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Israel Calls for German Help in Solving Gaza Conflict

BY BRAD MACDONALD

SPEAKING AT the Munich Security Conference last February, three of Germany's top leaders—President Joachim Gauck, Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen and Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier—delivered speeches recognizing the need for Germany to bear more of the burden of international security and endorsing a more robust, proactive and interventionist German foreign policy.

This week, Germany was given a prime opportunity to implement its new foreign policy.

In an interview with the *Bild* on Thursday, Israeli

Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman called on Germany to help find a lasting solution to the conflict in Gaza. In particular, Lieberman called on Germany to revive the 2005-2007 EU Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) in which European inspectors monitored traffic at the Rafah crossing on the Egypt-Gaza border. "Germany and the EU must dispatch inspectors to Gaza to monitor the Palestinians' trade with the neighboring countries," Lieberman said, and "Germany should take responsibility as the leader of such a mission."

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Smoke rises after an Israeli air strike in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip, on July 12, 2014.



Israel Finds Unlikely Allies in Arab States

Tyrel Schlote | August 5

THE CURRENT war in Gaza may appear to be like any other recent war Israel has fought against its Arab neighbors, where the blanket conclusion is: *Palestinians good, Israelis evil*. The defamation of Israel has always been a rallying point for the Arab world, but not now.

Instead, the “moderate” nations—like Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and especially Egypt—are remaining not only relatively silent, but are actually quietly supportive of Israel.

The reason? “The Arab states’ loathing and fear of political Islam is so strong that it outweighs their allergy to Benjamin Netanyahu,” Aaron David Miller, a former Middle East negotiator under several presidents, said. “I have never seen a situation like it, where you have so many Arab states acquiescing in the death and destruction in Gaza and the pummeling of Hamas. The silence is deafening.”

This does not mean these Arab nations are going to be best friends with Israel any time soon, but as the popular maxim goes, “The enemy of my enemy is my friend.”

Egypt has publicly blamed Hamas for the mounting civilian deaths, rather than Israel. It has closed many of its border crossings into Gaza, denying the transportation of medical supplies into Gaza. The Egyptian Army has continued to destroy tunnels going into Gaza that are used to smuggle food and weapons. Some Egyptian television is so critical of Hamas that Israel has rebroadcast the programs into Gaza for Palestinians viewers to see.

There is a bigger enemy in the Middle East now that threatens these “moderate” Arab states: radical Islam. Arab nations are quickly choosing sides between the “moderates” and the extremists led by Iran. This brings to light many

GAZA WAR DIVIDES ARAB STATES



key political alliances the *Trumpet* has long forecast based on Bible prophecy. Arab nations are quickly choosing sides between the “moderates” and the extremists led by Iran.

These are astounding new developments in the Middle East, but they are not the kind that will bring peace for Israel. Be sure to read our reprint article “[A Mysterious Prophecy](#)” to see just what will result from this new “band of brothers.”

Terror Tunnels Leading Into Our Heartland

JERUSALEM POST | August 6

ECONOMY MINISTER Naftali Bennett warned on Wednesday that relinquishing Israeli control of the West Bank would expose Israel’s home front to infiltration tunnels leading into the heartland of Israel.

In a statement he released marking nine years since Israel’s rooting out of its settlements in the Gaza Strip, Bennett said that the disengagement had taught Israel that “he who runs from terror has terror chase after him, and that those who chase after terror will

live in security.”

Bennett said the disengagement from Gaza and its consequences, as seen in Israel’s Operation Protective Edge, shed light on the implications of the founding of a Palestinian state in the West Bank.

“I learned that a Palestinian state will destroy the Israeli economy,” Bennett claimed.

“It will destroy tourism, business and commerce,” he said, adding that a Palestinian state would not only hurt Israel’s security, but also isolate the Jewish state diplomatically.

Bennett gave the example of the United States deciding to cancel air travel to Israel during Operation

Protective Edge as a scenario that could repeat itself should Israel give up control of the West Bank. ...

“If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give ... peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. ... And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.”
—Leviticus 26:3-12

To Stop Iran Gaining Nukes, Stop Rewarding It for Lying

Gen. Hugh Shelton, **NEWSWEEK** | August 6

IN A perfect world, a repeated pattern of deceit and moral failure has consequences. Indeed, when trust and credibility are eroded, we dump the shady contractor, we vote out the lying politician, we fire the skimming employee. So how is it we are still at the negotiating table with Iran?

Since the 1990s, Iran has hoodwinked the international community over its nuclear program time and time again. And the current round of negotiations seems to offer more of the same subterfuge, foot-dragging and recalcitrance. But rather than use its economic leverage, the international community has rewarded the mullahs in Tehran with an extended deadline for the current talks (until November 24) and \$2.8 billion in cash that was frozen as part of the sanctions program. ...

Iran has wreaked havoc in Lebanon (via Hezbollah), Gaza (via Hamas) and in Syria, where it is complicit in one of the worst slaughters of this century. And the regime's notorious extrajudicial arm, the Quds Force, has set up shop in Iraq ...

The reality is that Tehran has been forced to retreat, albeit only one step, due to domestic isolation, international rejection and the weight of economic sanctions. However, the weakness, indecision and offering of concessions by the international community will only encourage the mullahs to resort to deceit, denial and concealment again.

[President-elect of the National Council of Resistance of Iran Maryam] Rajavi had a valid point when she said that if the mullahs had the will, six months would have been sufficient to reach a comprehensive agreement on nuclear weapons development. The time for gesturing and posturing by Tehran is over. The mullahs should have forfeited their drive for nuclear weapons years ago. No one should be rewarded for stalling and haggling. Why should the mullahs be? One can only wonder why the Obama administration does not get it.

Related: "Nuclear Iran—the Point of No Return?"

The Fear of Civil War Hangs Over Lebanon

THE NATIONAL | August 6

THE OUTBREAK of fighting in the Lebanese town of Aarsal last Saturday threatens to draw Lebanon further into the Syrian war, exacerbate already tense Sunni-Shia relations and lead to a potentially devastating internal conflict.

The fighting began after the Lebanese Army arrested a Syrian, Imad Jomaa, who was a Jabhat Al Nusra commander until he switched allegiance to the Islamic State. According to early news reports, after the arrest, Mr. Jomaa's partisans took over army positions in Aarsal, forcing the military to mount an offensive to retake them. ...

This situation has disturbed Hezbollah and the Syrian regime, who have been trying to crush stubborn rebel resistance on the Syrian side of the border in the Qalamoun district.

The Syrian regime and Hezbollah have for some time sought to implicate the Lebanese Army in their efforts to weaken the Syrian rebels. ...

The danger is that Lebanon's more extremist armed Sunnis, who have long accused the army of collaborating with Hezbollah, will take to the

streets, particularly in the heavily Sunni north of the country, in protest against the military's operation in a major Sunni town, and enter into a confrontation with the army.

This could ultimately deteriorate into fighting with the Shia. Given the presence of more than a million Syrians in the country—many of them Sunni refugees who resent Hezbollah's role in Syria—a conflict could quickly spread. ...

Related: "Operation Aarsal: Prelude to Lebanese Civil War"

Hamas Says No Gaza Truce Extension

AL JAZEERA | August 7

A LEADER of the Palestinian group Hamas has said there will not be a renewal of the Gaza ceasefire that ends on Friday unless Israel meets some of its demands.

Ismael Radwan told Al Jazeera: "The truce will not be renewed; it cannot be renewed without real achievements. As we speak, no response has been received to Hamas's demands, which means there is no breakthrough in this respect."

A 72-hour deal brokered by Egypt took effect on Tuesday, bringing relief to residents in the Gaza Strip after four weeks of fighting and heavy bombardment.

Israeli media has reported that Israel was offering to extend the ceasefire for another 72 hours unconditionally. ...

"It really goes to show how difficult it is for both sides to reach an agreement," our correspondent said. ...

Related: "Fatah Says Yes to Peace—Hamas Says No"

U.S. General Dead in Afghan Attack

REUTERS | August 6

A UNITED States general was killed and more than a dozen people were wounded on Tuesday, including a German general, in the latest insider attack by a man believed to be an Afghan soldier, U.S., German and Afghan officials said.

The U.S. Army said late on Tuesday the slain general was Maj. Gen. Harold Greene, a senior officer with the international military command ISAF [International Security Assistance

Force]. He was the most senior U.S. military official killed in action overseas since the war in Vietnam, military officials said. ...

The attack raised fresh questions about the ability of NATO soldiers to train and advise Afghan security forces as Western nations gradually withdraw. The U.S. and German generals were on a routine visit, the Pentagon said.

A U.S. official said the gunman fired on the foreign soldiers using a light machine gun. Afghanistan's Defense Ministry described him as a "terrorist in army uniform." ...

According to a Pentagon report on the war in April, there were 15 insider attacks against foreign troops in 2013, down from 48 in 2012. ...

"The insider threat is ... a pernicious threat. And it's difficult to always ascertain," [Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John] Kirby said. "Afghanistan is still a war zone." ...

U.S. Launches Air-strikes on ISIS Forces

NBC NEWS | August 8

THE UNITED States dropped laser-guided bombs on the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) artillery in Iraq on Friday, the Pentagon said—the beginning of airstrikes threatened a day earlier by President Barack Obama.

The bombs, 500 pounds each, were dropped by two Navy F-18 fighter jets near Erbil, the strategically important

city that serves as the Kurdish capital, and where the United States has a consulate. ISIS was using the artillery to shell Kurdish forces defending Erbil, the Pentagon said.

The fighter jets took off from the aircraft carrier USS George H. W. Bush in the Persian Gulf. The mission marked a return to U.S. military engagement in Iraq, three years after Obama removed U.S. forces.

Obama, in a speech Thursday night from the White House, said that he was authorizing airstrikes to protect American interests in Iraq and drops of food and water for tens of thousands of refugees trapped by ISIS on a mountain in Iraq.

Rear Adm. John Kirby, a Pentagon spokesman, said Friday: "As the president made clear, the United States military will continue to take direct action against [ISIS] when they threaten our personnel and facilities."

ISIS Assault on Iraq's Largest Dam

FOX NEWS | August 7

ISLAMIC STATE of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) militants mounted a bloody bid to seize Iraq's largest dam Thursday, clashing with Kurds for control of the Mosul's primary source of fresh water and power.

Residents told the Associated Press that [ISIS] had taken control of the Tigris River facility, but crack Kurdish

troops guarding the site claim they repelled the attack, Agence France Presse reported. ...

The fight to control the 30-year-old facility once known as Saddam Dam marks a critical point in ISIS's front with the Kurdish soldiers known as peshmerga. Seizing the dam would give ISIS the power to control water and electricity in Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul, 30 miles downstream. [Some fear the dam might be used as a weapon to inflict drought or flooding on nearby communities.]

The dam lies on the Tigris River, which runs through Iraq's capital, Baghdad. It provides electricity to the 1.7 million residents of Mosul and is the fourth-largest dam in the Middle East.

ISIS has fought the local Kurdish peshmerga fighters for control of the dam for nearly one week. ...

ISIS posted a statement online on Thursday claiming that [it] had taken control of the dam and vowed to continue "the march in all directions," adding that it [had] not given up the great Caliphate project. The group added that it has seized a total of 17 cities, towns and targets—including the dam—over the past five days. The statement could not be verified but it was posted on a site frequently used by the group. ...

On Monday, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki ordered the Iraqi Air Force to provide aerial support to the Kurds, in a rare show of cooperation between Baghdad and the Kurdish regional government that underscored the serious nature of this crisis. ...

EUROPE

Pope Calls for Action Against Islamic State

CATHOLIC HERALD | August 7

POPE FRANCIS asked Catholics around the world to pray for tens of thousands of Christians from villages in northeast Iraq who were forced from their homes in the middle of the night by Islamic State militants.

The pope also made a "pressing appeal to the international community to take initiatives to put an end to the humanitarian drama underway, to take steps to protect those involved and threatened by violence and to ensure the necessary aid for so many displaced people whose fate depends on the solidarity of others," the Vatican spokesman said earlier today.

Jesuit [priest] Federico Lombardi, the spokesman, told reporters the

pope was appealing "to the conscience of all people and every believer"

Last night fighters belonging to the Islamic State attacked the predominantly Christian town of Qaraqosh and other villages in Nineveh province, said Chaldean Patriarch Louis Sako of Baghdad. "The Christians, about 100,000, horrified and panicked, fled their villages and houses with nothing but the clothes on their backs," he added.

In an appeal, the patriarch described the scene as “an exodus” ... “They are facing a human catastrophe and risk a real genocide. They need water, food, shelter.”

The central Iraqi government appears incapable of protecting its citizens, the patriarch said, and there is no cooperation or coordination with the regional government. ...

Chaldean Sister Luigina, a member of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, told Fides [the congregation’s news agency] that Islamic State fighters “arrived in force last night at 11 and, using loudspeakers, ordered the people to abandon their homes. The people were forced to flee in their pajamas.”

“Qaraqosh, the largest Christian city in Iraq, and all the surrounding villages were emptied of their Christian residents,” she said. ... Qaraqosh was home to an estimated 50,000 Christians. It is located about 20 miles from Mosul, which was captured by Islamic State forces in June.

The Christian Aid Program, CAPNI, issued a statement today describing how Islamic State troops overran other villages and towns throughout the area. ...

TW IN BRIEF

■ German general given top U.S. military position

Brig. Gen. Markus Laubenthal has been appointed the chief of staff for the United States Army Europe (USA-



Home Engineers from the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team of U.S. Army Europe

REUR), Germany’s Defense Ministry announced on July 31. This is one of the top offices in USAREUR, after the commanding general and deputy commanding general. Until recently,

Laubenthal served in the Bundeswehr, the German Army, commanding the 12th Armored Brigade and serving as chief of staff for the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Regional Command North in Afghanistan. It is the first time a non-American has held this position. The German edition of the *Wall Street Journal* wrote that he would be “practically the right hand of the commanding general of the U.S. land forces in Europe, Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell Jr.” USAREUR is responsible for over 37,000 troops, 90 percent of which are stationed in Germany. This cavalier trust of other nations is not new. Even the close integration with European militaries in NATO gives foreign powers a huge amount of insight into how the American military is run. But this trust is dangerous. For more on why, read *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry’s article “[Alamogordo: A Mistake You Only Make Once.](#)”

■ Europe remembers 100th anniversary of World War I

Heads of state and foreign dignitaries from more than 80 countries met in Liège, Belgium, August 4, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I. Representatives from Belgium, France, Britain, Germany and other nations stood together on what was once a battlefield in a spirit of reconciliation. The fighting began in Liège after Germany declared war on France

and invaded via Belgium on Aug. 3, 1914. By the end of autumn, both sides dug in, and the war turned into four years of trench warfare on the Western Front. More than 14 million people lost their lives in the fighting, including

4 million civilians. As Europe commemorates World War I, many have put their hope in the European Union as the best way to prevent future conflict in Europe. “Today

we are a step further. We can say for sure that within the European Union this will not happen again,” says Steffen Seibert, a German government spokesman. The *Trumpet* is unique, however, in forecasting the exact opposite. Instead of preventing peace, the German-dominated European Union will be the vehicle that will bring even greater conflict to Europe. World war did not stop with World War I—or World War II. Find out why Europe will be the epicenter of global conflict in the coming years. Watch [Gerald Flurry’s Key of David](#) program “[Germany’s Break From America.](#)”

■ Mercosur agrees on proposal for closer EU trade

Members of one of South America’s trade blocs, the Southern Common Market (Mercosur), agreed the last week of July on a joint proposal to negotiate a trade and cooperation agreement with the European Union. Four of the five members of Mercosur—Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay—agreed on a tariff reduction proposal to go before the EU on July 31. Mercosur now awaits the EU’s decision. According to the European Commission, “The objective is to negotiate a comprehensive trade agreement, covering not only trade in industrial and agricultural goods but also services, improvement of rules on government procurement, intellectual property, customs and trade facilitation, and technical barriers to trade.” Recently Europe had been putting pressure on Mercosur to conclude negotiations and finalize a free trade agreement with the EU. This exchange of proposals was supposed to occur in December 2013, but has repeatedly been postponed. South America, rich in natural resources, is an attractive hunting ground for resource-hungry European manufacturers. The *Trumpet* and its predecessor, the *Plain Truth*, have warned for more than 50 years that South America and Europe would join to form a powerful trading bloc. To read more on the prophetic significance of this trade agreement between Mercosur and the EU, read our booklet [He Was Right](#).

Are We on the Brink of Another War on Russia's Borders?

Richard Palmer | August 7

EIGHTEEN SOLDIERS died over the weekend as the deadliest clashes in two decades broke out between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the mountainous region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

The roots of the conflict go back to Joseph Stalin's rule of the Soviet Union. Stalin deliberately drew the borders of soviet states so that each republic would struggle to be a prosperous viable state if it ever gained independence. So he made Nagorno-Karabakh, where most were Armenian, part of Azerbaijan.

Then in the late 1980s, as the Soviet Union crumbled and as both nations became more independent, Stalin's borders caused war. Hundreds of thousands fled the region. By the time the war ended in 1994, around 30,000 had been killed.

Since then, the dispute has remained a so-called "frozen conflict." The 1994 ceasefire left Armenia in possession of Nagorno-Karabakh, but neither Azerbaijan nor the international community recognize this.

Armenia is backed by Russia, with Azerbaijan supported by Turkey—though Azerbaijan is always careful not to stray too far from Russia. Armenia has said it will join Russia's Eurasian Union, while Azerbaijan is closer to the EU.

It is not clear how the recent fighting began, who the aggressor was, or even if the whole thing blew up because of some kind of accident. Azerbaijan reports that 13 of its soldiers died, while the Armenian Nagorno-Karabakh forces reported five casualties. Since the initial fighting over the weekend, both sides have continued to fire on each other. Both presidents will travel to Sochi on August 8 to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

If the flare-up is the result of an accident, it will probably



Military academy cadets parade through central Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan.

die down. Azerbaijan knows that picking a fight with Armenia is picking a fight with Russia. But Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev has been talking tough. "Today, the Azerbaijani Army is capable of destroying any object in Nagorno-Karabakh," he said on August 6. "This is known to us and the people of Azerbaijan. Let this also be known to the enemy."

Perhaps Azerbaijan has decided that Russia is too preoccupied with Ukraine to come to Armenia's defense. It could be backed by outside powers looking for an opportunity to punish Russia. Or on the other hand, if Armenia started the conflict, perhaps Russia is warning Azerbaijan that it has drifted too close to the West for Russia's liking. Whatever is going on, this is another area of conflict where we could soon see Russia assert its power, which could pit Europe against Russia even more.

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Russia: Country Going in Right Direction

QUARTZ | August 6

AS THE fighting in eastern Ukraine intensifies, some 20,000 Russian troops have massed on Ukraine's border, according to NATO. ... The economic war between Russia and the West is also escalating, with new sanctions seemingly announced daily—from the West banning arms exports to Russia, to Russia blocking agricultural imports from the West. ... But the latest opinion polls out today in Russia suggest that the public isn't all that worried. In fact, a record share of

Russians, 66 percent, think that their country is going in the right direction, according to the Levada Center

India Slams U.S. Global Hegemony

ZEROHEDGE | August 1

ON JULY 31, we reported that with the Russia-China axis firmly secured, the scramble was on to assure the alliance of that last, and critical, Eurasian powerhouse: India. It was here that Russia had taken the first symbolic step when earlier in the week its central bank announced it had

started negotiations to use national currencies in settlements, a process which would culminate with the elimination of the U.S. currency from bilateral settlements. ...

[I]n what was the latest slap on the face of ... U.S. global hegemony, [on August 1] India refused to sign a critical global trade deal. Specifically, India's unresolved demands led to the collapse of the first major global trade reform pact in two decades. ...

Shockingly, and without any warning, India's stubborn refusal to comply with U.S. demands may have crushed the World Trade Organization (WTO) as a conduit for international trade, and landed a knockout punch when it

Revival of a Soviet-Era Song Contest

Jeremiah Jacques | August 3

RUSSIA WILL revive the Cold War-era Intervision Song Contest this October, according to July 25 reports.

Intervision was first established back in 1977 as a direct rival to the Europe-oriented Eurovision Song Contest. As the Soviet Union began to weaken in the early 1980s, Intervision was discontinued.

Now [Putin is reviving this relic of the Soviet Union's "glory days,"](#) as he recently has with so many others including a military prep fitness program, the "Hero of Socialist Labor" award, and a grip on domestic media that would earn a hat tip from Comrade Stalin himself. All these moves serve Putin's general purpose of resuscitating the Soviet Empire. But this latest one—reviving the song contest—also serves another specific purpose.

Russia entered Eurovision this year, and lost to an openly booing crowd. The audience was not criticizing the Russian contestants' singing, but their country's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula. More important than the hostile treatment Russia endured was Eurovision's 2014 winner: a bearded drag queen from Austria going by the name Conchita Wurst.

Wurst accepted the victory through mascara-tinged tears, saying, "This night is dedicated to everyone who believes in a future of peace and freedom. You know who you are. We are unity and we are unstoppable."

Most of the Austrians, British, Dutch, French and other Europeans melted into rapturous euphoria at Wurst's win and rainbow-colored words.

But not Putin. Commenting on Wurst's victory, he said, "The Bible talks about the two genders, man and woman." People living in a way that blurs the line between the genders, such as Wurst, "should not be aggressive, or put it up for show."

The Russian Orthodox Church, an increasingly close

ally of Putin's, went a step further, calling Wurst an "abomination," and saying the Eurovision win represented "one more step in the rejection of the Christian identity of European culture."

What's the solution to the decadence of Europe and Eurovision? In Putin's view, it is Russia and the strictly "straight" Intervision. His decision to revive it was basically a protest to the collapsing morality of Europe and America.

It is the latest of many steps he is taking to portray himself, and Mother Russia, as lone defenders of traditional family values in a world led by a morally bankrupt West. This is an exact reversal of the Cold War era, which many viewed as "Christian" America against the "godless" communists of the USSR.

Putin is tapping into the deep-rooted abhorrence that many around the world feel toward the West's embrace of promiscuity, divorce, feminism, pornography, homosexuality and so on. But as he portrays Russia as the righteous answer to the West's godlessness, he also invokes divinity regarding Russia's expansionism. "May God judge them," Putin said after annexing Crimea in March, in words directed at the "Bolsheviks" who gave the peninsula to Ukraine decades ago.

History teaches that there is no more potent or dangerous force to sway populations toward a geopolitical aim than religion. This remains true in the modern world: Religion is at the heart of the myriad of ongoing conflicts in Africa and the Middle East; it is the main factor motivating Iran's provocative foreign policy; and, believe it or not, it is even the coalescing force behind the seemingly secular European Union.

It should come as no surprise, then, that Russia is taking steps to harness the deluding persuasiveness of religion in order to promote its geopolitical agenda.

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comes to future relentless globalization, which, as is well known over the past 50 or so years, has benefited the U.S. first and foremost. ...

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday that India's refusal to sign a global trade deal sent the wrong signal ... [A state department official told reporters after Kerry's meeting with Modi]. Wrong signal for John Kerry perhaps, who is now beyond the world's "diplomatic" laughingstock and the man who together with Hillary Clinton (and the U.S. president) has made a complete mockery of U.S. global influence in the past five years. But *just the right signal* for China and, of course, Russia.

"[T]he largest election in the history of mankind ended with a landslide win ... for ... Hindu nationalist Narendra Modi. ... Modi's history indicates that it will be one that steers India away from the United States and nearer to Russia, China and other Asian states. ... With Modi now in power, India's support of Russian aggression could greatly increase, and the same may be true of India's stance on the increasingly belligerent behavior China is displaying toward many of its neighbors. The rising cooperation between these nations represents a deep geopolitical shift"

—theTrumpet.com, May 20, 2014

Russia Looks to China for Military Equipment

RIA NOVOSTI | August 6

RUSSIAN AEROSPACE and military-industrial enterprises will purchase electronic components worth several billion dollars from China, Izvestia reported Wednesday, referencing a source close to Roscosmos, Russia's Federal Space Agency.

"We do work with the China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation (CASIC) ... Its institutions have already offered us a few dozen items, representing a direct alternative to, or slight modifications of the elements we will no longer be able to acquire

because of the sanctions introduced by the United States,” Izvestia reported. ...

“Over the next two, 2½ years, until Russian manufacturers put the necessary space and military electronic components into production, plans call for the purchase of such items from China amounting to several billion dollars,” Izvestia reported, quoting a source, close to Roscosmos. ...

[R]epresentatives of 12 CASIC institutions engaged in the development and production of electronic components will visit Moscow to take part in a special workshop for Russian manufacturers in August. A parallel workshop will be held in St. Petersburg.

“Establishing large-scale cooperation with Chinese manufacturers could become the first step toward forming a technology alliance involving BRICS member states,” Izvestia reported, quoting Andrei Ionin, chief analyst at GLONASS Union. ...

Russia Could Help China Become Deadlier

THE NATIONAL INTEREST | August 2

AS WITH other systems, China has leapt forward in the past 30 years with respect to submarine technology. The People’s Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) now fields respectable nuclear attack submarines, diesel electric subs, and even ballistic missile subs. However, these boats remain substantially behind U.S. standards, and even behind the standards set by the latest generation of Russian subs.

Despite Chinese advances, the PLAN could learn a lot from [Russia’s] Akulas [submarine]. ... [R]ussia has closely guarded its submarine technology in the past, and production techniques for submarines appear to be some of the most difficult industrial processes to master, or transfer. Nevertheless, the leasing of an Akula to India in recent years suggests that Russia is open to the possibility of an arrangement. ...

[T]he addition of Russia technology could only increase the robustness of the Chinese air defense network.

Recently, it appears that Russia is preparing to export the S-400 SAM system to China, which would help the PLAN fill both technical and coverage gaps. The S-400 can track and engage targets at a longer range than the HQ-9, allowing China to project an air umbrella over Taiwan. ...

China has made impressive leaps in the last 20 years with respect to ballistic missile technology. ... However, China still has much to learn from Russia, both in terms of short-range and long-range missiles. ...

[I]f Russia doesn’t mind engaging in some risk-acceptant behavior that could hurt the United States, broadening its weapon exports to and technical cooperation with China could fit the bill.

Historic \$20 Billion Oil Deal with Iran

TELEGRAPH | August 5

VLADIMIR PUTIN has attempted to sidestep Western sanctions on Russia’s energy sector by signing a \$20 billion trade deal that could see his country become the largest importer of oil from Iran.

The five-year accord will see Russia help Iran organize oil sales as well as “cooperate in the oil-gas industry, construction of power plants, grids, supply of machinery, consumer goods and agriculture products,” according to a statement by the Energy Ministry in Moscow. ...

The deal could see Russia buying 500,000 barrels of Iranian oil a day, the Moscow-based Kommersant newspaper has previously reported. That would be about a fifth of Iran’s output in June and half its exports. ...

The move is a win-win for both nations after they were hit with Western sanctions aimed at limiting their energy sectors. ...

On Tuesday, the Russian president told regional leaders that “the political tools of economic pressure are unacceptable and run counter to all norms and rules,” adding that he had given orders to boost domestic manufacturers at the expense of non-Russian ones.

Meanwhile, Iran has faced sanctions due to its reluctance to end a controversial nuclear program. ...

Alexander Novak, Russia’s minister of energy, said Tuesday’s agreement does not violate international obligations and is important given the current “reality.”

The White House has previously said that reports of talks between Russia and Iran were a matter of “serious concern.” ...

TW IN BRIEF

■ Russia strikes back with food ban

Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev announced August 7 that [Russia will ban most food imports from the West](#). The announcement took place during a televised Cabinet meeting, and represents a clear retaliation against Western sanctions on Russia over Ukraine. The one-year ban includes all imports of meat, fish, fruit, vegetables and milk products from the United States, the European Union, Australia, Canada and Norway. Russia’s economy will suffer as a result of the move, but Europe’s will likely suffer more. The food ban is just one of several ways Russia is maintaining its influence in Eastern Ukraine and its hold on the Crimean Peninsula. The ban came even as fighting in Ukraine intensified. NATO says Russia has mobilized around 20,000 combat-ready troops on Ukraine’s border. These can be used for a full-scale invasion or could enter under the pretext of humanitarian aid. Whether or not Russian President Vladimir Putin plans to invade remains unknown, but the food ban shows that he is fully prepared to wage economic war. What will the West’s next move be in this geopolitical game of power? Whatever the response is, the *Trumpet* predicts it will ultimately be Germany, not the U.S., taking the lead in countering Russia. Will Russia Directly Intervene in Ukraine? Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk said he believes there’s a [“growing threat of direct Russian intervention”](#) in eastern Ukraine. He made this statement on August 6, and also said the next phase of the crisis

“could be more serious.” Pro-Russia forces are fighting to break away from Ukraine, but they cannot push back its military. On Tuesday, Ukrainian troops reached the main rebel stronghold in the city of Donetsk. The two sides are now exchanging rocket fire. If Ukraine’s military can recapture Donetsk, it could signal the end of the separatist movement. The wild card is Russia. Russian President

Vladimir Putin is facing increasing pressure from Russian nationalists. They want him to send the Russian Army into Ukraine to back the insurgency. In a possible sign that such a move is imminent, Russia has renewed its buildup of military forces near Ukraine’s border. According to the Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights, at least 1,367 civilians and combatants have died since the

fighting in eastern Ukraine began in mid-April. More than 4,000 have been wounded. An additional 285,000 have been forced to flee their homes. So what will Putin do? While we cannot know the specific details, Bible prophecy does show the overall trend of where this crisis is leading. To learn more, read [Gerald Flurry’s article “The Crimean Crisis Is Reshaping Europe!”](#)

ANGLO-AMERICA



STEPHEN FLURRY

United Nations: 50 Million People Are Now Displaced

Millions have no home—a situation not seen since the last world war.



the unwillingness of city officials to face up to the problem for years, and overly optimistic assumptions for market returns. ...

In addition, regular audits of the city pension system, which are required by law, have not been performed since 2003. ...

Beware: U.S. Corporate Debt Bomb

NEWSMAX | August 5

INVESTORS SHOULD watch out for the explosion of a corporate debt bomb because U.S. business borrowing and debt is at perilous levels, according to MarketWatch columnist Brett Arends.

America’s non-financial businesses have racked up the kind of debt that would wreck most households. Corporate debt is equal to 50 percent of businesses’ actual net worth—far above their historic averages, Arends noted.

“All that talk you hear about how corporate balance sheets are in great shape is a bunch of hooey,” he wrote. “Corporations borrowed \$993 billion just in the first quarter of this year. Corporate debts have actually doubled since 1999.” ...

Another set of telling statistics, this time from the Federal Reserve’s own data: In 2007, at the peak of the last credit binge, U.S. nonfinancial corporations owed \$7.2 trillion. Today, after years of easy money and artificially low interest rates, they owe \$9.6 trillion.

Pensions: ‘Never Going to Catch Up’

NEWSMAX | August 4

NEW YORK City’s retirement plan for municipal workers is growing more underfunded despite increases in the share of the city’s budget to pensions.

And the city’s new mayor, Bill de Blasio, is devoting little focus to the issue, the *New York Times* reports. From 1999 to 2012, the pension plan for general city workers plunged to 63 percent funded from 136 percent.

Meanwhile, New York City is set to devote \$8 billion next year to all municipal workers’ pensions, up more than 1,100 percent from 2000. The pension spending now represents 11 percent of the city budget, up from less than 2 percent 14 years ago.

“They’re never going to catch up,” Sean McShea, president of Ryan Labs, an asset management firm that works for pension funds among others, tells the *Times*.

The city’s pension system suffers from the same woes as other cities and states: hefty promises made to workers,



GERALD FLURRY

Fierce King Rising

The book of Daniel contains prophecy for this end time. It contains a vision showing that a king of fierce countenance will soon rise up and shake the foundations of this world. That king is on the scene now—and we think we may know who he is.



“For the past five years, U.S. corporations have been living in a financial paradise. Interest rates have been on the floor. Wages have been flat,” Arends noted. ...

Arends conclusion is that U.S. companies have used their profits and their debt in recent years to drive up their own stock prices.

A shakeout in the junk-bond market, where corporations have piled some of their least attractive borrowings, is sparking fears those securities increasingly could be hard to unload, the *Wall Street Journal* reported. ...

“Everyone is hoping to be first through the exit,” Matt King, global head of credit strategy at Citibank in London, told the *Journal*. “By definition, that’s not possible.”

Two Hurricanes Threaten Hawaii

BBC | August 6

HAWAIIANS ARE stocking up on supplies as twin hurricanes barrel toward the Pacific island U.S. state, threatening heavy winds and flash flooding.

Hurricane Iselle was 925 miles east of Honolulu on Wednesday morning and expected to make landfall as early as Thursday.

Hurricane Julio could arrive in Hawaii two days later.

The last cyclone to hit Hawaii, Hurricane Iniki in 1992, killed six and caused \$2.4 billion in damage.

Most of Hawaii is now under a tropical storm warning or watch as Iselle moves towards the island chain with maximum sustained winds up[to] 75 mph.

“The tracks of Iselle and Julio are definitely a call to prepare,” state Emergency Management Administrator Doug Mayne told the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* newspaper.

“Our goal isn’t to scare anyone, but we want to make sure Hawaii’s citizens and visitors have what they need to stay safe and healthy.”

The island chain’s Big Island was expected to see Iselle first.

The state’s department of emergency management has asked residents to prepare a seven-day emergency kit, including non-perishable food and water.

Hawaii’s remoteness from the mainland makes it hard to get emergency supplies to the state. ...

School teacher Gina Nakahodo told Reuters she had not been too worried about the situation until she saw the water aisle at her grocer empty on Tuesday. “We’ve had so many storms that have passed us by, but with these two back to back you begin to worry,” she said. “Then all of the sudden the aisles are empty and there’s no water and it makes your heart pound a little.” ...

TW IN BRIEF

■ Catholic Church could give Anglicans communion

Bernard Longley, the Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, said that Anglicans may soon be able to take communion in Catholic churches. “I could imagine and foresee ... a deeper sharing between our churches ... which perhaps would lead to a reconsideration” of the ban on Anglicans receiving communion, Longley told the *Church of Ireland Gazette*. Longley is the Catholic cochairman of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission which is working for unity between the two churches. Longley said that this was his “personal view,” however the Anglican Bishop of Guildford agreed saying that “with the more open tone coming from Pope Francis I can see why Archbishop Bernard is thinking that perhaps the time is right for perhaps another look at it.” For more on where this progress toward Anglo/ Catholic unity is leading, see [“Returning to the Fold”](#) from our free booklet [He Was Right](#).

■ Sperm banks—eradicating the need for fathers

Britain’s National Health Service (NHS) announced a one-time \$130,000 grant to a sperm bank based at Birmingham Women’s Hospital. The new sperm bank, National Gamete Donation Trust (NGDT), will cater to both NHS patients and private clients. A large percentage of the clientele is anticipated to be professional, single women who desire children without a father. In essence, the Department of Health is promoting fatherless families. The NHS aid makes obtaining sperm more affordable and keeps recipients from

'Kill the Jews' in Canada

ON JULY 18, approximately 800 pro-Hamas supporters chanting venomous anti-Israel slogans marched on Calgary's City Hall to show their support for Palestinians in the ongoing war in Gaza. Two minutes after a family of six pro-Israelis show up on the far side of the street carrying their highly inflammatory signs that read: "Keep Calm, Support Israel" and "Israel has the right to defend itself," a mob of approximately 100 incensed Hamas-supporters decide to teach them a lesson.



ROBERT MORLEY

Six or seven guys jumped on one teenager who had a Star of David on his shirt, punching, kicking and biting him before tearing his shirt off, beating him to the ground and stomping on him.

Other thugs isolated 22-year-old Samantha Hamilton, shoving flags into her face, shouting "Kill Jews," "Hitler should finish you off," and "Baby killers."

Samantha's 52-year-old mother, who recently had hernia surgery, was punched in the stomach, spit on and knocked to the ground. She had to be taken to a hospital.

Samantha then recalls getting punched in the face and the back of the head before some woman-beating-coward grabbed her by the hair, yanked her to the ground and began stomping on her.

Samantha's cousin, 20-year-old Jake Birrell's offense was wearing a flag of Israel. A crowd of men jumped and pounded on him before tying the Israeli flag around his neck like a noose and dragging him through the street. After getting free, he says he ran for his life from approximately 25 men who chased him through traffic.

When police finally arrived, an *officer of the law* reportedly told Birrell, "What do you expect coming here wearing that flag?"

What?

A police statement posted to Facebook called the violent attack a "disruption" at a planned protest.

It took three days before Calgary's mayor, who is Muslim, even acknowledged that such an atrocious incident had taken place (his office says he was out of town), but he still found time to tweet about a lost cat. It wasn't until July 22 that the normally tweet-happy mayor posted a pathetically weak and ambivalent statement on the city website: "We must all condemn violence."

Whose violence might that be mayor?

Much of the Canadian media ignored the story until the *Sun's* Ezra Levant finally shamed them into reporting the disgusting events—although predictably, they mostly reported on how *sorry* Saima Jamal, the event's organizer, said the Palestinian community was that a *few* people acted inappropriately.

It would have been nice if the CBC and others had done even a little digging. The day following the attacks, Jamal Saima wrote on her Facebook page: "Bahaha ... after today, they would be foolish to show up again in another protest in Calgary as long as they live."

Other posts of hers talk about Israel "gassing Palestinians," the Israeli Army "invading the Al Aqsa Mosque," "merciless killing of Palestinians," "genocide," and other inflammatory lies.

So what is it? Does one of the more prominent faces of Calgary's Palestinian community really condone these attacks against Jews or not?

Does the media even care? Or are they too afraid of offending Arabs who have obviously not adopted Canadian values? More importantly, do the people of Canada condone these attacks? Where is the outrage from this multicultural country that is supposedly proof that people of differing ethnicities, religions and nationalities can live side by side in peace—even as their families kill each other back home?

This isn't the first time this kind of Palestinian extremism has led to ambulances and hospital visits either.

Canada's social experiment of importing millions of immigrants from nations whose cultures differ so dramatically from traditional Western heritage is backfiring—horribly.

How long before Hamas, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, ISIS, Tamil Tigers, Babbar Khalsa, Mojahedin-e-Khalq and other radical groups' family members introduce jihad to Canada? Shiite versus Sunni; Arab versus Israeli; Ethiopian versus Somali; Croat versus Serb; Armenians versus Turks; Turks versus Kurds—how long of a list do you want?

Sacrificing Canadian national heritage to celebrate, maintain and promote the varying cultures and distinct international identities within the nation in the hope it will encourage social cohesion is folly. It is impossible for greater national unity to result from greater differences.

Sadly, few in this obsessively politically correct world see the danger of a house divided against itself, so revolting "protests" like the one in Calgary—and worse—are guaranteed to explode again.

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searching for donors online. Online donors are considered more risky due to lower quality sperm. The average visit will cost \$500, down \$925 from the average private rate of \$1,425. "Fatherlessness continues to destroy young people because leaders and experts will tell you it isn't even a problem!" [we](#)

[wrote](#) in 2007. "Rather than covering what happens when fathers disappear, our leaders and the media cover up the effects of fatherlessness, claiming there is no need for a traditional father, and that any 'family' arrangement will suffice." Of course there are exceptions, but take a look at society and you

can see the importance of the father's role in the home. By aiding clients in their search for sperm, the NHS is accelerating the decline of society by assaulting the role of the father in the family. To learn more about the importance of fathers, read "[The Need for Fathers](#)."

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Throughout the interview, Lieberman left no question as to who Israel believes ought to take the lead in Gaza. “Germany, as the political lead nation in Europe, must play a pivotal role in the Gaza conflict,” he stated.



BRAD MACDONALD

On Wednesday, a German diplomatic source told Reuters that the EU was planning on doing exactly this. The same day, Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* reported that ambassadors from Germany, France and Britain had presented Israel with a document outlining a possible international agreement over Gaza. The document called for the rehabilitation of Gaza with “an international mechanism” in place to ensure resources were used to rebuild the strip, and not to rebuild Hamas, *Haaretz* wrote. The document also said that the EU could restart its border mission in Gaza.

By Friday, momentum was clearly building for the reactivation of the EU mission on the Egypt-Gaza border. Although the EU mission appears inevitable, Berlin is moving ahead cautiously, and is downplaying its leadership role. “Together with our European partners we are ready to make a contribution, such as an EU mission to oversee border crossings,” German Foreign Minister Steinmeier stated. “At present we are holding intensive talks with all sides to create the conditions for such a solution.”

Steinmeier’s words and tone will only intensify Israel’s (and Europe’s) desire for German leadership and intervention. No one wants to be led by the arrogant control-freak scrambling for power. It’s more reassuring and far easier to submit to the strong, humble, capable guy who doesn’t want power or responsibility (or at least appears that way).

In time we’ll know if the arrival of European inspectors in Rafah is of major prophetic significance. (There’s a chance it could evolve into a military mission.) But if the 2005-2007 EUBAM is anything to judge by, the presence of European inspectors will have marginal benefits for Israel and for peace.

As *Trumpet* executive editor Stephen Flurry wrote in 2010 amid discussion about another EU mission in Gaza, “Under the EU’s careful supervision, [in 2005-2007] Hamas managed to smuggle enough weaponry into Gaza to take over the government in a violent coup. Terrorists snuck in from Iran, and \$68 million in cash was smuggled through the checkpoint in one year alone.”

What is noteworthy and of major prophetic significance is that this time Israel did not turn to a multinational force, or even to Europe in general. Lieberman’s remarks clearly show that Israel’s leaders are looking to Berlin as Europe’s leader and decision-maker and the nation they must trust and rely on. This, in some ways, is logical. Germany is obviously the clear-cut leader of Europe—the nation with the wealth, resources and geopolitical influence to get things done. The Islamists in Gaza hate America as much as they hate Israel, therefore any stipulation for U.S. inspectors in a broader peace agreement would be flatly rejected. Besides, Israel can’t be certain America would even provide such

assistance. Europe, despite the frightening anti-Semitic outbursts in various European cities, is perceived to be more neutral and objective.

Finally, compared to most of the rest of the international community, Germany—at least its government—is one of Israel’s closest friends and partners. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has spoken often about Germany’s special duty to protect Israel, and the chancellor has drawn close to Israel, even establishing a tradition of holding joint cabinet meetings with Israel. Under Merkel, Berlin has given Israel significant discounts and generous terms on the purchase of several submarines capable of carrying nuclear missiles.

Watching Germany over the next few weeks and months will be fascinating. The nation, as we have reported, is a rising global power and is viewed with tremendous respect and admiration by most of the world. America and the West have no problem with Berlin assuming more responsibility, exerting more global leadership, and becoming more involved politically and militarily in the world’s hotspots. In fact, they crave German leadership. Meanwhile Germany, at least in word, has indicated that it’s prepared to increasingly take on the role of global alpha dog. Moreover, as the bevy of global crises—Gaza, Ukraine, Syria, Europe’s financial crisis—continues to intensify, the *need* for Berlin to intervene and lead intensifies.

This month marks the 100-year anniversary of World War I, a war that marked the beginning of a three-decade putsch by Germany to subjugate Europe and establish a Teutonic world order. In this world, Germany would have been the chief power, the arbiter of peace, the nation all others would look to for guidance and inspiration. Now think about the world today. One hundred years later, conditions in Europe and across the world are such that Germany is perhaps closer than it ever has been to world rule. America has abdicated the role. Russia and China are powerful, but their power is neither stable nor sustainable. Who else does Germany have to compete with? With a little finagling and no doubt some exertion and pain—and under the right leadership—Germany could conquer Europe and establish a German-led European world order, effectively accomplishing what it failed to achieve in World Wars I and II.

I know that sounds foolish and preposterous, but so did the notion of intractable trench warfare, prolonged global military conflict and tens of millions of dead people in 1910 and 1935. Surely one of the great lessons of World War I (and II) is that we can never underestimate human nature and man’s proclivity for self-destruction. Truth is, history tells us it would be foolish and preposterous *not* to consider the possibility of another global conflict, one in which Germany once again plays the feature role.

What about Israel’s invitation to Germany to take leadership of the crisis in Gaza, and the broader trend of Israel looking to Germany for assistance? Perhaps it seems logical, at least on paper and in the moment, but both history and Bible prophecy warn that it too is foolish and preposterous. You know the history of Germany and the Jews. To learn the prophecy, start with our article “Can Israel Trust Germany?”

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