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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

FAITH FOR THE FINAL HOUR

Barna: America needs 'spiritual renewal' as fewer than half of Americans believe God exists

March 17, 2025 -- The Christian Post reports: "A new survey has found that more than half of Americans do not believe God exists or that He 'affects lives,' prompting one prominent researcher to highlight the need for 'sweeping national repentance and spiritual renewal.'

The Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University released the second installment of its American Worldview Inventory 2025 on Wednesday.

The research found that overall, 60% of Americans do not believe God exists or that He 'affects lives.' Nearly half of self-identified Christians (47%) and a slightly smaller share of theologically identified born-again Christians (40%) said the same.

George Barna, director of research at Arizona Christian University, said of the findings, 'The more time you spend thinking about what this research tells us, the more you are likely to conclude that nothing short of sweeping national repentance and spiritual renewal can save America from itself.'..." (... when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? - Luke 18:8. The article makes one wonder what the answer to that question would be. 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.

Thankfully, God always has a faithful remnant. In I Kings 19 following the victory over the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, Elijah fled to the wilderness after hearing a threat from Jezebel. We read: ...he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon

the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

I Kings 19:4-18 [Emphasis mine].
Thank God for His faithful remnant.)

THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS

Muslim Slashes Throat of Christian Co-Worker in Pakistan

March 25, 2025 – MorningStarNews.org reports: "A Muslim in Pakistan on Friday (March 21) slashed the throat of a Christian co-worker on allegations that he had committed blasphemy by touching an Islamic textbook 'with unclean hands,' sources said.

The attack on Waqas Masih, 22, took place at Subhan Allah Paper Mills in the Sharaqpur area of Sheikhupura District, Punjab Province, said his father, Riyasat Masih.

'The factory's shift in-charge, Zohaib Iftikhar, attacked my son with a cutter blade, slashing his jugular vein,' Masih, a member of the Brethren Church and father of six, told *Christian Daily International-Morning Star News*. 'My son courageously fought back the assailant despite blood gushing out of his throat.'

Mill management rushed Waqas Masih to a nearby hospital for emergency treatment that saved his life, and they also prevented the suspect from fleeing the scene, handing him over to police, he said. His son was later transferred to Mayo Hospital in Lahore, where he underwent surgery and was recovering..." (The title of this section is a statement attributed to Tertullian, an early Church Father who believed that the courageous death of martyrs inspired others to believe. It is a paraphrase of his statement 'The more

you mow us down, the more we grow. The blood of Christians is seed.'

Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ve. when men shall revile vou, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. - Matthew 5:10 - 12; 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. – John 15:18 – 21; ... When he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. — Revelation 6:9; ...I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. — Revelation 20:4; and Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. — Revelation 2:10. See the next report.)

Human Rights Groups: Syria Jihadis Tell Christians 'You're Next' amid Alawite Slaughter

March 13, 2025 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Humanitarian groups helping persecuted Christians shared reports this week of Islamic extremists attacking and threatening the remaining Christian minority in Syria, warning they were 'next' after the elimination of Alawite Shia Muslims.

Syria experienced a sudden eruption of violence against Alawites in its western coastal territories this weekend. attacks described as 'revenge' against the minority for perceived support of ousted dictator Bashar Assad. Assad and his family are Alawites, a minority sect within Shia Islam, and Sunni jihadists in the country consider all who share that identity opposed to their goals. Those jihadists have been emboldened by Assad's ouster in December, which occurred after the Al Qaeda offshoot Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) launched massively successful conquest campaign in late November 2024...

BETTER A MILLSTONE HUNG AROUND THEIR NECK

Kids of ISIS terrorists make beheading gestures amid threat of caliphate's return in Syria

March 24, 2025 -- The Christian Post reports: "Children of ISIS terrorists in detention camps in northeast Syria have been observed making beheading gestures, shouting threats and taunting guards, raising fears of the Islamic State's potential resurgence. This comes as Kurdish forces warn that the threat from the terror group is escalating inside and outside these camps amid the region's ongoing instability.

The sprawling al Hol and Roj camps, housing over 55,000 detainees, are primarily home to women and children associated with ISIS. The children, many of whom have spent their entire lives in captivity, exhibit violent tendencies,

mimicking the radicalized behavior of their parents, *Sky News* reports.

According to Syrian Democratic Forces commanders, the camps have become breeding grounds for the 'next cubs of the caliphate' as ISIS continues to exploit the power vacuum left in the wake of Bashar al Assad's overthrow last year..." (Proverbs 22:6 states: Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. This is seen in the New Testament in the life of Timothy. Paul writes in II Timothy 1:5: When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which first dwelt in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded in thee also. Islam also believes in training up a child – but not to follow the Lord. The Islamic State refers to them as "Cubs of the Caliphate" and has released training videos showing them murdering helpless prisoners. How warped can these barbarians be? Jesus said in Matthew 19:14: ... Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And in Matthew 18:6 He stated: 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.)

Youngest victim of Hamas massacre was just 14 hours old, new October 7 report reveals

March 19, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "The 7 October Parliamentary Commission, chaired by Lord Roberts of Belgravia on behalf of the UK-Israel All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG),

on Wednesday published its first report into the 2023 Hamas-led invasion of southern Israel.

Publication of the findings are the culmination of a 12-month process undertaken in January 2024, with a view to establishing an exact sequence of events and countering any denials or misrepresentation of what took place.

What unfolded over the course of the attack amounted to one of the worst terror outrages in the annals of history, leaving 1,182 dead including 18 UK citizens. This marks the largest number of UK deaths from a terror attack in the Middle East, and the second highest globally after 9/11.

Wednesday's report details the catalogue of murder, torture and sexual violence which took place, while also shedding light on the planning process and groups involved in the assault. In total, citizens from 44 nations were either killed or taken hostage by Hamas and other groups. The victims were overwhelmingly Jewish Israelis, but the attackers showed no mercy and slaughtered Israel Arabs and Bedouins without hesitation..." (We have shared this before but feel that it is worth repeating.

Nolan Finley, Editorial page editor for *The Detroit News* tells of watching "Bearing Witness to the October 7th Massacre" that was shown by the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Israeli Consulate to the Midwest. The majority of the film was compiled from

the cell phones and body cameras of the Hamas terrorists as they carried out this massacre. He states: What we saw Sunday night was excruciating to watch, harder still to discuss. When it was over most of us walked to our cars barely speaking.

Imagine watching the most gruesome horror flick, without the benefit of knowing the gore on screen is makebelieve. In this movie, the blood is real. The bodies are real. The evil is real...

More sickening for me than the gruesome images is the absolute joy with which the killers went about their sadistic work. I expected to see angry, frothing mad men. Instead, these killers are happy. They looked like gleeful young men celebrating a soccer win...

And this, I'm told, is the PG version. It doesn't depict the mass rapes and mutilation of babies that was reported, but nothing in video suggests such depravity is beyond the pall for the marauders...

I wondered going into the screening what emotions I'd feel coming out. Revulsion? Heartache? Grief?

All of that. But mostly rage, an absolute red-hot anger that there are people in this world capable of such evil and others who would excuse their wickedness.)

UNICEF: 'Armed Men' Raping Babies as Young as One Year Old in Sudan

March 5, 2025 -- Breitbart.com reports: "The U.N. children's fund, UNICEF,

issued a report on Tuesday that said armed men in Sudan are sexually assaulting children, including infants as young as one year old.

UNICEF cited 'data compiled by gender-based violence service providers in Sudan' that showed 221 rape cases against children have been documented since the beginning of 2024. Of those, 147 were girls, meaning 33 percent of rape victims were boys. Sixteen of the survivors were under five years of age and four of them were only one year old. 'These figures represent only a small fraction of total cases. Survivors and their families are often unwilling or unable to come forward due to challenges accessing services and frontline workers, fear of the stigma they could face, the fear of rejection from their family or community, the fear of retribution from armed groups or fear of confidentiality breaches,' the report noted..." (These barbarians will burn in hell forever. Sinners will pay for all their filthy sexual episodes - Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God – I Corinthians 6:9, 10.)

RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Russia threatens the entire EU, bloc's chief tells AFP

March 20, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Russia represents a threat for all European nations — regardless of how far they lie from Moscow, EU chief Antonio Costa told AFP ahead of a leaders' summit on Thursday.

'Naturally, Russia's neighbours are most concerned by Russia — that goes without saying,' Costa said in an interview. 'But what is essential is for everyone to understand that this is a collective threat.'

As head of the Council representing the EU's member states, the 63-year-old Costa is tasked with forging unity — be it on European rearmament or transatlantic relations — between 27 countries with often divergent histories and goals.

In Brussels this week, leaders' talks will once again be dominated by how to support Ukraine and bolster Europe's defences.

With U.S. President Donald Trump forging ahead with Russia's Vladimir Putin on negotiating a ceasefire in Ukraine, Costa voiced confidence Europe would have a role to play in any discussions on the country's future.

'Under the leadership of France and the United Kingdom, we are preparing to take part in eventual security measures to maintain peace — if and when it comes,' he said..." (Russia in Bible prophecy is the main instigator of death and suffering during Armageddon — Revelation 16:16. Ezekiel chapters 38 & 39, which Dr. Van Impe proclaimed for sixty years, aided by Oriental and Islamic nations, bring total chaos and atomic devastation upon the world.

Worse yet, it's just ahead of us. Every nation he included in World War III is forming exactly as he taught about this global blood bath six decades ago. The only good news is that the Rapture precedes Armageddon – Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth – Revelation 3:10. Then our deliverance as believers – Revelation 4:1 and our joy because of missing Armageddon.)

EU: Russia, China hitting West with 'massive digital arsenals'

March 18, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "The European Union on Tuesday said Russia and China were using 'massive digital arsenals' to interfere in Western democracies, while their messaging around the war

in Ukraine had become increasingly aligned.

'Foreign information manipulation and interference is a major security threat to the EU,' foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas said in a report.

'We must not underestimate the power that this has over us, or the intentions of those behind it.'

In its latest annual report on the subject Brussels said that last year it tracked disinformation attacks against over 80 countries and more than 200 organisations.

The war in Ukraine remains a major target for Russia — but events such as the Olympics in Paris, elections in Moldova and farmers' protests in Germany were also in the crosshairs.

'The aim is to destabilise our societies, damage our democracies, drive wedges between us and our partners and undermine the EU's global standing,' Kallas said..." (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 report.)

China's Xi meets Russian security chief in Beijing: state media

March 3, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Chinese President Xi Jinping on Friday met top Russian security official Sergei Shoigu in Beijing, Chinese state media said.

Shoigu's trip comes days after Xi spoke with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin, with the Chinese leader hailing Moscow's 'positive efforts to defuse' the Ukraine crisis.

Speaking to Shoigu at Beijing's Great Hall of the People, Xi called China and Russia 'friendly neighbours' and said the two sides would 'maintain close communication at all levels', according to *Xinhua*.

Xi added that the countries would this year implement a 'series of important agendas' for China-Russia ties.

China's foreign minister Wang Yi also attended the talks.

Moscow and Beijing have strengthened military and trade ties since Russia sent troops into Ukraine, though China has sought to depict itself as a neutral party amid the three-year conflict..."

China says to host Russia, Iran for nuclear talks this week

March 12, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "China will host Russia and Iran for trilateral talks on Tehran's nuclear programme on Friday, Beijing's foreign ministry said.

'The three parties will exchange views on the Iranian nuclear issue and other issues of mutual interest,' a foreign ministry spokesperson said on Wednesday.

The meeting will be attended by China's Vice Foreign Minister Ma Zhaoxu, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov and Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi.

The United States withdrew from a landmark deal that had imposed curbs on Iran's nuclear programme in return for sanctions relief during President Donald Trump's first term, which ended in 2021.

Tehran adhered to the 2015 deal for a year after Washington's withdrawal but then began rolling back its commitments. Efforts to revive the pact have since faltered..." (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.)

China, Russia back Iran as Trump presses Tehran for nuclear talks

March 14, 2025 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "China and Russia stood by Iran on Friday after the United States demanded nuclear talks with Tehran, with senior Chinese and Russian diplomats saying dialog should only resume based on 'mutual respect' and all sanctions ought to be lifted.

In a joint statement issued after talks with Iran in Beijing, China and Russia also said they welcomed Iran's reiteration that its nuclear program was exclusively for peaceful purposes, and that Tehran's right to peaceful uses of nuclear energy should be 'fully' respected..."

Iran, Russia and China to hold ioint naval exercises this week

March 10, 2025 -- The Times of Israel reports: "The navies of Iran, Russia and China will hold military drills off the coast of Iran this week in a bid to boost cooperation, Iranian media reported on Sunday.

The three countries, which share a common desire to counter what they characterize as U.S. hegemony, have held similar exercises in the region in recent years.

The drills 'will begin on Tuesday in the port of Chabahar,' located in southeast Iran on the Gulf of Oman, the *Tasnim* news agency said, without specifying their duration.

'Warships and combat and support vessels of the Chinese and Russian naval forces, as well as the warships of Iran's naval forces of the army and the Revolutionary Guards' are expected to participate, according to *Tasnim*.

The exercises will take place 'in the northern Indian Ocean' and aim to 'strengthen security in the region and expand multilateral cooperation between participating countries,' *Tasnim* said..."

Taiwan's annual war games to simulate 2027 China attack

March 21, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Taiwanese troops will simulate

possible scenarios for a Chinese invasion in 2027 during the island's annual war games, the defence ministry said Wednesday, as Beijing maintains military pressure on Taipei.

China insists self-ruled Taiwan is part of its territory and has threatened to seize the island by force.

Officials in the United States — Taipei's main backer and biggest arms supplier — have previously cited 2027 as a possible timeline for a Chinese invasion of Taiwan.

Taiwan's 'Han Kuang' exercises, which the ministry said would be held from July 9-18, are conducted every year across Taiwan to simulate defending the island against Chinese attacks.

In a report submitted to parliament on Wednesday, the ministry said this year's scenarios would be based on China's 'grey-zone' intrusions and 'possible actions of the Chinese Communist military's invasion of Taiwan in 2027'.

'Commanders at all operational and tactical levels will plan scenarios and situations from a practical perspective based on the possible actions of the enemy,' the report said.

The aim was to 'verify the ability of troops at all levels to execute plans, thereby building a military force that can respond quickly and maintain 'high combat readiness',' the report said...' (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.)

North Korea rejects G7 call for denuclearization, vows to 'strengthen' nuclear forces

March 17, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "North Korea on Monday vowed to 'steadily update and strengthen' its nuclear arsenal, rejecting a joint statement by the Group of Seven Foreign Ministers calling for Pyongyang to give up its nuclear ambitions.

The North's Foreign Ministry said its position as a nuclear weapons state has been 'fixed permanently by the supreme law of its state.'

'The DPRK's nuclear armed forces will exist forever as a powerful means of justice which defends the sovereignty of the state, territorial integrity and fundamental interests, prevents a war in the Korean peninsula and Northeast Asia and guarantees a strategic stability of the world,' the ministry said in a statement carried by state-run *Korean Central News Agency*.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is the official name of North Korea.

'The DPRK will steadily update and strengthen its nuclear armed forces both in quality and quantity in response to the nuclear threat from outside,' it added.

In September 2022, the North passed a law declaring itself a nuclear weapons state and giving it the right to conduct a preemptive nuclear strike to protect itself. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called the decision 'irreversible' and later amended the country's constitution to enshrine the permanent growth of Pyongyang's nuclear arsenal..." (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 two reports.)

North Korea's Kim inspects 'nuclear-powered submarine' project

March 11, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspected a project to build a nuclear-powered submarine, state media reported Saturday, saying that 'radically' boosting the navy was a key part of Pyongyang's defensive strategy. Kim visited shipyards focused on building warships, the Korean Central

News Agency reported, without giving details of the exact date or location of the inspection.

Kim 'learned about the building of a nuclear-powered strategic guided missile submarine,' the report said, which was one of Kim's key military goals on a laundry list of high tech weaponry unveiled at a previous party congress.

The report is likely referring to a nuclear-powered submarine capable of launching ballistic missiles, *Yonhap* news agency reported, adding this was the first time the nuclear-armed North had revealed construction of a ballistic missile submarine.

Kim said the country's 'sea defence capability... will be fully displayed in any necessary waters without limitation,' *KCNA* said.

'The development of the naval force into an elite and nuclear-armed force constitutes an important content in the strategy for the development of the national defence,' it added..."

Kim Jong Un's sister warns of provocative response to U.S. aircraft carrier deployment

March 5, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's influential sister said Tuesday that the deployment of a U.S. aircraft carrier to South Korea would compel Pyongyang to bolster its nuclear arsenal and ramp up military provocations.

The Nimitz-class nuclear-powered USS Carl Vinson and its strike group docked at a naval base in the southeastern city of Busan on Sunday, the first carrier visit under the administration of U.S. President Donald Trump.

'As soon as its new administration appeared this year, the U.S. has stepped up the political and military provocations against the DPRK, 'carrying forward' the former administration's hostile policy,' Kim Yo Jong said, using the official acronym for North Korea.

In a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency, Kim said the United States has been deploying strategic assets to the Korean Peninsula at a 'constant' level and denounced the carrier's visit as 'hostile and confrontational.'

'The action-accompanied hostile policy toward the DPRK pursued by the U.S. at present is offering sufficient justification for the DPRK to indefinitely bolster up its nuclear war deterrent,' Kim said..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL

October 7 blueprint: Seized Hamas memos outline path to Israel's destruction

March 14, 2025 -- YnetNews.com reports: "Captured Hamas military wing documents uncovered by the IDF in Gaza reveal the terror group's preparations for a large-scale war with Israel, particularly an attack similar to the October 7 massacre referred to by Hamas as the 'Al-Aqsa Flood.' The documents outline Hamas's vision for the 'destruction of Israel' and its operational plans to achieve this goal.

report by Israel's Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center details Hamas's post-2021 strategy to turn its vision into an actionable plan, noting a shift in its approach to Israel's destruction in the near term. 'This change is evident in public statements by Hamas leaders, though they may have been dismissed in Israel as empty boasts,' the report read. Hamas' 1988 charter explicitly calls for Israel's destruction and the establishment of an Islamic state over all of Mandated Palestine. In 2017, Hamas published a revised policy document with softened rhetoric but maintained its long-term objective..." (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 ve 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 calls for global siege on U.S., Israeli embassies, Iran reveals

March 20, 2025 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Hamas has called for 'mass demonstrations and a global siege on Israeli and American embassies around the globe," according to Iran's state media Press TV. The report on March 18 said this was 'in response to the Israeli regime's resuming its U.S.-backed war of genocide against the Palestinian territory.'

Hamas has faced renewed Israeli airstrikes in the last two days. It has not been able to carry out much of a response so far and doesn't appear to have much of a rocket arsenal left.

This could explain its lack of response, or it could mean that it is concerned about provoking further Israeli action. Hamas likely finds it easier to encourage attacks on Israel and the U.S. abroad, as it can then deny responsibility for them. Since October 7, Hamas has sought to create a worldwide campaign against Israel, while Hamas backers have mobilized on campuses in the West and ripped down posters of hostages and attacked Jews. Iranian-backed proxies have also carried out attacks in the region..." (Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt

break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.— Psalm 2:1-12. See the next report.)

Hamas' Mashaal rejects Trump's Gaza plan, vows to pursue 'jihad and resistance'

March 17, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "Khaled Mashaal, head of the Hamas terrorist organization abroad, recently rejected U.S. President Donald Trump's Gaza relocation plan, while stating that it is the 'path of jihad and resistance' that will take back people's homeland, restore honor, and liberate the prisoners.

Mashaal stressed that Palestinian Arab rights 'will be drawn up on the battlefield, not determined in foreign capital cities.' He rejected the notion that Palestinian Arabs would find an 'alternative' homeland, have a political regime imposed upon them, or surrender their weapons.

Mashaal's comments were made at an event for released Hamas prisoners in Egypt. A video of the comments was uploaded to Hamas' Telegram channel on March 10, 2025 and was translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI)..."

Israel resumes Gaza strikes, says Hamas collapsed truce by refusing to free hostages

March 18, 2025 -- The Times of Israel reports: "The ceasefire between Israel and Hamas collapsed early Tuesday morning after roughly two months, as the Israel Defense Forces launched dozens of strikes throughout Gaza under orders from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who cited the terror group's 'repeated refusal' to release Israeli hostages.

At least 404 Palestinians were killed, including children, according to unverified figures from the Hamasrun health ministry, which doesn't differentiate between civilians and combatants. It said another 562 were wounded.

Netanyahu's office said the decision to resume strikes shortly after midnight

'followed Hamas's repeated refusal to release our hostages, as well as its rejection of all of the proposals it has received from U.S. special envoy to the Mideast Envoy Steve Witkoff and from the mediators.

Hamas has insisted on sticking to the original terms of the deal, which was supposed to enter its second phase at the beginning of the month. That phase envisioned Israel fully withdrawing from Gaza and agreeing to permanently end the war in exchange for the release of the remaining living hostages. While Israel signed on to the deal, Netanyahu has long insisted that Israel will not end the war until Hamas's governing and military capabilities have been destroyed..." (Israel seems to be the only nation that is told to temper their response to brutal attacks. Before the smoke cleared and the cries of the dying faded out on October 7, 2023, they were told not to overreact. In the book of Psalms, there are several imprecatory psalms where the author calls down calamity, destruction, and God's anger and judgment on his enemies. One of these is Psalms 69:

Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away...

Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. Hear me, O Lord; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily. Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies...

Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap. Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake. Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them. Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their

Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous... Psalm 69:1-4; 14-18; 22-25; 27-28. See the next two reports.)

Defense Minister threatens: 'Hamas will witness IDF's strength as never before'

March 6, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "Defense Minister Israel Katz delivered a powerful speech on Thursday morning at the State memorial ceremony on Mount Herzl, honoring Israel's fallen soldiers whose burial places remain unknown. The solemn event took place in the presence of President Isaac Herzog and bereaved families, highlighting the nation's unwavering commitment to its fallen

Katz opened his address by reflecting on the recent return of the body of IDF soldier Oron Shaul. 'After a decade during which Oron was defined as an IDF soldier whose burial place was unknown, his family and the entire State of Israel have received this crucial and deeply emotional closure. The determination of the IDF and ISA forces, who successfully rescued

Oron's body from Hamas captivity, reaffirms Israel's moral obligation to do everything possible to bring home all fallen soldiers, whether they fell in battle or during their service.'...

He issued a stern warning regarding the possibility of renewed conflict. 'If we are forced to return to fighting, Hamas will witness the might of the IDF as never before. We are preparing for this, and we are ready. One thing remains indisputable: this war will conclude with two decisive outcomes—the release of all our hostages and the ultimate defeat of Hamas.'...

Netanyahu: Hamas rejected all proposals, talks will now be 'under fire'

March 19, 2025 -- YnetNews.com reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin said Netanyahu Tuesday negotiations with Hamas will now take place only under fire, following the resumption of intense Israeli military operations in Gaza.

In a pre-recorded statement, Netanyahu said Israel returned to combat after Hamas refused all ceasefire and hostage release proposals.

'For weeks, we worked toward one goal—to exhaust every effort to bring our hostages home,' Netanyahu said. 'We extended the ceasefire for weeks, sent delegations, made proposals with mediators and accepted the U.S. envoy Steve Witkoff's offer. Hamas, in contrast, rejected every proposal time and again.'

Netanyahu claimed Hamas never intended to uphold the next phase of the agreement, which would have included a full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and an end to the war. Hamas officials countered that Israel failed to fulfill its commitments, which they claim led to a breakdown in talks...

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'We Will Escalate': Houthi Chief **Announces Terror Campaign** Against U.S. Warships

March 17, 2025 -- Breitbart.com reports: "The leader of Ansarullah, the iihadist terror organization commonly known as the Houthis, announced a new campaign 'against American and Israeli oppression' in an unhinged speech on Sunday, threatening to 'escalate' against American military assets in the Middle East.

Abdul-Malik al-Houthi, the head of the Houthi terrorist organization governing most of Yemen, was responding to an airstrike campaign against his group that President Donald Trump announced on Saturday. In a message published on his social media outlet Truth Social, Trump said he had approved 'aerial attacks on the terrorists' bases, leaders, and missile defenses' in response to the years-long Houthi initiative to disrupt global trade passing through and near the Red Sea in solidarity with Hamas.

The Houthis have been attacking commercial ships — including, on some occasions, ships affiliated with their allies such as Russia, China, and Iran — since shortly after Hamas invaded Israel in October 2023, killing over 1,000 civilians in an unprecedented massacre..." (More bragging and blustering from the Houthis. In 2016 the Global Firepower list puts the United States as the number 1 military power in the world. Israel ranks as number 16, and Iran is ranked as

number 21. The Houthis are rapidly discovering this to be true.

According to *The Times of Israel*: U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday (3/26/25) claimed Yemen's Houthi rebels now 'want peace' after more than a week of U.S. airstrikes, which he said have 'been very, very strong.'

'The Houthis are looking to do something. They want to know, 'How do we stop? How do we stop? How can we have peace?' The Houthis want peace because they're getting the h**l knocked out of them,' he told reporters in the Oval Office.

'The Houthis are dying for peace. They don't want this... They were knocking ships out of the ocean.... In the Suez Canal, they only have about 20% of the ships going through. They have to go through a different way, which takes weeks of travel, and that really affects commerce.' See the next two reports.)

U.S. dispatches second aircraft carrier to the Red Sea

March 24, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "The United States is dispatching a

second aircraft carrier to the Middle East in an effort to ramp up defense efforts against Houthi militia aggression in the commercial shipping lanes of the Red Sea.

The move could presage an increase in U.S. bombing efforts against Yemen and its proxies in the region.

The U.S. will send the USS Carl Vinson and its several destroyers to the Red Sea next week.

It's the second time in 6 months that the United States has had two aircraft carrier strike groups in the region at the same time, but the first time under the current Trump administration.

The deployment is an extension of a fresh campaign to strike targets in Yemen, during which the United States has struck dozens of sites in the region, many of which have been munitions sites, including missile launch and storage locations, according to the U.S. Defense Department.

Trump claimed on social media that the Iran-backs Houthis would be 'completely annihilated' by U.S. forces and warned Tehran to 'immediately' stop supplying the militants with military equipment..."

Houthis claim attack on American warships; U.S. scoffs they missed by 'over 100 miles'

March 18, 2025 -- The Times of Israel reports: "Yemen's Houthis on Tuesday claimed their third attack on American warships in 48 hours, despite U.S. strikes on the Iran-backed rebels that have sparked mass protests.

The Houthis said on Telegram they had targeted the USS Harry S. Truman carrier group with missiles and drones, making the attack the 'third in the past 48 hours' in the northern Red Sea.

A U.S. defense official said the Houthis 'continue to communicate lies and disinformation,' adding the Iran-backed group is 'well known for false claims minimizing the results of our attacks while exaggerating the successes of theirs.'

U.S. Air Force Lieutenant General Alexus Grynkewich earlier told reporters it was 'hard to confirm' the attacks claimed by the Houthis as the rebels were missing their targets 'by over 100 miles' (160 kilometers) ..."

NEWS FROM IRAN

Iran's Khamenei says U.S. threats of military action 'unwise'; as Trump posts a letter

March 13, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Wednesday that U.S. threats were 'unwise' after President Donald Trump sent him a letter urging negotiations and warning of possible military action if Tehran refused.

'The U.S. is threatening militarism. In my opinion, this threat is unwise,' Khamenei said in a meeting with students. 'Iran is capable of retaliating and will definitely inflict a blow.'

The remarks came as local media in Iran reported that foreign minister Abbas Araghchi had received Trump's letter, which was delivered by senior United Arab Emirates official Anwar Gargash.

Khamenei, who noted he had not yet personally received the letter, said its invitation to talks was aimed at 'deceiving the world's public opinion' by presenting the United States as ready to negotiate and Iran as unwilling.

'We sat down and negotiated for several years, this same person threw the finished, completed and signed agreement off the table and tore it up,' he added, referring to Washington's withdrawal from a landmark 2015 nuclear deal during Trump's first term in office, which ended in 2021..." (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.)