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

PSALM 83:4

Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal: We will defeat the occupation and its new fascist government

December 26, 2022 -- *Israel National News* reports: “ Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal says that the establishment of Hamas was ‘a historic landmark on the path of the resistance in Palestine and the Al-Qassam Brigades have now become the army of all of Palestine and a support for Al-Quds (Jerusalem), Al-Aqsa, the (West) Bank, the interior (Israel) and the Diaspora.’

Speaking at an event to mark the 35th anniversary of the establishment of Hamas held in Sidon, Lebanon, Mashaal said that Hamas ‘emphasizes our adherence to principles and foundations, the land is all of Palestine, Jerusalem, the holy places of Islam and Christianity, the right of return, the resistance, the belonging to the (Islamic) nation, freedom for prisoners, these are our basic principles... we will not abandon them regardless of the challenges.’

Mashaal further said that ‘the new Zionist government consists of the most extreme religious and nationalist right in the history of the entity’, adding that ‘Israel thinks that with its extreme government it will end our issue, but our great people, in their originality and unity, can turn this challenge into an opportunity, since every all the settlement projects were defeated, the

last of which is the deal of the century.’ ‘Blessed Palestine rejects the invaders and is not patient towards them, and our people are capable of defeating the occupation and its new fascist government,’ said Mashaal...” (**What does Almighty God have to say about Israel’s future? Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee. Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages – Isaiah 49:7,8)**

Abbas’ military arm: We will persist in the fight against Israel – regardless of the price

December 23, 2022 -- *Israel National News* reports: “The Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, the terrorist wing of the Fatah organization, praised the terrorists who confronted IDF soldiers as they were securing the entrance of Jewish worshipers to Joseph’s Tomb in Shechem (Nablus) overnight Wednesday.

‘The defeated government is watching us and brags to the public and the people

about its imaginary victories in order to raise its profile on the Israeli street, but we and you know the failures that occur with every assault on the Balata refugee camp near Joseph’s Tomb and on our city of Nablus,’ the organization said in a statement it published on Thursday.

‘Everyone saw the intensity of the pressure the occupation was under for the shooting and explosive charges that injured several soldiers, and as usual it denied any injury,’ the statement said.

‘Today, the government and the Zionist media claim that the prayer at Joseph’s Tomb was safe, and therefore, we warn the occupation against any foolish act it may commit against our Palestinian people, wherever it may be, as the reaction will be overwhelming,’ the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades warned.

‘As we swore, we will not deviate from our focus on the occupation, regardless of the price that will be charged to us,’ it stated...” (**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 two reports.)

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh: We will bury the Zionist government

December 13, 2022 -- *Israel National News* reports: “ Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said on Monday that the Islamic movement has created a new chapter in the conflict with the Zionist enterprise by combining the management of ‘resistance’ with the management of governmental policy, and the policy does not come at the expense of the ‘resistance’.

In a speech on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the establishment of Hamas, Haniyeh said that ‘Jerusalem is the heart of the conflict with the Zionist enemy, and it expresses the faith and the capital city and represents the overall title that unites our people and our (Islamic) nation in every place and time.’

In this context, Haniyeh issued a threat to Israel, saying, ‘We will never allow the Zionist plans to be implemented in Al-Aqsa Mosque or in Jerusalem in general.’

Commenting on the Israeli ‘Judaization’ policy on the Temple Mount, Haniyeh said, ‘The Zionists should not believe that the road will be paved for them with roses, but it will be paved with fire’ and added, ‘If the Zionist government believes that it can implement its plans in Jerusalem and the (West) Bank, then it is delusional.’

Haniyeh stressed that Hamas ‘will cut off the hand that will be put on Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the West Bank will become

fire and flame before the occupier’ and that the Palestinian people ‘will bury this (Israeli) government on the way to eliminating the entire (Zionist) entity from the land of Palestine.’...”

UN to mark ‘Nakba Day’ – Israel’s establishment as catastrophe

December 1, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The UN General Assembly voted Wednesday afternoon in favor of holding a commemorative event in honor of the 75th ‘Nakba Day,’ the Palestinian name for Israel’s establishment, which translates to ‘catastrophe.’

The vote was 90-30, with 47 abstentions. The United States, Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom were among those who opposed the move. Most of the European Union also rejected the motion, save for Cyprus which supported the measure.

Ambassador to the UN Gilad Erdan tweeted that the UN in ‘passing such an extreme and baseless resolution, the UN is only helping to perpetuate the conflict.’

In a UN General Assembly plenum debate prior to the vote, Erdan called for the UN to ‘stop ignoring the Jewish Nakba,’ referring to the 750,000 Jews expelled from Arab and Muslim countries in the aftermath of Israel’s establishment...”

Hamas vows to ‘liberate’ Jerusalem on 35th birthday

December 8, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “ Hamas announced on Wednesday the launch of a series of events in the Gaza Strip to mark the 35th anniversary of its founding. The events will include military parades and rallies in several areas of the Hamas-ruled coastal enclave and are expected to reach their peak on December 14 with a major rally in Gaza City.

This year’s anniversary comes at a time when Hamas appears to be as strong, popular and defiant as ever, especially in the Gaza Strip.

In 2006, the Islamist movement won the elections for the Palestinian parliament, the Palestinian Legislative Council. A year later, Hamas seized control of the

Gaza Strip through a violent coup that led to the collapse of the Palestinian Authority.

Since then, various attempts to undermine Hamas or remove it from power have been unsuccessful. Most of the attempts were carried out by Israel and the PA...” **(930 times God promises Jerusalem forever to the Jews. 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.)**

In video, Iran threatens to raze Tel Aviv, destroy Dimona if Israel hits nuke sites

December 28, 2022 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Iran’s state broadcaster has aired a video describing what it claims would be the response to an Israeli strike on Iran’s nuclear sites, warning that Israeli targets would be destroyed within minutes and that a follow-up wave of rocket attacks would ‘raze Tel Aviv.’

The video aired on Iran’s state-controlled *IRIB TV2* on December 17, and was reported upon by the Washington-based Middle East Media Research Institute monitor group on Monday.

Israel has vowed to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons and has repeatedly said it has the right to act in striking Iranian facilities to prevent what it sees as an existential threat.

In the clip, narrator Younes Shadlou began by noting that Israel had recently held exercises with the U.S. to simulate an attack on Iran.

‘Let’s assume that Israeli jets manage to reach the Natanz nuclear site in

one piece' and manage to damage it, Shadlou posited, referring to a major facility buried under a mountain where Iran has installed advanced centrifuges to enrich uranium.

'Even if they manage to leave Iran's sky safely,' he continued, it would take the jets 'at least an hour' to return to their base.

'The question is whether there would be any base for them to land at,' Shadlou said..." **(Iran will be blotted out when Russia, China, and Islamic nations fight Israel and her allies during Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. The battle is described in Ezekiel 39:1 – 5: ...thou son of man, prophesy against**

Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured... Soon the war of wars will arrive from the North and East [Russia and China] – Daniel 11:44. The battle is described in Ezekiel 38:1

– 5: ...the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief [Russian] prince of Meshech and Tubal: [Moscow and Tubal, or Tubalsk – Southwest of the Russian capital]: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet.)

NUCLEAR ARMAGEDDON

Invasion of Ukraine revives nuclear warfare nightmare

Dec. 28, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Banished from public consciousness for decades, the nightmare of nuclear warfare has surged back to prominence with Russia's invasion of Ukraine, highlighting the erosion of the Cold War global security architecture.

With Moscow on the back foot in its offensive, the military stalemate has raised fears Russia could resort to its nuclear arsenal to achieve a breakthrough.

Russia, along with Britain, China, France and the United States, are the five recognised nuclear weapons powers and permanent UN Security Council members.

'It's the first time a nuclear power has used its status to wage a conventional war under the shadow cast by nuclear weapons,' said Camille Grand, a former NATO deputy secretary-general.

'One might have imagined that rogue states would adopt such an attitude, but suddenly it's one of the two major nuclear powers, a member of the UN Security Council,' he told *AFP*, insisting the actual use of the weapons remains 'improbable'.

For now, the moral and strategic nuclear 'taboo' that emerged after the U.S. bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

at the end of World War II in 1945 still holds.

But rhetoric has escalated massively..." **(A huge nuclear war is prophesied multiplied times in God's Word. Revelation 9:14 – 18 depicts Armageddon: Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. And Revelation 16:16 tells of the longest and final battle of the ages. See the next four reports.)**

Putin says Russia will continue improving 'combat readiness' of nuclear forces

December 21, 2022 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Russian President Vladimir Putin says Russia will continue

developing its military potential and the combat readiness of nuclear forces against the backdrop of Moscow's offensive in Western-backed Ukraine.

'The armed forces and combat capabilities of our armed forces are increasing constantly and every day. And this process, of course, we will build up on,' Putin says during a televised defense meeting, adding that Russia will also 'improve the combat readiness of our nuclear triad.'"

Putin says Russia could adopt preemptive strike concept

December 12, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "President Vladimir Putin on Friday said Russia could amend its military doctrine by introducing the possibility of a preemptive strike to disarm an enemy, in an apparent reference to a nuclear attack.

He spoke in response to a question from a reporter who asked him to clarify his statement from earlier this week on the use of nuclear weapons.

Speaking to reporters just days after warning that the risk of nuclear war was rising but Russia would not strike first, Putin said Moscow was considering whether to adopt what he called Washington's concept of a pre-emptive strike.

'First of all, the United States has the concept of a preemptive strike.

Second, it is developing a disarming strike system,’ Putin told reporters in Kyrgyzstan.

Putin said Moscow might need to think about adopting U.S. ‘ideas for ensuring their own security.’

‘We’re just thinking about it,’ he said...

Russia ramping up production of ‘most powerful’ weapons: Medvedev

December 12, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Russia’s ex-president Dmitry Medvedev said on Sunday the country was ramping up production of new-generation weapons to protect itself from enemies in Europe, the United States and Australia.

‘We are increasing production of the most powerful means of destruction. Including those based on new principles,’ Medvedev said on messaging app

Telegram.

‘Our enemy dug in not only in the Kyiv province of our native Malorossiya,’ Medvedev said, using the term to describe territories of modern-day Ukraine that were part of the Russian Empire under the tsars.

‘It is in Europe, North America, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, and a whole number of other places that pledged allegiance to the Nazi.’

Medvedev, who serves as deputy head of Russia’s Security Council, did not provide details of the weapons.

President Vladimir Putin repeatedly said that Russia has been developing new types of weapons including hypersonic weapons that he boasts can circumvent all existing missile defence systems...”

‘Complete and Thorough Disarmament’: China Demands U.S. Destroy Its Nuclear Arsenal

December 2, 2022 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The Chinese Foreign Ministry demanded in remarks on Wednesday that U.S. armed forces make ‘substantial and substantive cuts to its nuclear arsenal,’ with the goal of ultimately ending America’s nuclear program.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian – a zealous ‘wolf warrior’ diplomat known for spreading the unsubstantiated conspiracy theory that the Chinese coronavirus pandemic began as e-cigarette lung injuries in Maryland – demanded an end to the American nuclear program in response to a question on a Pentagon report revealing that the Chinese Communist Party is working to dramatically expand its own nuclear capabilities...”

THE EXPANDING RUSSIAN REACH

Russian navy flexes muscles in Mediterranean, East China Sea

December 21, 2022 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Russia’s navy is engaging in two important missions, 8,000 kilometers apart.

Russia and China are conducting a joint naval exercise called Naval Interaction-2022 in the East China Sea from Dec. 21-27, the Russian Defense Ministry said on Monday while in the Mediterranean, two Russian *Steregushchiy*-class corvettes, the *Stoikiy* and *Soobrazitelny*, docked at the port of Alexandria. These warships, launched in 2010 and 2012 respectively, are modern Russian ships in comparison to the older *Slava*-class cruisers *Varyag* and *Marshal Ustinov* that had been in the Mediterranean...” (Ezekiel 38:5 predicts that Russia, the Orient, and Persia [which changed its name to Iran in 1932] will see millions destroyed through atomic warfare in the Latter Years and Latter Days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. This battle is described in Revelation 9:14 – 18: Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels

were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. See the next two reports.)

Russia announces joint naval drills with China

December 19, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Moscow announced Monday that several of its warships were participating in naval exercises starting this week with Beijing’s navy, as Russia and China deepen ties amid pressure from the West.

The Russian defence ministry said the drills would take place between December 21 and 27 in the East China Sea, with the aim of ‘strengthening

naval cooperation’ between Moscow and Beijing.

They would include live firing of missiles, artillery and exercises to counter submarines, a statement said.

‘The main goal of the exercises is to strengthen naval cooperation between the Russian Federation and the People’s Republic of China, maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region.’

It said China would incorporate two destroyers, patrol ships, a supply ship and a submarine...”

Israel spy agency warns of deeper Iran-Russia arms ties

December 26, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Iran is seeking to expand the supply of advanced weapons to Russia, the head of Israel’s Mossad spy agency said Thursday, according to local media. The warning from David Barnea comes after the United States earlier this month expressed alarm over a ‘full-scale defence partnership’ between Tehran and Moscow, which invaded Ukraine last February.

Tehran in November admitted it had sent drones to Russia, but insisted they were supplied before the invasion.

‘We warn against Iran’s future intentions, which they are trying to keep secret, to deepen and expand the supply of

advanced weapons to Russia, to expand the uranium enrichment project and to intensify their attacks against friendly

Muslim countries in the region,’ Barnea was quoted as saying during a ceremony for the Jewish Hanukkah holiday...”

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

China sends record wave of bombers into Taiwan defence zone

Dec. 13, 2022 -- *SinoDaily.com* reports: “China sent a record 18 nuclear-capable bombers into Taiwan’s air defence zone, Taipei said Tuesday, just days after Beijing banned more Taiwanese imports in the latest sign of deteriorating ties.

Democratic Taiwan lives under the constant threat of invasion by China, which sees the self-ruled island as part of its territory to be seized one day.

Beijing has ramped up military, diplomatic and economic pressure since the 2016 election of Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, who rejects its stance that the island is part of China.

In a daily update on Tuesday morning Taiwan’s defence ministry said 21 aircraft entered the island’s southwest air defence identification zone (ADIZ) over the last 24 hours, including 18 nuclear-capable H-6 bombers.

That represents by far the largest daily sortie by H-6 bombers since Taipei first began releasing daily incursion data in September 2020, according to a database maintained by *AFP...* **(China will become a basic partner with Russia for the rapidly approaching battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Russia will lead invasion number one – Ezekiel 38 & 39. China will lead invasion number two – Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 16. Then all nations will come against Jerusalem for the final invasion at which point Jesus will return to stop the bloodshed and set up his eternal kingdom upon 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 two reports.)

Taiwan Reports China’s Largest Incursion yet to Air Defense Zone

December 26, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “Seventy-one Chinese air force aircraft including fighter jets and drones entered Taiwan’s air defense identification zone in the past 24 hours, the island’s government said on Monday, the largest reported incursion to date.

Of the aircraft, 43 also crossed the Taiwan Strait’s median line, an unofficial buffer between the two sides that lies within the defense zone, Taiwan’s Defense Ministry said in a report, as Beijing continues military activities close to the Chinese-claimed island.

Taiwan’s official *Central News Agency* said it was the largest Chinese air force incursion to date, although there was no sense of alarm on the island, which has witnessed a steady increase in Chinese pressure in recent years.

China, which claims Taiwan as its own

territory, said it had conducted ‘strike drills’ in the sea and airspace around Taiwan on Sunday in response to what it said was provocation from the democratically governed island and the United States...”

Philippines ‘concerned’ over China land reclamation in disputed sea

Dec. 22, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “The Philippines said Wednesday it was ‘seriously concerned’ over a report that China has started reclaiming several unoccupied land features in the disputed South China Sea.

Bloomberg reported Tuesday, citing satellite images from U.S. officials, that new land formations have emerged around the contested Spratly Islands in the sea, where a Chinese vessel with a hydraulic excavator was seen operating over the years.

‘We are seriously concerned as such activities contravene the Declaration of Conduct on the South China Sea’s undertaking on self-restraint and the 2016 Arbitral Award,’ the Philippine foreign ministry said late Tuesday in response to the report.

The ministry added that other agencies have been asked to investigate the report, which the Chinese embassy in Manila branded as ‘fake news’.

Beijing claims almost all of the resource-rich waterway, through which trillions of dollars in trade passes annually. Other claimants include the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan...”

THE KOREAN MADMAN (& SISTER)

Kim sets out new goals for North’s military, KCNA reports

December 28, 2022 -- *SpaceWar.com*

reports: “Kim Jong Un announced new goals for North Korea’s military in a report to party leaders, state media

reported Wednesday, hinting that sanctions-busting weapons tests will continue next year.

Kim is currently presiding over a major party meeting in capital Pyongyang, during which the top leader and other senior party officials outline their policy goals for 2023 in key areas including diplomacy, security and the economy.

Kim ‘set forth new key goals for bolstering up the self-reliant defence capability to be pushed ahead with in 2023,’ the official *Korean Central News Agency* reported Wednesday, without giving any details.

The report ‘analysed and assessed the new challengeable situation created in the Korean peninsula,’ *KCNA* said, in an apparent reference to the recent sharp escalation in tensions between North and South.

Kim made clear the ‘orientation of struggle against the enemy to be adhered to by our Party,’ *KCNA* added...” (North Korea marches with Russia and China for the war of the latter years and latter days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Atomic bombs will produce global incineration – Psalms 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Joel 2:3, 30; Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7 and 9:18. See the next two reports.)

North Korea Sends Drones Into South Korea in Brazen Incursion

December 26, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “North Korea sent several small drones into South Korean airspace Monday, Seoul officials said, prompting South Korea’s military to fly its own unmanned surveillance aircraft north of the sensitive border.

South Korea also scrambled fighter jets and attack helicopters to respond to the North Korean incursion but failed to bring down any of the drones, according to South Korean military officials.

While one of the drones returned to North Korea, the status of four others is not known, said South Korean military officials who spoke to reporters on background late Monday.

It’s not clear if the North Korean drones were armed, though South Korean officials say they were small – with a wingspan of only about 2 meters.

North Korea has sent tiny, crudely built UAVs into South Korea for apparent surveillance missions at least four other times since 2014, though this is the first

reported incursion in more than five years...”

U.S. B-52s Fly Near South Korea, as North Korea Ramps Up Threats

December 22, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “The United States flew nuclear-capable B-52 strategic bombers and F-22 stealth fighter jets near South Korea Tuesday as part of a demonstration of U.S. ‘extended deterrence’ against North Korea, said South Korea’s military.

South Korean F-35A and F-15K fighters also participated in the joint air drills held in South Korea’s air defense identification zone southwest of its southern island of Jeju, according to a statement by Seoul’s Ministry of National Defense.

It is the allies’ latest show of force toward North Korea, which has hardened its rhetoric toward the United States and South Korea and conducted a record number of missile tests this year. U.S. and South Korean defense officials agreed last month to reinforce Washington’s security commitment to Seoul, including by increasing joint military drills and regularizing the presence of U.S. strategic assets, such as long-range bombers and aircraft carriers...”

Kim Jong-un’s Sister Threatens to Launch ICBM Towards America in Unhinged Rant

December 21, 2022 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Kim Yo-Jong, a top North Korean communist official and sister of dictator Kim Jong-un, published a barely coherent string of insults and threats on Tuesday suggesting that international experts doubting the quality of North Korean weapons may soon prompt an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launch across the Pacific Ocean.

Kim, officially a vice department director at the Central Committee of the Workers’ Party (the ruling communist party), published her statement through the *Korean Central News Agency (KCNA)*, one of the few legal media outlets in the country and a government-run propaganda platform.

Kim appeared to be responding to the free world’s tepid response to North Korean media announcing that it had developed a military espionage satellite and publishing low-resolution, black-and-white images as proof...” (Kim Jong-un, his sister, and recently his daughter, Ju-ae, who appeared with him twice recently raising speculation about possible succession, are following in the footsteps of Kim Jong-il and 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. See the next report.)

Experts: North Korea’s ICBMs Pose Preemption Challenges for U.S.

December 21, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “North Korea’s rapidly advancing ICBM capabilities pose a growing threat to the United States and its allies, according to experts who say it will become increasingly difficult to destroy Pyongyang’s missiles prior to launch with preemptive strikes.

In the latest development, North Korea suggested Tuesday it is preparing to launch an intercontinental ballistic missile on a normal trajectory similar to what would be used in a real attack, rather than on the less threatening lofted trajectory of previous tests.

North Korea successfully launched a Hwasong-17 ICBM in November, according to its state media *KCNA*. The ICBM, like other ballistic missiles, was fired into space on a lofted trajectory before falling into the waters between

North Korea and Japan. Facing criticism that the ICBM's capabilities 'cannot be proven by a

lofted-angle launch alone,' Kim Yo Jong, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's influential sister, said the missile

must be fired 'at a normal angle' to demonstrate that it could target the U.S...."

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Surveys Show Church Attendance, Belief in God Drops in the U.S.

December 23, 2022 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Church attendance and general belief in God has dropped in the U.S. over the past few years, recent surveys suggest.

The Chinese coronavirus pandemic appeared to accelerate these trends, as church attendance dropped by roughly 45 percent since the start of the pandemic, the latter of which prompted various leaders to shutter businesses and churches for months on end.

Further, a Gallup survey released over the summer found that belief in God sunk to an all-time low this year, down to 81 percent. It also identified young individuals and leftists as the most likely to not believe in God...

Further, a report from the *Hill* found that roughly one-fifth of Americans do not consider themselves part of a religion, which coincides with the percentage of Americans not expressing belief in God as well..." (*Behold, the days come, saith*

*the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. -- Amos 8:11-12. There is a famine of the Word of God in America, a famine caused by pastors who as Dr. Van Impe often stated "Preach little sermonettes that create Christianettes. There is no substance to their messages. Hadden Robinson, author of Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages was lecturing his students on preparation for preaching and said "If it's a mist in the pulpit, it'll be a fog in the pews." Paul wrote to Timothy: *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers,**

having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry -- II Timothy 4:1-5. Pastors, teach your people! See the next report.)

2 in 5 Americans Say We Are 'Living in the End Times,' Pew Research Study Says

December 9, 2022 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: "About 2 in 5 Americans agree that 'we are living in the end times,' according to a recent study from Pew Research.

The study showed that end-time believers either believe Jesus will return to Earth someday and life will worsen until then (14 percent), or they simply believe these are the end times (25 percent.)

About 20 percent of Christians believe that Jesus will return after global circumstances worsen..."

SIGNS IN THE SUN, MOON AND STARS

U.S. Keeps Eye on China's Space Activities for Potential Risks

December 14, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "The U.S. is closely monitoring Chinese activities that potentially threaten American assets in space as debris rapidly accumulates in low Earth orbit, the head of United States military operations in space said Friday.

Commander of U.S. Space Command Army Gen. James Dickinson also cheered the overwhelming passage in the United Nations of a resolution that countries not conduct direct-ascent antisatellite tests that create vast

fields of space debris, which endanger satellites and space stations.

Of the four countries that have conducted such ASAT tests, the United States was the only one that voted in favor, while China and Russia voted no and India abstained.

'We can't continue to contribute to the debris that we find in the space domain,' Dickinson said in a telephone news conference with reporters in Asia. Most of that debris lies in crucial low Earth orbit, which has become 'congested, competitive and contested,' he said..." (Jesus said: *And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the*

stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh-- Luke 21:25 - 28.

Everyone in the world is dependent on satellites, especially for communication and navigation. You can well imagine the chaos if this system were disrupted.

One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end, And that the passages are stopped, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted – Jeremiah 51:21,32 – lines of communication were disrupted in this passage – with frightening results. See the next report.)

U.S. Military Creates Space Unit in South Korea Amid North Korea Threats

December 14, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “The U.S. military

formally launched a space force unit in South Korea on Wednesday, a move that will likely enable Washington to better monitor its rivals North Korea, China and Russia.

The activation of the U.S. Space Forces Korea at Osan Air Base near Seoul came after North Korea test-fired a barrage of nuclear-capable ballistic missiles designed to strike the U.S. mainland and its allies South Korea and Japan in recent months.

‘Just 48 miles north of us exists an existential threat; a threat that we must be prepared to deter, defend against, and

– if required – defeat,’ Lt. Col. Joshua McCullion, chief of the new space unit, said during the activation ceremony at Osan. He apparently referred to North Korea, whose heavily fortified border with South Korea is just an hour’s drive from Seoul, the South’s capital.

The unit belongs to the U.S. Space Force, which was launched in December 2019 under then-President Donald Trump as the first new U.S. military service in more than 70 years...”

KNOWLEDGE INCREASED

U.S. scientists make major breakthrough in ‘limitless, zero-carbon’ fusion energy: report

December 12, 2022 -- *FoxBusiness.com* reports: “U.S. government scientists at a California laboratory have reportedly made a monumental breakthrough in harnessing the power of fusion energy.

The scientists, working at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, recently achieved a net energy gain in a fusion reaction, the *Financial Times* reported, citing three people with knowledge of the experiment.

Scientists have been struggling since

the 1950s to harness the fusion reaction that powers the sun. But no group has been able to produce more energy from the reaction than it consumes.

Though developing fusion power stations at scale is still decades away, the breakthrough has significant implications as the world seeks to ween itself off of fossil fuels. Fusion reactions emit zero carbon and do not produce any long-lasting radioactive waste. Per *The Times*, a small cup of hydrogen fuel could potentially power a house for hundreds of years...” **(The prediction in Revelation 13: 16 – 18 will soon occur. The world’s newest invention**

proves it. Here’s what happens at that hour in history after the Rapture mentioned in Revelation 4:1. Then the following Big Brother event occurs: ... he [the False Prophet] causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six – Revelation 13:16 – 18.)

SANCTITY OF LIFE

Canada Soon to Allow Euthanasia for the Mentally Ill

December 13, 2022 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “A law allowing limited euthanasia in Canada is set to expand to make the procedure available to people with mental illness. As Craig McCulloch reports, this is causing a variety of reactions.

Canada’s law permitting euthanasia, or Medical Assistance in Dying, became personal for Vancouver-area resident Marcia McNaughton in November. Suffering from metastasized stomach cancer, her 80-year-old aunt Ella Tikenheinrich chose to end her life with

medical assistance.

McNaughton was not aware of her aunt’s choice until almost the end, and the extended family supported it.

‘As a family, all we did was support her and love her decision,’ McNaughton said. ‘And I have to say one thing — to be in control of your own time, it is an amazing thing.’

On March 17, the law permitting what is termed Medical Assistance in Dying — commonly called MAiD — will expand to include those suffering from mental illness. Currently, only individuals whose death is deemed to be reasonably foreseeable or who suffer from a

debilitating illness, like McNaughton’s aunt, qualify to get medical assistance to end their life.

Ottawa-based Canadian Physicians for Life has always been strongly opposed to any form of legalized euthanasia...” **(Job 7:1 asks: Is there not an appointed time to men on the earth?)**

God’s Ten Commandments are eternal. The term in Exodus 20:7 stating Thou shalt not kill is murder. Our Lord Jesus translated the commandment correctly in Matthew 19:18. All who kill and murder others will be eternally separated from God – that includes abortionists and those who practice euthanasia.)