

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

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

‘There is no radical Islam – Islam is itself radical’

February 2, 2016 -- *Israel National News* reports: “At the Jerusalem Conference on Monday, hosted by *Arutz Sheva*, a special panel was held under the title: ‘Conciliation or clashing – how to deal with the threat of radical Islam.’

Taking part in the panel moderated by Danny Zaken was Reshet Bet Arab affairs journalist Eran Zinger, Middle East and Islam expert Prof. Rafi Yisraeli, Rabbi Uri Sherki of the Beit Yehuda congregation in Jerusalem, Yesha Council head Avi Roeh, and Deputy Minister Ayoub Kara (Likud).

Rabbi Sherki, who also serves as head of the Hebrew department at Machon Meir Yeshiva in Jerusalem and who lost his son Shalom Sherki in a terrorist car ramming attack last April, said that the problem is not Muslims but rather Islam.

‘There is no radical Islam. Islam is radical,’ stated the rabbi. ‘It’s true that there are Arabs who want to live in peace, but the moment that we give

them something, we provide a tail wind for the radicals. Because Islam is a radical cultural movement that is not prepared to accept the fact that we exist.’...” (The above statement in the headline is so true, and here’s why: “...evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” – II Timothy 3:13. See the next report.)

Iraqi columnist: ISIS terror is based on Islam

February 3, 2016 -- *WND.com* reports: “After the 9/11 terror attacks by Muslims that killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, President George W. Bush pointedly noted that the enemy was not Islam, which he called a ‘religion of peace,’ but terror.

And one of Barack Obama’s mantras during his presidency is that the terrorists are not representative of Islam, which teaches ‘peace,’ but are just terrorists.

‘ISIL is not ‘Islamic,’ he said recently. ‘No religion condones the

killing of innocents, and the vast majority of ISIL’s victims have been Muslim.’

But now an Iraqi journalist at the pro-Iranian Iraqi newspaper *Al-Akhbar* says that’s exactly what ISIS represents: an outbreak of Islam.

The explanation by journalist Fadel Boula was uncovered by the *Middle East Media Research Institute*.

Boula, reported *MEMRI*, said ISIS and other terror organizations ‘are motivated by an extremist Salafi (Muslim) ideology and claim that their atrocities represent Allah’s will and directives.’...”

Control and crucifixions: Life in Libya under Islamic State

February 8, 2016 -- *BBC News* reports: “Five years after the violent uprising that brought down Libya’s Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, fighters from so-called Islamic State (IS) have established a base in the coastal city of Sirte.

With an estimated 1,500 fighters

in the city, they have started to impose their own rule of law, with dress codes for men and women, segregation in school classrooms and the establishment of a religious police.

Punishments inflicted on residents, for crimes ranging from theft or alcohol production to ‘spying’, include imprisonment, amputations, public crucifixions and beheadings. The group has set up its own ‘police force’ and is reported to be carrying out house to house searches and forcing people to attend Islamic re-education classes.

The head of intelligence in nearby Misrata says most of the IS fighters who control Sirte are foreigners – from Tunisia, Iraq or Syria.

Access to the city is dangerous for journalists and there is limited communication with people who live there – often for fear of retributions. We spoke to people who have been forced to leave the city, to escape Islamic State...” **(This report fulfills all the brutality of Islam’s terrorists as they fulfill the four demands of their own Shariah Law:**

1. **Kill all daughters who have pre-marital sex.**
 2. **Kill all homosexuals.**
 3. **Kill all apostates – Muslims who mock Allah, Mohammad, or the Quran.**
 4. **Kill all infidels – all non-Muslim worshippers of other gods.**
- See the next three reports.)

Pakistani boy chops off own hand after being accused of blasphemy

January 20, 2016 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “A Pakistani boy chopped off his own hand in repentance after being falsely accused of blasphemy.

Anwar Ali, aged 15, attended an evening prayer gathering last Friday at his local mosque in Khanqah, Pakistan, when the imam Shabir Ahmad asked

for a show of hands of those who did not love the prophet Mohammad.

Ali, the son of a poor laborer, mistook the instruction and thought the cleric had asked for those who did love the prophet, according to the *New York Times*. He immediately raised his hand and only realized his mistake when no one else followed, quickly putting his hand down.

However at this point Ahmad had already started screaming ‘blasphemer!’ at him.

The boy fled and cut off his right hand, returning to the mosque with the freshly severed hand on a plate.

Upon seeing what the boy had done, the mullah also fled, fearing retribution. He was quickly caught and locked up by police...

Anwar’s family said the cleric had done nothing wrong and instead praised their son for his faithfulness.

‘We are lucky that we have this son who loves prophet Mohammad that much,’ said his father. ‘We will be rewarded by God for this in the eternal world.’

The teenager also defended the mullah and his self-amputation.

‘What I did was for love of the prophet Mohammad,’ he said...”

Boko Haram jihadis burn children alive, slay over 100 villagers in Nigeria massacre

January 31, 2016 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “In one of their most heinous massacres to date, militants from the radical Islamist Boko Haram group slaughtered over a hundred victims in a village in northeast Nigeria Saturday night, including a number of children whom they burned alive.

The latest atrocity from the jihadi group allied to the Islamic State took place in the village of Dalori, some three miles from Maiduguri, Nigeria. Vice Chairman of a civilian joint task

force in Dalori, Modu Kaka, said that at least 100 dead bodies were taken away but that hundreds are still missing.

Witnesses spoke of ‘scores of bodies’ burned and riddled with bullets lying in the streets after the attack Saturday night. One man, who managed to escape by hiding in a tree, said that he could hear the wails of children screaming in the flames...” **(Look at the headline; what religious savages. Imagine burning little children alive in the name of Islam’s god. Christianity is so different. Jesus said: “...Suffer [or allow] the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God” – Mark 10:14. See the next report.)**

ISIS militants behead 14-year-old for ‘missing Friday prayers’

February 3, 2016 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: “A 14-year-old boy has been brutally executed by Islamic State militants for allegedly missing Friday prayers.

The teenager’s parents were forced to watch their son be beheaded after he was charged with apostasy in his home town of Jarablus in Syria.

The city’s central mosque is a dominant force for ISIS in the region, with Friday prayers a focal point for preaching and promoting the group’s self-proclaimed Caliphate.

News of the boy’s execution was broken by local activist Nasser Taljbini who is opposed to the jihadist group. He told Syrian-based *ARA News* that an ISIS-controlled Sharia court ordered the teenager to be beheaded in public.

‘Dozens of people attended the brutal execution, including the victim’s parents who were forced to witness the beheading of their own son,’ he said...”

JIHAD IN AMERICA

Michigan ISIS supporter planned church massacre, beheadings

February 7, 2016 -- *Israel National News* reports: "A Michigan man arraigned in a federal court in Detroit last Thursday allegedly plotted to murder police officers and commit terror attacks at a Detroit-area church and local hospital.

According to the *Detroit Free Press*, the FBI has reported that 21 year old Khalil Abu-Rayyan had trained with AK-47 and AR-15 style assault rifles and had amassed an arsenal of guns in preparation for planned terror attacks at an unnamed church and hospital.

While refusing to name either target, the FBI did reveal that the church being targeted was a large congregation, able to house about 6,000 members.

Abu-Rayyan, who identified himself as a Palestinian Muslim, also planned beheadings and carried a large knife for that express purpose..."(Islam's method of eliminating all apostates and infidels fulfills the above headline. This will become global and for many reasons soon – "...I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" – Revelation 20:4.)

23-year-old Muslim arrested for planning attack in Milwaukee

January 27, 2016 -- *Israel National News* reports: "A 23-year-old arrested by the FBI for planning a shooting attack in Milwaukee originally planned to attack Israelis, it was reported on Tuesday.

According to *WDJT-TV* in Milwaukee, the suspect, Samy Mohamed Hamzeh was charged with possessing machine guns and a silencer. He was reportedly arrested on Monday when he purchased weapons from undercover FBI agents.

In October 2015, Hamzeh planned to travel to Jordan and from there enter Judea and Samaria and conduct an attack on Israeli soldiers and citizens.

However, he eventually abandoned those plans and began to focus on conducting an attack in the United States, *WDJT* reported, citing a release from the United States Attorney's Office of Eastern District of Wisconsin.

During recorded conversations, Hamzeh explained that, in lieu of the attack in Israel, he wanted to commit a domestic act of violence on a Masonic Temple in Milwaukee..." (**Islamic terrorists should pay for their hatred and murder of decent human beings, especially Jews and Christians. God commands: "Thou shalt not kill" -- Exodus 20:13. However, Exodus 21:12 states "He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death" -- and also Leviticus 24:17: "...he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death".**)

Islamic supremacists' new war on U.S. business

January 25, 2016 -- *WND.com* reports: "Another American company, Ariens Manufacturing Company of Brillion, Wisconsin, is under attack by Islamic supremacists who are demanding that the company submit to Islamic law. The pattern is always the same. Companies that accommodate Muslims learn the hard way that accommodation leads to more demands, more submission, more Shariah.

Muslims employed by Ariens are allowed to leave the production line twice a shift to pray two of the five prayers their faith requires of them daily. They prayed five minutes at a

time, designating their specific duties to colleagues.

Not good enough for Muslim workers. They want to stop the line. Muslim workers at Ariens, which makes snow blowers and lawn mowers, objected to management's recent decision to begin enforcing a policy of two 10-minute breaks per work shift. Ariens got into hot water when it asked Muslim employees to 'pray during scheduled breaks in designated prayer rooms. Our manufacturing environment does not allow for unscheduled breaks in production.' Muslims walked off their jobs, demanding that Ariens allow Muslims to leave their work station whenever they want..." (**Muslims demand Islamic laws in America and in the nations in which they live and they will do everything abominable to get what they want even to demand and control their prayer times. Titus 1:16 states: "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate".**)

ISIS calls on Muslim couples in the West to imitate San Bernardino shooters

January 20, 2016 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "In the new volume of its English-language magazine, *Dabiq*, released on Wednesday, ISIS encourages married Muslim couples in the West to follow in the footsteps of the Muslim married couple who carried out the San Bernardino, California shooting attack in December.

The shooting attack in San Bernardino took place on December 2, 2015, when Syed Rizwan Farook and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, opened fire at a holiday party at the Inland Regional center in San Bernardino, killing 14 people and injuring 22 others.

The magazine describes the shooting attack as 'unique,' since 'the Khilafah's (Islamic Caliphate) call for the Muslims

to strike the crusaders in their own lands was answered once more' – but this time, by a jihadist operating together with his wife, not alone.

ISIS praised Tashfeen Malik, who participated in the operation and gained martyrdom after being killed by security forces, 'despite the fact that

combat is not even obligatory upon her.'

The organization praised the sacrifice of the San Bernardino couple, who 'left behind not only their comfortable lifestyle, but also their baby daughter, knowing that they would never see her again.'...'' (The above headline proves Islam is not

the religion of peace as promoted by President Obama. Jesus said: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves" – Matthew 23:15.)

RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Russia ramping up military drills to Cold War levels, NATO says

February 5, 2016 -- *FoxNews.com* reports: "Russia has stepped up its military maneuvers to a level unseen since the height of the Cold War, according to a new report released by NATO Thursday.

Jens Stoltenberg, the alliance's secretary general and author of the report, noted that Moscow has conducted at least 18 large-scale exercises over the past three years, 'some of which have involved more than 100,000 troops.'

Those exercises included several simulated nuclear attacks against NATO allies and partner nations, such as Sweden in March 2013.

The report was released two days after the Obama administration proposed spending \$3.4 billion on its troops and training in Europe as a direct result of Russia's recent action in the regions, including the 2014 annexation of Crimea from Ukraine.

'We haven't had to worry about this for 25 years, and while I wish it were otherwise, now we do,' said Defense Secretary Ash Carter Tuesday...''

(Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 predict the union of Russia and China [Revelation 16:12; Daniel 11:44] as leaders in the battle for the greatest war in history called Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 9:14 – 18 pictures its upcoming disastrous results. See the next report.)

Russia to test new S-500 defenses in 2016

February 3, 2016 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The first prototypes of Russia's next-generation S-500 long range air defense system will reach completion and begin pre-tests in 2016, according to state-run *Sputnik News*.

The new generation system will be capable of destroying aerial offensive targets, as well intercontinental ballistic missiles and targets near space.

The S-500 'not only combines the best feats of the previous systems, but also offers completely new possibilities in the field of air, missile and space defense,' according to Viktor Murakhovski, a member of the advisory council of Russia's Military-Industrial Commission.

The long-range system, manufactured by Moscow-based defense firm Almaz Antey, will have a range of 600 kilometers (more than 370 miles) and could simultaneously intercept up to ten ballistic warheads flying at speeds of up to 23 thousand feet per second. Its missiles will be able to change their trajectory in midflight and may be able to strike targets as high as 115 miles.

By comparison, the S-400 anti-missile system, known to NATO as the SA-21 'Growler,' is said to have a maximum range of 250 miles, and can bring down airplanes at up to 90,000 feet (17 miles)...''

North Korea test fires long-range rocket

February 7, 2016 -- *Israel National News* reports: "North Korea on Sunday defied international warnings and launched a long-range rocket, *The Associated Press (AP)* reported.

The launch was confirmed by South Korean officials about two hours after an eight-day launch window opened Sunday morning. It will be considered a further provocation by Washington and its allies and likely draw more sanctions and condemnation from the United Nations, noted *AP*.

North Korean rocket and nuclear tests are seen as crucial steps toward the North's ultimate goal of a nuclear armed long-range missile arsenal. North Korea says its nuclear and missile programs are necessary to defend itself against what it calls decades of 'U.S. hostility.'

In early January, North Korea conducted a nuclear test and claimed it launched a hydrogen bomb, prompting the House of Representatives to vote nearly unanimously to pass legislation that would broaden sanctions over North Korea's nuclear program...'' **(North Korea marches with Russia and China for the war of the latter years and latter days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Atomic bombs will produce global incineration – Psalm 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Joel 2:3, 30; Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7 and 9:18. See the next two reports.)**

North Korea undeterred by international condemnation

February 8, 2016 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "North Korea's defiant stance in the face of international condemnation over its rocket launch Sunday and its nuclear test last month are in some ways strengthening Kim Jong Un's position at home and abroad.

Domestically, the young leader is portrayed by the North's tightly controlled state media as a strong leader defending the country's sovereignty against hostile American and South Korean forces.

And Sunday's rocket launch is described by state media outlets as a great technological achievement by a rapidly advancing nation that fills many

North Koreans with pride.

In an interview with the official Korean *Central News Agency*, Paek Jin Hyok, a student at Kim Il Sung University in North Korea, said, 'I feel very proud to be a university student of a country that excels in science and technology which can launch an Earth satellite with its own technology.'..."

Moscow warns U.S. over missile system deployment to South Korea

February 10, 2016 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: "Moscow on Wednesday warned that Washington's deployment of a U.S. missile defense system to South Korea could spark an arms race in the region.

South Korean and U.S. defense

officials said last week they would begin formal talks on the deployment of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense System (THAAD) system in response to North Korea's recent nuclear and missile tests.

'The appearance of elements of the U.S. global missile defense system in the region — which is characterized by a very difficult security situation — can provoke an arms race in Northeast Asia and complicate the resolution of the nuclear problem on the Korean peninsula,' said the Russian foreign ministry.

'On a more global scale, this step can increase the destructive influence of the U.S. global missile defense system on international security and stability.'..."

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Report: 2015 saw 'most violent' persecution of Christians in modern history

January 21, 2016 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The brutal, worldwide persecution of Christians during the past year makes 2015 'the most violent and sustained attack on Christian faith in modern history,' according to a watchdog organization that has been monitoring Christian persecution for decades.

Open Doors, an organization founded in 1955 to assist persecuted Christians, publishes an annual 'World Watch List,' documenting attacks on Christians and ranking the most hostile national environments for believers.

'The 2016 World Watch List documents an unprecedented escalation of violence against Christians, making this past year the most violent and sustained attack on Christian faith in modern history,' Open Doors CEO David Curry said at the rollout of the list.

Persecution is 'continuing to

increase, intensify and spread across the globe,' he said..." (The above headline again proves that Islam is not the "Religion of Peace". Instead the violent deaths will continue according to God's Word – Revelation 20:4. Concerned? All believers will be removed before Satan's heyday. Proof – God says: "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, [testing] which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" – Revelation 3:10. How is this possible? "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter" – Revelation 4:1; "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven

with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" – I Thessalonians 4:16 – 18. See the next report.)

Map shows Christians facing violent Muslim persecution

February 5, 2016 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The Christian aid group Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) has published a new 'Prayer Map' highlighting countries where Christians face violent persecution at the hands of Islamic extremists around the globe.

The organization says the primary purpose of the map is to 'encourage people to pray for persecuted Christians.' A quick review of the map serves to teach much regarding the state of Christian persecution

throughout the world, especially by radical Islamists...

One side of the new map identifies countries where Christians are persecuted, tortured, imprisoned and even killed because of their faith. Nearly every Muslim country in the world is colored 'restricted' on the map, meaning that government policy or practice 'prevents Christians from obtaining Bibles or other Christian literature,' or that 'government-sanctioned circumstances or anti-Christian laws that lead to believers being harassed, imprisoned, killed or deprived of basic needs.'..."

Even in Italy, Christian converts from Islam live in fear of reprisals

February 9, 2016 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Recent reports suggest that over a thousand converts to Christianity from Islam currently live in Italy, but hide their conversions for fear of retaliation from the Muslim community against themselves and their families.

A 55-year-old Egyptian chemical engineer who now works as a waiter in a city of central Italy, was a fervent Muslim who converted to Christianity in Italy after the death of his mother and was baptized three years ago.

The man, who asked to remain anonymous to avoid retribution from Muslims, said that the decisive element in his conversion came from seeing Christians with 'a humanity more complete than mine' and wanting to find what they had found.

Still, he openly expresses his frustration with having to hide his newfound faith. 'I cannot openly practice my Christian faith. I am afraid that some fanatical Muslim may do harm not only to me, but especially to relatives who remained in Egypt.'

'How is it,' he asks, 'that Italians who convert to Islam can go on TV and talk about it, and instead I have to hide to avoid retaliation?'

The name Italians are using to refer

to the believers who must conceal their religion as 'ghost Christians.'..." (*"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death"* – Revelation 2:10, 11.)

Study: Christianity dying in Britain, only Islam growing

January 19, 2016 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Long known for its indifference to religion, Britain continues to become less and less religious, with a record 46 per cent of the UK adult population now espousing no religion whatsoever.

A new survey by researchers at Lancaster University reveals that only 42 per cent of Brits identify as Christians, despite the fact that England remains one of the last confessionally Christian nations in the world, with the Anglican communion enjoying official status as the state religion.

Britain, in fact, is one of only a handful of countries in the world that is swiftly moving from having a Christian majority to a 'no religion' majority, with only the Muslim faith bucking the trend toward implosion.

While the Church of England is only 'one generation away from extinction,' as Lord Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, warned earlier this year, Islam is quickly coming forward to take its place..." (*"...many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, [of the church age] the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the [this] end come"* – Matthew 24:11 – 14. Then why

is Islam taking over Britain? The answer: "*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils"* – I Timothy 4:1. See the next three reports.)

Al Shabaab kills Christians in raid on village in coastal Kenya

February 5, 2016 -- MorningStarNews.org reports: "In a pre-dawn raid on a predominantly Christian area in coastal Kenya on Sunday (Jan. 31), Islamic extremist Al Shabaab rebels killed at least four Christians, beheading one of them, area sources said.

In the Kaisari area of Maporomoko village, near Pandanguo about 25 miles inland from the Indian Ocean town of Lamu, Al Shabaab rebels attacked from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m., a wounded survivor at Mpeketoni Sub-County Hospital told *Morning Star News*.

The victim, a Christian from the Maporomoko-Bondeni area who was shot in his right hand, said there were five or six heavily-armed assailants who spoke Somali and were dressed in military uniform. They shot two Christians to death, hacked and beheaded another and killed at least one other by setting his house on fire, he said.

'I could not understand them, so they shot me in my hand, but I managed to escape while a neighbor who was with me was beheaded by the other attackers,' the Christian (name withheld) said from his hospital bed. 'As I fled for my life bleeding, I could see two houses burning. Those who were attacked are Christians. I am very sure that the attackers were looking for Christians.'

The beheaded man was identified only as Mwaura, a Christian..."

Pakistani police strip Christian man naked, beat him to death with logs

February 4, 2016 -- Breitbart.com reports: “A gruesome story of anti-Christian police brutality has emerged from the Punjab province of Pakistan, where police allegedly tortured a Christian man to death in an attempt to make him confess to stealing from his Muslim employer.

When a wealthy Muslim businessman was robbed last November, he accused his Christian employee, 47-year-old Liaqat Masih, of the crime, and reportedly ‘pressured police’ to arrest and force a confession out of the man and his son, Khurram. The businessman, Mohammad Raza Hameed, is a leader of the Pakistan Tehreek Insaf political party in the community, and although he had many Muslim employees, he only accused Masih, a Christian who had served as his driver for over 15 years.

Based on the accusations, the police arrested Masih and his son and brought them in for interrogation. When the

son Khurram refused to confess to the crime, the police forced him to strip, tied him up and beat him. When the young man continued to protest his innocence, the police brought his father in and also ordered him to strip naked.

The officials made Masih stand on a chair so they could tie his hands behind his back and hang him from the ceiling, causing the dislocation of the man’s shoulders. Khurram, who was made to watch the entire ordeal, said that each time his father’s feet would touch the floor, a police officer would yank the rope to lift him up again and continue applying pressure to his arms and dislocated shoulders...”

India: 12 arrested for converting to Christianity

January 20, 2016 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Indian authorities in Madhya Pradesh state have arrested and jailed 12 individuals, charging them with having converted to Christianity in violation of laws forbidding religious conversions.

The 12, who included a blind couple—Balu Saste and his wife Bhuri—with their 3-year-old child, were arrested on January 14 in Dahar village and sent to jail the following day. On January 17, seven of the prisoners were subsequently released on bail while the others continue to serve their sentences.

Police Chief Inspector Umesh Chandra Tiwari said that Saste was ‘already accused in another three-year-old conversion case.’

‘We did not know why we were arrested and sent to jail,’ said another of the group, 35-year-old Janu Bai, after being released from prison.

Bai said that the group had gathered at the home of one of the group, Shankar Singh, to celebrate the Hindu harvest festival of Makarsankranti.

‘I have faith in Jesus and regularly pray to him,’ said Singh, who claims to have led an unhappy life and struggled with alcoholism ‘before experiencing the love of God’ with the assistance of some ministers...”

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Hamas calls for suicide bombings in Israeli buses

February 7, 2016 -- The Times of Israel reports: “The Palestinian terror group Hamas called Sunday on activists to carry out suicide bombing attacks against Israelis, specifically on buses, in a manner reminiscent of the devastating attacks of the 2000-2005 Second Intifada.

In a music video posted online, Hamas, the de-facto ruler of the Gaza Strip, praised terrorists who target civilians in front of a burning green-and-white Egged bus, Israel’s main public transportation provider.

‘To die as a martyr for Al-Aqsa [Mosque] gives the explosive device more and more force,’ the song posted

by the official Hamas channel *Al-Aqsa TV* said.

‘The intifada is not an intifada if the bus roof doesn’t fly off.’...” **(Why is Israel so persecuted? Answer -- the Devil, and I Chronicles 21:1 states: “...Satan stood up against Israel...” and every anti-Semitic Jew hater is controlled by this demonic spirit. See the next two reports.)**

‘Kill 500 Israelis,’ mourners demand at funeral of PA gunman

February 2, 2016 -- The Times of Israel reports: “Throngs of marching Palestinians called out ‘Death to Israel’ and demanded that hundreds of Israelis be gunned down, at the

funeral Monday of a Palestinian Authority security officer who died carrying out a shooting attack on Israeli troops. Amjad Sakari was shot dead as he fired on Israeli soldiers at a West Bank checkpoint, injuring two of them seriously, on Sunday.

‘It is time for the machine gun, to shoot 500 people,’ the man leading Sakari’s funeral procession shouted over a megaphone, his words raucously repeated by the mourners, in footage screened by *Israel’s Channel 2*. ‘Mohammad’s army will return,’ he vowed.

The mourners gathered in the northern West Bank city of Nablus and celebrated Sakari as a ‘martyr,’ with many chanting slogans calling for

intensified terror attacks against Jews and Israelis...”

Fatah official: Palestine alongside Israel is just ‘a phase’

January 22, 2016 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “A senior member of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas’s Fatah party has said a Palestinian state alongside Israel is only ‘a phase’ and that Palestine should eventually stretch from the Jordan River to the sea.

In an interview with the *Ma’an* news agency on January 19, Tawfik Tirawi, a member of the Fatah Central Committee, said ‘Palestine stretches from the river to the sea... a Palestinian state in the 1967 borders, with Jerusalem as its capital, is just a phase, as far as I am concerned.’

Tirawi said that he would gladly accept a state along the 1967 borders as a first step, but warned: ‘Don’t think that there can be a solution to the Palestinian issue by establishing a state the borders of which are limited to the West Bank and Gaza. I challenge any Palestinian to say that the map of Palestine is limited to the West Bank and Gaza.’

He quickly added, ‘This does not mean that I want to throw the Jews into the sea. No, I want to live together with them... We want the people who are in Palestine to live in Palestine in its historical borders.’

Last November, Tirawi praised his two-year-old son for expressing his desire to kill ‘Zionists’ in a children’s song lauding martyrdom...”

Ignoring Obama, Iran upgrades its nuclear-capable Emad missile

February 10, 2016 -- *Israel National News* reports: “In open defiance of recent U.S. sanctions on Iran’s ballistic missile program, Iranian Defense Minister Hossein Dehghan on late Tuesday told local media that Tehran

will soon be rolling out an upgrade of its nuclear-capable medium-range Emad missiles.

The ‘next generation of Emad with improved precision’ will be unveiled in the next Iranian year which starts on March 20, Dehghan said as cited by the semi-official *Fars News Agency*.

Emad is said to have a 1,700 kilometer range, putting Israel and much of Eastern Europe squarely in its sights.

‘The missile is being mass-produced but its precision-striking power will improve and its second version will be unveiled next year,’ Dehghan added, and went on to claim the missile was not a violation of the nuclear deal or UN sanctions because ‘we will never use a nuclear warhead (on it).’...”

(Iran, a Muslim Shi’ite nation hates Jews and especially Sunni Muslims. When Shariah Islamic Law talks about murdering, slaughtering, and beheading all apostate Muslims they mean Sunni members of their Islamic faith. How different is Christianity toward its own brothers and sisters in the faith – “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. See the next two reports on deadly chemical weapons.)

U.S. intel chief: Islamic State produced, deployed chemical weapons

February 10, 2016 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “In an admission with international security implications, America’s top intelligence official on Tuesday confirmed the Islamic State has successfully produced and deployed chemical agents in Iraq and Syria.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper told the Senate Armed Services Committee that IS had previously utilized mustard gas, evidencing the continued advancement of the terrorist organization’s sophistication on the battlefield.

‘[The Syrian government] has used chemicals against the opposition on multiple occasions since Syria joined the Chemical Weapons Convention. ISIL has also used toxic chemicals in Iraq and Syria, including the blister agent Sulfur mustard,’ stated Clapper.

Fox News quoted Clapper stating IS’ use of the mustard agent marked the first time an extremist group has produced and used a ‘chemical warfare agent in an attack since Aum Shinrikyo used sarin in Japan in 1995 (in the Tokyo subway terror attack).’

Clapper’s statements to the committee were based on the U.S. Intelligence Community’s Worldwide Threat Assessment for 2016 released on Tuesday...”

Former Libyan official: ISIS got Qaddafi’s chemical weapons

January 28, 2016 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Libyan former intelligence official Ahmad Qadhaf Al-Dam recently said that the Islamic State (ISIS) and other terrorist groups had gotten hold of the chemical weapons that had remained in Libya from the regime of former dictator Muammar Qaddafi.

The comments by Al-Dam, who is a cousin of Qaddafi, were made in an interview with the Egyptian *Dream TV* network on January 18. They were translated by the *Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI)*.

‘You said that ISIS has gained control of poisonous gases, such as the lethal sarin gas. Where did you get that information from?’ the interviewer asked.

Al-Dam replied, ‘It is no secret that these gases exist in Libya. To be fair, ISIS is not the only one. Everyone has poisonous gases. It’s not only in Libya. Everybody knows this. The Western countries know this. They have spies [in Libya]. They are the ones who attacked Libya, and then left these dangerous weapons there.’...”