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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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Bible banned in several Utah schools due to ‘vulgarity and violence’

June 5, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The Bible was banned in several schools in Utah after a complaint from a parent made its way to the Davis School District in the northern part of the state, multiple sources reported on Friday.

The parent was reportedly frustrated with the book bans in their district and so decided to submit a complaint of their own. The parent’s complaints also cited the state’s law passed last year that bans books that contain material considered ‘pornographic and indecent,’ stating that it’s one of the ‘most sex-ridden books around.’

...The district ultimately removed the Bible from elementary and middle schools, citing ‘vulgarity and violence’ in its texts, but would allow it to be limited to high school libraries...”
(For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. – Hebrews 4:12,13. For I am not ashamed of the

gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. – Romans 1:16,17. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. – Psalm 119:105. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. – II Timothy 3:15-17. Thankfully, the school district changed their plans – see the next report.)

Bible Returns to Utah School District Shelves After Public Outcry Forces Backflip

June 22, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The King James Bible will return to shelves in a northern Utah district that sparked a public outcry last month after banning the sacred text from middle and elementary schools after a single complaint from a parent alleging ‘violence and profanity’ were contained in its pages.

AP reports officials from the Davis School District, which educates 72,000

students north of Salt Lake City, informed a board meeting Tuesday the district had determined the King James Bible was age-appropriate for all district libraries.

The backflip means the board sided with 70 people who filed appeals after the Bible was banned earlier this month, as *Breitbart News* reported...”

Report: North Korea Sentences 2-Year-Old to Life in Prison after His Parents Are Caught with a Bible

May 30, 2023 -- *ChristianHeadlines.com* reports: “According to a new report by the U.S. State Department, North Korea has carried out severe persecution against Christians, including one 2-year-old child who was sentenced to life in prison after his parents were caught with a Bible.

The finding was revealed in the State Department’s recently released 2022 International Religious Freedom Report, which highlighted Christian persecution in North Korea, including the imprisonment of an estimated 70,000 Christians.

In 2009, an entire family, including a 2-year-old child, was sentenced to life in prison for their faith and for possessing a Bible. Sentences for Christians in North Korea can range from 15 years to life in prison.

Korea Future, a nonprofit organization

working on advancing human rights in North Korea, states that the country's government persecutes people who practice religious rituals, own religious items, or associate with religious individuals, by subjecting them to arrest, detention, torture, forced labor, deportation or the denial of the right to life..." (...whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him [or her] that a millstone were hanged about his [or her] neck, and that he [or she] were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man [or woman] by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire – Matthew 18:6 – 8.)

Texas Christian University offers 'Queer Art of Drag' course requiring students to create a 'drag persona'

June 23, 2023 -- FoxNews.com reports: "Texas Christian University (TCU) offered a course in the spring semester of 2023 titled, 'The Queer Art of Drag,' which requires students to develop a drag persona and 'engage queer theories in relation to performance practice.'

The class, which is offered through its Women and Gender Studies Department and is taught by Nino Testa, whose drag persona goes by the name Maria von Clapp, will explore 'drag performance as an outlet for social critique, pedagogy, and queer worldmaking,' according to the class syllabus. In addition, students will explore the history of the 'queer art of drag,' meeting with drag performers and experts and create their own drag personas to debut at TCU's Annual Night of Drag..." (For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the

things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. – Romans 1:18-32.)

U.N. 'Expert': Religious Liberty Must Yield to LGBT Demands

June 23, 2023 -- Breitbart.com reports: "A U.N.-certified 'expert' on sexual orientation and gender identity declared Wednesday that religious communities must yield to the demands of LGBT persons to avoid charges of violence

and discrimination.

Freedom of religion or belief need not be incompatible with equality for LGBT persons, Victor Madrigal-Borloz asserted in his address to the U.N. Human Rights Council in Geneva, as long as religious groups accept the claims of gay and transgender persons.

Religious narratives clashing with the beliefs and lifestyle choices of LGBT persons, however, are 'beyond the scope of the right freedom of religion or belief,' said Madrigal-Borloz, dubbed by the U.N. 'the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.'

Predictably, the U.N. Council did not call on an expert in religious freedom to offer a counterpoint to the position of Madrigal-Borloz..." (Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! – Isaiah 5:20. This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away – II Timothy 3:1-5.)

Street preacher arrested for reading Bible verses at LGBT pride event

June 8, 2023 -- The Christian Post reports: "A Pennsylvania man was arrested after he began preaching from the Bible on public property during a protest against a nearby pride event.

The incident happened June 3 at a pride month rally in the city of Reading, located more than 60 miles northwest of Philadelphia, where a crowd that included drag performers and small children gathered in front of the City Hall building.

Video from the event showed a couple of protesters standing on the opposite side of the street as marchers held

LGBT-themed flags while Reading police officers looked on.

By early afternoon, Damon Atkins, 41, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct after he was involved in a conversation with Reading Police Officer Bradley McClure, according to court documents.

The now-viral video shows Atkins holding a sign which reads ‘Jesus said go and sin no more’ while telling McClure ‘This is public property.’ Atkins responds, ‘It is public property... let them have their day,’ in an apparent reference to the marchers...” (How sad that merely quoting the Bible can be classified as a ‘hate crime’. It is because it shines the light of God’s perfection on the thoughts and acts of sinful mankind. Jeremiah 23:29 states: *Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? And Hebrews 4:12 states: For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*)

Uganda: Jihadists Burn Christian Students Alive, Hack Them with Machetes in School Attack

June 20, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A gruesome terrorist attack on a boarding school housing secondary (high school) students left at least 42 dead in Kasese district, southwest Uganda, this weekend, 37 of them students, and many of them ‘burnt beyond recognition.’

The Ugandan government immediately blamed the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), an Islamic State affiliate, for the attack, which occurred on Friday night local time. Eyewitnesses said they heard shouts of ‘Allahu akbar!’ as the terrorists hacked girl students to death and burned the boys alive. Neither

the ADF nor the greater Islamic State organization has taken responsibility for the attack, however, and some senior officials have begun speculating publicly that outside forces attempting to seize ownership of the school used the jihadists to create a situation where the current owners, an NGO reportedly under Canadian control, would lose legitimacy as administrators...” (“*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*” – Hebrews 11:1. Hebrews 11 is called the “Hall of Fame of Faith” and it lists many Old Testament saints and the victories they had through faith. But not all had victories in their lives: *...others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection; And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: – Hebrews 11:35b – 39. Read Revelation 2:10 again: *...be faithful unto death; and I will give thee a crown of life. See the next report.*)*

Report: Fulani Jihadists Slaughter 700 Christians as ‘Farewell’ to Nigeria’s Buhari

June 20, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Islamist Fulani militants slaughtered some 700 defenseless Christians during May 2023 as a parting gift to outgoing Nigerian president Muhammadu Buhari, a leading human rights organization reports.

Emeka Umeagbalasi, a Catholic human rights activist and chairman of the International Society for Civil Liberties

and Rule of Law, declared in a June 12 report that Plateau State was the worst hit, accounting for the murders of 350 Christians, while another 110 Christians were massacred in Benue State.

Going back slightly further, the report notes that at least ‘1,100 defenseless Christians were hacked to death by Nigerian Government backed Islamic Jihadists in the past 60 days or between 12th April and 12th June 2023,’ an ongoing slaughter translating to a ‘daily average of 17 Christian deaths.’

The period under review represents ‘one of the bloodiest in anti-Christian attacks in Nigeria,’ the report added...”

Turkish ‘Princess’ Vows That Islam Will ‘Break the Western Cross’

May 30, 2023 -- *PJMedia.com* reports: “Resorting to jihadist rhetoric, Esra, the daughter of Turkey’s president, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan—who just gained another five years as president—recently attacked the West and Christianity.

In a tweet written, not in her native Turkish, but in Islam’s tongue, Arabic, the ‘first daughter’ declared that ‘There is little left for the Islamic crescent to break the Western cross.’

This phrase is as universally understood by Muslims, as it is universally misunderstood by Westerners, and is, therefore, emblematic of Muslim continuity and Western confusion.

It has both a literal and figurative meaning...” (The clash between the Cross and the Crescent has been in existence for centuries. Dr. Erwin Lutzer wrote in his book The Cross in the Shadow of the Crescent: “*We should note that Muslims were destroying crosses long before the Crusades... When Muslim invaders entered Jerusalem in 637, they did away with all crosses and would not allow them to be displayed. The symbol that lies at the heart of the Christian faith was utterly abolished. And that’s the way it has been ever since.*”)

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Hamis celebrates shooting attack

June 21, 2023 -- *Israel National News*

reports: “Abdel-Latif al-Kanou, the spokesman for the Hamas movement, welcomed the shooting attack at Eli

Junction in which four Israelis were murdered, whom he called ‘herds of settlers’.

“The act of heroism was carried out in response to the aggression of the Zionist occupation last night in the city of Jenin, and it joins the escalating attacks by the struggle organizations in Jenin, Silwad and everywhere else,” said Al-Kanou.

Al-Kanou added: ‘Our Palestinian people will not break in the face of the power of the occupation, and the Palestinian struggle organizations will continue with attacks, and their response will be with all their might against the crimes of the Zionist occupation, the desecration of Al-Aqsa Mosque, the expulsion of worshippers from its premises, and the ongoing attacks against (the) Al-Aqsa Mosque.’...” (Larry Miller, a humorist, tells of visiting several hospitals in Israel in 2001 – 2002 where he met several victims of terror attacks. He wrote: “Downstairs, before we left, the head of the hospital, an Israeli named Audrey, was showing me the children’s waiting room. I couldn’t help but notice, all around, an Arab woman with her son, an Arab family over there checking in, Arab children playing with the toys while waiting. The doctor saw the look on my face and laughed. “Oh, yes, we treat everyone.” I guess I was astonished. She just shrugged. “We’re Jews. This is how we live. It’s also for the future. They’re not going anywhere, and we’re not going anywhere. There will eventually be peace. There has to be.” When? A month? A year? A hundred years? More? She didn’t know. I had to say it. You’re incredible. You take everyone, you treat everyone, no one goes first, no one goes last, you just go in order of who needs help. That’s, like, Mother Teresa stuff. “We’re not saints, we’re just doing our jobs. It’s not easy, I admit. And it gets hard when they cheer when the [Jewish] bodies are brought in.” I looked at her. What did you say? She sighed. “Yes, it gets hard when they cheer.” This was one of the times during my trip when I held up my hands and said, “Stop. Wait.” I turned and walked away to breathe deeply for a minute... I didn’t meet one Jew the whole trip who didn’t think there would be peace, not one. “We can

work it out. We have to. They’re not going anywhere. Neither are we.” Of course, it gets hard when they cheer. I guess it does.” See the next report.)

Islamic Jihad proclaims shooting attack ‘heroic sacrifice’

June 21, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Tarek Salmi, spokesman for the Islamic Jihad organization, welcomed the shooting attack carried out at the gas station near the settlement of Eli in Samaria, in which four Israelis were murdered.

In a statement to the media, Salmi said that ‘the act of heroic sacrifice was carried out as part of the exercise of the legitimate right to self-defense, and is considered a natural response to the crimes of the occupation that are escalating against the Palestinian people.’

Salmi emphasized that ‘this action shows the vitality of the resistance organizations and their ability to act in all circumstances and hit the occupation continuously.’...”

Israel will be overthrown by Palestinian resistance, Iran tells Hamas

June 21, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Palestinian resistance is the best way to overthrow Israel, Iran’s Supreme National Security Council Secretary Ali Akbar Ahmadian told Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh on Monday, according to Iranian semi-official media outlet *Fars*.

The two men met in Tehran and discussed how best to ‘cause the greatest damage to the Zionist enemy and its supporters.’ ‘The Palestinian resistance, which once fought to defend itself in Gaza, has reached a stage of preparation where it is now consolidating its presence in the West Bank,’ said Ahmadian to Haniyeh...” (*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.)

Iran claims Caspian Sea destroyer outfitted with cruise missiles, new guns

June 26, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Iran’s Damavand destroyer, located on the land-locked Caspian Sea, has been outfitted with new missiles and a gun, Iranian media reported on Sunday.

Iran’s main warship on the Caspian Sea was ordered back in 2006 and completed in 2013. Iran can use this sea to expand its strategies in Central Asia and protect shipments of weapon systems, such as drones, to Russia.

Iran reportedly ships drones and items for a drone factory via the Caspian Sea, according to a June 9 report at *CNN*.

The Damavand is part of the Moudge-class of ships for Iran’s navy and is one of several of these ships to supposedly be built...”

Hamas: ‘We will bring Israeli Arabs into the next fight’

June 13, 2023 -- *Israel National News* reports: “Ihsan Ataya, a member of the political bureau of the Islamic Jihad and the organization’s representative in Lebanon, denies the reports that the Islamic Jihad has received a proposal for a long-term ceasefire with Israel.

In an interview with the *Al-Rid* news outlet Ataya said that in recent talks held by senior officials of the organization in

Egypt, Israeli ‘aggression’ in the Gaza Strip, the assassinations, the need to respond to any Israeli aggression, the Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip and other issues related to the Palestinian problem were discussed.

‘We are in an open war with the Israeli occupation. There is no cease-fire as some claim,’ Ataya said, adding that ‘the occupation only understands the language of force.’

‘The way of negotiation has failed, and we are a movement of struggle and will continue to struggle against the Israeli occupation, and everything that happens in the (West) Bank is the best proof of the continuation of the struggle.’

According to him, the last campaign with Israel was but one round in the rounds of confrontation with the occupation. ‘We follow the path of struggle until the liberation of Palestine.’ ...”

Gantz: We are closer than ever to needing to act against Iran

June 14, 2023 -- Israel National News reports: “National Unity Party

chairman MK Benny Gantz addressed the AJC Global Forum 2023 on Tuesday and commented on the reports of an agreement being formed between the U.S. and Iran on the Iranian nuclear program.

The fight against Iran, said Gantz, ‘is a global struggle for the world order and for maintaining regional stability, whether it is through funding of Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, spreading terror, whether it is through Hezbollah who plays a central role in the disintegration of Lebanon, wherever it is through Houthis in Yemen threatening and acting against Saudi Arabia and UAE.’

‘Iran’s actions affect the entire global surrounding and the entire Middle East, and bear in mind that with a nuclear umbrella, Iran will lead to a potential arm race in the Middle East and in the rise of Iranian aggression around the world, and for those reasons the world must stop it,’ he added...” **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.)

THE HYPERSONIC THREAT

Iran unveils ‘Fattah,’ its first hypersonic missile

June 6, 2023 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: “Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) unveiled the ‘Fattah,’ the regime’s first hypersonic missile, on Tuesday morning, Iranian state media announced.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, IRGC Commander-in-Chief Hossein Salami and other high-ranking officials. Later in the day, Iranian media published footage purporting to show a test launch of the missile.

According to Iranian media, the Fattah hypersonic missile has a range of 1,400 kilometers and hits speeds of Mach 13-15. The reports claimed that the missile is able to bypass and destroy air defense systems.

The Fattah features a moveable secondary nozzle and uses solid propellants, allowing it to reach high speeds and ‘perform various maneuvers inside and outside the earth’s

atmosphere,’ according to the Iranian Fars News Agency...” (They may threaten Israel, but Psalm 121 states: **I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Notice especially verse 4 – Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. During his confrontation with the prophets of Baal, Elijah mocked the prophets after they were unable to get a response from Baal. I Kings 18:27 states: **And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said,****

Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. God does not sleep, and He will preserve Israel. See the next four reports.)

Iran claims: Israel has no response to our new missile

June 7, 2023 -- Israel National News reports: “The commander of the Aerospace Force of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Amir Ali Hajizadeh, said that the range of the ‘Fateh’ missile, which now reaches a range of 1,400 km, will soon be increased.

Speaking at a ceremony in which the missile was unveiled and which was attended by President Ebrahim Raisi, Hajizadeh said that Iran is the fourth country in the world that has developed the technological ability to produce missiles that are capable of changing course on their way to their target.

In light of the maneuverability of the Iranian hypersonic missile, he added,

there is currently no anti-aircraft system capable of intercepting it in flight...”

Race on for protection against hypersonic missiles

June 26, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Defence firms are racing to meet demand for systems to protect against attacks using tricky-to-intercept hypersonic missiles, with several on display at this week’s Paris Air Show.

Flying at multiples of the speed of sound, ‘everything’s going faster, that’s what changes the game,’ said Lionel Mazonq, of European missile maker MBDA’s Future Systems division.

‘They change course. It’s hard to know whether they’re coming towards you, it’s challenging to predict their behaviour,’ he added — although the new missiles ‘can be intercepted, especially in the terminal stage’ of their flight.

MBDA said Tuesday it had launched a three-year programme to develop an interceptor dubbed Aquila, with 19 partner firms from five EU nations — France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain.

Brussels is expected to chip in with 80 million euros (\$87 million) from the European Commission.

But no MBDA interceptors are expected to fly before 2030...”

Defense tech firm Rafael reveals first-ever hypersonic interceptor

June 15, 2023 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: “Israel’s Rafael defense contractor unveiled Wednesday that it has been developing a first-of-its-kind anti-hypersonic missile defense system.

According to the company, the Sky Sonic interceptor missile, which has been in development for around three years, will be shown for the first time at the upcoming Paris Air Show next week.

The announcement comes after Iran earlier this month claimed it had developed a new hypersonic missile. Rafael officials said the company had only recently been given approval by the Defense Ministry to reveal the system.

Rafael said the Sky Sonic missile ‘represents a major technological leap in hypersonic missile defense.’...”

Russia’s ‘hypersonic’ missiles rely on foreign parts, stocks depleted – report

June 26, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The decreased intensity of the

Russian missile attacks against Ukraine in July is the result of a dependency on foreign components for missile production, a representative of the Intelligence Directorate in the Ukrainian Defense Ministry told *RBC Ukraine* in an interview.

The representative, Vadym Skibitsky, explained that this is especially true for the production of the Kinzhal (‘dagger’ in Russian) missiles, which the Russians claim are hypersonic.

The Kinzhal is an air-launched ballistic missile capable of carrying nuclear or conventional warheads with a reported range of 1,500 to 2,000 km while carrying a payload of 480 kg. It may reach speeds of up to Mach 10 and is one of six ‘next generation’ weapons unveiled by President Vladimir Putin in a speech in March 2018.

‘The largest number of foreign components, on which Russia critically depends, [are found] in two products, the Iskander and the Kinzhal: about fifty components of the electronic base in these missiles are of foreign production,’ said Skibitsky...”

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Russia says military ties with China provide global ‘stability’

June 12, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Russian armed forces chief of staff Valery Gerasimov said on Friday his country’s strong military partnership with China provides stability around the world.

Gerasimov, who is commander of Russia’s military operations in Ukraine, made the remark during a videoconference with his Chinese counterpart, Liu Zhenli.

‘The coordination of Russian and Chinese efforts on the international stage has a stabilising effect on the global situation,’ Gerasimov told Liu, according to a video published by the Russian defence ministry.

‘I am convinced today’s meetings will help us continue to strengthen the strategic Russia-China defence

partnership,’ he added.

Joint Russian and Chinese military exercises should remain ‘an important axis’ of this partnership, he continued...”

(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.)

UAE wishes to strengthen ties with Russia, Sheikh Mohammed tells Putin

June 16, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “The president of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which has not joined Western sanctions against Moscow, told Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday that his nation wished to strengthen ties.

‘I am pleased to be here today with you,

your Excellency, and we wish to build on this relationship and we put our trust in you to do so,' Sheikh Mohammed told Putin on the sidelines of a forum in St. Petersburg on Friday.

The Middle East economic powerhouse has sought to maintain what it says is a neutral position on the Ukraine war..."

U.S. deploys F-22s to Middle East to counter Russia's 'unsafe, unprofessional behavior'

June 15, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "U.S. F-22 fighter jets have

been deployed to the Middle East to counter an increase in 'unsafe and unprofessional behavior' by Russia in the region, the military said Wednesday.

The Raptor fighter jets of Virginia's 94th Fighter Squadron were deployed from Langley Air Force Base to the Middle East to demonstrate the United States' ability to 're-posture forces and deliver overwhelming power at a moment's notice,' U.S. Central Command said in a statement.

The announcement comes amid heightened tensions between the United

States and Russia over Moscow's war in Ukraine and follows several instances of near conflict erupting between the countries in the skies over Syria.

In April, Russian fighter jets attempted to lure U.S. military aircraft into a dogfight over Syria, *CNN* reported.

During the month of March, Russian jets flew near daily over a U.S. military base in the Middle Eastern country, Lt. Gen. Alexis Grynkewich of U.S. Central Command told *NBC News*..."

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

China Expands Nuclear Arsenal as Global Tensions Grow

June 12, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "The nuclear arsenals of several countries, especially China, grew last year and other atomic powers continued to modernize theirs as geopolitical tensions rise, researchers said Monday.

'We are approaching, or maybe have already reached, the end of a long period of the number of nuclear weapons worldwide declining,' Dan Smith, director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), told AFP.

The total amount of nuclear warheads among the nine nuclear powers — Britain, China, France, India, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia and the United States — was down to 12,512 at the outset of 2023, from 12,710 at the start of 2022, according to SIPRI.

Of those, 9,576 were in 'military stockpiles for potential use,' 86 more than a year earlier.

SIPRI distinguishes between countries' stockpiles available for use and their total inventory, which includes older ones scheduled to be dismantled..." **(China is prophesied to be a top contender and bloody warrior during the battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Revelation 16:12 pictures Kings coming to the Middle East, primarily China, to slay a third-part of mankind in atomic warfare. Revelation 9:14 – 18 the Oriental nations from the East join with Russia**

– the leader from the North – Daniel 11:44 – for the most horrendous war in history. See the next report.)

China Establishing 'Commanding Lead' with Key Military Technologies

June 6, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "Chinese research on some key military technologies is so far ahead that the United States and its key allies may never be able to catch up, according to a new analysis by an Australian think tank.

The Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) issued its findings Tuesday based on a review of the top 10% of the most highly cited research papers, concluding China leads in 19 of 23 key categories, including some that are likely to play a major role in Beijing's push for military prominence in the Indo-Pacific and beyond.

China 'has a commanding lead in hypersonics, electronic warfare and in key undersea capabilities,' the ASPI study found, further warning, 'China's leads are so emphatic they create a significant risk that China might dominate future technological breakthroughs in these areas.'

The analysis further found that for hypersonics, nine of the 10 leading research institutions are based in China, while China is home to all 10 of the top research venues for undersea drones..."

Chinese Defense Minister Threatens to Attack Taiwan 'Without Any Hesitation'

June 6, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Chinese National Defense Minister Li Shangfu, making his debut on the international stage, told attendees at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore on Sunday that the communist nation's military would attack 'without any hesitation' against any allies of Taiwan seeking to support the nation's independence from Beijing.

Li spent most of his address at the event, an annual platform for the world's most powerful military leaders to discuss the future of national defense, promoting the Communist Party's 'Global Security Initiative,' a proposal by genocidal dictator Xi Jinping discouraging countries from acting in the interest of their own defense and instead proposing undefined 'win-win cooperation'..." **(A March 19, 2021 article in *The New York Times* – Tense Talks With China Left U.S. 'Cleareyed' About Beijing's Intentions, Officials Say <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/19/world/asia/china-us-alaska.html> states: "Just as Washington's views on China have shifted after years of encouraging the country's economic integration, so have Beijing's perceptions of the United States and the privileged place in the world that it has long held. The Americans, in their view, no longer have an overwhelming reservoir of global influence, nor the power to wield it against China.**

That has made China more confident in pursuing its aims openly and unabashedly — from human rights issues in Hong Kong and Xinjiang to territorial disputes with India and Japan and others in the South China Sea to, most contentiously of all, the fate of Taiwan, the self-governing democracy that China claims as its own.

While China still faces enormous challenges at home and around the world, its leaders now act as if history is on their side.” See the next three reports.)

37 Chinese warplanes cross into Taiwan’s defence zone

June 8, 2023 - *SpaceWar.com* reports: ‘More than 30 Chinese warplanes entered Taiwan’s air defence zone over the course of about six hours, the island’s defence ministry said Thursday, a sharp ramp-up in single-day incursions by China’s military.

China claims self-ruled Taiwan as its territory and has vowed to take it one day — by force if necessary.

In recent years, Beijing has intensified aerial incursions into the island’s air defence identification zone — nearly doubling the air sorties in 2022 compared to the year before.

Taiwan’s Ministry of National Defence spokesman Sun Li-fang announced

Thursday that from 5 am local time (2100 GMT), ‘a total of 37 Chinese military aircrafts’ entered Taiwan’s southwestern ADIZ.

‘Some continued... towards the Western Pacific for long-range reconnaissance training,’ Sun said at around 11 am.

While not the largest number of incursions this year — that would be 45 sorties on April 9 — Thursday’s surge occurred over a much more compressed time frame...”

Eight Chinese warplanes approach waters controlled by Taiwan

June 26, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “Taiwan’s defence ministry said Saturday that eight Chinese warplanes had crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait and come close to waters under Taipei’s control.

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

On Saturday, Taiwan’s defence ministry said 19 Chinese warplanes including J-10 and J-16 fighters were detected around the island.

Eight of them crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait and approached the island’s contiguous zone, or the band of sea within 24 nautical miles (44 kilometres) of its coast, the ministry

said in a statement.

‘Additionally, five PLAN (Chinese navy) vessels conducted joint combat patrol,’ it continued, adding that it was closely monitoring the situation and had deployed its patrol aircraft and vessels in response.

Beijing has ramped up incursions into Taiwan’s air defence identification zone (ADIZ) in recent years as relations between the two sides have plunged...”

Taiwan Reports Chinese Aircraft Carrier Sailed Through Strait

June 21, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: “A Chinese aircraft carrier group led by the vessel *Shandong* sailed through the sensitive Taiwan Strait on Wednesday, Taiwan’s defense ministry said, amid heightened military tension over the island Beijing claims as its own territory.

The ministry said the *Shandong*, commissioned in 2019, had sailed in a southerly direction through the western part of the strait, and it had dispatched ‘appropriate forces’ to monitor the Chinese activities.

The aircraft carrier participated in Chinese military drills around Taiwan in April, operating in the western Pacific. In March last year, it sailed through the Taiwan Strait, just hours before the leaders of China and the U.S. were due to talk...”

MARK OF THE BEAST TECHNOLOGY

‘Digital Snitch’ — Govt Can Remotely Activate Cell Phone Cameras and Microphones, Says French Senate

June 12, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The French Senate has approved a bill that would allow the state to spy on certain individuals using microphones and cameras installed on their own devices.

A bill handing French authorities the right to spy on certain individuals using cameras and microphones embedded in private electronic devices has passed

its first reading in the French Senate, causing uproar amongst elements of the country’s political class.

The bill will grant relevant authorities the ability to remotely activate cameras within the likes of laptops and smartphones without the user’s permission or even knowledge.

According to a report by *Le Figaro*, the bill restricts the use of such methods for individuals suspected of being involved in specific types of crime, including ‘terrorism, delinquency and organized crime’...” **(The headline above is coming. The False Prophet who arises**

to power with the Antichrist makes plans for global control of all humanity during the 7-year tribulation period: ...he 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.)