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British Opposition to the EU Reaches New Heights

BY RICHARD PALMER

THE BRITISH political party dedicated to getting the country out of the European Union, the UK Independence Party (UKIP), had its first member elected to Parliament, October 9. And it's on target to see its second elected in just a few weeks.

"An Earthquake Called UKIP Hits Britain" read the title of *Wall Street Journal's* coverage of the subject. It's right—this is the biggest political earthquake to hit Britain for a

generation or more.

For years UKIP has done well in local and European elections, only to remain invisible on the national scene. In a first-past-the-post system, such as Britain and America's, it is very hard for a new party to break out nationally, but now UKIP has done it, and with style. Its victory—winning roughly 60 percent of the vote—set a new record for the largest increase in votes

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Newly-elected UKIP M.P. Douglas Carswell poses with a copy of the local paper in eastern England.

Iranian Special Forces in Iraq

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AN ADVISER to former Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, Kamran Karadaghi, has confirmed reports of Iranian Special Forces being present in northern Iraq and fighting alongside Peshmerga forces.

Karadaghi wrote on his Facebook page that Iraqi Kurdish politician and former member of the Iraqi Parliament Mahmoud Osman is right in saying Iranian general commander, Qassem Suleimani, thinks Iraq is his home, where he can come and go without question.

“Osman’s view is correct, because Suleimani scurries from the south to north of Iraq, supervising Iranian Special Forces and the Shiite militia groups which are present in Iraq,” wrote Karadaghi.

Last week, Osman criticized the policies of Prime Minister Haidar Abadi and accused him of being closer to Tehran than former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

“Abadi has granted Iran greater influence than Maliki did, and we see that when the Iranian Quds Force leader, Qassem Suleimani, walks around Iraq from the north to the south of the country as if he is the country’s real leader,” said Osman. ...

“I have met with the Iranian officer who supervises the Iranian forces in Iraq, and he knows Iraq in terms of geography, politics and military better than most Iraqi politicians,” revealed Karadaghi. ...

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Iran Wants Sanctions Lifted as Part of Nuclear Deal

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE | October 30

IRAN WANTS all Western sanctions to be lifted as part of a deal on its contested nuclear program by a November deadline, a top official said Wednesday.

The announcement came amid intensifying efforts to conclude a definitive pact. The six powers in the talks with Iran—Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States plus Germany, known as the P5+1—have set November 24 as the deadline.

The chairman of the Iranian parliament’s National Security and Foreign Policy Commission Alaeddin Boroujerdi said the U.S. proposal of a gradual lifting of sanctions was “unacceptable.”

“If we want a definitive accord on November 24, there must be an immediate lifting of sanctions,” he told a news conference in Paris.

A Western diplomat close to the negotiations with Iran on Monday said a firm deal by the deadline was highly unlikely, saying Tehran would have to make “significant gestures.”

The aim is to close avenues towards Tehran ever developing an atomic bomb, by cutting back its enrichment

program, shutting down suspect facilities and imposing tough international inspections.

In return, the global community would suspend and then gradually lift crippling economic sanctions imposed on the Islamic republic. ...

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Evacuation Along Gaza Border

ASSOCIATED PRESS | October 28

THE EGYPTIAN authorities on Tuesday ordered residents living along the country’s eastern border with the Gaza Strip to evacuate the area so their homes could be demolished and a buffer zone established to stop weapons and militant movements between Egypt and the Palestinian territory, officials said.

The measure came four days after militants attacked an army post, killing at least 31 soldiers in the restive area in the northeastern corner of the Sinai Peninsula. After the attack, Egypt declared a state of emergency and a dawn-to-dusk curfew there. The authorities also indefinitely closed the Gaza crossing into Egypt. ...

The Egyptian Army has waged a broad offensive in northern Sinai against Islamic militants who have turned several areas into strongholds in the past three years, and the army has destroyed many of the sprawling smuggling tunnels that connected the area with Gaza.

The Egyptian news media has accused Hamas officials in Gaza of meddling in Egypt’s affairs. Some suggest that Hamas, an Islamic militant group, has been supporting fighters in Egypt since the Egyptian military overthrew President Mohamed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood last year. ...

NATO Withdrawn From Helmand

REUTERS | October 27

A FLEET OF planes and helicopters airlifted the last U.S. and British forces from a key base in southern Afghanistan on Monday, a day after the international coalition closed the massive facility and handed it over to the Afghan military.

The troops’ withdrawal and base closing in the province of Helmand is one of the largest operations in the winding down of the

United States-Iran Relations Move to Détente

WALL STREET JOURNAL | October 28

THE OBAMA administration and Iran, engaged in direct nuclear negotiations and facing a common threat from Islamic State militants, have moved into an effective state of détente over the past year, according to senior U.S. and Arab officials.

The shift could drastically alter the balance of power in the region, and risks alienating key U.S. allies such as Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates who are central to the coalition fighting Islamic State. Sunni Arab leaders view the threat posed by Shiite Iran as equal to, or greater than, that posed by the Sunni radical group Islamic State ...

Israel contends the U.S. has weakened the terms of its negotiations with Iran and played down Tehran's destabilizing role in the region.

Over the past decade, Washington and Tehran have engaged in fierce battles for influence and power in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Afghanistan fueled by the U.S. overthrow of Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein and the Arab Spring revolutions that began in late 2010. U.S. officials still say the option of military action remains on the table to thwart Iran's nuclear program.

But recent months have ushered in a change as the two countries have grown into alignment on a spectrum of

causes, chief among them promoting peaceful political transitions in Baghdad and Kabul and pursuing military operations against Islamic State fighters in Iraq and Syria, according to these officials.

The Obama administration also has markedly softened its confrontational stance toward Iran's most important non-state allies, the Palestinian militant group, Hamas, and the Lebanese militant and political organization, Hezbollah. American diplomats, including Secretary of State John Kerry, negotiated with Hamas leaders through Turkish and Qatari intermediaries during ceasefire talks in July that were aimed at ending the Palestinian group's rocket attacks on Israel, according to senior U.S. officials. ...

Gen. Qassem Suleimani, the commander of the Guard's overseas operations known as the Quds Force, specifically instructed Iraqi Shiite militias long at war with the U.S. ... that American efforts to weaken Islamic State were in the long-term interests of Tehran and its allies, said these officials. ...

"The Iraqi Shiite groups went to Suleimani and said they wanted to go after the American embassy and target Americans. Suleimani said: 'No, No, No. Unless they get into your areas of control, don't attack,'" [said a U.S. intelligence officer who tracks General Suleimani].

international combat mission in Afghanistan, 13 years after the toppling of the radical, Islamist Taliban regime. ...

"We're not refugees or anything, but it kind of reminding me of scenes of Vietnam, of people running to the helicopters ... just this mad dash to the aircraft," [said Marine communications officer Capt. Anthony] Nguyen, who is Vietnamese-American. ...

As the Western forces proceeded with their withdrawal, a new deadly Taliban attack underscored the fragility of the country they leave behind.

At least seven people were killed when a group of Taliban militants attacked a court in the northern city of Kunduz, officials and police said. ...

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Oswood, of Romney, West Virginia, is one of the few members of the squadron who participated in both the Iraq withdrawal and Monday's Helmand airlift.

"It's a lot different this time. ... Closing out Iraq, when we got there, we were told there hadn't been a shot fired in anger at us in years. And then you come here and they are still shooting at us," he said.

"It's almost like it's not over here,

and we're just kind of handing it over to someone else to fight."

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Foreign Fighters Pouring Into Syria

NBC NEWS | October 29

TOP U.S. and British counterterrorism officials said Tuesday that the growing number and variety of foreign fighters streaming into Syria is unprecedented in recent history.

"The rate of travel into Syria [by foreign fighters] is greater than we saw into Afghanistan prior to 9/11," Randy Blake, a senior strategic adviser in the U.S. Office of Director of National Intelligence, said Tuesday during a panel at the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Orlando, Florida. "It's greater than anything we've seen into Afghanistan, into Yemen, into Somalia, into Iraq

or anything that we've seen in the last 10-year period."

Blake said the number of Westerners heading to Syria to fight has risen so rapidly in recent weeks that a new law enforcement video shown at the four-day event is already out of date.

"The video said there are somewhere around 12,000 foreign fighters in Syria. We would update that number to about 16,000 foreign fighters who have traveled to Syria from over 80 countries," Blake said, adding that roughly 2,000 of those fighters hail from Western countries—including "at least 500 from the UK, 700 from France, 400 from Germany, and more than 100 Americans [who] have traveled, or tried to travel into Syria." ...

"To me, the instant appeal of participating in the caliphate that's happening now, I think that resonates with our young people. Our culture is one that grew up with instant gratification, instant information," said [Andrew McCabe, assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington field office.] "Al Qaeda's message has historically been, 'This is a long war, we'll fight the Great Satan [and] we'll

try and establish a caliphate sometime in the future.' [Islamic State] has come forward and said, 'The time is now, it's happening now. We have our own territory, come join us.' ...

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Time Is Running Out for Obama on Syria

Jamie Dettmer, DAILY BEAST | October 30

ONLY THREE days ago, President Barack Obama's envoy to the

Syrian rebels, retired Marine Gen. John Allen, explained confidently that the U.S. would help to train and equip Western-backed fighters to become a credible force that would compel the Assad regime to negotiate a political deal and end the four-year-long civil war.

Yeah. Right. The Obama administration's plans have little or nothing to do with what is unfolding all too rapidly on the ground: Rebel brigades are demoralized, disintegrating and fighting among themselves.

The Americans and their allies are carrying out a desultory air campaign in Syria that appears focused on support for the Kurds. Meanwhile, President Bashar Assad's forces maintain a

withering air offensive of their own on rebels and civilians alike in northern Syria.

Last week in a 36-hour period, Assad's air force launched 210 air-strikes, according to generally reliable opposition activists. That's more than the entire American-led coalition has mounted in both Iraq and Syria since September 22. ...

[R]ebel squabbling or U.S. neglect—the rebels the Obama administration wants to build up to be credible enough to force the Assad regime to the negotiating table look less convincing with each passing day.

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EU: Beginning of 'Fiscal Union'

EU OBSERVER | October 27

EUROPEAN COMMISSION President Jean-Claude Juncker's €300 billion (US\$375 billion) investment plan is laying the ground for a fiscal union although no one dares call it such yet, according to a top EU official.

Laszlo Andor, in charge of employment and social affairs in the commission for the last five years, said, "[T]his effort to create an investment program is an attempt to bring in elements of a fiscal union without calling it a fiscal union."

The Hungarian economist, in an interview with *EU Observer*, said EU politicians should be honest that only a system of transfers from Brussels to member states will enable the eurozone to survive.

Juncker's idea to use €300 billion to kickstart the EU's economy has generated a lot of headlines although it remains unclear where the money will come from.

"If we are honest, we will say publicly that this money either has to be printed or transferred," Andor said, as "repainting" money will not save the

EU from stagnation. ...

But he noted that even this would not be enough if the European Central Bank "whenever it wants to function as a central bank immediately finds itself under fire and the subject of various legal attacks" with relations between Berlin and the European Central Bank (ECB) reportedly at an all-time low over policies the Frankfurt-based bank has taken to try and boost growth and raise inflation.

Andor suggests that if Germany does not change its policies and the ECB is hindered from taking measures to prevent deflation, the EU may enter a Japanese-style long-term period of low growth.

But while Japan survived its decade of low growth and is "not in bad shape," this was due to several factors that do not apply to the eurozone—including almost full employment, being a more homogenous society and having a fiscal union.

"Europe is a lot more fragile. So Europe would not endure a 10-year stagnation or deflation as Japan did." ...

At one point, he indicated, countries (such as Greece, which has lost a quarter of its GDP since the crisis has begun) will begin to ask themselves why they are putting up with growth

that is lower than the U.S. or Japan simply because they are in an "imperfect monetary union."

The question is likely to become louder as more and more countries—including core ones like Austria and the Netherlands—suffer a downturn. ...

"Without economic governance you face the risk of these imbalances again but you don't want to have economic governance which otherwise undermines the functioning of democracy or the social dialogue."

The EU still has not managed to square this circle—although the issue is becoming increasingly politically sensitive. Andor suggests a European assembly of national parliamentarians may be the way forward. ...

Child Sex Exploitation Is a 'Social Norm'

Claire Duffin, TELEGRAPH | October 30

MUSIC VIDEOS, "selfies" and "sexting" have led to the sexual exploitation of children becoming the "norm" in some areas, a report claims.

The inquiry, which Theresa May, the Home Secretary, described as "alarming," found that some girls were

Was This the British Army's Last Hurrah?

Con Coughlin, **TELEGRAPH** | October 27

THE CONTRAST between yesterday's low-key military ceremony at Camp Bastion to mark the end of British combat operations in Afghanistan and the way the nation celebrated victory in the Falklands could not be more stark. Back in 1982, the heroics of the victorious soldiers, sailors and airmen who participated in the daring operation to liberate the islands from their Argentine invaders were marked by representatives of the Task Force marching through the center of London to Guildhall for lunch with [then-Prime Minister Margaret] Thatcher and the Lord Mayor, while overhead helicopters and aircraft staged a triumphant fly-past.

By comparison, yesterday's event at Camp Bastion, Britain's main military base in Helmand province for the past eight years, was a more perfunctory affair, with pipers playing as the Union flag was lowered, to be replaced with that of the host nation. And there will be many who will see the manner in which we have marked the end of these two very different conflicts as representing the radical change that has taken place during the past 32 years in our national attitude towards conflict.

Back [then] there was nationwide rejoicing at the Task Force's remarkable achievement, and fitting tributes to the 255 British Service personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice during the endeavor. ...

But there will be no proud marches through the streets of London or fly-pasts to commemorate the heroic efforts of the tens of thousands of British military personnel who have served in Afghanistan for the past decade or more, in a conflict that has claimed 453 lives

Indeed, such was the Ministry of Defense's determination to keep the official end to operations as understated as possible that initially ministers wanted to carry it out without having any media present, keeping the public entirely in the dark about the conclusion of our vexed involvement in the Afghan mission. ...

The failure of our political classes to justify the deployment of British combat forces in order to prevent Afghanistan acting as a safe haven for Islamist terrorists has led to widespread unease about the mission and a general reluctance to accept that they will leave the country a far better place than they found it. It was the same with Iraq, where the furore over the search for weapons of mass destruction completely overshadowed the UK's initial military success and meant that, rather than paying proper tribute to the 179 British fatalities, we stole away from Basra at the end of the campaign like a thief in the night. ...

And it is those same politicians, certainly so far as the army is concerned, who are now in the process of reducing our military strength to a level where we will soon no longer be able to undertake a military operation on the scale of Iraq and Afghanistan, even if we wanted to.

Cuts to the Army's standing strength as a result of the 2010 Strategic Defense and Security Review have been well-documented, with a reduction from 102,000 to 82,000—its lowest size since the Napoleonic Wars. What is less well understood is the disastrous impact these cuts are having on the Army's ability to replicate the kind of missions it has undertaken in Iraq and Afghanistan. ...

regularly approached by older men and urged to get into cars on their way home from school, but that such instances were "part of everyday life" because they had become normalized.

It also said that almost 650 children reported missing in Greater Manchester this year were at risk of exploitation.

The independent inquiry was led by Ann Coffey, the Labor M.P. for Stockport. It was commissioned in response to the Rochdale child sex abuse scandal, which involved the grooming of young girls with alcohol, drugs and gifts.

Ms. Coffey said: "My observations will make painful reading for those who hoped that Rochdale was an isolated case. This is a real and ongoing problem. I have been concerned about the number of people who have told me that in some neighbourhoods child sexual exploitation had become the

new social norm.

"This social norm has perhaps been fueled by the increased sexualization of children and young people and an explosion of explicit music videos and the normalization of quasi-pornographic images. Sexting, selfies, Instagram and the like have given rise to new social norms and changed expectations of sexual entitlement, and with it a confused understanding of what constitutes consent."

A serious case review into the Rochdale grooming ring criticized police and social workers for failing the girls who were "passed around for sex." ...

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■ Germany to expand operations across the Middle East

From Syria to Afghanistan, the German government is investigating ways to beef up its military presence in

the Middle East. German Chancellor Angela Merkel plans to talk to America about extending its military's presence in Afghanistan beyond 2016, newsmagazine *Der Spiegel* reported early this month. German troops are scheduled to leave its largest base by the end of next year, but Chancellor Merkel does not believe the Afghan security services will be ready to take over by then, *Spiegel* wrote. On October 12, German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier warned against a rush out of the country in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*. On October 30, a German team traveled to the Kurdish capital of Irbil, Iraq to lay the groundwork for a potential German training mission in the region. And for Syria, Germany's Green Party—one of the nation's most pacifist political groups—called for German boots on the ground as part of a United Nations mission. America

Sweden Recognizes Palestinian State

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SWEDEN ON Thursday became the biggest Western European country to recognize a Palestinian state, and Israel swiftly reacted by withdrawing its ambassador from Stockholm in protest.

Coming during increased tensions between Arabs and Jews over Israel's plans to build 1,000 housing units in East Jerusalem, the move by Sweden's new left-leaning government reflects growing international impatience with Israel's nearly half-century control of the West Bank, East Jerusalem and its blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom said Sweden, fulfilling a promise it had made when the Social Democratic-led government took office earlier this month, believes the Palestinians have met the international law criteria required for such recognition.

"There is a territory, a people and government," she told reporters in Stockholm, adding that Sweden was the 135th country in the world to recognize a Palestinian state.

It is the third Western European nation to do so, after

Malta and Cyprus.

Israel was quick to condemn Sweden's announcement, with Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman describing it as "a miserable decision that strengthens the extremist elements and Palestinian rejectionism." ...

Israel says Palestinians can gain independence only through peace negotiations, and that recognition of Palestine at the UN or by individual countries undermines the negotiating process. Palestinians say Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu isn't serious about the peace negotiations. ...

While the U.S. and European powers have so far refrained from recognizing Palestinian independence, they have become increasingly critical of Israeli settlement construction. The 28-nation European Union has urged that negotiations to achieve a two-state solution resume as soon as possible.

In a symbolic move, British lawmakers earlier this month voted in favor of recognizing Palestine as a state.

is trying to do as little as possible for the region, while Germany is starting to take more responsibility. For more on this trend, read ["The World's Next Superpower."](#)

■ Chinese cabinet visits Berlin

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, his entire cabinet and 130 business leaders were received in Berlin with full

military honors on October 10. The two cabinets met and, along with the business leaders, signed agreements and contracts worth over \$2.5 billion. German Chancellor Angela Merkel praised the "very intensive cooperation" that exists between the two nations, while Premier Li called Germany the "locomotive for cooperation between China and Europe."

Germany and China have emerged as leaders of their respective regions, and the close trade relationship between the two is an important trend—one that will lead to the creation of an economic system that is not centered on America. For more information on this trend, read Brad Macdonald's article ["The Significance of Improving German-Chinese Relations."](#)

ASIA

Sanctions Bind Russia's Elite to Putin

REUTERS | October 29

AN OFFER by Gazprom to help rival Rosneft salvage an Arctic oil project shows how tightly sanctions have bound Russia's political and business elite together in the Ukraine crisis—an unintended consequence of the West's punitive measures. ...

The relationship between the two state-run firms has long been strained. Most recently Gazprom, successor to the Soviet gas ministry, has been worried by Rosneft's ambition to increase its gas output having become Russia's

biggest oil producer, borne out in an intensifying price war for domestic gas consumers.

The mere suggestion that such rivals could cooperate to reduce the impact of sanctions is one of the strongest signals yet of how, after seven months, Western measures are having the opposite effect to the one intended.

Far from dividing those closest to President Vladimir Putin, they have forced the main players in the energy sector to rally behind him. This circle has by necessity become more focused, Western and Russian businessmen, diplomats and politicians said. ...

The influence of more liberal

thinkers in the government has been curtailed, sources close to decision-making say, including in the vital energy sector. The already small inner core of decision makers has shrunk even further.

"We underestimated the Russian reaction," said a Western envoy based in Moscow who spoke on condition of anonymity. ...

Rosneft and Gazprom are both headed by Putin allies—[Alexey] Miller at Gazprom and Igor Sechin at Rosneft. Both men hail from St. Petersburg, where Putin started his political career after serving in the KGB.

But there is no obvious friendship between the men. They barely look at

New Generation of Aircraft

THE ECONOMIC TIMES | October 26

CHINA IS testing a new generation of military aircraft which includes the country's first and most advanced stealth fighter believed to form the backbone of its Air Force.

The photos of fourth-generation stealth fighter J20, Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AEW&CS) aircraft KJ-500 and Y-20 large military transporter, reportedly conducting test flights, were published on a popular military forum, Hong Kong-based *South China Morning Post* reported. ...

Previous media reports have said that the aircraft

supposedly featured in the photographs are still in the testing phase and could be a few years away from deployment.

However, they are projected to serve as the backbone of the [People's Liberation Army] Air Force once they are given the green light.

The J20, designed and built in China, is the country's first stealth fighter and the PLA's most advanced military jet. ...

The Y-20, China's biggest self-built military transport plane, is expected to serve the Air Force's need to transport large amounts of heavy military weaponry, while the KJ-500 is the nation's new generation of AEW&CS that provides early radar warnings to combat troops to give them an edge in potential future battles.

each other at public functions and are conspicuously silent about each other. In a surprising commentary four years ago, Sechin criticized Gazprom for being too slow in Asia and said it should raise its game. ...

With no access to funds from Western banks or companies, those running the main state oil companies are bound even closer to Putin as they hope to win money from some of Russia's rainy-day funds. ...

Washington and Brussels hoped to create rifts in Putin's inner circle and persuade his allies to press for a change in policy towards Ukraine, where Moscow has annexed the Crimean Peninsula and backed separatists in the East.

Though the euphoria that rallied Russians behind Putin over Crimea is expected to wear off, most in Putin's inner circle have said they wear the badge of sanctions with pride. ...

"Putin's propaganda machine has shifted into overdrive to convince Russians to associate the new hardships with the heroic struggles of World War II rather than with the miscarried economy of the Soviet Union. As a result, most Russians view their setbacks as noble sacrifices made in the name of the war effort. ... Western attempts to isolate Russia have failed. ... [We] do not agree with those who think he won't survive the current turmoil."

—Trumpet, October 2014

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India Boosts Defense Preparedness

RIA NOVOSTI | October 25

INDIA CLEARED on Saturday a bulk of defense projects worth \$13 billion in a bid to boost the country's national defense preparedness, the Indian Defense Acquisition Council (DAC) said.

According to defense ministry sources, the major decisions taken by the Defense Acquisition Council include the construction of six submarines in India at the cost of about Rs. 50,000 crore (US\$8 billion) and the purchase of more than 8,000 Israeli antitank guided missiles.

The Indian government is also going to purchase 12 upgraded Dornier surveillance aircraft with improved sensors and 362 infantry fighting vehicle from its domestic defense producers. ...

Modernization of India's military assets is long overdue. Indian experts have repeatedly complained about the country's deteriorating military prowess, saying Indian defense infrastructure is age-old and has become obsolete. ...

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■ Russia's expanding navy

Russia's navy is expanding so much that it has started to crowd out civilian shipbuilding, Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin told a government meeting on October 27. Moscow has pumped \$500 billion into a rearmament drive, with a quarter of the budget—\$125 billion—reserved for

the Navy. Military shipbuilding this year has increased 13.9 percent, which accounts for 81 percent of all Russian shipbuilding. Rogozin said the imbalance "will remain until 2018, when the volume of military ship order peaks." One reason for Russia building its own warships is because of difficulties it has encountered buying warships from other nations. In 2011, Russia contracted to buy two Mistral-class helicopter carriers from France for \$1.5 billion. Delivery of the ships was delayed in September 2014 when French President François Hollande threatened to suspend the Mistral deliveries because of the Ukraine crisis. In response, Russian Rear Adm. Viktor Barsuk said Russia will not depend on France anymore and will build their own warships. Last week Russia threatened to sue France if it refuses to fulfill its contract obligations. Russia's first Mistral helicopter carrier should enter naval service in November with the second arriving in 2015. Both warships are capable of carrying 16 helicopters, 70 armored vehicles, 4 landing craft and 450 soldiers. The explosion of military shipbuilding reflects Russia's nationwide trend as military orders pop up over Russia's entire manufacturing sector.

Related: "Russian Navy to Receive 50 New Vessels by End of 2014"

■ China to deploy nuclear armed subs

According to the United States Office of Naval Intelligence, China is expected to launch a new class of submarine this

year that is capable of launching nuclear missiles. These subs, known as “boomers,” can strike Hawaii and Alaska from the coast of China and the continental U.S. from the mid-Pacific. They are designed to be deployed at sea for extended periods of time, and can be equipped with nuclear ballistic weaponry as well. China’s navy chief called China’s four boomers “a trump card that makes our motherland proud and our adversaries terrified. It is a strategic force symbolizing great-power status and supporting national security.” A

decade ago, only a few Chinese submarines could fire modern antiship cruise missiles. Now, more than half can. China now fields a submarine fleet that may even rival the U.S.’s supremacy in the Pacific. Its current fleet consists of five nuclear attack submarines, four nuclear ballistic missile submarines and 53 diesel attack submarines. China has one of the world’s largest attack-sub fleets and now joins Russia and the U.S. as the only countries capable of nuclear strikes from land, air and sea. As disputes continue over the East

China Sea, China has been focused on expanding its military arsenal. As the U.S. reduces its Navy, China has continued to expand.

“The Asiatic mind is totally different from the Occidental [Western] mind. It doesn’t reason in the same manner. [These] peoples are impressed with strength, not talk.”

—Plain Truth, November 1961

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LATIN AMERICA/AFRICA

Argentina: We Won’t Invade Falklands

TIMES | October 29

ARGININA’S SPECIAL secretary for the Falklands has called on Britain to close its military base there, insisting that there is “absolutely no chance of another invasion from the mainland.”

Daniel Filmus, [Argentine] President [Cristina] Kirchner’s special appointee on the islands known to Latin America as Las Malvinas, said Britain should follow up its withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan by winding down its military operations in the South Atlantic territory, which Argentina claims as its own.

On a visit to Britain and France,

Mr. Filmus said the base, which houses 1,200 military personnel and costs £90 million (US\$145 million) a year to maintain, was no longer needed.

“We as a nation—the government, the senate, the house of representatives—have repeatedly stated that we do not seek a military solution; all we want is a dialogue to resolve our differences,” he said. ...

However, defense analysts have noted that earlier this month Argentina announced it was buying 24 Saab Gripen fighter bombers, a state-of-the-art aircraft that will be more than a match for anything the [Royal Air Force] has deployed in the region.

An Argentine military dictatorship invaded the Falklands in 1982, and 900 people died in the ensuing battle to

retake the islands. Last year President Kirchner denounced a referendum on the islands, in which residents voted almost unanimously to remain part of Britain. ...

“As the ‘pride of our power’ continues to be broken, as the British continue to lose their foreign sea gates and possessions around the Earth, as America signs away ownership of the Panama Canal—control over this vital sea gate ... this focal prophecy alone [about the U.S. and Britain controlling the ‘gates’ of their enemies (Genesis 22:17; 24:60)] represents giant proof as to where the modern ‘remnant’ of the peoples of Israel resides today!”

—The United States and Britain in Prophecy

ANGLO-AMERICA

Dershowitz on Netanyahu Insult

NEWS MAX | October 30

FORMER HARVARD law professor Alan Dershowitz ... offered commentary on reports that an unnamed senior administration official referred to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a “chicken—” in an interview with the *Atlantic*. He

characterized it as a “serious intelligence leak” that’s “very counterproductive and very dangerous.”

“The point is not whether or not somebody in the Obama administration regards Benjamin Netanyahu as a chicken or as a coward, which is absurd,” he said, noting that Netanyahu fought as a member of the Israel Defense Forces. “But even if people call each other cowards in private, this was an on-the-record interview. It had

to have been authorized at a higher level and so the question you have to ask is why has somebody in the White House, whether it be the president or somebody below him, authorized a senior official to publicly make those kinds of statements? Now they’ve distanced themselves from the statements because they’ve seen the public reaction to it.”

More concerning, Dershowitz said, is the leak of classified information

Obama Official Calls Netanyahu Coward, Etc.

EXAMINER | October 29

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL relations have gone downhill fast. At the beginning of the month, President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had a friendly meeting at the White House, but in four weeks, the fragile personal relationship has all collapsed. Now a crisis and break between the two countries is possible after a senior Obama administration official resorted to school yard name-calling, where he called the Israeli prime minister “chicken—” and a “coward,” which was quoted in the *Atlantic* by journalist Jeffrey Goldberg [Goldberg] concluded that there is now a “full-blown crisis” between the two supposed and long-time allies.

In the Goldberg article, the Obama administration senior official refused to be named, but had some explicit choice words for Netanyahu, and openly stated the animosity Obama has tried to hide throughout his presidency for his Israeli counterpart. The official revealed the Obama administration has a “red-hot anger” against Netanyahu and Israel’s government ... and they put the blame entirely on Israel for the peace talks collapsing. ...

The relationship between the two leaders has never been good or even stable; these new remarks take it to a new level. ... Goldberg listed the various insults hurled at Netanyahu from the Obama administration through the years, they include; “recalcitrant, myopic, reactionary, obtuse, blustering, pompous, and ‘Aspergery.’”

As CNN points out, the two leaders are no longer hiding how they feel about each other.

The senior Obama official called Netanyahu “chicken—” based on the way he is handling the peace process, and called him a coward from threatening, but not actually launching a war with Iran. Continuing, the official asserted, “The thing about Bibi is, he’s a chicken—. The good thing about Netanyahu is that he’s scared to launch wars. The bad thing about him is that he won’t do anything to reach an accommodation with the Palestinians or with the Sunni Arab states. The only thing he’s interested in is protecting himself from political defeat. He’s not [Yitzhak] Rabin, he’s not [Ariel] Sharon, he’s certainly no [Menachem] Begin. He’s got no guts.”

Another official from the administration who spoke to Goldberg stated the U.S. does not believe Netanyahu would ever attack Iran. The official recounted that the “Obama

administration no longer believes that Netanyahu would launch a preemptive strike on Iran’s nuclear facilities. It’s too late for him to do anything. Two, three years ago, this was a possibility. But ultimately he couldn’t bring himself to pull the trigger. Now it’s too late.” The official concluded; “The feeling now is that Bibi’s bluffing. He’s not Begin at Osirak.”

Prime Minister Netanyahu responded to the insults and slurs in a speech to the Knesset on Wednesday, October 29, in which he took the high road. Netanyahu declared: “I risked my life for my country, and I am not willing to make concessions that will endanger our country. I am being attacked because I am willing to defend the State of Israel. The safety of Israel is not important to those who attack me anonymously and personally. ...”

Jewish Home Party leader, coalition partner and Economy Minister Naftali Bennett issued a statement defending Netanyahu and [listing] all the Middle East leaders that Obama and his administration should be attacking instead; “The leader of Syria who slaughtered 150,000 people was not awarded the name ‘chicken—,’ neither was the leader of Saudi Arabia who stones women and homosexuals, or the leader of Iran who murders freedom protesters. If what appears in the press is true, then it seems that the current U.S. administration is throwing Israel under the bus.” Bennett demanded the administration “immediately reject these gross comments.”

Sen. [John] McCain and [Lindsey] Graham in their statement wrote: “... Apparently the Obama administration does not believe it has enough problems on its hands dealing with America’s enemies in the Middle East—it also wants to insult and alienate our allies. ...”

Speaker [John] Boehner, in his terse censure of the president and the White House, focused on the [president’s] delusions about the nation’s enemies. Boehner noted that the “Obama administration ... has repeatedly chased after adversaries at the expense of core U.S. national security interests and the security, confidence and trust of our allies. ... Over the last several months, I have watched the administration insult ally after ally. I am tired of the administration’s apology tour. ...”

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry blamed Israel for ending the peace talks with the Palestinians, which he believes is the direct cause for the rise of terrorist and extremist group [Islamic State]

about an ally’s intentions, if in fact the Obama administration made the assessment that Netanyahu was “bluffing” about possible launching a preemptive strike against Iranian nuclear facilities.

“You don’t reveal classified assessments of an ally’s intentions in the public media,” he said. “Think of what that does. It sends the message to Iran saying, ‘Oh, you don’t have to worry

about an Israeli attack. Go ahead, develop your nuclear weapons. All you have to worry about is sanctions and now, by the way, that Israel is not going to attack Iran. You don’t even have to worry about sanctions because the Europeans won’t comply with sanctions.’ The only reason the Europeans accepted sanctions is to prevent Israel from launching an attack. So the idea

that an American public official would disclose that he believes that Bibi Netanyahu is bluffing when it comes to Iran is a major breach of American foreign policy and it must be investigated.”

In the name of diplomacy, the White House needs to identify the person who made the remarks and fire them, according to Dershowitz. If the



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God created human beings to function with joy. He intended us to reject deception and to embrace truth.



remarks were unauthorized, the person should be fired on those grounds, he said, and if they were authorized, then the person needs to go before Congress and identify the official who authorized it.

"The White House knows who did it," Dershowitz said. "If they don't know who did it, they could easily find out."

Hackers Breach White House Computer System

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE | October 29

THE WHITE House's unclassified computer network was recently breached by intruders, a U.S. official said Tuesday, with the *Washington Post* newspaper reporting that the Russian government was thought to be behind the act.

"In the course of assessing recent threats, we identified activity of concern on the unclassified [Executive Office of the President] EOP network," said the White House official, speaking on condition of not being named.

"Any such activity is something we take very seriously. In this case, we

took immediate measures to evaluate and mitigate the activity."

The *Washington Post* quoted sources as saying hackers believed to be working for the Russian government were believed to be responsible. ...

In a statement, the White House official said the Executive Office of the President receives daily alerts concerning numerous possible cyberthreats. ...

"Our computers and systems have not been damaged, though some elements of the unclassified network have been affected. The temporary outages and loss of connectivity for our users is solely the result of measures we have taken to defend our networks," the official said.

No additional information was immediately available.

Hagel: 'I Think We Are Seeing a New World Order'

BRIETBART | October 29

WEDNESDAY AT the Aspen Institute's "Washington Ideas Forum," Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said we are living through "historic, defining times"

When questioned about the ongoing global chaos by the national correspondent for the *Atlantic*, James Fallows Hagel said, "I think we are living through one of these historic, defining times. I think we are seeing a new world order."

"What we're seeing in the Middle East with [Islamic State] is going to require a steady, long-term effort. It's going to require coalitions of common interests, which we are forming," he added.

NYPD: Threat of Terrorists With Drones

CBS | October 29

THERE IS a new fear about drones. Readily available, they can hover just out of sight. The NYPD is concerned that drones could be tools for terrorists.

Police brass haven't talked about drones as potential weapons, until now, CBS News correspondent Jeff Pegues reported Wednesday.

The NYPD is actively looking for ways to stop an attack by a drone. The department told Pegues there is no intelligence showing an imminent threat, but over the last year the country's largest police force has been increasingly concerned about a potential terror attack from the air by a drone.

"We look at it as something that could be a terrorist's tool," Deputy Chief Salvatore DiPace said. ...

He's worried that the technology has advanced enough for someone to carry out an air assault using chemical weapons and firearms.

"We've seen some video where the drone was flying at different targets along the route and very accurately hitting the targets with the paintball," DiPace said.

But the NYPD sees a drone carrying explosives as the number one threat. And one video in particular was a wake-up call.

Last year in Germany, a drone was hovering over a crowd of people just as German Chancellor Angela Merkel delivered a speech.

It flew toward the podium and landed right in front of her.



Revelation Series—Part 11: God's Glorious Family Throne

THE TRUMPET DAILY | October 27

STEPHEN FLURRY The wonder of God's very majestic—and very real—government.



She was smiling, but law enforcement across the globe was not.

"If you really think about what could have happened there, the drone hit its target right on the mark and could have took the chancellor and her people out," DiPace said.

His concern has only been heightened by a dramatic increase in the number of drone incidents in New York City—over 40 in the last year.

And in some cases unmanned aircraft systems or drones are either intentionally or unintentionally being flown into the airspace of NYPD helicopters. ...

"We've just gotta modify the technology to put a system in place at Yankee Stadium or Citi Field or the USTA (United States Tennis Association), but we can monitor the airspace to see if something enters that space that shouldn't be there."

But that's on the horizon. For now the department is monitoring potential threats.

"We've looked at some people that have jury-rigged these drones to carry guns, to carry different types of explosives if they wanted to; there's just so many possibilities that we're very worried about," DiPace said. ...

U.S., China Tighten Spending

Ambrose Evans-Pritchard,
TELEGRAPH | October 30

MIND THE monetary gap as the world's two superpowers turn off the liquidity spigot at the same time.

The U.S. Federal Reserve and the People's Bank of China have both withdrawn from the global bond markets, each for their own entirely different reasons. The combined effect is a shock of sorts for the international financial system.

The Fed's message on Wednesday night was hawkish. It did not invoke the excuse of a stronger dollar or global market jitters to extend bond purchases. It no longer sees "significant" constraints to the labor market. Instead it spoke of "solid job gains" and a "gradual diminishing" of under-employment.

This a tightening shift, and seen as such by the markets. The euro dropped 1.5 cents against a resurgent dollar within minutes. ...

The Fed is no longer printing any more money to buy treasuries, and therefore is not injecting further dollars

into an interlinked global system that has racked up \$7 trillion of cross-border bank debt in dollars and a further \$2 trillion in emerging market bonds. The stock of QE remains the same. The flow has changed. Flow matters.

The Fed has ended QE3 more gently than QE1 or QE2. This helps but it may also have given people a false sense of security. The hard fact is that the Fed has tapered net stimulus from \$85 billion a month to zero since the start of the year. ...

It is no great mystery why the world is caught in this "liquidity trap," or "secular stagnation" if you prefer. Fixed capital investment in China is still running at \$5 trillion a year, and still overloading the world with excess capacity in everything from solar panels to steel and ships, even after Xi Jinping's Third Plenum reforms.

Europe has been starving the world of demand by tightening fiscal policy into a depression, running a \$400 billion current account surplus that is now big enough to distort the global system as a whole. George Saravelos, at Deutsche Bank, dubs it the "Euro-glut," the largest surplus in the history of financial markets. The global savings rate has risen to a fresh record of 25.5 percent of GDP. ...

We are entering a new phase of the monetary cycle where the U.S. is strong (relatively) and the world is weak (relatively). The Fed has switched from being the friend of global asset prices, to being neutral at best, with a strong hint of menace.

It is a very odd environment. The U.S. treasury market is pricing in near-depression conditions. Five-year inflation expectations have suddenly collapsed. ...

[T]he precipitous slide in commodities since June may be a warning sign that stress is building.

There are echoes of 1928, when commodity prices buckled even as the boom on Wall Street was still gathering pace, and as the credit bubble in Weimar Germany was still gathering towards a crescendo. Fed hawks, led by Benjamin Strong, chose to ignore the deflation risk, instead raising rates to teach "speculators" a lesson. The move set off a global chain reaction. ...

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for any party ever in a United Kingdom by-election.

This exceptional victory came in exceptional circumstances. On August 28, M.P. Douglas Carswell announced he was quitting the Conservative Party and would join UKIP. Because he was elected as a Conservative candidate, he felt he should get approval for this change from his voters. So he resigned his parliamentary seat, triggering what is called a “by-election” in the United Kingdom, and stood again as the UKIP candidate.

In normal circumstances, he would be expected to lose. People usually vote for a party, not a candidate. Instead Carswell won by a landslide.

The same day came close to bringing even bigger news. In a second by-election, UKIP came within just a few hundred votes of winning a seat where the Labor Party had formerly held a 6,000-strong majority. Almost everyone expected Carswell’s victory. Far fewer anticipated UKIP coming within 2 percentage points of victory in Heywood and Middleton. Here, UKIP had no nationally renowned politician with a substantial local following leading it. Moreover, it was fighting to take the Labor Party’s seat, when traditionally it’s better at taking votes from Conservatives.

And UKIP is on target to do it again on November 20. A few weeks after Carswell switched sides, fellow Conservative M.P. Mark Reckless announced he would also join UKIP, again holding a by-election to get his voters’ approval. While Reckless does not have the same level of personal support as Carswell, he is still on target to win comfortably. If he does, Carswell warns it could trigger another round of Conservative defections to UKIP.

Meanwhile, the EU seems to be going out of its way to help UKIP. Britain was slapped with a £1.7 billion (US\$2.75 billion) bill by the European Commission on October 24. European officials recalculated national payments to the EU based on a nation’s economic progress since 1995. Due to Britain’s unexpected economic growth, it has been ordered to pay this bill in addition to its regular national payment, bringing this year’s total to £10.3 billion (\$16.5 billion). To rub salt in the wound, Eurocrats demand that the bill be paid by December 1.

“The timing could scarcely be worse” for UK Prime Minister David Cameron, wrote the *EU Observer*, as Cameron tries to persuade right-of-center voters to support Britain’s continued membership of the EU. The latest demand is just more wind in the sails of UKIP.

Even ahead of that latest demand, United States think tank *Stratfor* pointed to the shift in Britain:

“[UKIP leader Nigel] Farage’s rapid rise in British politics has moved the entire British political spectrum toward more euroskeptical positions, and no major party is impervious to UKIP’s influence. Britain’s political fragmentation could lead to a hung parliament after the general elections and make UKIP a key player in post-election negotiations. In any case, Britain’s traditional party system dominated by the Tories [Conservatives] and Labor will undergo a tough test in 2015.”

Already we see UKIP forcing Britain to take a tougher

line on Europe. “If people think I am paying that bill on 1 December, they have another think coming,” Cameron said. “It is not going to happen.” BBC reported that Cameron “sounded like a prime minister unleashed; by turns scornful and furious, lectern thumping, downright angry.” Paying the bill without, at the very least, a symbolic concession is politically impossible.

This will probably be the biggest impact of UKIP. While it has come a long way, it’s unlikely to win more than a handful of seats at the next general election. But it is forcing the major parties to take an increasingly stronger stance against the EU.

Today’s UKIP isn’t solely focused on Europe. It’s trying to appeal to anyone who feels let down or abandoned by the current political system. It’s clear that today’s current politicians don’t have the answers and some voters are turning to UKIP instead.

Nonetheless, the biggest influence it exerts on British leadership is against Europe. Now, not only does David Cameron have to worry about voters deserting him if he isn’t tough enough, but his own M.P.s could leave too—especially now that Carswell has proven they can still get elected after doing so.

There is intense debate in Britain’s political circles about what this means for the next election. Will UKIP split the right-wing vote, allowing the left-wing and pro-EU Labor Party to win? Or will UKIP voters return to the Conservative fold when it really matters?

The future of Britain’s government rests on this question. But the future of its EU membership does not. Regardless of the voting tactics of those involved, the political shift shows that more and more Britons are strongly opposed to their country’s position in Europe. Either side may win, but this pressure to get out of the EU won’t change. Even the Labor Party has committed to holding a referendum before any new powers are given to Brussels.

One way or another—either pulled out by angry voters or pushed out by an impatient EU—Britain will not remain in the EU.

“Britain is going to look back on Monday, Jan. 1, 1973, in all probability, as a most tragically historic date—a date fraught with ominous potentialities!” wrote Herbert W. Armstrong, founder of the *Trumpet*’s predecessor, the *Plain Truth*. “For that date marked the United Kingdom’s entry into the European Community.”

Events have proved Mr. Armstrong right.

“Probably Germany will lead and dominate the coming United States of Europe,” Mr. Armstrong wrote. “BUT BRITAIN WILL BE NO PART OF IT!”

This too is already coming to pass. Germany leads and dominates the eurozone today. Another economic hiccup could soon push it into forming the United States of Europe. It is clear that Britain will not be part of that.

Mr. Armstrong understood enough about Europe, Britain and Bible prophecy to make these forecasts beginning nearly 70 years ago. For more information on what else he knew about Britain’s future, read “[Britain Was Warned!](#)” from our free booklet [He Was Right](#).

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