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U.S. President Barack Obama and Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei



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Are These the Most Insane Negotiations in History?



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THE DEADLINE FOR A DEAL IN THE West's nuclear negotiations with Iran is next Tuesday, June 30. And a group of former advisers to United States President Barack Obama on the subject of Iran are warning that this deal is a mistake.

Five of the president's one-time inner-circle advisers wrote an open

letter saying that the agreement emerging from these negotiations "may fall short of meeting the administration's own standard of a 'good' agreement." They're not concerned it will fall short of *Benjamin Netanyahu's* standard, or even Europe's standard—but of the White House's considerably lower standard.

Why the concern? The *New York Times* June 24 report on this letter said these officials fear "that Mr. Obama's negotiators were headed toward concessions that would weaken international inspection of Iran's facilities, back away from forcing

Tehran to reveal its suspected past work on weapons, and allow Iranian research and development that would put it on a course to resuming intensive production of nuclear fuel as soon as the accord expires.”

Those are major concerns. Yet Washington is so determined to make this deal that it is lowering the bar again and again to ensure Iran can clear it. Now the bar is a broomstick on the carpet.

The main justification President Obama has used for the deal is that it will lengthen Iran’s breakout time to the bomb from two months to 12 months. That hardly instills a lot of confidence. But in another *New York Times* article this week, Prof. Alan Kuperman, head of the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Project at the University of Texas, shows that this justification is a lie: The deal will actually only prolong that breakout time about *one* additional month.

America is making this deal to slow Iran down for *one more month*.

The U.S. has already agreed that Iran will be able to keep enriching uranium—a massive concession to the Iranians. But for some time Washington has been publicly insisting on two key demands: 1) that Iran reveal previous nuclear work that it hasn’t yet admitted to; and 2) that it open its program to unrestricted inspections of its nuclear installations. Iran has responded by consistently, steadfastly refusing to concede to both of these demands. And now, as these officials are saying, it looks like the U.S. is giving up *even these*.

The evidence is mountainous that this is a terrible deal—even by the Obama administration’s own publicly stated standards.

But meanwhile, at the same time the deal itself is getting watered down to the point of being practically useless, we are also witnessing more and more behavior by Iran that shows the entire process is a farce.

Last Sunday, Iran’s parliament voted almost unanimously—199 votes out of 213—“to ban access to military sites, documents and scientists as part of a future deal with world powers over its contested nuclear program,” the Associated Press reported. They are willing to discuss their nuclear program, but any access to *military* facilities or activities is strictly forbidden.

But, of course, it is *military* use of nuclear power that is the central concern. The West could *only* accept such a request if it were willing to accept Iran’s absurd assertion that its nuclear program is entirely peaceful. Yet it appears this is exactly what it is doing.

The bill “also DEMANDS the *complete lifting of all sanctions* against Iran as part of any final nuclear accord,” AP wrote (emphasis added).

Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei made the same demand in a live television broadcast on Tuesday this week: “All financial and economic sanctions imposed by the UN Security Council, the U.S. Congress or the U.S. government should be lifted immediately when we sign a nuclear agreement.” He also ruled out a long-term halt to nuclear work, saying, “Freezing Iran’s research and development for a long time like 10 or 12 years is not acceptable,” Reuters reported.

Who is in the power position in these negotiations? Supposedly it’s America and other Western states that are trying to restrict Iran—but *Iran is the one dictating all the terms*.

The real kicker in that AP story is this: While Iran’s parliament was taking that vote last Sunday, some of the lawmakers were chanting, “Death to America.”

It makes me wonder: What would Iran have to do in order for the U.S. to say, *You know, maybe these negotiations aren’t such a good idea?*

Forget the terms of the deal—Iran is proving in countless ways that the negotiations themselves are absurd. The idea that they will do *anything* to change Iran’s conduct or tether its nuclear ambitions is a joke.

The *New York Times* report on the skittish former Obama advisers made the additional point that the ayatollah on Tuesday “heightened the pressure facing negotiators by appearing to BACK AWAY FROM SEVERAL PRELIMINARY UNDERSTANDINGS reached between Iran and the West in early April, including in areas where Mr. Obama’s former advisers urged a hardening of the American position” (emphasis added). So even those few areas where it appeared the U.S. had achieved something resembling modest concessions from Iranian negotiators were undone with a wave of the ayatollah’s hand.

The list is long, and growing continually longer, of all that Iran has done to demonstrate its bad faith, its double-dealing and deceit during these negotiations. It is not backing down at all. It continues to refuse to make concessions; instead it makes demands. It accuses the U.S. of lying, while talking out of both sides of its mouth. It makes provocations that undermine Western interests—take for example the revelation from last week that even as negotiations are supposed to be winding down, Iran is *ramping up* its support for the Taliban in Afghanistan, which is fighting the U.S.! It continues to demonstrate its determination to do as it pleases regardless of what comes of the talks.

Iran is sitting at the negotiating table—while making demands, and openly and brazenly carrying on with its nuclear program and sponsorship of terrorism. It has done virtually *nothing* to curb the behavior that is so concerning to other nations, and that necessitated the economic sanctions and other steps to prevent Iran from getting nuclear weapons.

And yet the talks continue. And now a deal looms.

Are these the most insane negotiations in history?

Has there *ever* been a time in international negotiations when the nations supposedly in control and working to bring a rogue nation to heel were so willing to overlook such open contempt, such hostility?

The mind tracks back to the peace talks with Adolf Hitler before World War II, and recalls just how naive, how blind, Western nations were to consider this tyrant a reliable negotiating partner. But even there, the führer was at least making a *pretense* of seeking peace. He was not all demands and dictates, at least not publicly. You didn’t have German lawmakers chanting “Death to France! Death to Britain!” Did you? Maybe I’m wrong, but while negotiations were taking place, weren’t the Nazis a bit more genteel and subtle? Didn’t they at least *try* to play along and to give the Chamberlains and peaceniks of the day some semblance of hope that it wasn’t all a complete ruse and a fraud?

Iran feels no such obligation. Washington has given it no reason to.

And this time, it is nuclear weapons at stake.

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A War Between Two Worlds

George Friedman, Stratfor | January 13



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Editor's Note: Two Islamist terrorists struck a gas factory in southeastern France on Friday. One person has been killed, and several have been wounded. The attackers rammed the front gate of the facility with a vehicle; the vehicle then collided with containers of gas, which exploded. According to security officials, a decapitated head has been found staked on a post at the entrance to the factory. Two banners with Arabic writings were also found at the scene. France's interior minister said that one suspect has been arrested, and that the suspect was flagged in 2006 for ties to Islamic extremists. This attack follows another attack in January, when Islamist extremists murdered 12 people at the offices of the satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo*.

The following is an article published by Stratfor's George Friedman after the *Charlie Hebdo* attacks. Its analysis has been proven even more correct after this week's tragedy.

THE MURDERS OF CARTOONISTS WHO MADE FUN OF ISLAM AND OF Jews shopping for their Sabbath meals by Islamists in Paris last week have galvanized the world. ... I have found that in thinking about things geopolitically, I can cool my own rage and find, if not meaning, at least explanation for events such as these. ...

Christians and Muslims have been bitter enemies, battling for control of Iberia. Yet, lest we forget, they also have been allies: In the 16th century, Ottoman Turkey and Venice allied to control the Mediterranean. No single phrase can summarize the relationship between the two save perhaps this: It is rare that two religions might be so obsessed with each other and at the same time so ambivalent. This is an explosive mixture.

The current crisis has its origins in the collapse of European hegemony over North Africa after World War II and the Europeans' need for cheap labor. As a result of the way in which they ended their imperial relations, they were bound to allow the migration of Muslims into Europe, and the permeable borders of the European Union enabled them to settle where they chose. ...

There is a built-in indeterminacy in our use of language that allows us to shift responsibility for actions in Paris away from a religion to a minor strand in a religion, or to the actions of only those who pulled the trigger. This is the universal problem of secularism, which eschews stereotyping. It leaves unclear who is to

be held responsible for what. By devolving all responsibility on the individual, secularism tends to absolve nations and religions from responsibility.

This is not necessarily wrong, but it creates a tremendous practical problem. If no one but the gunmen and their immediate supporters are responsible for the action, and all others who share their faith are guiltless, you have made a defensible moral judgment. But as a practical matter, you have paralyzed your ability to defend yourselves. It is impossible to defend against random violence and impermissible to impose collective responsibility. As Europe has been for so long, its moral complexity has posed for it a problem it cannot easily solve. Not all Muslims—not even most Muslims—are responsible for this. But all who committed these acts were Muslims claiming to speak for Muslims. One might say this is a Muslim problem and then hold the Muslims responsible for solving it. But what happens if they don't? And so the moral debate spins endlessly.

This dilemma is compounded by Europe's hidden secret: The Europeans do not see Muslims from North Africa or Turkey as Europeans, nor do they intend to allow them to be Europeans. ...

But while the Europeans have particular issues with Islam, and have had them for more than 1,000 years, there is a more generalizable problem. Christianity has been sapped of its evangelical zeal and no longer uses the sword to kill and convert its enemies. At least parts of Islam retain that zeal. And saying that not all Muslims share this vision does not solve the problem. Enough Muslims share that fervency to endanger the lives of those they despise, and this tendency toward violence cannot be tolerated by either their Western targets or by Muslims who refuse to subscribe to a jihadist ideology. And there is no way to distinguish those who might kill from those who won't. The Muslim community might be able to make this distinction, but a 25-year-old European or American policeman cannot. And the Muslims either can't or won't police themselves. Therefore, we are left in a state of war. French Prime Minister Manuel Valls has called this a war on radical Islam. If only they wore uniforms or bore distinctive birthmarks, then fighting only the radical Islamists would not be a problem. But Valls's distinctions notwithstanding, the world can either accept periodic attacks, or see the entire Muslim

community as a potential threat until proven otherwise. These are terrible choices, but history is filled with them. Calling for a war on radical Islamists is like calling for war on the followers of Jean-Paul Sartre. Exactly what do they look like? ...

Something must be done. I don't know what needs to be done, but I suspect I know what is coming. ... Europe's sense of nation is rooted in shared history, language, ethnicity and yes, in Christianity or its heir, secularism. Europe has no concept of the nation except for these things, and Muslims share in none of them. It is difficult to imagine another outcome save for another round of ghettoization and deportation. This is repulsive to the European sensibility now, but certainly not alien to European history. Unable to distinguish radical Muslims from other Muslims, Europe will increasingly and unintentionally move in this

direction.

Paradoxically, this will be exactly what the radical Muslims want because it will strengthen their position in the Islamic world in general, and North Africa and Turkey in particular. But the alternative to not strengthening the radical Islamists is living with the threat of death if they are offended. And that is not going to be endured in Europe. ...

We are entering a place that has no solutions. Such a place does have decisions, and all of the choices will be bad. What has to be done will be done, and those who refused to make choices will see themselves as more moral than those who did. There is a war, and like all wars, this one is very different from the last in the way it is prosecuted. But it is war nonetheless, and denying that is denying the obvious.

Muslim Brotherhood Calls for Overthrow of Egyptian Government **Washington Free Beacon | June 23**



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A DOCUMENT RELEASED IN LATE MAY BY PRO-MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD clerics incited the Egyptian population to “strive for the complete elimination” of their current government, according to a new report [by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI)].

Calling the military-backed government a “criminal and murderous regime,” the radical clerics said public figures associated with it should be put to death, in accordance with Sharia law. The document also demands the release of Morsi, who it refers to as the “legitimate elected president.” ...

The document was endorsed by 10 pro-Muslim Brotherhood religious bodies from across the Muslim world and more than a half-million people have shown support of the proposition on the Egypt Call website. The document calls for the people of Egypt to engage in a violent uprising in retaliation for the violation of Sharia by the sitting government.

“According to the Sharia, it is the duty of the ummah—its leaders and its people—to oppose this regime and strive for its complete elimination by all legitimate means [such as civil disobedience], in order to protect the principles of the ummah and the

supreme goals of Islam,” the document says.

It lists some actions by the [current] administration that cannot be accepted by the population, such as aligning itself with Israel.

“Striking an alliance with the Zionist aggressors [and] protecting and defending them, while showing hostility to the Palestinian resistance, conspiring against it and besieging it by destroying Sinai and deporting its people—all these constitute treason against the faith and the homeland and contempt for the way of the prophet,” the document says.

The Muslim Brotherhood emphasized that the directives of Sharia must be adhered to, “no matter how much sacrifice” is required, MEMRI reported. ...

“As the Brotherhood grows more powerful, watch for it to seek to align Cairo more closely with Tehran, a prospect that is in line with end-time biblical prophecies.”

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Netanyahu Refuses to Apologize for Ex-Ambassador's Criticism of Obama **Washington Post | June 19**

IF THERE WAS ANY LINGERING DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are estranged, now comes fresh evidence the two leaders and their proxies are engaged in a remarkably nasty, seriously personal tit-for-tat about who did whom wrong over the past six years.

On Tuesday, Michael B. Oren, a former Israeli ambassador to the United States, wrote an opinion piece in the *Wall Street Journal* that said the failed relationship between Obama and Netanyahu was all Obama's fault.

On Wednesday, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Daniel B. Shapiro told Israel Army Radio, essentially, that Oren is a know-nothing fabulist trying to hawk his new book.

On Thursday, Israeli officials told local media that Shapiro had called members of the Netanyahu cabinet, as well as the prime

minister himself, to request that they distance themselves from Oren's commentary, in which the former ambassador accused the U.S. president of “abandoning Israel.”

On Friday, a senior official in the prime minister's office told the *Washington Post* that Netanyahu had no intention of apologizing for anything Oren wrote.

“Michael Oren, who is not a member of the government, wrote an article in the *Wall Street Journal* and a book, which reflect his own views,” the official said.

“It is curious that the U.S. administration is concerned about remarks by a former Israeli government official but is silent when former U.S. government officials,” such as former peace negotiator Martin Indyk and former Obama adviser David Axelrod, “have been critical of Prime Minister Netanyahu,” the official said. ...

"Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah [modern-day nation of

Israel] and Israel [Anglo-America]"
Zechariah 11:14

Israel Freezes Defense Aid Talks With U.S. Pending Iran Deal **Arutz Sheva | June 25**

A JOINT MEETING OF SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE DEFENSE Ministry, Foreign Ministry and prime minister's office resulted in the decision to temporarily suspend dialogue with the United States regarding defense aid to the Jewish state.

The freeze will remain in place until the conclusion of talks between Iran and P5+1 world powers on Tehran's nuclear program, if not later.

The main reason for suspending the dialogue, officials told *Walla! News*, is the mounting tension between the White House

and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government.

According to a senior defense official, who confirmed the report, freezing talks now will allow Israel to present a new request for defense materials after a deal with Iran has been finalized. ...

Other officials though have suggested Israel may prolong the freeze until a new U.S. president is inaugurated in early 2017, thereby avoiding contact with current U.S. President Barack Obama, whose relationship with Israel has been contentious. ...

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The Battle of Britain

Stephen Flurry,
Trumpet Daily | June 21

This summer, we observe the 75th anniversary of that battle. It was a battle for freedom. It was a battle for London. It was THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN.

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T War Drums: Gazprom's Dangerous New Nord Stream Gas Pipeline to Germany **Robert Morley | June 25**

RUSSIAN STATE-OWNED GAS GIANT GAZPROM SIGNED A DEAL June 18 to double the capacity of the Nord Stream gas pipeline that delivers Russian gas directly to Germany. The deal is a precursor to war.

Analysts are wondering: Why would Germany continue to work with Russia's Gazprom when it is supposedly targeting Russia for its invasion and occupation of Ukraine?

This pipeline deal has geopolitics all over it. And if the deal goes through, it could radically alter the balance of power in Europe.

If the Nord Stream pipeline goes through, Russia could turn off the gas to countries like Ukraine and Poland while still sending gas to the more powerful Western nations. Europe is increasingly dependent on gas supplies from Russia. British and Norwegian North Sea oil and gas fields are aging rapidly.

If this next phase of the Nord Stream pipeline goes through, it will give Russia the ability to turn off the gas to countries like Ukraine and Poland while still sending the more powerful Western nations all the gas they need.

Think of the huge leverage this will give Russia. Nord Stream is part of Russian President Vladimir Putin's strategy to regain control of Eastern Europe and rebuild the Soviet Empire. *Comply or*

freeze.

Eastern European nations see this weakness and are sure to oppose the new pipeline. Eastern Europe opposed the construction of the first Nord Stream pipeline, but Germany and Russia pushed it through anyway—even though its construction dramatically increased the odds of Russian aggression.

The Nord Stream pipeline radically increases German power too! Germany may not have much in the way of natural resources of its own, but with Russia's help, it is becoming an energy hub of Europe! Like Russia, Germany will soon be able to push a button and shut down gas supplies to downstream nations.

German energy firms dominate much of Europe's energy supply networks and utilities. Germany too will soon be able to send ultimatums: *Comply or freeze.*

Don't let the current conflict in Ukraine cloud what is happening. Germany and Russia have a history of secret cooperation—even when headline conflict appears to indicate otherwise. That Germany and Russia would push through such a deal when the West is supposedly sanctioning Russia for its actions in Ukraine speaks volumes.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry warned that a German-Russian pact had already been made back in 2008. It was an

incredibly prophetic article. He wrote, “The presence of a deal between these two nations is not a sign of peace. Like the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact, and so many others before it, it is a sign of exactly the opposite. Both of these nations are looking to secure their shared border—so they can pursue their imperialistic aims elsewhere! IT IS A PRECURSOR TO WAR! That is the way they operate!”

With the first phase of the Nord Stream pipeline complete, Russia already has great power over Ukraine and other Eastern European nations. But if the proposed expansion takes place—all of Ukraine and other Eastern European nations could be doomed

to return to the Russian fold.

Germany may support Ukraine with words, but watch its actions.

Watch as Russia rebuilds its Eastern European empire. And listen as those nations who don't want to fall under Russia's control clamor to Germany for protection. War drums are beating.

The whole world should see this developing and realize that it can only end in war. That is what history says. Read Gerald Flurry's 2008 article “[Russia's Attack Signals Dangerous New Era](#)” for a powerful preview of the near future.

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Pope Asks Forgiveness for Catholic Persecution of Waldensians

Jeremiah Jacques | June 23

POPE FRANCIS VISITED TURIN, ITALY, ON MONDAY WHERE HE asked forgiveness for the Catholic Church's persecution of the Waldensians during the Middle Ages.

The Waldensian church was founded in the 12th century by Peter Waldo, a wealthy merchant from Lyon, France. The Waldenses recognized that they were the true successors of the apostolic Church. They obeyed the laws of both the Old and New Testaments, including weekly Saturday Sabbath observance and the Bible-ordained holy days.

Catholic Church officials condemned these practices because they contradicted the Vatican's doctrines.

In 1184, Pope Lucius labeled the Waldensians as heretics. Within a few years, the persecution intensified, with a command issued that all Waldensians in certain areas be burned at the stake. Around that time, many Waldensians fled to the area near Turin.

In 1208, Pope Innocent III declared the Albigensian Crusade—an attack not only against the Waldensians, but also against the civil rulers who protected them. Many Waldensians were killed and displaced by the Crusade.

At present, there are some 45,000 people around the world who claim to be “Waldensian”—mostly in Italy, Argentina and Uruguay. But it is worth noting that these modern groups do not adhere to the doctrines that differentiated the Waldensians of the Middle Ages from Catholics. The teachings of modern “Waldensians” are in line with those of mainstream Protestants.

Pope Francis's plea for forgiveness marks a rare acknowledgement by the Vatican of one of the Catholic Church's dark chapters.

To understand the astonishing historic significance of the Waldensians, and to learn why the Catholic Crusaders were unable to stamp them out, read *The True History of God's True Church*.

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Pope Asks: 'Why Didn't Allied Powers Bomb Railroads to Auschwitz?'

Jeremiah Jacques | June 26

DURING HIS TRIP TO ITALY, ON SUNDAY, POPE FRANCIS ASKED A group of young people this question: “The great powers [in World War II] had photographs of the railway routes that the trains took to the concentration camps, like Auschwitz, to kill the Jews Tell me, why didn't they bomb those railroad routes?”

This implies that the Allies knowingly, perhaps unfeelingly allowed Nazi slaughterhouses to operate at full steam when they could have easily stopped it.

On the surface, this might sound like the harmless musings of an ill-informed armchair general. But, not only is it oblivious to key facts of history, it also represents a dark hypocrisy.

Historians agree on some key reasons why the Allied powers didn't bomb the railroad routes leading to Auschwitz. First, Allied powers didn't recognize the extent of atrocities happening in the

camps. They knew of the camps, but the prevailing view—until the latter chapters of the war—was that the purpose of them was for slave labor and hostages. Second, during World War II, bombing to destroy individual rail lines was not a practical goal. Third, German forces were generally able to repair bombed rails in days or even hours. And fourth, when Allied command did learn the true nature of the death camps, it understood that the innovative Nazis could easily change their locations and methods of extermination.

The Allies recognized that the only sure way to end the madness was to totally defeat the Nazi war machine. They were perfect neither in military strategy nor in morality, but the Allies fought against the evil that was fueling the Holocaust. They sacrificed millions of soldiers' lives to bring an end to that evil.

What about the Vatican? Did the Vatican throw its great weight

behind trying to halt that evil, or was it complicit in it?

If Pope Francis were truly interested in exposing the skeletons in World War II's closet, he would be asking a different set of questions, such as these:

Why did the cardinal who later became Pope Pius XII negotiate the Reich Concordat with Adolf Hitler in 1933, which basically steamrolled all political opposition to the growing Nazi movement in Germany?

Why did the Vatican publicly bless the Third Reich and urge Catholics to pray that God would side with the Nazis and make Hitler victorious?

Why did Pius turn a blind eye to the Nazis' Jew-killing campaign?

The pope is eager to question the actions of others, but

apparently unwilling to judge the actions of his own church. As amazing as his selective memory is in this situation, it is not atypical for the Vatican. A willingness to overlook dark chapters of its history—and to sometimes try covering them up—is business as usual for the Roman Catholic Church.

As Pope Francis increasingly injects himself into modern politics, and as the Vatican becomes increasingly influential in current affairs, it is more vital than ever to understand the details of the Catholic Church's long history—and its future.

To gain that vital understanding, request our newest booklet, *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*. This booklet will be available in September, but you can pre-order your free copy today.

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Pope Francis Visits Sarajevo **Callum Wood | June 19**

THE POPE RECENTLY VISITED THE BOSNIAN CAPITAL OF SARAJEVO where he spoke about the country's past and present. Bringing a message of "peace and reconciliation," the pope met with senior government officials as well as with many of the religious leaders, and held a mass before thousands of supporters.

During his visit, the pope told his audience, "You have no right to forget your story."

But while the pope touched on the bloody past of Sarajevo, he didn't mention its origins. The crucial missing element was the fact that the Vatican had a large hand in bringing about the war. In 1991, Germany announced that it would build diplomatic relations with the breakaway states of Croatia and Slovenia. And right alongside Germany was the Vatican.

The eagerness of the Vatican was obvious. Both Balkan states were staunchly loyal to the Roman Catholic Church. This was despite the fact that Croatia had—in recent memory—been an active supporter of the Nazis in World War II!

Shockingly, Germany and the Vatican won. The United Nations, the United States and Europe all backed down and eventually supported the move. No sooner than Croatia broke away,

the rest of Yugoslavia collapsed into civil war and blood ran on the streets of Sarajevo.

Of the over 38,800 civilian casualties of the Bosnian war, most were Bosnian Muslims or "Bosniaks." But in the end, Germany and the Vatican had their way. Yugoslavia was gone. The breakaway of Croatia gave Germany dominance over the region—ensuring the protection and independence of the stoutly Catholic states.

Following Kosovo, UN missions were handed to Europe. Bosnia and Herzegovina are attempting to join the EU today. Even now, the EU elects somebody to the position of the high representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina. This person has power to impose legislation and dismiss elected officials and civil servants if he—and the German-led EU—decides to. This means the EU has more power and control over the nation than its elected leaders do.

If you haven't already, request our free booklet *Germany's Conquest of the Balkans*. It will explain to you why Germany has targeted the region. It will show you why the Vatican and Germany were able to gain unprecedented control over the Balkans. And most importantly, it will explain how this ties to Bible prophecy and coming world events.

Vatican Signs Treaty With 'State of Palestine' **Associated Press | June 26**

THE VATICAN SIGNED A TREATY WITH THE "STATE OF PALESTINE" on Friday, saying it hoped its legal recognition of the state would help stimulate peace with Israel and that the treaty itself would serve as a model for other Mideast countries.

Vatican Foreign Minister Paul Gallagher and his Palestinian counterpart, Riad al-Malki, signed the treaty at a ceremony inside the Vatican.

Israel expressed disappointment when the Vatican announced last month that it had reached final agreement with the "State of Palestine" on the treaty regulating the life of the Catholic Church in the Palestinian territories.

It repeated that regret in a Foreign Ministry statement Friday,

saying the move hurt peace prospects and would discourage the Palestinians from returning to direct negotiations. It warned that it would study the agreement "and its implications for future cooperation between Israel and the Vatican."

Gallagher, though, said he hoped the Vatican's recognition "may in some way be a stimulus to bringing a definitive end to the long-standing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which continues to cause suffering for both parties."

He said that he hoped the treaty could serve as a model for the church in other Mideast countries, where Christians are a minority and often persecuted.

Germany: Comfortable Again as Europe's Great Power

Stephen Green, Telegraph | June 23

[G]ERMAN REUNIFICATION WENT TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER huge change—European enlargement. So Germany finds itself at the geographic and economic center—and therefore increasingly the political center too—of the new Europe. No longer do all roads lead to Paris, but to Berlin. The new—and still distinctly reluctant—German leadership has been in evidence throughout the travails of the eurozone. Germans may resent the role of paymaster: but the commitment to European integration is existential for the postwar Germany. That same leadership has also been deftly exercised by Chancellor Merkel in dealing with the Russian leadership over Ukraine.

Does this mean Germany is becoming “normal”? The best answer is: not entirely—yet. Germany’s continuing neuralgia about military power ... shows up generally in its low-key role in NATO, in its low spending on defense, and in the humdrum status of the Bundeswehr by contrast to its British or French opposite numbers

And yet this is a country that is becoming more comfortable in its own skin. The sheer passage of time is one reason: No one under the age of about 80 has any meaningful memory of the Nazi nightmare. Football has been a great renewer too: The 2006 World Cup sealed Berlin’s reputation as one of the world’s liveliest, most cosmopolitan cities. And victory last year in Brazil was almost embarrassingly good: Germany is once again Weltmeister—world champion. British fans no longer routinely whistle

The Dambusters theme at them: even we are moving on.

And so the Queen’s visit this week is, as much as anything, a reminder to the British: Germany is a fundamentally changed country, and we need to rediscover it. Not only is this remarkable country a treasure trove of natural beauty and cultural splendors; but as the reluctant leader of Europe, it is a strategically vital partner for us.

In so many major areas of policy, what the Germans think and do matters to us critically: in foreign policy (whether it is in dealing with Russia or with the challenges and threats arising from instability in Europe’s southern neighborhood); or in economic and in industrial policy (we have so much to learn, for example, from the country with perhaps the finest apprenticeship system in the world). As for our own ambition to achieve reform of the EU and put to rest the question of British membership—in this, too, the role of Germany will of course be crucial.

So it is imperative that we get to know Germany better. Not only are our history and our cultures deeply interwoven, but we have vital shared interests, and the future of Europe matters to us all.

“In Ezekiel 23:12, God condemns Israel—primarily America and Britain—for doting on the Assyrians, or Germans. ... God condemns Israel for making the Germans our lovers and not trusting Him.”

Germany’s Conquest of the Balkans

Top MP: We Need Fully Equipped Army

Local | June 22

PARLIAMENT’S MILITARY COMMISSIONER HANS-PETER BARTELS said on Monday that it is time for Germany to finally begin spending enough on its armed forces. ...

He noted that German troops had recently taken part in the first exercises in Poland by a new NATO rapid-reaction force created in response to Russian interference in Ukraine.

But “the equipment [for that exercise] had to be scraped together from across the whole army.” ...

That’s because years of low spending by politicians forced the Bundeswehr to create a “dynamic availability management system”—where only 70 percent of the equipment that would be

needed for the whole army is in circulation at any one time.

In recent months, this has created embarrassing situations like soldiers using broomsticks as machine guns during NATO exercises. ...

[Bartels said,] “We need to comprehensively build up our ability to take part in collective defense in Europe ... for that we need to be completely equipped.”

That will be a costly project, as the army is short on both huge, costly machines such as Leopard 2 battle tanks and on individual soldiers’ gear such as night-vision goggles. ...

Germans Say U.S. Doesn’t Respect Freedom: Poll

Local | June 24

MORE THAN HALF OF GERMANS (53 PERCENT) SAID THEY DID NOT believe the United States government respects the personal freedoms of its people, according to a Pew Research Center report published on Tuesday. ...

The poll also showed that 45 percent of Germans polled had negative views of the U.S., compared to 50 percent who had positive views.

This was the most pessimistic outlook expressed by any of the Western European countries surveyed. ...

“America’s image has become more negative in Germany over the last few years,” [the report stated]. German support for the United States has plummeted over the 15 years since 2000, when nearly 80 percent of respondents in Germany said they felt favorable towards the U.S. ...

“Most Americans don’t realize how violently our allies are condemning our foreign policy. They are too absorbed and distracted with sports, entertainment and domestic issues to be interested. But this is something everyone should be

concerned about. What makes the German-American split especially important is this: It is exactly what biblical prophecy told us would happen!”

Trumpet, October 2014

TW IN BRIEF

France and Saudi Arabia prepare nuclear deal: France will help Saudi Arabia build two nuclear reactors if feasibility studies prove successful. The two countries agreed to the studies yesterday as part of \$12 billion worth of deals signed by French President François Hollande and Saudi Deputy Crown Prince

Mohammed bin Salman. France’s hawkish stance in negotiations with Iran has won it new links and strong friendships with Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab states. The United Arab Emirates began work on the Gulf Arab region’s first nuclear power station in 2009 with the help of a consortium of South Korean countries.

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Putin’s Approval Ratings Hit 89 Percent, the Highest They’ve Ever Been

Washington Post | June 24

THINK RUSSIANS ARE TIRING OF CONFLICT WITH THE WEST? NOT according to President Vladimir Putin’s approval ratings, which hit all-time highs of 89 percent Wednesday.

Putin has been riding sky-high ever since the March 2014 annexation of Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula, which Russians embraced as a restoration of their place at the table of superpowers. Neither Western sanctions nor an economy in the doldrums nor NATO’s bolstering its presence along the borders have been able to dislodge Putin’s support ever since.

Some Western policymakers had hoped that a sanctions regime that includes tight restrictions on the Russian banking and energy industries would push Putin toward a different path. The conflict in eastern Ukraine, which is partially fueled by Russia, has indeed quieted, though not stopped, in recent months. But those who were planning for a collapse in Putin’s support might want to pin their aspirations elsewhere.

Putin’s ratings jumped from 65 percent in January 2014 to 80

percent two months later, and they’ve stayed in the 80s ever since, according to measurements from the Moscow-based Levada Center, the only independent polling organization in Russia. They’ve kept going up: In Putin’s 15 years in office, they’ve never been higher than June’s 89 percent. ...

“[T]he tough sanctions the United States and Europe imposed on Russia ... were designed to squeeze Russians, elite and otherwise, enough to bring about regime change. Putin’s response was to ban virtually all food imports from the U.S. and Europe. That move is hurting the West, but is also rattling some Russian markets and intensifying the discomfort of many Russians. All of this has some of Putin’s people questioning the direction he is leading them in. But despite these developments, the Trumpet believes Putin will probably remain in office—and even survive politically in the longer term.”

Trumpet, October 2014

Russia and China’s Moment: Exploiting America’s Weakness

National Interest | June 24

VLADIMIR PUTIN HAS RECENTLY MADE A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS about Russia’s military posture—from promising to match any U.S. deployment of equipment and personnel in Central-Eastern Europe to pledging major increases in Russia’s nuclear force. Should we treat his comments as mere posturing, or be concerned that we are on the verge of returning to Cold War-era conventional and nuclear arms races? And if the latter, isn’t that a particularly risky strategy for the Russian government? ...

While the United States considers deploying assets to Europe

to confront a resurgent Russia and to reassure jittery allies, it does so against the backdrop of concerted Chinese efforts to improve its strategic position in the South and East China Seas and a Middle East unsettled both by the rise of ISIS and the ramifications of Iran’s possible ability to preserve its nuclear achievements and end a global sanctions regime. NATO’s eastern members want a greater U.S. presence, but at the same time, Middle Eastern allies fret about possible abandonment. ... The recent “defection” of so many allies to flock to China’s banner when it

created its infrastructure bank for the new Silk Road was dramatic proof that if countries are unsure of Washington's commitment, they will start to make their own arrangements with Beijing. ...

During his long tenure in office, Putin has observed two things about the United States. Despite its overwhelming advantages in a global sense, the United States, because of its global responsibilities, cannot always bring them to bear in a given region. Putin has consistently exploited the gap between U.S. rhetoric and the realities of what Washington has been prepared to spend in the Eurasian space—because the United States could not spare the resources—to push back and at times successfully challenge American preferences. The second is that the United States can be distracted. Sending a few aircraft to patrol off of U.S. territory or a pair of ships into the Caribbean has been a relatively low-cost way of irritating the United States and raising concerns about American vulnerabilities in its own neighborhood. ...

Behind Putin, the Chinese cannot be displeased with how the situation is evolving. ...

The United States can continue to make cuts in the growth in defense spending. It can continue with its rebalance to Asia. It can reverse its withdrawals of personnel and equipment in Europe and the Middle East. It cannot do all of this. While the United States continues to debate its options, do not be surprised if Putin, Xi Jinping and others do not fail to take advantage of the situation.

“Line up Russia and China's aggressive and chaotic behavior with America's flaccid response and it can be proven America is stuck in childish decision paralysis. American leadership is being overwhelmed U.S. government decision paralysis telegraphs weakness. And weakness attracts attack. A cacophony of global chaos is set to explode in everyone's face.”

[theTrumpet.com, May 26, 2014](#)

Report: China Orders Civilian Ships Adapted for Military Use

Agence-France Presse | June 18

CHINA'S GOVERNMENT HAS PASSED NEW GUIDELINES REQUIRING civilian shipbuilders to ensure their vessels can be used by the military in the event of conflict, state-run media said on Thursday.

The regulations require five categories of vessels including container ships to be modified to “serve national defense needs,” the state-run *China Daily* newspaper said.

The regulations “will enable China to convert the considerable potential of its civilian fleet into military strength,” it said.

The report said that China had about 172,000 civilian ships at the end of last year, suggesting the measure could be a major boost to China's navy.

China's government will cover the costs of the plan, it added.

China has rapidly expanded its navy in recent years,

commissioning its first aircraft carrier in 2012 and adding to its submarine and surface fleets. ...

China said last month it will project its military power further beyond its borders at sea and more assertively in the air, defending the construction of artificial islands in the South China Sea which sparked concerns in Washington.

“The most significant and ominous changes in the Chinese military have occurred within the nation's navy and coast guard. ... It's clear that China is empowering its fleets like no nation on Earth, but why is that so critical? Because a nation builds up its navy when it is switching its foreign policy from defensive to offensive!”

[Trumpet, March-April 2005](#)

South Korea Stresses Future Over History in Ties With Japan

Yonhap News | June 22

PRESIDENT PARK GEUN-HYE SAID MONDAY THAT SOUTH KOREA and Japan should unload their “heavy burden of history” toward a future-oriented partnership for reconciliation and co-prosperity.

Seoul and Tokyo are in a standoff over a divergent interpretation of their shared history

“This year is an historic opportunity for the two countries to move toward a future,” Park said at a reception hosted by the Japanese Embassy in Seoul, citing the 50th anniversary of the normalization of their diplomatic relations. ...

In Tokyo, South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se also

read the message from Park at a reception hosted by the South Korean Embassy, which was attended by more than 1,000 dignitaries, including Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Abe, for his part, stressed the importance of partnerships between the regional powers.

“Let us join hands and create a new era of bilateral ties by looking ahead to the next 50 years,” Abe said at the reception, adding that he would like to make joint efforts with Park to create a new era.

He also said bilateral cooperation is very important to peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region. ...

'Russia Rehearsed Invasion of Sweden'
The Local | June 25



WE TALKED ABOUT THIS

SOME 33,000 RUSSIAN SOLDIERS REHEARSED A MILITARY TAKE-over of the Baltic Sea area on March 21 to 25, including practicing the seizure of Gotland off Sweden's east coast, Danish island Bornholm, Finland's Swedish-speaking Åland islands, and northern Norway, security expert Edward Lucas writes in a new report for U.S.-based Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA).

"If carried out successfully, control of those territories would

make it all but impossible for NATO allies to reinforce the Baltic states," his report, titled "The Coming Storm," claims.

The Swedish Armed Forces did not want to comment when approached by Sweden's largest news agency, TT, but the report caused concern in Sweden on Thursday, where a poll earlier this year showed nearly one in three think the country should join NATO—a shift in public opinion largely credited to a rising fear of a potentially aggressive Russia. ...

ANGLO-AMERICA



Daniel and the Hidden Gospel

Gerald Flurry,

The Key of David | June 26



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'It's Time to Hold Physical Cash,' Says One of Britain's Most Senior Fund Managers

Telegraph | June 20

THE MANAGER OF ONE OF BRITAIN'S BIGGEST BOND FUNDS HAS urged investors to keep cash under the mattress.

Ian Spreadbury, who invests more than £4 billion (US\$6.3 billion) of investors' money across a handful of bond funds for Fidelity, including the flagship Moneybuilder Income fund, is concerned that a "systemic event" could rock markets, possibly similar in magnitude to the financial crisis of 2008, which began in Britain with a run on Northern Rock.

"Systemic risk is in the system and as an investor you have to be aware of that," he told *Telegraph Money*.

The best strategy to deal with this, he said, was for investors to spread their money widely into different assets, including gold and silver, as well as cash in savings accounts. But he went further, suggesting it was wise to hold some "physical cash," an unusual suggestion from a mainstream fund manager. ...

The Christian Example of Charleston

Washington Times | June 22

THIS IS STARTLING, PERHAPS EVEN DISAPPOINTING TO THOSE who cultivate their piety by passing judgment on their neighbors, but forgiveness, goodwill and generosity have been abundantly evident in the days since the insane shootings that took the lives of nine Charlestonians at the Emanuel African Methodist

Episcopal Church in Charleston.

The shooter, mentally ill or driven by hatred, was white and his victims were black, but the city did not erupt into riot and the usual senseless mayhem encouraged by agitators from beyond the city.

The police caught the suspect quickly, and members of the families of several of the dead called on God, in the true spirit of their Christian faith, to forgive the guilty. There was no call to avenge by fire and blood. Over the weekend a hundred thousand black, white, Hispanic and Asian Charleston residents joined hands to unite in the wake of human tragedy.

Nothing comparable happened in Ferguson, Missouri or Baltimore, Maryland, and that says a lot to the rest of us. Those who would exploit tragedy found no willing conspirators in Charleston. The claims of those who blamed the legacy of a war that took

place a century and a half ago, or in accusations of racism thrown about so recklessly, found willing ears in Ferguson and Baltimore, but not in Charleston. ...

Those tempted to exploit tragedy to further divide us by race or class should remember what happened, not when Dylann Roof opened fire on innocents studying the lessons of the Bible, but in the days following. The people of Charleston gave us all an eloquent lesson in Christian forgiveness, evidence that the people of Charleston, both black and white, are perhaps better people than many of us.

Estimated 96 Percent of Border Surge Illegals Remain in U.S.

Breitbart | June 25

AN ESTIMATED 96 PERCENT OF THE CENTRAL AMERICANS APPREHENDED illegally entering the U.S. since last summer remain in the U.S., according to data from the Justice Department's Executive Office of Immigration Review.

The data shows that more than 77,000 illegal immigrant adults and minors were apprehended and served Notices to Appear between July 18, 2014 and May 26, 2015. Just over 3,000 appeared before a judge and were ordered removed.

Nearly 96 percent of cases either received judicial or administrative amnesty, were ordered removed "in absentia" (wherein they did not appear for the proceedings), or the case has not been decided yet. About 900 were listed as voluntary departures, the status of their departures is, however, unclear.

According to background on the document provided by the

office of Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL), even the more than 3,000 illegal immigrant adults and minors ordered removed before a judge could still remain in the U.S. as many are not in custody either before or after their hearings. ...

Meanwhile, there remain approximately 900,000 immigrants still in the U.S. with final orders of deportation to their name, of those some 170,000 are convicted criminals. ...

The revelation that the vast majority of the illegal immigrants from Central America apprehended in the past year remain in the U.S. comes the same day the Obama administration announced a relaxation of family detention policies. ...

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UK Bans Teaching of Creationism in Any School That Receives Public Funding

Raw Story | June 20

ON THURSDAY, THE UNITED KINGDOM EXPANDED ITS BAN ON THE teaching of creationism from all state schools, to all state schools as well as semi-private Free Schools and Academies.

The decision effectively means that no school in the United Kingdom can teach creationism or any other "anti-scientific" dogma without losing the entirety of its funding, as they would

be violating "the requirement on every academy and free school to provide a broad and balanced curriculum."

According to a press release from the British Humanist Association (BHA), the new rules "explicitly require that pupils are taught about the theory of evolution, and prevent academy trusts from teaching 'creationism' as scientific fact." ...

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President Obama: Families of hostage can pay ransoms: President Obama announced today that the U.S. will no longer prosecute or prevent citizens from paying ransoms for hostages held overseas. He did say, however, that the government would still continue to refuse to pay ransoms. The decision came after a multi-month investigation into the U.S. hostage policy. Ransoms from hostages is a major source of revenue for terrorist organizations such as al Qaeda and the Islamic State. A July 2014 *New York Times* investigation claimed that ransoms to al Qaeda and its

direct affiliates had amounted to \$125 million since 2008. More recently, al Qaeda has said that ransom money accounts for half its operating revenue. In one high-profile case, European governments paid \$9 million to ransom Mariasandra Mariani, an Italian woman captured in Algeria in 2011. The bulk of ransom payments come from European countries, which funnel millions of dollars to terrorist organizations. Up to now, the United States has been among very few nations who refuse to pay ransom money. President Obama's decision to allow Americans to pay ransoms will add a massive new source of funding for terrorist groups and critics worry it will lead to open season on Americans in the Middle East.