

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

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Church of England Priests Told to Change ‘Problematic’ Christmas Hymns: Report

Dec. 26, 2024 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Church of England clergy have reportedly been told to make changes to popular Christmas carols to avoid ‘causing unnecessary offence’.

A whistleblowing vicar has claimed that priests throughout England have been urged to modify Advent hymns and Christmas carols, *The Telegraph* reports.

According to the broadsheet, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* was identified as being potentially offensive for suggesting that other religions are ‘outside of God’s grace’.

Additionally, *Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending* had been flagged for containing ‘problematic words’ because it affirms that Jesus Christ is the ‘true Messiah’.

In an email sent out to the diocese in Birmingham, priests were reportedly told: ‘Try to use language that won’t add further confusion or tension or take away anything from the good news of the Nativity.’

The Church of England has come under criticism in recent years for promoting woke ideology rather than focussing on the Gospel...” (*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they*

shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it. – Amos 8:11-12. There is a famine of the Word of God today, a famine caused by pastors who as Dr. Van Impe often stated “Preach little sermonettes that create Christianettes.” There is no substance to their messages. Hadden Robinson, author of **Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages** was lecturing his students on preparation for preaching and said “If it’s a mist in the pulpit, it’ll be a fog in the pews.” Paul wrote to Timothy: *I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry – II Timothy 4:1-5.* Pastors, teach your people!)

‘Christianity is Paganism’: Florida Imam Warns Muslims Against Wishing ‘Happy Holidays’ to ‘Pagan’ Christians

Dec. 25, 2024 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: “Christianity today is ‘paganism’ and Christians are ‘pagans’ and ‘not believers,’ according to Florida Imam

Abu Usama At-Thahabi, who urged Muslims to reject Western cultural influences and warned them against wishing others a ‘merry Christmas’ or even ‘happy holidays.’

In his Friday, December 20, sermon at the Masjid As-Sunnah mosque and Islamic center serving the Orlando, Florida, area, the American-born Abu Usama delivered a scathing critique of Christianity, declaring it polluted with pagan practices, while urging Muslims to remain steadfast in their identity.

‘The Christians today, the ones you know, those of us who are reverts [to Islam], our relatives — Christians — are pagans,’ he argued.

‘It’s not a nice word to be called a pagan. They think they’re believers, but they’re not believers — [they’re] pagans,’ he added.

Proclaiming that ‘Christianity today is a pagan religion,’ the Imam called out Christian traditions, which he argued bear ‘absolutely no connection’ to Jesus...” (*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 have 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 your 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. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me – John 15:18 – 24; 16:1 – 3.)

**Netanyahu to Christians:
'You've stood by our side as
Israel defends our civilization'**

Dec. 24, 2024 -- *Israel National News* reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued Christmas greetings on Tuesday to the Christian communities in Israel and around the world and thanked

Christians for their support of Israel.

'My dear Christian friends, as you gather with your family and friends this Christmas, I wish the Christian community in Israel and around the world blessings for a Merry Christmas from the Holy Land,' Netanyahu opened.

The Prime Minister expressed appreciation for Christian support: 'At a time when Israel is fighting on seven fronts, we deeply appreciate the steadfast support of our Christian friends around the world. You've stood by our side, you've stood by our side resiliently, consistently, forcefully as Israel defends our civilization against barbarism.'

He added: 'The people of Israel are united in defending our nation against those bent on our destruction. We seek peace with all those who wish peace with us, but we will do whatever is necessary to defend the one and only Jewish state, the repository and the source of our common heritage.'

'Israel leads the world in fighting the forces of evil and tyranny, but our battle is not yet over. With your support, and with God's help, I assure you, we shall prevail,' Netanyahu concluded." **(Psalms 122:6 – "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Why? Satan stood up against Israel — I Chronicles 21:1. The Devil and his anti-Semitic haters will lose because Yahweh God promises "I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name (emphasis mine) Isaiah 56:5. "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..." Deuteronomy 7: 6 – 8.)**

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

**Russia warns the United States
of the risks of World War Three**

Dec. 25, 2024 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Russia said the West was playing with fire by considering allowing Ukraine to strike deep into Russia with Western missiles and cautioned the United States on Tuesday that World War Three would not be confined to Europe.

Ukraine attacked Russia's western Kursk region on Aug. 6 and has carved out a slice of territory in the biggest foreign attack on Russia since World War Two. President Vladimir Putin said there would be a worthy response from Russia to the attack.

Sergei Lavrov, who has served as Putin's foreign minister for more than 20 years, said that the West was seeking to escalate the Ukraine war and was 'asking for trouble' by considering Ukrainian requests to loosen curbs on using foreign-supplied weapons.

Since invading Ukraine in 2022, Putin has repeatedly warned of the risk of a much broader war involving the world's biggest nuclear powers, though he has said Russia does not want a conflict with the U.S.-led NATO alliance.

'We are now confirming once again that playing with fire – and they are like small children playing with matches – is a very dangerous thing for grown-up

uncles and aunts who are entrusted with nuclear weapons in one or another Western country,' Lavrov told reporters in Moscow..." **(Russia will head up World War III – Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Russia is described in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39, and China in Revelation 16:12. Also Daniel 12:4 predicts the impact of advanced knowledge, undoubtedly for the weapons for warfare near the hour for Christ's return. See the next two reports.)**

**NATO chief calls for
defence surge to avoid
'big war' with Russia**

Dec. 13, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "NATO chief Mark Rutte issued a stark warning Thursday to 'turbo-charge' defence spending, saying European nations were not prepared for the threat of future war with Russia.

'We are not ready for what is coming our way in four to five years,' Rutte said in a keynote address in Brussels, his first major speech since taking office as NATO secretary-general in October.

'Danger is moving towards us at full speed.'

Russia's war in Ukraine has jolted the Western military alliance to strengthen its eastern flank and ramp up spending. But despite increases in defence

budgets, NATO countries still do not match Moscow's arms production.

'Russia is preparing for long-term confrontation. With Ukraine. And with us,' Rutte said..."

**Putin signs record Russian
budget, one-third for defense**

Dec. 2, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "President Vladimir Putin signed Russia's new budget on Sunday, which includes record spending on military capabilities as Moscow's assault on Ukraine approaches the three-year mark.

More than 32% of the nation's 2025 spending plan, or about \$126 billion, is earmarked for defense, a record. That amounts to 13.5 trillion rubles, and is up about 4% over this year's military budget.

Putin signed the spending plan as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who has been on a nearly non-stop world fundraising tour, met with European Union officials who have traveled to Ukraine to offer Zelenskyy support..."

**Lavrov says Russia
ready to defend itself
through 'any means'**

Dec. 6, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Russian Foreign Minister Sergei

Lavrov on Thursday said he hoped Ukraine's allies took 'seriously' Moscow's recent use of a hypersonic missile in the conflict there, and warned that Russia was ready to use 'any means' to defend itself.

The United States and its allies 'must understand that we would be ready to use any means not to allow them to succeed in what they call strategic defeat of Russia,' Lavrov said in an interview with U.S. media personality Tucker Carlson.

Two weeks ago, Russia fired its new Oreshnik hypersonic missile on the Ukrainian city of Dnipro in an escalation of the almost three-year war. Russian President Vladimir Putin has since threatened to use the weapon on Kyiv in response to Ukraine's strikes on Russia's territory, which took place after the United States authorized use of its ATACMS weapon system in such attacks.

'We are sending signals and we hope that the last one, a couple of weeks ago, the signal with the new weapons system called Oreshnik... was taken seriously,' Lavrov 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 yes, it's just ahead of us. Every nation he included in World War III is forming exactly as taught for this global blood bath six decades ago. The only good news is that the Rapture precedes Armageddon – Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth – Revelation 3:10. Then our deliverance as believers – Revelation 4:1 and our joy because of missing Armageddon. See the next three reports.)**

Russia could deploy hypersonic missiles in Belarus, Putin says

Dec. 10, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Russia could deploy its newly developed hypersonic Oreshnik missiles in Belarus next year as it begins to ramp up their production, President Vladimir Putin said on Friday.

Putin unveiled the nuclear-capable weapon last month after using it to strike the city of Dnipro in central Ukraine, sharply escalating tensions in the almost three-year-long conflict.

'As for the possibility of deploying, to put it bluntly, such formidable weapons as Oreshnik on Belarusian territory... it will become possible, I think, in the second half of next year,' Putin said in a televised meeting with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko in Minsk.

He said this would happen as 'serial production' of the missile is 'ramped up in Russia'.

Russia had already deployed tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus in 2023.

Experts believe the new missile flies at 10 times the speed of sound and may be able to strike targets up to 5,500 kilometres (3,400 miles) away..."

Finland PM says Russia 'permanent' threat to EU

Dec. 24, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Finland's Prime Minister Petteri Orpo said Sunday that Russia was a 'permanent and dangerous threat' to the EU, and stressed the need for increased defence spending and support for Ukraine.

Orpo hosted a summit on security and immigration with EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas, Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, the Finnish head of government said 'the security situation has changed'.

'Russia is a permanent and dangerous threat to the European Union and European countries,' Orpo said.

'Europe's defence must be strengthened by all possible means, we must explore all financial options,' Orpo said, without mentioning any concrete plans for increasing budgets.

Kallas concurred, saying 'that Russia poses a direct threat to European security,' while noting that 'security comprises of different elements.'

'We see all across Europe different hybrid attacks, whether it's sabotage acts, we see cyber attacks, also dangerous shadow fleet, GPS jamming and damage to cables, but also weaponising of migration,' Kallas said..."

Russia launches 'inhuman' Christmas Day attacks, Ukraine says

Dec. 25, 2024 -- *Reuters* reports: "Russia attacked Ukraine's energy system and some cities with cruise and ballistic missiles plus drones on Wednesday in an 'inhuman' Christmas Day assault, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said.

Nearly three years into the war, the strikes wounded at least six people in the northeastern city of Kharkiv and killed one in the region of Dnipropetrovsk, the governors there said.

Half a million people in Kharkiv region were left without heating, in temperatures just a few degrees Celsius above zero, while there were blackouts in the capital Kyiv and elsewhere.

'Today, (Russian President Vladimir) Putin deliberately chose Christmas to attack. What could be more inhuman? More than 70 missiles, including ballistic missiles, and more than a hundred attack drones,' he said.

Russia's Defence Ministry confirmed it had conducted a 'massive strike' on what it said were critical energy facilities supporting the work of Kyiv's 'military-industrial complex'.

'The aim of the strike was achieved. All facilities have been hit,' it said in a statement..."

THE KINGS OF THE EAST

Xi tells Russia's Medvedev China 'is willing' to strengthen ties

Dec. 13, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Chinese leader Xi Jinping on Thursday

told former Russian president Dmitry Medvedev that Beijing was willing to strengthen ties with Moscow, state media said.

Medvedev, who is now serving as deputy head of the Russian security

council, is visiting China this week for talks with leaders of the key strategic partner.

'China is willing to work with Russia to strengthen the alignment of development strategies,' Xi

told Medvedev, according to state broadcaster CCTV.

The readout added China hoped to tap into the ‘driving force of cooperation between the two countries, and continuously benefit the two countries and their peoples’.

Since Russian President Vladimir Putin’s February 2022 launch of a full-scale invasion of neighbouring Ukraine, China has sought to present itself as a neutral party, unlike the United States and other Western nations.

But it remains a close political and economic partner of Russia, leading some NATO members to brand Beijing an ‘enabler’ of the war, which Beijing has never condemned...” **(China will become a basic partner with Russia for the rapidly approaching battle of Armageddon – Revelation 16:16. Russia will lead invasion number one – Ezekiel 38 & 39. China will lead invasion number two – Revelation 16:12; Revelation 9:14 – 16. Then all nations will come against Jerusalem for the final invasion at which point Jesus will return to stop the bloodshed and set up his eternal kingdom upon earth – [He gathers] all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken... Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south – Zechariah 14:2 – 4. Then Psalm 2:6 occurs as God the Father says: ...I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem]. See the next two reports.)**

Defense Department report: China to have 1K nuclear weapons in arsenal by 2030

Dec. 19, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: “The Chinese Communist Party intends to add more nuclear arms to its growing arsenal while expanding its global influence and sovereignty, a Department of Defense report says.

The 182-page report is titled, ‘Military and Security Developments Involving the People’s Republic of China 2024,’ and states that China’s leadership is growing more confident in flexing the communist nation’s military might in

pursuit of global political gains.

‘Beijing has demonstrated an increasing willingness to use military coercion and inducement to achieve these aims,’ the Defense Department says.

Defense officials say the Chinese Communist Party’s foreign policy ‘seeks to reshape the international order into what it calls a ‘community of common destiny’ to support its strategy to realized ‘rejuvenation’ of China as a dominant world power.

Chinese leaders ‘claim their power to shape world events continues to grow, presenting ‘new strategic opportunities’ to create an environment favorable to [Chinese] interests and national rejuvenation,’ the Defense Department’s report states...”

Japan FM raises ‘serious concerns’ over China military activity

Dec. 25, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: “Japan’s top diplomat Takeshi Iwaya expressed ‘serious concerns’ to his Chinese counterpart over Beijing’s increasing military activity, Tokyo said Wednesday.

Iwaya also told Wang Yi in Beijing that ‘Japan is closely monitoring the Taiwan situation and recent military developments’, a Japanese foreign ministry statement said.

China regards Taiwan as its territory and has not ruled out using force to bring it under its control.

Taipei said earlier this month that Beijing had held its biggest maritime drills in years, stretching from near the southern islands of Japan to the South China Sea.

Iwaya ‘expressed serious concerns over the East China Sea situation, including around the Senkaku Islands (and) China’s increasing military activity,’ the statement said.

The chain of uninhabited islands claimed by Beijing but administered by Tokyo are known as the Diaoyu in China...”

China’s space journey continues apace

Dec. 18, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: “The first-ever samples retrieved from the moon’s far side, an iconic feat achieved by China’s most recent lunar expedition, Chang’e 6, were on display at the 15th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, which took place in Zhuhai, Guangdong province,

from Nov 12 to 17.

This was the first time the valuable lunar substances had been shown to the public since they were brought back to Earth in June.

The Chang’e 6 mission, representing the world’s first attempt to bring back samples from the far side of the moon, was launched on May 3 from the Wenchang Space Launch Center in Hainan province.

After a series of complex maneuvers, the lander of the Chang’e 6 probe touched down at the South Pole-Aitken Basin on the lunar far side on June 2, and then began to collect surface and underground samples.

It was the second-ever landing of a spacecraft on the lunar far side. The vast region had never been reached by any spacecraft until January 2019, when the Chang’e 4 probe landed in the South Pole-Aitken Basin. Chang’e 4 surveyed areas surrounding its landing site, but did not collect samples.

The lander worked for 49 hours on the far side, using a mechanical arm and a drill to collect surface and underground materials.

The unmanned mission successfully concluded on June 25 with a total of 1,935.3 grams of samples from the far side retrieved.

The samples have unique scientific value and will further expand knowledge about the moon’s history and help to gear up the exploration and exploitation of lunar resources, according to the China National Space Administration...” **(Jesus said: And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh— Luke 21:25 – 28.)**

Taiwan military on high alert as China warships sail near island

Dec. 9, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: “Taiwan said its military was on high alert as Chinese warships sailed near the island on Monday, preparing for a strong response from China to President

Lai Ching-te's stopovers in the United States.

Taiwan said it had also detected Chinese coast guard vessels and that Beijing's People's Liberation Army (PLA) had restricted the airspace off the Chinese coast.

'In response to these actions by the PLA, the MND has initiated combat readiness drills, factoring in enemy threats, weather conditions, and tactical positioning,' the Ministry of National Defense in Taipei said in a statement.

It added that military units were on 'high' alert.

The ministry said its forces had 'identified PLA Eastern, Northern, and Southern Theater Command naval formations, along with Coast Guard vessels, entering areas around the Taiwan Strait and the Western Pacific'.

There has been intense speculation about the possibility of China launching military drills in response to Lai's trip to the Pacific that included stopovers in Hawaii and Guam.

There was no immediate public announcement by the PLA or Chinese state media about increased military activity around Taiwan.

However a foreign ministry spokeswoman in Beijing said China would 'firmly defend' its sovereignty in response to the Taiwanese drills..." (A

March 19, 2021 article in *The New York Times* – Tense Talks With China Left U.S. 'Cleareyed' About Beijing's Intentions, Officials Say <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/19/world/asia/china-us-alaska.html> states: "Just as Washington's views on China have shifted after years of encouraging the country's economic integration, so have Beijing's perceptions of the United States and the privileged place in the world that it has long held. The Americans, in their view, no longer have an overwhelming reservoir of global influence, nor the power to wield it against China.

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

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

U.S. 'playing with fire' funding Taiwan's military, China says

Dec. 24, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "China has reacted angrily to the White

House's approval of \$295 million in arms sales to Taiwan, according to a release Saturday from the Chinese Foreign Ministry in Los Angeles.

President Joe Biden authorized up to \$571 million in U.S. Defense Department military education and training funding for Taiwan, which Beijing argues is its territory and should come under Chinese control. The DoD approved the \$295 portion of the allocation on Friday.

'This seriously violates the one-China principle and the three China-U.S. joint communiqués,' the ministry said in a statement.

The statement said the United State's decision to supply arms to Taiwan is at the heart of China's core interests.

'To aid Taiwan independence by arming Taiwan is just like playing with fire and will get the U.S. burned, and to use the Taiwan question to contain China is doomed to fail,' the statement said.

China called on the U.S. to stop arming Taiwan that it says will undermine peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait. It threatened to 'take all measures necessary to firmly defend national sovereignty, security and territorial integrity.'..."

A NUCLEAR IRAN?

2015 nuclear deal no longer relevant, Iran close to bomb, IAEA chief says

Dec. 17, 2024 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: "International Atomic Energy Agency chief Rafael Grossi said the nuclear deal with Iran was no longer relevant and that Iran was enriching uranium to a military grade and was rapidly nearing the position of a nuclear state. Grossi spoke during a visit to the Italian Foreign Ministry on Monday.

'The philosophy of the original Iran deal can be used as a basis but the deal itself, is no longer needed,' Grossi said in an interview with the *ANSA* news agency. He said Iran currently has many more capabilities and is enriching Uranium to a level of 60% and to nearly 90%, which is military grade.

He said Iran was significantly developing its nuclear capabilities. The new regime under President Masoud Pezeshkian was creating an opportunity

for new negotiations but they would have to be on a different basis than the talks that led to the original JCPOA signed in 2015. The IAEA must play a central role he said and there must be serious cooperation between the UN agency and the world powers..." (A huge nuclear war is prophesied multiplied times in God's Word. Revelation 9:14 – 18 depicts Armageddon: *Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued*

fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. And Revelation 16:16 tells of the longest and final battle of the ages. See the next three reports.)

Iran's atomic organization claims it won't impede IAEA access to nuclear sites

Dec. 18, 2024 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "The head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization said Friday the body will not impede the UN nuclear watchdog's access and inspection of its sites.

According to a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) earlier this week, Iran agreed to tougher monitoring by the agency at its Fordow site after it greatly accelerated uranium enrichment there to near weapons-grade.

'We have not created and will not

create any obstacles for the agency's inspections and access,' Atomic Energy Organization head Mohammad Eslami was quoted as saying by Iranian media. 'We operate within the framework of safeguards, and the agency also acts according to regulations—no more, no less,' he added.

The IAEA censured Iran twice in the past year for its refusal to cooperate with the organization's inspections..."

UK, France, Germany: No 'credible civilian' basis for Iran's growing uranium stash

Dec. 18, 2024 -- *The Times of Israel* reports: "Britain, France and Germany on Tuesday accused Iran of growing its stockpile of high enriched uranium to 'unprecedented levels' without 'any credible civilian justification.'"

The three countries known as the E3 said in a statement that Iran must 'reverse its nuclear escalation.'

Iran has increased its manufacturing of enriched uranium such that it is the only non-nuclear weapons state to possess

uranium enriched to 60 percent, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) nuclear watchdog said.

That level is well on the way to the 90% required for an atomic bomb.

'Iran's stockpile of High Enriched Uranium has also reached unprecedented levels, again without any credible civilian justification. It gives Iran the capability to rapidly produce sufficient fissile material for multiple nuclear weapons,' the trio said in the statement..."

Britain, France and Germany urge Iran to halt 'nuclear escalation'

Dec. 11, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Britain, France and Germany on Tuesday pressed Iran to 'immediately halt its nuclear escalation' after the UN nuclear watchdog reported Tehran had sharply stepped up uranium enrichment activity."

'We, the governments of France, Germany and the United Kingdom, condemn Iran's latest steps... to

expand its nuclear programme,' the three countries said in a joint statement. Iran has revamped an enrichment plant at Fordo, south of Tehran, according to an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report seen by *AFP*.

The changes would 'significantly increase the rate of production of uranium enriched up to 60 percent', the IAEA said — on its way to the 90 percent needed to make a nuclear weapon.

Berlin, London and Paris, who along with the United States have held talks with Iran said they 'strongly urge Iran to reverse these steps, and to immediately halt its nuclear escalation'.

They recalled that their diplomats had met the Iranians in Geneva last week to discuss the country's nuclear programme 'and reiterated their commitment to dialogue and constructive behaviour'.

Iran insists on its right to nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and has consistently denied any ambition of developing weapons capability..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST

UN passes resolution for conference on 'two-state solution', 8 countries vote against

Dec. 4, 2024 -- *Israel National News* reports: "The UN General Assembly on Tuesday adopted a resolution calling for the organization of a high-level conference aimed at implementing relevant resolutions and achieving a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian Arab conflict."

The resolution, which was introduced by Senegal and co-sponsored by numerous countries, passed with 157 votes in favor, eight against, and seven abstentions.

In addition to Israel, the other countries that voted against the resolution were Argentina, Hungary, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, and the United States.

Cameroon, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Georgia, Paraguay, Ukraine and Uruguay are the countries which abstained.

The resolution reaffirms the need for a 'two-state solution' while stressing the importance of establishing 'a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East.'

It also proposes the convening of a 'High-level International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution.'..." (Caroline B. Glick, senior contributing editor to *The Jerusalem Post* wrote a book in 2014 entitled "The Israeli Solution" where she stated in the preface: "Establishing a Palestinian state, so the thinking goes, would be a panacea for all the region's ills. It would end the Arab world's conflict with Israel, because the reason the Arab world is anti-Israel is that there is no Palestinian state. It would also nearly erase the Arab world's anti-Americanism, because the reason the Arabs – and the larger Muslim world – are anti-American is that the United States supports Israel even though there is no Palestinian state... For the past ninety years, the two-state solution has been tried more than a dozen times, and every time it has failed, abysmally. Between 1970 and 2013, the United States presented nine different peace plans for Israel and the Palestinians, all based on the two-state solution – and for the past twenty years, the two-state solution has been the centerpiece of the U.S. Middle East policy. But despite this laser

focus, American efforts to implement the two-state solution have all been dismal failures.")

Netanyahu Warns Houthis as He Lights First Candle of Hanukkah

Dec. 26, 2024 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu lit the first candle of Hanukkah in Jerusalem, Israel, on Wednesday evening, and warned Iranian-backed Houthi rebels who have been firing missiles and drones from Yemen that they are about to learn a lesson."

The Houthis fired a ballistic missile at Israel early Wednesday (Christmas) morning, which was intercepted by Israel's defense systems, though pieces of shrapnel fell on the country. A drone from Yemen reached Israel but landed in an open area, causing no injuries.

Israel has retaliated against the rebels three times, and is planning a larger counterattack, after Houthi attacks have continued.

Hanukkah (or Chanukah) celebrates the rededication of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem after it was liberated from Syrian-Greek control in the second century B.C. While the themes of the holiday are primarily religious, it is also a powerful symbol of Israel triumphing

over its enemies, and it was in that sense that Netanyahu invoked it..." **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.)**

Israel to open 'new front' in Golan Heights, Netanyahu says

Dec. 16, 2024 -- *SpaceWar.com* reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that he will double the Israeli population of the Golan Heights following the fall of Syria's Bashar Al-Assad. The Israeli government approved the plan Sunday.

Netanyahu, who spoken Saturday night with U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, has approved a plan to expand the number of settlements in the occupied Golan Heights.

"Strengthening the Golan is strengthening the State of Israel, and it is especially important at this time. We will continue to hold onto it, cause it to blossom, and settle in it," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement.

Netanyahu said the shift is necessary because a 'new front' had emerged on Israel's border with Syria after the fall of the Assad regime to an Islamist-led rebel alliance, the *BBC* reported..."

Hamas calls for 'mobilization' to repel PA security forces amid West Bank ops.

Dec. 17, 2024 -- *The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Hamas called on 'all movements, factions, tribal gatherings, and human rights organizations to mobilize massively' to repel the ongoing operation carried out by Palestinian Authority security forces in the West Bank city of Jenin in an official statement on Tuesday.

"We emphasize that the continuation of the PA's security operation indicates that it is turning a deaf ear to all Palestinian voices calling for its cessation and for the protection of the resistance," the terror group's statement read, adding that the PA operation 'serves only the occupation army and its futile dreams of ending the resistance in the West Bank.'

The large-scale Jenin operation began earlier in December after Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorists stole vehicles belonging to the Palestinian Authority..."

Hamas threatens to 'neutralize' hostages if Israel launches rescue attempt

Dec. 5, 2024 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: "Hamas said it had information that Israel intended to carry out a hostage rescue operation similar to one conducted in Gaza's Nuseirat camp in June and threatened to 'neutralize', or kill, the captives if such an operation took place, according to an internal statement seen by *Reuters* on Wednesday.

In the internal document dated November 22, Hamas told its operatives not to consider any repercussions of following the instructions and said Israel was responsible for the fate of the hostages. It did not say when any Israeli operation was expected to take place..."

Massive Israeli airstrikes on Syria reportedly causes earthquake

Dec. 16, 2024 -- *YnetNews.com* reports: "Israeli air strikes in Aleppo and Hama in Syria overnight, caused an earthquake, the Russian *Sputnik* news agency said early on Monday.

The Hezbollah-affiliated *Al Mayadeen* network added that the attacks in the area of Tartus in the west of the country targeted arms depots and caused tremors

measuring 3.0 on the Richter scale as the warehouses went up in flames.

The airstrikes were part of Israel's expanding attacks on arms storages, including those holding surface-to-surface missiles and air defense systems, which the IDF said was to prevent them from falling into terrorists' hands..." **("The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap" – Isaiah 17:1. Damascus is widely believed to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world, but God's Word declares that will end.)**

Ayatollah Khamenei Claims Iran's Axis Made 'Stronger' by Fall of Syria's Assad

Dec. 12, 2024 -- *Breitbart.com* reports: "Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei claimed on Wednesday that Tehran's 'Axis of Resistance' was only made stronger by the fall of Bashar Assad, the Syrian dictator who was one of Iran's top clients and vassals before he was overthrown by a lightning-fast jihadi insurgency last week.

Iran invested a huge amount of money and military force to keep Assad in power through a decade of civil war, but Khamenei insisted the demise of the Syrian regime at the hands of an al-Qaeda offshoot – militant Sunni Islamists who have no love for the Shiite superpower of Iran – was not a major calamity. In fact, Khamenei said Iran was better off without Assad.

"This is what the resistance is, this is what the resistance front is. The more you push, the stronger it becomes; the more you commit crimes, the more motivated it becomes. The more you fight with them, the more widespread it will be, and I tell you, by the Divine Power, the domain of resistance will cover the entire region more than before," the elderly ayatollah ranted during a speech in Tehran...

"I say that by God's will and power and with the permission of God Almighty, Iran is strong and powerful and will only grow more powerful," he railed..." **(Iran has a long history of calling for the destruction of Israel. It will never happen. Almighty God has stated: ...I will give them [Israel] an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off – Isaiah 56:5. Everlasting means everlasting. God promised to Abraham in Genesis 22:17: ...in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand**

which is upon the sea shore... And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; To drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring

thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as it is this day. Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and

his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever – Deuteronomy 4:37–40.)

THE RELIGION OF PEACE?

'Wrath of Allah': U.S. indicts man who planned attack on Israeli Consulate in New York

Dec. 20, 2024 -- YnetNews.com reports: "The FBI arrested Virginia resident Abdullah Ezzeldin Taha Mohamed Hassan on suspicion of planning an attack against the Israeli Consulate General in New York. According to the charges listed in the indictment, Hassan was exposed after providing a covert agent with detailed instructions on building and planting a bomb.

The 14-page indictment which has been under seal outlines a network of well-planned actions, including detailed instructions for constructing explosive devices, purchasing weapons and tips for fleeing the U.S. after the attack.

The investigation began in May when Fairfax County Police in Virginia received an anonymous tip about an X account promoting terrorism and supporting the Islamic State terror group (ISIS). The account, managed by Hassan, included posts praising terrorists and advocating violence against Jews and Americans...

In November, Hassan sent the informant the address of the Israeli Consulate General in New York, suggesting it as a target for an attack, calling it a 'symbol of world Jewry.' Hassan

also provided a text for a 'martyrdom video' he planned to record before the attack, which included threats to Western countries and a declaration of the 'Wrath of Allah.'..." **(Killing is rewarded in Islam. Not only do they receive 72 virgins as righteous and martyred godly men, but what even more shocking is they get to choose 70 relatives and friends to go to heaven. Their plan of winning the lost is a sick one and against God's plan which is: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life – John 3:16.)**

Shocking: Canadian video game allows players to take part in massacre

Dec. 3, 2024 -- Israel National News reports: "A Canadian gaming platform is selling a game allowing players to recreate the October 7th massacre.

The *National Post* reports that the game *The Knights of the Al-Aqsa Mosque* was released two years ago. A recent update allows players to take part in the October 7th massacre as part of the Hamas's elite Nukhba force.

In the game's promotional video, an Arabic speaker says: 'Where are the ones with the explosive belts? Where are they? Come here, I want a belt to

blow myself up among the Zionists. It is a Jihad, a Jihad of victory or martyrdom.'

IDF soldiers are depicted in the same way they are seen in Hamas videos..." **((Islam is a religion of hate. Sharia Law demands death penalties for (1) Daughters who have premarital sex, (2) Homosexuals – these murderers are told to drop them from the highest mountain to be sure to hear their fearful screams, (3) Apostates – these are Islamic religionists who mock Allah, Muhammad, of the Koran, (4) All infidels – non Muslim religionists. Nothing matters to these self-proclaimed holy and righteous men. How wrong they are. It is the Muslims who will be judged by the true God for the way they committed every abominable sin wicked minds created – "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust" I Timothy 1:9-11.)**

KNOWLEDGE INCREASED

RTX's laser weapon system tested successfully by British Army

Dec. 18, 2024 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "Raytheon UK, a division of RTX's Raytheon business, announced the successful live-firing of its High-Energy Laser Weapon System (HELWS) by the British Army, targeting and neutralizing moving aerial threats. The demonstration, conducted in Wales, was part of the Ministry of Defence's Land Laser Directed Energy Weapon (LDEW) program.

During the trial, British Army soldiers trained in the operation of the HELWS system effectively engaged moving aerial targets, marking a significant milestone in the program. According to James Gray, chief executive and managing director of Raytheon UK, 'Our High-Energy Laser Weapon System has been used in operations globally, and now the British Army is experimenting with this game-changing capability. The success of this test is the result of the skill, dedication, and vision of our scientists and engineers who have collaborated with the British

Army to help fulfil its commitment to staying at the forefront of technological innovation.'

This experiment represents the first instance of the British Army testing a high-energy laser weapon mounted on an armored vehicle. The trial included comprehensive training for soldiers on the weapon's tracking and targeting systems, underscoring its practical application in operational scenarios" **("But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" – Daniel 12:4.)**