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A young Muslim woman speaks to a policewoman as migrants arriving on a train from Hungary transfer to a chartered commuter train at Munich's main railway station on September 5 in Germany.



## Europe's Immigration Crisis: A Clash of Civilizations

Richard Palmer | September 10

A NEW TREND IS EMERGING AMONG A SMALL NUMBER OF Germany's newly arrived Muslims—converting to Christianity. Hundreds of refugees from Iran and Afghanistan have been baptized in just one Berlin church. “Christian communities across Germany ... have also reported growing numbers of Iranians converting to Christendom,” writes the Associated Press. Why? The local pastor hopes they are genuinely touched by his church's message. But even he admits there is a more cynical motive.

In Iran and Afghanistan, a Muslim that has converted to Christianity could face imprisonment or even death. European human rights laws make it very hard to deport someone to a country where they face the death penalty or religious persecution. By

becoming Christian, these former Muslims are dramatically increasing their chances of staying in Germany.

When the Council of Europe drafted its human rights laws in the wake of World War II, no one planned the laws in order to persuade Muslims to convert. But religion is deeply embedded in Europe's migrant crisis.

Religion is crucial to understanding this crisis and it is crucial to understanding Europe's response to it. The crisis will widen the divide between the two cultures.

Of the roughly 330,000 immigrants who have arrived in Europe so far this year, around 110,000 are from Syria. Over 200,000 are from majority Muslim countries. A further 35,000 are from

Nigeria and Eritrea, which are split evenly between Christians and Muslims.

Although these figures are incomplete—the EU's border agency has only published details about the countries responsible for very large numbers of immigrants—they are sufficient to show that the majority are Muslim. This has many in Europe concerned.

"Those arriving have been raised in another religion and represent a radically different culture," said Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán.

"Europe and European identity [are] rooted in Christianity," he said. "Is it not worrying in itself that European Christianity is now barely able to keep Europe Christian? There is no alternative, and we have no option but to defend our borders."

Countries with an especially strong Christian ethos—usually Catholic or Orthodox—are demanding that they take in only Christian immigrants.

In addition to the governments that are willing to go on the record, a spokeswoman for an agency that highlights the persecution of Christians in the Middle East said, "There are quite a few EU countries which have, for years, unofficially given preference to asylum applicants of Christian origin," according to the *EU Observer*.

"A motif of cultural self-defense, of Europe as a Christian fortress justifiably barred to Muslim hordes, runs through" the rhetoric of many EU leaders, writes the *Financial Times*. "Syria's savage civil war has generated 4 million registered refugees in the Middle East and beyond. But a person following Europe's debate might wonder if the clock has reverted to 1529 and the armies of Suleiman the Magnificent, the Ottoman sultan, are at the gates of Vienna. ... These anxieties are found in southern, central and western Europe."

Many of Europe's major cities have huge Muslim minorities. Brussels, Marseille and Barcelona are all one-third Muslim. Even Paris is 10-15 percent Muslim.

There are already tensions. Suddenly adding hundreds of thousands—even millions—of new Muslims creates an explosive situation.

Then mix in Europe's unemployment crisis. As of July this year, Spain's unemployment rate was 22 percent. Youth unemployment is close to 50 percent. In Greece, youth unemployment is at about the same level; in Italy it is at 40 percent; Portugal, over 30 percent. How will these millions of unemployed respond when they see their government spend billions on Muslim immigrants and watch these immigrants take their jobs?

Now throw in another activity that goes hand in hand with

floods of Muslim migrants from the Middle East: terrorism.

Just last month, a Moroccan man who had traveled to fight in Syria tried to attack a high-speed train heading to Paris. How do you stop a madman buying a gun and getting on a train? It's next to impossible. The only way is to focus on something most of these attacks have in common—a similar religion and ethnic background.

"There is no way to distinguish those who might kill from those who won't," wrote George Friedman, CEO of United States intelligence agency Stratfor, earlier in the year. "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."

He continued: "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."

"It is difficult to imagine another outcome save for another round of ghettoization and deportation. ... Europe will increasingly and unintentionally move in this direction," he concludes.

The immigration crisis is already pushing Europe in this direction. As *Trumpet* columnist Brad Macdonald noted last week, that crisis is not going away any time soon. The next major terrorist attack will only add to the enormous pressures that are already building.

This crisis is going to change Europe's foreign policy. But more fundamentally, it is going to help transform the very culture of Europe—its modern identity as a liberal, secure, tolerant and generally easygoing continent.

This crisis is as big and transformative as Europe's economic crisis. The migrant crisis is the greatest challenge for Europe's culture and society since the fall of the Berlin Wall—and maybe since the end of World War II. It will transform that culture and society.

Religion will play a great part in the solution to that crisis. It's hard to foresee exactly how—just as it would have been hard to foresee Muslims turning Christian in order to incur the death penalty—but it is too deeply embedded in the crisis to not play a role.

The best way to get a sense of what comes next is to understand Europe's history, especially its Christian roots. We've just produced a brand new book on this subject. Order your free copy of *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*.

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## MIDDLE EAST

### How the Islamic State Has Helped the Middle East

**Al-Monitor | September 8**

**T**HE EXPANSION OF THE ISLAMIC STATE HAS CAUSED SERIOUS CONCERNS about the possibility of states in the Middle East collapsing. Yet a careful reading of the situation reveals that [the Islamic

State] is in fact gradually strengthening the state's role as the pivotal actor in regional politics. This is significant in three aspects.

First, powerhouses such as Iran, Turkey and Saudi Arabia are

gradually acknowledging the necessity of regional cooperation. Of crucial importance, their approach is mainly based on keeping current states and state institutions intact. This is particularly the case in crisis-hit Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.

To halt the spread of [the Islamic State], which seeks to establish a pan-Islamic caliphate that doesn't recognize current national borders as well as international norms and institutions, regional powers have been forced to adopt proactive policies to prevent the complete collapse of weaker states. The priority of Iranian, Saudi and Turkish policy toward Iraq and Syria is, thus, to avoid the collapse of the respective Iraqi and Syrian states. Needless to say, this objective is pursued with different aims and principles. ...

Second, in the domestic arena, there has been a change in the public view of the place of the state in establishing order and stability. ... Indeed, the situation is boosting popular support for current states and state institutions as the only option to battle

these kinds of threats. ...

Third, at the international level, and especially in the West, there is a gradual understanding that cooperating with regional countries and strengthening existing state institutions is the only way to battle [the Islamic State]. ... [I]t seems that the West is reaching the conclusion that a less costly way to battle [the Islamic State] is to enhance existing state institutions—whether traditional or modern—and encourage regional cooperation. ...

**“Psalm 83 discusses a multi-nation Middle Eastern confederation that will ally with Germany. This alliance has never happened in history. All of the Bible commentaries will tell you that. But it is happening now. It takes time to build a confederation like that, and it is now well underway.”**

Gerald Flurry, “How the Syrian Crisis Will End,” *Trumpet*, September 2012

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**‘Russia, Iran Sending Military Forces to Save Assad’s Regime’**  
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**A**N IRANIAN ISLAMIC [REVOLUTIONARY] GUARD CORPS (IRGC) force, comprised of hundreds of soldiers, has recently entered Syria to assist the embattled Assad regime, a senior security source said on Thursday.

Additionally, in a coordinated Iranian-Russian maneuver, Russian logistics military forces have begun arriving in the coastal region of Syria in recent days to begin setting up Russian fighter-jet and combat-helicopter strike assets.

Tehran dispatched its force “in light of Assad’s” ongoing distress, the source stated, adding that the deployment is part of a wider Russian-Iranian coordinated effort to prevent what remains of the Assad regime from collapsing. ...

The source described a meeting last month between Quds Force commander Qassem Suleimani and Russian President

Vladimir Putin in Moscow as an event preceding the Russian-Iranian military initiative to rescue Assad.

In recent days, Russian military forces have begun entering Syria to set up air strike capabilities aimed at protecting the Assad regime, the source confirmed. He described the Russian deployment as a “new development,” aimed at helping Assad retrieve areas that he has lost in the past year. Mounting territorial losses mean that the Syrian capital of Damascus is now under threat from ISIS, the source said.

“I can’t see the Russian presence as changing balance of power. It will apparently prolong the fighting. ISIS will never negotiate. Combat will continue in the coming year, along with the human tragedy in Syria,” he said. ...

## **Exclusive: Russian Troops Join Combat in Syria**

**Reuters | September 10**

**R**USSIAN FORCES HAVE BEGUN PARTICIPATING IN MILITARY OPERATIONS in Syria in support of government troops, three Lebanese sources familiar with the political and military situation there said on Wednesday.

The sources, speaking to Reuters on condition they not be identified, gave the most forthright account yet from the region of what the United States fears is a deepening Russian military role in Syria's civil war, though one of the Lebanese sources said the number of Russians involved so far was small.

U.S. officials said Russia sent two tank-landing ships and additional cargo aircraft to Syria in the past day or so and deployed a small number of naval infantry forces.

The U.S. officials, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said the intent of Russia's military moves in Syria was unclear. One suggested the focus may be on preparing an airfield near the port city of Latakia, a stronghold of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

U.S. officials have not ruled out the possibility that Russia may want to use the airfield for air combat missions.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry spoke to his Russian counterpart for the second time in four days to express concern over reports of Russian military activities in Syria, warning that it could fan more violence.

The White House said it was closely monitoring the situation.

Russia says the Syrian government must be incorporated into a shared global fight against Islamic State, the Islamist group that has taken over large parts of Syria and Iraq. The United States and Assad's regional foes see him as part of the problem.

"We would welcome constructive Russian contributions to the counter-ISIL effort, but we've been clear that it would be unconscionable for any party, including the Russians, to provide any support to the Assad regime," White House spokesman Eric Schultz said, using an acronym for Islamic State. ...

## **'Zionist Regime Will Cease to Exist in 25 Years,' Khamenei Vows**

**Jerusalem Post | September 9**

**I**SRAEL WILL CEASE TO EXIST WITHIN THREE DECADES, THE IRANIAN supreme leader vowed on his official Twitter handle on Wednesday. ...

"We negotiated with the U.S. on the nuclear issue for specific reasons. [The Americans] behaved well in the talks, but we didn't and we won't allow negotiation with the Americans on other issues," Ayatollah Khamenei was quoted as saying.

The remarks by Khamenei are a continuation of the regime's belligerent rhetoric in the weeks that followed the consummation of the [nuclear deal].

"After negotiations, in the Zionist regime they said they had no more concern about Iran for the next 25 years," Khamenei tweeted.

"Firstly, you will not see the next 25 years," he tweeted, addressing Israel. "God willing, there will be nothing of the Zionist regime by the next 25 years."

"Secondly, until then, struggling, heroic and jihadi morale will leave no moment of serenity for Zionists," Khamenei tweeted.

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## **Islamic State Running Prisons Inside Afghanistan**

**Voice of America | September 9**

**T**HE MILITANTS OF THE ISLAMIC STATE TERRORIST GROUP ARE running private prisons in three areas of Achin district of Afghanistan, the governor of that district has told VOA's Afghan service.

Achin is one of the several districts in the eastern Nangarhar province that saw fierce battles between [the Islamic State] and the local Taliban.

Achin Gov. Haji Ghalib Mujahid said the majority of people being held in the prisons were Afghan officials.

"They [the Islamic State] are holding 127 prisoners," he said.

"The prisoners include religious leaders, tribal elders. Most of the prisoners are members of the Afghan National Army, Afghan National Police and the Afghan local police." ...

Last month, a video showed several people being blown up with explosives by [the Islamic State] in the province. Also, local residents reported in August that at least 300 people remained in [Islamic State] captivity, and they urged the government to ensure their release.

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## **EU Vote to Label Israel Settlement Products Echoes Nazi Era**

**Times of Israel | September 11**

**P**RIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU ON THURSDAY SLAMMED a resolution passed by the European Parliament that advocated a distinction between Israel and its West Bank settlements, and the labeling of settlement produce.

The PM called the move "unjust," and intimated that it echoed decisions taken during the Nazi era.

"It is simply a distortion of justice and of logic and I think that it also hurts peace; it does not advance peace," he said in a



statement. “The root of the conflict is not the territories, and the root of the conflict is not the settlements. We have historical memory of what happened when Europe labeled Jewish products.”

Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely said Israel would not accept “discrimination” between goods produced in different parts of its territory.

“Labeling of products amounts to a boycott,” she said, hours after the European vote.

European lawmakers called earlier Thursday for the “differentiation between Israel and its activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,” and encouraged EU Foreign Policy Chief Federica

### **Afghanistan Not Alone in Anti-terror Fight: German Envoy** **Pajhwok Afghan News | September 9**

**T**HE GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO KABUL ON WEDNESDAY SAID HIS country would continue supporting Afghanistan in its counterterrorism campaign, the National Security Council (NSC) said.

The NSC in a statement said National Security Adviser Mohammed Hanif Atmar met German Ambassador Martin Jäger and discussed with him relations between the two countries, RECCA-VI and SOM conferences and the Afghan government’s new priorities in the antiterrorism war.

The successful conduct of the RECCA [Regional Economic Conference on Afghanistan] and SOM [Senior Officials Meeting] in Kabul showed the efficiency of Afghanistan’s foreign policy, the statement quoted Jäger as saying.

At the 100th anniversary of friendship between Afghanistan and Germany, Jäger had said his country considered Afghanistan as a close ally and supported Kabul’s new priorities in its antiterrorism policy.

“During his recent trip to Pakistan, Federal Minister for

Mogherini “to take the lead within the commission with a view to completing the work on EU-wide guidelines on the labeling of Israeli settlement produce.”

The resolution was passed by 525 votes to 70, with 31 abstentions.

“Under the guise of a technical procedure, it’s an attempt to force a diplomatic solution, instead of encouraging the Palestinians to return to negotiations,” a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said. “Europe treats Israel with sanctimonious hypocrisy, while it doesn’t raise the issue of similar solutions in Northern Cyprus and Western Sahara [she said].” ...

Foreign Affairs Frank-Walter Steinmeier conveyed a clear message that they support the priorities of the Afghan government in the antiterrorism struggle and Afghanistan is not alone in the fight,” the ambassador said. ...

“The new policy of the Afghan government against terrorism is based on nation- and region-wide security and removing challenges to the stability of the world,” [Atmar] said. ...

**“Look on the far side of Iran, and you see 4,400 German soldiers staying in its eastern neighbor, Afghanistan, EVEN WHILE AMERICAN TROOPS PULL OUT. Washington is eager to get out—but Berlin has something else in mind. ... Germany has surrounded Iran and radical Islam, just as God prophesied it would. Soon that whirlwind is going to start rotating and whirling against the king of the south like a well-armed—probably nuclear-armed—vortex!”**

Gerald Flurry, “The Whirlwind Prophecy,” *Trumpet*, July 2013

### **Clapper Concerned Islamic State Will ‘Infiltrate’ Syrian Refugees Fleeing to U.S., Europe** **Washington Free Beacon | September 10**

**D**IRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE JAMES CLAPPER expressed “huge concern” Wednesday that Islamic State militants might infiltrate crowds of Syrian refugees fleeing to the West and thereby enter Europe or the United States.

The *Washington Times* reported that Clapper pointed to [the Islamic State] gaining access to Western countries as an “obvious issue” with the thousands of Syrian war refugees flooding to Europe and the U.S. in order to escape the chaos in the Middle East. ...

“We don’t obviously put it past the likes of [the Islamic State] to infiltrate operatives among these refugees.”

He deemed the possibility a “huge concern” among officials in the intelligence community as Western countries endure increasing pressure to accept Syrian refugees amid the Syrian civil war.

The United States has allowed in under 2,000 Syrian refugees. While Clapper on Wednesday lauded the “pretty aggressive” means by which U.S. authorities screen refugees attempting to enter the country, he added that he does not have as much faith in the systems set up by European nations.

Approximately 4.1 million refugees are fleeing from Syria to avoid the conflict in the country. ...

The *Washington Free Beacon* reported Thursday that al Qaeda, which has suggested cooperation with the Islamic State, is dispersing training manuals calling for “[lone] wolf” attacks on America ahead of the 9/11 anniversary.

**“Europe will not seek to demonstrate its solidarity with the Muslim community. It won’t single out specific terrorists or set its sights on a single dictator within one country. It won’t be squeamish about civilian casualties. It won’t strive to win hearts and minds. Europe will come in a storm of fury! And it certainly won’t remove its shoes in the process. It will ‘overflow’—meaning inundate, cleanse, drown, conquer. Whole countries will be ‘overthrown’! This is how the war on radical Islamic terrorism will end.”**

“The Ostrich, the Warriors and the Whirlwind,” *Trumpet*, January 2006

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## Father of the Euro Fears EU Superstate by the Backdoor

Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, *Telegraph* | September 6

### WE TALKED ABOUT THIS



THE EURO'S FOUNDING FATHER HAS WARNED THAT EUROPE'S LATEST plan for an EMU-wide Finance Ministry is a dangerous attempt to smuggle through political union, and breaches the basic tenets of modern democracy.

Prof. Otmar Issing, the chief architect of monetary union through its early years, said it would be "dangerous" to transfer control over tax and spending to the EU federal level before full political union has been established first on democratic foundations.

Such a quantum leap in the constitutional structure of Europe—effectively the creation of an EU superstate, with a parliament comparable in power to the U.S. Congress—is unthinkable in the current political atmosphere.

It would require referenda across Europe, and a two-thirds majority in both houses of the German parliament. "The chances

of political union are close to zero," he said, speaking at the Ambrosetti forum of world policymakers on Lake Como.

If Europe were to jump the gun and force the pace of integration, this would lead to a rogue plenipotentiary with unbridled powers over sensitive issues of national life. "It is hard to see how it could be given democratic accountability," he said.

Professor Issing was making a clear allusion to the American Revolution and the events that led up to the English Civil War in the 1640s, two great struggles triggered by a monarchical assault on the parliamentary power of the purse. The early democracies of Europe were all rooted in legislative control over spending.

The proposals for an EMU Finance Ministry emerged in a paper by the heads of the Commission, Council, Parliament, Eurogroup and ECB in June, a document known as the "Five Presidents Report." ...

## Pope Francis Prepares for Most Political Trip Yet

Jean-Louis de la Vaissiere, *Agence-France Presse* | September 5

POPE FRANCIS IS GEARING UP FOR POTENTIALLY HIS MOST POLITICALLY charged trip yet, an eight-day whirlwind visit which will take him from Havana's Revolution Square in Cuba to the headquarters of the United Nations.

The Argentine, who will become the first pontiff to address a joint meeting of Congress in Washington, has taken advantage of a summer lull at the Vatican to fine-tune his hotly awaited speeches, sources at the [Vatican] say.

For his three-day visit to Cuba, beginning on September 19, Francis can expect a warm reception from the Castro regime following recognition of the key role he played in Havana's reconciliation with the United States this year.

But anticipation ahead of the U.S. leg of the trip, which will kick off in Washington on September 22, has already sparked conflicting reactions—as well as a boom in Francis-themed souvenirs and trinkets.

The welcome from some American politicians is expected to

be chilly. The 78-year-old's decision to visit Havana before Washington has not gone down well, particularly as Congress has yet to lift the embargo against Cuba.

His environmental encyclical and recent impassioned speeches in Latin America against the free-market system, blind capitalism and rabid exploitation by multinationals of natural resources, have seen him accused of Marxism. ...

His speech to Congress will be a historic moment, and the outspoken pope will likely make no bones about the superpower's responsibilities in leading the way on tackling pollution and embracing renewable energy.

The fifth visit by a pope to the UN, dubbed the "Glass Palace," will see the Argentine hold forth on the social and ecological themes most dear to him, particularly ills such as the "culture of waste" and "globalization of indifference." ...

He is also likely to call for renewed efforts toward securing peace in the Middle East and greater dialogue with Islam, as well

as insisting on the need to defend persecuted Christians around the world.

The fate of migrants, the plight of the poor and the scourge of human trafficking will likely be raised, and some conservatives fear he might weigh in on contentious political subjects, such as

the Iran nuclear deal.

The pope, a champion of the oppressed, is set to meet with America's downtrodden, from homeless people to immigrant families, and will visit Ground Zero, the site of the September 11 attack. ...

## **New Poll Finds Narrow Majority of UK Voters Would Vote to Leave the EU**

### **Open Europe | September 7**

**A** SURVATION POLL FOR THE *MAIL* ON SUNDAY, THE FIRST CONDUCTED under the new phrasing of the referendum question, found that 40 percent of respondents wanted the UK to remain a

member of the EU compared to 43 percent who wanted to leave, with 17 percent undecided. Excluding the undecided voters, 49 percent wanted to remain and 51 percent wanted to leave. ...

## **Growing Number of EU States Say They Prefer Non-Muslim Refugees**

### **Times of Israel | September 8**

**E**UROPEAN UNION MEMBER CYPRUS SAID MONDAY IT WAS WILLING to take in up to 300 Middle East refugees to help ease the crisis facing the EU, but preferred them to be Christians.

It thus joined a growing list of EU nations, which have expressed a preference for Christians, rather than Muslims, in their acceptance of asylum seekers.

"We have already stated that 260, a maximum of 300, people can be taken in" by the small eastern Mediterranean island, Interior Minister Socrates Hasikos told state radio.

"We would seek for them to be Orthodox Christians ... that's what we would prefer," he said, adding that this would allow them to "integrate better" with the island's predominantly Greek Cypriot population.

Hasikos later issued a statement clarifying that other EU members have also said they would prefer to take in Christians and that Cyprus has in the past rescued and received refugees "without discrimination on ethnicity or religion."

Those other EU members include Bulgaria, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Estonia and possibly Poland. All have claimed their policies are not discriminatory but rather an effort to maintain cultural cohesion. ...

Europe has been facing an unprecedented influx this summer of people seeking refuge, many of them from war-torn Syria, and the European Commission is to unveil Wednesday a proposal for mandatory EU quotas to relocate 120,000 refugees.

## **TW IN BRIEF**

**H**ungarian Army prepares to protect border: Hungary's military began exercises in preparation for guarding the southern border from an influx of migrants. The Army held exercises on Wednesday to prepare for their new role, although parliament is yet to approve the use of the Army in border control. If approved, soldiers will be sent to curb the amount of migrants entering Hungary. Thousands of migrants are arriving in Hungary every day as they try to make their way onward to wealthier EU nations like Germany or Sweden. Forty thousand more migrants are expected to arrive in Hungary next week. A new razor-wire fence is being built along the border in addition to the 110-mile long barrier that was recently completed.

**M**erkel hardens on migrants: German Chancellor Angela Merkel hardened her stance on immigrants on Monday, after being criticized for allowing too many into Germany. Nationals from Serbia and other Western Balkan countries will not be granted asylum she said. Social benefits for those facing

deportation will be cut. Immigrants from the Balkans, including Kosovo, Albania and Montenegro, will quickly be deported. Ms. Merkel has made headlines around the world for her generous welcome of Syrian refugees. However, in the first half of this year only a fifth of Germany's asylum seekers were from Syria—40 percent were from the Western Balkans. By being tougher with Balkan immigrants, Ms. Merkel hopes to forestall criticism from within her center-right party and its allies.

**F**rance in Syria: France will send reconnaissance flights over Syria beginning Tuesday to help plan airstrikes in the fight against the Islamic State. French President François Hollande, however, ruled out ground operations in Iraq and Syria during a wide-ranging news conference on Monday. Hollande said coping with the flow of refugees also requires addressing the problem of extremism and the reconnaissance flights will help inform airstrikes against the Islamic State. The United States is carrying out airstrikes in Syria and Iraq, but France had limited its planes to Iraqi airspace until now.

## Russia and China March Together and Eye a Common Adversary—the U.S.

Artyom Lukin | September 9

### WE TALKED ABOUT THIS



ON SEPTEMBER 3, CHINA MARKED THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF Japan's defeat in World War II with a grand parade on Tiananmen Square in Beijing. As expected, most world leaders chose to stay away so as not to confer international legitimacy on the commemorations that many in the West see as an overly propagandistic, nationalistic and anti-Japanese display of military force. ...

However, it was Vladimir Putin of Russia who was treated as the chief guest of honor at the Chinese celebrations. Throughout the commemoration proceedings Putin was to the right side of Chinese President Xi Jinping. This exactly mirrored the May 9 parade in Moscow marking the defeat of Nazi Germany a few months earlier. At that event, no Western leader showed up and Xi Jinping was the most prominent and honored guest. ...

Why should Russia and China celebrate the victory in the Second World War as if it has just ended? ...

The victory in World War II has always been seen in Russia as achieved primarily through the efforts and sacrifice of the Soviet Union, with the help of America and Great Britain. Russia's official discourse is now palpably changing, with China replacing the Western allies as the second-most important contributor to the outcome of the war: The Soviet Union made the decisive contribution to the defeat of the Nazi Germany in Europe, while China overcame imperial Japan in Asia. Xi Jinping's participation in the Victory Day celebrations in Moscow and Putin's return visit to

Beijing for the commemoration of the end of the war in Asia consolidate this new interpretation of history with the obvious aim of strengthening solidarity between the two countries in opposition to the West. ...

[T]he new edition of Sino-Russian alignment is unlikely to rupture anytime soon. Even though Russia and China have their share of disagreements and competing interests, they have no doubts about their main adversary—the United States. As long as Washington is seen by Moscow and Beijing as trying to contain them geopolitically and subvert their domestic political regimes, the entente between Russia and China will only grow stronger, a prospect that is of increasing concern to many strategic thinkers in the United States. ...

**"Russia's bullying of Ukraine and takeover of Crimea have ... the Western world deeply concerned. But what about China and India? These Asian powerhouses have made clear that they support Putin. ... When these Asia nations—extremely powerful nuclear-armed countries—begin to show solidarity with each other regarding moves like that, what does that portend for the world? I tell you it is woe to the world. It will cause many serious problems. And it is going to affect everyone."**

Gerald Flurry, "Asia Stands With Putin," *Trumpet*, May-June 2014

## The Surprising Resurgence of Russia as a Great Power

Jonathan Adelman | September 8

IN A WORLD FULL OF SURPRISES—THE RISE OF ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM, the weakness in the Chinese economy, the battles within the European Union, the making of the Iran deal, the slide in the American stock market—one of the greatest surprises of all has been the sudden rebirth of Russian power under Vladimir Putin.

This even as Russia has withdrawn from Eastern Europe, lost half its population, lacked in modern consumer, agricultural and high-tech sectors and suffered a 50 percent drop in the price of its main oil export. Russia's economy is smaller than that of England, France or Germany and has not moved towards Western democratic capitalism.

Too, Putin is repeatedly pilloried by Western leaders. President Obama, denigrating Russia as only a regional power, proclaimed that Putin resembled a bored kid slouching in the back of the classroom. ...

Yet Russia has reestablished itself as a great power courting

authoritarian and often corrupt regimes all over the world. Its reacquiring Crimea, Southern Ossetia, Abkhazia and part of Left Bank Ukraine in the last decade is secretly welcomed by conservative nationalist leaders with their own aspirations. With its strong military capabilities, Eurasian geographic location, capable leadership, conservative nationalism and resuscitation of old Cold War relationships, Russia has become a major player in the world.

Alone among the major global powers, Russia is on the offensive and willing to intervene to help its allies. The Europeans are no longer the great powers they were before World War II. ... The United States under President Obama is staging a semi-withdrawal from key areas of the world.

The Sunni Arab leaders of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt, Morocco, Kuwait, Qatar and the UAE are all going to Moscow this year. Saudi King Salman will even welcome Vladimir Putin to Riyadh! Retired Saudi Maj. Gen. Anwar Eshki said recently,



“Saudi Arabia needs Russia in the Middle East, not to destabilize countries but to be a friend.” ...

Syrian President Bashar Assad owes his survival to \$4-5 billion of Russian military aid as well as Iranian help. Russia played a key role in ensuring a lenient nuclear deal for Iran. Russia is the main weapons supplier to Iran and will build more nuclear power plants like Busheir.

In Latin America, Russia has good relations with Argentina and Brazil. ...

In Europe, Russia has allied itself with Viktor Orbán's Hungary. The Russian Union Party in Latvia last year won the

parliamentary elections, while in Romania pro-Russian sentiment has surfaced. Germany, with a large trade relationship with Russia and its past invasions of Russia, has been cautious in dealing with Putin beyond sanctions. The Greek leftist Syriza ruling party leans towards Russia. France, with a long history of friendly relations with Russia, seems to be thinking of ways to repair its relationship with Russia after canceling the Mistral warship deal.

In Asia, Russia has good relations with China, India and Japan. ...

Clearly, Putin is not that slouched bored kid in the back of the class but a smart, tough realist moving Russia towards great power status.

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## **Why Park Geun Hye Attended China's World War II Military Parade** **Lowy Interpreter | September 7**

**L**AST WEEK, SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT PARK GEUN HYE attended the military parade for China's 70th anniversary commemoration of the end of World War II. ...

Barack Obama, Shinzo Abe and elected figures from Asia and the EU all declined to go. Much like their conspicuous absence from the Moscow 70th anniversary spectacular in May, their avoidance again sought to prevent the appearance of validation of aggressive military power. Park too avoided the Moscow event but not this one.

[She attended because of] the geopolitical value of China—North Korea's last and only patron—to South Korea. ... Park is laying the groundwork for this long-term project. ...

Without China, North Korea would be exposed to crushing international criticism, sharp economic contraction, and isolation. Foreign banking would be nearly impossible, and long-standing sanctions would finally have teeth. Pyongyang elites would no longer have access to the mafia lifestyle that makes

the brutal farce of North Korea nonetheless worth it to them. ... Tighten the screws like this enough, with real costs for Pyongyang's court economy, and the DPRK's elites will eventually turn on each other. This is the likeliest route to North Korea's end. ...

South Korea's warming relations with China ... are almost certainly strategic; that is, they are aiming at a larger goal—reunification ....

**“As world events climax in a massive global conflict spurred by a political beast now forming in Europe ... the Bible predicts that an even greater, more fearsome force will unite to counter this European power. Identified in Revelation 16:12 as the ‘kings of the east,’ this Asian force, to include mighty nations like Russia, China, Japan and Korea, will rise up in a mighty nuclear battle against the European beast. Korea, ultimately, will be united in this effort.”**

*“One Korea Soon?” Trumpet, February 2003*

## **Russia and India Move Toward Common Scientific Research Domain** **Russia Beyond the Headlines | September 10**

**R**USSIAN-INDIAN COOPERATION IN THE SCIENTIFIC FIELD DATES back over decades, but particularly rapid development of relations in this sphere has happened over the last year. Important milestones were the signing of an agreement to establish the Russian-Indian Association of Universities, and an announcement by the Russian Science Foundation and the Indian Ministry

of Science and Technology to jointly sponsor an international team competition in the field of scientific research. During the eighth session of the Russian-Indian Working Group on Science and Technology, held on September 3 in Moscow, representatives from both countries examined ways to further develop their cooperation. ...

## **Russia Building a Doomsday Drone Submarine, Says Pentagon** **Russia Beyond the Headlines | September 10**

**R**USSIA IS BUILDING A DRONE SUBMARINE DESIGNED TO LAUNCH nuclear weapons against U.S. harbors and coastal cities, according to Pentagon officials, writes the *Washington Post*.

The warship may be used in the event of a nuclear conflict between Russia and the U.S. for attacking American harbors and strategic bases with submarines, writes the publication.

The Pentagon has code-named the drone “Kanyon,” an indication that the weapon is a structured Russian arms program.

“This is an unmanned sub that will have a high-speed and long-distance capability,” said one official, who noted that the drone development is years away from a prototype and testing.

According to the sources, the submarine is to be armed with a

nuclear warhead ranging in size to “tens” of megatons, one megaton alone having a destructive power dozens of times that of the

Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombs. ...

## ANGLO-AMERICA



### The Day of the Lord

Gerald Flurry,

The Key of David | September 11

What is the Day of the Lord, and how will it affect you? The books of Revelation, Joel and Zephaniah explain this prophecy—one of the most misunderstood in the Bible.



### The Iran Charade on Capitol Hill

Charles Krauthammer, Washington Post | September 10

CONGRESS IS FINALLY HAVING ITS SAY ON THE IRAN DEAL. IT WILL be an elaborate charade, however, because, having first gone to the United Nations, President Obama has largely drained congressional action of relevance. At the Security Council, he pushed through a resolution ratifying the deal, thus officially committing the United States as a nation to its implementation—in advance of any congressional action.

The resolution abolishes the entire legal framework, built over a decade, underlying the international sanctions against Iran. A few months from now, they will be gone.

The script is already written: The International Atomic Energy Agency, relying on Iran's self-inspection (!) of its most sensitive nuclear facility, will declare Iran in compliance. The agreement then goes into effect and Iran's nuclear program is officially deemed peaceful.

Sanctions are lifted. The mullahs receive \$100 billion of frozen assets as a signing bonus. Iran begins reaping the economic bonanza, tripling its oil exports, and welcoming a stampede of foreign companies back into the country.

It is all precooked. Last month, Britain's foreign secretary traveled to Tehran with an impressive delegation of British companies ready to deal. He was late, however. The Italian and French foreign ministers had already been there, accompanied by their own hungry businessmen and oil companies. Iran is back in business.

As a matter of constitutional decency, the president should have submitted the deal to Congress first. And submitted it as a treaty. Which it obviously is. No international agreement in a generation matches this one in strategic significance and geopolitical gravity.

Obama did not submit it as a treaty because he knew he could never get the constitutionally required votes for ratification. He's

not close to getting two thirds of the Senate. He's not close to getting a simple majority. No wonder: In the latest Pew Research Center poll, the American people oppose the deal by a staggering 28-point margin.

To get around the Constitution, Obama negotiated a swindle that requires him to garner a mere one third of one house of Congress. Indeed, on Thursday, with just 42 Senate supporters—remember, a treaty requires 67—the Democrats filibustered and prevented, at least for now, the Senate from voting on the deal at all. ...

This is a revolution in Iran's international standing, yet its consequences have been largely overlooked. The deal goes beyond merely leaving Iran's nuclear infrastructure intact. Because the deal legitimizes that nuclear program as peaceful (unless proven otherwise—don't hold your breath), it is entitled to international assistance. Hence the astonishing provision buried in Annex III, Section 10, committing Western experts to offering the Iranian program our nuclear expertise. Specifically “training courses and workshops.” On what? Among other things, on how to protect against “sabotage.”

Imagine: We are now to protect Iran against, say, the very Stuxnet virus, developed by the NSA and Israel's Unit 8200, that for years disrupted and delayed an Iranian bomb.

Secretary of State John Kerry has darkly warned Israel to not even think about a military strike on the nuclear facilities of a regime whose leader said just Wednesday that Israel will be wiped out within 25 years. The Israelis are now being told additionally—Annex III, Section 10—that if they attempt just a defensive, non-military cyberattack (a Stuxnet II), the West will help Iran foil it.

Ask those 42 senators if they even know about this provision. And how they can sign on to such a deal without shame and revulsion.

## Federal Reserve Rate Rise Would Cause Panic and Turmoil, Warns World Bank

Telegraph | September 9

### WE TALKED ABOUT THIS



THE FEDERAL RESERVE WILL CAUSE “PANIC AND TURMOIL” IF IT raises interest rates in the next few weeks, the World Bank’s chief economist has warned.

Kaushik Basu said emerging economies would be hit hardest if the U.S. central bank decided to raise rates from their record low of between 0 percent and 0.25 percent for the first time in nine years.

“I don’t think the Fed liftoff itself is going to create a major crisis, but it will cause some immediate turbulence,” Mr. Basu told the *Financial Times*. “It is the compounding effect of the last two weeks of bad news with [the China devaluation]....In the middle of this it is going to cause some panic and turmoil. The world economy is looking so troubled that if the U.S. goes in for a very quick move in the middle of this I feel it is going to affect countries quite badly.”

The Federal Reserve is expected to raise interest rates this month

A weaker-than-expected increase in jobs last month meant the Federal Reserve’s decision on whether to raise interest rates this month was too close to call, analysts said last week.

Markets now believe there is a 34 percent chance the Fed will

raise rates this month, up from 30 percent just before the data were released.

Jim O’Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, said consensus at the Fed to tighten monetary policy was not far away. ... “We expect they will be tightening very soon.”

Premature Fed rate hikes could threaten the world’s emerging markets, many of which have large amounts of dollar-denominated debts.

When former Fed chairman Ben Bernanke made moves towards ending the Fed’s QE purchases in 2013, the threat of a higher U.S. dollar caused turmoil in foreign exchange and debt markets.

**“Mr. Armstrong wrote in 1984 that a massive banking crisis in America ‘could suddenly result in triggering European nations to unite as a new world power, larger than either the Soviet Union or the U.S.’ ... The Bank for International Settlements, one of the world’s leading financial authorities, warned June 28 that when the next crisis strikes, central banks won’t be able to save the day again.”**

Gerald Flurry, “How the Global Financial Crisis Will Produce Europe’s 10 Kings,” *Trumpet*, October 2015

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## Report: 87 Percent Illegal Immigrant Families on Welfare, 72 Percent of Legal Immigrants on It

Washington Examiner | September 10

THE HELPING HAND OFFERED BY SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS IS being utilized by most legal and illegal immigrant families, the latest sign that many immigrants come to America for the taxpayer-funded benefits like Medicaid, subsidized food and cash, according to a new report based on Census data.

In analyzing new Census reports, the Center for Immigration Studies found that immigrant families with one or more children use welfare far more than “native” American families.

“Welfare use by illegal immigrant households is certainly a concern, but the bigger issue is welfare use by legal immigrants,” said Steven Camarota, the Center’s director of research and author of the report.

“Three-fourths of immigrant households using welfare are headed by legal immigrants. Legal immigration is supposed to benefit the country, yet so many legal immigrants are not able to support themselves or their children. This raises important questions about the selection criteria used for legal immigration,” said Camarota.

The report highlights the economics of immigration, especially illegal immigration, and comes as Syrian refugees are seeking to settle in European nations that provide rich welfare benefits.

The report also suggests that America is attracting poor and

uneducated immigrants.

“Low levels of education—not legal status—are the main reason immigrant welfare use is high,” said the Center’s preview of their report, released Thursday. ...

Other key findings pulled from the report:

Legal immigrant households account for three quarters of all immigrant households accessing one or more welfare programs.

Of legal immigrant households with children, 72 percent access one or more welfare programs, compared to 52 percent of native households.

Of households headed by immigrants in the country illegally, we estimate that 62 percent used one or more welfare programs in 2012, compared to 30 percent of native households.

Households headed by immigrants illegally in the country have higher use rates than native households overall and for food programs (57 percent vs. 22 percent) and Medicaid (51 percent vs. 23 percent). ...

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Education level plays a larger role in explaining welfare use than legal status. The most extensive use of welfare is by less-educated

immigrants who are in the country legally. Of households headed by legal immigrants without a high school diploma, 75 percent use one or more welfare programs, as do 64 percent of households headed by legal immigrants with only a high school education.

Restrictions on new legal immigrants' access to welfare have not prevented them from accessing programs at high rates

### **Exclusive: 50 Spies Say ISIS Intelligence Was Cooked** **Daily Beast | September 9**

**M**ORE THAN 50 INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS WORKING OUT OF THE U.S. military's Central Command have formally complained that their reports on ISIS and al Qaeda's branch in Syria were being inappropriately altered by senior officials, the Daily Beast has learned.

The complaints spurred the Pentagon's inspector general to open an investigation into the alleged manipulation of intelligence. The fact that so many people complained suggests there are deep-rooted, systemic problems in how the U.S. military command charged with the war against the self-proclaimed Islamic State assesses intelligence.

"The cancer was within the senior level of the intelligence command," one defense official said. ...

Two senior analysts at CENTCOM signed a written complaint sent to the Defense Department inspector general in July alleging that the reports, some of which were briefed to President Obama, portrayed the terror groups as weaker than the analysts believe they are. The reports were changed by CENTCOM higher-ups to

because restrictions often apply to only a modest share of immigrants at any one time. Some programs are not restricted, there are numerous exceptions and exemptions, and some provisions are entirely unenforced. Equally important, immigrants, including those illegally in the country, can receive welfare on behalf of their U.S.-born children.

adhere to the administration's public line that the U.S. is winning the battle against ISIS and al-Nusra, al Qaeda's branch in Syria, the analysts claim.

That complaint was supported by 50 other analysts, some of whom have complained about politicizing of intelligence reports for months. That's according to 11 individuals who are knowledgeable about the details of the report and who spoke to the Daily Beast on condition of anonymity. ...

Two of the officials who spoke to the Daily Beast said that analysts began airing their complaints in October in an effort to address the issue internally and only went to the inspector general when that effort failed. Some of those who complained were urged to retire, one official familiar with the report told the Daily Beast. Some agreed to leave.

In recent months, members of the Obama administration have sought to paint the fight against [the Islamic State] in rosy hues—despite the terror army's seizure of major cities like Mosul and Fallujah. ...

### **Clapper: U.S. Must Prepare for 'A Large, Armageddon-Scale' Cyberattack** **Washington Free Beacon | September 10**

**D**IRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE JAMES CLAPPER SAID THE U.S. must be prepared for a "large, Armageddon-scale" cyber-attack during remarks Thursday at an annual conference of U.S. intelligence community members, but he said that was not likely.

"Cyberthreats to U.S. national and economic security are increasing in frequency, scale, sophistication and the severity of impact," Clapper said. "Although we must be prepared for a large, Armageddon-scale strike that would debilitate the entire U.S. infrastructure, it's not our belief that that's the most likely scenario. Rather, our primary concern is the low- to moderate-level cyberattacks from a variety of sources, which will continue and probably expand. This imposes increasing costs, as you indicate, to our businesses, to U.S. economic competitiveness and to national security."

A report out Thursday showed the Department of Energy was hacked more than 150 times between 2010 and 2014, making it the latest government agency to be victimized by cyberattacks. A data theft from the Office of Personnel Management reported this year affected more than 21 million people. ...

**"America is the greatest superpower this world has ever known. But we have a very vulnerable point in our military—our own Achilles' heel. It is so dangerous that I am amazed it hasn't received more publicity. ... [As Joseph de Courcy said], 'Computer dependence is the Western world's ACHILLES' HEEL, AND WITHIN A FEW YEARS THIS WEAKNESS COULD BE TESTED TO THE FULL.'" Gerald Flurry, "America's Achilles' Heel," *Trumpet*, July 1999**

## **TW IN BRIEF**

**F**ederal Reserve says best way to fix economy is add more debt: A top U.S. Federal Reserve official said on Tuesday that the best way to keep the economy stable is to add more government debt. The president of the Minneapolis Fed said bond-market data suggests that the ideal inflation-adjusted rates of interest in the U.S. economy have fallen in recent decades. Translation: Interest rates are near zero and the Federal Reserve may not be

able to cut them when the next crisis arrives. The government, he says, can mitigate this risk by choosing to borrow greater amounts of money to stimulate the economy. This would give the Federal Reserve more room to return interest rates to normal. The Federal Reserve appears to think we need more debt just to keep the economy stable. Like heroine is to a junkie, so is debt to the U.S. economy.