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Hundreds of demonstrators march toward the Baltimore Police Western District on April 22 in Baltimore, Maryland.

## Chaos Reigns in St. Paul Schools

SOME SCHOOLS IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, HAVE RECENTLY become madhouses. Students attack teachers. Students attack each other. Teachers are threatened. One teacher has a secret signal for her “good” students to use, for fear of letting in these out-of-control monsters.

And sadly, this chaos is self-induced—and totally avoidable.



ROBERT MORLEY

What happened in St. Paul? The Federal Justice Department says the schools in Minneapolis and St. Paul are racist. This is because black students are disciplined and suspended at higher rates than Caucasians and Asians. The Justice Department has accused the 2,300 majority white teachers in Minneapolis of systemic racism and has threatened prosecution unless the rates of suspension equal the proportion of students in the schools.

Because these school districts don't have the money to fight the federally funded Justice Department, they are submitting and doing what the Justice Department says. In St. Paul's case,

that means adopting the educational and discipline standards of an organization called Pacific Educational Group (PEG). It is based out of San Francisco, California, which probably gives you a good idea what this group is all about.

PEG's main purpose seems to be to sell the concept of victimization. It claims that the American education system—which traditionally has been run by whites (although that is not the case today)—is racist toward black students.

To solve this supposed “racism” and help black students achieve, PEG believes that school curricula should be customized to meet the cultural specifications of black students. This basically means lowering academic standards. PEG also rejects the concept of using suspensions or expulsions to discipline black students.

After Pacific Educational Group took over, it started radically changing the ways schools are run. Special-needs students (violent students and ones with other behavioral issues) were put back into regular classrooms. Student suspensions were replaced by “time outs.” School officials started forgiving or ignoring violence and other unacceptable behavior.

So you can imagine the result.

Without law, without discipline, without consequences, St. Paul classrooms descended into pandemonium. A big basketball player head-locked a female teacher and hip-tossed her to the ground. He was given a two-day vacation. She, potentially a spinal injury.

And, oh—taxpayers forked out \$3 million to PEG to turn their classrooms into World Wrestling Federation arenas.

Advocates say that if students get suspended, they will turn to crime and end up in jail. But does doing away with suspensions and dumbing down curriculum change that? It seems pretty ridiculous to believe that by stopping penalties, students will become less likely to commit infractions.

On the contrary, keeping destructive students in school is similar to purposely putting rotten apples back in the box. The students who want an education lose their opportunity—and often get bullied and beat up—while the borderline students, who quickly realize there are no penalties for their actions, join the troublemakers.

Back in November, former Minneapolis Superintendent Bernadeia Johnson announced that black students would no longer be suspended or expelled for the same violations as whites and Asians. Because black students in Minneapolis schools are 10 times more likely than white and Asian students to be suspended, any proposed suspension would be personally reviewed by Johnson and she would decide if the student really should be expelled—which meant that unless that student practically killed someone, they would stay in the classroom.

As I asked at the time in “[Minneapolis Principals Not Allowed to Suspend Black Students, Only White Ones](#)”: “Does removing students from the consequences of their actions make them more or less likely to think they are special and that the law doesn’t apply to them? Would it make them more or less likely to refuse to get out of the road and walk on the sidewalk when asked by an officer? Would it make them more or less likely to think they can rob a convenience store without consequences? That they can shoplift and then accuse law enforcement officers of trying to ‘Michael Brown’ them when simply asked to produce a receipt.

“Both Michael Brown and Eric Garner would be alive today if they just complied with police officers’ directions. Had they not felt that the law didn’t apply to them (by robbing a store and refusing to stop street-vending cigarettes) they would both be alive. All they had to say was ‘Yes, sir’ and follow instructions.”

Where there is no law, chaos reigns. There is no freedom. What we are seeing in the schools of Minneapolis and St. Paul is the same thing we saw in Ferguson and Baltimore. *Everyone is a victim—and it’s enforcing the law that is the problem.*

Turning a blind eye to crime doesn’t make it go away. As *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in [No Freedom Without Law](#), “God’s law brings us the ultimate, most wonderful freedom of all. It protects our families. It protects our children. It protects us from all the evil in this world.” Read the booklet to find out more about the beauty of law and how it can solve the social problems we are facing today.

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## MIDDLE EAST

### Iran Nuclear Stockpile Grows

Callum Wood | June 7

THE PAST 18 MONTHS HAVE SEEN A FLURRY OF NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS between Iran and the P5+1 nations. Yet according to a United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report, over the same time period Iran’s enriched uranium stockpile has also undergone an increase.

The report claims that in the last year and a half Iran’s stockpile of enriched uranium has grown by 20 percent.

The report flies in the face of Washington’s claim that the stockpile had been reduced or destroyed. In early March, White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest stated, “[W]e’ve actually succeeded in not just halting Iran’s progress as it relates to their nuclear program but actually rolling it back in several key areas, including reducing and eliminating their stockpile of highly enriched uranium.”

Yet, if anything, Iran has rolled *forward*. When the White House said the stockpile was gone, it merely meant that a promise to eliminate the uranium existed. But time and time again, Iran has proven that its word is worthless.

Iran hasn’t stopped its enrichment, nor has it any plans to remove it if a deal is signed. And in all likelihood, Iran has no intention of halting its nuclear program—not today, tomorrow



or after a deal is signed.

In *Trumpet* managing editor Joel Hilliker and contributor Aaron Hudson’s latest article, “[President Obama’s Remarkable Defense of the Iran Nuclear Deal](#),” they wrote: “Fifteen years of failed negotiations tell us that while one side seeks a peaceful outcome, the other seeks the bomb. Iran is not interested in negotiations, peace deals or living alongside Israel. If it were, negotiations would have concluded years ago and Westerners would be sipping piña colodas in tourist resorts along the Persian Gulf.”

Iran’s expanding nuclear stockpile is just one more proof of its contempt for negotiations. Keep watching. Deal or no deal, nothing good will come of the June 30 deadline.

## Look Out—Iran and Saudi Arabia Are Shifting Toward the Hardline

War Is Boring | June 5

A LITTLE MORE THAN A MONTH AGO, [IRANIAN SUPREME Leader] Ayatollah Ali Khamenei ... told army commanders to closely follow Islamic religious regulations. ...

That doesn't sound unusual ... for an Islamic theocracy. But it's slightly odd, because defending the revolution is normally the job of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, or IRGC. It's not so much a job for the IRIA—which is Iran's *regular* army. ...

[It is] interesting that Khamenei is urging the regular army to take on a more Islamic philosophy. ...

In addition to arguing that the army must commit to Islam's military regulations, Khamenei pressed that the army should follow the *Surat Al'Anfal*, Quran 8:60. ...

*"In effect, Khamenei is announcing that not only the IRGC, but also the regular army should be considered forces for the defense, if not propagation of religion,"* [said the U.S. Army's Foreign Military Studies Office].

Later in April, Khamenei spoke to commanders of Iran's paramilitary Basij and police forces. He warned against un-Islamic activities spreading in the country, such as wealthy young people driving around in fashionable cars and attending illegal parties. ...

Khamenei's speeches could mark the beginning of a shift back

toward more hardline policies—or an ideological hardening of the military as Iran fights proxy wars in Iraq and Syria.

A similar process seems to already be underway in Saudi Arabia. King Salman ... has embarked on a war in Yemen. It's a radical departure for Saudi Arabia's foreign policy, which has often taken a backseat to larger players such as the United States.

Not any more.

At home, reports from Riyadh suggest a hardening of social and cultural laws—such as new restrictions on colored gowns for women. Shops that sold gowns in colors other than black have recently seen their goods seized by the religious police.

There's a logic to these new restrictions in a feudal monarchy in the middle of an exploding region. Hardline policies are often a reaction to *uncertainty*. ...

Then there's the potential rapprochement between the United States and Iran—a large, highly populated and educated state by regional standards. Saudi elites fear that Tehran may use cooling relations with Washington to expand its influence more broadly.

But Saudi Arabia is playing the same game. In Syria, Riyadh has backed and armed the rebel Islamic Front, who is fighting to overthrow the Iran-backed dictator Bashar Assad. ...

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## Tehran's Siamese Twins

NOW | June 10

“[I]N THE NEXT FEW DAYS, THE WORLD WILL BE SURPRISED BY what we and the Syrian military leadership are currently preparing,” Qassem Suleimani, commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards' Quds Force, reportedly stated from Syria last week. Suleimani's comments were part of an Iranian propaganda blitz, which included statements by other Iranian officials affirming commitment to the Assad regime, and a flurry of reports about Iran's intention to send Iraqi Shiite fighters, and possibly Iranian troops, to fight in Syria.

The Iranian move comes in response to severe losses that the Assad regime has recently suffered on the battlefield. Analysts are split over what to make of these losses. On one side stand those who are predicting the nearing end of the Assad regime. On the other are those who are more optimistic about the regime's chances. The truth lies between these two. The Iranians are pursuing Plan B: securing a protectorate in western Syria, an area contiguous with the territory in Lebanon controlled by Tehran's client, Hezbollah.

Suleimani's grandiose claims of an imminent “surprise” aside, the Iranians' primary objective is not to reverse the losses suffered by Assad. Rather, it is about retrenchment. Reports of the Assad regime's manpower problems are now as numerous as they are credible. Publicizing the imminent arrival of thousands of soldiers and militiamen from outside Syria only underscores the acute manpower problem in the Iranian camp. ...

Despite the calls by Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah,

for total mobilization of the Lebanese Shiites, there has been no suggestion that the new force will contain a Hezbollah contingent. Clearly, the organization is already stretched too thin. ...

[What is] far more important to Tehran than the inclusion of, say, Aleppo, is the maintenance of territorial contiguity with Hezbollah-controlled Lebanon.

In the eyes of Tehran, Hezbollah and the Assad regime are Siamese twins sharing vital organs. Separating them from each other will result in the death of both. ...

What this means, in sum, is that the defense of the capital and the critical points of the regime enclave is now almost entirely in the hands of the Iranians and their militias—who are also under severe pressure in Iraq, where even with the aid of the U.S. Air Force they are hard pressed to roll back the Islamic State. Their ability to expand much more beyond the enclave's perimeter is dubious.

All of this raises an acute question about American foreign policy. Is this really the right moment to provide Iran with a massive cash infusion? The Iranian system is under strain. Wouldn't it make more sense for the United States to exacerbate the strain rather than relieve it?

Instead, the Obama administration is helping sustain the Iranian regional project.

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## U.S. Military Chief: Iran Will Increase Funds to Proxies After Nuclear Deal

YNet | June 10

U.S. CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS MARTIN DEMPSEY VISITED Israel on Tuesday, when he said that sanctions relief in the wake of a nuclear deal with Iran will lead to increased funding for the Islamic Republic's proxies in the Middle East. "I think they will invest in their surrogates; I think they will invest in additional military capability."

The general said he understands why Israelis believe a nuclear deal will give Iran room to accelerate its funding of surrogate Shiite groups like Hezbollah and to put more resources into its own military.

"I share their concern," he said. "If the deal is reached and results in sanctions relief, which results in more economic power and more purchasing power for the Iranian regime, it's my expectation that it's not all going to flow into the economy to improve the lot of the average Iranian citizen." ...

One of the major concerns in Israel is that regional states will seek nuclear weapons in order to have a deterrent in case Iran continues the race to a nuclear weapon in the wake of a deal.

Tuesday saw the Saudi ambassador to the UK state that "all the options are on the table," including the possibility that the kingdom will take possession of nuclear weapons from Pakistan. ...

Dempsey said the U.S. intends to continue helping Israel improve its air and missile defenses and will be talking to the Israelis about ways to improve their cyberdefenses, their maritime security and their means of countering the military use of tunnels such as those from Gaza.

The chairman also said he thinks a nuclear deal, taken as a whole, could be beneficial in the region.

**"[I]s there more to it than mere failure to discern Iran's underlying motives? Again, we must judge by fruits. The current U.S. administration has established a pattern of actions that align with the interests of the leaders in Tehran and that run counter to the interests of Israel and even of the United States itself."**  
[theTrumpet.com](http://theTrumpet.com), June 3

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## Report: CIA Head Was in Israel to Argue for Closure of IAEA Nuclear Probe of Iran

Jerusalem Post | June 11

CIA DIRECTOR JOHN BRENNAN LIKELY CAME TO ISRAEL LAST week to tell Israeli officials that a final nuclear deal with Iran does not have to include a commitment by Tehran to provide access to military bases, or Iranian consent to interview its scientists, a new report by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) said.

According to the report, ... Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei seems to have torpedoed an arrangement under which IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) inspectors would be allowed symbolic supervision at Iranian military sites where suspected work has been carried out on military dimensions of the nuclear program.

Khamenei reportedly also rejected proposals that would have enabled Iranian scientists to be questioned by the IAEA. ...

Khamenei's rejection has led to an impasse in negotiations between the P5+1 countries, according to the report, with

European Union states refusing to conclude a deal in the absence of an arrangement that would satisfy the IAEA's investigation into Possible Military Dimensions (PMD) of Iran's nuclear program.

"The Iranian retreat from its agreement to allow a symbolic visit in military sites and the questioning of scientists and military personnel, in exchange for closing the Possible Military Dimensions case [in the IAEA] places President Obama in a problematic situation, and the talks at an impasse, since alongside the Iranian rejection, the EU and the IAEA Director General [Yukiya Amano] refuse to shut the PMD case," the report said.

"Under these circumstances, it seems the head of the CIA, John Brennan, was sent to Israel to convince it—and through it, the European Union—that intelligence monitoring of every suspected instance of a military dimension in the Iranian nuclear program is a sufficient solution, and that the [IAEA's] PMD investigation can be left aside," [the report said]. ...

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## Billions for European Wars

German Foreign Policy | June 10

THE GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTER ANNOUNCED NEW MULTIBILION euro armament projects aimed at Germany's and the EU's greater independence from the U.S.A. Ursula von der Leyen announced yesterday that the Bundeswehr would purchase the Medium Extended Air Defense System "MEADS" to replace the Patriot air defense system.

Whereas the Patriot system had to be imported entirely from the United States, a consortium with significant German participation will manufacture MEADS. It is estimated to cost about €4 billion (US\$449.3 billion), with another €4 billion having been already invested. With MEADS, Germany would achieve more "autonomy in security policy," according to a CSU Party military policy specialist. The German Navy will also receive four MKS 180 multirole warships worth around €4 billion, better suited for waging distant wars more effectively and over more extended periods. Other armament projects, such as a German-French battle tank, serve the consolidation of the EU's arms industries or—as with the "euro-drone"—are aimed at achieving more independence from the U.S. arms industry ....

With its decision in favor of MEADS, Berlin is pursuing its efforts to strengthen the German-European arms industry in relationship to its U.S. counterpart. A U.S. company, Lockheed Martin, is involved in the project. Experts considered years ago that MEADS, the only large-scale transatlantic project, "offers German companies a rare opportunity ... to benefit from the technology transfer with the U.S.A. in that domain." In comparison to purchasing modernized U.S. Patriot batteries, MEADS offers Berlin the chance to produce and further develop modern sensor technology in Germany. Last year, Defense Minister von der Leyen declared this to be the "key technology." The German government is taking considerable risks in expanding German-European autonomy vis-à-vis the U.S.A. in the arms industry. Raytheon's Patriot has been field-tested, while MEADS' development remains quite risky. It guarantees, however, an "autonomous security policy," according to defense expert Florian Hahn, CSU.

The efforts to create an arms industry that is as independent as possible from the U.S.A., is another reason for the recent decision to produce a strictly European drone. [On] May 18, German Defense Minister von der Leyen and her counterparts from France and Italy signed a declaration of intent to this effect. A study is now to be commissioned—for approximately €60 million

(\$67.4 million)—to determine, by the end of 2017, which capabilities the euro-drone should have. Officially, it is supposed to be "weapons capable." The Bundeswehr specifically demands that combat drones be procured .... "Europe's" perspective must be to have its own drones—independently from the United States, von der Leyen declared. ... Two more EU nations, Spain and Poland, have already joined the project.

While Berlin is expanding its military-technological autonomy vis-à-vis the United States, it is simultaneously reinforcing the consolidation of the European arms industries. For example, the tank manufacturer Krauss-Maffei-Wegmann is considering signing a fusion agreement in mid-July with Nexter, its French counterpart. ... [N]ow the deal has been approved, not least of all, because France is "much more generous than Germany with arms deliveries to foreign countries beyond the borders of the EU and NATO," according to the business press. Once united, Krauss-Maffei-Wegmann and Nexter would begin developing a new battle tank, which will replace the German Leopard 2. One of the objectives is to keep pace against the newly developed Russian tank, now in the process of realization. Recently, military experts called for procuring depleted uranium rounds to counter the new model of Russian tank.

Berlin also seeks to cooperate militarily with Paris in outer space. As was confirmed by the Defense Ministry, the German government plans to invest €210 million (\$235.9 million) in financing the French *Composante Spatiale Optique* (CSO) satellite surveillance system. Two of these satellites are already in construction; one will go into operation next year. A third has been planned. ... It remains to be seen whether also the four MKS 180s multirole warships, von der Leyen announced yesterday, will also be included in the German-French cooperation. These MKS 180s will cost €4 billion .... The warship should have the capability of effectively engaging enemy aerial, maritime, and underwater targets, providing aerial protection to other vessels within a range of 20 kilometers (12 miles), be capable of attacking land targets, and engage in amphibious operations. According to the Defense Ministry, this provides "space for several crews, making it possible to significantly prolong the missions' duration and raise perseverance capabilities." ...

The future capability of waging wars autonomously, without the United States, is considered essential. The magnitude these European wars of the future will have can be seen in the magnitude of these current arms projects.

## NATO Fatigue

Times Editorial | June 11

IN 1933, THE OXFORD UNION OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED A motion that it would "in no circumstances fight for its king and country." The Nazis duly concluded that Britain was going to be a pushover. Vladimir Putin, visiting Italy yesterday to pursue his strategy of splitting Europe, will have been similarly encouraged by the findings of the Pew Research Center. Its survey paints a

dismal statistical picture of NATO's resolve: a majority of respondents in France, Italy and Germany said their country should not use military force to defend an ally from an attack by Russia. Only 38 percent of Germans are ready, it seems, to fight to protect NATO's eastern flank.

That makes worrying reading for Poland, the Baltic republics

and Romania, who joined NATO on the assumption that they would be protected from Russian muscle-flexing. ... The Pew survey shows how little fight there is in the NATO dog.

At the root of the problem is a failure in European leadership. Politicians from across the spectrum need to persuade citizens that they cannot simply be passive consumers of American security. ...

A second, more selective poll was carried out this week among 50 U.S. and European decision-makers. It found overwhelming agreement that the biggest danger to peace emanated from President Putin's actions. Yet this consensus has not been communicated to the public. NATO has to explain itself, make and win the arguments.

One definition of decadence is the refusal to assume responsibility. It is this corrosive weakness that Mr. Putin has smelled

### **Hungary Signs Up to Silk Road Project**

**Peter Teffer, EU Observer | June 8**

**H**UNGARY ON SATURDAY (JUNE 6) BECAME THE FIRST EU COUNTRY to sign up to China's flagship trade initiative, which aims to revitalize the historic silk route that for centuries connected Europe and the Far East.

The Chinese project is "one of the most significant concepts in world trade," said Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto during a visit to Budapest by his Chinese colleague Wang Yi. ...

To increase trade, China wants to improve transport possibilities from China through central and west Asia, the Middle East and Europe by investing in infrastructure.

It has already started financing a high-speed railway between Budapest and the Serbian capital, Belgrade.

It is also setting up a development bank, which is aimed at funding projects in the "belt."

### **Germany to Be AIIB's Fourth-Largest Shareholder**

**Deutsche Welle | June 10**

**G**ERMANY IS TO ACQUIRE A 4.1 PERCENT STAKE IN THE ASIAN Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB), which would make it the fourth-largest stakeholder after China, India and Russia. ...

Relevant documents said the AIIB would have a capital base of \$100 billion. ...

The founding charter is scheduled to be signed on June 29 in Beijing.

The U.S., Japan and Canada have remained skeptical of the lender, assuming that China could misuse its dominant role in

and it has freed him to embark on the past 15 months of military adventurism. Benito Mussolini, after reading of the Oxford king and country debate, decided that Britain was a "frightened, flabby old woman." He was ultimately proved wrong, but for a decade felt emboldened to run amok.

The Kremlin, run by a small paranoid clique around Mr. Putin, believes that it has the edge. From Moscow it seems as if the post-war Western order is fragmenting. Since NATO populations no longer have the stomach for combat, since West Europeans see no compelling reason to defend their allies farther east, Russia feels free to gnaw away at the credibility of Article Five. Will the alliance's adherence to collective defense survive a major Russian cyberassault on a NATO member's national power grid? Mr. Putin may soon be ready to put this to the test. ...

Just over two months ago, Hungary signed up as a founding member of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, as have many other European countries.

Germany, France and the UK are among EU states which have joined the Chinese-led investment bank, despite calls by the United States not to do so.

At an event in Brussels last week, China's ambassador Yang Yanyi told an audience the Chinese silk road initiative can coexist with EU projects, like the soon-to-be up-and-running European investment fund.

"Our respective agenda's complement and reinforce each other," said Yang, adding that the two initiatives will create a "win-win" situation which will include the possibility to "trade new products, new services, new sectors, and [will create] new job opportunities."

the bank for pushing its own geopolitical agenda.

Washington also fears the AIIB will pose a significant challenge for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank where it wields huge influence.

The *Wall Street Journal* reported Tuesday that China would ultimately have veto power over major decisions of the AIIB after providing almost a third of the lender's overall capital base, giving Beijing an estimated 25 to 30 percent of total votes.

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## **TW IN BRIEF**

**Pope meets with Putin:** Russian President Vladimir Putin met with the pope yesterday in the Vatican. The second meeting between the two figures follows on the heels of G-7 talks where leaders reaffirmed sanctions on Russia over its actions in Ukraine. Prior to the meeting, United States ambassador to the

Vatican, Kenneth Hackett, called on the pope to use the opportunity to voice his concern over Russia's belligerence in Ukraine. As yet, the pope has not publicly placed any blame on Russia in an apparent bid to not upset Vatican relations with the Orthodox Church.

**UK debates EU referendum bill:** British lawmakers on Tuesday held their first debate on a bill establishing a vote on European Union membership. Prime Minister David Cameron gained support from Labor opposition. The six-hour session highlighted unrest within Conservative ranks about some of the more technical details. Mr. Cameron's critics, such as Owen Paterson, fear that the pro-EU side could be given an unfair advantage. Paterson stated, "If the British people sense that there's no fairness, that this is being rigged against them, that the deluge of local government, of national government and above all European government money and propaganda can be dropped on them, that will be unacceptable. That will go down extremely badly with the British people and what really worries me, this extraordinary moment in our history, this incredibly important moment could be seen to be illegitimate." The bill, if passed, calls for a referendum by the end of 2017. British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond said it could be held sooner if negotiations go quickly.

**Germany hosts G-7:** A two-day summit of the G-7 leading industrial nations concluded June 8. Leaders of the United States, Germany, Britain, Japan, France, Italy and Canada met in the Bavarian Alps of southern Germany, along with leaders from Iraq, Nigeria and Tunisia. After meetings today, U.S. President Barack Obama said attendees agreed that economic sanctions against Russia should remain in place until Moscow fully implements a ceasefire with Ukraine, which it has violated repeatedly. He stated, "With respect to security, the G-7 remains strongly united in support for Ukraine. ... As we've seen again in recent days, Russian forces continue to operate in eastern Ukraine, violating Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. This is now

the second year in a row the G-7 has met without Russia. Another example of Russia's isolation and every member of the G-7 continues to maintain sanctions on Russia for its aggression against Ukraine." Other issues President Obama said the G-7 agree on include the need to approve a strong global climate agreement later this year in Paris—the need to help Greece carry out key reforms to avoid economic default—and the need to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

**IMF gives up on Greek bailout:** The International Monetary Fund gave up on negotiations with Greece on Thursday—its representatives quit negotiations with Greek and EU officials, and went back to Washington. The IMF said no progress had been made, and that Greece and its creditors were far away from an agreement. Greece needs an agreement by the end of month, at which time it will have to repay \$1.8 billion to the IMF. A failure to meet this payment could plunge the eurozone back into economic crisis.

**Germany's anti-Islam Pegida group gains in Dresden mayoral elections:** Germany's anti-Islam PEGIDA movement came in fourth place in Dresden's mayoral elections on Sunday. In a surprise turnout, PEGIDA took nearly 10 percent of the vote. This is the group's first appearance in an election since gaining notoriety in late 2014 for holding anti-Islamic protests. Some protests saw up to 25,000 people gather in the streets of Dresden. However, support for the group was thought to have dwindled. The only poll published before the election predicted the movement would win only 1 or 2 percent of the vote. The larger-than-expected turnout in the Dresden elections shows that the group is still popular among many in East Germany.

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## ASIA

### China and Russia Step Up Cooperation in Central Asia

East Asia Forum | June 9

**T**HE GROWING SINO-RUSSIAN PARTNERSHIP IS EVIDENCE THAT the Western policy of isolating Russia has failed. The policy has only served to push Russia deeper into Chinese arms. Russia and China are planning to increase their engagement in Central Asia and will coordinate their policies in the former Soviet territories in Eurasia. ...

China has expressed support for the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) being pushed by Russia. The two countries have decided to create a dialogue mechanism for integrating China's One Belt, One Road initiative and the EAEU. The Shanghai

Cooperation Organization has been designated as the body to coordinate between the two initiatives.

China has agreed to start talks for an economic and trade cooperation deal with the EAEU and to "study the long-term objective of establishing a free trade zone" with it. Beijing and Moscow will cooperate in the stable development and regional economic integration of the Eurasian region as a whole. They will endeavor to "safeguard peace and stability on the Eurasian landmass." ...

While Russia will get access to resources from the Silk Road Construction Fund to develop its agriculture, China will get a

reliable transit point to Europe.

The agreement marks an end to Russia's hesitation about China's One Belt, One Road Initiative. It is now on board China's ambitious Silk Road Initiative that will connect China to Europe via Eurasia. ...

Coming on board the Silk Road Initiative is a big step for Russia. It is an acknowledgement that China's economic influence in Central Asia has translated into political influence. Russia now realizes that it cannot match China's financial resources and is slowly becoming a secondary player in Central Asia. If the agreements are implemented, there will soon be a condominium in

Central Asia; Russia will play the security guarantor and China will be the largest economic player. ...

**"All the Central Asian countries besides Afghanistan were once a part of the old Soviet Union; for years now, Russia has been on a mission to haul those states and its other Soviet-era satellites back under its umbrella of influence. Along with China, it has worked hard to dislodge America's presence from the region entirely."**

*Trumpet, May-June 2010*

## **China Is Building the Most Extensive Global Commercial-Military Empire in History**

**Quartz | June 9**

**I**N THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES, THE SUN FAMOUSLY NEVER SET ON the British Empire. A commanding navy enforced its will, yet all would have been lost if it were not for ports, roads and railroads. The infrastructure that the British built everywhere they went embedded and enabled their power like bones and veins in a body. ...

Much has been made of Beijing's "resource grab" in Africa and elsewhere, its construction of militarized artificial islands in the South China Sea and, most recently, its new strategy to project naval power broadly in the open seas.

Yet these profiles of an allegedly grasping and treacherous China tend to consider its ambitions in disconnected pieces. What these pieces add up to is a whole latticework of infrastructure materializing around the world. Combined with the ambitious activities of Chinese companies, they are quickly growing into history's most extensive global commercial empire.

The story starts with a reimagined Silk Road ... extends into South America ... and also across Africa. The new Chinese empire is enveloping its neighbors ... and nations further afield in the

Pacific. Pakistan is pivotal to China's Silk Road ... as is Central Asia ... and Russia.

Two years ago, Russia announced a pivot towards China. The centerpiece of the shift is two natural-gas pipelines through which a fifth of China's gas imports would flow. ...

Some of the most modern transportation infrastructure going up not only in China but around the developing world is deliberately *linked* to China. It is meant to make the global economy a friendly place for Chinese commerce.

That does not make China's ambitions necessarily menacing or pernicious. But it does make them China-centric. ...

**"Latin American and African countries may be poor, but they are rich in resources, and China wants those assets. Right now, Beijing is systematically planting its feet in those regions. At the same time, the U.S. is being pushed out of Latin America ... U.S. power is fading, and the Chinese are grabbing as much of that power as they can."** *Trumpet, April 2006*

## **The War of the Green Men**

**PJ Media | June 5**

**W**HAT IF THE WORLD WERE AT WAR AND DIDN'T KNOW IT? SUCH an idea seems preposterous. Shouldn't we know if we were in one? ...

Since the ability to attack without actually triggering a response confers a distinct advantage, Russia has actually designed a form of warfare to evade the threshold of cultural psychology and avoid the detection of legalistic minds like President Obama's. The approach is called hybrid warfare. "Hybrid warfare is a military strategy that blends conventional warfare, irregular warfare and cyberwarfare. ... By combining kinetic operations with subversive efforts, the aggressor intends to avoid attribution or retribution."

The Kremlin has already employed this mode of conflict in the Ukraine. Recently, Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaitė warned the West to be on the lookout for "little green men." ...

Once the World War II high pass filter is removed, a plethora of events will readily jump out at the observer. Chinese government hackers, for example, have stolen the personal details of 4 million current and former federal employees, possibly in order to

identify individuals who can be corrupted, blackmailed or pressured into working for Beijing. ...

The architects of hybrid warfare knew paper would be their friend. They understood that the liberal West was controlled by lawyers operating under the concept of a "rules-based international order." This legalistic system could only "see" certain facts and was blind to the others. In May 2013, President Obama demonstrated this selective vision by claiming victory in the "war on terror" (which he soon declared at an end) based on the belief he had degraded "core al Qaeda." ...

The administration's visual limits are painfully obvious: it can only "see" conventional war. When Al Arabiya asked President Obama why he has been so passive in preventing the Syrian civil war, Obama answered like a lawyer. To act would have been in violation of "international law." ...

None of this has escaped Russian, Chinese or radical Islamic notice. ...

The administration's inability to perceive hybrid warfare



coupled with its penchant for secrecy has created an extraordinarily impotent foreign policy. The world stands, according to security pundit Bruce Schneier, on the brink of a global cyberwar, of which China's attacks are but the opening salvos. ...

In the meantime, Putin's "little green men" are poised to go on the offensive for a second straight year. Michael Weiss asks, "Can anyone stop Putin's new Blitz? A shaky ceasefire in Ukraine

was shattered Wednesday morning with a new offensive by Russian-backed troops. How will the White House respond?"

How will they respond? Simple. By doing nothing. By giving a speech. By increasing domestic surveillance. By denying there's anything to respond to, that's what. Beware the combo of little green men from the Kremlin and the small-minded men from Chicago. It's the perfect storm.

## **Russia Wants to Boost Gold Reserves to \$500 Billion**

**Russia Insider | June 5**

**T**HE HEAD OF RUSSIA'S CENTRAL BANK HAS SAID THE COUNTRY intends to boost its gold reserves to \$500 billion, which is more than double its current reserves.

Elvira Nabiullina, head of the Central Bank, told *Rossiyskaya Gazeta* that Russia will try to boost its gold reserves to \$500 billion, even though \$188 billion is deemed sufficient for the country.

Currently, Russia possesses some \$360.5 billion worth of gold

reserves, an amount that covers over three months of imports, the country's short-term foreign debt, and 20 percent of Russia's entire money supply.

According to *Rossiyskaya Gazeta*, Russia's gold reserves exceeded the \$500 billion mark from 2012-2013, when global oil prices were at their peak. However, right now due to low oil prices, the Russian budget will receive \$150-170 billion a year compared to a few years ago before the crisis. ...

## **China Military Conducts Drills Near Taiwan, Philippines**

**Reuters | June 10**

**C**HINESE WARSHIPS AND AIRCRAFT ON WEDNESDAY PASSED through the Bashi Channel between Taiwan and the Philippines to hold routine planned exercises in the Western Pacific, China's Defense Ministry said. ...

Wednesday's drills could cause alarm because of their location.

China claims self-ruled and democratic Taiwan as its own and has never renounced the use of force to gain control, while China and the Philippines have one of the most bitter disputes over the South China Sea of all the claimants.

The joint drills tested and perfected battle strategies and "achieved their expected aims," Navy spokesman Liang Yang said in a ministry statement.

The exercises, in the waters east of the Bashi Channel, were routine annual drills, not aimed at any specific country or region, and accorded with international law and practices, Liang said. ...

"Going forward, similar drills and exercises will keep taking place," Liang said. ...

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## **TW IN BRIEF**

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**C**hina looks to strengthen economic ties with foreign corporations: China is pushing to open up economically to the outside world, the Chinese premier said on Tuesday. Premier Li Keqiang told delegates at the third Global CEO Council roundtable that the national economy has integrated globally; foreign

corporations are now welcome to assist in the country's modernization campaign. Keqiang said China's doors to the outside world will open wider for help with economic globalization and trade liberalization. He also promised a fair-play business environment for both Chinese and foreign corporations.

## **LATIN AMERICA/AFRICA**

## **Europe Tries to Compete With China's Influence in Latin America**

**Reuters | June 11**

**U**NABLE TO MATCH CHINA'S OFFER OF \$250 BILLION IN INVESTMENT in Latin America, the EU sought ways on Thursday to avoid being marginalized in the region, offering new trade deals, visa-free travel and deeper ties.

At a two-day summit with Latin American leaders in Brussels, European leaders briefly put aside concerns about Greece,

Ukraine and Britain's future in Europe to stress they had not forgotten former colonies.

"We have seen that China has built up very intensive trade relations," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

"Europe and Latin America should also increase their trade." ... Struggling with the impact of a debt crisis that nearly broke

up the eurozone, Europe has little fresh cash to invest.

Instead it is opting to use its influence as the world's largest trade bloc, gradually creating a patchwork of deals. EU officials said that, as China's demand for Latin America's commodities lessens, Europe has a chance to reassert itself. ...

**“At present, the lack of cohesion among European nations prevents Germany and the EU from doing much to reverse China's deepening inroads into Latin America. But Asia's drive into the Latin region will actually act as a catalyst for EU unity.”**

*He Was Right*

## ANGLO-AMERICA



### Times of the Gentiles

**Gerald Flurry,**  
**The Key of David | June 12**

Revelation 11 calls this age the times of the Gentiles.



### Paul Volcker Warns on Health of U.S. State Finances

**Financial Times | June 8**

**P**AUL VOLCKER, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE, has warned that U.S. states rely on faulty practices to balance their budgets, masking the true nature of their finances and leading to poor policymaking.

While states have returned to better health after the depths of the financial crisis and recession of the last decade, many remain under “heavy pressure,” with overall tax revenues, adjusted for inflation, barely recovered from their pre-recession peaks.

“The continued fiscal stress is tempting states to continue, and even intensify, budgeting and accounting practices that obscure their true financial position, shift current costs on to future generations, and push off the need to make hard choices on spending priorities and revenue practices,” Mr. Volcker said in a report released on Monday by the Volcker Alliance, a government reform group he founded in 2013.

Mounting fiscal stress in Illinois, Detroit's bankruptcy and the financial troubles coming to a head in Puerto Rico demonstrate the

importance of developing better financial policies, the report said.

“There are problems hidden by a lack of truth and integrity” in state budgeting, Mr. Volcker said. ...

At issue is that all but one state—Vermont—are required to balance their budgets annually, but no common definition of a balanced budget exists.

That left room for short-term “sleight of hand”—to create the appearance that spending did not exceed revenue, the report said. ...

The hope is that by shining a light on these practices, it will make it harder for states to engage in these “shenanigans” and “fess up to the problem,” Mr Volcker said.

The municipal bond market where states and local governments raise money does not fully reflect shoddy state budgeting, Mr. Volcker said.

“There is a hidden agreement between issuer and buyer—neither has had an interest in exposing it,” he said. ...

### Russia Gets Very Serious on De-dollarizing

**William F. Engdahl, New Eastern Outlook | June 6**

**R**USSIA IS ABOUT TO TAKE ANOTHER MAJOR STEP TOWARDS LIBERATING the ruble from the dollar system. Its Finance Ministry just revealed it is considering issuing Russian state debt in Chinese yuan. That would be an elegant way to decouple from the dependence and blackmail pressures from the U.S. Treasury financial terrorism operations while at the same time strengthening the bonds between China and Russia—Washington's worst geopolitical nightmare.

Russian Deputy Minister of Finance, Sergei Storchak, announced that his ministry is making a careful study of what would be required to issue Russian bonds denominated in Chinese

yuan. The latest news is part of a long-term strategy between Russia and China that goes at the heart of American hegemony—the role of the dollar as the leading world central bank reserve currency.

The dollar is used in some 60 percent of central bank reserves today. The second largest is the euro. Now clearly China is carefully moving, as the world's largest trading nation, to create its renminbi or Chinese yuan as another major reserve currency. That has huge geopolitical implications. So long as the U.S. dollar is the leading reserve currency, the world must de facto buy U.S. dollar Treasury bonds for its reserves. That has allowed Washington to have budget deficits since 1971 when the dollar left the gold exchange

standard. In effect, China, Japan, Russia, Germany—all trade surplus countries, finance Washington's deficits .... It is a paradox that Russia and China at least, are determined to end as soon as possible.

Last year Russia and China signed enormous 30-year energy deals for delivery of Russian oil and gas to China. The payments will be in local currencies not in dollars. Already in 2014 settlement in national currencies between China and Russia in bilateral trade increased nine times over 2013. Lin Zhi, head of the Europe and Central Asia Department of the Chinese Ministry of Economic Development announced last November that "About 100 Russian commercial banks are now opening corresponding accounts for settlements in yuan. The list of commercial banks where ordinary depositors can open an account in yuan is also growing." Last November 18, Russia's largest bank, Sberbank, became the first Russian bank to begin financing letters of credit in Chinese yuan.

What all this indicates is that Russia and China are carefully planning a long-term strategy of getting out from dependence on the U.S. currency, something that, as the U.S. sanctions last year revealed, make both countries vulnerable to U.S. currency wars

of devastating impact.

China has just been accepted "in principle" by the Group of 7 finance ministers to have its yuan included in the International Monetary Fund basket of currencies making up IMF Special Drawing Rights. Today only U.S. dollar, euro and Japanese yen are included in the basket. Including the yuan would be a huge step towards making the yuan a recognized international reserve currency, and at the same time would weaken the dollar share. ...

China has also agreed with Russia to unify the new Silk Road high-speed rail project with Russia and Russia's Eurasian Economic Union. ...

It is expected China must reveal its gold reserves on being formally accepted into the IMF SDR basket perhaps later this year. ...

**"China is openly challenging America. ... The infrastructure is being built for a world without the United States. It is a sign that although the U.S. dollar may appear strong right now, its long-term fundamentals are swiftly eroding. And with it, American power and prosperity."**

*Trumpet, July 2015*

## **Video Emerges of Violence at 'Innocent Pool Party' in McKinney, Texas** **Breitbart, June 7**

**L** EFT MEDIA IS ABLAZE WITH ARTICLES CONDEMNING THE POLICE response to a pool party at a McKinney, Texas, subdivision. Now a video is emerging showing why police were called to the scene to begin with—violence.

Residents in a McKinney subdivision were hosting an end-of-school party in their private community pool. Many teens who were not residents of the subdivision began showing up. Some had been invited by residents, some had not. An ad for the event had been placed on social media sites.

Teens who were not invited began climbing the fence to get in, according to reports from residents of the area. Trouble began when they were asked to leave by residents and pool management.

Now, at least one video ... shows a fight that broke out between a teenage girl and two adults.

Police were called to the scene and attempted to get some of the trespassers to sit down while they investigated. Many of the teens fled and police chased some of them down. This is when the video of the incident with police began. There does not appear to be any video of the initial police contact with the teens.

One resident, Benet Embry, a black man, posted on Facebook about the events leading up to the police call. "Look, I LIVE in this community and this ENTIRE incident is NOT racial at all," Embry wrote. "A few THUGS spoiled a COMMUNITY event by fighting, jumping over fences into a PRIVATE pool, harassing and damaging

property. Not EVERYTHING is about RACE. WE have other issues that NEED our attention other flights of made-up make-believe causes."

In another post he is critical of media coverage of the incident. "I've never seen such irresponsible reporting and miss management of media resources in my life," he said.

Another McKinney resident, Bryan Gestner, posted on Facebook, "This was a Twitter party that turned into a mob event. Jumping pool fence. Assaulting 2 security guards, attacking a mother with three little girls. The video doesn't show everything." He continued saying the kids were drinking and "smoking weed" and they would not listen to any of the adults around the pool.

"This isn't about race," he continued. "This is about outside kids invading our neighborhood and had no respect for authority or the residents here. I have a target on my back now and I have been threatened by these punks that they are gonna shoot up my house when all I did was try to control the mob and actually tended to the girl and the boy that had a bloody lip."

"Y'all don't know the whole story," Gestner continued. "I commend the officer for handling this situation."

Gestner wrapped up his post alleging that these same kids came back into the neighborhood Saturday night. They were "kicking in people's front door, stole a truck and crashed it into many vehicles. They vandalized dozens of cars and were stealing things."

## **Transgender Surgery Isn't the Solution**

**Paul McHugh, Wall Street Journal | June 12, 2014**

**T** HE GOVERNMENT AND MEDIA ALLIANCE ADVANCING THE transgender cause has gone into overdrive in recent weeks. On May 30, a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services review board ruled that Medicare can pay for the "reassignment" surgery

sought by the transgendered—those who say that they don't identify with their biological sex. Earlier last month Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said that he was "open" to lifting a ban on transgender individuals serving in the military. *Time* magazine, seeing

the trend, ran a cover story for its June 9 issue called “The Transgender Tipping Point: America’s next civil rights frontier.”

Yet policymakers and the media are doing no favors either to the public or the transgendered by treating their confusions as a right in need of defending rather than as a mental disorder that deserves understanding, treatment and prevention.

This intensely felt sense of being transgendered constitutes a mental disorder in two respects. The first is that the idea of sex misalignment is simply mistaken—it does not correspond with physical reality. The second is that it can lead to grim psychological outcomes.

The transgendered suffer a disorder of “assumption” like those in other disorders familiar to psychiatrists. ... Other kinds of disordered assumptions are held by those who suffer from anorexia and bulimia nervosa, where the assumption that departs from physical reality is the belief by the dangerously thin that they are overweight. ...

For the transgendered, this argument holds that one’s feeling of “gender” is a conscious, subjective sense that, being in one’s mind, cannot be questioned by others. ... With this argument, advocates for the transgendered have persuaded several states—including California, New Jersey and Massachusetts—to pass laws barring psychiatrists, even with parental permission, from striving to restore natural gender feelings to a transgender minor. That government can intrude into parents’ rights to seek help in guiding their children indicates how powerful these advocates have become. ...

You won’t hear it from those championing transgender equality, but controlled and follow-up studies reveal fundamental problems with this movement. When children who reported transgender feelings were tracked without medical or surgical treatment at both Vanderbilt University and London’s Portman Clinic, 70 to 80 percent of them spontaneously lost those feelings. ...

We at Johns Hopkins University—which in the 1960s was the first American medical center to venture into “sex-reassignment surgery”—launched a study in the 1970s comparing the outcomes of transgendered people who had the surgery with the outcomes of those who did not. Most of the surgically treated patients described themselves as “satisfied” by the results, but their subsequent psycho-social adjustments were no better than those who didn’t have the surgery. And so at Hopkins we stopped doing sex-reassignment surgery, since producing a “satisfied” but still troubled patient seemed an inadequate reason for surgically amputating normal organs.

It now appears that our long-ago decision was a wise one. A 2011 study at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden produced the most illuminating results yet regarding the transgendered, evidence that should give advocates pause. The long-term study—up to 30 years—followed 324 people who had sex-reassignment surgery. The study revealed that beginning about 10 years after having the surgery, the transgendered began to experience increasing mental difficulties. Most shockingly, their suicide mortality rose almost 20-fold above the comparable nontransgender population. This disturbing result has as yet no explanation .... The high suicide rate certainly challenges the surgery prescription. ...

Another subgroup consists of young men and women susceptible to suggestion from “everything is normal” sex education, amplified by Internet chat groups. These are the transgender subjects most like anorexia nervosa patients: They become persuaded that seeking a drastic physical change will banish their psycho-social problems. “Diversity” counselors in their schools, rather like cult leaders, may encourage these young people to distance themselves from their families and offer advice on rebutting arguments against having transgender surgery.

Treatments here must begin with removing the young person from the suggestive environment and offering a countermesssage in family therapy.

Then there is the subgroup of very young, often prepubescent children who notice distinct sex roles in the culture and, exploring how they fit in, begin imitating the opposite sex. Misguided doctors at medical centers including Boston’s Children’s Hospital have begun trying to treat this behavior by administering puberty-delaying hormones to render later sex-change surgeries less onerous—even though the drugs stunt the children’s growth and risk causing sterility. Given that close to 80 percent of such children would abandon their confusion and grow naturally into adult life if untreated, these medical interventions come close to child abuse. A better way to help these children: with devoted parenting.

At the heart of the problem is confusion over the nature of the transgendered. “Sex change” is biologically impossible. People who undergo sex-reassignment surgery do not change from men to women or vice versa. Rather, they become feminized men or masculinized women.

Claiming that this is a civil-rights matter and encouraging surgical intervention is in reality to collaborate with and promote a mental disorder.

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