

*“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 BURDEN OF DAMASCUS

### **Syria: More than 150 dead from chemical weapons attack**

**April 8, 2018** -- *Israel National News* reports: “At least 150 people were killed in the city of Douma, east of Damascus, after the Assad army’s air force bombed the area.

According to reports, there is a suspicion that chemical weapons, including the sarin nerve agent, were used in the bombing. Opposition sources report that airplanes dropped barrels of chemical materials on the city and its residents.

More than 1,000 civilians have been affected by inhalation of the chemical substance and are suffering from severe suffocation. On Syrian television, a thick cloud of smoke could be seen rising from Douma.

The State Department responded last night to the reports and said it was checking them. A statement from Washington said that if Assad was found to have used chemical weapons, Russia would be held accountable and the matter would be accompanied by a response from the international community...” **(According to the web page: I Am Syria: <http://www.iamsyria.org/death-tolls.html> there have been over 500,000 deaths in Syria since 2011. The British-based**

**Syrian Observatory for Human Rights put the total at 511,000. There were 10,204 civilians killed in Syria in 2017 – including 2,298 children and 1,536 women. There have been 3,404 civilian deaths so far in 2018 – more than 1,000 of them have been children according to the UN. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has carried out numerous inhumane tactics such as chemical weapons, and barrel bombs, both classified as weapons of terror. President al-Assad had better beware – there is a prophecy in Isaiah that has yet to be fulfilled: “The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap” – Isaiah 17:1. Damascus is widely believed to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, but God’s Word declares that will end. See the next two reports.)**

### **Trump Blames Putin, Iran for Syrian Chemical Attack, Vowing ‘Big Price to Pay’**

**April 8, 2018** -- *Voice of America News* reports: “U.S. President Donald Trump blamed Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iran on Sunday for a ‘mindless chemical attack’ in Syria that killed at least 40 people, vowing there would be a ‘big price to pay.’

In a rare direct condemnation of the Russian leader, Trump declared, ‘President Putin, Russia and Iran are responsible’ for their support of ‘Animal Assad,’ Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

‘Big price to pay,’ Trump said in one of a string of Twitter comments. ‘Open area immediately for medical help and verification. Another humanitarian disaster for no reason whatsoever. SICK!’

Trump did not say how the U.S. might respond, but Homeland Security and counterterrorism adviser Thomas Bossert told *ABC News*, ‘I wouldn’t take anything off the table.’...”

### **Syria ‘chemical attack’: France’s President Macron says he has proof**

**April 12, 2018** -- *BBC News* reports: “France’s President Emmanuel Macron says he has ‘proof’ that the Syrian government attacked the town of Douma with chemical weapons last weekend.

He said he would decide ‘in due course’ whether to strike Syria.

Western states are thought to be preparing for missile strikes in response to the alleged attack.

In Russia, Syria’s main military ally,

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov urged against ‘any steps which could lead to an escalation of tensions’.

U.S. President Donald Trump, who said on Wednesday that missiles were ‘coming’, has now tweeted that he ‘never said when’...

**Pentagon: U.S., allies launched 105 missiles in Syria, ‘successfully’ hit all three targets**

April 14, 2018 -- FoxNews.com reports: “The Pentagon said Saturday that the U.S.-led allied missile strikes in Syria successfully hit all three targets and have ‘significantly crippled’ Syrian President Bashar Assad’s ability to make more chemical weapons.

‘I think we dealt them a severe blow,’ Lt. Gen. Kenneth McKenzie, director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at the Pentagon after the overnight bombing. ‘We’ve attacked the heart of the Syrians’ chemical weapons program.’

McKenzie identified the targets as Barzah Research and Development, the Him Shinshar Chemical Weapons Storage Site and the Him Shinshar Bunker Facility. He also said a total 105 missiles were launched by air and sea, all hitting their targets within minutes.

The strikes, in Douma, near Damascus, were launched in response to evidence that the Assad regime killed civilians

in an April 7 chemical attack, the latest in country’s years-long civil war...” (Russia has been a vocal opponent of the missile strikes. They threatened to shoot down any missiles fired at Syria, but they did not. Russia is warming up for Armageddon. Soon a peace program will be contracted for the Middle East nations – Daniel 11: 21, 24. It will be a peace contract for seven years but broken after 42 months – Daniel 9:27. Russia is the nation that then says: “...I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates, To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations...” – Ezekiel 38:11, 12. See the next two reports.)

**Haley warns U.S. is ‘locked and loaded’ if Syria uses chemical weapons again**

April 14, 2018 -- FoxNews.com reports: “U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley said Saturday that the United States is ‘locked and loaded’ if Syrian President Bashar Assad’s regime uses chemical gas again in the country.

Haley made the remarks at a fiery meeting of the U.N. Security Council, in which Russia and the U.S. traded

barbs over the decision of the U.S., France and the United Kingdom to launch strikes in Syria on Friday in response to the alleged use of chemical weapons last week in Douma. A draft resolution from Russia condemning the strike failed in a vote, with only Bolivia and China voting alongside Russia.

While the Trump administration has said the strikes are now over, with Trump declaring: ‘Mission Accomplished!’ on Saturday morning, Haley warned in her remarks that should the Assad regime use such weapons again, strikes could resume...”

**Israel Admits to Striking Syria: ‘It Was the First Time We Attacked Live Iranian Targets’**

April 16, 2018 -- Haaretz reports: “A senior Israeli military official admitted to The New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman that Israel targeted the Iranian drone command center at the T4 air base in Syria last week. ‘It was the first time we attacked live Iranian targets — both facilities and people,’ said the Israeli military source.

The official noted that the armed Iranian drone that entered Israeli airspace ‘opened a new period,’ saying that ‘this is the first time we saw Iran do something against Israel — not by proxy.’...”

## NEWS FROM ISRAEL & THE MIDDLE EAST

**Iranian general: ‘Date set’ for destruction of Israel**

April 17, 2018 -- Israel National News reports: “An Iranian general stated that a date has been set for the destruction of Israel.

Brigadier General Kioumars Heydari, the commander of the Iranian ground forces, said in a speech that Iran’s army is ‘much stronger than in the past’ and that Israel can no longer threaten the Islamic Republic.

The Iranian news agency Mehr reported that the general said that ‘the date has

already been set’ for the destruction of Israel.

Heydari delivered his speech ahead of Iran’s ‘Army Day’, which will begin tomorrow (Wednesday), on the same day Israel celebrates its Independence Day. He stressed that unlike Saudi Arabia and other countries in the region, which import weapons from the West, his country produces its own weapons...”

(When will Israel be destroyed? The answer is found in a 1970’s Country music song lyric – “Exactly one minute past eternity.” It will never happen.

God has promised Israel: “I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.” – Isaiah 56:5. Jesus will reign from Israel forever: “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for

*ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.” - Isaiah 9:6-7; “He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” - Luke 1:32-33; “But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” - Micah 4:1-3. See the next two reports.)*

### **Khamenei: Israel should be forced to ‘retreat to point of demise’**

**April 5, 2018** -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei called Wednesday on the people of Muslim countries to defeat Israel. ‘With an intense and planned struggle, they should force the enemy to retreat toward the point of demise,’ he said.

Any move to negotiate with Israel would be an ‘unforgivable mistake’, the cleric added, after Saudi Arabia’s crown prince said Israelis were entitled to live peacefully on their own land.

Supreme Leader Khamenei later tweeted, ‘On days when escalation of oppression & barbarism by the Zionists, in Gaza has saddened and angered those who care for Palestine, we reiterate the perpetual stance of the Islamic Republic regarding the issue of Palestine.

‘The return of dignity and power to the

Islamic nation is exclusively linked to resistance—while confronting arrogant powers and their wicked plots—and the issue of Palestine is at the top of Islam’s international agenda in the face of the arrogant front.’

Saudi Arabia—birthplace of Islam and site of its holiest shrines—does not officially recognize Israel, but Mohammed bin Salman’s comments, quoted in the U.S. magazine *The Atlantic*, are a further sign of an apparent thawing in bilateral ties...”

### **‘BDS’ goal is to destroy Israel’**

**April 16, 2018** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Attorney Nati Rom, founder of the ‘Lev Ha’olam’ organization responded to the recent string of ‘Israel Apartheid Week’ events, discussing the Mayor of Dublin’s participation in an anti-Israel event, the BDS movement, and the growth of anti-Semitism worldwide.

‘Anti-Semitism has not disappeared – it has simply taken new form in terms of hatred of Israel,’ Rom said, responding to a visit by Dublin’s mayor to the Palestinian Authority city of Ramallah. ‘Sometimes attackers of Israel clothe themselves in the language of human rights and concern for the Palestinians, yet their goal is always the same: to harm the Jewish people.’

In Ramallah, the mayor visited Yasser Arafat’s grave and took part in a conference remembering Haj Amin al-Husseini, who incited Arabs to murder Jews and cooperated with the Nazis during World War II.

Rom slammed Israeli border control authorities over the approval granted this week for the Dublin mayor to enter Israel, apparently given by accident due to a spelling error, saying that authorities had brought a fifth column into the country. He also noted that Dublin’s mayor took another step against Israel this week when he acceded to the demands of BDS activists to boycott Hewlett Packard, due to the company’s cooperation with Israel.

Rom also highlighted several other events this week involving hatred towards Israel. One of those is ‘Israel Apartheid Week,’ an annual week-long event on college campuses organized by BDS supporters to attack Israel.

‘The students supporting BDS chant ‘From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,’ which shows their clear goal of destroying Israel,’ Rom explained...”

### **Saudi Crown Prince Says Israelis Have Right to Their Own Land**

**April 3, 2018** -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Saudi Arabia’s crown prince said Israelis are entitled to live peacefully on their own land in an interview published on Monday in U.S. magazine *The Atlantic*, another public sign of ties between Riyadh and Tel Aviv appearing to grow closer.

Asked if he believes the Jewish people have a right to a nation-state in at least part of their ancestral homeland, Mohammed bin Salman was quoted as saying: ‘I believe the Palestinians and the Israelis have the right to have their own land. But we have to have a peace agreement to assure the stability for everyone and to have normal relations.’

Saudi Arabia — birthplace of Islam and home to its holiest shrines — does not recognize Israel. It has maintained for years that normalizing relations hinges on Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands captured in the 1967 Middle East war, territory Palestinians seek for a future state.

‘We have religious concerns about the fate of the holy mosque in Jerusalem and about the rights of the Palestinian people. This is what we have. We don’t have any objection against any other people,’ said Prince Mohammed who is touring the United States to drum up investments and support for his efforts to contain Iranian influence...”

**(Genesis 15:18 states: “In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates” and in Joshua 1:4 we read: “From the**

*wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.”* These verses encompass all of the land modern Israel currently possesses, plus all of the land of the Palestinians (the West Bank and Gaza), plus some of Egypt and Syria, plus all of Jordan, plus some of Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Israel currently possesses only a fraction of the land God has promised. See the next two reports.)

### **After Crown Prince Recognizes Israel's Right to Exist, Saudi King Reiterates Support for Palestinians**

**April 3, 2018** -- *Haaretz* reports: “King Salman reiterated Saudi Arabia’s support for a Palestinian state after his son and heir apparent said Israelis were entitled to live peacefully on their own land – a rare statement by an Arab leader.

The king also emphasised the need to advance the peace process in a phone call with U.S. President Donald Trump on Monday night, made after Israeli security forces killed 16 Palestinians last week during a demonstration along the Israel-Gaza border.

King Salman reaffirmed ‘the kingdom’s steadfast position towards the Palestinian issue and the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to an independent state with Jerusalem as its capital’, state news agency *SPA* said on Tuesday...”

### **Saudi King demands Palestinian state, hits Trump over Jerusalem move**

**April 16, 2018** -- *Israel National News* reports: “The King of Saudi Arabia criticized President Donald Trump on Sunday over his declaration in December recognizing Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and announcing plans to relocate the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Speaking at the opening of the 29th Arab Summit of the Arab League in

Dhahran, Saudi Arabia on Sunday, King Salman bin Abdulaziz rejected U.S. recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, adding that the Islamic kingdom views eastern Jerusalem as an ‘integral part’ of a future Palestinian state.

‘We reiterate our rejection of the U.S. decision on Jerusalem,’ the King said in his speech Sunday.

‘East Jerusalem is an integral part of the Palestinian territories,’ the king added...”

### **Hamas leader threatens to attack ‘settlements’**

**April 9, 2018** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Senior Hamas leader Mahmoud al-Zahar on Sunday warned the IDF against operating in Gaza in response to the ‘March of the Return’, in which Gazans are marching en masse toward the border with Israel.

In an interview with the Hamas-affiliated newspaper *Felesteen*, Zahar said that ‘Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman wants to send a message of intimidation, but he knows that we are not afraid.’

Asked about the possibility of an Israeli attack in Gaza, Zahar replied, ‘The message is clear, an eye for an eye. If it attacks inside Gaza, we will attack the settlements that are deep inside Israel.’

‘The Palestinian people are the guide today, because the Palestinian people are stronger than any organization and the roots of the people are stronger than the 1967 borders and stronger than the 1948 borders,’ Zahar continued.

‘Among the Palestinian, Arab and Israeli leadership there are those who believe that the (Palestinian) people have forgotten their land. The Palestinian people today emphasize that they have not forgotten a single inch of Palestine and will not give up any holy place in it, and we will not stop the resistance until we realize this goal,’ he threatened...”

**(As was reported in the November 2017 Van Impe Intelligence Briefing - No independent Arab or Palestinian state ever existed in Palestine. When**

**the distinguished Arab-American historian, Princeton University Prof. Philip Hitti, testified against partition before the Anglo-American Committee in 1946, he said: “There is no such thing as ‘Palestine’ in history, absolutely not.” In fact, Palestine is never explicitly mentioned in the Koran, rather it is called “the holy land” (al-Arad al-Muqaddash).”**

### **Lieberman to Hamas: ‘You’ll never break us’**

**April 13, 2018** -- *YnetNews.com* reports: “The state ceremony marking the end of Holocaust Memorial Day took place Thursday evening at the Yad Mordechai kibbutz, marking 75 years since the famed rebellion in the Warsaw Ghetto.

The ceremony was attended by Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman and Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon, both of whom delivered remarks. In Lieberman’s speech, the defense minister sent a message to Gaza’s denizens, saying, ‘You’ll never break us.’

Apart for the quarter century since the rebellion, the ceremony was also held in commemoration of 75 years since the founding of the kibbutz.

Several key events in the history of the Jewish people were noted during the ceremony, starting with Kristallnacht in 1938 and ending with the declaration of the State of Israel’s independence—or ‘From the night of darkness to the night of decision,’ as organizers put it.

Lieberman’s speech at the ceremony was directed at the inhabitants of Gaza, Hamas chiefly among them. ‘The spirit, hope and faith that have accompanied us during the Holocaust and the War of Independence are stronger than all of our enemies and those who hate us,’ he declared.

‘You don’t stand a chance. Change course and begin thinking not about how to annihilate the State of Israel, but how to exist alongside it. That would be far better—first and foremost for you, but also for the people of Israel and

for the entire region,' he advised..." **(In Deuteronomy 7:7-10 God speaks of His eternal love for His chosen people — the Jews: "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, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand**

**generations; And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.")**

**The newest Hamas recruit: A 7-year-old girl**

**March 30, 2018 -- Israel National News** reports: "A seven-year-old girl was sent by Hamas into Israel, to fight with IDF forces.

The IDF confirmed that the suspected terrorist was a young girl, received her, and ensured that she returned safely to her parents.

'The Hamas terror organization cynically uses women and children, sending them to the border and

endangering their lives,' an IDF spokesman said.

Approximately 17,000 Gazans are protesting in five locations along the Gaza-Israel border. The protest is part of the planned 'march of return,' and participants are burning tires, and throwing firebombs and stones at the border and at IDF forces..." **(Proverbs 22:6 warns: "Train up a child in the way he should go: [or in this case the way he should not go] and when he is old, he will not depart from it." That goes for murderers and eternal Hell as well as for Heaven and eternal love and joy.)**

# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

**ISIS claims Easter Monday murders of Pakistani Christians**

**April 3, 2018 -- ChristianToday.com** reports: "ISIS has claimed responsibility for an attack that left four Christians dead in southwestern Pakistan on Easter Monday.

A press statement from the terror group on Tuesday said a 'covert unit' of militants 'managed to target a number of the combatant Christians'. It added the jihadists 'shot them with a pistol, which resulted in the killing of four of them, and all praise is due to Allah'.

The family was travelling in a rickshaw when the attackers opened fire, killing three of them plus the driver. One woman survived and was taken to a hospital, police said. However her father and three cousins died.

'It appears to have been a targeted attack,' provincial police official Moazzam Jah Ansari told *Reuters*. 'It was an act of terrorism.'

ISIS has not provided any evidence of its involvement.

The attack comes a day after Pakistan's Christian community celebrated Easter on Sunday. Around two per cent of Pakistan's population are Christians.

Minority religious festivals are a security concern in the majority Sunni Muslim country where there have been a number of high casualty attacks on Christians and Shi'ite Muslims. In 2016 on Easter Sunday an explosion at the hospital in Quetta killed 72 people and a bombing in the eastern city of Lahore killed at least 69 people..." **(Jesus said in John 15:18-19: "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" He continued in John 16:1-2: "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service."**

**These precious believers went from celebrating the Risen Savior on Sunday, to seeing the Risen Savior on Monday.**

**Just before Stephen was stoned, we read that "...he being full of the Holy Ghost looked up steadfastly into heaven, and say the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand**

**of God. And said: Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God" -- Acts 7:55-56.**

**Bill and Gloria Gather wrote the lyrics to "Because He Lives" which states in the last verse and chorus:**

*And then one day I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then, as death gives  
way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory  
and I'll know He lives.*

*Because He lives  
I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives  
All fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives*

**"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 three reports.)**

### **Palm Sunday in Cuba: Dozens of Women Beaten, Arrested for Practicing Christianity**

**March 28, 2018** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Cuban dissident group Ladies in White reports that at least 36 of their members were arrested violently this weekend while participating in pro-democracy protests and attempting to attend Catholic Mass on Palm Sunday.

The Ladies in White are a group consisting of the mothers, daughters, sisters, and wives of political prisoners. They protest the communist regime’s violent repression of speech and religion every Sunday by attempting to attend Mass wearing white and holding gladiolas, often carrying photos of their imprisoned loved ones.

The Havana wing of the group has not been able to attend Mass at their Santa Rita church for 140 Sundays, according to the Cuban-American outlet *Babalú Blog*. Next week, they will mark two years of being banned from their own church. The Catholic Church largely cooperates with the Cuban Castro regime, despite the latter being nominally atheist and forcing the church to disregard gross human rights abuses. In exchange, with the exception of the Ladies in White, the Cuban regime tends to crack down harder on Evangelical and other non-Catholic Christian denominations...”

#### **‘Christians flee PA oppression’**

**March 29, 2018** -- *Israel National News* reports: “Dr. Ephraim Herrera,

an expert on Islamic studies, explained how Muslim oppression is causing Christians to leave the city of Bethlehem, where they were once the majority.

‘Before the Palestinian Authority took control of these territories, about 85% of the population [of Bethlehem] were Christian citizens, and now they are less than 10% because the Palestinians prevent them from applying their faith and [performing] their customs and their prayers...’ Dr. Herrera told *Arutz Sheva* near Bethlehem. ‘Therefore, they fled from here.’

He pointed to nearby Beit Jala, which has a predominantly Christian population. ‘You see Beit Jala. I used to come there and to buy from Christians oil and eggs and we lived in peace with them. And now we cannot go there because they will kill me just for the fact I am a Jew.’

‘No Jew can live there. We speak about ‘Apartheid’ in Israel, but there is a law in the Palestinian Authority, that if you are a Jew you cannot be a citizen there. You cannot live there. And the Christians are oppressed there.

He said the Palestinian Authority (PA) accuses Israel of committing the very crimes the PA itself commits. ‘Saeb Erekat, who belongs to the Fatah committee, said that we oppress the Christians in Israel. We are the only country in which the Christians live in peace and they can have their faith and practice it in all the Middle East.’

Dr. Herrera accused Erekat of lying to turn Christians into ‘another factor

against Israel.’

He said that the Christians in Israel cannot call out Erekat’s lies out of fear that the PA will intensify its oppression of their coreligionists. ‘All the people in Israel, especially the Christians, know that Israel protects them...’”

### **Pakistan: Doctors Kill, Torture Christian for Demanding Care for Pregnant Sister**

**March 29, 2018** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Doctors and security personnel at a hospital in Pakistan reportedly killed and tortured a Christian man with medical scissors and scalpels and seriously injured two other Christians who survived the ordeal, triggered when they demanded care for their pregnant family member.

The British Pakistani Christian Association (BPCA), which tracks cases of Christian persecution, identified the wounded victims as Anil Saleem, a brother of the pregnant woman, and the woman’s husband Kashif Shafeeq.

Sunil Saleem, the 28-year-old brother of pregnant Kiran Saleem, succumbed to his injuries.

Kiran reportedly went to the hospital in Lahore for a scheduled appointment...

Members of the Christian minority in predominantly Muslim Pakistan are often victims of atrocities at the hands of some Islam adherents...

The altercation culminated in doctors and security personnel at the hospital beating and killing Sunil and seriously wounding Anil and Kashif...”

# **A WORLDWIDE CALIPHATE**

### **Belgian Islamic Party Announces ‘100 Per Cent Islamic State’ as End Goal**

**April 7, 2018** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Belgian Islamic party Partij Islam is set to run candidates in 28 municipalities in the upcoming Belgian municipal elections and have declared their intention to create an Islamic State

in which women and men have to ride in separate buses.

The Partij Islam is likely hoping to do well in highly Muslim-populated areas like Molenbeek and Anderlecht where the party already has some representation, *HLN* reports.

Anderlecht municipal councillor Redouane Ahrouch, the treasurer of the

party, told Belgian media: ‘Our goal is a one hundred percent Islamic state.’

Ahrouch, who works also as a bus driver in Anderlecht, said that many women have complained to him that men were trying to sexually harass and grab them. His solution to the problem, he said, is to separate public transport by sex so that women have their own buses.

The party also believes that any woman should be allowed to wear the Islamic headscarf anywhere they want and that all schools in the country should be forced to offer halal meat on their school menus. Last year the European Court of Human Rights upheld the Belgian ban on the wearing of the full-face veil in public...” **(Islam presently prepares for global control. Khomeini and 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. See the next two reports.)**

### **Germany: Rising Security Threat as Authorities Warn Islamic Extremists Have Doubled to 11,000**

**April 8, 2018 -- Breitbart.com** reports: “Authorities warned that the number of Muslim fundamentalists including ‘jihadists’ living in Germany has doubled to 11,000 in just a few years.

Salafism — the radical Islamic ideology to which international terror groups such as Islamic State and al-Qaeda are usually said to subscribe — has grown rapidly in recent years, according to security statistics reported by *Tagesspiegel*.

The 11,000 figure, which represents the number of Salafist residents known to regional authorities in each state, has risen sharply from 5,500 in 2013, and marks a rise of almost 300 per cent from 2011, when domestic intelligence estimated around 3,800 fundamentalists to have been active in the EU nation.

Data presented by the Interior Ministry this week showed that speed of the ideology’s growth varies region by region, with large cities housing a large share of extremists present in Germany...”

### **Global Islam Body Demands Europe Ban Religious Hate Speech**

**April 13, 2018 -- Breitbart.com** reports: “Europe must increase its efforts

to integrate Muslims and eradicate religious hate speech, Muslim World League (MWL) chief Mohammed al-Issa has declared.

‘We believe that European countries, where there is much debate now, and other countries around the world ... need to enhance national assimilation programmes and criminalise hatred and contempt for adherents of religions because this threatens the safety of the community,’ he told *Reuters* in an interview.

Without giving specific details, the wealthy Saudi figure told the international news agency that the MWL ‘has programmes and curricula that enhance national assimilation and which can courageously and forcefully confront all forms of extremism, as well as special programmes to thwart efforts to infiltrate the Muslim community’.

Widely regarded a promoter of the Kingdom’s fundamentalist Wahhabi ideology which critics allege is the basis for jihadi violence across the globe, the MWL is very active in nations of Europe which have a large number of Muslim residents, such as Britain and France...”

# THE KINGS OF THE EAST

### **North Korea’s Kim greets Chinese official, calls for stronger ties**

**April 16, 2018 -- SpaceDaily.com** reports: “North Korean leader Kim Jong Un personally greeted a top Chinese official in Pyongyang and called for stronger ties with Beijing, state media from both countries said Sunday, as the traditional allies seek to heal battered relations.

Kim met Song Tao, head of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee’s

international department, who was leading an art troupe to a spring festival in the North’s capital.

The delegation arrived just weeks after Kim made a surprise visit to Beijing and met Chinese President Xi Jinping, signalling an attempt by both leaders to shore up a key alliance ahead of a period of high-stakes diplomacy.

Kim is expected to hold summits with South Korean President Moon Jae-in this month and U.S. President Donald Trump in the following weeks.

The North’s official *KCNA* news agency said Kim welcomed Song and his delegation in a meeting on Saturday at which Song conveyed Xi’s ‘warm greetings’.

The two exchanged ‘profound views on the important matters of mutual concern’ and the international situation, *KCNA* said, without providing details.

‘The Supreme Leader said that he would positively carry forward and develop the traditional DPRK-China friendship into a fresh phase of development as required by a new era,’ it added, using the North’s

official acronym...” **(Russia in Bible prophecy is the main instigator of death and suffering during Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39, which I have proclaimed for sixty years, aided by Oriental and Islamic nations, bring total chaos and atomic devastation upon the world. Worse yes, it’s just ahead of us. Every nation I included in World War III is forming exactly as taught this global blood bath six decades ago. The only good news is that the Rapture precedes Armageddon – “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth” – Revelation 3:10. Then our deliverance as believers – Revelation 4:1 and our joy because of missing Armageddon. See the next two reports.)**

### **Beijing, Hanoi promise to keep peace in South China Sea**

**April 2, 2018 -- SpaceDaily.com** reports: “China and Vietnam vowed Sunday to keep the peace in the South China Sea, the resource-rich waterway that has long been a source of tension between Hanoi and its powerhouse communist neighbour.

China claims most of the disputed sea, which is believed to be rich in oil and gas reserves and is highly strategic for trade and defence.

Beijing has built up artificial islands

capable of hosting military installations in recent years, stoking ire from claimants like Vietnam, which has emerged as China’s most vocal opponent in the waterway.

Foreign ministers from China and Vietnam vowed Sunday to address disputes peacefully.

‘Both sides should abide by the basic governing principles on resolving maritime issues. Both sides should not apply unilateral measures that would complicate the situation,’ China’s Foreign Minister Wang Yi told reporters in Hanoi during an official visit to Vietnam.

His Vietnamese counterpart echoed calls to peacefully resolve disputes...”

### **Tehran, Beijing to boost nuclear cooperation**

**April 11, 2018 -- Islamic Republic News Agency** reports: “Energy cooperation between Iran and China is important, and the two countries are to boost ties in all areas including peaceful use of nuclear energy, Iran’s ambassador to Beijing said on Wednesday.

History of Tehran-Beijing ties goes back to over 2,500 years ago, Ali Asghar Khaji said at the Seminar on Iran-China Civil Nuclear Cooperation under the JCPOA which is underway in the Chinese capital.

Describing the seminar as important, Khaji said Silk Road newly known as ‘One Belt, One Road’ project has

significant impact on boosting trade exchange between the two countries.

Referring to mutual dependence and common interests and threats which are the basis of today’s global relations, the ambassador said that Iran and China are cooperating to counter their common threats of terrorism and extremism.

As regional peace and stability are important for China, Iran as a country which is directly fighting terrorists in the region can play a leading role in ensuring trade security, the diplomat said.

About Tehran-Beijing commercial ties, Khaji said China has been Iran’s number one trade partner for a decade.

He went on to say that the two countries have witnessed a 20 percent increase in their trade exchange which stood at 37 billion dollars in 2017.

Iran, as one of the world’s richest countries in terms of oil and gas reserves and also as the most stable country in the Middle East region, can play a key role in providing energy for China and ensuring security of its transportation, the diplomat said.

Due to its strategic location, Iran can be a safe and short way for international trade exchanges, the ambassador said, adding Iran with its population of 80 million can be the best place for China to implement the ‘One Belt, One Road’ project and expand trade ties with the West...”

# **NEWS FROM RUSSIA**

### **Russian submarines lurk near underwater cables powering internet**

**April 10, 2018 -- Israel National News** reports: “Russian ships have recently been active in the vicinity of vital undersea fiber-optic cables that power the internet, texts, calls, and world financial transactions, reports the *Associated Press*.

The U.S. and its allies are concerned the Kremlin may be developing a new

information warfare theatre. ‘We’ve seen activity in the Russian navy, and particularly undersea in their submarine activity, that we haven’t seen since the ’80s,’ Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, commander of the U.S. European Command, told Congress this month.

Some say the Russian activity is unprecedented: ‘We are now seeing Russian underwater activity in the vicinity of undersea cables that I don’t believe we have ever seen,’ said U.S.

Navy Rear Adm. Andrew Lennon, the commander of NATO’s submarine forces. ‘Russia is clearly taking an interest in NATO and NATO nations’ undersea infrastructure.’...” **(We are an internet dependent world. Can you imagine the panic and havoc that ensue were the internet disrupted? Jeremiah 51:32 states: “...the passages are stopped [communication is disrupted]...and the men of war are affrightened.”)**