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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*

## ISRAEL AT WAR

### **Hamas Official: We Will Repeat October 7 Terror Attack Until Israel is Annihilated**

November 2, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “A senior political official in the Palestinian Hamas terror organization told Lebanese television last week that the group intends to repeat its October 7 terror attack until Israel is annihilated. The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) translated the interview. In it, Hamas political official Ghazi Hamad says that attacks on Israeli civilians are justified; that the cost in terms of Palestinian ‘martyrs’ is worth the ultimate goal of ending Israel; and that Hamas will continue to mount such attacks...” (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 throughly 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.)*

### **Hamas planned to push October 7 massacre to the West Bank border – report**

November 13, 2023 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “Hamas’s original plan for October 7 went beyond just a massacre in the Gaza border area and taking hundreds of hostages, but to continue their assault up to the border with the West Bank, *The Washington Post* reported Sunday, citing Western and Middle Eastern security officials briefed on collected evidence.

This information was obtained from numerous maps, notes, supplies, and

other written instructions found among the bodies of dead Hamas terrorists in the Gaza border area, as well as from interrogations of Hamas captives.

“We know from interrogations that Hamas came in with detailed plans of their attack, including which commander should rape which soldiers in different places,” Defense Minister Yoav Gallant explained to *The Washington Post*, though the quote has since been removed from the original report...” (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.)*

### **Hamas Leaders to NY Times: No Interest in Helping Palestinians in Gaza, Want 'Permanent' War Against Israel**

**November 9, 2023** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: " Hamas leaders told the *New York Times* on Wednesday that they had no interest in governing Gaza and instead wanted to create a 'permanent' state of war against Israel that, in their minds, would mobilize Arab support and keep the Palestinian cause alive..."

The *Times* presented several Hamas complaints about Israel in euphemistic terms, as if they were accurate or legitimate. For example, it describes Jews trying to pray on the Temple Mount as 'Jews openly praying at a contested site customarily reserved for Muslims,' without mentioning that it is also the holiest site in Judaism. The *Times* also cites 'the Israeli police storming the Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem,' without noting that they only did so because Hamas and other groups stockpiled weapons there..." **(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.)**

### **Hezbollah: Mass Murder of Israelis by Hamas 'Great and Marvelous'**

**November 9, 2023** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Hezbollah Deputy Secretary-General Sheikh Naim Qassem told a Lebanese TV interviewer on Tuesday that the Hamas atrocities of October 7, in which over 1,400 Israeli civilians were raped, tortured, murdered, and abducted, was a 'great and marvelous' operation that demonstrated the 'courage, audacity, and righteousness' of the Palestinian people.

Qassem described the atrocities, which Hamas and its supporters call 'Operation

Al-Aqsa Storm,' as an 'exceptional operation which is unprecedented since the establishment of the Zionist regime.'

'It planted the seeds which would lead to the regression and downfall of the regime, since it uncovered that the Israeli security capabilities are extremely weak. The Israeli army is very weak. And the politicians know nothing and cannot envision the future,' he said.

Qassem said all branches of the anti-Israel, anti-U.S. 'resistance' across the Middle East should take inspiration from the 'great success' of the 10/7 attack, and called on all of them to support Hamas..." **(Larry Miller, a humorist, tells of visiting several hospitals in Israel in 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 two reports.)**

### **Palestinian minister: Hamas's October 7 massacre of Israelis 'heroic'**

**November 27, 2023** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Jabril Rajoub, Secretary of Fatah's Central Committee, praised Hamas's October 7 massacre in Israel's South during a press conference in Kuwait earlier this month, a local newspaper reported in Arabic.

Rajoub called the attack – during which thousands of Hamas terrorists invaded southern Israel, shooting, raping, burning, and beheading about 1,200 people – 'an earthquake, an unprecedented event,' portraying it as a defensive action against Israeli 'aggression' – which includes Israel's response to it.

Rajoub said that Hamas's attack, part of a 'defensive war full of epics and heroics that the Palestinian people have been fighting for 75 years,' thwarted a plan 'by the Israeli Right' to integrate the country into the larger Middle East without the Palestinian issue on the agenda..."

### **Palestinian Authority claims Israel, not Hamas, committed Re'im massacre**

**November 20, 2023** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "The Palestinian Authority's Finance Ministry put out a statement on Sunday, denying that the terrorist group Hamas was responsible for at least 350 partygoers slain at the Re'im music festival massacre.

The statement says that 'preliminary Israeli police investigations' showed that Israeli claims in the media were false, and that this was then used by 'the occupation to justify its aggression against Gaza...'

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responded later that day, 'Today, the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah said something utterly preposterous. It denied that it was Hamas that carried out the horrible massacre at the nature festival near Gaza. It accused Israel of carrying out that massacre. This is a complete reversal of the truth.'

'Abu Mazen, who in the past has denied the existence of the Holocaust, today is denying the existence of the Hamas massacre and that's unacceptable.'..."

**Netanyahu to CBS: We're trying to wipe out Hamas with minimal civilian casualties**

**November 17, 2023** -- *Israel National News* reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told *CBS News*' Norah O'Donnell, in an interview which aired on Thursday, that a deal to secure the release of some hostages held by Hamas is closer than before.

The proposal would see Hamas release some of the women and children hostages in exchange for a ceasefire that would last between three and five days.

Asked about the proposed deal and how close Israel is to securing the release of hostages, Netanyahu replied, 'We're closer than we were before we began the ground action' and added the ground operation has 'put pressure on Hamas to achieve a ceasefire.'

'We'll have a temporary cease-fire if we can get our hostages back,' Netanyahu told O'Donnell, adding, 'I don't think it serves that purpose for me to elaborate further on that.'

Netanyahu also insisted Israel is trying to wipe out Hamas 'with minimal civilian casualties' and clarified Israel is 'not seeking to occupy' Gaza..."

**(Benjamin Netanyahu has stated: "If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel."**

**Israel does all that it can to protect civilians – Hamas uses civilians to protect their missiles; placing them next to schools and in residential neighborhoods. See the next report.)**

**EU condemns Hamas for using civilians as human shields**

**November 13, 2023** -- *Israel National News* reports: "The European Union (EU) on Sunday condemned Hamas for using 'hospitals and civilians as human shields' in Gaza, but also urged Israel to show 'maximum restraint' to protect civilians from the war it is waging against Hamas.

'The EU is gravely concerned about the deepening humanitarian crisis in Gaza,' EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said in a statement.

'The EU joins calls for immediate pauses in hostilities and the establishment of humanitarian corridors, including

through increased capacity at border crossings and through a dedicated maritime route, so that humanitarian aid can safely reach the population of Gaza,' he added.

Borrell further said that 'the EU re-emphasizes Israel's right to defend itself in line with international law and international humanitarian law. The EU calls for continued, rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access and aid to reach those in need through all necessary measures including humanitarian corridors and pauses for humanitarian needs. In this regard, we welcome the results of the November 9 humanitarian conference held in Paris.'

'The EU reiterates its call on Hamas for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages. It is crucial that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is granted access to the hostages,' continued the statement..."

**Rockets inside a girl's bed: IDF reveals more evidence of Hamas' use of civilians**

**November 16, 2023** -- *Israel National News* reports: "Rockets were found inside a bed in the children's bedroom inside the house of a Hamas terrorist during operational activity carried out by the troops of the 551st Brigade. The terrorist was a part of a Hamas terrorist cell in Beit Hanoun. During the operational activity, the troops uncovered a significant amount of weapons, including rockets, explosive devices, and dozens of kilos of explosives.

The weapons were subsequently destroyed by the forces. In addition, the IDF discloses a recorded conversation between two Islamic Jihad terrorists, in which the terrorists describe how weapons are transferred inside baby strollers..." **(How barbaric to use children in such a manner. In a statement attributed to Golda Meir, she once said: "We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. We will only have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate us." Read the following passages to see what the Bible says about children. "...children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward"- Psalms 127:3.**

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

**Hamas tunnels, weapons found near amusement park and university**

**November 8, 2023** -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Tunnels and weapons warehouses used by Hamas were found near an amusement park and a university in the Gaza Strip during the IDF's ongoing operations in the coastal enclave, the IDF Spokesperson's Unit revealed on Tuesday. The Paratrooper Brigade found a tunnel opening near an amusement park in the Strip. The opening was destroyed by the IDF.

Maj. Roi, a commander in Sayeret Tzanhanim, stated 'we found a logistic tunnel. The tunnels didn't pass over this area. We blew it up now, the opening has been destroyed and we intend to do this in every place we get to.'

The Paratrooper Brigade and the 7th Brigade also found a tunnel opening and a weapons warehouse near a university, uncovering chemicals, RPGs, and explosives, among other objects..."

**Netanyahu: We'll defy the world if needed to defeat Hamas; PA can't run Gaza after war**

**Nov. 14, 2023** -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "The leaders in charge of directing Israel's war in Gaza vowed Saturday to soldier on with the grinding military offensive aimed at vanquishing the Hamas terror group, pushing back at international pressure to slow down or halt it, and pledging to 'stand firm against the world if necessary.'

In a joint press conference, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant and Minister Benny Gantz rejected mounting international criticism over the civilian costs of the war, urging Western leaders to throw their support behind the Jewish state since its victory would mean victory for the entire free world as well. Netanyahu slammed French President Emmanuel Macron over remarks he made castigating Israel a day earlier. He also indicated that Israel would oppose the return of the Palestinian Authority to Gaza following the war — a goal declaredly sought by Washington — lambasting it as an entity that educates children to want to eliminate Israel, supports terrorism and hasn't condemned Hamas's October 7 massacres, which sparked the ongoing war. And he said Israel would retain overall security control in the enclave.

The pushback came after several countries over the weekend expressed concern over the deteriorating humanitarian situation and the civilian casualties in the Strip..." **(Prime Minister Netanyahu is correct. 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 three reports.)*

**Southern Command official: 'We are preparing to continue attacking once the pause is over'**

**Nov. 24, 2023** -- *Israel National News* reports: "The Commanding Officer of the IDF Southern Command, Maj. Gen. Yaron Finkelman held a situational assessment on Thursday with the combat forces in the Gaza Strip, during which he briefed the troops and approved the plans for the operational alignment on the ceasefire line.

A senior official in the Southern Command warned: 'Anything that constitutes a threat to our troops will be struck. Our forces' security is the top priority; that is how we acted, and that is how we will continue to act.'

He added: 'The maneuver and the operational achievements put pressure on Hamas and its leadership and served as a vital tool to create the conditions to execute the deal to bring back some of the hostages.'

'We will take advantage of the majority of the time for preparation and planning the missions that lay ahead of us once the respite is over. We are preparing to continue attacking with all our might immediately once the respite ends'..."

**Israeli PM Netanyahu warns America: 'If we don't win now, then Europe is next and you're next'**

**Nov. 14, 2023** -- *FoxNews.com* reports: "Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu offered a dire warning to America that it may be 'next' if the IDF doesn't decimate Hamas during an interview with *FOX News*' Sean Hannity. 'We have to win not only for our sake, but for the sake of the Middle East, for the sake of our Arab neighbors. You know what, for the sake of Gazans

who've been held by this dark tyranny that has brutalized and brought them nothing but bloodshed and poverty and misery,' Netanyahu said Monday. 'We have to win to protect Israel. We have to win to safeguard the Middle East. We have to win for the sake of the civilized world. That's the battle we're fighting, and it's being waged right now. There is no substitute for that victory.'

'If we don't win now, then Europe is next and you're next. And we have to win,' he later added..."

**Son of Hamas co-founder: 'If Hamas is not destroyed, the rest of the world is next'**

**Nov. 22, 2023** -- *Israel National News* reports: "Mosab Hassan Yousef, known as the Green Prince, the son of Hamas co-founder Sheikh Hassan Yousef, addressed UN officials and ambassadors as part of an event during which the unedited footage of the October 7th massacre was screened.

'This crime cannot be forgiven. None of us should forgive this crime. Gambling with children's blood for political gain – it doesn't get worse than this. So Israel now got stained by blood. This is what Hamas wanted from day one,' he opened.

'They wanted to sacrifice thousands of children so Israel could take the blame. Digging tunnels and bunkers under hospitals and schools, launching missiles. A Hamas misfire, how many people were killed at the hospital, and they went so fast to blame Israel, and the rest of the world listened to them. Nobody's concerned to check what is true and what is false. 'Whatever serves our political and short-term interests, we go for it,' Yousef explained.

He declared: 'If Hamas is not defeated, if Hamas is not eradicated in Gaza, we will set the model, we will give the freedom to so many radical groups around the world, and this is just a warning. If you really care for global security, and I speak as a person who was part of the counter-terrorism effort against radical Islamists, if Hamas is not defeated in Gaza, it will inspire many groups around the globe. They will see that a few thousand savages can blackmail the international community and the superpowers and bring democracies to their knees'..."

# THE KINGS OF THE EAST

## **China Catches Up to U.S. Nuclear Submarine Technology**

November 24, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "The *Wall Street Journal (WSJ)* on Monday published a gloomy report warning that the U.S. Navy is losing its competitive edge in submarine warfare to China, which went from creaky, noisy, slow-moving subs to ultra-quiet nuclear-powered attack vehicles in less than 20 years.

The People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) has greatly narrowed the submarine warfare gap, which could spell big trouble for U.S. plans to defend Taiwan with submarines.

Two particularly troubling events took place in 2023. First, satellite photos showed China putting together the hull for a new sub that would be dramatically larger than any previous PLAN undersea vessel, and then China field-tested a nuclear sub using the same quiet hydrojet propulsion system American subs employ.

Hydrojet or 'pump-jet' technology is the next step beyond noisy propellers, which tend to be the greatest source of noise from underwater vehicles. Propeller technology has evolved tremendously over the last few generations of subs, but hydrojets are even more silent, efficient, durable, more functional in shallow water, and best of all, less prone to cavitation.

Cavitation, whereby water boils into bubbles under high pressure at low temperatures, is among the greatest threats facing stealthy submariners. It is the undersea equivalent of stepping on a sheet of bubble wrap while attempting to sneak past guards..." **(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 three reports.)*

## **China's military on 'concerning trajectory': U.S. general**

November 10, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "A top U.S. general has told *AFP* that China's military is on a 'concerning trajectory', twinning rapidly improving capabilities with 'more aggressive' behaviour in the Pacific.

General Charles Flynn, who commands more than 107,000 Pacific-based U.S. Army personnel, said Chinese forces have made an 'enormous amount of progress' in recent years.

'The trajectory that they have been following for the last decade, if I multiply that into the next decade, that is a concerning trajectory,' the four-star general told *AFP* in a video interview from Hawaii on Wednesday.

Under Xi Jinping's decade-long rule, China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) has morphed from an ill-equipped and ineffective force into one of the world's fastest-growing and most potent.

Beijing also has the world's largest navy and a growing nuclear and ballistic arsenal, fuelled by a defence budget that is second only to that of the United States..."

## **China Warns Australia on Naval Movements in Contested Waters**

November 28, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "China has urged Australia to notify it of navy movements in the contested South China Sea and East China Sea, with a senior Chinese

official cautioning that a small incident between militaries could escalate and damage ties.

Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese last week said a Chinese warship acted in a dangerous manner by using its sonar during an incident with an Australian navy vessel in Japan's waters that injured a military diver.

The same Australian vessel, *Toowoomba*, began joint patrols with the Philippines in the South China Sea for the first time on Saturday, amid rising tensions between Beijing and Manila over a disputed shoal.

Speaking in Sydney on Tuesday, the head of the international department of the Chinese Communist Party, Liu Jianchao, said the sonar incident took place in waters where there is a dispute between Japan and China, and questioned why the Australian navy was there.

Liu, who denied China had harmed Australian navy personnel, called for 'any kind of pre-consultations or notification' to prevent misunderstandings from happening between two militaries..."

## **China Says it Warns off Japanese Ships in East China Sea**

November 28, 2023 -- *Voice of America News* reports: "The Chinese coast guard said its vessels warned off Japanese ships that 'illegally intruded' into waters around disputed East China Sea islets on Tuesday.

The Chinese vessels 'took necessary control measures,' the coast guard added, without going into details. There was no immediate comment from Japan.

China urged Japan to immediately cease all 'illegal activities' in the area and ensure that similar incidents do not recur, the coastguard added.

The waters around Diaoyu Islands, which Japan calls the Senkaku Islands, are claimed by both China and Japan..."

## **North Korea suspends military accord with South after satellite launch**

November 23, 2023 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "North Korea said Thursday it

was suspending a five-year-old accord reached with South Korea to reduce military tensions — the latest retaliatory fallout over Pyongyang’s spy satellite launch.

The angry statement from the nuclear-armed North’s defence ministry came after state media claimed leader Kim Jong Un was already reviewing images of U.S. military bases in Guam sent by Pyongyang’s new eye in the sky.

With the United States leading allies in slamming Tuesday’s satellite launch as a ‘brazen violation’ of UN sanctions, the South moved Wednesday to partially suspend the 2018 deal, a series of measures put in place to cool tensions on the Korean peninsula.

On Thursday the North said it was ripping up the agreement entirely.

‘We will withdraw the military steps, taken to prevent military tension and conflict in all spheres including ground, sea and air, and deploy more powerful armed forces and new-type military hardware in the region along the Military Demarcation Line,’ the ministry said, according to state-run *KCNA* news agency.

The ministry said it ‘will never be bound’ by the deal again, according to *KCNA*...’ **(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 three reports.)**

### **North Korea defends satellite launch at UN as Kim takes images of White House**

**November 28, 2023** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korea’s ambassador made a rare appearance at the UN Security Council on Monday to defend his country’s launch of a spy satellite,

as leader Kim Jong Un studied images including of the White House and Pentagon.

Western powers, Japan and South Korea have said North Korea violated Security Council resolutions by launching the satellite last week.

The totalitarian state has said that its new eye in the sky has already provided images of major U.S. and South Korea military sites, as well as photos of the Italian capital Rome.

On Monday it took ‘in detail’ images of the White House and the Pentagon in Washington, according to state-run *KCNA* news agency, which said Kim was reviewing the photos.

He also counted some aircraft carriers at a military base and a shipyard in the neighboring state of Virginia, the report said...”

### **North Korea to send new weapons to border after spy satellite launch**

**November 23, 2023** -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: “North Korea said Thursday it would deploy new weapons and stronger armed forces to the border with the South, as Seoul’s spy agency said Pyongyang had received Russian help to successfully put a military spy satellite into orbit.

Tuesday’s launch of the ‘Malligyong-1’ was Pyongyang’s third attempt at securing a military eye in the sky after two failures in May and August.

North Korean state media claimed within hours of the launch that leader Kim Jong Un was already reviewing images of U.S. military bases in Guam.

Seoul’s National Intelligence Service told lawmakers the launch had been a success but cautioned it was too early to say if the satellite was working as Pyongyang claimed, adding the North had been given ‘feedback’ by Russia

after Kim met Russian President Vladimir Putin in September...”

### **Seoul Says North Korea Restores Border Guard Posts as Tensions Rise Over Satellite Launch**

**November 27, 2023** -- *Voice of America News* reports: “North Korea is restoring front-line guard posts that it had dismantled during a previous period of inter-Korean rapprochement, South Korea’s military said Monday, after animosities spiked between the rivals over the North’s recent spy satellite launch.

The two Koreas previously dismantled or disarmed 11 of their guard posts inside their heavily fortified border, called the Demilitarized Zone, under a 2018 deal meant to ease front-line military confrontations. But the deal is now in danger of being scrapped as both Koreas openly threaten to breach it.

The 2018 agreement required the two Koreas to halt aerial surveillance and live-fire exercises at no-fly and buffer zones that they established along the DMZ, as well as remove some of their front-line guard posts and land mines. The deal left South Korea with 50 board guard posts and North Korea with 150.

After North Korea claimed to place its first military spy satellite into orbit on Nov. 21, South Korea said it would partially suspend the deal and resume aerial surveillance along the DMZ in response. South Korea said its response was ‘a minimum defensive measure’ because the launch showed the North’s intentions to strengthen its monitoring of the South and improve its missile technology.

North Korea immediately slammed South Korea’s decision, saying it would deploy powerful weapons at the border in a tit-for-tat measure. The North said it also won’t abide by the 2018 deal any longer...”

## CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

### **Franklin Graham: ‘Sad Day for the Church of England’ After It Approves Blessing Same-Sex Couples on Trial Basis**

**Nov. 22, 2023** -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “It is a ‘sad day for the Church of England,’

Christian evangelist Franklin Graham said Tuesday following news of the church opting to hold experimental services to bless same-sex couples.

‘It’s a sad day for the Church of England,’ Graham began, explaining that ‘any decision that goes against the Word of

God is wrong—even if it’s called a trial.’ ‘The Church of England decided to go forward with trial blessing services for same-sex couples. We need to pray for the Church around the world to return to the firm foundation of God’s Word,’ he added.

Graham’s plea follows news of the General Synod supporting a plan to hold services devoted to blessing homosexual couples, albeit on an experimental basis...” *(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.)*

**Chinese Police Raid Christian Worship Service, Arrest 13 Believers**

November 20, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Chinese police and national security agents raided a Christian worship service in the nation’s Sichuan province last week and arrested 13 believers.

Among those arrested in the November 9 raid were Elder Li Yingqiang and Pastor Dai Zhichao of Chengdu Early Rain Covenant Church, an independent Christian church regularly harassed by the Chinese Communist Party.

Elder Li and Pastor Dai had traveled to the city of Dazhou, where they held a worship service at the ‘Good Land Mission Center,’ a subsidiary of Chengdu Early Rain Covenant Church. The service included baptisms and holy communion, according to reports by ChinaAid, a U.S.-based Christian charity.

During the worship service, held in a hotel conference room, more than ten police officers, national security agents, and staff from the religious affairs bureau and civil affairs bureau stormed the conference room...” *(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 – John 15:18-24. See the next two reports.)*

**Report: Anti-Christian Hate Crimes in Europe Leapt by 44 Percent in 2022**

November 17, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Religiously motivated hate crimes against Christians in Europe jumped by 44 percent in just one year, reveals a sobering report by a prominent Christian persecution monitoring group.

On Thursday, the Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe (OIDAC Europe) released its Annual Report 2022/23, which documents a sharp rise in violent incidents and social hostility against Christians, as well as in vandalism and

arson attacks on churches.

The report also underscores legal developments in several European countries that infringe upon the religious freedom of Christians, including ‘hate speech’ legislation, under which some Christians have been prosecuted for voicing mainstream Christian beliefs in public.

It also notes the elimination of conscience clauses and legislation needed to guarantee parents’ right to educate their children in conformity with their beliefs...”

**Nightmare Wedding: Over 100 Christians Burned Alive, Iraqi Gov. Says ‘Accidental’**

November 1, 2023 -- *PJMedia.com* reports: “Over 100 Christians were burned alive after a fire broke out during a Christian wedding ceremony in Iraq on Oct. 3, 2023; another 150 attendees were seriously injured. Nearly 60 of those killed in the inferno were directly related to the bride and groom...”

In a press conference held on the same day of the tragedy, the Iraqi government announced that its investigation had ‘conclusively concluded’ that the fire was ‘accidental’ and ‘not intentional at all.’

Minutes later, the Syriac Church slammed the announcement: ‘We reject it [the results], we don’t accept it,’ said the Archbishop of Mosul Benedictus Younan Hanno, adding that ‘political conspiracies’ might be afoot...

It is worth noting that this scenario — a fire claims Christian lives only for Muslim authorities to say it was ‘accidental’—has played out many times in the Middle East. Take Egypt, for example, where the region’s largest Christian minority resides...”

# PSALM 83:4

**California Imam Calls to ‘Annihilate’ Zionist ‘Dogs,’ Accuses Israel of Fabricating Videos Like a ‘Hollywood Studio’**

November 23, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Zionist ‘dogs’ should be ‘annihilated,’ according to an Islamic

cleric in California who accused Israel of evildoing and fabricating videos ‘like a Hollywood studio,’ as he expressed his longing for ‘the day that I get to listen to the last gasping breath of them hanging from the rope that Allah gave them to hang themselves.’

In a sermon delivered Friday at the Middle Ground Muslim Center in

Upland, California, Imam Marc Manley lashed out at the ‘Zionists,’ whom he accused of knowingly perpetrating ‘evil.’

‘Do you think for one minute that these Zionists don’t know that what they are doing is evil? Of course they do,’ he said. ‘It’s part of their whole national anthem to remind everybody on the face

of the earth of how their parents and grandparents were slaughtered in death camps in Poland and in Germany.’

‘Of course, they know it’s evil,’ he added...” (*Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth Psalm 83:1-18. See the next two reports.)*

**West Coast Pro-Palestinian Protesters Blockade Ports; Call for ‘Intifada,’ End to Israel**

November 7, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “About 100 pro-Palestinian protesters blockaded the port of Tacoma, Washington, on Monday morning in an effort to stop the passage of a ship they say is bound for Israel with U.S.-supplied weapons for the fight against the Palestinian terror group Hamas. The demonstration is a continuation of

efforts in Oakland over the weekend that saw anti-Israel activists attempting to scale the ship, the *Cape Orlando*, and several arrests...

Elsewhere in the Bay Area, thousands of anti-Israel protesters marched in San Francisco to demand a ceasefire in the war, which Hamas started on October 7 in a terror attack that killed over 1,400 people in Israel, most of them civilians...

One carried a sign reading ‘75 years of genocide,’ opposing the very existence of Israel — which was authorized by the United Nations in a 1947 partition resolution, but was attacked immediately by surrounding Arab states upon declaring independence...”

**Hamas Terrorist Attack Ignites Open Hatred of Jews Around the World**

November 2, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Hamas terrorists kicked the lid off hell and invaded Israel on October 7 in a barbaric attack that included mass rape, murder, torture, and kidnappings. Ever since from the streets of Berlin, Paris, Rome and on to the very heart of London, New York’s Times Square, and the steps of the Sydney Opera House, there has been a dramatic surge in anti-Jewish hatred.

The Hamas attacks, a pogrom in everything from name to historical definition, have left Jewish people reeling from a multitude of threats...”

**Ayatollah Khamenei: ‘Death to America’ Is Not Just a Slogan, but Iran’s ‘Policy’**

November 3, 2023 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “The ‘supreme leader’ of Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, declared in an address on Wednesday that the common chant of ‘Death to America’ in his country is ‘not just a slogan – it is a policy,’ one his regime intended to bring to fruition.

Khamenei was reportedly delivering remarks on Iranian regime-controlled television regarding the ongoing conflict between the nation of Israel and the Hamas genocidal terrorist organization, which Iran funds to the tune of tens of millions of dollars a year...

Khamenei expanded his hateful remarks against Israel on Wednesday by declaring that, given America’s longstanding

support for that country, ‘Death to America’ was a core goal of his regime’s foreign policy...” (*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.)*