

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

## WARS & RUMORS OF WARS

### **North Korea warns military cleared to attack U.S. with nuclear weapons**

*Haaretz* reports: "North Korea warned that its military has been cleared to attack the U.S. using 'smaller, lighter and diversified' nuclear weapons, while the U.S. said it would strengthen regional protection by deploying a missile defense system to Guam.

Despite the intense rhetoric, analysts do not expect a nuclear attack by North Korea, which knows the move could trigger a destructive, suicidal war. Experts believe Pyongyang does not yet have the ability to launch nuclear-tipped missiles, but its other nuclear capabilities aren't fully known.

The strident warning from Pyongyang is the latest in a series of escalating threats from North Korea, which has railed against joint U.S. and South Korean military exercises taking place in South Korea and has expressed anger over tightened sanctions for its February nuclear test..." **North Korea raises a lot of ballyhoo to get attention. Barring China's help they could**

be nuked out of existence. This noisy blusterer's pronouncements and warning are signs of Christ's return – Matthew 24:6, 7; Mark 13:7, 8; Luke 21:9, 27, 28, 31, and 32. See the next two reports.)

### **U.S. sends B-2 bombers over Korean peninsula**

*Voice of America News* reports: "U.S. B-2 bombers have conducted a firing drill on the Korean peninsula.

The U.S. military is making no secret that the non-stop flights of a pair of B-2 bombers from the United States to South Korea should be interpreted as a signal to North Korea.

A military news release announcing the mission says it 'demonstrates the United States' ability to conduct long range, precision strikes quickly and at will.'

The strategic stealth bombers flew from Whiteman Air Force Base in the U.S. state of Missouri to drop inert munitions on an island off the southwestern coast of the Korean peninsula before heading back to their home base - a 20,000 kilometer

non-stop trip.

Shin In-kyun, who heads the Korea Defense Network - an alliance of military experts based in Seoul - says it is unprecedented for the U.S. Air Force to be so transparent about such B-2 flights.

Shin says this means that the United States is taking seriously the provocative language from Pyongyang. And the B-2 is 'a weapon North Korea fears the most.'..."

### **North Korea raises nuclear threat level against U.S., S. Korea**

*Israel National News* reports: "North Korea raised the nuclear threat level against the United States warning it could launch a preemptive attack on the U.S. and South Korea.

Pyongyang claimed such an attack could come as part of its military options, as it continued to raise its rhetoric and escalate tensions over military drills carried out recently in the region between the two allies.

The North Korean military leadership said it would place its

missile and artillery units into 'highest level combat readiness' and reiterated that it could take actual military action.

The statement further increased already-tense relations on the northern and southern sides of the Korean border.

American geopolitical military strategy analyst Mark Langfan noted that 'while the north has issued threats before, threats of 'pre-emptive nuclear attack' appear to ratchet up the north's rhetoric.'

When asked whether North Korea appeared to be bluffing, Langfan told *Arutz Sheva* in an email exchange, 'It certainly looks real to me.'..."

### **Chinese naval fleet heads deep into disputed waters**

*Voice of America News* reports: "A small fleet of Chinese naval ships recently concluded drills in a disputed part of the South China Sea, some 80 kilometers from Malaysia's shores. The People's Liberation Army's naval foray so far south is a first in recent memory.

The fleet of four ships headed to the Spratly Islands and made their way to James Shoal - less than 100 kilometers from Malaysia - to carry out their drills. The fleet included two guided missile frigates and a guided missile destroyer. The *Xinhua* news agency says the vessels did formation exercises with some land-based aircraft, which were fighters and fighter-bombers.

Ian Storey of the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies says the number of ships involved was 'not significant.'

'This, again, is designed to send a message that China has the capabilities to operate far from the mainland and also to land forces and retake these islands in order to resolve the dispute, should it so wish to do so,' Storey said..." (China will

invade Israel as the leader of a second wave of nations that come against Israel and undoubtedly America who stands as a protective partner of Israel – Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 18.)

### **Putin orders large-scale military exercises in Black Sea**

*Reuters* reports: "President Vladimir Putin ordered the launch of large-scale Russian military exercises in the Black Sea region his spokesman said, in a move that may create tensions with Russia's post-Soviet neighbors Ukraine and Georgia.

Putin issued the order to start the previously unannounced maneuvers at 4 a.m. Moscow time (12.00 a.m. EDT) as he flew back from an international summit in South Africa, his spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, told reporters by telephone.

'These are large-scale unannounced test exercises,' Peskov said, adding that 36 warships and an unspecified number of warplanes would take part. 'The main goal is to check the readiness and cohesion of the various units.'

He did not say how long the exercises would last.

Putin has stressed the importance of a strong and agile military since he returned to the presidency last May after four years as prime minister. In 13 years in power, he has often cited external threats when talking of the need for unity in Russia..." (Russia begins the war of Armageddon – World War III -- Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, and 16. United with Russia are battalions of troops from numerous Muslim nations – Daniel 11:40; Isaiah 17:1; Ezekiel 38:5-7; Psalm 83:5-7. This massive military alliance is defeated – Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 12, and 13. Then as already mentioned the leftover armies of Russia and the Muslim alliance join with China for the greatest

war of history – Armageddon – Revelation 9:14 – 18; 16:16. See the next report.)

### **Analyst: Russia prepping military to fight U.S.**

*WND.com* reports: "The Russian military doctrine adopted in 2010 after the 'reset' with the Obama administration considers the U.S. and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or NATO, the main threats Moscow must be prepared to fight, according to Joseph Farah's *G2 Bulletin*.

This is the assessment of Alexei Arbatov, a former Duma, or parliament, deputy and currently head of the Center for International Security of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

Recent events have underscored the prospect due to the firing of Russian Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov, who served under then-President Dmitry Medvedev, who now is the Russian prime minister.

Russian President Vladimir Putin replaced Serdyukov with Sergei Shoigu, who is more in line with Putin's outlook on the future role and capabilities of the military.

Under Medvedev, Serdyukov had a different approach, which was to more closely work with the West in an effort to obtain Western technologies and know-how to modernize not only Russian infrastructure but also the military.

All of that went away with Putin's more confrontational approach with the U.S. and his efforts to blunt American influence in Central Asia, which Moscow claims is in its sphere of influence.

Putin also aims to recreate a post-Soviet empire by incorporating the former Soviet republics into a Eurasian Union, a duty-free zone that he sees rivaling the European Union in years to come..."

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# SHARIAH LAW

## **Kuwait parliament approves death penalty for those who insult Allah**

*Breitbart.com* reports: “Kuwait’s parliament has approved the death penalty for any Muslim who insults Allah, ‘his prophets, messengers, Prophet Mohammed’s wives or the Koran, in any form of expression, if they don’t repent.’

The law requires judges to give offenders an opportunity to repent. If the offender repents, he gets to live but faces prison for at least five years and a fine of \$36,000. ‘Non-Muslims will be sentenced to 10 years in prison if convicted of violating the law.’

40 Kuwaiti lawmakers, including ‘all Cabinet members present,’ voted for the new law...” **(This headline above is what happens when Shariah Law is practiced -- Daniel 7:25. When the Antichrist and religious false prophet become a team – Revelation 13:1, 7, 8, 11 – 18; Shariah (blasphemy) law is installed globally and infidels of any religion outside of Islam are penalized and slaughtered by either crucifixion or beheading – Sura 5:33; Sura 47:4. Revelation 20:4 documents what happens when Islamic terrorists begin the greatest death campaign ever perpetrated on our planet. The next nine reports demonstrate Islam’s hatred for Christianity.)**

## **Amnesty ‘outrage’ at Saudi paralysis sentence**

*BBC News* reports: “The reported sentencing of paralysis for a Saudi man as punishment for paralyzing another man has been described as ‘outrageous’ by a leading human rights group.

Saudi reports say the 24-year-old man could be paralyzed from the waist down if he cannot pay his victim one million riyals (£250,000) in compensation.

Amnesty International says the sentence is a form of torture.

The man has been in prison for 10 years since he stabbed a friend in the back.

Saudi newspapers say Ali al-Khawahir was 14 when he paralyzed his friend in the attack in the Eastern Province town of al-Ahsa.

The law of qisas, or retribution, in Saudi Arabia means his victim can demand that he suffers exactly the same punishment as he caused.

‘Paralyzing someone as punishment for a crime would be torture,’ said Ann Harrison, Middle East and North Africa deputy director at Amnesty.

‘It is time the authorities in Saudi Arabia start respecting their international legal obligations and remove these terrible punishments from the law.’

This is the latest example of Saudi Arabia’s fundamentalist interpretation of Islamic law attracting international criticism.

Amnesty says the law has seen judicially approved eye-gougings and tooth extractions...”

## **Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina rejects blasphemy law**

*BBC News* reports: “Bangladeshi PM Sheikh Hasina has firmly rejected demands by Islamists for a new anti-blasphemy law to punish those who defame Islam and Prophet Mohammad.

In a *BBC* interview, she said existing laws were sufficient to punish anyone who attempted to insult religion.

Her comments came just days after hundreds of thousands of supporters of an umbrella organisation of Islamists held a massive rally in Dhaka.

The marchers called for the death penalty for those guilty of blasphemy.

Ms. Hasina said: ‘They have demanded it. Actually, we don’t have any plan to [bring in the law]. We don’t need it. They should know that existing laws are enough.

‘This country is a secular democracy. So each and every religion has the right to practice their religion freely and fair. But it is not fair to hurt anybody’s religious feeling. Always we try to protect every religious sentiment.’

The Islamists have given a three-week ultimatum to the government to meet their demands, including tough punishment to those who they describe as atheist bloggers, who are also accused of making derogatory comments against Islam.

‘We will go through all the demands and then we will see. If there is any reasonable one, we will fulfill. If it is not reasonable or not suitable for our country or society we will not accept it,’ the prime minister said...”

## **Muslim mob burns Christian village over ‘blasphemy’**

*WND.com* reports: “An entire Christian village near the Pakistani city of Lahore reportedly was attacked and burned to the ground by a Muslim mob enraged over claims that a Christian resident insulted the Muslim founder Mohammad.

The rioting followed the arrest and detention of Joseph Colony resident Sawan Masih. Masih allegedly got into a heated religious discussion in a restaurant, and a Muslim threatened to accuse him of blasphemy under Pakistan’s notorious law.

When police arrived, they arrested Masih, according to reports.

Former PLO terrorist-turned-Islam-analyst Walid Shoebat noted that police stood down during and allowed the rioting to take place as Masih was detained.

The mob, estimated to be about 3,000 Muslims, burned down hundreds of buildings, said Shoebat, who has sources who assisted

Christian families affected by the attack.

World Watch Monitor, citing the Pakistani newspaper *Dawn*, estimates

the number of destroyed houses at over 150.

The majority were Christian homes, Shoebat pointed out...

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## **U.S. AWOL when Christians in crosshairs**

*WND.com* reports: “The U.S. government is absent when it comes to the issue of increasingly violent and deadly Christian persecution, a new report reveals.

The charge is the topic of the book ‘Persecuted: The Global Assault on Christians,’ co-authored by Paul Marshall, Lela Gilbert and Nina Shea. Introduced at a Hudson Institute forum, the book also says that Christian persecution is on the rise world-wide, and that’s especially true in the Muslim world.

Marshall, a senior fellow at the institute, says that it’s hard to measure how ‘bad’ the persecution is getting.

‘The U.S. has tended to underplay religious persecution in general – and called it something else – and, in the case of Christians, often does not mention what is happening in places like Iraq and Egypt,’ Marshall said...” **(Judgment is coming for Islamic terrorists – Jude 1:3, 4, 8, 10, 14, and 15. See the next report.)**

## **Egyptian mosque turned into house of torture for Christians**

*FoxNews.com* reports: “Islamic hard-liners stormed a mosque in suburban Cairo, turning it into torture chamber for Christians who had been demonstrating against the ruling Muslim Brotherhood in the latest case of violent persecution that experts fear will only get worse.

Such stories have become increasingly common as tensions between Egypt’s Muslims and Copts

mount, but in the latest case, mosque officials corroborated much of the account and even filed a police report. Demonstrators, some of whom were Muslim, say they were taken from the Muslim Brotherhood headquarters in suburban Cairo to a nearby mosque and tortured for hours by hard-line militia members.

‘They accompanied me to one of the mosques in the area and I discovered the mosque was being used to imprison demonstrators and torture them,’ Amir Ayad, a Coptic who has been a vocal protester against the regime, told *MidEast Christian News* from a hospital bed...” **(Jesus prophesied such hatred just before His return – Matthew 24:9; John 16:2; Matthew 5:10 – 12; John 15:18 – 20; Galatians 6:12.)**

## **Rise of Islam fuels Christian persecution**

*WND.com* reports: “In the wake of the ‘Arab Spring’ across northern Africa, Islam has been on the rise throughout the continent, and with it, violent persecution against Christians.

Christians in Tanzania, for example, are on alert after an Assemblies of God pastor was killed while attempting to stop Muslim youths from killing two Christian meat cutters. Pastor Mathayo Kachili died on the scene from injuries sustained during the brutal beating by the Muslim teenagers.

International Christian Concern says that this attack set off a two-week string of violent anti-Christian attacks in Tanzania’s northwestern

Geita region.

Only days after the pastor was killed, Muslim militants on the island of Zanzibar killed Father Evarist Mushi, a Catholic priest.

International Christian Concern’s Africa analyst William Stark told *WND* in an interview that the priest’s murder links violence in Africa to terrorist activity throughout the region.

‘After a Catholic priest was shot and killed, a text message was sent out tying the attackers to Somalia, thus proving the link of radicalization between Zanzibar and Somalia. It is likely that many of the attackers have been trained in Somalia by al-Shabaab, but that is pretty hard to prove,’ Stark said.

Stark adds that the Muslims in Tanzania are radicalizing at a rapid rate.

‘I would agree that the latest series of attacks is likely the beginning of a trend,’ Stark said. ‘Radicalized Muslim youths are being used to commit terrible acts of violence in both Kenya and Tanzania...’ **(Believers who are persecuted will be greatly rewarded – II Timothy 2:11, 12; Revelation 2:10; Revelation 20:4. Therefore, let’s fight the good fight of faith and lay our crowns down at Jesus’ feet after the Rapture – I Timothy 6:12; Revelation 4:10 - 11. See the next three reports.)**

## **Coptic Christians under siege as mob attacks Cairo cathedral**

*The Independent.co.uk* reports: “Hundreds of Christians were under

siege inside Cairo's Coptic cathedral as security forces and local residents, some armed with handguns, launched a prolonged and unprecedented attack on the seat of Egypt's ancient Church.

At least one person was killed and at least 84 injured as Christians inside the walled St. Mark's cathedral compound came under a frenzied assault from their assailants in the main road outside.

The fighting erupted after a mass funeral for five Copts who were killed during violent clashes in a north Egyptian town. A Muslim man also died in the clashes, which happened after an Islamic institute was daubed with offensive graffiti.

Following the service thousands of Christians poured out on to the street and began chanting slogans against Mohamed Morsi, the Egyptian President and long-time member of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Later President Morsi issued a statement in which he said he had spoken to Pope Tawadros II, the leader of the Coptic church, and had given orders for the cathedral and citizens to be guarded. He said protecting the lives of Muslims and Christians was a state responsibility and added: 'I consider any attack on the cathedral as an attack on me, personally.'...

### **Five die in Christian-Muslim clashes in Egypt**

*Reuters* reports: "Five Egyptians were killed and eight wounded in clashes between Christians and

Muslims in a town near Cairo, security sources said, in some of the worst sectarian violence in Egypt for months.

Christian-Muslim confrontations have increased in Muslim-majority Egypt since the overthrow of former president Hosni Mubarak in 2011 gave freer rein to hardline Islamists repressed under his rule.

Four Christian Copts and one Muslim were killed when members of both communities started fighting and shooting at each other in El Khusus north of the Egyptian capital, the sources said. State news agency *MENA* put the death toll at four.

An angry crowd smashed shops belonging to Christians, residents said. A *Reuters* reporter saw a burned-out Coptic day care center and several damaged shops belonging to Christian traders. An apartment inhabited by Muslims was also burned.

Residents said the violence broke out when a group of Christian children were drawing on a wall of a Muslim religious institute.

A *Reuters* reporter saw what looked like a swastika drawn on the wall. Muslim residents said it had offended them because it looked like a cross.

'I saw the kids drawing on the wall after afternoon prayers so I grabbed them and told them to remove what they'd just written,' said Mahmoud Mahmoud al-Alfi, a Muslim resident.

Then another man arrived and started beating the children, drawing a large crowd, he said. The situation

escalated when someone drew a gun and fired into the air, killing one boy with a stray bullet..."

### **Chaldean patriarch: Only 57 churches left in Iraq**

*WND.com* reports: "Patriarch Louis Sako of the Chaldean Church said there are only 57 churches left in Iraq compared to 300 churches in 2003, and those that remain continue to be targeted.

According to *Asharq Al-Awsat* newspaper, attacks by extremists on churches, especially that on Our Lady of Deliverance Church, contributed to forcing Christians to emigrate abroad.

Former Minister of Displacement and Migration, Pascal Warda, said a lot of young Christian people want to emigrate to find safety and jobs.

Christians live in the provinces of Baghdad, Nineveh and Kirkuk, as well as in Dohuk and Erbil in the autonomous Kurdistan region. There are limited numbers in the southern Iraqi province of Basra.

'The last ten years have been the worst for Iraqi Christians because they bore witness to the biggest exodus and migration in the history of Iraq,' said William Warda, the head of the Hammurabi Human Rights Organization.

'The number of Christians has fallen from about 1,400,000 in 2003 to nearly half a million now, which means that more than two-thirds have emigrated,' Warda explained..."

# SANCTITY OF LIFE

### **Planned Parenthood lobbies for 'post-birth abortion'**

*WND.com* reports: "A lobbyist for a regional division of Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion business in the United States, says a doctor and a mother should be allowed to decide to kill a newborn who survives an abortion.

The stunning position echoed statements made by Barack Obama while he was in the state Senate in Illinois, and repeatedly opposed a proposed law that would have obligated physicians to provide care to a baby surviving the abortion procedure.

The Planned Parenthood comments came at a recent Florida legislative

hearing from Alisa LaPoit Snow, who was opposing a proposal that would require a doctor to provide care to an infant whom an abortion failed to kill.

Lawmakers were stunned, asking the same question over and over.

'So, it is just really hard for me to even ask you this question because I'm almost in disbelief,' said Rep. Jim

Boyd. ‘If a baby is born on a table as a result of a botched abortion, what would Planned Parenthood want to have happen to that child that is struggling for life?’

Snow’s response?

‘We believe that any decision that’s made should be left up to the woman, her family, and the physician.’

The same, or very similar, questions followed several times, as

if the lawmakers could not believe the position advocated.

‘You stated that a baby born alive on a table as a result of a botched abortion that that decision should be left to the doctor and the family. Is that what you’re saying?’ wondered Rep. Jose Oliva.

Snow didn’t change her response.

‘That decision should be between the patient and the health care provider,’ she

said...” **(Abortionists break God’s sixth commandment ‘Thou shalt not kill’ – Exodus 20:13. Those who take lives are regarded as murderers and miss an eternal existence with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. If repentance occurs, and the sins of abortion are confessed and repented of, one is pardoned and sins are forgiven and forgotten – I John 1:9; Hebrews 8:12.)**

## THE NEW WORLD ORDER

### **Biden calls for ‘new world order’**

*WND.com* reports: “At a banking conference Vice President Joe Biden called for the creation of a ‘new world order’ with new financial institutions, updated global rules, a level playing field, and a prosperous China.

His comments seem to refer to the president’s so-called pivot-toward-Asia – a professed strategy of putting a greater focus on the Asia region.

His statements come as the U.S. increased its deployments in the Pacific, purportedly in response to threats from North Korea.

Those military moves prompted much speculation in the news media that some of the White House response to North Korea may be related to the larger pivot to Asia that has been a major Obama administration policy goal.

Biden’s remarks also come one week after China, Russia and other powers announced the creation of a new economic order that would rival the Western-dominated World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Delivering the keynote address at the Export-Import Bank Conference in Washington, D.C., Biden stated ‘the affirmative task we have now is to create a new world order.’

He continued: ‘Because the global order is changing again, and the institutions of the world worked so well in the post-World War II era for decades, they need to be strengthened, and some need to be changed.’

‘So we have to do what we do best, we have to lead,’ he stated. ‘We have to update the global rules of the road, we have to do it in a way that maximizes benefits for everyone, because obviously, it’s overwhelmingly in

our interests. This is not a zero sum game, it’s overwhelming our interest, that China prosper, that Mongolia prosper, that nations big and large, East and West (prosper). We have to level the playing field so that companies and workers can compete in the world, that the competition is fair and it’s healthy.’...” **(It was President Bush Sr. and Gorbachev that created the term “The New World Order”. It is forming at breakneck speed presently. Martin Luther and John Calvin both, 500 years ago, predicted the global socialist monstrosity as being headed up by the two legs of iron in Daniel’s image analyzed concerning Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and interpreted as an Islamic leg and an apostate Christian leg for the final world order of Revelation 17:10.)**

## NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

### **PA, Jordan ink deal to ‘defend’ Jerusalem against ‘Judaization’**

*Israel National News* reports: “Jordan’s King Abdullah II and Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmud Abbas signed an agreement confirming their ‘common goal to defending’ Jerusalem and their

opposition to efforts to ‘Judaize’ the eternal capital of Israel.

Palestinian Authority Religious Affairs Minister Mahmoud al-Habash said the agreement confirmed Jordan’s role as protector of the city’s holy sites and ‘Palestinian sovereignty over all of Palestine, including its capital East Jerusalem,’ the *Ma’an*

news agency reported.

A statement by the palace said the deal confirms Jordan’s historic role as custodian of Muslim holy sites in Jerusalem, particularly the Temple Mount, and outlines coordination between the two sides.

‘In this historic agreement, Abbas

reiterated that the king is the custodian of holy sites in Jerusalem and that he has the right to exert all legal efforts to preserve them, especially Al-Aqsa mosque,' the statement said, according to *AFP*.

'It is also emphasizing the historical principles agreed by Jordan and Palestine to exert joint efforts to protect the city and holy sites from Israeli judaization attempts.'..."  
**(930 times God's Word states that Jerusalem belongs to God's chosen people, the Jews. This is where our Christ rules and reigns when He returns to set up His kingdom – Psalm 2:6; Isaiah 59:20; Zechariah 2:10; Luke 1:31 – 32. Armageddon occurs when Jerusalem is divided between the Jews and Arabs --- Joel 3:2. See the next report.)**

### **Abbas accuses Israel of 'destructive' Jerusalem plan**

*The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas accused Israel of carrying out a 'destructive' plan against Jerusalem and urged the Arab and Islamic countries to work toward preventing it from implementing its scheme.

Abbas's accusation came during a speech he delivered at the Arab summit in Doha, Qatar.

'The Israeli occupation is systematically and continuously working toward Judaizing east Jerusalem,' Abbas told the Arab heads of state.

He said that Israel was also seeking to change the character of the city, expel its Arab residents and assault Islamic and Christian holy sites.

Abbas urged the Arabs and Muslims to go to the United Nations and other international organizations to stop Israel from pursuing its 'destructive scheme.'..."

### **Iranian envoy calls Israel main source of regional insecurity**

*The Fars News Agency* reports: "Iran's Deputy Permanent

Representative to the U.N. Gholam Hossein Dehqani described Israel and its nuclear threats as the root causes of insecurities in the Middle East region.

Dehqani made the remarks in a meeting of U.N. Disarmament Commission (UNDC) in New York.

He pointed to Iran's proposal for a Middle East free from nuclear arms, and said, "The Israeli regime hampers efforts to cleanse the entire region of all nuclear weapons."

Dehqani noted that Iran calls for implementation of all U.N. amendments for freeing the Middle East and the world from nuclear arms.

The Israeli regime is widely believed to be the only possessor of nuclear weapons in the Middle East. The regime reportedly maintains between 200 and 400 atomic warheads.

Moreover, Israel has never allowed any international inspection of its nuclear facilities and has refused to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). It has also refused to join the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which limits members to civilian uses of the nuclear technology..." **(The above headline is an insane joke. Both Ahmadinejad and Imam Khomeini state that their messiah Mahdi will only return when the two of them have liquidated the Jewish race. Thus how is it intelligently possible that Israel is the main source of regional insecurity? These two butchers of Iran are attempting to fulfill Psalm 83:4: "Come and let us cast Israel off from being a nation that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.")**

### **Iran will destroy Israeli cities if attacked: Khamenei**

*Reuters* reports: "Iran's most powerful authority said the Islamic Republic would destroy the Israeli cities of Tel Aviv and Haifa if Israel launched a military attack against it.

'At times the officials of the Zionist

regime (Israel) threaten to launch a military invasion but they themselves know that if they make the slightest mistake the Islamic Republic will raze Tel Aviv and Haifa to the ground,' Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said during an address, broadcast live on state television..." **(Not so fast Khamenei. God says in Isaiah 56:5 "I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name..." Our Lord Jesus Christ, our God and Savior, is going to come and set up His eternal kingdom in Jerusalem and rule over the house of Israel forever. If this is God's Word and it is, there must be cities in existence to fulfill during Christ's return on the earth – Luke 1:32, 33.)**

### **'Muslim Brotherhood sowing subversion in Gulf states'**

*The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Sunni Muslim-ruled Gulf Arab states are often wary of subversion from their powerful Shi'ite neighbor Iran, but Dubai's veteran police chief reserves most of his wrath for the 'dictators' of the Muslim Brotherhood.

Dhahi Khalfan's suspicions focus mostly on the Egyptian branch of the Sunni Islamist organization, propelled to power in the most populous Arab country in elections since the overthrow of President Hosni Mubarak in a popular uprising in 2011.

'The Brotherhood as a ruling party in Egypt has no right to interfere with other countries. They are no longer a political party and should respect the independence of other countries,' Khalfan told *Reuters* in an interview.

He reiterated charges that Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood was linked to an alleged plot to topple the UAE government, saying the group's ultimate goal was Islamist rule in all Gulf states.

Khalfan, who has often railed against the Brotherhood on his Twitter account, is one of only a few UAE officials to speak publicly about politics.

While he says his tweets are personal views, diplomats say they reflect concerns among the UAE ruling elite about the regional popularity of Islamists and the possibility that the West will engage with them.

Khalfan complained that the West ‘sympathies, adopts and

supports’ the Brotherhood, saying he did not understand why...” (This report pictures a battle between Sunnis and Shiites, two differing denominations within Islam. How can they slaughter one another when they both have the same god and blow up one another and one another’s mosques consecrated

to Allah? How different is Christianity – “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.)

# PLAGUES AND PESTILENCES

## **New wave of ‘superbugs’ poses dire threat, says chief medical officer**

*The Guardian.co.uk* reports: “Antibiotic-resistant bacteria with the potential to cause untreatable infections pose ‘a catastrophic threat’ to the population, the chief medical officer for Britain warns in a report calling for urgent action worldwide.

If tough measures are not taken to restrict the use of antibiotics and no new ones are discovered, said Dame Sally Davies, ‘we will find ourselves in a health system not dissimilar to the early 19th century at some point’.

While antibiotics are failing, new bacterial diseases are on the rise. Although the ‘superbugs’ MRSA and C difficile have been reduced to low numbers in hospitals, there has been an alarming increase in other types of bacteria including new strains of E coli and Klebsiella, which causes pneumonia.

These so-called ‘gram negative’ bacteria, which are found in the gut instead of on the skin, are highly dangerous to older and frailer people and few antibiotics remain effective against drug-resistant strains.

As many as 5,000 patients die each year in the UK of gram negative sepsis – where the bacterium gets into the bloodstream – and in half the cases the bacterium is resistant to drugs...” (There shall be pestilential plagues preceding

Christ’s return – Matthew 24:7; Luke 20:11; Revelation 6:8. Death through the beasts of the field and deadly virus attacks kill one fourth of earth’s inhabitants. See the next two reports.)

## **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...”

## **China bird flu: Two men die in Shanghai**

*BBC News* reports: “Two men have died in the Chinese city of Shanghai, after contracting a strain of bird flu not previously known in humans, Chinese officials say.

The men, aged 27 and 87, both fell ill with the H7N9 strain in February and died some weeks later in March, *Xinhua* news agency reported.

A woman of 35 who caught the virus elsewhere is said to be critically ill.

It is unclear how the strain spread, but the three did not infect each other or any close contacts, officials say.

While both men who died were in Shanghai, the third victim was reported in Chuzhou in the eastern province of Anhui.

According to China’s National Health and Family Planning Commission, all three became ill with coughs and fevers before developing pneumonia.

Commission experts said the cause had been identified as H7N9, a strain of avian flu not thought to have been transmitted to humans before.

There is no vaccine against the strain, the commission said, adding it was currently testing to assess its ability to infect humans.

Another strain of bird flu, H5N1, has led to more than 360 confirmed human deaths since 2003 and the deaths of tens of millions of birds...”