

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

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## RUMBLINGS IN EGYPT

### **Mubarak sets up committees to advance reforms in Egypt**

*Haaretz* reports: "Egypt's embattled President Hosni Mubarak has set up a committee to discuss and recommend constitutional changes that will relax eligibility rules for who can run for president and limit the number of presidential terms.

Vice President Omar Suleiman said that Mubarak also decreed the creation of a separate committee to monitor the implementation of all proposed reforms.

The moves are the first concrete steps taken by the longtime authoritarian ruler to implement reforms promised during two weeks of mass protests. So far government concessions have fallen short of the demands of protester demands that Mubarak immediately step down.

Mubarak also ordered a probe into clashes between the protesters and supporters of the president.

Moreover, Suleiman said Egypt has a plan and timetable for the peaceful transfer of power, and added that the government will not pursue protesters who have been demanding President Hosni Mubarak step down now.

'The president welcomed the national consensus, confirming that we are putting our feet on the right path to getting out of the current crisis,' Vice President Omar Suleiman said after a briefing with the president on the national dialogue meeting.

'A clear road map has been put in

place with a set timetable to realize the peaceful and organized transfer of power,' he said in comments broadcast on state television..." **(I believe the tumbling of the world's dictators could signal the beginning of a movement that will pave the way for the rise of the one and only Dictator of the New World Order — Daniel 7:23; Revelation 13:1, 7, 8.)**

### **Netanyahu: Egypt could fall into hands of radical Islamists**

*Haaretz* reports: "Egypt could fall into the hands of radical Islamists as a result of the country's uprising, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said.

Netanyahu warned about the result of the riots in Egypt while speaking at an event for European diplomats held at the Knesset.

'Egyptians can choose a state with secular reforms. However, there is also another possibility that the Islamists will exploit the situation in order to gain governance over the country and lead it backward,' the Prime Minister said.

'The third possibility is that [Egypt] will go in the direction of Iran,' Netanyahu said, adding that they would 'oppress the country and threaten all those surrounding it.'

In Israel's neighboring Egypt, demonstrations and riots have continued unabated for two weeks with protests insisting that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak leave the government.

When the protests began at the end of

last month, the Prime Minister issued a similar warning, saying that a radical regime could take over in Mubarak's place.

'Our real fear is of a situation that could develop... and which has already developed in several countries including Iran itself — repressive regimes of radical Islam,' said Netanyahu..." **(The entire Arab confederacy of nations will soon come against Israel in alignment with Russia — Ezekiel 38, 39; Daniel 11:40; Ezekiel 38: 5-7; Psalm 83:5-7.)**

### **Egyptian VP Holds Unprecedented Talks with Muslim Brotherhood**

*Voice of America News* reports: "The Egyptian government offered a package of concessions after an unprecedented meeting with the officially banned Muslim Brotherhood as well as other opposition figures.

However, the opposition is divided over how to bring about an end to President Hosni Mubarak's nearly 30-year rule. Despite the talks, protesters rallied for a 13th day in Cairo and other cities.

The newly appointed Egyptian vice president, Omar Suleiman, met with representatives of some opposition groups, including the Muslim Brotherhood, which is officially banned in Egypt.

After the talks, the government said the participants had agreed on a package of concessions that include freedom of the press, the release of detained protesters

and the eventual lifting of emergency laws.

But the opposition is divided. George Ishaq of the Kefaya movement, which is boycotting the talks, says any government concession is a nonstarter as long as President Hosni Mubarak remains in power. 'We (will) never open our mind or make negotiations before Mubarak leaves. We insist about that. After that, we can open doors to negotiations,' he said.

Still, the talks were a milestone because it is the first time Mr. Mubarak's regime openly met with representatives of the Muslim Brotherhood.

One protester on Tahrir Square said he worries the group's ultimate aim is to turn Egypt into an Islamic state. 'I'm Muslim, but I do not like Iran, like Hezbollah or something like that,' he said..." **(The Muslim Brotherhood is an Islamic organization similar to al Qaida, the Taliban and Al Sabob. God will defend and spare Israel — Ezekiel 39:6; Zechariah 14:4, 12, 16; Daniel 12:1. See also the next report.)**

### **Muslim Brotherhood wants to end Egypt-Israeli peace deal**

*RIA Novosti* reports: "Egypt's banned Muslim Brotherhood movement has unveiled its plans to scrap a peace treaty with Israel if it comes to power, a deputy leader said in an interview with *NHK TV*."

Rashad al-Bayoumi said the peace treaty with Israel will be abolished after a provisional government is formed by the movement and other Egypt's opposition parties.

'After President Mubarak steps down and a provisional government is formed, there is a need to dissolve the peace treaty with Israel,' al-Bayoumi said.

Egypt was the first Arab country to officially recognize Israel and sign a peace agreement with the Israeli government in 1979. It is also a major mediator of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The Muslim Brotherhood has recently come to light amid mass anti-government protests in Egypt. Some media voiced concerns that the banned Islamic movement could eventually take power in the riot-hit Arab country.

The deeply conservative Islamic movement, which wants to move Egypt from secularism and return to the rules of

the Quran, failed to win a single seat in the 2010 Egyptian parliamentary election..."

### **Israel shocked by Obama's "betrayal" of Mubarak**

*Reuters* reports: "If Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak is toppled, Israel will lose one of its very few friends in a hostile neighborhood and President Barack Obama will bear a large share of the blame, Israeli pundits said."

Political commentators expressed shock at how the United States as well as its major European allies appeared to be ready to dump a staunch strategic ally of three decades, simply to conform to the current ideology of political correctness.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has told ministers of the Jewish state to make no comment on the political cliffhanger in Cairo, to avoid inflaming an already explosive situation. But Israel's President Shimon Peres is not a minister.

'We always have had and still have great respect for President Mubarak,' he said. He then switched to the past tense. 'I don't say everything that he did was right, but he did one thing which all of us are thankful to him for: he kept the peace in the Middle East.'

Newspaper columnists were far more blunt.

One comment by Aviad Pohoryles in the daily *Maariv* was entitled '[A Bullet in the Back from Uncle Sam](#).' It accused Obama and his Secretary of State Hillary Clinton of pursuing a naive, smug, and insular diplomacy heedless of the risks.

Who is advising them, he asked, 'to fuel the mob raging in the streets of Egypt and to demand the head of the person who five minutes ago was the bold ally of the president... an almost lone voice of sanity in a Middle East?'

'The politically correct diplomacy of American presidents throughout the generations... is painfully naive.'

Obama called for an 'orderly transition' to democracy in Egypt, stopping short of calling on Mubarak to step down, but signaling that his days may be numbered..." **(Kissinger's proposal to make Obama the ruler of the New World Order may be the beginning of this final prophecy before Christ returns — Daniel 2:44.)**

### **Iran Supreme Leader: Egypt unrest inspired by our Islamic Revolution**

*Haaretz* reports: "Uprisings in Egypt and Tunisia will spell an 'irreparable defeat' for the United States, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said, adding that the recent wave of unrest sweeping through the Mideast was a result of Iran's Islamic Revolution."

Thronges of Egyptians took to the streets in the largest anti-government protest movement to sweep the country in the last quarter-century. Demonstrators are calling for the ouster of Hosni Mubarak, who has served as president of Egypt for over 29 years.

Speaking with worshippers during prayers in Tehran, Khamenei said that 'if they [protesters] are able to push this through then what will happen to the U.S. policies in the region will be an irreparable defeat for America.'

'Today's events in North of Africa, Egypt, Tunisia and certain other countries have another sense for the Iranian nation. They have special meaning. This is the same as 'Islamic awakening,' which is the result of the victory of the big revolution of the Iranian nation,' the Supreme Leader was quoted by the official *IRNA* news agency as saying.

The comment by Iran's Supreme Leader wasn't the first time Iran had equated the current run of Egypt protests with the battle against U.S. influence in the region, with Tehran's Foreign Ministry saying that Egypt protests would lead to the emergence of 'a real independent Islamic Middle East.'

'Iran supports the rightful demands of the Egyptian people and emphasizes they should be met,' the official *IRNA* news agency quoted a statement as saying..."

**(In the light of Psalm 83:4 which has the world's greatest enemy of the Jews proclaiming their annihilation, the above headline may be the beginning of this latter day prediction: "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.")**

# PALESTINIAN STATEHOOD

## **Abbas: We will not make unilateral declaration of Palestinian statehood**

*Haaretz* reports: “Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas ruled out a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state, saying that there was no possibility of having an independent state without Israel’s collaboration, Qatar-based news channel *Al-Jazeera* reported.

‘At this stage there is no option to declare a Palestinian state without Israel’s collaboration,’ Abbas said in an interview aired on *Al-Jazeera*. ‘A Palestinian state will be established only with an agreement from Israel.’

Abbas warned however, that there would be dangerous repercussions if there was no progress made on the matter by September. ‘The results could be devastating,’ Abbas said, adding that ‘it could lead to an Intifada or a popular Palestinian uprising.’

Abbas also criticized United States President Barack Obama for his failure to put an end to settlement construction and resolve the Middle East crisis. ‘They could have done a lot more, but they failed,’ Abbas said about the U.S...” **(We await this decision. Peace will come but last for a mere 42 months — Daniel 7:27. The world will rejoice over the negotiated peace pact but it will quickly end — Jeremiah 6:14, 8:11; I Thessalonians 5:3. See the pressure forced upon Israel in the following four reports.)**

## **Abbas: U.S. not working hard enough for Palestinian state**

*Haaretz* reports: “Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accused the United States of lagging in its commitment to seeing the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Abbas told *Al-Jazeera* that the Palestinians would agree to return to peace talks with Israel only if the United States agreed to recognize a state within 1967 borders and adhere to security accords reached during the Bush administration.

Fielding criticism to the same regard in

Doha, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told reporters that the U.S. was determined to work toward achieving a separate state for the Palestinians.

‘We have spent a lot of time and we will continue to spend a lot of time working to build enough confidence on both sides so that they can make decisions that will by necessity mean compromises,’ Clinton said on the sidelines of a regional development conference.

Clinton also called on Arab states to join the U.S. in asking ‘what more can we do to help the Palestinian people continue their state-building efforts,’ which she called ‘a very positive development of the last several years.’...”

## **Russia, Jordan vow to achieve an independent Palestinian state**

*Haaretz* reports: “The leaders of Jordan and Russia vowed to work together to achieve an independent Palestinian state and boosted cooperation in the energy sector.

‘I have told my Palestinian friends that the eventual target will be the establishment of a modern, unified and sovereign state with East Jerusalem as its capital,’ Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said in remarks before starting talks with King Abdullah II.

Medvedev visited the West Bank town of Jericho, where he met Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and called on Israel to stop building more settlements in Palestinian territories.

‘Russia, as one of the sponsors of the Middle East process, will remain committed to the achievement of durable peace and is aware of its special responsibility in this respect,’ Medvedev said.

Abdullah, for his part, expressed appreciation for Moscow’s ‘important and pivotal role, as well as its support for efforts aimed at achieving the two-state solution’...”

## **Peru Recognizes Palestinian State**

*Voice of America News* reports: “Peru has become the latest Latin American

country to recognize an independent and sovereign Palestinian state.

Foreign Minister Jose Antonio Garcia Belaunde announced the decision, but did not detail which borders Peru recognizes for the state.

He also said Peru maintains there should be an Israeli state with secure borders.

Brazil and several other Latin American nations have said they would recognize a Palestinian state based on borders established before the 1967 Middle East war, when Israel gained control of East Jerusalem and other Palestinian territory...”

## **Report: Cyprus recognizes Palestinian state**

*YnetNews.com* reports: “Cyprus has recognized a Palestinian state within the 1967 borders, Ramallah-based news agency *Wafa* reported.

According to the report, President Dimitris Christofias sent his Palestinian counterpart Mahmoud Abbas a letter saying Cyprus recognizes a Palestinian state. In the letter, *Wafa* reported, Christofias ensured ‘historic deep relations between the two countries’ and said he hoped the region would witness a ‘peaceful solution ensuring an independent Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital.’

The Israeli Foreign Ministry is checking the report, but for now it believes it is false.

‘We have no knowledge of any decision by Cyprus that is not in line with the European Union’s position, which calls on the sides to solve the conflict through direct and indirect negotiations while avoiding unilateral measures,’ Foreign Ministry official Yossi Levy said.

According to the Palestinian report, Christofias stressed that his government would not recognize any unilateral steps — including in Jerusalem — and said ‘settlements in the occupied territories constitute a serious obstacle to a comprehensive peace agreement in the Middle East.’...”



# NEWS FROM IRAN

## **Commander: Enemies Unable to Harm Iran**

*The Fars News Agency* reports: “A senior commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) underlined that enemies are unable to harm Iran, thanks to the country’s courageous militaries.

Addressing military, law enforcement and Basij (volunteer) forces in Iran’s Southern port city of Bandar Lengeh, Lieutenant Commander of the IRGC Naval Forces Alireza Tangsiri lauded Iranian Armed Forces’ performance throughout the last three decades since the victory of the Islamic Revolution.

‘The enemies do not dare to invade this territory today due to the presence of brave military and Basij forces,’ Tangsiri stated.

He also called on the Iranian youths to take stronger and longer scientific steps, saying that Iran’s independence depends on progress in science and technology.

Iran has made giant advancement in expanding and equipping its naval forces both in the Army and the IRGC.

In a Sep. 11, 2008 report, the Washington Institute for the Near East Policy said that in the two decades since the Iran-Iraq War, the Islamic Republic has excelled in naval capabilities and is able to wage unique asymmetric warfare against larger naval forces...” (Proverbs 16:18 states: “*Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.*” Vice-President Joe Biden called for a revolution in Iran similar to Egypt’s in February 2011. See also the next three articles.)

## **Commander: Iran Fully Prepared to Defend Persian Gulf Air Space**

*The Fars News Agency* reports: “Commander of Iran’s Southern Air Defense Zone Qanbar Ali Salahian stressed his forces are fully ready to repel possible air raids on the country’s southern regions, the Persian Gulf in particular.

‘Air defense unit of the Southern Zone is protecting the Persian Gulf air space well through its skillful personnel, radar, missile systems, five missile defense systems in (the Southern port city of) Bushehr and Khark together with hundreds

of monitoring posts and electronic systems and fighter jets,’ Salahian told reporters.

Stressing that his forces are tasked with defending several Southern regions including Bushher, Shiraz, Khark and Taheri, the commander warned, ‘The unit will react to any kind of aggression through different military tactics, thanks to its surface-to-air heavy artillery systems.’

Iranian officials have announced that the country has now reached self-sufficiency in producing radar systems in different frequencies and for various ranges.

Also, Commander of Khatam ol-Anbia Air Defense Base Brigadier General Ahmad Miqani announced in December that the country’s experts are boosting the range of home-made air defense radar systems to 3000km.

‘Iran is working on a radar system that can cover areas within a range of 3,000 km,’ Miqani said, adding that the system will enable the country to identify all flying objects around the country.

A senior Iranian Air Defense commander also said in November that Iran’s radar systems can detect all flying objects in the entire region, even in the Persian Gulf littoral states...”

## **Iran cleric: Mideast unrest replay of our 1979 Islamic revolution**

*Haaretz* reports: “The ‘aftershock’ of Iran’s 1979 Islamic revolution was now rocking Egypt and other Arab states, a senior ayatollah said in a prayer ceremony in Tehran.

‘I herewith proclaim to those (Western leaders) who still do not want to see the realities that the political axis of the new Middle East will soon be Islamic rulership and a democracy based on religion,’ Ayatollah Ahmad Khatami said.

‘All these protests in Egypt, Tunisia, Jordan and Yemen are inspired by Iran’s Islamic revolution and these countries are de facto rocked by the aftershock of the Iranian revolution,’ the ultra-conservative cleric added.

The ayatollah said that the era of ‘Western-backed dictators’ in the Arab world was over and the people have entered the scene with the slogan of Allaha Akbar

(God is Great), which Khatami said...”

## **Iranian Speaker Terms Revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt Islamic Awakening**

*The Fars News Agency* reports: “Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani underlined that people’s uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt are the result of ‘the Islamic awakening’ in the Middle-Eastern countries.

Addressing a group of military commanders in the Northern city of Babolsar, Mazandaran province, Larijani described Tunisia and Egypt uprising as ‘the Islamic awakening’.

He said the Western media are trying to attribute the uprising of Egyptian people to Marxist trends but the people of world are aware that Middle East is chanting slogans of ‘Hijab, combating oppression and U.S.’.

Larijani derided the U.S. officials for their ambivalent approach pretending to be impartial about Egypt uprising whereas they want to manage the situation.

‘I’d like to ask the U.S. government whether or not they wanted to build a ‘democracy tower’ in Iraq? Have you forgotten that you are bogged down in Afghanistan quagmire?’

Referring to the recent remarks of an American top official calling for democracy in Egypt, Larijani said that the Egyptian people do not want camel democracy...”

## **Report: Russia warns of ‘Iranian Chernobyl’**

*YnetNews.com* reports: “Russian nuclear scientists providing technical assistance to the Iranian reactor in Bushehr have called on the Kremlin to postpone the complex’s activation for fear of ‘another Chernobyl’, the *Daily Telegraph* reported.

The scientists raised serious concerns over the extensive damage caused to the plant’s computer systems by the mysterious Stuxnet virus.

In October, Russian technicians began loading fuel rods into the nuclear power plant, which is slated to start supplying electricity this summer.

According to the *Daily Telegraph*,

the scientists working at the plant have become so concerned by Iran's apparent disregard for nuclear safety issues that they have lobbied the Kremlin directly to postpone activation until at least the end of the year, so that a proper assessment can be made of the damage caused to its computer operations by Stuxnet.

*The New York Times* reported that the Stuxnet virus had been developed by the United States and Israel at the Dimona

reactor in southern Israel.

In a letter to the Kremlin, the Russian scientists concluded that, despite 'performing simple, basic tests' on the Bushehr reactor, the team 'cannot guarantee safe activation of the reactor'.

They also accused the Iranian management team, which is under intense political pressure to stick to the deadline to activate the complex this summer, of

'not exhibiting the professional and moral responsibility' that is normally required.

The scientists accused the Iranians of having 'disregard for human life' and warn that Russia could find itself blamed for 'another Chernobyl' if it allows Bushehr to go ahead..." **(The above warning by Russia is a possibility. God's Word warns: "They that plow iniquity and sow wickedness reap the same." See also Galatians 6:7, 8.)**

# THE CONTINUING AL-QAEDA THREAT

## **Al Qaeda actively seeking "dirty" bombs**

*SpaceWar.com* reports: "Al-Qaeda is attempting to procure nuclear material and recruit rogue scientists in order to build a radioactive 'dirty bomb,' leaked documents published in the *Telegraph* newspaper revealed.

The cables, released by the Wikileaks website, showed that security chiefs told a NATO meeting in January 2009 that Al-Qaeda was planning a programme of 'dirty radioactive improvised explosive devices (IEDs).'

The makeshift nuclear bombs, which could be used against soldiers fighting in Afghanistan, would contaminate the surrounding area for years to come.

The leaked documents also revealed that Al-Qaeda papers found in 2007 convinced security officials that 'greater advances' had been made in bio-terrorism than was previously feared.

U.S. security personnel were warned in 2008 that terrorists had 'the technical competence to manufacture an explosive device beyond a mere dirty bomb.'..." **(I think that Islamic terrorism will continue until Christ returns to put a stop to these religious murderers as described in *The Wall Street Journal* in February of 2011 — Revelation 11:18. There will be no peace until the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ rules on the earth — Psalm 9:6; Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3. See also the next two reports.)**

## **Al-Qaeda: Still on Schedule for World Domination?**

*Israel National News* reports: "Al-Qaeda watchers have been keeping their eye on its 'master plan for world domination,' first revealed in 2005.

The plan was revealed by Jordanian journalist Fouad Hussein when he interviewed top Al Qaeda leaders, including the mastermind of many terror attacks in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The plan is described as a seven-stage, long-term war, ending with the world coming under control of the Islamic Caliphate.

Phase III, which was to follow the 9/11 attacks and subsequent preparations for Islamic battle against the West, was expected to last from 2007 to 2010. It was to have included 'increasingly frequent attacks against secular Turkey and arch-enemy Israel.'

In actuality, Al-Qaeda terrorists have been linked to exactly one attack in Turkey during that period; it took place outside the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul and left three attackers and three policemen dead. In recent weeks, Turkish police have arrested nearly 40 Al-Qaeda suspects. Closer to home, Al-Qaeda has been implicated in attempting to recruit terrorists in Gaza and Samaria, but has not been implicated in any major attacks.

Phase Four, scheduled for between 2010 and 2013, foresees the 'downfall of hated Arab regimes, including Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Oil suppliers will be attacked and

the U.S. economy will be targeted using cyber terrorism.' Threats to carry out such attacks have often been sounded, but have generally not been followed through. On the other hand, the regimes in Tunisia and Egypt have been felled or are in danger, and observers have suggested that Saudi Arabia and Jordan could be in danger as well.

Phase Five, between 2013 and 2016, has been designated as the period of the formation of a world-wide Islamic state, or caliphate. Immediately afterwards, the 'Islamic army' will instigate the 'fight between the believers and the non-believers' that has so often been predicted by al-Qaeda's leader, Osama bin Laden. Al-Qaeda expects that war to take up to two years, ending by 2020 with 'definitive victory.'..."

## **Al-Qaeda to unleash Western jihadis**

*Asia Times Online* reports: "With the Afghan war entering its 10th year, completely undeterred by the American drone strikes in the Pakistani tribal region, al-Qaeda is putting the final touches to plans to recruit, train and launch Western Caucasians in their countries; the aim is to spread the flames of the South Asian war theater to the West.

Al-Qaeda began planning the operation in 2002, after the fall in late 2001 of the Taliban in Afghanistan, where the group had been given sanctuary. Al-Qaeda had regrouped in Pakistan's South Waziristan

tribal area on the border with Afghanistan, and used this base to develop propaganda media structures to recruit in the West.

Now, after eight years, a picture is emerging that shows the failure of Western intelligence to assess the real pulse of their societies, and the inability of North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces to prevent Afghanistan from once again becoming the nerve center of al-Qaeda's terror operations.

Well-placed Taliban sources say that a group of Canadian militants is receiving jihadi training in al-Qaeda camps in North Waziristan for terror attacks in Canada, whose troops are a part of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

Arif Wazir, a local militant of Darpakhel in North Waziristan told *Asia Times Online*, 'In the first stage of their journey, the Canadians went to Afghanistan in February 2010; there were 12 of them. After nine months, al-Qaeda's leaders decided to send them to North Waziristan and they reached Darpakhel in November last year.

'In Afghanistan they received basic jihadi training, while currently they are busy doing some special courses. Their main learning is how to use sophisticated weapons, and how to connect with local smuggling networks in North America. They are also learning how to use ordinary material like sugar and basic chemicals to make powerful explosives. These militants will then return to their country to execute al-Qaeda's plan of targeting big cities in Canada,' the militant said..."

### **Ground Zero imam: 'Apostates against Islam must be jailed'**

*WorldNetDaily.com* reports: "Those who leave Islam and preach against the

Muslim religion must be jailed, declared the imam who has become the new face of the proposed Islamic cultural center near Ground Zero in New York City.

'If someone leaves the din, leaves the path privately, they cannot be touched. If someone preaches about apostasy, or preaches their views, they're jailed,' stated Imam Abdallah Adhami in a November lecture obtained and reviewed by *WND*.

Adhami was discussing the Quranic view of apostasy, or Muslims who decide to leave the Islamic religion.

According to Shariah, or Islamic law, the consensus view in Sunni Islam is that a male apostate must be put to death unless he suffers from a mental disorder or converted against his will.

There are, however, differing views on the subject, with some contemporary Islamic scholars differentiating between public and private apostasy and arguing for actions ranging from death to nothing.

Adhami, speaking to a non-Muslim audience, claimed Islamic law only calls for punishment for public apostates and that most Islamic scholars demand only that public apostates be jailed as opposed to killed.

He claimed Islam was 'revolutionary' for purportedly only punishing those who preach apostasy publicly, as opposed to other religions, which, he claimed, punish both public and private apostates..." **(God spare the world from Sharia Law which kills a daughter for a sex act even if she is an innocent victim of rape and also puts to death any who turn from the faith. There is no freedom of religion under Islam. How different within Christianity — I Corinthians 3:17: "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.")**

### **WikiLeaks cables: MI6 warns of new suicide bomb wave**

*The London Daily Telegraph* reports: "MI6 has warned that Britain faces a 'unique' threat from a generation of home-grown terrorists who are not on the intelligence services' 'radar', secret documents have disclosed.

British-born radicals who undergo terrorist training and become 'suicide operatives' will leave the authorities 'hard pressed' to prevent an attack, according to a top counterterrorism official at the Secret Intelligence Service.

The problem of home-grown terrorists is officially expected to blight Britain for years to come and 'will not go away anytime soon'.

The warning was sounded in a private briefing from a senior MI6 official to visiting American Congressmen amid growing U.S. fears over the radicalisation of young British Muslims.

The leaked documents also highlight American government concerns that the British intelligence services are struggling to combat Muslim extremists because of budget cuts and a wave of lawsuits from terror suspects. William Hague, the Foreign Secretary, announced further cuts to the counter-terrorism budget earlier.

Details of the warnings are contained in diplomatic dispatches from the cache of tens of thousands of U.S. embassy cables leaked to the WikiLeaks website and passed to *The Daily Telegraph*..." **(Suicide bombers are rewarded with 72 virgins, black-eyed beauties for all eternity. This is a religious reward for murder. Isaiah 5: 20 warns: "Woe unto them that call evil for good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness...")**

# NEWS FROM RUSSIA

### **Russian President Calls Terrorism A Global Fight**

*Voice of America News* reports: "Russian President, Dmitry Medvedev is calling on countries around the world to work together to defeat terrorism. He says Russia would not be intimidated by extremists and would continue the fight against terrorism until

it won. Mr. Medvedev made his remarks during a keynote address at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Mr. Medvedev condemned the act of terrorism that claimed some 35 lives and injured more than 100 people. He said the bombing of the airport in Moscow has caused indignation throughout the world.

And, he thanked the many world leaders who had sent their condolences. 'Together we mourn the loss of life. The pain from the loss of human lives, of course, will stay in our hearts for long. But, what has happened only strengthened our resolve to find an effective protection against international terror,' he said.



Mr. Medvedev said the bombing was timed to prevent him from coming to Davos. He said those who committed this heinous crime expected it would bring Russia to its knees. But, they failed to achieve their goal.

He noted no country is immune to acts of terror. They can happen anywhere. ‘Our success in countering this common threat depends very much on our solidarity and concerted action, particularly during the period where globalization has made our world much more interdependent than it was some time ago and we have to intensify and build upon our efforts in our joint struggle against terrorism,’ he said...” **(Terrorism is prophesied to become a global fight — Matthew 24:37: “But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” And Genesis 6:11: “The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.” See also the next two reports.)**

### **Chechen Rebel Leader Promises More Terror Attacks on Russia**

*Voice of America News* reports: “Chechen rebel leader Doku Umarov is

vowing to carry out more terrorist attacks on Russia, and says Moscow faces ‘a year of blood and tears’ if it does not relinquish control of the largely-Muslim North Caucasus.

Umarov leveled his latest threats in an undated Internet video aired on a Chechen rebel website. Dressed in military fatigues, the bearded Umarov also said a ‘brother’ was being dispatched to Moscow to carry out an unspecified ‘special operation.’ He said ‘other blows will follow.’ Moscow has not commented on the video, which shows Umarov flanked by an unidentified male.

The recording made no direct reference to the Moscow airport bombing that killed 36 people and wounded nearly 200 others late last month. No one has claimed responsibility for that attack, but Moscow says it has identified a 20-year-old from the North Caucasus as the person who blew himself up January 24 in a crowded passenger area of Moscow’s Domodedovo airport.

As the self-proclaimed Emir of the Caucasus, Umarov has sought to create an independent pan-Caucasus state governed by Muslim Sharia law. The proposed state would include Chechnya, Dagestan,

Ingushetia and other mainly Muslim territory in Russia’s south...”

### **Russia ready for anti-terrorism cooperation, Medvedev tells foreign ambassadors**

*Ria Novosti* reports: “Russia will always be an ally of countries fighting against terrorism, President Dmitry Medvedev said.

‘Russia will carry out an uncompromised fight against international terrorism and will always be a reliable ally of states that oppose terror by all legal means,’ Medvedev said during a presentation ceremony for foreign ambassadors’ credentials in Moscow.

International terrorism, which ‘defies the fundamental rights and freedoms and democratic foundations of society’ and ‘denies the value of a human life,’ remains a major threat to global security, he said.

Referring to the January 24 terrorist attack on Moscow’s Domodedovo Airport, which killed 36 people and injured dozens, the president stressed that foreign citizens were among those killed...”

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

### **Muslims post death threats on doors of Christian homes**

*WorldNetDaily.com* reports: “Officials in the south Ethiopian city of Besheno are looking the other way as Muslim mobs in the city put death threats on the doors of Christian villagers, according to organizations that work in the area.

The door-mounted death threats are only the latest incidents in a series of acts of intimidation that include taking away church property, beating evangelists and killing family members.

International Christian Concern’s Jonathan Racho says the list of violent acts against Christians is growing.

‘Christians in the southern Ethiopian city of Besheno are being harassed and

physically abused after Muslims posted notices on the doors of the Christian homes, warning the Christians that they had to convert to Islam, leave the city or face death,’ Racho stated.

‘This is a very serious threat against Christians where the majority in this city are Muslims,’ Racho added.

‘There are approximately 30 evangelical Christians living in that city,’ Racho explained. ‘The rest have moved away.’...”

**(Great persecution awaits Christians in most Muslim nations. Matthew 24:9; Revelation 6:9, 12:13, 20:4. God says: “Be faithful until death and I’ll give you a crown of life.” — Revelation 2:10. See also the next two reports.)**

### **Iraq’s Christians consumed by fear**

*The Asia Times Online* reports: “Each day before she leaves for work, Ekhlis Elia Bawood covers her head with the traditional hijab. She does this not because she is a Muslim, but because she lives in fear. Christians in Iraq are increasingly targeted for their beliefs. A lifelong resident of Mosul, the most dangerous city in Iraq, Bawood said Christian homes in her neighborhood are attacked by bomb explosions at least two or three times each week. With dwindling numbers and little support, the few remaining Christians living in Mosul are careful to conceal their faith.

‘We always must be careful who we talk

to and suspicious of anyone we pass on the street,' said Bawood.

The escalating violence against Christians has called religious leaders to act. A Copenhagen summit discussing these attacks was headed by the High Council of Religious Leaders in Iraq and attended by Iraq's most influential Sunni, Shi'ite and Christian leaders. The result was a fatwa, or religious edict, calling all Iraqi Muslims to end the violence.

The fatwa, which was announced in mosques across the country, 'prohibits any assault on believers of religions that co-exist in Muslim countries, whether by killing, displacement, bloodshed or violation of the sanctity of homes and assets.'

Even so, Sunni mullah Tahir Bamoky of the Omar Bin Khatab mosque in Halabja said many Sunnis, particularly in central Iraq, have rejected the fatwa issued by their religious leaders...''

### **Pakistani Christian Asia Bibi facing threat of suicide attack**

*Assist New Service* reports: "Asia Bibi, the Christian woman who triggered a blasphemy furor in Pakistan and in whose defense Punjab Governor Salman Taseer lost his life, is facing a threat of a suicide attack inside a jail, where she is currently lodged.

According to *Z News* ([www.zeenews.com](http://www.zeenews.com)), the 'Moaviya group,' a militant organization plans to mount a suicide attack on Sheikhupura district jail, where 45-year-old Asia is being held, *The Express Tribune* quoted its sources as saying. An intelligence report issued has corroborated threat to her life.

'Punjab police and jail authorities subsequently beefed up security due to the intelligence report and the assassination of Taseer,' said the story...

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# SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS

### **China's hostile space capabilities worry U.S.**

*SpaceDaily.com* reports: "China is developing 'counterspace' weapons that could shoot down satellites or jam signals, a Pentagon official said as the United States unveiled a 10-year strategy for security in space.

'The investment China is putting into counterspace capabilities is a matter of concern to us,' deputy secretary of defense for space policy Gregory Schulte told reporters as the defense and intelligence communities released their 10-year National Security Space Strategy (NSSS).

The NSSS marks a huge shift from past practice, outlining a 10-year path for the United States to take in space to ensure it becomes 'more resilient' and can defend its assets in a dramatically more crowded, competitive and challenging environment, Schulte said.

A key reason for developing the new strategy was 'concern about the number of counterspace capabilities that are being developed,' said Schulte.

'China is at the forefront of the development of those capabilities,' he said.

China in 2007 shot down one of its own weather satellites using a medium-range ground missile, sparking international concern not only about China

'weaponizing' space, but also about the debris from the satellite that is still floating around in space.

Beijing is also working on ways to jam satellite signals and is developing directed energy weapons, which emit energy towards a target without firing a projectile, Schulte said...'' **(Luke 21:25 — America should be concerned as the "kings of the East" prepare for Armageddon along with Russia — Revelation 9:14-18; 16:12; Ezekiel 38:1, 2, 8, 16; Ezekiel 39:1, 2, 12, 13.)**

### **Exoplanet hunt turns up 54 potentially habitable worlds**

*BBC News* reports: "Astronomers have identified some 54 new planets where conditions may be suitable for life.

Five of the candidates are Earth-sized.

The announcement from the Kepler space telescope team brings the total number of exoplanet candidates they have identified to more than 1,200.

The data release also confirmed a unique sextet of planets around a single star and 170 further solar systems that include more than one planet circling far-flung stars.

The Kepler telescope was conceived to hunt for exoplanets, staring into a small, fixed patch of the sky in the direction of

the constellations Cygnus and Lyra.

It looks for the minuscule dimming of light that occurs when an exoplanet passes in front of its host star. Kepler spots 'candidate' planets, which typically are confirmed by ground-based observations to confirm their existence.

In just its first few months of operation, as a paper posted to the Arxiv server reports, Kepler has spotted 68 Earth-sized candidates, 288 so-called 'super-Earths' that are up to twice Earth's size, 662 that are Neptune-sized, and 184 that are even larger. Members of the team announced it had confirmed the Kepler-11 solar system, comprising six large exoplanets tightly circling an eight billion-year-old star that lies about 2,000 light-years away.

'The fact that we've found so many planet candidates in such a tiny fraction of the sky suggests there are countless planets orbiting sun-like stars in our galaxy,' said William Borucki, who heads Kepler's science programme at NASA's Ames Research Center.

'We went from zero to 68 Earth-sized planet candidates and zero to 54 candidates in the habitable zone, some of which could have moons with liquid water...'' **(Hebrews 1:2: "Christ...made the worlds [plural]."** See also **John 1:3, 10; Colossians 1:16, 17; Revelation 4:10, 11.)**