

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

TERRORIST THREAT

London attack: Man hacked to death was a British soldier

ABC News reports: "British authorities are debating whether to raise the country's threat level one day after a British soldier was hacked to death by suspects shouting jihadist slogans in southeast London.

Britain's top leaders held an emergency meeting in the equivalent of the White House Situation Room, deciding whether they believe the recent assault near an army barracks could lead to more attacks.

The soldier's family has asked that his identity not be released.

Counterterrorism police searched a home in northeast England, according to police in Lincolnshire, and officers were seen meticulously searching a parking garage and a lawn in Woolwich, where the attack took place. They also continue to interview the two suspects, who are in the hospital under arrest after they were both shot by armed police. It's unclear whether they are cooperating with authorities..." **(I dealt with this heinous murderous barbarian on global television. He stated in a news release that as a Muslim he practiced Sharia Law; an eye for an eye in the beheading of a British soldier. He was getting even for**

military men killing Muslims. My message to him was take your meat cleaver and machete to Syria where 94,000 deaths have occurred as Muslims killed Muslims and not a single soldier from any nation was involved.

Living in England you might follow Christianity's message "Love your neighbor as yourself" – Matthew 19:19; Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27; Romans 13:9, 10; and "Thou shalt not kill" – Exodus 20:13; 21:12. See the next two reports.)

Woolwich beheading suspect linked with Islamic hate preacher

Breitbart.com reports: "One suspect in the barbaric beheading of an off-duty British soldier has now been identified as Michael Abedolajo. Abedolajo, a Muslim from a Christian family, has also been linked with hate preacher Anjem Choudary. Both killers are of Nigerian background, and were previously identified by MI5.

According to police, 'We can confirm that the [Metropolitan Police Service] executed a search warrant at an address in Lincolnshire. This is connected to the ongoing investigation into the murder of a man in Woolwich.' There were also reports of cops searching a floor flat in nearby

Greenwich.

Choudary is widely known as a charismatic Islamist who once led a group called Al-Muhajiroun, which was banned by the government..."

Cleric: Beheading British soldier could be justified under Islam

Breitbart.com reports: "According to the British newspaper *The Independent*, Cleric Omar Bakri Mohammed believes the attempt to behead a British soldier in London can be justified 'under certain interpretations of Islam.'

Bakri Mohammed, who was banned from Britain for 'extremist activities,' is believed to have influenced London attacker Michael Adebolajo through his sermons.

The cleric said when he saw the video of Adebolajo holding a knife and a cleaver in his blood-soaked hands after the attack, he thought Adebolajo to be 'very courageous.'

Bakri Mohammed added: 'Under Islam this can be justified, he was not targeting civilians, he was taking on a military man in an operation.'

'To people around here [in the Middle East] he is a hero for what he has done.' The cleric said Adebolajo had 'a lot of anger about the Iraq war

and the war on terror.’

As these wars were going on, a 2007 recording of Bakri Mohammed revealed him saying, ‘When you meet [Westerners], slice their own necks,’ and ‘make the blood spill all over.’ He implied that doing so would tire out the Western enemies and force them into ending the wars.

Added Bakri Mohammed: ‘Use the sword and remove the head of the enemy.’...’

French soldier's stabbing could be act of terrorism

Reuters reports: “The stabbing of a French soldier near Paris by a man who is still on the run bore the hallmarks of Islamist terrorism, the interior minister said ... and police said it may have been inspired by the murder of a British serviceman in London.

Anti-terrorism investigators are hunting for a bearded man aged about 30, possibly of North African origin, who fled into a crowded train station after attacking the 23-year-old soldier from behind with a knife or a box-cutter.

The French soldier survived the mid-afternoon attack, which was carried out three days after a British soldier was hacked to death on a busy London street by two men shouting Islamist slogans.

‘There are indeed elements that lead us to believe it (the French attack) could be an act of terrorism,’ Interior Minister Manuel Valls told *France 5* television. ‘I won’t say any more at this stage as the investigation is only beginning.’

Police union UNSA spokesman Christophe Crepin said there were similarities with the British attack.

‘I think this person wanted to imitate what happened in London,’ he told *Itele* television, echoing the defense minister who said the soldier had been targeted because of his uniform...’
(Another vicious barbarian attack on a soldier. In America 19 Islamic terrorists slaughtered 3,000 decent

human beings on 9-11-01 plus numerous other failed attempts. Then in 2009, 13 people died and over 30 were injured at Fort Hood by a U.S. soldier, a Muslim, who used a calling card which stated: “A soldier for Allah.” I Timothy 3:4 predicts that traitors would arise and scores of them are waiting in the wings. See the next three reports.)

Suspect 'admits soldier knife attack in Paris'

BBC News reports: “A 21-year-old suspect arrested earlier over the stabbing of a French soldier near Paris ... has admitted to the crime, officials say.

The man, named only as Alexandre, was a convert to Islam who had ‘wanted to attack a representative of the state’, Prosecutor Francois Molins said.

Police arrested the man ... in the Yvelines region, 45km (28 miles) southwest of the capital.

He was traced thanks to evidence left behind at the scene, authorities said.

French anti-terrorist investigators are handling the case.

The stabbing took place three days after the killing of British serviceman Drummer Lee Rigby outside a barracks in the Woolwich area of London.

French President Francois Hollande said that while all theories would be investigated, there was no evidence to link the two attacks.

The suspect, who stabbed the soldier with a ‘fairly clear intent to kill’, had probably acted based on his ‘religious ideology’, Mr. Molins told reporters.

The prosecutor said the man was seen on video surveillance camera ‘saying a Muslim prayer’ minutes before the attack...’

Terrorist super-axis to strike within U.S.

WND.com reports: “Iran has given the go-ahead to operatives of three terrorist groups that have infiltrated the United States to carry out missions,

including what is expected to be a Mumbai-style attack on a hotel where innocent bystanders would be killed, *WND* has learned.

A full report with many details of the missions has been passed on to U.S. officials.

Three targets have been chosen within America for imminent attack, and the terror teams have now cut communications with the operational center in Iran, a sign that they are moving ahead with the attacks, according to a high-level intelligence officer within the Islamic regime.

If only one of the attacks occurs, the regime will consider the operation a success, the source said. Tehran believes, he said, an attack would not be traced back to Iran due to the nationalities of the operators...’

Analysts: watch Philadelphia for terror attack

WND.com reports: “Some analysts are suggesting Philadelphia, the historic city of ‘Brotherly Love,’ is where the nation’s next terrorism attack will happen.

Middle East Forum terror analyst Hillel Zaremba said one reason is that the city’s mosques – one website lists 24 in the metropolitan area – are tied to a larger network.

‘Many of them have ties to Islamist organizations. They have had, I use had, because they’ve gotten smarter and have scrubbed a lot of their websites of the references,’ Zaremba said. ‘But there are very troubling indications of the kinds of things they believe in and the causes they support – that would lead one to believe that they are from a hardline, Islamic worldview.’

Zaremba points out that what goes on in the mosque has a lot to do with the radicalization process...’

Toronto terror plot: Suspect asks for defence lawyer guided by 'holy book'

The Toronto Star reports: “Two men accused of plotting Canada’s first

known Al Qaeda-sponsored terrorist attack appeared in a packed Old City Hall courtroom...

Wearing an orange jumpsuit and appearing via video link, Chiheb Esseghaier told the justice of the peace that he did not have a lawyer. He has applied for legal aid.

Esseghaier pleaded with the court to help him get a lawyer who would 'co-operate' with him by using 'the holy book as a reference.'

'I am agree to have a lawyer,'

he said, but stressed that any legal representation must use the 'holy book.' 'I don't want a book written by humans,' he told the court.

Raed Jaser also made a brief court appearance via video link. The lawyer representing him, Brydie Bethell, obtained disclosure and agreed to returning to court...

Jaser, a 35-year-old of Palestine origin, and Esseghaier, a 30-year-old Tunisian national, were arrested on April 22 after allegedly plotting to

attack a New York-Toronto passenger train. Jaser was arrested in Toronto, Esseghaier in Montreal. Both face numerous charges including conspiring with a terrorist group..." **(The Holy book of Islam allows for a teaching that states: "deception and lies are allowed if the reason is to promote the Muslim religion." The Christian holy book forbids lying under the threat of eternal separation from God – Exodus 20:16; Ephesians 4:25; Revelation 21:8; 22:15.)**

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Arabs riot, call for 'Third Intifada'

Israel National News reports: "Dozens of Arab Muslims rioted in the Old City of Jerusalem ... hurling rocks at Israeli police and setting ablaze garbage bins, a police spokeswoman said.

'Dozens of Palestinians threw rocks at police forces near Nablus Gate. Two of them were arrested,' said Luba Samri.

An *AFP* correspondent said some of the demonstrators were carrying banners which called for a 'Third Intifada,' or anti-Israeli uprising.

The 'First Intifada' began in 1987 and lasted into the early 90s. The so-called 'Second Intifada' was in fact a massive pre-planned terror war launched by Yasser Arafat, Hamas and other enemies of Israel in 2000 and lasting into the mid-2000s..." **(Israel is the apple of God's eye – Zechariah 2:8, and His elect – Isaiah 42:1; 45:4; 65:22. Satan and Satanically controlled humans have always sought after ways to annihilate the Jews – I Chronicles 21:1. There will be a final attempt by Islamic terrorists and armies – Psalm 83:4 – but Israel, God's Chosen People – Deuteronomy 7:7,8 – has the Lord's**

promise recorded in Isaiah 56:5 stating: "I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name." See the next three reports.)

'The Intifada is here, even if media hasn't said so'

Haaretz reports: "More and more Israelis living in Judea and Samaria (Shomron) have come under attack as Palestinian Authority terrorist groups increase the frequency of assaults on drivers in the region. One of the victims is Michal Weisel, who shared her post-attack thoughts with *Arutz Sheva*.

Israelis need to take advantage of technology that can reinforce car windows against attack, she said, and not to rely on the IDF to stop attacks.

Weisel was attacked by three young Arab men hurling heavy stones. 'It's lucky that the car was a reinforced car owned by the Regional Council – the rocks bounced off the frame of the car,' she recalled.

'I hope the IDF will take strong action against rock throwers, but for my part, I'm going to reinforce my car, because it saves lives,' she said. 'A rock can kill, no less so than gunfire.'

'We're in an Intifada, even if the media hasn't said so yet,' she warned. The Palestinian Authority has launched

two past 'Intifada' terrorism wars targeting Israeli civilians in a variety of attacks including rock and firebomb attacks on passing cars, stabbings and shootings in civilian homes, and suicide bombings..."

Israel's new neighbor: Syrian Al-Qaeda rebel group

Israel National News reports: "In recent months, there has been a shakeout among the various Syrian rebel groups, and one of the dominant ones that has emerged is Jabhat al-Nusra – closely identified with Al Qaeda. The Sunni Islamist group is seeking to take over as much of Syria as possible and place it under Sharia Islamic law.

Now, the group has taken up positions close to Syria's border with Israel, adjacent to the Syrian side of the Golan Heights. In a video released on *YouTube*, the group's soldiers are seen conducting training exercises in the Dar'a area of southern Syria, right next to the Heights. In the exercise, the soldiers are seen attempting to take over a building, using weapons and bombs. They are also seen singing Arabic songs in praise of terror, and swearing revenge on the 'unbelievers' - the Alawite group that runs Syria, as

well as Shi'ite Muslims who, according to Sunni views, hold an incorrect interpretation of Islam.

The video provides evidence of a well-trained, motivated fighting force, military experts said. The group is clearly better equipped and trained than the other rebel groups, the experts said, and apparently has incorporated a large number of Sunni Muslim defectors from the Syrian army.

While the group says that putting the 'Syrian house in order' is its first order of business, it says that it eventually plans to deal with the 'Zionist enemy' and end the 'occupation,' first of the Golan, and then of the 'rest of Palestine.'..."

Hezbollah preparing to attack Israel, commander says

WND.com reports: "Hezbollah is in the final stage of preparation to attack Israel with sophisticated weapons, according to a high-level commander of the terrorist group.

Tabnak, an outlet of Iran's Islamic regime, said an unidentified Hezbollah commander, in an interview with the Kuwaiti paper *Alrai*, thanked Syrian President Bashar Assad for keeping his promise to provide those weapons to Hezbollah.

'The weapons given to Hezbollah will change the balance of power,' he said.

'We have in recent days done extensive operations for reconnaissance on Israel's central and sensitive military and infrastructural installations in different areas and also on Israel's commando posts and peacekeeping forces in the Golan Heights,' he said, 'to prepare for the coming battle with the occupying regime.'

The commander revealed some of the weapons given by Syria to Hezbollah, including Pantsir (SA-22 Greyhound) surface-to-air missiles, SAM 5 surface-to-air missiles and the Russian anti-tank Kornet missiles. However, the commander also hinted that soon Hezbollah will receive the

advanced and dreaded ship-killer Yakhont missiles from Assad.

U.S. officials, British Prime Minister David Cameron and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had urged Russian President Vladimir Putin not to go ahead with his arms sales to Syria, including the S-300 anti-aircraft system and the feared Yakhont cruise missiles. But despite their pleas, Russian officials said they were honoring contracts with Syria, and those weapons Russia will send to Syria may eventually wind up in the hands of Hezbollah and Iran..."

U.S.: We support Israel's ability to defend itself

Israel National News reports: "The United States reiterated ... that Israel has the right to defend itself, even if Russia goes ahead with the sale of advanced missiles to Syria.

'We support Israel's ability to defend themselves, certainly, but we remain hopeful and remain committed to working towards a political transition,' State Department Spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters ... when asked about comments made a day earlier by Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon.

Yaalon said that Israeli 'will know what to do' if Russia delivers highly advanced anti-aircraft missiles to Syria..." **(When the armies of Russia and her Arab allies march against Israel, the Almighty God, Yahweh, will stand against Israel's enemies listed in the following Bible verses: Ezekiel 38, 39:1-6, 12, 13; Daniel 11:40; Isaiah 17:1; Ezekiel 38:5-7; and Psalm 83:5-7.**

When Israel's enemies march against Israel mentioned 18 times in Ezekiel 38 & 39; God says "I will send a fire [nuclear war] upon Gog of Magog."

The next three reports deal with Israel's greatest enemy – Iran.)

Iran claims it has new long-range missile launchers

The Jerusalem Post reports: "Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi stated during a ceremony ... that Iran's Defense Ministry and the Aerospace Division of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard jointly developed a new long-range surface-to-surface missile launcher. According to the report on Iran's *Press TV* website, Vahidi stated that the missiles were for defensive purposes.

'Today, the Defense Ministry, with the key strategy of self-confidence, hard work and self-sufficiency, designs and manufactures different weapons and military systems in aerospace, naval, aerial, ground, electronic and optic fields,' said Vahidi.

Iran has a habit of triumphantly declaring technological achievements that many Western analysts find doubtful, but there is often no way to check if the new declared technology actually works.

Iran's defense minister also said that it would have a strong response to any aggression, making the enemy regret their attack.

'Iran does not want war with any country and will not be the initiator of any war or conflict, but will also not allow any aggression or hostile act [against the country],' Vahidi added, according to the report..."

Thousands of IRGC missiles ready to hit enemies' vital interests in region

The Fars News Agency reports: "Lieutenant Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Major General Hossein Salami cautioned enemies to avoid threatening Iran, warning that the IRGC has readied thousands of missiles to target enemies' vital interests in the region, if they dare to attack Iran.

'One day the IRGC's biggest weapon was Kalashnikov and G3 rifles, but today thousands of missiles are ready to be launched at any target that we

want from the enemies' vital interests in the region,' Salami said in Tehran...

He referred to Iran's astonishing progress in developing and manufacturing different military equipment, and underlined, 'We are witnessing our country's self-sufficiency in all military and defensive industries, which is acknowledged by the world as well.

'We have conquered the outer space and are not dependant on any power. This is one of the biggest achievements of the Islamic Revolution...'"

Commander stresses Iran's strong deterrent power

The Fars News Agency reports: "Commander of the Islamic Revolution

Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh said Iran is now enjoying the highest level of military deterrence.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a ceremony to supply long-range ground-to-ground missile launchers to the IRGC Aerospace Force ... Hajizadeh said that the Iranian Armed Forces have elevated their military preparedness to confront potential threats.

'Today, we are experiencing the best condition of military deterrence and no power in the world is capable of confronting and hurting the Islamic Iran,' Hajizadeh said.

Earlier ... The Iranian Defense Ministry supplied large numbers of long-range ground-to-ground missile

launchers to the IRGC.

The launchers were supplied to the IRGC's Aerospace Force in a special ceremony attended by Defense Minister Brigadier General Ahmad Vahidi and Hajizadeh.

Addressing the ceremony, Vahidi underlined the defensive nature of the country's military power, saying that the capability is for crushing possible enemy invasions.

'The Islamic Iran does not want war with anyone and will never initiate war and conflict, yet, it will not allow anyone to make an aggression or take a hostile action and will mightily crush any invading enemy and will make him regretful of his deeds,' Vahidi stated..."

THE BURDEN OF DAMASCUS

Outrage at Syrian rebel shown 'eating soldier's heart'

BBC News reports: "A video which appears to show a Syrian rebel taking a bite from the heart of a dead soldier has been widely condemned.

U.S.-based Human Rights Watch identified the rebel as Abu Sakkar, a well-known insurgent from the city of Homs, and said his actions were a war crime.

The main Syrian opposition coalition said he would be put on trial.

The video, which cannot be independently authenticated, seems to show him cutting out the heart.

'I swear to God we will eat your hearts and your livers, you soldiers of Bashar the dog,' the man says referring to President Bashar al-Assad as he stands over the soldier's corpse.

Human Rights Watch (HRW) says Abu Sakkar is the leader of a group called the Independent Omar al-Farouq Brigade.

'The desecration and mutilation of a killed person is definitely a war crime,' Peter Bouckaert, emergencies director of Human Rights Watch, told the *BBC*. 'This one particularly disturbing because of the sectarian nature of the language used by Abu Sakkar.'..." **(This cannibal terrorist is described in Romans 3:10 – 18. Hell will be full of such barbarian savages as this human vulture – Revelation 21:8; 22:15.)**

The new Syria: flogging in the town square

Israel National News reports: "The rebellion against Syrian strongman Bashar Assad is turning increasingly Islamist in nature, seeing as the rebel forces are largely affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood, Al Qaeda and salafist Islam.

Videos streaming in daily from Syria document this Islamist influence, which comes in the form of executions and torture carried out in the name of

Islam, among other things.

The embedded video, from Saraqeb in the Idlib province of northwestern Syria, shows the carrying out of sentences handed down by a rebel sharia field court.

Hundreds of local residents gathered to hear the sentence being pronounced by a rebel. Two residents were found guilty of offenses against sharia and sentenced to 40-50 lashes each.

The elder man was convicted of having his daughter, who had divorced her first husband, married to a second man during the 'cooling off' period of three months required by sharia law. He did this ten days before the 3-month period had ended and was sentenced to 50 lashes..." **(Sharia Law pronounces such brutality and calls for a death penalty on all daughters who have premarital sex, all homosexuals, all apostate Muslims and every infidel, meaning all Christians. Christianity states: "Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, Bless them that**

curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you” – Luke 6:27, 28.)

Report: Assad preparing missile strike against Tel Aviv in case attacked again

Haaretz reports: “Syria is making preparations to strike Tel Aviv in case Israel launches another attack on its territory, *The Sunday Times* reported. . .

The Syrian army has begun deploying advanced surface-to-surface missiles, the report said, adding that it has received orders to strike central Israel in case additional attacks against Syria are carried out.

The Sunday Times said that the information was obtained by reconnaissance satellites that were tracking the Syrian forces. According to the report, Syria was deploying advanced Tishreen missiles which are capable of carrying a half-ton warhead.

Israel, foreign media reported, was behind three attacks against targets in Syria in the past five months. The air raids, it was said, targeted shipments of weapons heading to Lebanon’s Hezbollah.

Israel refused to officially confirm the recent attacks. . .” **(President Assad, there is a prophecy which is yet to occur found in Isaiah’s prediction in chapter 17, verse 1: “...Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.” It looks like Israel will win over missiles and chemical warfare as threatened in the next report.)**

‘Assad has chemicals that can eradicate entire towns’

Israel National News reports: “President Bashar al-Assad’s regime has enough of the nerve agent sarin to ‘eradicate the whole of Damascus, Homs, Hama, and Aleppo,’ a former scientist for the Syrian chemical weapons program says.

Speaking to *Al Jazeera* on condition of anonymity after he fled Syria, the chemist said that the regime is not likely to unleash its chemical stockpiles

unless it ‘no longer cares about the world knowing.’

‘If the regime is to fire a Scud-B with a chemical warhead filled with sarin, the missile would create a chemical cloud in the atmosphere that is 3km long and 500m wide, which could be fatal to all people under it,’ the chemist told *Al Jazeera*.

He claimed that the regime has only used sarin nerve gas in small quantities to halt rebel advances in four towns in the suburbs of Damascus, in Aleppo’s Sheikh Maksoud district, in Idlib’s Saraqeb town and in Homs’ al-Khalidiyeh district.

‘The intention was to incapacitate rebels and force them out of strategic areas, while keeping the deaths among their ranks limited,’ the chemist said, who added that he was speaking out ‘to dispel the myths on chemical weapons in Syria.’

The Syrian government has managed to keep information about its chemical weapons largely beyond the reach of outsiders, and to keep its scientists under heavy surveillance, even keeping some under 24-hour guard.

The exiled chemist told *Al Jazeera* that Syria’s stockpile comprises 700 tons of sarin agent, at least 3,000 aerial bombs that could be filled with chemical agents and more than 100 chemical warheads for Scud missiles. . .”

Syrian FM: Assad will remain president until 2014

Israel National News reports: “Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad is not planning to go anywhere anytime soon, his foreign minister clarified . . .

AFP reported that Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem said that Assad, who is facing a two-year rebellion against his rule, will run for a third term in 2014 if the people want him to.

‘Do you want the president to resign before the (Geneva 2 peace) conference? That is not possible,’ Muallem was quoted as having told

the Beirut-based Arab news channel *Al-Mayadeen*, which is close to Syria, its ally Iran and the Hezbollah terrorist organization.

The United States and Syria’s ally Russia are trying to organize a peace conference in Geneva to find a solution to end the bloodshed in Syria and hope to convene it in June.

‘Will President Assad run for a third term or won’t he, that will depend on conditions in 2014 and the will of the people,’ Muallem added.

‘If the people want him, he will present himself, and, if they don’t, he won’t. Mr. Assad is in constant touch with his people,’ he told *Al-Mayadeen*.

‘The Americans have no say on who governs Syria,’ he added. ‘Until the next presidential election, he will remain the president of the Syrian Arab Republic. . .’ **(A message for President Assad from the Old Testament: “Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.” Also Job 7:1-8 – beware! See the next report.)**

Syrian president says army ‘has balance of power’

BBC News reports: “The Syrian army has scored ‘major victories’ against rebels and now holds ‘the balance of power’ in the conflict, President Bashar al-Assad has reportedly told a Lebanese TV station.

Mr. Assad is also quoted as saying Syria has received the first shipment of an advanced Russian air defence system.

Russia vowed to go ahead with sending S-300 missiles earlier. . .

The interview with Hezbollah-linked *Al Manar TV* is set to be broadcast later. . .

In excerpts from the interview published by Lebanon’s pro-Syrian *Al Akhbar* newspaper, Mr. Assad is quoted as saying: ‘The Syrian army has scored major victories against armed rebels on the ground and the balance of power is now with the Syrian army.’

Syrian Foreign Minister Walid

Muallem made similar comments ... telling Lebanese media: ‘Our armed forces have regained the momentum.’”

Mr. Assad also admits in the interview with *Al Manar* that Syria and the Lebanese Hezbollah movement are

co-operating, or ‘on the same axis’.

‘Hezbollah fighters are deployed along the Lebanese-Syrian borders but the operations are conducted by the Syrian army until the ‘terrorist’ groups are crushed’, he is quoted as

saying.

Mr. Assad condemns backing for the rebels from Turkey, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, claiming there are now 100,000 foreign fighters on Syrian soil...”

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Russian arms ‘to deter foreign intervention in Syria’

BBC News reports: “Russia says it will go ahead with deliveries of S-300 anti-aircraft missiles to Syria, and that the arms will help deter foreign intervention.

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said the missiles were a ‘stabilising factor’ that could dissuade ‘some hotheads’ from entering the conflict.

Russia also criticised a decision by the EU not to renew an arms embargo on the Syrian opposition.

Mr. Ryabkov said the move would harm the prospects for a peace conference.

He said the contract for the S-300 missile systems had been signed several years ago.

‘We consider these supplies a stabilising factor and believe such steps will deter some hotheads from considering scenarios that would turn the conflict international with the involvement of outside forces,’ he was quoted as telling journalists.

Russia’s envoy to NATO, Aleksandr Grushko, said Moscow was acting ‘fully within the framework of international law’, in delivering the arms.

‘We are not doing anything that could change the situation in Syria,’ he said. ‘The arms that we supply are defensive weapons.’...” **(President Obama, along with his hatred of Israel [Wall Street Journal], is intimidated by Russia’s warning to leave Syria alone or else all hell will break loose. See the next report.)**

Russian official: missile systems sale ‘a message to America’

Israel National News reports: “Russia’s decision to send S-300 missile systems to Syria is, in part, a message to the United States, according to the head of the Russian parliament’s Foreign Affairs Committee, Alexei Pushkov.

Russia opposes outside interference in Syria’s ongoing civil war, he explained, according to Walla. “We’re opposed to no-fly zones, because they are the first step toward aerial attack,” he said.

“Syria asked Russia to help it defend itself from aerial assault,” he added.

In early May at least two Syrian military targets were hit in what Syria has said were Israeli airstrikes.

According to the *Wall Street Journal* Russia has sent at least 12 warships to patrol near a Russian Navy base in Syria. According to the report, American and European leaders have widely interpreted the move as a warning to the West and to Israel not to interfere in Syria.

The reported deployment is one of the Russian Navy’s largest since the end of the Cold War...”

Moscow warns Jerusalem about attacking Syria

WND.com reports: “Russian President Vladimir Putin says he’s supplying the long-range anti-aircraft missile S-300 to Syria despite pleas from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry not to do so, according to

a report in *Joseph Farah’s G2 Bulletin*.

Putin argued that the S-300 is a ‘defensive’ weapon and will help stabilize the region.

In June 2012, Syria was supposed to receive the S-300s but the contract was canceled due to Western political pressure. The announcement is intended to show Moscow’s support for al-Assad at all costs

Informed sources say that Russia intends to ship four batteries of the S-300s which have from 100 to 150 simultaneously deployable, guided anti-aircraft missiles.

Sources say that once deployed, they will be manned by Russian military ‘advisers,’ since the Syrians are not technically prepared to operate such advanced and complicated systems. They say Israel therefore could hurt Russians should there be more strikes...” **(Quit your boasting Putin, it will fail. Our Almighty God deals with your nation Russia saying: “Son of man, set thy face against Gog, [the ruler of] ...Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, [all cities in Russia today] and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech [probably Moscow] and Tubal: [Southwest of Siberia and listed as Tubalsk] And I will turn thee back...”, “...and leave but the sixth part of thee...” “And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land” – Ezekiel 38:1-4; 39:1 - 13.)**

PLAGUES & PESTILENCES

Newly discovered virus takes more lives, spreads

CNN.com reports: “A new SARS-like virus recently found in humans continues to spread -- with the worldwide total now at 49, the World Health Organization said...”

Of the 49 known infections with the MERS-CoV virus, 27 have resulted in death, the organization said.

The latest deaths were reported in Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi health ministry said ... that three people died from their infections in the country’s eastern region.

The virus is ‘a threat to the entire world,’ the WHO’s general director said...

It ‘is not a problem that any single affected country can keep to itself or manage all by itself,’ Margaret Chan said ...in her closing remarks at the 66th World Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

Although many of the cases have occurred on the Arabian Peninsula, people have died of the infection elsewhere.

...A patient died in France after having contracted the virus during a trip to the Middle East, the WHO reported.

Coronaviruses cause illnesses ranging from the common cold to SARS, or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, as well as a variety of animal diseases.

However, the new virus is not SARS.

The WHO recently gave it a more specific name: Middle East respiratory symptom coronavirus, or MERS-CoV...” **(Jesus predicted this and the next report as signs pointing to His return – *There shall be pestilences [plural] – Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:11 and Revelation 6:7, 8. In this final text death through sword, hunger, pneumonia and the plague produced by the beasts of the earth eliminates 25% of the world’s population.*)**

WHO says new coronavirus may be passed person to person

BBC News reports: “The World Health Organization says it appears likely that the novel coronavirus (NCoV) can be passed between people

in close contact.

This comes after the French health ministry confirmed a second man had contracted the virus in a possible case of human-to-human transmission.

Two more people in Saudi Arabia are also reported to have died from the virus, according to health officials.

NCoV is known to cause pneumonia and sometimes kidney failure.

World Health Organization (WHO) officials have expressed concern over the clusters of cases of the new coronavirus strain and the potential for it to spread.

Since 2012, there have been 33 confirmed cases across Europe and the Middle East, with 18 deaths, according to a recent WHO update.

Cases have been detected in Saudi Arabia and Jordan and have spread to Germany, the UK and France.

‘Of most concern... is the fact that the different clusters seen in multiple countries increasingly support the hypothesis that when there is close contact this novel coronavirus can transmit from person to person,’ the World Health Organization said...”

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Experiment Brings Human Cloning One Step Closer

The Wall Street Journal reports: “Scientists have used cloning technology to transform human skin cells into embryonic stem cells, an experiment that may revive the controversy over human cloning.

The researchers stopped well short of creating a human clone. But they showed, for the first time, that it is possible to create cloned embryonic stem cells that are genetically identical to the person from whom they are derived.

These stem cells could go on to differentiate into heart, nerve, muscle, bone and all the other tissue types that make up a human body.

Since the birth of Dolly the sheep in 1996, researchers have cloned about 20 species, including rabbits, goats, cows and cats. Yet they have been unable to create biologically identical copies of any monkey or primate, including humans, possibly because their reproductive biology is more complicated.

But the refinements described ... in the latest experiment suggest that ‘it’s

a matter of time before they produce a cloned monkey,’ said Jose Cibelli, a cloning expert at Michigan State University, who wasn’t involved in the study. It also means, he added, ‘that they are one step closer to where the efficiency is high enough that someone is willing to try’ to clone a person, though that remains a distant—and to some, disturbing—prospect...” **(“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased” – Daniel 12:4.)**