator, Hosni Mubarak in 2011.

They pointed to the invaluable

experiences of Iran's Islamic Revolution in state building based on the principles of Islamic Shariah (law) as well as Iran's great achievements in different fields under the theocratic ruling system and massive public participation, and called on Mursi to manage his country based on Islamic laws.

'We call upon Your Excellency as a person who enjoys profound faith, wisdom and thought and is on the top of a country which has inherited great Islamic civilization, to set the dear Islam as the definite and practical basis and paradigm for the administration of your country,' added the Iranian elites and urged the Egyptian president not to give in to international pressures and the so-called intellectual streams who want a separation of the state and the church.

They further said that they are ready to provide the Egyptian government and nation with their scientific experience and power..."

Expert: Islam demands subjugation of Christians

WND.com reports: "Catholic psychologist Dr. William Kilpatrick is warning that Christian Americans are naïve about Islam and working towards their own extinction.

'We often hear that the true Islam is a religion of peace that has been

hijacked by a minority of violent extremists,' Kilpatrick told *WND*. 'If that's true, why not open the books on Islam? Islam deserves the kind of inspection and scrutiny that Christianity has received for decades.'

Kilpatrick, author of 'Christianity, Islam and Atheism: The Struggle for The Soul of The West,' said alarms should be sounding.

'Muhammad said that he came as a 'warner,' wrote Kilpatrick in his book, published in November. 'Among the banners that can be seen in various Muslim demonstrations in Europe is one that reads, 'Islam – our religion today, your religion tomorrow.' For anyone who follows the pronouncements of Islamic religious authorities around the world, there can be little doubt that this is their goal.'

Kilpatrick chronicles Islam's war on Christian civilization as a war on universal human rights. He cites three factors working against all people of goodwill: cowardice or malice by secular governments, naïve Christian leaders and irreligious or atheist news media preaching indifference.

Indifferentists purport that all religions are equal and valid, except Christianity. Among them are secular media who whitewash Islam's history and agenda, charging instead that Christianity is guilty of intolerable extremism..." (During the reign of

antichrist and his religious cohort, Christians are going to suffer – Revelation 6:9; 13:15; and 20:4. God's Word warns believers: "Be faithful unto death and I'll give you the crown of life" which in turn we'll lay at Jesus' feet after the Rapture – Revelation 2:10; Revelation 4:1, 10, 11; and II Corinthians 5:10; I Corinthians 3:11-15.)

Muslim preacher urges followers to claim 'Jihad Seeker's Allowance'

The Telegraph.co.uk reports: "Anjem Choudary was secretly filmed mocking non-Muslims for working in 9-5 jobs their whole lives, and told followers that some revered Islamic figures had only ever worked one or two days a year.

'The rest of the year they were busy with jihad [holy war] and things like that,' he said. 'People will say, 'Ah, but you are not working'.

'But the normal situation is for you to take money from the kuffar [non-believers].

'So we take Jihad Seeker's Allowance. You need to get support.'

He went on to tell a 30-strong crowd: 'We are going to take England — the Muslims are coming.'

Ridiculing the daily lives of U.K. workers, Choudary said: 'You find

people are busy working the whole of their life. They wake up at 7 o'clock. They go to work at 9 o'clock.

'They work for eight, nine hours a day. They come home at 7 o'clock, watch EastEnders, sleep, and they do that for 40 years of their life. That is called slavery.'

Choudary, a father-of-four, claims more than £25,000 a year in benefits, £8,000 more than the take-home pay of some soldiers fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan, according to the *Sun*, which covertly filmed the preacher at three meetings.

At another meeting in Slough infiltrated by the *Sun*, Choudary was filmed proclaiming that Islam was taking over Europe.

'Now we are taking over Birmingham and populating it,' he said.

'Brussels is 30 percent, 40 percent Muslim and Amsterdam. Bradford is 17 percent Muslim.

'These people are like a tsunami going across Europe. And over here we're just relaxing, taking over Bradford brother. The reality is changing.'..." (Christianity's and Paul's warning are different from the lazy Choudary. II Thessalonians 3:10 "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work neither should he eat.")

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Christians arrested to appease Islam?

WND.com reports: "The Sudanese regime of Omar al-Bashir has detained approximately 55 Christians without charge, perhaps to curry favor with Islamic forces in his country, reports the advocacy group Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

CSW says the arrested Christians have no political affiliations yet are accused of receiving donations from

foreign nations, including Israel.

The arrests are the latest in a string of anti-Christian acts in Sudan. Heritage Foundation Africa analyst and Allison Center Director Steven Bucci believes that by ramping up persecution, Bashir is seeking to appease his supporters.

Bashir's base of power is the Muslim north, Bucci pointed out.

'He plays to them, and going after the Christian south and Christians throughout the country is a winning

strategy for him and his backers,' he said.

Bucci estimates that the persecution will continue because Bashir's regime is firmly in control of the Khartoum government..." (This so called 'religion of peace' is the most murderous group of religionists in existence. Jesus warned the people in John 15:18 – 21 saying: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his

own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me." The Communists are just as murderous and hateful of Christians as the Muslims but they don't slaughter God's people as a religious duty as Islam does in the name of God. See the next four articles.)

Egyptian Christians allege torture at hands of Libyan Islamists

Fox News reports: "Libyan Islamists detained 48 Egyptian Christians in Benghazi, torturing them and using acid to burn off tattoos of the cross, according to family members.

The Christians, who are peddlers, were arrested by Islamist Salafists in Benghazi, who said they had Christian icons at their marketplace stalls, according to *Mideast Christian News*. The men were later reportedly freed and await deportation, but their family members back home told the Egyptian press they were abused while held, initially on charges of proselytizing.

"When the residents of the village told me that he was imprisoned, I embraced his sons and told them they would not see their father again," Fardoos Salib, the mother of Coptic farmer Atif Kamel, told Egyptian newspaper *al-Watan*. "I prayed in the church, until God responded and he was released, as God knows our conditions."

Activists in Libya posted photographs on Facebook showing the Egyptian Copts under detention. A video later seized by police showed the Egyptian Christians locked in a small room and guarded by bearded Salafists. Many appeared to be cut and bruised, and all had had their heads shaved..."

Islam or death? Egypt's Christians targeted by new terror group

Fox News reports: "A group of Christian priests from a local Coptic church in Egypt were told to convert to Islam or face death, according to an Arabic news site.

The incident, which comes in the midst of continued persecution and pressure on Egypt's Christian community, took place in the town of Safaga, near the Red Sea, the *El Balad* site reported.

According to *El Balad*, the threats are from a new group in Egypt, Jihad al-Kufr, whose name translates to Jihad against non-believers or non-Muslims. The group targets non-Muslims, and reportedly pressures them to convert to Islam.

"It's not the first time. This is happening every day," said Adel Guindy, president of Coptic Solidarity and a member of Egypt's Coptic community who travels between Paris and Cairo. "This one incident caught the attention of the news agencies, but there are worse things happening to the Christians every day in Egypt," he said..."

China's Christians see mounting persecution

Fox News reports: "Christians and human rights advocates are alarmed over an aggressive crackdown on house churches in China, where the faithful are forced to call their gatherings 'patriotic' assemblies or sent to prison where they can face torture, according to a new report.

Cases of the government persecuting Christians rose 42 percent last year, amid a three-phase plan by Beijing to eradicate the home-based churches, according to China Aid, a Texas-based human rights group. Experts say the Communist Party in China has long felt threatened by any movement that galvanizes a large sector of the population, fearing it could wield political clout. But the nation has become more systematically hostile to worshippers, according to Bob Fu,

China Aid founder and president.

"There have been new tactics of persecution as well, especially with the government using secret directives and memos with long-term, step-by-step strategies to eradicate house churches," Fu told *FoxNews.com*. "This is very serious stuff..."

Syrian Christians 'running out of places to survive'

WND.com reports: "Human-rights activists say the situation for Christians in Syria is growing more intense and that the ever-shrinking Christian population is near the breaking point.

Middle East Forum fellow and analyst Raymond Ibrahim is one who holds that opinion, and adds U.S. support for the rebels is the major reason for Christians fleeing Syria.

"In Syria, again in the name of democracy, the U.S. is supporting jihadis who are eradicating the nation's Christians," Ibrahim said. "U.S.-backed freedom-fighters are driving away Syria's indigenous Christians."

Which, he said, leaves Christians few options.

"Christians in the Middle East are running out of places to survive," Ibrahim said..."

'Missionaries in India expect persecution'

WND.com reports: "India's constitution assures the nation's citizens of religious freedom, but Christians who are trying to spread their faith say there's only one problem with that.

"In many cases, that provision is ignored," said Gospel for Asia Development Director John Beers.

The result is predictable: persecution.

International Christian Concern reported recently that local police departments in India are sometimes leading the anti-Christian attacks.

Beers said because India's culture still is rooted largely in traditional religions, Christian missionaries and preachers in India 'expect to face persecution.'

‘The students training for ministry know they will be beaten,’ Beers said.

It happened in the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh just recently. A pastor was attacked and beaten in his church, and the congregation was threatened by the mob during a Sunday service.

The church’s sponsoring missions agency, which asked not to be identified to protect the safety of the congregation, said local Hindu groups were angry about the church’s outreach...” **(Sad that another religion in India is persecuting and threatening Christians. This was not the way Mahatma Gandhi led the Hindu’s and people of India. Jesus said in Matthew 24:9 “You shall be hated of all nations for my name’s sake.” Christ adds in John 16:2 “The time will come that whosoever kills you will think he is doing God a**

service” and in verse 13 adds: “These things will they do unto you because they have not known my Father nor Me.” See the next report.)

Christians face threat from radical Hindus

WND.com reports: “Indian Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde says his nation faces an increasing terrorism threat from self-proclaimed ‘right-wing’ Hindu groups, and that’s bad news for Christians here.

In a report on India television network *NDTV Shinde* said ultra-nationalist Hindu groups have formed camps to train operatives to carry out attacks.

‘Groups like RSS are a threat to India,’ he said.

That would be Rashtriya

Swayamsevak Sangh, which states on its website: ‘Sangh is not a mere reaction to one or another social or political aberration. It represents a corpus of thought and action firmly rooted in genuine nationalism.’

The group states its movement is a response to colonialism and any anti-nationalist movement in India, including religious movements.

William Stark, Asia analyst for the Christian human-rights group International Christian Concern, says the RSS itself confirms the home minister’s statement that it’s a violent group.

‘Attacks are common in India. Hindu radicals, generally linked with the group RSS, attack pastors and other Christians for converting to Christianity,’ Stark said...”

TERROREST THREATS

U.S. warned: Al-Qaida hit-squads coming

WND.com reports: “A senior Iranian Revolutionary Guard commander has warned America and Europe that al-Qaida operatives will soon attack them.

And a source in the Islamic regime’s Intelligence Ministry told *WND* that another terror team is about to enter the United States. Should the West not accept Iran’s rights to its nuclear program within six months, the terrorists will attack, he said.

The potential targets in the U.S. include high-voltage towers to create blackouts, cell towers, water supplies, public transportation and various buildings belonging to the Defense Department and military.

The source said six U.S. politicians who have promoted tougher measures against the regime are on the hit list, along with such targets as the Washington National Cathedral and Lincoln Memorial in D.C. and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York...” **(The ‘religion of peace’ is planning new ways of killing their enemies. It’s time to bring our boys**

home from Afghanistan to protect our great nation and its people, especially America’s Christians and also to heed the words of Jesus who said in Luke 22:36: “He that has no sword [to defend himself] let him sell his garments, and buy one.” Amen! See the next two reports.)

Al-Qaida alive and well, ready to attack West

WND.com reports: “In an agreement between al-Qaida and the Islamic regime, three camps have been set up within Iran to train terrorists, *WND* has learned.

Al-Qaida members are trained to attack NATO forces in Afghanistan and collaborate with the Islamic regime on terrorist activities against Israel, the United States and some European countries, according to a source within the Revolutionary Guards intelligence division.

The camps are in the Sistan and Baluchestan provinces of Iran bordering Pakistan, where the al-Qaida members are trained in terrorism and guerrilla-warfare tactics.

The al-Qaida members, under the

pretext of conducting commerce, enter Iran through local bazaars along the Pakistani-Iranian border, the source said. After completing the course, each al-Qaida member is paid the equivalent of \$12,000 in appreciation of their participation and further collaboration with the regime’s Quds Forces...”

‘Shi’ite terror network targeting Israelis overseas’

The Jerusalem Post reports: “A global Shi’ite terrorism network made up of Iranian Quds Force operatives and Hezbollah continues to target Israelis overseas, the National Security Council’s counterterrorism bureau warned ahead of the Passover vacation season.

Twenty-seven countries have been designated by the bureau as being under a travel alert of varying severity.

The Sinai Peninsula is designated as a place with a very high, concrete threat level, and the bureau is urging Israelis to stay away from the area due to a plethora of intelligence leads pointing to kidnapping plots and terrorist threats.

Turkey, Kenya, Nigeria and

Azerbaijan have been classified under the 'ongoing potential threat' category, which is the third most severe warning type.

Dozens of terrorist attacks around the world have been thwarted this year, a bureau source said, adding that Iran and Hezbollah have clearly divided up attacks between them. In this way, Iranian agents target Israeli embassies and official state symbols – as they did in New Delhi in 2012 – while

Hezbollah attempts to murder less protected Israeli civilian tourists – as occurred in Burgas, Bulgaria, last year, when a Hezbollah terrorist cell bombed a tour bus, killing five Israelis and a Bulgarian bus driver.

The source stressed that the travel alerts are based on information made available from Israel's intelligence services, adding that some terrorist attacks have been abandoned by the plotters after alerts have been issued

exposing the threat.

'Shi'ite terrorism is a threat to Israeli citizens and Diaspora Jews. The threat is being sponsored by Iran and Hezbollah. Over the past two years, there has been an increased effort to carry out attacks,' the source said. 'We are identifying a systematic campaign operating with the greatest vigor... They are fully coordinated. It is one axis?...'

SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON & STARS

Meteor strike injures hundreds in central Russia

BBC News reports: "A meteor crashing in Russia's Ural mountains has injured at least 950 people, as the shockwave blew out windows and rocked buildings. Most of those hurt, in the Chelyabinsk region where the meteor fell, suffered cuts and bruises but at least 46 remain hospitalized.

A fireball streaked through the clear morning sky, followed by loud bangs.

President Vladimir Putin said he thanked God no big fragments had fallen in populated areas.

A large meteor fragment landed in a lake near Chebarkul, a town in Chelyabinsk region.

The meteor's dramatic passing was witnessed in Yekaterinburg, 200km (125 miles) to the north, and in Kazakhstan, to the south.

'It was quite extraordinary,' Chelyabinsk resident Polina Zolotarevskaya told *BBC News*. 'We saw a very bright light and then there was a kind of a track, white and yellow in the sky.'

'The explosion was so strong that some windows in our building and in the buildings that are across the road and in the city in general, the windows broke.'

Officials say a large meteor partially burned up in the lower atmosphere, resulting in fragments falling earthwards. Thousands of rescue workers have been dispatched to the area to provide help to the injured, the

emergencies ministry said.

The Chelyabinsk region, about 1,500km (930 miles) east of Moscow, is home to many factories, a nuclear power plant and the Mayak atomic waste storage and treatment centre..." (*And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*" – Luke 21:25 – 27. See the next two reports.)

Jupiter's Europa moon 'likeliest to have life'

France24.com reports: "U.S. astronomers looking for life in the solar system believe that Europa, one of the moons of Jupiter, which has an ocean, is much more promising than desert-covered Mars, which is currently the focus of the U.S. government's attention.

'Europa is the most likely place in our solar system beyond Earth to possess ... life,' said Robert Pappalardo, a planetary scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California.

'And it is the place we should be exploring now that we have a concept mission we think is the right one to get there for an affordable cost,' he continued.

'Europa is the most promising in terms of habitability because of its relatively thin ice shelf and an ocean ... And we know there are oxidants on the surface of Europa....'

Astronomers find possible protoplanet being formed

Voice of America News reports: "An international team led by Swiss astronomer Sascha Quanz has made what could be the first direct observation of a planet in the process of being formed. It is still embedded in a thick disc of gas and dust encircling a relatively nearby young star - only about 335 light years from Earth.

The scientists expect that as the protoplanet continues to gather material from the disc over millions of years, it will develop into a gas giant similar to the planet Jupiter in our solar system.

Quanz notes that until now, computer simulations were the only way to study planet formation. But using the advanced optics of the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope and new image analysis techniques, astronomers were able to see a faint blob in the circumstellar disc. If his team's finding is confirmed, astronomers would be able to test their theories against an observable target.

Although a protoplanet is the most likely explanation for the observations, the results of this study require follow-up observations to rule out other possibilities and confirm the existence of the planet...."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

IDF: We're ready for possible conflict with Hezbollah

The Jerusalem Post reports: "Wary of a spillover from the conflict in Syria, Israel is preparing to take on the Hezbollah militia that it suspects is getting advanced weapons from a distracted Damascus.

Israel believes the Lebanese Shi'ite guerrillas also stand ready to retaliate if it carries out long-threatened strikes on the nuclear sites of Iran, another Hezbollah patron.

Hezbollah fought Israel's far more advanced forces to a standstill when they last came to blows, in 2006, and rained more than 4,000 rockets on northern Israel. A U.N.-monitored ceasefire has largely held since.

But a senior IDF officer from the Lebanese front said that tensions in Syria 'had the potential to spill over and trigger a confrontation' with Hezbollah.

'We want to preserve the quiet, and we want the other side to know that if they take a step that necessitates we exact a price, they will pay dearly,' the officer, who declined to be named, told foreign reporters while overseeing

a simulated, regiment-strength battle with Hezbollah in a desert army base.

Israel is on the verge of being drawn in to the two-year Syrian insurgency..." **(Islam hates the Jews – here's why: "Satan stood up against Israel" – I Chronicles 21:1. I also predict that when the Islamic hit squads arrive in America they will begin by hitting Jewish centers including New York City, Los Angeles, and Miami. Pray for Israel and "the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" – Psalm 122:6.)**

Iran orders terrorists: Prepare for war

WND.com reports: "Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has ordered all of the Islamic regime's armed forces to prepare for war, *WND* learned.

According to a source in the Revolutionary Guards intelligence unit, the regime believes Israel is on the verge of an attack, which could then draw America into the conflict.

Hundreds of ballistic missiles are ready to be launched against Israel and U.S. military bases in the region, the

source said, and all terror groups that have long been positioned in Europe and America are ready to act should war break out.

While the regime has called the negotiations held in Kazakhstan 'a turning point' between Iran and the 5-plus-1 countries – the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council plus Germany – it is stalling for time to complete its nuclear weapons development, at which point it believes Israel and the West will have no choice but to accept a nuclear-armed Iran, the source said. However, regime officials do not believe Israel will wait it out and hence the preparations for war, he added..." **(Russia will lead the warring nations including Iran and an Islamic confederation during Armageddon – Revelation 16. See Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39. Persia in Ezekiel 38:5 – 7 is Iran and Psalm 83:5-7 completes the Muslim nations joining Russia for one purpose – "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. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:")**

THE KOREAN THREAT

North Korea says nuclear weapons can reach U.S.

SpaceDaily.com reports: "North Korea warned that the U.S. mainland was 'well within' the range of its nuclear weapons, as Pyongyang continued to ramp up the bellicose rhetoric after its recent nuclear test.

In an article posted on the official *Uriminzokkiri* website, a member of the Korean National Peace Committee -- a propaganda body -- said the North was now a 'fully-independent rocket and nuclear weapons state'.

'The United States should be acutely aware that the U.S. mainland is now well within the range of our strategic rockets and nuclear weapons,' the signed commentary said.

North Korea made a similar claim in October last year, saying it possessed rockets capable of striking the continental United States.

That was largely dismissed as bluster, but that was before Pyongyang conducted a successful long-range rocket launch in December, followed by its third nuclear test in February.

Although most experts believe the North has a long way to go to developing a dependable inter-continental ballistic missile, the December launch was a strong step in the right direction.

And the recent nuclear test also fuelled concerns that North Korea is refining the technical ability to place a miniaturised nuclear warhead on a long-range missile..." **(During the 3 ½ year Armageddon campaign – Daniel 9:27 – Russia will be defeated – Ezekiel 39:1, 2, 12, 13. At this point**

the “Kings of the East”, China and other Oriental nations will arrive to unite with Russia’s and Islam’s defeated armies – Revelation 16:2 – for the greatest continuation of slaughter in the annals of history. See Revelation 9:14 – 18. See the next three reports backing my Biblical analysis.)

North Korea can’t hit America, but South Korea and Japan in range

Reuters reports: “North Korea has plenty of military firepower even if its threat of a pre-emptive nuclear strike on the United States is a hollow one, with South Korea most at risk from the isolated regime’s artillery and rockets.

Japan, separated by less than 1,000 km (625 miles) of water and a frequent target of North Korea’s ire, is also in easy range of Pyongyang’s short- and mid-range missiles.

In pure numbers, North Korea’s military looks formidable, much larger than the more affluent South in both personnel and equipment. The North’s 1.2 million soldiers face off against 640,000 South Korean troops who are backed up by 26,000 U.S. personnel stationed in the country.

However, Pyongyang’s capabilities are not what the figures would suggest. Impoverished North Korea has all but abandoned running a conventional military that can engage in sustained battle because of scarce resources and has instead focused on nuclear weapons and ballistic missile technology, experts said.

‘A conventional military is very costly, and overwhelmingly so for North Korea. It quickly becomes a money fight and North Korea cannot

win that,’ said Shin In-kyun, head of the Korea Defence Network, an alliance of defence experts based in Seoul.

Nevertheless, a defence policy statement from South Korea noted that North Korea’s frontline artillery pieces could launch a ‘sudden and massive’ barrage on the capital Seoul, a mere 50 km (31 miles) from the Demilitarized Zone border that separates the two Koreas.

North Korea has around 12,000 artillery guns, many arrayed near the border. It also has an arsenal of intermediate range missiles in operational deployment, some of which can travel more than 3,000 km (1,875 miles). That puts South Korea and Japan in range as well as the U.S. territory of Guam.

‘They have the capability to strike anywhere in the South and Japan,’ said Shin...”

South Korea vows retaliation if North breaks truce

Voice of America News reports: “South Korea is responding firmly to North Korea’s threat to abrogate the peninsula’s truce agreement and resume military action.

‘If North Korea conducts any provocations that threaten the life and safety of South Koreans then it should be clear there will be strong and decisive punishment not only against the source of the aggression and its support forces, but also the commanding element,’ South Korean army general Kim Yong-hyun told reporters at the Ministry of National Defense.

The South Korean response follows some of the most explicit threats of

action in years from the North.

A recent edition of the North Korean worker’s party newspaper, *Rodong Sinmun*, says Pyongyang will be compelled to take action because joint annual drills involving U.S. and South Korean forces are actually intended as a surprise ‘preemptive nuclear strike’ against the North...”

China warns against Korea escalation

BBC News reports: “China has appealed for calm on the Korean peninsula, hours after North Korea said it had scrapped all peace pacts with the South and threatened pre-emptive nuclear strikes.

China, the North’s only major ally, said all sides should continue to talk and avoid ‘further escalation’.

Pyongyang has reacted angrily to another round of sanctions imposed by the U.N. over its recent nuclear test.

The sanctions restrict luxury goods imports and banking activities.

Beijing provides fuel, food and diplomatic cover to Pyongyang.

It has repeatedly voted in favour of U.N. sanctions imposed over the nuclear programme, but enforcement of the measures in China is patchy.

Hua Chunying of China’s foreign ministry told a news conference: ‘China and North Korea have normal country relations. At the same time, we also oppose North Korea’s conducting of nuclear tests.

‘China calls on the relevant parties to be calm and exercise restraint and avoid taking any further action that would cause any further escalations.’...”

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Russia sends more arms to prop up Syria’s Assad

Israel National News reports: “Moscow is continuing its export of

military hardware to the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, state arms exporter Rosonboronexport director Anatoly Isaikin confirmed.

‘We are continuing to carry out our obligations on contracts for the delivery of military hardware,’ Isaikin told reporters at a news conference in

Moscow, adding there were no attack weapons among the hardware, such as helicopters or planes.

There were, he said, anti-missile air defense systems being sent to Assad's forces – a shipment which he insisted did not violate any resolutions by the United Nations Security Council, or international laws.

U.N. Human Rights Council head Navi Pillay strongly criticized the Security Council for its failure to end the killings of civilians in the savage civil war wracking the country. Nearly 70,000 people have died, Pillay said in opening remarks at a Council session, adding, 'the lack of consensus on Syria

and the resulting inaction has been disastrous, and civilians on all sides have paid the price.

'We will be judged against the tragedy that has unfolded before our eyes,' Pillay warned. 'This council, as well as those of us in key positions within the U.N. will be rightly asked what we did.'

She called on the Council to refer Syria to the International Criminal Court at The Hague for investigation on allegations of war crimes and crimes against humanity. 'This would send a clear message to both the government and the opposition that there will be consequences for their actions,

and could have a very significant preventive effect,' she said..." **(This headline is dynamic. As already mentioned Iran which changed its name from Persia to Iran in 1935 is backing Assad who is an Alawite denominationally which is similar to Ahmadinejad's Shi'ite religious label. They both hate the Sunnis, the 60,000 slaughtered in the past 16 – 18 months. Imagine Muslim brothers against brothers who differ denominationally. Since Iran who backs Assad aligns its united power behind Russia for World War III, she presently defends the nation who will stand with her during Armageddon.)**

PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

U.S. warns health officials to be alert for deadly new virus

Reuters reports: "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) warned state and local health officials about potential infections from a deadly virus previously unseen in humans that has now sickened 14 people and killed 8.

Most of the infections have occurred in the Middle East, but a new analysis of three confirmed infections in Britain suggests the virus can pass from person to person rather than from animal to humans, the CDC said in its Weekly Morbidity and Mortality Report...

The virus is a coronavirus, part of the same family of viruses as the common cold and the deadly outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) that first emerged in Asia in 2003. The new virus is not the same as SARS, but like the SARS virus, it is similar to those found in bats.

So far, no cases have been reported

in the United States..." **(During the Tribulation hour the rider of the Fourth Horse of the Apocalypse - Revelation 6:7, 8 rides and fulfills the prophecy of death by war's effects and diseases through animal and human viruses. "And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse; and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth." See the next report.)**

Coronavirus: Signs the new SARS-like virus can spread between people

BBC News reports: "Health officials in the U.K. believe they have the strongest evidence yet that a new respiratory illness similar to the

deadly SARS virus can spread from person to person.

Cases of the infection may come from contact with animals. However, if the virus can spread between people it poses a much more serious threat.

One person in the U.K. is thought to have caught the infection from a relative.

However, officials say the threat to the whole population remains very low.

There have been 11 confirmed cases of the infection around the world. It causes pneumonia and sometimes kidney failure - five patients have died.

This is the third case identified in the U.K. The first was a patient flown in from Qatar for treatment. The second was linked to travel to the Middle East and Pakistan.

The virus is then thought to have spread from the second patient to a close relative. There have been suggestions of person to person transmission in earlier cases in the Middle East, but this was not confirmed..."