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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

ANTI-SEMITIC VIOLENCE

Despicable act of terrorism': Washington shooting leaves Israeli officials devastated

May 22, 2025 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Israeli officials condemned the shooting at the Jewish Museum in Washington in the early hours of Thursday morning as the country was waking up.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was shocked by the horrific antisemitic murder of embassy staff in Washington, his office said in a statement.

'We are witnessing the terrible price of antisemitism and the wild incitement against the State of Israel. The blood libels against Israel come at the cost of blood, and they must be fought until eradicated,' Netanyahu said.

'My heart aches with the families of the beloved young man and woman whose lives were suddenly cut short by a despicable antisemitic murderer.'

'I have instructed to strengthen security arrangements at Israeli missions worldwide and to increase protection for state representatives,' he concluded..." (The Jewish people have long been blamed for all of the world's ills. All throughout history they have been the universal scapegoat. Incredibly, even the awful plague of the Black Death that swept Europe was blamed on the Jews. They were accused of having poisoned wells with a powder made of spiders, frog legs, Christian entrails, and consecrated hosts (Communion bread). The public wrath that resulted from that fantastic tale brought about the slaughter of thousands of Jews

and the complete extermination of two hundred Jewish communities. This can be traced back to the father of anti-Semitism – Satan who ...stood up against Israel – I Chronicles 21:1. God loves His Chosen People – ...I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee – Jeremiah 31:3.)

Blood libels spread against Israel pave the way for terror attack, Sa'ar says

May 23, 2025 -- YnetNews.com reports: "Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar said the murderous terror attack in Washington D.C. late on Tuesday, which resulted in the killing of Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim, two staffers at the Israeli embassy, was a result of the 'toxic antisemitic incitement against Israel and Jews around the world.'

Sa'ar said that 'blood libels spread against Israel, 'pave the way for murder' and called on world leaders to 'stop the false accusations, strengthen Israel against the axis of evil.' Turning to the world, the minister said the 'blood libels against us have made Jewish blood fair game.'

Speaking in Jerusalem, the foreign minister said there is an unprecedented wave of attacks and attempted attacks against Israeli missions around the world, with an emphasis on Europe and Israel's representatives are targets for terrorist attacks and antisemitism that crosses all red lines..." (The Encyclopedia Judaica defines Blood Libel as "...the allegation that Jews murder non-Jews, especially Christian

children, in order to obtain blood for the Passover or other rituals: most blood libels occurred close to Passover, being basically a another form of the belief that Jews had been and still were responsible for the passion and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, the divine child; a complex of deliberate lies, trumped-up accusations, and popular beliefs about the murder-lust of the Jews and their bloodthirstiness, based on the conception that Jews hate Christianity and mankind in general. It is combined with the delusion that Jews are in some way not human and must have recourse to special remedies and subterfuges to appear, at least outwardly, like other men. The blood libel led to trials and massacres of Jews in the Middle Ages and early modern times; it was revived by the Nazis. Its origin is rooted in ancient, almost primordial, concepts concerning the potency and energies of blood." This can be traced back to the father of anti-Semitism - Satan who "...stood up against Israel" – I Chronicles 21:1. God loves His Chosen People – "...I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee" – Jeremiah 31:3.)

PM Netanyahu: 'Free Palestine' is just today's version of 'Heil Hitler'

May 23, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, on Thursday evening, issued statement following the fatal shooting of two Israeli Embassy employees in Washington, Yaron

Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim.

'Last night in Washington, something horrific happened,' Netanyahu said. 'A brutal terrorist shot in cold blood a young beautiful couple – Yaron Lischinsky and Sara Milgrim. Yaron had just bought an engagement ring for Sarah. He was planning to give it to her in Jerusalem next week. They were planning to start a new and happy life together. Well, that tragically did not happen.'

Netanyahu stressed that the victims 'weren't the victims of a random crime,' adding, 'The terrorist who cruelly gunned them down did so for one reason and one reason alone – he wanted to kill Jews. And as he was taken away, he chanted, 'Free Palestine!'

'This is exactly the same chant we heard on October 7th,' Netanyahu stated. 'On that day, thousands of terrorists stormed into Israel from Gaza. They beheaded men. They raped women. They burned babies alive. They butchered 1,200 innocent people and took 251 innocent people hostage to the dungeons of Gaza.' Referring to German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's reaction to October 7th, Netanyahu said, 'A short time afterwards, Chancellor Scholz of Germany visited Israel. And after he saw the horrors, he said to me, 'These Hamas terrorists are exactly like the Nazis.'

He continued: 'He was right. And if they could get away with it, these Hamas terrorists would have slaughtered every last Jew on earth. For these neo-Nazis, 'Free Palestine' is just today's version of 'Heil Hitler.'" (When Hitler came to power in Germany, the fate of the Jews in Europe was sealed. Like many before and after him, Hitler blamed the Jews for all the ills of society. He saw the Treaty of Versailles that ended the First World War as a Jewish document. Weaknesses in the German economy were attributed to the Jews. He faulted the Jews for the birth and presence of communism in the world. He accused the Jews of being revolutionary and instigating internationalism, a supposed plot of the Jews to destroy Germany and seize control of the world. They became his favorite scapegoat, and their suffering at his hands rivals the most gruesome of human crimes.

Hitler's persecution of the Jews began in 1933; shortly after he took office. On April 7 of that year he stripped all Jews of offices in the German civil service. Government officials, doctors, lawyers, and workers in educational and cultural fields were all required to sign the following statement: I declare officially herewith I do not know of any circumstance — despite careful scrutiny — that may justify the presumption that I am not of Aryan descent; in particular, none of my paternal or maternal parents or grandparents was at any time of the Jewish faith. I am fully aware of the fact that I expose myself to prosecution and dismissal if this declaration proves untrue.

Within three months, thirty thousand heads of Jewish families had been deprived of income.

The future sufferings of the Jews were also announced in two lines of a song called "The Horst Wessel Song," which became the theme of every major parade in Germany. Translated, two lines of the song were: "When Jewish blood flows from the knife, Things will go much better."

Under Hitler's direction there was a steady rise in outrageous demands and unlawful acts against all Jews. By 1938 every synagogue in the nation had been burned, the windows of every Jewish establishment had been shattered, and twenty-five thousand innocent Jews were in concentration camps.

In the infamous Buchenwald camp Jews were shipped and tortured during the day, while throughout the night a voice shouted over the loudspeakers, "Any Jew who wishes to hang himself is asked first to put a piece of paper in his mouth with his number on it so that we may know who he is." See the next three reports.)

CAM: DC murder was the bloody price of 'globalize the Intifada' rhetoric

May 22, 2025 -- Israel National News

reports: "The Combat Antisemitism Movement (CAM) condemned the shooting of two Israeli Embassy staff at a Jewish event in Washington DC last night. 'This murder didn't happen in a vacuum, but is the direct result of the incessant hatred by those who call to 'Globalize the Intifada,' said CEO of CAM Sacha

the Intifada,' said CEO of CAM Sacha Roytman Dratwa. 'For those who wondered about the context of whether a particular chant was hate speech or antisemitic, this is what it looks like when physically manifested. We have warned about the growing violence of the far-left, and now it seems that our deepest fears have come true.

'The murderer did not know his victims were Israeli, he just knew they attended a Jewish event. When we say that the antisemites don't hate Jews because of Israel, but rather, they hate Israel because it is the Jewish homeland, this is what we mean.'..."

'Squad' Reps introduce 'Nakba' legislation, sparking outrage

May 16, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "A controversial resolution recognizing the 77th anniversary of the 'Nakba,' the Arabic term utilized by Palestinian Arabs to describe what they view as the 'catastrophe' or 'disaster' associated with the establishment of the modern State of Israel, was introduced in the U.S. Congress on Wednesday, according to JNS.

The legislation was spearheaded by Representatives Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), and Ilhan Omar (D-MN), all prominent members of the so-called 'Squad' in the House, notorious for their anti-Israel views.

Rep. Tlaib issued a sharp statement upon the bill's introduction, saying, 'The Makba never ended. Today, we are witnessing the Israeli apartheid regime carry out genocide in Gaza. It is a campaign to erase Palestinians from existence.'

Tlaib has been a vocal critic of Israel ever since she took office and has continued her anti–Israel statements and actions during the war against Hamas in Gaza...

'Action, resistance': Nakba Day marked by pro-Palestinian protesters across the world

May 16, 2025 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Pro-Palestinian protesters took to the streets across the world in honor of 'Nakba Day' on Thursday, many calling for armed resistance and praising the October 7 Hamas attacks on Israel.

Nakba Day is the day of commemoration for what Palestinians see as the 'catastrophe': the destruction of their society and homeland in 1948. The date chosen was 15 May, which is the day after the Israeli Declaration of Independence on 14 May 1948.

In North America, Within Our Lifetime organized an 'all out for Gaza' event in New York City, calling for 'an end to the ongoing genocide, and full liberation from the river to the sea.' WOL announced it was joining Palestinians around the world in 'uplifting our people's resistance to genocide, Zionism and settler colonialism since 1948.' It was joined by the local branches of Students for Justice in Palestine as well as Cuny4Palestine..."

NEWS FROM ISRAEL

UK, Canada, France threaten Israel: Ceasefire or else

May 20, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "Leaders of the United Kingdom, France, and Canada released a sharply worded joint statement on Sunday condemning Israel's ongoing military operations in the Gaza Strip, following intensified efforts by the IDF to dismantle Hamas and secure the release of hostages held since October 7.

'We strongly oppose the expansion of Israel's military operations in Gaza. The level of human suffering in Gaza is intolerable,' the statement read. The leaders described Israel's recent move to allow a basic quantity of food into Gaza as 'wholly inadequate,' and demanded that the Israeli government 'stop its military operations' and 'immediately allow humanitarian aid' into the area.

'This must include engaging with the UN to ensure a return to delivery of aid in line with humanitarian principles,' they stated, calling the lack of assistance 'unacceptable.'

The statement urged Israel to cooperate with the United Nations in resuming aid deliveries according to humanitarian principles and called on Hamas to release all remaining hostages.

'We call on Hamas to release immediately the remaining hostages they have so cruelly held since 7 October 2023,' the leaders said..." (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 Psalm, 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 Psalm 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 tents.

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.)

Hamas lauds France, Canada, UK for statements against IDF In Gaza

May 20, 2025 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "In a statement released on their media outlets, the terrorist group Hamas added: 'we welcome the joint statement issued by the leaders of Britain, France, and Canada, rejecting the policy of siege and starvation pursued by the occupation government against our people in the Gaza Strip, and the Zionist plans aimed at genocide and displacement.'

The group further claimed: 'This position is an important step toward restoring respect for the principles of international law, which the terrorist Netanyahu government has sought to undermine and overturn,' calling for 'its urgent translation into effective practical steps that deter the occupation.'

Finally, Hamas called on Arab and Islamic countries, the European Union,

and 'all other free nations of the world to take urgent action and adopt firm positions and concrete measures to halt the barbaric Zionist aggression, curb the ongoing crimes of the occupation, and work diligently to hold this rogue entity accountable.'..." (If Hamas is praising your decisions and actions, you may want to reexamine your positions. See the next report.)

Netanyahu responds: UK, Canada and France are offering a huge prize for October 7 attack

May 20, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday evening issued a statement responding to the UK, Canada and France's ultimatum to Israel to end the war in Gaza or face sanctions.

'By asking Israel to end a defensive war for our survival before Hamas terrorists on our border are destroyed and by demanding a Palestinian state, the leaders in London, Ottawa and Paris are offering a huge prize for the genocidal attack on Israel on October 7 while inviting more such atrocities,' he said.

'The war began on October 7 when Palestinian terrorists stormed our borders, murdered 1,200 innocent people and abducted over 250 more innocents to the dungeons of Gaza,' he added.

'Israel accepts President Trump's vision and urges all European leaders to do the same. The war can end tomorrow if the remaining hostages are released, Hamas lays down its arms, its murderous leaders are exiled and Gaza is demilitarized. No nation can be expected to accept anything less and Israel certainly won't,' Netanyahu stated..."

ISRAEL VS. HAMAS

Netanyahu: 'I'm telling Hamas, the rules are changing soon'

May 9, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited a training exercise of the IDF's 5th Brigade reserve brigade) on Thursday at the Ground Training Center in Tze'elim...

During his visit, Netanyahu stated, 'During the visit, the Prime Minister said: 'We are determined to achieve two goals: one – to defeat Hamas, to defeat Hamas, to eliminate Hamas. The second thing, of course, at the same time – to release our hostages.'

'Today we mark the 53rd anniversary of the operation to free the hostages on the Sabena plane,' Netanyahu recalled. 'I was there, I was wounded there. The spirit has not changed – it is exactly the same spirit that I see here that pulsates among the soldiers and commanders, and unites the ranks with one goal – to achieve a great victory.'

'This victory also includes the defeat of Hamas, also the release of our hostages,' Netanyahu added. 'This victory goes beyond that. It radiates over the entire region. To this day, we have changed the face of the Middle East. We brought Hezbollah to its knees, Hamas – below its knees, the Assad regime has fallen. Iran has also felt the reach of our arms. We have more challenges, but we have a strong spirit.'

'To Hamas, I say one thing: the rules are going to change very soon,' the Prime Minister concluded..." (As was mentioned earlier in this Briefing, in the book of Psalm, there are several imprecatory psalms where the author calls down calamity, destruction, and God's anger and judgment on his enemies. Psalm 69 was mentioned then, another one is Psalm 5:

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. Hearken unto the voice

of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee. The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man. But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face. there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue. Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee. But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield – Psalm 5:1-12. See the next two reports.)

Ex-Navy chief: Without crushing Hamas, Gaza victory will be meaningless

May 16, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "Maj. Gen. (res.) Eliezer Marom, former commander of the Israeli Navy, explained Friday morning what he believes is necessary to achieve victory in Gaza.

In an interview with 103FM Radio, he explained, 'We need to strike Hamas as hard as possible, while simultaneously working toward an arrangement. It's

complex and difficult, but there is no other choice.'

'Suppose we end the war, leave the Strip, and Hamas remains intact with its weapons after all hostages are released — what have we achieved? All the efforts of the past year and a half would be in vain, and we'd have to return to Gaza again and again.'

He noted, 'Using force isn't ideal, but if done gradually and wisely, there's a chance that Hamas will eventually say, 'I'm want this,' and we'll reach a solution — even if it's not an optimal one. There are about 3 million Palestinians in Judea and Samaria, and 2 million in Gaza, and none of them like us.'

According to him, Hamas wants a new deal to maintain some form of control in Gaza..."

IDF Chief in Gaza: 'Gideon's Chariots will continue until Hamas is defeated'

May 19, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "IDF Chief of Staff LTG Eyal Zamir conducted a field tour and situational assessment today (Sunday) in the northern Gaza Strip alongside the Southern Command commander, MG Yaniv Asor, the commander of the 162nd Division, BG Sagiv Dahan, and additional commanders.

The Chief of the General Staff spoke with the commanders and soldiers of the 401st Brigade operating in the field and approved plans for the continuation of the operation.

'This past weekend, we launched Operation 'Gideon's Chariots.' We will continue until we dismantle the enemy's combat ability and achieve a decisive defeat wherever we operate. We cannot go back to the reality of October 7th. We have two main objectives before us: the return of the hostages and the defeat of Hamas,' Zamir told the troops..."

A PALESTINIAN STATE?

Britain May Recognise Palestine as a State This Year, Says Foreign Minister Lammy

May 5, 2025 -- Breitbart.com reports: "The United Kingdom is talking with France and Saudi Arabia about recognising Palestine as a state later this year, the Foreign affairs minister of its left-wing government has revealed.

British Foreign Minister David Lammy told a House of Lords committee this week that the government is in discussions with France and Saudi Arabia to recognise Palestine as a state. The declaration would be part of a push to keep the notion of a two-state solution alive and would likely be made at a New York conference in June to be hosted by France and the Saudis, he said.

'No one has a veto on when the United Kingdom recognises that Palestinian state,' Lammy said according to *The Guardian*, but added that the intention of the move was not to make a symbolic gesture but rather to use British recognition as a tool to further the establishment of a Palestinian state.

'It's unacceptable for any group of people to have lived without no state for longer than I've been alive,' Lammy said..." (Genesis 15:18 states: In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates and in Joshua 1:4 we read: From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. These verses encompass all of the land modern Israel currently possesses, plus all of the land of the Palestinians (the West Bank and Gaza), plus some of Egypt and Syria, plus all of Jordan, plus some of Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Israel currently possesses only a fraction of the land God has promised. See the next report.)

Gantz: Idea of creating a Palestinian state 'disconnected from reality'

May 6, 2025 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "National Unity Party Chairman Benny Gantz voiced strong opposition to the creation of a Palestinian state and said anyone talking about such an idea was 'disconnected from reality,' during remarks at the Makor Rishon Settlement Conference in Ofra on Tuesday morning. Gantz said Israel 'cannot allow a direct

and significant threat to its citizens on any border,' and insisted the country must retain security control and operational freedom in Gaza, the West Bank, southern Lebanon, and along the Syrian frontier. 'Anyone talking about a Palestinian state or withdrawals is simply disconnected from the security reality,' he stated.

Addressing the 2005 Gaza Disengagement Plan, Gantz said its greatest mistake was evacuating the northern Gaza communities of Dugit, Nisanit, and Elei Sinai. He said Israel should have maintained a presence there 'to control the territory' and signal that the 1967 lines 'are not relevant.'..."

NEWS FROM IRAN

IRGC chief threatens to 'open gates of hell' on Israel, U.S.

May 9, 2025 -- Israel National News reports: "Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commander Hossein Salami warned on Thursday that Iran would retaliate against Israel and the U.S. should the two countries strike Iran.

'I'm issuing a serious warning: if you make one wrong move, we will open up the gates of hell on you,' said Salami, as quoted by *Iran International*.

'Sit down and stay in your place ... we have made extensive preparations. These are serious warnings to Zionist officials, to U.S. officials. The criminal Prime Minister of the Zionist regime talks a lot these days, threatens Iran,' he added.

'If you make a mistake, we'll act on you in a way that you forget the True Promise 1 and 2,' he said, in reference to Iran's attacks on Israel last year.

'Don't count on THAAD. Every time you fire a projectile, we will fire more than you,' Salami threatened..." (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: See the next report.)

Iran Threatens U.S. Bases 'Wherever They Are' as New Ballistic Missile Revealed

May 6, 2025 -- Breitbart.com reports: "Iran unveiled a new solid-fueled ballistic missile and claims it has stationed similar systems nationwide, according to state-run TV, which cited military officials promising the ability to strike U.S. bases and interests 'wherever they are' if war breaks out... The missile reportedly boasts a 745-mile range, precision strike capacity without GPS, and improved defense-evading

system was last tested on April 17 and is capable of identifying and hitting designated targets without satellite guidance.

The announcement followed U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth's message on Wednesday warning Tehran against continued support for Yemen's Houthi rebels.

In response, Nasirzadeh issued a stark threat that if war is initiated by the U.S. or Israel, Iran will strike their interests, bases, and forces 'wherever they are and whenever necessary.' He also emphasized that American military installations across the Middle East would become 'legitimate targets' in any conflict..."

Iran, Russia deepen ties amid nuclear talks with the U.S. – analysis

May 19, 2025 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Iran has continued its outreach to Russia and other countries as it waits for the next round of indirect talks with the U.S.. While Tehran is still cautiously optimistic, it wants to hedge.

Its goal is to have China, Russia, and even some European countries potentially help it to hedge against any fallout should the U.S. talks collapse. Iran is rushing to do this, and Russia is one of its key friends.

A quiet but deepening of ties between Iran and Russia is unfolding, evidenced by recent diplomatic gestures that reflect cooperation and strategic convergence. During a meeting in Tehran this week, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Rudenko Andrey Yurevich discussed bilateral ties. Iran's state

agility. According to Nasirzadeh, the

media, IRNA, highlighted the visit.

At the Tehran Dialogue Forum (TDF), Araghchi reaffirmed 'the determination of Iran and Russia to reinforce bilateral relations.' IRNA noted. Yurevich focused on 'continued consultations at all levels' and praised the Forum. The reports on the meeting were slim, but Iran clearly wants to highlight Russia ties..." (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.)

Iran lawmakers ratify partnership treaty with Russia

May 22, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "The Iranian parliament ratified a 20-year strategic partnership treaty with Russia on Wednesday, state media reported, consolidating closer ties between the two countries amid growing tensions with the West.

The deal, which was signed by Presidents Masoud Pezeshkian and Vladimir Putin in January, was already ratified by Russia's State Duma last month

It passed the Iranian parliament with 191 votes in favour, eight against and three abstentions among the 212 members present, Iran's official *IRNA* news agency reported.

The treaty provides for joint efforts to counter common security threats but stops short of a mutual defence agreement.

Putin has called the treaty a 'breakthrough document', while Pezeshkian said it would 'open a new chapter in relations'.

Iran and Russia have expanded military collaboration in recent years, with Tehran accused by Kyiv and Western governments of supplying drones and missiles used in Russia's war in Ukraine..."

Iran's president looks to central Asia for increasing ties

May 13, 2025 -- The Jerusalem Post reports: "Iran continued its attempts to foster stronger ties with Central Asian countries this week. Iranian Masoud Pezeshkian hosted the prime minister of Uzbekistan.

'Speaking in his meeting with Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Abdulla Nigmatovich Aripov in Tehran on Monday, President Pezeshkian said that Iran and Uzbekistan are one soul in two bodies and have a lot in common in the historical, cultural, lingual, and religious fields,' Iran's state media said. Central Asia is an increasingly important region for Iran. It has done outreach there for a variety of reasons. First of all, it is part of Iran's policy of looking to the east toward China and South Asia. It is also part of Iran's work to ingratiate itself with other economic blocs such as BRICS and the SCO.

It is also a way for Iran to continue to build trade ties away from the West. Central Asian countries often feel neglected, and they also seek to avoid being stuck in a post-Soviet orbit linked to Russia. They had increasingly relevance to the West during the U.S. involvement in Afghanistan. Since then, the West has largely looked the other way. Iran is moving into the vacuum..."

RUSSIA AND THE KINGS OF THE EAST

China vows to stand with Russia in face of 'hegemonic bullying'

May 8, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "China's Xi Jinping was in Moscow on Thursday for a state visit ahead of the Kremlin's grand Victory Day celebrations, as Ukraine accused Russia's army of launching air strikes just hours into a supposed truce.

More than 20 foreign leaders are in Russia to attend a vast military parade on Friday marking 80 years since the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II, taking place three years into Russia's offensive in Ukraine.

Putin ordered troops into Ukraine in February 2022 and has marshalled the memory of Soviet victory against Nazi Germany to justify his campaign and rally society behind the offensive, which has killed tens of thousands of people.

In a meeting in the Kremlin, Putin told Xi: 'Together with our Chinese friends,

we firmly stand on guard of historical truth, protect the memory of events of the war years and counter modern manifestations of neo-Nazism and militarism.'

Russian society has seen unprecedented militarisation during the Ukraine conflict and the Kremlin has tightly controlled the memory of World War II..." (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 says ready to 'expand practical cooperation' with Russian army

May 15, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "China said Thursday it was ready to 'expand practical cooperation' with the Russian army, after President Xi Jinping's recent visit to Moscow for a lavish World War II Victory Day parade. The two countries have drawn closer in recent years, including since Moscow launched a full-scale invasion of

Ukraine in 2022.

Xi's trip to Russia last week drew ire from Kyiv's allies, who have accused Beijing of giving Moscow economic and political cover to wage a war of aggression.

Beijing says it is a neutral party to the conflict and has made indefatigable efforts for peace.

On Thursday, in response to a question linked to Xi's visit asking how China would promote military-to-military ties with Russia, the defence ministry said the relationship was 'operating at a high level'.

'The Chinese military stands ready to work with the Russian side to further deepen strategic mutual trust, step up strategic communication, and expand practical cooperation,' defence ministry spokesman Jiang Bin said in a response posted to social media platform WeChat. The moves would 'enrich the content of China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era', Jiang said..."

At UN, U.S. slams Russia for 'cynically' protecting North Korea

May 9, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "The United States on Wednesday denounced Russia for 'cynically obstructing' the monitoring of North Korea's compliance with UN sanctions, saying Moscow was trying to dodge criticism for using Pyongyang's weapons in its war with Ukraine.

Several Security Council members, including the United States and South Korea, convened a meeting on the issue to heighten awareness of Moscow's potential sanctions-busting actions, the interim U.S. envoy said.

'Today's briefing shows the Council will continue to ensure member states are aware of sanctions violations and evasion activity that generate revenue' for North Korea's 'unlawful' weapons programs 'despite Russia's veto,' said the envoy, Dorothy Shea.

In March 2024, by vetoing a Security Council resolution, Russia effectively ended the system in place to monitor Pyongyang's compliance with UN sanctions first implemented in 2006 and subsequently strengthened several times.

The committee responsible for that monitoring no longer exists.

'The DPRK continues brazenly to violate the Council's resolutions by exporting coal and iron ore to China, the proceeds of which directly fund its unlawful WMD and ballistic missile programs,' Shea said, using an acronym for North Korea's official name..."
(North Korea marches with Russia and China for the war of the latter years and latter days – Ezekiel 38:8, 16. Atomic bombs will produce global incineration – Psalms 97:3; Isaiah 66:15; Joel 2:3, 30; Zephaniah 1:18; Malachi 4:1; Revelation 8:7 and 9:18.)

Kim Jong Un oversees combat training drills, stresses 'full preparations for war'

May 15, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un supervised combined tactical drills of special operations forces and stressed 'full preparations for war,' state media reported Wednesday.

Kim watched tactical drill demonstrations and a joint fire strike demonstration by tank units at an undisclosed location on Tuesday, *Korean Central News Agency* reported. 'Making full preparations for war is the most crucial task,' Kim said, according

The North's combat training has evolved 'in keeping with the developing patterns and changing trend of modern warfare, strengthening the integral system of organizing, judging and reviewing training, and putting main stress on the actual war drills,' he said.

to KCNA.

North Korean troops have gained real-world combat experience on the battlefield in Russia, where they have been sent to aid Moscow in its war against Ukraine..." (Kim Jong-un, his sister, and recently his daughter, Ju-ae, who appeared with him twice recently raising speculation about

possible succession, are following in the footsteps of Kim Jong-il and Kim il-sung in seeking nuclear weapons. In 1993, President Bill Clinton spoke in South Korea and stated that if North Korea gained and used a nuclear weapon, the U.S. would quickly and overwhelming retaliate, and it would mean the end of their country as they know it. President George W. Bush named North Korea as one of the three-part 'axis of evil' along with Iran and Iraq in 2002. In 2014, President Barack Obama warned North Korea that the U.S. would not hesitate to use military might to defend our allies against this 'pariah state'. And in August 2017, President **Donald Trump stated: "North Korea** best not make any more threats to the United States. They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen." It is believed that North Korea developed nuclear weapons in 2004. See the next report.)

North Korea's Kim Jong Un oversees nuclear counterattack missile test

May 12, 2025 -- SpaceWar.com reports: "North Korean leader Kim Jong Un supervised a test of short-range ballistic missiles and long-range artillery in a demonstration of Pyongyang's nuclear counterstrike capabilities, state-run media said Friday.

Korean Central News Agency reported that the drill, which was conducted Thursday, involved a 600-millimeter multilayer rocket system and Hwasongpho-11-Ka tactical ballistic missiles.

Kim stressed the need to 'steadily enhance the pivotal role of the nuclear force in all aspects of the strategy to deter war and the strategy to fight war,' the report said.

'[Kim] said that the DPRK should continue to direct efforts to steadily improving the long-range precision striking capability and efficiency of weapons systems, proceeding from the security environment of our state and the realistic requirements of modern warfare,' KCNA said..."

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

Modern Worship music has entered a dangerous drift into progressive praise

May 20, 2025 – ProphecyNewsWatch.com reports: "There's a sobering line in the

prophet Hosea that echoes with fresh urgency today: 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge' (Hosea 4:6).

It's a warning to every generation that when we lose our grounding in the Word of God, we lose far more than clarity—we lose our very identity. Worship is not immune from this erosion. In fact, it may be the front line where the spiritual battle over truth is most quietly fought and dangerously lost.

A recent example of this drift comes from The Well Church in Gilbert, Arizona, which introduced a worship song that's quickly making waves—not because of its beauty, but because of its bold embrace of theological confusion.

The song's catch phrase is 'We've Got No Idea What We're Doing,' and while the theme itself may be unintentionally honest, what follows is a troubling snapshot of what happens when worship untethers itself from biblical truth...

At first glance, this song might sound like a plea for unity, tolerance, or humility. But beneath the surface is a dangerous message: that truth is unknowable, doctrine is divisive, and everyone's 'spiritual truth' is equally valid. This is not humility—it's heresy...

Worship is not meant to be a sentimental singalong. It is sacred space where we declare the truth of who God is, remember what He has done, and realign our hearts with His will. When worship is grounded in Scripture, it shapes our theology, renews our minds, and strengthens our faith. But when worship becomes theologically shallow or worse-contrary to God's Word--it leads people away from truth under the guise of spiritual experience.

This is not a matter of musical taste. It's not about hymns vs. choruses or organs vs. electric guitars. It's about content. A song that says "God bless the atheist" in the same breath as "God bless the Christian" is not offering a prayer--it's erasing the reality of sin, repentance, and the gospel. And to sing "We've got no idea what we're doing" as a refrain of supposed unity is to confess not humility, but surrender--to the spirit of the age rather than the Spirit of God..." (What a sad state Christianity is in all the world. 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.)

Evangelist Who Led Muslims to Christ Slain after Gospel Event

May 6, 2025 -- MorningStarNews.org reports: "Islamists killed an evangelist after he led several Muslims to faith in Christ at an open-air event in eastern Uganda last month, sources said.

David Washume of Manga cell, Mungoma Ward, Nabumali town council in Mbale District was stabbed to death on April 3 as he made his way back from three days of preaching in the Nalondo, Buwalasi and Nabumali areas, area sources said. He was 38.

With fellow evangelist Fred Wepuhulu, Washume incorporated quranic verses and biblical references in his preaching, emphasizing the divinity of Christ and the humanity of Muhammad, the prophet of Islam, said one of those attending the event. Washume spoke in the town of Nabumali on the third day of their campaign.

'On the third day the attendance increased in number, and he demanded a response of putting sin to death in their lives, to kill sin and identify themselves with Christ and against Satan, and their voices lifted to heaven in song,' said the attendee, whose name is withheld for security reasons. 'Many people responded, including several Muslims who accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. But some Muslims started shouting in protest, and the two evangelists left and entered a friend's home.'

Washume and Wepuhulu were returning home to their area of Nabumali the night of April 3 when they were attacked at about 10 p.m., Wepuhulu said..." (Great persecution will soon overtake most Christians in a majority of the world. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, 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.)

Islamic Attacks on Nigerian Christians Escalate

May 2, 2025 -- PJMedia.com reports: "Nigerian Christians are facing one of the most violent years in two decades of genocide by Islamic jihadis, according to a Christian advocacy group.

Between January and the close of April, International Christian Concern (ICC) says that it had documented 'a dramatic rise in attacks against Christian communities in Nigeria.' In the span of a little over three months, ICC soberly reported, over 300 Christians were killed. Dozens more were abducted while thousands were displaced as Islamic jihadi violence continues to escalate in Nigeria. Unfortunately, Nigerian authorities still largely fail to address the raging violence or help its victims..."