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A Third Intifada in Jerusalem— Happening Now?

BY DARYLE HOCHSTETLER

ISRAELI ACTIVIST Yehuda Glick wants Jews to be allowed to pray on what is referred to as the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. For that provocation, a man driving a motorcycle pulled up beside him, asked him his name, and then shot him in the chest four times. Both the terrorist groups Fatah and Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attempted murder.

Even suggesting a change in the status quo of the Temple Mount area is an extremely dangerous proposition. Muslims, who have controlled the site that houses the al-Aqsa Mosque since 1967, allow Jews to visit but not pray there.

On October 29, Glick had just exited a conference about greater Israeli rights on the Temple Mount when he was attacked. He remains in a medically induced coma.

The next day, after a sharp gun battle, Israeli police shot

and killed the suspected shooter, Moataz Hejazi.

Following the shooting, and due to subsequent riots, Israeli police shut down the Temple Mount for the first time since 2000. The closure enraged Palestinian leaders. A spokesman for Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, Nabil Abu Rudeina, said, "This dangerous Israeli escalation is a *declaration of war* on the Palestinian people and its sacred places and on the Arab and Islamic nation" (emphasis added).

On the other side of the fence, Likud lawmaker Moshe Feiglin, an Orthodox Jew said, "All the nations have their holiest site, some in Mecca, some in Rome, some in the Far East. We the Jewish people have one place; it's this place. It cannot and it will not be taken away from us." Although Israeli Prime Minister

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The al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem



The Fighters of Iraq Who Answer to Iran

REUTERS | November 12

AMONG THE thousands of militia fighters who flocked to northern Iraq to battle militant group Islamic State over the summer was Qais al-Khazali. ...

Khazali is the head of a militia called Asaib Ahl al-Haq that is backed by Iran. Thanks to his position, he is one of the most feared and respected militia leaders in Iraq, and one of Iran's most important representatives in the country.

His militia is one of three small Iraqi Shiite armies, all backed by Iran, which together have become the most powerful military force in Iraq since the collapse of the national army in June. ...

The militias, and the men who run them, are key to Iran's power and influence inside neighboring Iraq. ...

Tehran's high profile contrasts sharply with Washington's. Both Iran and the United States are preparing for a long battle against [the Islamic State]. But Iraqi officials say the two take very different views of Iraq.

"The American approach is to leave Iraq to the Iraqis," said Sami al-Askari, a former member of Iraq's parliament

and one-time senior adviser to former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. "The Iranians don't say leave Iraq to the Iraqis. They say leave Iraq to us." ...

The danger, Iraqi officials say, is that Iran's deep influence will perpetuate sectarian conflict in Iraq. ...

Coordinating [Iran's three big Iraqi militias] is Quds Force commander Qassem Suleimani "Suleimani is an operational leader. He's not a man working in an office. He goes to the front to inspect the troops and see the fighting," said one current senior Iraqi official. "His chain of command is only the supreme leader. He needs money, gets money. Needs munitions, gets munitions. Needs material, gets material."

The way Iran and Suleimani work is "completely the opposite of Saudi intelligence that just gives money but is not on the ground," said the current senior Iraqi official. "Suleimani sees a target, and he has the powers to go after it." ...

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Why U.S. Had to Send More Troops to Iraq

INDEPENDENT | November 9

THE ISLAMIC State has a grisly ritual whereby its victims are compelled to chant "[the Islamic State] remains" in the moments before they are executed. Unfortunately, the slogan remains all too true: Five months after it defeated the Iraqi Army and captured much of northern and western Iraq, it is still tightening its grip and nobody has devised a feasible policy to defeat it.

The United States announced on Friday that it is to send another 1,500 soldiers to Iraq to advise and train its army, doubling the number it already has in the country. ... The supposed reason for sending them, according to the Pentagon press secretary, Rear Adm. John Kirby, is because "the Iraqis have demonstrated the willingness and the will to go after [the Islamic State]."

A more likely motive for sending U.S. reinforcements at this time is that, over the past six weeks, the military situation in Iraq has either

not changed or, in parts of the country, has deteriorated significantly. On October 2, [the Islamic State] launched an offensive in Anbar, a vast province west of Baghdad that makes up a quarter of Iraq. It captured most of the towns, villages and bases it did not already hold, winning a victory in the battle for Anbar that has been going on since the start of the year and opening the way for an attack on Baghdad. Contrary to what the Pentagon is saying, the Iraqi Army showed that it remains unable to stop [the Islamic State] and launch an effective counteroffensive. ...

U.S. Must Bow to Iran's Nuclear Rights

WASHINGTON FREE BEACON | November 12

IRAN'S FOREIGN minister and lead negotiator in nuclear talks said this week that the United States must bow to Iran's "inalienable nuclear rights" and hinted that Western countries are being fooled about the extent of

concessions being made by Tehran in talks, according to regional media reports.

Despite Western media reports and indications from the Obama administration that Iran may be moderating its hardline position, there has been "no change in Iran's rigid stance on its inalienable nuclear rights," according to comments made Tuesday by Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif and reported in Iran's state-controlled-media.

"Some [Western] countries have fallen prey to miscalculations [about Iran's position] due to wrong analyses," Zarif was quoted as saying on the heels of another round of talks with the United States and other Western countries ahead of the November 24 deadline. ...

Zarif's comments highlight the gaps that remain between Tehran and the West as negotiations approach their deadline. As Iran digs in over the right to enrich uranium, the key fuel in a nuclear bomb, the Obama administration has indicated that it may be willing to accede to this demand. ...

With less than two weeks before talks are scheduled to end, new

Israel-Jordan Relations in Trouble

OCTOBER 26 marked 20 years since the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan in 1994. Since Jordan makes up nearly the whole of Israel's eastern border, its peace with Israel—only the second Arab state after Egypt to hold such an agreement—has contributed greatly to Israel's security these past two decades.

Suddenly, however, that treaty appears to be under threat.

In recent months, Jerusalem has steadily become engulfed in the worst violence it has seen in a decade—what some have termed a “[third intifada](#).” Israeli Jews have been targeted in thousands of random, violent incidents using thrown rocks, Molotov cocktails, fireworks used as weapons, stabbings, shootings, and even vehicles driven at ramming speed into groups of pedestrians.

On October 29, a Palestinian gunman shot Yehuda Glick, an Israeli activist campaigning for Jews' rights to pray at al-Aqsa Mosque. The next day, Israeli police killed the suspected shooter, then shut down the Temple Mount. They entered al-Aqsa Mosque in order to track down rioters. Inside they found a cache of stones, bottles and Molotov cocktails—proof of this “place of worship” being an incubator for faith-based violence.

Justified as this intrusion proved to be, however, it enraged Palestinian leaders. A spokesman for Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas called the police doing their job nothing less than “a *declaration of war* on the Palestinian people and its sacred places and on the Arab and Islamic nation.” Several other Muslim leaders picked up the banner of grievance against Israel defending itself. Turkey's Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, for example, called the Israeli presence on the Temple Mount “cruelty to the core.”

Jordan was among those nations expressing outrage. Jordanian Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh insisted, “These violations are infuriating the emotions and the sensitivity of 1.5 billion Muslims around the world.” Jordan recalled its ambassador from Israel. A few days later, King Abdullah canceled his nation's participation in a ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty.

The Temple Mount compound is administered by a



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Jordanian organization called the Waqf. Jordan's guardianship of this holy site has been in place for decades and is codified in the 1994 treaty.

After Israeli police clashes with Palestinians on the Temple Mount on November 5, Jordan told the United Nations Security Council that it was ready to take measures to stop Israel's actions. Jordanian Ambassador Dina Kavar wrote, “Jordan considers such serious and outrageous actions by Israel an unprecedented escalation.”

Jordan warns that it intends to reevaluate its diplomatic ties with Israel, including its peace accord. Some officials are calling for the treaty to be revoked.

Anxious Israeli leaders have responded by backing away from the Temple Mount and reassuring Amman that its role there will not change.

The last thing Israel needs is the loss of another valuable alliance. Already what few alliances Israel has had helping to guarantee its security are fracturing. Turkey, once a stable friend, is transforming into a quite radical Islamic state. Political instability and radicalism in Egypt put that nation's 35-year peace accord with Israel in doubt. And

relations with Washington, bad throughout the Obama administration's six years, have recently gotten even worse.

It could be that the highest leaders in Amman value their relationship with Israel. They have a strong interest in Israel keeping the Palestinians under control and suppressing Arab unrest that could easily spill over into Jordan. However, the nation has a large Palestinian

minority and a popular majority that has no such affection for the Jews. If nothing else, King Abdullah and other Jordanian officials speaking out so strongly demonstrates their need to placate the anti-Israel hostility among their people.

Biblical prophecy suggests that, eventually, it is the antipathy for Israel that will win out within this Arab nation (read our article “[A Mysterious Alliance](#)”).

Israel's growing isolation is even more troubling in conjunction with the renewed intifada in Jerusalem. Meanwhile, the Jews' greatest nightmare—a nuclear-armed Iran—has never been closer to becoming reality.

Israel's position is growing more desperate. And what happens next in this volatile region has implications far beyond this tiny nation. To discover what the Bible prophecies will occur, read [Jerusalem in Prophecy](#).

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Jordanian King Abdullah II

evidence indicates that Iran's nuclear program is more advanced than previously known—and that Tehran is making a concerted effort to keep this

fact a secret.

“We don't know where they [Iran] are today, and that's why it's important the [International Atomic Energy

Agency] verifies from the very beginning the actual inventory of the centrifuges and the consumption of the material,” Olli Heinonen, a former deputy

director general of the IAEA, said in a recent conference call with reporters.

Iran, Heinonen revealed, potentially has in its possession at least 4,000 advanced nuclear centrifuges that it has been hiding from the West.

This technology allows Iran to enrich uranium about five times faster than older model centrifuges and potentially means that Tehran's program is vastly more advanced than Western officials thought. ...

Israel Won't Cooperate With UN Over Gaza

REUTERS | November 12

ISRAEL SAID on Wednesday it would not cooperate with a United Nations Human Rights Council investigation into this year's Gaza War because its findings were "predetermined."

The UN panel, due to make its first report by March, is meant to look into the conduct of both Israel and Hamas, the Islamist movement that controls Gaza, during the 50-day conflict.

But Israel's government has already dismissed the investigation as "kangaroo court," accusing its chairman,

Canadian academic William Schabas, of anti-Israeli bias.

"In view of the fact that the Schabas committee is not a fact-finding panel but an investigation whose results are predetermined ... Israel will not cooperate with the committee," Israel's Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.

It added that the decision was also taken in view of what it called the Geneva-based council's "obsessive hostility to Israel." ...

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France to Vote on Recognizing Palestine

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE | November 12

FRENCH LAWMAKERS will vote on November 28 on a proposal by the Socialist Party urging the government to recognize Palestine as a state, a parliamentary source said Wednesday.

The non-binding but highly symbolic vote would follow a similar vote in the British Parliament and after

Sweden announced it formally recognized the state of Palestine. ...

France will "obviously at a certain moment recognize the Palestinian state," Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told AFP on Saturday.

"The question is when and how? Because this recognition must be useful for efforts to break the deadlock and contribute to a final resolution of the conflict," added Fabius.

British lawmakers voted overwhelmingly on October 13 in favor of a non-binding motion to "recognize the state of Palestine alongside the state of Israel as a contribution to securing a negotiated two-state solution."

Sweden announced on October 30 it officially recognized the state of Palestine, a move criticized by Israel and the United States.

The Palestinian Authority estimates that 134 countries have now recognized Palestine as a state, although the number is disputed and several recognitions by what are now European Union member states date back to the Soviet era.

Saturday, Europe's foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini called for a Palestinian state sharing Jerusalem as its capital with Israel.

EUROPE

24 Percent of Catalans Want to Leave Spain

THE SPAIN REPORT | November 10

YESTERDAY, in the end, despite two years of outright refusals from Madrid, the airing of [former leader of Spain's Catalonia region, Jordi] Pujol's fraudulent dirty laundry, and weeks of threats of some kind of criminal prosecution for contempt of court, misconduct in public office, sedition or even rebellion, and despite two specific Constitutional Court bans sought by [Spanish Prime Minister Mariano] Rajoy's government to that end, some Catalans did "vote," and the Spanish state decided not to intervene or make any attempt

to stop it. ...

It was not a formal vote. It was not a binding vote. There was no electoral roll. And the result will certainly not be recognized by the Spanish state. But more than 2 million Spanish citizens in Catalonia left their houses to queue in front of polling stations, many set up in state schools, to put a piece of paper in a cardboard box and express a preference on the secession, or not, of Catalonia from Spain. ...

The results, as expected given the lack of legal guarantees and Constitutional Court prohibitions, were overwhelmingly (81 percent of participants) in favor of the "Yes-Yes" independence option. In a Spanish region inhabited by 7.6 million

people, with an electoral roll at the last regional elections of 5.3 million, just 2.25 million participated in yesterday's exercise, and just 1.8 million—approximately 24 percent of all Catalans or 34 percent of those entitled to vote in the region—voted in favor of secession, of leaving Spain and setting up a different country. ...

Four More Arrested for Terrorism

CNN | November 8

BRITISH AUTHORITIES overnight arrested four men for suspected terrorism, police said on Friday, adding to the scores that have been

Britain Will Not Remain in Europe 'Come What May'

TELEGRAPH | November 10

BRITAIN IS not prepared to remain in Europe “come what may,” and Brussels needs to address people’s concerns about immigration, [British Prime Minister] David Cameron has said.

The prime minister said that “proper” controls on immigration are needed including reforms to movement within the European Union.

He said that Britain will not be “ordered around” by other European Union countries in the single currency union.

He told the Confederation of British Industry: “Britain will only succeed in Europe if we are a strong economy.

“From your economic strength comes a lot of your power in international engagement.

“You never get anywhere in life unless you have a clear strategy and plan.

“Frankly, Britain’s future in Europe matters to our country, and it isn’t working for us at the moment, and that’s why we need to make changes.

“[We want to] belong to a Europe that addresses people’s concerns, including concerns about immigration.

“Simply standing here saying I will stay in Europe and stick with Europe come what may is not a strategy, is not a plan, and that won’t work.”

On immigration, he added: “We need to have proper immigration control. We need to do more, both outside the European Union and, frankly, inside the European Union.

“But the flipside of the coin on immigration is a welfare system that rewards work and an education system that turns out people with the skills necessary to do the jobs that we are creating in our country today. ...”

rounded up in recent months as part of efforts to prevent homegrown attacks.

The men, ages 19 to 27, were rounded in four different southern England locales between 8:31 p.m. Thursday and 2:55 a.m. Friday, according to London’s Metropolitan Police.

Armed police—who are rarely deployed in the United Kingdom—took part in three of the arrests, though no shots were fired, the Metropolitan Police said.

The force’s Terrorism Command, working with the regional South East Counter Terrorism Unit and Britain’s intelligence agency MI5, made the arrests as “part of an ongoing investigation into Islamist-related terrorism.”

The four are hardly the first to be taken into custody for suspicions tied to Britain’s Terrorism Act 2000.

Assistant Commissioner Mark Rowley said last month that counter-terrorism officers were “running exceptionally high numbers of counter-terrorism investigations, the likes of which we have not seen for several years.”

In the year up to October 17, there had been 218 terror-related arrests, he said, adding that officers are disrupting “several attack plots a year.”

The UK government raised its terror threat level from “substantial” to “severe” -- the fourth-highest of five levels—in late August in response to [the Islamic State] militants’ surge

in Iraq and Syria and their threats against the West. At the time, Home Secretary Theresa May said “that means that a terrorist attack is highly likely, but there is no intelligence to suggest that an attack is imminent.” ...

Ukraine Peace Plan Crumbles

FRANCE 24 | November 11

THE CEASEFIRE in Ukraine hung by a thread Wednesday after President Petro Poroshenko accused pro-Russian rebels of endangering the peace process and ordered troop reinforcements to eastern cities.

In another sign of how far apart the two sides are drifting, Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk announced he was cutting the rebel-held Donetsk and Lugansk regions off from central government subsidies, so as not to finance “terrorists.”

Artillery explosions could be heard early Wednesday around the airport in Donetsk, where Ukrainian soldiers have been holding out for weeks against surrounding separatist forces. Following salvos of Grad multiple rockets and cannon fire, black smoke rose from the nearby government-held village of Peski. ...

Ceasefire observers representing government forces, rebels, Russia and the European security body [The

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe] met in Donetsk, but there was little immediate detail available about the results of the talks. ...

Ukrainian authorities say they are preparing for the worst, following rebel threats to expand their territory.

Poroshenko said late Tuesday he had ordered troop reinforcements to cities across the east to guard against a “possible offensive” ...

Russia said it “respected” the rebel elections, but Kiev, the European Union and United States all said that the polls had badly damaged the peace process, which was based on giving rebel areas autonomy, not independence. ...

Ukraine’s small army has been badly mauled during the more than half-year of battles.

NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said on Tuesday in Brussels that Russia continues to arm, train and support the rebels, with special forces inside Ukraine and more troops detected moving troops along the border.

Analysts say the Ukrainian government’s biggest fear is the threat of an offensive by Russian-backed separatists to capture Mariupol and then push along the coast to establish a land corridor linking Russia to Crimea—another Ukrainian region, which was invaded and annexed by Russia in March.

'Putin's Revenge'

BUSINESS INSIDER | November 10

RUSSIA AND China just agreed to a second major gas deal, worth slightly less than the \$400 billion agreement reached earlier this year, according to Bloomberg.

The details of the deal mean Russia will supply China with another 30 billion cubic meters of gas every year for the next three decades through the Altai pipeline, a proposed pipe transporting the gas from western Siberia to China.

Earlier in the fall, Keun-Wook Paik at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies said this kind of deal would be "Putin's revenge," according to the *Financial Times*.

Many analysts see the move as evidence that Moscow is pivoting away from reliance on European customers and toward East Asia, where relatively rapid economic growth should prop up demand.

It's also a political move, as relations with the rest of Europe have become increasingly cold after Russia's invasion

of Ukraine, and the tit-for-tat sanctions between the European Union, United States and Russia.

The value of the Russian ruble has collapsed recently as the price of oil has declined. Russia's economy is dependent on oil, so the currency fluctuates with the oil price. The price declines in turn threaten Russia's ability to meet its budget obligations and pay debt. In sum, the country faces an economic crisis if it can't find new demand for oil and currency. ...

The China deal helps both Russia and China lessen their economic dependence on the West. It also helps Russia get around the economic sanctions imposed by the West because of the Ukraine situation. The *Moscow Times* notes: "Curtailing the dollar's influence fits well with China's ambitions to increase the influence of the yuan and eventually turn it into a global reserve currency. With 32 percent of its \$4 trillion foreign exchange reserves invested in U.S. government debt, China wants to curb investment risks in [the] dollar." ...

Russian Warships Near Australia

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD | November 13

RUSSIA HAS sent a fleet of warships towards Australia in an apparent display of muscle-flexing ahead of the G-20 meeting amid tensions between the two countries over the MH17 crash.

Defense announced late on Wednesday it is "monitoring Russian naval vessels that are currently transiting through international waters to the north of Australia." It stressed: "The movement of these vessels is entirely consistent with provisions under international law for military vessels to exercise freedom of navigation in international waters." ...

Defense sources said the Australian Defense Force had sent two frigates, the Stuart and the Paramatta, and a P-3 Orion surveillance plane to monitor the Russians.

It comes as [Australian] Prime Minister Tony Abbott had a sharp meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Beijing on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, during which they

discussed the MH17 crash.

Asked if it was a show of force, Air Marshall Binskin said: "You'd have to ask the Russians."

Russia's TASS news agency reported late last month that the battle group, led by a Slava-class cruiser that is capable of carrying nuclear-tipped cruise missiles, left from Vladivostok on October 23.

The fleet is made up of the "Varyag" cruiser, a destroyer named "Marshal Shaposhnikov," a salvage and rescue tug, and a replenishment oiler. ...

China Tests Stealth Jet During Obama Visit

WASHINGTON FREE BEACON | November 11

CHINA'S MILITARY upstaged the Asian economic summit in Beijing this week by conducting flights tests of a new stealth jet prototype, as the White House called on Beijing to halt its cyberattacks.

Demonstration flights by the new J-31 fighter jet—China's second new radar-evading warplane—were a key feature at a major arms show in Zhuhai, located near Macau, on Monday.

The J-31 flights coincided with [United States President Barack] Obama's visit to Beijing for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit meeting. In a speech and meetings with Chinese leaders, Obama called on China to curtail cyber theft of trade secrets.

China obtained secrets from the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter through cyber attacks against a subcontractor for Lockheed Martin. The technology has shown up in China's first stealth jet, the J-20, and in the J-31. Both of the jets' design features and equipment are similar to those of the F-35.

The Chinese warplanes are part of a major buildup of air power by China that includes the two new stealth fighters, development of a new strategic bomber, purchase of Russian Su-35 jets, and development of advanced air defense missile systems. China also is building up its conventional and nuclear missile forces.

Meanwhile, White House Deputy National Security Adviser Ben Rhodes told reporters in Beijing Tuesday that the president would press China's leader Xi Jinping to curb Chinese cyberespionage.

"Cybersecurity, of course, will be an important focus for the president,

Putin Says Nothing Was Wrong With the Stalin-Hitler Pact

Jeremiah Jacques | November 10

Russian President Vladimir Putin said last week that he sees [nothing wrong with the Molotov-Ribbentrop non-aggression pact that the Soviet Union made with Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany](#) just days before World War II broke out.

The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact was a promise of non-belligerence by either party toward the other. Just a week after it was signed, Germany invaded Poland, officially igniting World War II.

"Serious research must show that those were the foreign policy methods then," Putin said to a group of young historians in Moscow. "The Soviet Union signed a non-aggression treaty with Germany. People say: 'Ach, that's bad.' But what's bad about that if the Soviet Union didn't want to fight; what's bad about it?"

But the details of the Molotov-Ribbentrop agreement show that it was no declaration of pacifism by the Soviets. In fact, Putin knows full well that the pact included secret protocols that divided Poland, Romania, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Finland into "spheres of influence" for Germany and for the Soviets. Until 1989, the Russians denied these protocols, but since then they have acknowledged them.

As a direct result of the protection from each other granted by the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, both the Soviets and the Nazis ravaged Poland. The USSR captured and executed more than 20,000 Poles in the 1940 Katyn massacre, and the Germans started a campaign that slaughtered around 3 million Polish Jews.

Is that behavior justified because "those were the foreign policy methods" at the time?

Putin's endorsement of the pact is significant because of the long history of conflict between Germany and Russia. There have been seasons of cooperation between the two sides, such as the 1922 Treaty of Rapallo and the aforementioned Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact. But such seasons have been brief, and have generally been the autumn just before winters of war.

The *Trumpet* has predicted that another such pact between the Russian Federation and Germany is either extant or imminent, and that it will be a precursor to a conflict larger than any the world has ever seen.

In the *Trumpet's* November-December 2008 issue, editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote: "[D]id you know that Germany and Russia have probably already dealt with their most urgent differences? ... I believe that Germany's leaders may have already agreed to a deal with Russia, a modern Hitler-Stalin pact where Germany and Russia divide countries and assets between themselves. This agreement would allow each to turn its sights on other targets. Any such deal that may have been struck between Germany and Russia is a precursor to war!"

Vladimir Putin's endorsement of the Soviet Union's pact with Hitler suggests that the idea of a modern equivalent agreement may well be on his mind.

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given some of our concerns related to cybersecurity and the theft of intellectual property," Rhodes said in advance of Obama's meeting Tuesday with Xi. ...

In a speech Monday in Beijing, Obama said he wants China to become a state that "rejects cybertheft of trade secrets for commercial gain." ...

Russian Military Encounters With West at Cold War Levels

NBC NEWS | November 10

A NEAR-COLLISION between a passenger jet and a Russian spy plane was among dozens of "highly disturbing" recent encounters between Moscow and the West, according to a think tank report published Monday. The study by the European Leadership Network (ELN) comes days after NATO warned of a spike in Russian air activity over European airspace. The

ELN said there have been almost 40 "sensitive incidents"—a return to Cold War levels—since political upheaval erupted in Ukraine eight months ago. ...

The report also documented several encounters with the U.S. military, including an unarmed Russian fighter's making 12 passes of USS Cook in the Black Sea in April and a Russian aircraft that got within 50 miles of the California coast a month later, the closest since the Cold War. In September, Russian strategic bombers practiced cruise missile strikes on the U.S. from the Labrador Sea near Canada. While the aircraft didn't enter Canadian airspace, the report said, it "was still a provocative move in light of the NATO summit ongoing at the time," not least because cruise missiles launched from that location would have New York, Washington and Chicago within their range.

NATO has conducted [more than 100 intercepts of Russian aircraft this](#)

[year alone](#), the alliance's figures show, already three times those in 2013. According to the ELN, this is "the first time since the end of the Cold War that Russia has been rather openly treating NATO and its partners as potential opponents, training accordingly and testing our defenses." ...

Related: "[Lithuanian Ambassador: 'Putin Is Not Finished'](#)"

Japan, China, Korea to Hold Talks

JAPAN TIMES | November 12

JAPAN, CHINA and South Korea have agreed that their foreign ministers will hold talks in Seoul by the end of the year, diplomatic sources said on Wednesday.

The meeting ... is expected to set

the stage for Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and South Korean President Park Geun-hye to meet in the first half of 2015, the sources said.

Abe's summit meeting on Monday with Chinese President Xi Jinping, the first since the prime minister took office in 2012, has apparently bolstered the likelihood of [a thaw in relations among the three Asian countries](#), whose governments differ over historical issues and territorial disputes.

Officials from the three countries are expected to work out details and set a date. ...

In a related move, China's Xi and South Korea's Park also said on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum summit in Beijing on Monday that the foreign ministers of the three countries should meet by the end of the year.

If realized, [Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio] Kishida, [Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi] and South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se will likely discuss deepening tri-lateral cooperation on trade and the environment, and confirm the need for their leaders to meet at an early date, the sources said. ...

Russia to Fly Bombers Over Gulf of Mexico

DEUTSCHE WELLE | November 12

IN A further show of military might amid already high tensions with the West, Russia announced it is planning to send long-range bombers on patrols over North American waters, including the Gulf of Mexico.

Russian defense minister Sergei Shoigu made the announcement amid fresh NATO accusations of Russia sending troops and tanks into eastern Ukraine to prop up pro-Russian separatists. NATO also accuses Russia of flying "provocative" routes into European airspace. ...

The Russian planes will also conduct reconnaissance missions and monitor foreign powers' military activities and communications, according to Shoigu.

Though discontinued after the

collapse of the Soviet Union, Russian President Vladimir Putin has resumed bomber patrol flights ...

But a senior U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity told the *Associated Press* that Russia has never before flown bomber patrols over the Gulf of Mexico, even during the Cold War. Other types of aircraft however, including surveillance planes and anti-submarine aircraft have previously flown flights over the Gulf of Mexico, the official said. ...

According to the ELN [European Leadership Network], military incidents with Russia have risen sharply since the nation annexed Crimea. In a report issued Monday, the think tank listed nearly 40 incidents, three of which carried a "high probability" of causing casualties or triggering a military confrontation.

The incidents listed include a large-scale Swedish hunt for a suspected Russian submarine, a narrowly avoided collision between a Russian surveillance plane and a civilian airliner, and the Russian abduction of an Estonian intelligence officer.

"A more dictatorial Russian government is coming fast That power will be able to challenge Europe when nobody else can, including the U.S. ... Russian elections have recently moved President Vladimir Putin much closer to becoming a dictator. This strikes intense fear in Europe. The Europeans still remember how violent Russia was in World War II, and Russia is a close neighbor with massive piles of nuclear weapons."

—Gerald Flurry, *Trumpet*, January 2004

Russia and Iran Sign Nuclear Construction Deal

MOSCOW TIMES | November 11

RUSSIA WILL build two new nuclear power plant units in Iran under an agreement signed in Moscow on Tuesday between subsidiaries of the two countries' state atomic agencies.

The agreement precedes a

November 24 deadline for a deal at talks between Iran and world powers that would curb Tehran's nuclear program, which the West says may be aimed at building atomic weapons but Iran says is for peaceful purposes.

Russia, which is involved in those talks, will also cooperate with Tehran on developing more nuclear power units in Iran, and consider producing nuclear fuel components there, according to a memorandum signed by the heads of the state atomic bodies, Sergei Kiriyeenko of Russia's Rosatom and Ali Akbar Salehi of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization.

Iran already runs one Russian-built reactor in its Bushehr power plant.

Russia Infiltrates Vital U.S. Computer Networks

Kiall Lorenz | November 11

HACKERS SUCCESSFULLY breached the unclassified Executive Office of the President network in October.

The *Washington Post* quoted sources saying it is believed [the Russian government sponsored the hackers](#). Russian hackers, according to recent security firm reports have attacked NATO, the Ukrainian government and United States' defense contractors.

The most disturbing fact about the latest network breach was that it wasn't the White House that found the security breach. An American ally alerted the White House to the possible network intrusion. If not for the ally, how long would the breach have gone unnoticed?

ABC news reported a possible more serious incident on November 6 of Russia hacking American software. It is believed a Trojan horse malware program penetrated the nation's critical infrastructure software back in 2011. The malware program can cause an economic catastrophe.

Oil and gas pipelines, power transmission grids, water distribution and filtration systems, wind turbines, and even some of the nation's nuclear plants can be controlled by the hacked software. The software allows workers

to manage various processes from iPads or even smart phones. Hundreds of thousands of Americans could be severely impacted if any of these utilities are closed down or damaged.

While U.S. officials are aware of the Russian Trojan horse penetration, they don't know when or where it will be unleashed. Americans relying on vital public utilities are at the mercy of the Russians.

These two attacks show how vulnerable America is to cyberwarfare. In a time when a lot of America's infrastructure and even the military are run by computer software, such attacks could render America helpless.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has warned of this vulnerability since January 1995, when he wrote: "America is the greatest superpower this world has ever known. But we have a very vulnerable point in our military—our own Achilles' heel. ... Exploiting this vulnerable point may trigger the greatest shock in the history

of warfare! ... Computer dependence is the Western world's Achilles' heel, and within a few years this weakness could be tested to the full."

For nearly 20 years, the *Trumpet* has warned of the strong possibility that a major cyberattack could cripple America. Many now see that same possibility. For more information, read "[America's Achilles' Heel](#)."

TW IN BRIEF

■ APEC 2014—mending Asian ties

The 26th annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Beijing created the perfect environment for feuding Asian countries to work out their differences and become more united. China was busy mending ties that had been broken by disputes in the South China Sea. Chinese President Xi Jinping met with his Philippine counterpart to calm tensions and improve relations over the disputed waters. China and Vietnam agreed to handle

their Chinese oil rig dispute through dialogue. The anticipated Japan-China meeting to improve relations between the Asian rivals began with an awkward handshake and ended with Japanese President Shinzo Abe, in a private meeting, applauding China's effort for creating the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific. The leaders of Japan and South Korea agreed to mend relations hurt by multiple issues, including Japan's wartime past. To alleviate tensions from imposed sanctions on Russia, Japan invited Russian President Vladimir Putin to Japan next year for bilateral talks. At the same time, China signed a second gas deal with Russia and a free trade agreement with South Korea that will remove tariffs on over 90 percent of goods. To cap off the Summit, Asia-Pacific leaders agreed to start working toward a China-backed free-trade agreement that will unite the Asian countries and give Beijing an even bigger influence in global commerce.

AFRICA/LATIN AMERICA

Religion in Latin America

PEW RESEARCH CENTER | November 13

LATIN AMERICA is home to more than 425 million Catholics—nearly 40 percent of the world's total Catholic population—and the Roman Catholic Church now has a Latin American pope for the first time in its history.

Yet identification with Catholicism has declined throughout the region, according to a major new Pew Research Center survey that examines religious affiliations, beliefs and practices in 18 countries and one U.S. territory (Puerto Rico) across Latin America and the Caribbean.

Historical data suggest that for most of the 20th century, from 1900 through the 1960s, at least 90 percent

of Latin America's population was Catholic. Today, the Pew Research survey shows, 69 percent of adults across the region identify as Catholic. In nearly every country surveyed, the Catholic Church has experienced net losses from religious switching, as many Latin Americans have joined evangelical Protestant churches or rejected organized religion altogether. ...

ANGLO-AMERICA

42 Percent of Medicaid Signups Are Immigrants

WASHINGTON EXAMINER | November 13

IMMIGRANTS AND their U.S.-born children make up more than 40

percent of new Medicaid recipients at a cost of \$4.6 billion, according to an analysis of government data. ...

Part of the increased enrollment came as a result of the new health-care law's expansion of Medicaid to impoverished and low-income adults.

"The high rate and significant growth in Medicaid associated with

immigrants is mainly the result of a legal immigration system that admits large numbers of immigrants with relatively low levels of education, many of whom end up poor and uninsured," the report says. "This fact, coupled with the extensive supports we provide to low-income residents, unavoidably creates very significant



Satan Cast Down (2014)

THE KEY OF DAVID | November 16

GERALD FLURRY

Do you believe Satan is real?



costs for taxpayers.”

The report was issued as President Obama prepared to unveil his executive action to reduce deportations and allow more illegal immigrants to remain in the country.

According to [Center for Immigration Studies] officials, most of the immigrants tallied in the report entered the United States legally. The report also found that two thirds of the Medicaid recipients were the adult immigrants and not the children of immigrants born in the United States. ...

The report found that 25 percent of immigrants and their children were enrolled in Medicaid, compared to 16 percent of non-immigrants and their children. ...

Army Cuts Hit Officers Hard

NEW YORK TIMES | November 12

FOR ALL the insecurities of war, Capt. Elder Saintjuste always figured the one thing he could count on from the Army was job security.

A Haitian immigrant who enlisted as a teenager, he deployed three times to Iraq, missing so many birthdays

and Christmases that he sometimes felt he barely knew his four children. He hid symptoms of post-traumatic stress so he could stay in the Army, because he loved his job and believed that after 20 years he could retire with a captain's pension.

Then this summer, on the day Captain Saintjuste reached his 20 years, the Army told him that as part of the postwar downsizing of the force he would have to retire. And adding insult to injury, he would have to retire as a sergeant, earning \$1,200 less per month, because he had not been a captain long enough to receive a captain's pension.

“I worked, I sacrificed, I risked my life, and they took it away like it didn't matter,” Captain Saintjuste said as he brought groceries into his house near Fort Bragg. “It wasn't just losing a job. It was like having your wife leave you suddenly and not tell you why. It's your whole life.”

For the first time since the end of the Cold War in the 1990s, the Army is shrinking. Faced with declining budgets, the Army, the largest of the services, cut its force this year to 508,000 soldiers from 530,000, with plans to trim an additional 20,000 troops next year. If funding cuts

mandated by Congress continue, the Army could have fewer than 450,000 soldiers by 2019—the smallest force since World War II.

The cuts have largely come through attrition and reductions in recruiting, and have, so far, mostly affected low-ranking enlisted soldiers who have served only a few years. But this summer, the cuts fell on officers as well, 1,188 captains and 550 majors, many who were clearly intending on making a career of the military. More are expected to lose their jobs next year.

And for reasons the Army has not explained, the largest group of officers being pushed out—nearly one in five—began as enlisted soldiers. ...

“They needed us to fight the Taliban,” Capt. Nathan Allen said. “Now they don't, so they pull the rug out from under us. Loyalty here seems like a one-way street.”

Appeals Court Upholds Same-Sex Marriage Ban

CBS | November 7

A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT on Thursday upheld anti-gay marriage laws in four states, breaking ranks with other courts that have considered the issue and setting up the prospect of Supreme Court review.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel that heard arguments on gay marriage bans or restrictions in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee on August 6 split 2-1, with Circuit Judge Jeffrey Sutton writing the majority opinion. The ruling creates a divide among federal appeals courts, increasing the likelihood the Supreme Court will now take up the issue. ...

It followed more than 20 court victories for supporters of same-sex marriage since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act last year. ...

The issue appears likely to return to the Supreme Court so the nation's highest court can settle whether states can ban gay marriage or that gay and lesbian couples have a fundamental right to marry under the



And Now—God's Work Expands in England

THE TRUMPET DAILY | November 12

STEPHEN FLURRY A huge door opens for God's work in the United Kingdom.



U.S. Constitution. Thirty-two states recently asked the Supreme Court to settle the issue once and for all. ...

Obama to Announce Immigration Plan

FOX NEWS | November 13

PRESIDENT OBAMA is planning to unveil a 10-part plan for overhauling U.S. immigration policy via executive action—including suspending deportations for millions—as early as next Friday, a source close to the White House told Fox News.

The president's plans were contained in a draft proposal from a U.S. government agency. The source said the plan could be announced as early as November 21. ...

The draft plan, though, contains 10 initiatives that span everything from boosting border security to improving pay for immigration officers.

But the most controversial pertain to the millions who could get a deportation reprieve under what is known as “deferred action.”

The plan calls for expanding

deferred action for illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children—but also for the parents of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents.

The latter could allow upwards of 4.5 million illegal immigrant adults with U.S.-born children to stay, according to estimates.

Critics in the Senate say those who receive deferred action, according to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, receive work authorization in the United States, Social Security numbers and government-issued IDs. ...

The planning comes as immigrant advocates urge Obama to act. As lawmakers returned for a lame-duck session, Democrats in Congress on Wednesday implored Obama to take executive action.

“We’re begging the president. Go big. These [illegal immigrants] are a plus to our nation. Mr. President, please. You said you were going to do something. Do it. Act now,” said Rep. Juan Vargas, D-Calif.

House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer said: “I join with my colleagues in urging the president to take action. ...

Waiters, Bartenders to Outnumber Manufacturing Jobs

MY BUDGET 360 | November 9

THE TREND to low wage employment continues as the latest jobs report shows that wages are being eroded by inflation. Of course, the public is told that inflation is muted, but simply looking at your paycheck versus housing costs, health-care costs, and food would tell you a different story. Americans went to vote with economic frustration in their hearts. That was the guiding energy driving the electorate. The vast majority are frustrated with the current state of the economy contrary to a record in the stock market which is largely going to a very small portion of our population. ...

So it should not come as a surprise that we will soon have more waiters and bartenders than actual manufacturing workers. Those that serve drinks to calm away the struggles of a tough economy are in high demand apparently. ...

This is not a good trend for most Americans given how many people occupy each of these fields. Back in 1990 which wasn’t exactly a booming time, we had three manufacturing workers for each one waiter or bartender. Today, we now have nearly a 1-to-1 ratio.

This is also reflected in the nature of how many hours people are working: ... the move away from what we would consider full-time employment. ...

Most people today are entering an economy of freelance work, and waiters and bartenders are the perfect example of this. ... We already know that nearly half of recent graduates with degrees are working in fields that don’t reflect the area in which they studied.

It is troubling to see that we are moving to this kind of low wage economy. Many poorer countries have massive food and service industries because this is something you can’t export and caters to tourists. We are far away from that but the trend is rather clear. ...

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Benjamin Netanyahu has proclaimed the status quo will not change, Feiglin is still adamantly fighting for Jews to be able to worship at the Temple Mount.

With both sides at odds, Dr. Meir Margalit, a Jerusalem City council member who holds the East Jerusalem portfolio, thinks a war has already begun. Margalit said, “For several weeks I have said that we are inside the third intifada.” He goes on to say, “It’s more similar to the first intifada, which was defined by rock throwing and firebombs.”

An article titled “A Quiet Intifada in Jerusalem” claims it has been taking place for a few months now. “It’s quiet,” the article says, “because the media *isn’t telling you about it.*”

“There have been thousands of incidents of attacks on Jews, with rocks thrown, fireworks show as weapons (the newest thing), and Molotov cocktails hurled at Jews where the east and west of the city meet, as well as dozens of cases of frustrated Jews attacking Arabs,” Nadav Shragai wrote in *Israel Hayom* (September 3).

Intifada is an Arabic word that basically means a violent insurgency. With the Palestinians in Israel, it means shootings and bombings and other violence against soldiers and civilians. We saw that with the first intifada in the late ’80s and early ’90s, and then again in the early 2000s with the second intifada.

Now Jerusalem itself is shaking. Palestinians haven’t yet reached the level of terrorism that we saw in the first two intifadas. That would make more headlines, like in 2001, when a terrorist carried a bomb filled with nails into a pizza parlor in Jerusalem. He murdered 15 people, including seven children and a pregnant woman.

But the violence is intensifying. On November 10, two Israelis were killed and two wounded in two separate terrorist attacks. The same day, Israeli police shot and killed a man who attacked them with a knife.

Israelis have also become the target of what the media has taken to calling the “auto intifada”—a series of attacks on Jewish civilians in Jerusalem by Palestinians driving vehicles. Another four Jews dead, including a 3-month-old baby, due to Palestinians ramming their cars into people waiting for the train.

So when the Jews fear a third intifada, you can see why. You can understand why they fear that a quiet intifada will lead to a deafening explosion.

The first intifada happened in Israel in the late 1980s. In December 1987, an Israeli was killed in Gaza. One day later, four Palestinians were killed by a truck. As rumor spread that the killings were intentional, Palestinians became enraged. As Israelis and Palestinians attacked each other, Molotov cocktails were thrown, rocks were thrown, roads blocked, tires burned, gasoline bombs used, grenades launched and guns fired. During the uprising, 3,000-plus Israelis were injured and almost 200 killed. In total around 1,100 Palestinians lost their lives. The Madrid Conference in 1991 worked to establish peace between Israel and Palestinians, but the official end to the conflict came in 1993 with the Oslo Accords.

The second intifada, also termed the al-Aqsa intifada,

began in 2000 after then-Prime Minister Ariel Sharon visited the Temple Mount. Shlomo Ben-Ami, Israel’s defense minister at the time, had contacted Jibril Rajoub, Palestinian security chief at the time, to ensure there would be no problems. Rajoub assured there would be no problems with Sharon’s visit if he didn’t enter the mosques. However, Palestinians viewed the visit as a confrontation and responded by throwing rocks. Israeli forces responded with force, killing Palestinians. The next day Palestinians responded with coordinated attacks. Sharon was blamed for causing the start but there had already been tensions before. Just prior to the visit, a Palestinian policeman working with an Israeli policeman shot his Israeli counterpart. The Palestinian Authority used Voice of Palestine, its official radio station, to call Palestinians to participate in riots at the Temple Mount. The Palestinians continued to attack. They attacked religious sites held dear by Israelis. Most armed attackers were part of Yasser Arafat’s militia—Tanzim. The end of the second intifada came in 2005, with the Sharm el-Sheikh Summit. The intifada claimed the lives of 1,000 Israelis and 3,000 Palestinians.

Palestinians are at continued odds with Israel as they pursue their own territory. Temperatures continue to heat in Israel as Arabs and Israelis fight. This past summer brought more attacks. Arabs threw rocks at trains, buses, cars and even people—two young children were attacked in Nazareth Illit. The attacks became more brazen as Palestinians and Israelis attacked each other in the middle of the day.

How long will this “quiet intifada” keep boiling in the midst of Jerusalem before the lid blows off the pot? The two previous intifadas had disastrous consequences in Jerusalem; recent attacks in Jerusalem could lead to a third. What does that mean for the rest of the world?

Why must we pay attention?

Jerusalem is the thermometer for world events in the end time. Passages in both the Old and New Testaments show that Jerusalem is the *center* around which world events orbit in the months and days leading up to the return of Jesus Christ. To those who understand this prophetic reality, Jerusalem is more than just another city blistered by chaos: It’s a THERMOMETER for measuring—and *anticipating*—end-time events.

“Presently the Jews rule over all of Jerusalem, even though East Jerusalem is mostly comprised of Arabs,” Gerald Flurry wrote in his booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy*. “The Palestinians want this half for their capital. But most of the Jews won’t budge, saying they must rule ALL of Jerusalem.” He then highlighted Zechariah 14:1-2, which state that Christ will return and fight all nations in Jerusalem, AND “East Jerusalem—one half of the city—will be conquered by the Palestinians!”

God prophesied that East Jerusalem would be overtaken in the end time. We must diligently heed as tensions come to a boil in Jerusalem in order to understand where we are in the timeline of prophetic events. We must look to tensions in Jerusalem as the thermometer for recognizing the return of Jesus Christ.

To learn more about how these attacks affect the rest of the world, read [“Jerusalem: Your Thermometer for Measuring Crises.”](#)