

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

# DIARY OF A NUCLEAR MADMAN

## **North Korea now making missile-ready nuclear weapons, U.S. analysts say**

August 8, 2017 -- *The Washington Post* reports: “North Korea has successfully produced a miniaturized nuclear warhead that can fit inside its missiles, crossing a key threshold on the path to becoming a full-fledged nuclear power, U.S. intelligence officials have concluded in a confidential assessment.

The new analysis completed last month by the Defense Intelligence Agency comes on the heels of another intelligence assessment that sharply raises the official estimate for the total number of bombs in the communist country’s atomic arsenal. The U.S. calculated last month that up to 60 nuclear weapons are now controlled by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Some independent experts believe the number of bombs is much smaller...” **(Kim Jong-un is following in the footsteps of his father Kim Jong-il and grandfather Kim il-sung in seeking nuclear weapons. In 1993, President Bill Clinton spoke in South Korea and stated that if North Korea gained and used a nuclear weapon, the U.S. would quickly and overwhelming retaliate, and it would mean the end of their country**

as they know it. President George W. Bush named North Korea as one of the three-part ‘axis of evil’ along with Iran and Iraq in 2002. In 2014, President Barack Obama warned North Korea that the U.S. would not hesitate to use military might to defend our allies against this ‘pariah state’. And in August 2017, President Donald Trump stated: “North Korea best not make any more threats to the United States. They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen.” It is believed that North Korea developed nuclear weapons in 2004.

Nuclear war is part of the battle of the ages – see Revelation 9:18. Other prophesied texts are predicted in Psalm 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Ezekiel 20:47: “...Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched...” Study also Zephaniah 1:8; Malachi 4:1; and Revelation 8:7. The Oriental nations along with Iran will be involved in World War III, Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Iran and the Islamic nations will join Russia – Ezekiel 38 & 39. Then China, North Korea, and Oriental nations will join Russia in the second invasion of Israel – Revelation 16:12 and for the

third and final invasion all nations will come against Israel – Isaiah 14:2. See the next two reports for more threats coming out of North Korea.)

## **More than half the continental U.S. is within range of latest North Korean missile test, defense experts say**

July 31, 2017 -- *CNBC* reports: “North Korea tested an intercontinental ballistic missile Friday, which defense experts say could reach as far as New York or other U.S. East Coast cities.

The most recent test lofted the North Korean missile on a very high trajectory, bringing it down in the Sea of Japan. Preliminary data from the launch reveals that half, if not most, of the continental U.S. would be in range of the missile tested Friday.

‘Looks like it pretty much can get to New York, Boston and probably falls just short of Washington,’ David Wright, co-director and senior scientist for the Global Security Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists, told *CNBC*...”

## **North Korea could soon develop a hydrogen bomb more powerful than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan**

August 4, 2017 -- *Fox News* reports:

“As if the news out of North Korea wasn’t bad enough, things might get a lot worse within the next 18 months. We should not be surprised if the Communist dictatorship develops a hydrogen bomb – the ultimate atomic weapon – with the potential to kill millions of people.

A Defense Department official I spoke to recently on the condition of not revealing

his name told me it now appears the North Koreans are working to finish development of an H-bomb, and that they could succeed in as soon as six to 18 months. Such a bomb would be many times more powerful than the atomic bombs the United States dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan that led to the end of World War II.

North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un

claimed early last year to have tested an H-bomb, but most experts debunked such claims, arguing that the North had developed what is called a boosted fission weapon – or in layman’s terms, a more powerful atomic bomb. However, reports at the time coming out of South Korea claimed that North Korea was likely ‘one level away from a hydrogen bomb.’..’

# TRAIN UP A CHILD

## **Report: Terror attacks by Arab children on the rise**

**August 4, 2017** -- *Israel National News* reports: “The number of terrorist attacks on Israelis by Arab children has greatly increased since the beginning of the so-called ‘stabbing intifada’ in September 2015, according to a new report by a human rights NGO.

The report by UN watchdog Human Rights Voices (HVR) states that ‘there have been at least 79 separate terrorist attacks by Palestinian children since September 13, 2015.’

The attackers have been as young as eight.

The report further noted that rather than act to prevent children from risking their lives in order to kill Jews, the Palestinian Authority has incited and encouraged its children to commit murder, in violation of international law.

The report quotes PA UN representative Riyad Mansour’s declaration in the public hall of the UN Headquarters on November 23, 2015 as evidence of the PA’s endorsement of child terrorism: ‘We are so proud that in this popular uprising that has started almost two months ago, that the backbone of this uprising are the youth of Palestine.’..’” **(How barbaric to use children in such a manner. Golda Meir once said: “We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. We will only have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate**

us.” Read the following passages to see what the Bible says about children.

*“...children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward”- Psalms 127:3. “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” – Proverbs 22:6. “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up” – Deuteronomy 6:4 – 7. “... all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children” – Isaiah 54:13. Matthew 18:2 – 6 states: “And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.” See the next report.)*

## **At Hamas summer camp, kids ‘liberate’ Temple Mount, ‘kill’ Israeli troops**

**August 3, 2017** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Children at a Hamas summer camp staged a reenactment of the recent tensions at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, with kids dressed up as Hamas fighters pretending to storm the compound and ‘liberate’ the holy site.

Footage of last month’s graduation ceremony, which was translated Tuesday by the *Middle East Media Research Institute*, shows a group of children dressed up as Muslim worshipers confronting kids in Israeli Border Police costumes guarding metal detectors at the Mount, yelling, ‘We want to pray in the Al-Aqsa Mosque.’

When the ‘worshipers’ refuse an order to leave the Mount by the kids playing border guards, the ‘officers’ aim their guns at the group and drive them away from the metal detectors, forcing them to hold prayers outside the site.

At the conclusion of the prayers, several of the children stand up and declare, ‘We want to liberate Al-Aqsa,’ and one of them pretends to stab one of the kids playing Border Police officers.

The rest of the group proceeds to pelt the border policemen with rocks to chants of ‘Allahu Akbar,’ and the officers open fire. The play’s narrator announces that ‘one martyr has fallen while carrying out a stabbing operation’ after ‘killing one of the Zionist pigs.’..’.

# JIHAD IN AMERICA

## **U.S. Professor: 'How come we don't have intifada in this country?'**

July 27, 2017 -- Israel National News reports: "University of California's Hatem Bazian, co-founder of the anti-Israel Students for Justice in Palestine, has been calling for intifada in the United States, as documented in a video by Canary Mission.

In it, Prof. Bazian is seen in various venues calling for intifada in the United States.

Bazian is not the only U.S. Muslim in a leadership position who has been calling for violent uprising. Last week, *Arutz Sheva* reported on MEMRI's video of Egyptian-born American Imam Ammar Shahin delivering a Friday sermon at the Islamic Center of Davis, northern California, where he called for the slaughter of all Jews. The resultant social media groundswell led to complaints filed with the FBI, *Arutz Sheva* has learned..." **(Islamic migrants infiltrated every group that rushed into Europe and all 50 states of America – II Timothy 3:1: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." The newspapers in America dated May 14, 2016 warned that ISIS has a kill list containing between 2,000 – 3,000 names and addresses of victims to be slaughtered in America fulfilling Revelation 20:4 "...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".)*

## **No Go Zones: Breitbart's Raheem Kassam unveils new book on Islamic ghettos In Western World**

July 25, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "*Breitbart London* Editor-in-Chief Raheem Kassam this weekend revealed the cover of his new book No Go Zones: How Sharia Law Is Coming to a Neighborhood Near You.

The book — available for pre-order now — details Kassam's travels through European and American neighborhoods where Islamic law finds itself a part of local communities, and ties together narratives between these new ghettos and Islamic radicalism...

*JihadWatch* director Robert Spencer said of the new book: 'Raheem Kassam is one of the most fearless and insightful journalists on the scene today, and he pulls no punches in No Go Zones: How Sharia Law is Coming to a Neighborhood Near You as he boldly exposes what most of his peers and colleagues would rather pass over in silence or, even worse, actively deny in the face of an ever-increasing mountain of evidence'..." **(Islam presently prepares for global control. Khamenei of Iran and Kabbani of the USA all promote holy jihad [holy war]. When they win Sharia Law replaces the laws of the nations overtaken by them. Sharia Law puts to death all daughters who have had premarital sex, all homosexuals, all apostate Muslims who defect from the faith and all infidels [other religious rejecters] who will not renounce their current beliefs for Islam. More on this brutal barbaric religion of fear which warns 'convert or die'. How different Christ and Christianity are – "...Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you." – Luke 6:27 & 28; 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.)

## **Muslim to U.S. judge: 'Allah will reward me, punish you'**

August 4, 2017 -- *WND.com* reports: "The fact that the U.S. faces an enemy unlike any other, who defies conventional methods of deterrence, was illustrated Wednesday in a federal courtroom in Ohio.

Terrence McNeil, 24, of Akron was standing before U.S. District Judge Dan Polster to receive his sentence on charges he threatened members of the military and their families in the name of the ISIS.

The judge issued a 20-year prison sentence, but McNeil defiantly told Polster it was of no concern to him, *Cleveland.com* reported.

'Nothing you did today even matters,' McNeil said. 'Jihad will continue until the day of judgment. And that's a promise from Allah.'

'It's not going to change. It's not going to stop. Neither of them are. My commission of Allah is not going to stop. So this is meaningless. I'll be rewarded for what I do. You'll be punished for what you do. I'm fine with that. You're fine with that.'

McNeil concluded: 'So we'll wait for the punishment of Allah to afflict you, either by himself or through the hands of the Muslims, and then we'll see. Inshallah...' **(As I have stated before, Allah is incapable of rewarding or punishing: "For all of the gods of the nations are idols; but the LORD made the heavens" – Psalm 96:5.)**

## **Now Western media face wrath of Islamic blasphemy laws**

August 2, 2017 -- *WND.com* reports: "A group of international Islamist

organizations led by the Saudi-based Organization of Islamic Cooperation, or OIC, recently held a two-day conference on countering ‘Islamophobia’ in which it recommends imposing Islamic blasphemy laws on the media worldwide.

Under Islamic law, it is considered a serious offense to criticize Allah, Muhammad or Islam. In countries like Pakistan, a Muslim can take a non-Muslim to court and claim he was ‘offended’ by something that was said, resulting in a trial and jail time, even death, for the non-Muslim.

Christians in Pakistan, Indonesia, Egypt, Sudan and other Muslim-dominated countries with significant Christian minorities have been the targets of brutal persecution, with the blasphemy laws often serving as the catalyst for their incarceration. Christians have been jailed, stoned, beheaded, and even had acid thrown in their faces for violating the blasphemy laws.

But the OIC, which consists of 57 Muslim-majority countries and boasts the largest voting bloc at the United Nations, is not satisfied with its own

people living under threat of arrest for offending Islam by something that is said, written or posted on the Internet...”

### **U.S. court forbids mention of ‘Islam’, ‘Muslim’ at public hearing**

August 2, 2017 -- *Israel National News* reports: “In a settlement agreement which reads more like a declaration of surrender, Bernards Township, New Jersey officials agreed that in addition to a \$3.5 million payment to Islamic Society of Basking Ridge (ISBR), residents and citizens of the Township are prohibited from commenting on ‘Islam’ or ‘Muslims’ at the upcoming public hearing to approve the settlement. Astonishingly, a federal judge approved the prohibition as a fully enforceable Order of the Court.

As a result of this suppression of speech, the Thomas More Law Center (TMLC), a national public interest law firm based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, yesterday filed a lawsuit in the New Jersey Federal District Court on behalf of Christopher and Loretta Quick.

TMLC’s lawsuit alleges that the Bernards Township’s settlement agreement constitutes a prior restraint on speech based on content, as well as a violation of the Establishment Clause because it respects Islam over other religions. The lawsuit asks the court to declare that the settlement agreement is unconstitutional, and to enter a preliminary and permanent injunction against its enforcement.

The Quicks reside within 200 feet of the proposed mosque construction in a zoned residential area. Yet, the settlement agreement prohibits them from describing the many unique features of Islamic worship which will impact design of the building, traffic density, water and sewage, traffic control problems, road construction, and parking arrangements. According to the settlement agreement, ISBR is permitted to make statements concerning Christians and Jews and their places of worship, but in contrast, the Agreement prohibits commentary relating to Islam or Muslims. In fact, ISBR has previously discussed the Christian and Jewish religions and their places of worship...

# **JERUSALEM: A CUP OF TREMBLING**

## **In Jerusalem, some Muslims warn religious war is imminent, others say it’s begun**

July 23, 2017 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “As if they were in a mosque, thousands of men and women sitting along the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem took their shoes off late Friday morning. Others kept them on.

Squished into the narrow space between the Lions Gate and the entrance to the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound, they would not dare cross through the metal detectors placed there by Israel last

week, following a shooting attack at the holy site, in which three Arab Israelis emerged from the compound and shot dead two policemen who were on duty here.

A week later, since Israel had barred men below 50-years-old from entering the Old City, only a few young men roamed through the crowd — overwhelmingly locals of the walled city — handing out cold water. Women of all ages were allowed in...

Until this Friday, Jerusalemite Abid Alfkhwari, 72, didn’t think the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians had

slipped into a battle between religions.

But Israel’s installation of metal detectors at the Temple Mount compound — a change to the status quo, say Muslim leaders; a self-evidently necessary security measure, says Israel — has changed that, he said. Now he believes the conflict is entering a new chapter.

‘From today onward, this is a religious war,’ he said. ‘Al-Aqsa is not a red line, it’s a line of war,’ he added...” **(Psalm 122:6 – “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.” Why? Satan stood up against**

**Israel — I Chronicles 21:1. The Devil and his anti-Semitic haters will lose because Yahweh God promises “I will give them [Israel] an *everlasting* name (emphasis mine) Isaiah 56:5.)**

**Radical cleric calls for ‘Islamic war’ for Jerusalem**

July 24, 2017 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi, head of the Association of Muslim Scholars and a senior member of the Muslim Brotherhood, said on Sunday that the confrontation with Israel on the Temple Mount should be defined as a religious campaign.

‘It must be clearly stated that this is an Islamic campaign, since Al-Quds is not only a Palestinian issue or an Arab one. Al-Quds is the interest of the Islamic nation from the west to the east,’ Qaradawi wrote on Twitter.

Qaradawi is considered the supreme religious authority of the Sunni Muslim world and the spiritual leader of both the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas. During the period of the Al-Aqsa Intifada, Qaradawi issued a fatwa permitting suicide attacks against Israel.

On the religious level, Qaradawi advocates for a gradual Islamic revolution until the Islamic rule and the rule of the caliphate are fully implemented. He predicted that Islamic immigration to Europe would eventually lead to the

Islamization of the continent...” **(This cleric will answer to God at Judgment Day. The Muslim Brotherhood is a terrorist organization that wants to destroy God’s Chosen People – “For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers...” Deuteronomy 7: 6 – 8.)**

**World council of churches sends message of support for Palestinian ‘campaign for Jerusalem’**

July 25, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The World Council of Churches (WCC) officially endorsed the Palestinian ‘campaign for Jerusalem,’ saying that Israel’s recent move installing additional security measures at the Temple Mount following a terror attack there was a ‘corrosive act in the midst of an already-fragile peace.’

‘Keeping the historical status quo and supporting equal rights for Christians, Muslims and Jews at these holy sites is vitally important to maintaining peace and de-escalating

violence,’ said Fr. Ioan Sauca, acting general secretary of the WCC.

‘Denying access to holy sites for thousands of people who have traveled far to pray is not only a violation of the rights of those individuals, but also a corrosive act in the midst of an already-fragile peace,’ Fr. Sauca said.

Far from ‘denying access’ to the Temple Mount, Israel decided to install metal detectors at the entrance to the holy site after Arab terrorists smuggled guns there on July 14 and embarked on a shooting spree that claimed the lives of two Druze-Israeli police officers. The Palestinian leadership, however, claimed the additional security measures were part of an Israeli attempt to change the status quo on the Temple Mount and called on all Muslims to take to the streets and riot...” **(The Mideast situation is a fulfillment of what non-Spirit guided Christians have practiced. Satan stood against Israel and provoked David to number Israel. Anti-Semitism was rampant as it is today. Numerous denominations have manipulated over 3,500 Bible verses to eliminate any mention of Israel forever. God says in Isaiah 56:5 “I will give Israel an everlasting name...” We have apostates trying to bring Christianity and Islam together as they try to wipe Israel out of God’s Holy Word 3,534 times.)**

# THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

**Palestinian social media users hail ‘heroic’ slaying of Jewish family**

July 23, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Palestinian social media users, along with some in the larger Arab world, praised the brutal Palestinian terrorist attack in which three members of an Israeli family were murdered on Friday night during a Sabbath meal in the town of Halamish west of Ramallah.

Palestinian journalist Yasser Zaatreh wrote, ‘Yesterday was one of Palestine’s

biggest days, starting with a day of rage that boasted the blood of three martyrs and ended with a heroic act that hurt the invaders. This is the land that Allah blessed.’...

Isam Naser wrote, ‘You’re a hero; you turned the equation on its head. The Zionist gangs have reinforced the area with 15,000 pigs (security personnel) and you alone have turned the equation on its head and now (Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin) Netanyahu is crying. He and his gang are now in

great distress. May Allah heal a lion.’

The victims of the attack were identified as Yosef Salomon, 70, his daughter Chaya Salomon, 46, and son Elad Salomon, 36...” **(Islam’s murderers: “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come...evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” – II Timothy 3:1 & 13; and “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the**

*beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it” – John 8:44.)*

### **Jordanian MP praises soldier who killed Israeli schoolgirls**

July 21, 2017 -- *Israel National News* reports: “A Jordanian member of parliament has praised soldier Ahmed Daqamseh, who in 1997 shot dead seven Israeli schoolgirls, as a hero, *i24news* reported Thursday.

Dima Tahboub, a spokeswoman for the Islamic Action Front which is the political wing of Jordan’s branch of the Muslim Brotherhood, said Daqamseh was a hero because he was retaliating against Israel and the teenage girls were ‘enemies.’

Tahboub’s comments were made in an interview with British journalist Tim Sebastian, according to *i24news*.

Daqamseh was a soldier in the Jordanian army when he opened fire on a group of students who were visiting the ‘peace island’ of

Naharayim on March 13, 1997, as part of a class trip.

Naharayim is located right near the Jordanian border, and Daqamseh opened fire on the girls from the Jordanian side. He killed seven of the students, and wounded six others...” (What murderous barbarians these groups are. Their hatred knows no limits. Jesus said in **Matthew 18:6 – “But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”)**

### **Temple Mount terrorist before attack: ‘Our smile tomorrow will be more beautiful, Allah willing’**

July 16, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “One of the three gunmen who carried out a deadly terror attack Friday morning at the Temple Mount in Jerusalem posted on Facebook shortly before the shooting, saying ‘Our smile tomorrow will be more beautiful, Allah willing.’

The post, which was accompanied by a selfie of two of the attackers standing at the holy site, attracted more than 1,000 comments in under an hour, most of them from well-wishers.

‘May Allah’s mercy be on you in the gardens of the immortality, O Martyrs of dignity and honor,’ one Facebook user responded.

Another, Naseer Abu Soud wrote: ‘To the Gardens of Blessings ... Allah will have mercy on you and will grant you the highest Paradise.’

Samah Othman wrote: ‘And do not think those who were killed in the way of Allah dead, but will live with their Lord. Happy with what Allah has given them of his bounty and preach to those who did not follow them from behind, do not fear for them nor grieve. ... Allah makes your highest Paradise.’...” (Killing is rewarded in Islam. Not only do they receive 72 virgins as righteous and martyred godly men, but what even more shocking is they get to choose 70 relatives and friends to go to heaven.)

# AN IRANIAN EMPIRE?

## **Kissinger: End of Islamic State could lead to ‘Iranian Radical Empire’**

August 6, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “If the Islamic State is destroyed, the situation in the Middle East could end up being even more dire with the emergence of an ‘Iranian radical empire’ in its wake, former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger warned in an article published by *CapX* this week.

Kissinger cautioned that in the case of IS and Iran, the old aphorism ‘the enemy of my enemy is my friend’ no longer holds water, since driving out the Sunni terror group would leave a ‘territorial belt reaching from Tehran to Beirut’ that Iranian-trained Shia forces could occupy...”

(The goal of Islam is a worldwide caliphate under Sharia Law. In 1979 the Grand Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini stated: “The governments of the world should know that... Islam will be victorious in all the countries of the world, and Islam and the teaching of the Quran will prevail over all the world.” He then stated in 1981: “I say let Iran go up in smoke, provided Islam emerges triumphant in the rest of the world.” It won’t happen. Jesus will set up His eternal kingdom on the earth: “[He gathers] all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet

*shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south” – Zechariah 14:2 – 4.* Then Psalm 2:6 occurs as God the Father says: “...I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem].” See the next report.)

## **‘Iranian empire is being established – and the U.S. does nothing’**

August 8, 2017 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Israeli Education Minister

Naftali Bennett (Jewish Home) warned that the West is ignoring the greatest threat to global security in its fight against ISIS, trading away long-term strategic security for short-term tactical gains.

In an opinion piece published by *The Wall Street Journal* on Monday, Bennett argued that while ISIS had captured the

West's attention, the Tehran regime has been quietly expanding its influence across the region, working to establish radical Shi'ite hegemony over large portions of the Middle East.

'Since its 1979 revolution, Iran has sought to become a dominant world power capable of instilling Islamic rule on as many people as possible. The

Iranian regime finances and supports armed militias in other countries and is the world's top exporter of terror.'

While ISIS atrocities have sparked outrage, Bennett claims Iran represents a far deadlier long-term threat, one which could extend far beyond the Middle East...'

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## **Pakistan: Authorities detain Christian teenager on charges of 'insulting Muhammad'**

July 19, 2017 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Police officers in Muslim-majority Pakistan have accused a Christian teenager of committing blasphemy, saying he used derogatory comments against Islam's Muhammad.

'Umair Ahmed, a police officer in the town of Kharian in eastern Punjab province, said Saturday that the teenager, 16, was booked a day earlier and relocated for his safety,' reports the *Associated Press (AP)*. 'Ahmed said the youth was working at a local hospital.'

The strict blasphemy laws in Pakistan are primarily used to target Christians across the country, where dozens of people are detained on blasphemy charges every year.

Pakistani law enforcement officials have arrested Christian children as young as eight years old on allegations of insulting Islam or Mohammed, a crime that is punishable by death in Pakistan.

While the Pakistani government has not carried out a blasphemy-related death sentence, numerous Islamic extremists in the country have taken their version of justice into their hands..." (Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the world. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and

persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." – Matthew 5:10 – 12; "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me." – John 15:18 – 21; "...When he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held." -- Revelation 6:9; "...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; and "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." – Revelation 2:10. See the next six reports.)

## **'No security, no protection' for Mosul's Christians after Islamic State**

July 21, 2017 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "The jihadists may have been ousted from their Iraqi hometown of Mosul but many Christians like Haitham Behnam refuse to go back and trade in the stability of their new lives.

'There's no security, no protection for Christians back there,' said the former resident of the largest city in northern Iraq.

'It's better for us to stay here and keep our mouths shut,' said the man in his forties who resettled in the Iraqi Kurdish capital of Arbil in 2014 after the Islamic State jihadist group seized control of Mosul.

'They came to see us in our shops. They told us: 'We have nothing against you. If we're bothering you, tell us.' A week later, it was 'Christians out!'" recalled Behnam, who used to deal in ready-to-wear clothing.

Under the brutal rule of IS, Mosul's Christian community of around 35,000 was handed an ultimatum: convert to Islam, pay a special tax imposed on non-Muslims, or risk being executed unless they leave town..."

## **Caste aside: India's new president has 'no room for Christians'**

July 28, 2017 -- *ChristianityToday.com* reports: "Ram Nath Kovind, India's new president who took office today, represents an unusual case of a little-known politician from the country's

lowest caste, the Dalits, rising to power.

However, as others champion his victory, India's Christian minority—the majority of whom are Dalits themselves—know that a Hindu nationalist politician from the Dalit caste is still a Hindu nationalist politician.

Like the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) that nominated him, Kovind represents a continued threat to non-Hindus in India, including its estimated 25 million to 60 million Christians...

### **Buddhists in Burma attack, injure newly converted Christians**

August 7, 2017 -- *MorningStarNews.com* reports: "About 150 angry Buddhists and monks this month attacked newly converted Christians in Burma (Myanmar), destroying their homes and property and injuring seven people.

In Thi Taw village in northwest Burma's Sagaing Region, the mob threw stones and broke into houses on July 6, two days after two families put their trust in Christ and left Buddhism, a local official told *Morning Star News*. Four women and three men who were hit with stones and sticks and suffered injuries on their heads, faces and backs. Three motorbikes were destroyed.

The Buddhists told local press that the Christian villagers sang and preached late into the night to celebrate and welcome the new Christians. The local Buddhists told *Morning Star News* that the Assembly of God Church members, visiting from neighboring Chin state, held services for three days, prompting them to attack on the third day..."

### **11 killed in attack at Nigerian church**

August 7, 2017 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Authorities in Nigeria said 11 people were killed and 18 others critically wounded in an attack on a church in the southeastern part of the country.

Initially witnesses said the attack was carried out by at least two gunmen, but Garba Umar, police commissioner of Anambra state, said one gunman attacked St. Philip Catholic Church early Sunday.

Anambra State Governor Willie Obiano said the attack stemmed from a feud between members of the local community who were living outside Nigeria.

'We are not going to relent until we bring those that perpetrated this heinous crime to book,' he said.

Nigeria's southeast is predominantly Christian and the attack is a rare act of violence at a church..."

### **Egypt's Coptic Christians to Halt Activities After Security Threat, Sources Say**

July 14, 2017 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Christians have been told by church leaders to cancel all events and activities outside churches in July because of a security threat, church sources said Thursday.

The warning followed an attack in May by Islamic State on Copts traveling to a monastery in central Egypt that killed 29 people. A month earlier, 44 people were killed in bomb attacks at a cathedral and another church on Palm Sunday.

Sources said the warning was given to individual church leaders by a representative of the Coptic Orthodox Pope. Copts on trips or youth camps had been told to cut short their activities and return home early.

The Egyptian Catholic church said it got the same instructions. The church 'complied with the interior minister's decision to cancel church trips and camps until further notice,' Father Rafik Greish, a spokesman for the Coptic Catholic Church, told *Reuters* late Thursday.

A Coptic Church official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the media, told *Reuters* that his church received

'oral instructions this week, nothing written, to prevent panic,' he said..."

### **Hundreds of Muslims converting to Christianity in Finland, churches say**

July 28, 2017 -- *ChristianToday.com* reports: "Finland has reportedly seen a flood of conversions from Islam to Christianity, with hundreds of asylum seekers from the Middle East turning to the Christian faith, officials in the Evangelical Lutheran community said.

Evangelical Lutheran parishes have begun establishing confirmation classes for Muslim immigrants who want to become Christians. Exact figures on the number of recent Muslim converts aren't available since such records aren't kept — but conservative estimates on the number suggest several hundred in recent years within the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church, according to the Finnish news source *Yle Uutiset*.

Converts hail from Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq. As many as 20 Afghani men are enrolled in 'pre-confirmation' teaching on the Christian faith at the Tainionkoski parish centre in Imatra, Eastern Finland. Students are assisted by a New Testament in the Dari language, the variety of Persian spoken in Afghanistan. A Dari interpreter is also on hand via Skype to support the teaching given in English.

'I haven't been baptised yet, but I'm looking forward to it and I'm sure I will be a good Christian,' said one convert, Aliraza Hussaini.

Conversion from Islam is a divisive move however, one not readily accepted by many traditional Muslim families; some say that after conversion they are seen as 'infidels' in 'exile' by family in their home countries..."