

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

RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Russian government resigns as Putin proposes reforms that could extend his grip on power

January 15, 2020 -- CNN.com reports: “The entire Russian government is resigning, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev announced Wednesday, after Vladimir Putin proposed sweeping reforms that could extend his decades-long grip on power beyond the end of his presidency...”

The surprise announcement came after Putin proposed constitutional amendments that would strengthen the powers of the prime minister and parliament at the expense of the presidency...

Putin’s critics have suggested that he is considering various scenarios to retain control of the country after his presidential term ends in 2024, including the option of becoming prime minister with extended powers...” **(Vladimir Putin has been in power as either the Prime Minister or President of Russia since 1999. Constitutionally, he will be required to step down from power in 2024, however, he appears to be doing what he did in 2008 and groom a successor like Dmitri Medvedev, whom he controlled, and seek to become president again in 2030. In**

essence, setting himself up as ruler for life in Russia, much as Xi Jinping is set to be ruler for life in China. 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.)

Abbas meets Putin: A friend of the Palestinian people

January 24, 2020 -- Israel National News reports: “Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Mahmoud Abbas on Thursday met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Bethlehem.

‘I welcome my dear friend, President Vladimir Putin, the President of the Federal Republic of Russia, my personal friend and the friend of the Palestinian people who never misses an opportunity to talk about or support the Palestinian cause, and this is what we are accustomed to,’ Abbas said as he welcomed Putin, according to the *Wafa* news agency.

Abbas expressed his gratitude for the political, economic, financial, security and cultural support that Russia has provided the PA in recent years, in addition to its support for ‘the just

question of Palestine.’

He also praised the positive and effective role Russia has played in the region.

According to *Wafa*, among the issues discussed between the two leaders were what was described as ‘Israel’s ongoing confiscation of Palestinian land’, the U.S. so-called ‘Deal of the Century’, and efforts to hold the Palestinian legislative and presidential elections...”

U.S. urges China to join nuclear arms talks

January 22, 2020 -- SpaceDaily.com reports: “Washington called Tuesday on Beijing to join its nuclear arms talks with Moscow, warning that lack of transparency around China’s growing weapons stockpile posed a ‘serious threat’.

The United States and Russia have held two rounds of talks aimed at reducing misunderstandings about critical security issues since the collapse of a Cold War nuclear pact last year, which triggered fears of a new arms race.

Washington has hinted previously it believes Beijing, with its growing nuclear arsenal, should join the discussions. President Donald Trump has insisted any new disarmament pact

would need China to come on board. U.S. Ambassador to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva Robert Wood said Tuesday that Washington was intent on convincing China to join the discussions...” **(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. See the next report.)

China has ‘no intention to participate’ in arms talks

January 23, 2020 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “China said Wednesday it has ‘no intention to participate’ in trilateral arms control negotiations, a day after Washington called on Beijing to join its nuclear arms talks with Moscow.

The United States has held two rounds of talks with Russia, aimed at reducing misunderstandings around critical security issues since the collapse of a Cold War nuclear pact last year — which triggered fears of a new arms race.

Washington has hinted that Beijing should also join the discussions.

But Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang accused the U.S. of using Chinese involvement as ‘a pretext to shirk and shift its own nuclear disarmament responsibilities’.

‘China has no intention to participate in the so-called China-U.S.-Russia trilateral arms controls negotiations,’ Geng said at a regular press briefing in Beijing...”

Russia invites NATO members to take part in war games

January 27, 2020 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Russia’s defence minister said Friday it is sending out invitations to NATO states to take part in annual Moscow-led military drills called the ‘International Army Games.’

Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu has

invited ‘troops from 90 countries including NATO members,’ the ministry said on its website.

The games include events such as tank biathlon, where tank crews practice shooting, as well as an obstacle course.

This year’s games will focus on ‘security as a whole, medical care and logistics,’ and should be visually entertaining, Shoigu said.

Around 6,000 troops were expected to take part in the event that runs from late August to early September, the ministry said...” **(Russia in Bible prophecy is the main instigator of death and suffering during Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39, which Dr. Van Impe has proclaimed for sixty years, aided by Oriental and Islamic nations, bring total chaos and atomic devastation upon the world. Worse yet, it’s just ahead of us. Every nation he included in World War III is forming exactly as taught (in) 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.)**

Turkey, NATO still at odds over Russia arms deal

January 24, 2020 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “NATO and key member Turkey have failed to find common ground over Russia’s controversial delivery of a S-400 air defence system to Ankara, the military alliance’s chief Jens Stoltenberg said Thursday.

The delivery of the system by Russia to Turkey, in a deal strongly backed by President Vladimir Putin and Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan, has deeply troubled Ankara’s NATO allies and raised the risk of U.S. sanctions.

‘So far it has not been possible to reach an agreement on that,’ Stoltenberg said at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos at a panel discussion alongside Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, who had delivered a staunch defence of the deal.

‘We will try to do whatever we can to find a way to solve these issues, as this is one of the issues that is causing problems within the alliance — there is no way to deny that,’ he added.

Cavusoglu however had argued in front of Stoltenberg that Turkey had no choice but to buy the S-400 due to a dwindling presence of NATO air systems on its volatile borders, including the one with Syria...”

Russia claims edge as U.S. lags in hypersonic weapons development

January 21, 2020 -- *SpaceDaily.com* reports: “Last week, U.S. President Donald Trump admitted that the United States is working on the development of hypersonic rockets, noting that the U.S. is seeking to add them to its arsenal of ‘big, powerful, accurate, lethal, and fast’ missiles.

The U.S. military has failed in the domain of hypersonic arms research and development and it will take years for America to regain its once leading position, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John Hyten said during a speech on Friday at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington DC.

‘We are now locked in a serious competition with other nations in the hypersonic arms sphere. We used to be in the forefront ten years ago. We used to have two programmes, two prototypes...They did not work very efficiently. What did we do after we had failed? We had been studying the reasons for these failures for years before cancelling these projects’, Hyten stated...”

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Watchlist: 260 million Christians persecuted in 50 worst nations

January 17, 2020 -- *WND.com* reports: “More than 300 million Christians suffer high or extreme levels of persecution around the globe today, mostly in Muslim-majority nations, according to the new World Watch List by the organization Open Doors.

‘The church is alive. The church is active. The church is growing. And that’s why the church is persecuted,’ says Open Doors in its 2020 report. ‘The persecution of Christians is getting more severe than ever, affecting increasing numbers of believers around the world.’

In the top 50 countries on the World Watch List, a staggering 260 million Christians face high or extreme levels of persecution for their faith.

In the previous year, it was 245 million...” *(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. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.*

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning” – John 15:18-27.)

China imposes harsh new rules governing religious groups in 2020

January 14, 2020 -- *FoxNews.com* reports: “China is striking the ‘final blow to religious liberty’ with new administrative measures set to take place in February with total submission to the Chinese Communist Party, according to a watchdog group.

The country’s state-run media announced the new ‘Administrative Measures for Religious Groups’ on Dec. 30. That same day, Pastor Wang Yi of Chengdu’s Early Rain Covenant Church, one of the most well-known leaders in the House Church movement, was sentenced to nine years in jail for ‘inciting subversion of state power,’ raising concern for Chinese Christians.

Bitter Winter, a watchdog on religious liberty and human rights in China, said the situation for religious groups is going from ‘bad to worse.’

‘In practice, your religion no longer matters, if you are Buddhist, or Taoist, or Muslim or Christian,’ a Chinese Catholic priest told *AsiaNews*. ‘The only religion allowed is faith in the Chinese Communist Party.’ ...” (Christians who suffer and die for Christ will receive the “Crown of Life” to place at the feet of Jesus – James 1:12; Revelation 2:10. The 24 elders represent 12 Old Testament Tribes and 12 New Testament Apostles – saved Jews and redeemed Christians. In Revelation 4: 10 & 11 they cast their earned crowns before the Lord Jesus Christ.)

Report: Boko Haram Jihadists Behead Catholic Bride and Bridal Party

January 6, 2020 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The communications director of the Catholic diocese of Maiduguri in Nigeria has confirmed that a bride-to-be and her bridal party were beheaded December 26 while en route to the December 31 wedding.

‘They were beheaded by suspected Boko Haram insurgents at Gwoza on their way to her country home,’ Father Francis Arinse told *Catholic News Service (CNS)*, regarding the alleged murders of Martha Bulus and her bridal party.

CNS reported further the alleged murders of Bulus and her bridal party occurred on the same day that 11 Christian aid workers had been murdered:

Several international media outlets reported Dec. 26 that the Islamic State group released a video showing it had beheaded 10 Christians and shot an 11th Dec. 26. The news agencies said they were unable to confirm the contents of the video but described the victims as men. IS said the beheadings were payback for the late-October killing of its leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi...”

(God’s Children, genuine Christians, are being butchered by these religious murderers. They believe they will be rewarded with 72 virgins; instead Revelation 21:8 and 22:15 states: “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death”, “For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.”)

Government vows to protect Christians worldwide

January 21, 2020 -- WND.com reports: “Responding to a government-commissioned report, British officials are pledging to take steps to protect persecuted Christians worldwide, including legislation to sanction offending nations.

The report, the ‘Bishop of Truro’s Independent Review for the Foreign Secretary of [Foreign and Commonwealth Office] Support for Persecuted Christians,’ confirmed that ‘today, Christians constitute by far the most widely persecuted religion.’

It found that ‘Christians have been harassed in more countries than any other religious group and have suffered harassment in many of the heavily Muslim countries of the Middle East and North Africa.’

Some 245 million Christians live in the top 50 countries for persecution and they suffer ‘high levels’ or worse. Previously, only one country, North Korea, was classified as having ‘extreme’ persecution. Now there are

11 countries...” (Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the world. *USA Today* reported that Christianity is the most hated religion in 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. However: 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 report.)*

Report: Record 3,000 Christian Sites in Europe Vandalized in 2019

January 13, 2020 -- Breitbart.com reports: “Christian sites in Europe suffered a record number of attacks

in the year 2019, with some 3,000 Christian churches, schools, cemeteries, and monuments vandalized, looted, or defaced.

Reports compiling the anti-Christian acts during the year document a range of profanation including arson, defecation, desecration, looting, mockery, Satanism, theft, urination, and vandalism.

‘Sadly, 2019 was punctuated by increasing incidents of desecration and vandalism of churches around Europe, along with the 2019 fire at the Notre-Dame Cathedral, which captured worldwide attention,’ the director of The Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination Against Christians in Europe, Ellen Fantini, told *Breitbart News* on Saturday.

‘In most instances the perpetrators of these acts were unidentified, but the Observatory has documented that churches and other symbols of Christianity in Europe are targets for many groups — from Islamists to radical feminists, LGBT activists to anarchists and self-proclaimed Satanists,’ Ms. Fantini said...”

TEMPLE MOUNT TROUBLES

PA: ‘The Muslims have absolute right’ to Western Wall

January 23, 2020 -- Israel National News reports: “Palestinian Media Watch reports the official Palestinian Authority television narrator’s claim that ‘the historical documents in the possession of the Palestinians of Jerusalem testify that Jerusalem is a city of Arab origin for thousands of years, and its history and culture are Islamic. Since Islam’s conquest [in the 7th century], the Al-Buraq Wall (i.e., the Western Wall) has remained an Islamic waqf.

‘The Muslims have the absolute right to it and there is not even one rock there that dates back to the period of King Solomon, as the Jews claim.’

Muslims believe Muhammad took a

night flight from Mecca to ‘al aqsa mosque’, i.e., ‘the farthest mosque’ (Quran, Sura 17), and there tied his miraculous flying steed named Al-Buraq to a ‘stone’ or a ‘rock’ (Jami’ at-Tirmidhi, Book 47, Hadith 3424).

In the 1920’s, Arab Mufti Haj Amin Al-Husseini decided to identify the Western Wall of the Temple in Jerusalem as that ‘rock’ or ‘stone,’ and since then Muslims refer to the Western Wall as the ‘Al-Buraq Wall.’...” (In **Genesis 22:1-14 God commanded Abraham to bring his son Isaac to the land of Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice there. As he was about to complete the sacrifice, God stopped him and provided a ram as a substitutionary sacrifice. In I Chronicles 21:18 – 26, King David purchased this mount**

so he could build an altar to offer a sacrifice when he confessed his sin. This was the location where the angel of the Lord was commanded to stop the destruction of Jerusalem [I Chronicles 21:15]. In II Chronicles 3:1, King Solomon built the First Temple on Mount Moriah, this was started in 966 BC. This Temple stood until 586 BC when it was destroyed by the Babylonians. The Second Temple was built in 516 BC and enlarged by Herod the Great in 12 BC. It stood until it was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. The Dome of the Rock was built in AD 692, and the Al Aqsa Mosque was not built until AD 705. It is obvious who has the rightful claim to the Temple Mount. See the next three reports.)

After Trump deal unveiled, Jordan warns of 'new reality' on Temple Mount

January 29, 2020 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “The Jordanian Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry warned on Wednesday against a ‘new reality’ being applied to the Temple Mount, a site revered by both Jews and Muslims. The ministry said that it publicized the statement in light of Israeli authorities entering the central parts of the Temple Mount and taking action to halt its operations at the site. But it was notably issued less than a day after the U.S. administration unveiled its plan to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. ‘The Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Ministry cautions against the imposition of a ‘new reality’ at the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque,’ the ministry, which largely manages the administration of the Temple Mount — known by Muslims as Haram al-Sharif — said in a statement posted on its Facebook page, referring to the Arabic name for the site. ‘Non-Muslims have no right in the Al-Aqsa Mosque,’ it added...”

Hundreds of Muslim Arab worshippers riot on Temple Mount in Jerusalem

January 17, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Several hundred Arab worshippers finishing Friday morning prayers on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem began rioting and disturbing public order.

As the prayers – in which 8,000 Muslim Arabs participated – ended, the rioters began marching, calling out nationalistic slogans and violating public order.

In response, the district commander of the police ordered that they be dispersed, and police forces were called to the area and dispersed the rioters.

‘The Israeli police will not allow violations of public order in the Temple Mount area, and will work to prevent any riots or calls of a nationalistic background,’ the Israel Police said...”

Hamas calls for mass attendance at Al-Aqsa, Cave of the Patriarchs prayers

January 16, 2020 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The Hamas terrorist group has called for Palestinians to protest against Israeli ‘violations’ at religious sites in Jerusalem and the West Bank, by performing Friday prayers in Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Ibrahimi Mosque at the Cave of the Patriarchs, along with mosques in the West Bank and Gaza.

The Fajr prayers, the first ones of the day before sunrise, are being held in protest of ‘Israeli judaization schemes’ at religious sites in the West Bank, including the Temple Mount and the Cave of the Patriarchs.

Hamas claimed in a press release that Israeli authorities have escalated the situation at al-Aqsa and have tried to close the Gate of Mercy (Bab al-Rahma) at the Temple Mount complex again. The press release stated that Israel has been ‘atrociously beating, arresting and threatening’ Palestinian worshippers and has banned them from entering the complex...”

Iran vows to crush 'satanic' Trump plan and 'Jewishization' of Jerusalem

January 29, 2020 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei slammed the Trump administration’s peace plan as ‘satanic’ and evil on Wednesday. ‘It will never bear fruit’ he wrote, claiming that Jerusalem must not be ‘in the hands of the Jews.’ Khamenei’s comments went out as his advisors scrambled to work on a full-court press against Israel and the plan, leveraging regional anger over it to Iran’s benefit. Iran may now work with Palestinian groups and seek to thwart the plan through political and military means, hoping to use the plan as a way to jump-start Iran’s stalled influence peddling operations in the Middle East.

Towards that end Iran’s foreign ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi said that Iran will work throughout

‘West Asia’ to confront the Deal of the Century. ‘It threatens the Islamic community,’ he said. Iran refers to the Middle East as ‘West Asia.’ While Iran’s Foreign Minister bashed the plan as a ‘so-called vision for peace’ and a ‘nightmare for the region,’ the foreign ministry in Tehran said that it would work with other countries in the region ‘at all levels to unite the Muslim world to confront the great conspiracy.’

Iran wants to make this an ‘Islamic’ issue by emphasizing Jerusalem. A survey of Iranian media and political reactions, as well as reactions of Iran’s IRGC, illustrate this. An article at Iran’s *IRNA* media noted that while Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the UAE and even Qatar may be considering normalization with Israel, that Tehran will be working with other countries to undermine the deal. Qatar is usually considered close to Iran, and the linking of Qatar and other Gulf states represents a new trend in Tehran...” **(930 times God promises Jerusalem forever to the Jews. President Trump is being true to the promises of the Almighty God to Israel. Ours was the first nation to recognize the sovereign state of Israel in 1948, but we have moved further and further away. God promised to Abraham: “...I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed” – Genesis 12:2, 3. Soon all Hell will break loose in the Middle East. Joel 3:2 warns today’s politicians that World War III occurs because of parting God’s land. It won’t succeed. Christ will return, stop the horrendous war and reign over the world from the Throne of David in Jerusalem forever – Revelation 11:18; Luke 1:32, 33. See the next report.)**

Palestinian Authority newspaper calls for violence to disrupt Holocaust event in Jerusalem

January 22, 2020 -- Israel National News reports: “The Palestinian Authority’s official newspaper called for violence against Israelis in an effort to disrupt the World Holocaust Forum being held this week in Jerusalem.

A columnist for *Al-Hayata Al-Jadida*,

in an article over the weekend, said that Israel was planning a ceremony to memorialize Jews killed in Europe even as ‘the Palestinian holocaust by Israel’ is ignored.

‘One shot will disrupt the ceremony and one dead body will cancel the ceremony,’ Yahya Rabah wrote in an article published Saturday, according to Palestinian Media Watch.

In a statement, the Conference of

Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations condemned the article, saying: ‘Such a call for violence can never be justified, but it is especially repugnant for the PA to incite terrorism deliberately aimed at disrupting an occasion as solemn and significant as this.’

The statement noted that the day the article was published, a teenage Palestinian assailant stabbed an Israeli man in Hevron...”

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

Al-Qaeda claims attack on Florida naval base

February 3, 2020 -- Israel National News reports: “An audio recording purporting to be from the Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) terrorist organization claimed responsibility on Sunday for the December attack at a U.S. naval base in Pensacola, Florida, but provided no evidence.

‘We congratulate our Muslim nation and embrace the operation of the martyr hero, the daring knight Muhammad bin Saeed Al-Shamrani,’ said the audio, released by Al-Qaeda’s Yemen branch and quoted by *Reuters*.

Reuters was unable to verify the authenticity of the recording.

Three people were killed in the shooting, which U.S. Attorney General William Barr said last month was an act of terrorism motivated by ‘jihadist ideology’.

The attacker, 21-year-old Mohammed Alshamrani was a member of the Royal Saudi Air Force who was training at Naval Air Station Pensacola. He entered a building on base and ‘proceeded to walk around shooting down his unarmed victims in cold blood,’ Barr said at a press conference...” **(The World Christian Encyclopedia documents the slaughter of 145 million Christians in the past 100 years. There are 47 major Islamic**

terrorist groups, not just ISIS, all are dangerous organizations. Christ in His day predicted such killers would arise in Matthew 23:15 & 16: “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. Woe unto you, ye blind guides...” See the next two reports.)

ISIS claims responsibility for London stabbing attack, terrorist identified

February 3, 2020 -- Israel National News reports: “The terrorist shot and killed in south London Sunday after he stabbed three people has been identified as 20-year-old Sudesh Amman.

Amman, who according to the *BBC* had been released from prison in late January after serving half of his three-year sentence, had been an admirer of the ISIS terrorist organization, *Reuters* reported, praising ISIS founder Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in a December 2017 message, saying ‘The Islamic State is here to stay.’

In addition, Amman justified the ISIS practice of forcing Yazidi women into sexual slavery, claiming the Koran permitted raping them.

Amman also reportedly told his girlfriend of his desire to carry out a terrorist attack, and even urged her to

behead her own parents in the name of jihad.

On Monday, the ISIS terrorist organization claimed responsibility for Amman’s stabbing attack in London, declaring him a ‘soldier’ of ISIS...”

German police arrest Islamist terror cell said to be targeting Berlin synagogue

January 14, 2020 -- The Times of Israel reports: “German police carried out raids on suspected Islamists and made arrests across the country early Tuesday over allegations they were plotting an attack, Berlin officials said.

German authorities are on high alert for Islamist threats to Europe’s most populous country, which has in recent years suffered several attacks.

‘On suspicion of planning a serious violent act endangering the state, search warrants are being executed in Berlin, Brandenburg, North Rhine-Westphalia and Thuringia,’ the Berlin attorney general’s office said via Twitter.

The alleged militants, of Chechen origin, are aged between 23 and 28 and ‘suspected of having scouted locations for a possible Islamist attack,’ Berlin police said in a statement...”

ISIS threatens to shift its focus to Israel

January 28, 2020 -- Israel National News reports: “The Islamic State (ISIS) jihadist group on Monday threatened to

shift its focus from the remnants of its 'caliphate' towards Israel, *AFP* reports. In a purported audio message by ISIS spokesman Abu Hamza al-Quraishi, the jihadist organization called for sabotaging the peace plan that U.S. President Donald Trump is due to unveil on Tuesday.

The spokesman said ISIS leader Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Quraishi encourages the group's fighters to launch 'a new phase' and vowed major operations against Israel.

'The eyes of the soldiers of the caliphate, wherever they are, are still on Jerusalem,' the spokesman said in the 37-minute message.

'And in the coming days, God willing, you will see what harms you and what will make you forget the horrors you have seen,' Abu Hamza al-Quraishi said, apparently threatening attacks of unprecedented scope... ("Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord,

and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." – Psalm 2:1-12. See the next report.)

'The Muslims will leave no spot anywhere safe for the Americans'

January 9, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: "IRGC Commander-in-Chief General Hossein Salami spoke at the funeral procession for Qods Force Commander Qasem Soleimani. He said that Iran will exact revenge and that it will be 'hard and severe' and 'the kind of revenge that causes remorse', reported the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

He added that 'the natural outcome of all of this is that the Muslims will leave no spot anywhere safe for the Americans.' General Salami said that the Americans have set all their investments on fire with this 'cowardly assassination'.

General Salami's remarks were met with chants of 'Allahu Akbar!' from the crowd.

General Salami warned Iran's enemies that if they take another step, Iran will set the 'place they love on fire' and in response, the crowd chanted: 'Death to Israel!...'

NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Iranian youths praise Khamenei, singing about Israel's end

February 4, 2020 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Last month, on January 23, Iranian youths were filmed singing to Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei during its speech, Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) reported.

The youths began by praising Iran, saying that the country 'has men that are second to none. Its honor and enthusiasm are unwavering. [Iran] has students who follow this path. It has the scream of 'Death to America!'

'Even if this country sinks in sanctions for 100 years, we will continue to be at war with the enemy. There will be no compromise and no surrender.'

'America is waning,' The youths also

slammed the United States and Israel, adding that 'Israel is facing its end. Well done, Gaza and Lebanon. A generation of heroes is joining the fray...' (Iran has a long history of calling for the destruction of Israel. It will never happen. Almighty God has stated: "...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off" – Isaiah 56:5. Everlasting means everlasting. God promised to Abraham in Genesis 22:17: "...in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore..." "And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater

and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever" – Deuteronomy 4:37 – 40.)

Netanyahu warns of 'resounding blow' if Iran attacks Israel

January 8, 2020 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Speaking at the Kohelet Forum Conference in Jerusalem, Prime

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu warned on Wednesday that Israel would strike a ‘resounding blow’ if attacked by arch foe Iran, as regional tensions soar after the U.S. killing of a top Iranian general. ‘Anyone who attacks us will receive a resounding blow,’ the premier told the Kohelet Policy Forum conference in Jerusalem Wednesday, after Iran launched a salvo retaliatory missile strikes on bases used by U.S. troops deployed to Iraq.

Netanyahu has described the target of last week’s U.S. drone strike – Major General Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards foreign operations arm — as a ‘terrorist-in-chief’.

‘Qassem Soleimani was responsible for the deaths of countless innocent people, he destabilized many countries for decades, he sowed fear and misery and anguish and he was planning much worse,’ Netanyahu said...” **(Israel will never be destroyed. God has declared His love for Israel from its very beginning: “And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to supple thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person, in the day that thou wast born. And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live... Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil” – Ezekiel 16:4 – 6; 9. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 states: “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, 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.” Despite the rantings and ravings of the world: “...let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance” – Psalm 83:4, God has promised: “...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off” – Isaiah 56:5.)

European Union won’t recognize Israeli sovereignty over ‘territories occupied since 1967’

February 5, 2020 -- Israel National News reports: “The European Union (EU) will not support implementation of U.S. President Donald Trump’s ‘deal of the century’ peace plan, EU High Representative and Vice-President Josep Borrell said in a Tuesday statement.

In the statement, Borrell said: ‘The European Union is fully committed to the transatlantic partnership and values all efforts to help find a peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The EU recalls its commitment to a negotiated two-State solution, based on 1967 lines, with equivalent land swaps, as may be agreed between the parties, with the State of Israel and an independent, democratic, contiguous, sovereign and viable State of Palestine, living side by side in peace, security and mutual recognition – as set out in the Council Conclusions of July 2014.’

‘The U.S. initiative, as presented on 28 January, departs from these internationally agreed parameters.’

In his statement Borrell also criticized the deal’s suggestions on the issues of borders, Jerusalem, and its management of the ‘refugee question.’...” **(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 report.)

New UN resolution would condemn Israeli annexation

February 5, 2020 -- Israel National News reports: “A draft United Nations Security Council resolution circulated on Tuesday condemned an Israeli plan to annex communities in Judea and Samaria, *Reuters* reports, in what is seen as a rebuke of U.S. President Donald Trump’s peace plan.

The draft text, circulated to council members by Tunisia and Indonesia, would seemingly face a U.S. veto.

Diplomats quoted by *Reuters* said negotiations on the text would likely begin later this week. Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Mahmoud Abbas is expected to speak to the council next week about the plan, possibly coinciding with a vote on the draft resolution.

The discussion is also expected to include Israel’s ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Danon, and other members of the council...”