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Palestinian university students in Gaza City attend a rally on October 15 to express their solidarity with Palestinians clashing with Israeli security forces in the West Bank and Jerusalem.

How the Jerusalem Awakening Is Prophesied to End

Stephen Flurry | October 16

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS



STEPHEN FLURRY

OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS, SEVEN Israelis have been murdered and many more have been injured in at least 26 terrorist attacks in Israel. In one particularly grueling attack captured by surveillance video on Tuesday, a Palestinian man rammed his car into Israelis waiting

at a bus stop in Jerusalem. He then emerged from the wreckage brandishing a meat cleaver and started hacking at pedestrians.

American Response

The United States Department of State immediately responded to this and several other prior terrorist attacks on Israeli citizens by evenly distributing the blame between Palestinians and Israelis.

“We remain deeply concerned about escalating tensions and urge all sides to take affirmative steps to restore calm and prevent actions that would further escalate tensions,” a press statement from the department’s website said. In other words, the Palestinians must tone down the violence, and so must the Jews—the victims!

Associated Press’s Matt Lee quizzed State Department spokesman Mark Toner about what the department means by calling on both the Palestinians and the Israelis to deescalate the crisis in Israel. “Does the [Obama] administration believe that Israel is inciting or not condemning violence?” he asked.

Toner responded saying, “[W]hat we’ve been very clear about saying is that we want to see both sides take affirmative steps, affirmative actions that reduce tensions in the region.” He then mentioned the horrific attacks against Israelis but added, “[W]e’ve seen also attacks on Palestinians, [investigations for which] remain ongoing.”

The attacks Toner referenced occurred “three or four weeks ago.” They supposedly legitimized a Palestinian “Day of Rage”—a day of killing Jews. Yet despite the facts on the ground, the United States kicked off another round of its moral equivalence game, with plenty of blame to pass around.

Matt Lee then asked what it was the United States expected from the Israelis to reduce the violence in Israel. Mark Toner said the Israelis should “[uphold] the status quo in Haram al-Sharif and [the] Temple Mount.” The problem with that statement is that it’s based on the lie that Arab propagandists have frequently repeated: “Dirty” Jews are secretly plotting to blow up mosques and desecrate Muslim holy sites.

Chief among those Arab propagandists is Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas himself. In a September 16 speech on Palestinian TV, Abbas said, “[W]e bless every drop of blood spilled for Jerusalem. With the help of Allah, every shaheed [martyr] will be in heaven. ... Al-Aqsa is ours and so is the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. [Jews] have no right to desecrate them with their filthy feet. We will not allow them to, and we will do everything in our power to protect Jerusalem.”

Israel has consistently upheld a decades-old policy of protecting and preserving all holy sites in Israel—whether they’re Jewish, Christian or Muslim. Contrary to insinuations by the State Department (not to mention Palestinian terrorists), Israel has upheld that status quo since 1967, when it took control of East Jerusalem and the Temple Mount.

State Department head John Kerry similarly attributed the violence in Jerusalem to Israeli policies. At a forum on Tuesday at Harvard, Secretary Kerry said, “[U]nless we get going, a two-state solution could conceivably be stolen from everybody.” He added that “there’s been a massive increase in settlements over the course of the last years. Now you have this violence because there’s a frustration that is growing”

Kerry would have you believe that Palestinians are declaring a “Day of Rage” and stabbing Jews because they are just frustrated; they merely want a two-state solution and to make peace with Israel.

But terror does not come because of frustration over the peace process, as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said this

week. “Terror comes from the desire to annihilate us.”

The Palestinians themselves have called this uprising the “*hibat al-Quds*”—or the “Jerusalem awakening.” The terror is coming as a response to a false conspiracy about a Jewish takeover of Muslim holy sites. At its core, it’s a religious war!

Commentary’s Jonathan Tobin wrote, “While the narrative about this latest outbreak of violence from critics of Israel is that it is all about the sins of the ‘occupation’ and Israel denying hope to the Palestinians, what we are hearing from them is a very different story. Read any of the accounts of the motivations of the people going into the streets to stab random Jews they encounter or the mobs in the West Bank who are seeking to set off confrontations with Israeli troops, and you don’t hear much about frustration about the peace process. ... What you do see are accounts of Muslim religious fervor that is drenched in the fever of martyrdom and faith-based hate.”

Jewish Response

In a *Times of Israel* article on Wednesday titled “If I Forget Thee East Jerusalem, Let My Writing Hand Wither,” Joshua Davidovich noted that news coverage in Israel has now shifted its primary focus from the terrorist attacks themselves to the government’s response, “which includes an army deployment to Jerusalem—nearly unheard of in the annals of the state—and a similarly drastic move of setting up checkpoints in East Jerusalem neighborhoods and possibly closing them off altogether.”

Yedioth Ahronoth’s headline said, “Jerusalem: Soldiers to Guard Buses.” *Israel Hayom* said, “Army to enter cities.” *Haaretz*’s main headline said the Israeli “Cabinet Is Considering Cutting Off East Jerusalem.”

These are the early stages of the division of Jerusalem—the once united capital of Israel.

Another *Israel Hayom* article said, “As terrorism mounts, Israelis take security into their own hands.” It noted a sharp increase in Israeli civilians purchasing pepper sprays, stun guns and clubs to protect themselves. Jewish citizens are enrolling in classes where they can learn to fight like the Israeli military.

According to Israel’s Central Bureau of Statistics, there is now a shortage of private security guards because of increased demand. And those guards are now officially approved by the Economy Ministry to work overtime.

This is leading to the fulfilment of a critical prophecy in *Zechariah* 14:1-2: “Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.”

We have been preparing you for this prophesied development for years. When there were flare-ups between Israel and Hezbollah in the north, and then between Gaza and Israel in the south, my father explained that the West Bank would be next, and then finally, Jerusalem.

Read more about this prophecy and about the future of Jerusalem in our free booklet [*Jerusalem in Prophecy*](#).

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Palestine: The Psychotic Stage

Bret Stephens, Wall Street Journal | October 12

IF YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THE NEWS FROM ISRAEL, YOU MIGHT have the impression that "violence" is killing a lot of people. As in this headline: "Palestinian Killed as Violence Continues." Or this first paragraph: "Violence and bloodshed radiating outward from flash points in Jerusalem and the West Bank appear to be shifting gears and expanding, with Gaza increasingly drawn in."

Read further, and you might also get a sense of who, according to Western media, is perpetrating "violence." As in: "Two Palestinian Teenagers Shot by Israeli Police," according to one headline. Or: "Israeli Retaliatory Strike in Gaza Kills Woman and Child, Palestinians Say," according to another.

Such was the media's way of describing two weeks of Palestinian assaults that began when Hamas killed a Jewish couple as they were driving with their four children in the northern West Bank. Two days later, a Palestinian teenager stabbed two Israelis to death in Jerusalem's Old City, and also slashed a woman and a 2-year-old boy. Hours later, another knife-wielding Palestinian was shot and killed by Israeli police after he slashed a 15-year-old Israeli boy in the chest and back. ...

Regarding the causes of this Palestinian blood fetish, Western news organizations have resorted to familiar tropes. Palestinians have despaired at the results of the peace process—never mind that Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas just declared the Oslo Accords null and void. Israeli politicians want to allow Jews

to pray atop the Temple Mount—never mind that Benjamin Netanyahu denies it and has barred Israeli politicians from visiting the site. There's always the hoary "cycle of violence" formula that holds nobody and everybody accountable at one and the same time.

Left out of most of these stories is some sense of what Palestinian leaders have to say. As in these nuggets from a speech Mr. Abbas gave last month: "Al Aqsa Mosque is ours. They [Jews] have no right to defile it with their filthy feet." And: "We bless every drop of blood spilled for Jerusalem, which is clean and pure blood, blood spilled for Allah."

Then there is the goading of the Muslim clergy. ... "Today, we realize why the Jews build walls. They do not do this to stop missiles but to prevent the slitting of their throats," [said one Gaza imam].

Then, brandishing a six-inch knife, he added: "My brother in the West Bank: Stab!"

Imagine if a white minister in, say, South Carolina preached this way about African-Americans, knife and all: Would the news media be supine in reporting it? Would we get "both sides" journalism of the kind that is pro forma when it comes to Israelis and Palestinians, with lengthy pieces explaining—and implicitly justifying—the minister's sundry grievances, his sense that his country has been stolen from him? ...

Report: Iran Ramping Up Military Purchases From Russia, China

Washington Free Beacon | October 13

IRAN HAS BEEN STEPPING UP THE AMOUNT OF MILITARY HARDWARE it purchases from Russia and China in the weeks since the nuclear accord with world powers, according to a new report that has tracked the Islamic Republic's procurement of advanced weapons and technology.

As it gears up to receive more than \$100 billion in sanctions relief under the deal, Iran has already begun to ink lucrative arms contracts with the Russian and Chinese governments, according to a new report by the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC).

Iran's defense budget, some \$14 billion annually, is set to grow

by at least a third as a result of the sanctions relief, which experts worry could also be used to fund the fledgling nuclear programs of other nations.

While the Obama administration has touted the deal's ability to rein in Tehran's rogue nuclear work, experts tapped by AFPC continue to express concern that Iran will use its newfound international legitimacy to hide a clandestine nuclear weapons program in a proxy country, such as North Korea. ...

Iran violated international resolutions barring its test of a ballistic missile in just the past few days. Iranian officials have insisted that such behavior, while barred by United Nations resolutions, does not violate the JCPOA [Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action].

Iran is most focused on growing its defense budget via lucrative arms deals with the Chinese and Russians, the report found. ...

Iran will be better placed to finance terror proxy groups and expand its influence to Latin American countries such as

Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador. Other international pariahs, such as Sudanese warlord Omar al-Bashir, could benefit from increased support by the Iranians.

"Iran will shortly have the ability to strengthen those alliances significantly, with major adverse effects on international security," according to the report.

"By allowing Iran to keep a large enrichment program, the JCPOA increases the risk that Iran could transfer enrichment technology and materials to other states or even non-state actors," it states.

"The United States has crowned a new king of the Middle East. Not a liberal democracy. Not a stable ally. Not a respected hegemon. A nuclear-pursuing terrorist threat whose slogan is, 'Death to America.'"

"Crowning the King of the Middle East," *Trumpet*, September 2015

Syria Crisis: Thousands of Iranian Troops Amass for All-out Assault on Aleppo **Independent | October 15**

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THOUSANDS OF IRANIAN TROOPS HAVE ARRIVED IN SYRIA in recent days, as forces loyal to President [Bashar] Assad prepare a major assault on rebel-held territory in Aleppo. The Syrian government, bolstered by the new arrivals and two weeks of intense Russian airstrikes on rebel positions, is determined to win back territory around the country's biggest city, and once its commercial hub.

Speaking to the Reuters news agency, unnamed officials said that troops from Iran, along with Syrian soldiers and fighters from the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, were preparing an attack on the war-ravaged city.

"The big battle preparations in that area are clear," said one of the officials. "There is a large mobilization of the Syrian Army ... elite Hezbollah fighters, and thousands of Iranians who arrived in stages in recent days." Some unconfirmed reports suggested that initial exchanges with rebel groups were already under way. Last week, the Syrian Army launched another major offensive

against rebels in Hama province.

Several Iranian politicians, led by Alaeddin Boroujerdi, the head of the Iranian parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy commission, arrived in Damascus for talks with President Assad and his advisers.

Speaking on Iranian state television as he landed in the Syrian capital, Mr. Boroujerdi hailed the impact of the Russian airstrikes. "The international coalition led by America has failed in the fight against terrorism. The cooperation between Syria, Iraq, Iran and Russia has been positive and successful," he said. ...

"During Syria's 'Arab Spring,' ISIS drastically expanded its power and influence. It did this by supporting Syrian jihadist rebels and later by sending in its own fighters. But remarkably, this rise to prominence was also made possible in part by Iran and Syria—the very forces it was fighting."

"Playing Both Sides in Syria," *Trumpet*, September 2014

The 'Smartphone Intifada' **Al-Monitor | October 13**

EVERY REVOLUTION SEEMS TO HAVE PERFECTED OR MADE PARTICULAR use of a technological advancement. The current series of protests begun by Palestinian activists September 13 is no exception. Social media via smartphone appears to be the flavor of the month in modes of communication, due to the ease it offers for instantly uploading video.

[The] owner of the radio station Mawwal FM in Bethlehem believes that the availability of high-quality mobile video cameras has made a huge difference. "Now everyone is involved in taking videos, positing them and sharing them with as many people as

possible," he told Al-Monitor.

[A] leading Palestinian broadcasting engineer observed that technology has allowed many more people to take part in the ongoing Palestinian national struggle [He] pointed out that young activists today are doing much of the work that traditional broadcast media used to do. This is unlike the second intifada that began in October 2000, when Al Jazeera and other Arab and regional satellite stations actively covered Palestinian protests. "Not this time," [he said]. "They are busy with violent events in Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Libya, so they are not giving Palestine as

much attention as before.” ...

Ahmad Budeiri, a veteran Palestinian journalist, observed that while most people around the world use social media to share family pictures and videos, Palestinians put it to a totally different use. “In Palestine, especially during times of tension, social media becomes a political platform, often reaching the status of political mobilization,” he told Al-Monitor. ...

Iran's Top Guardian Council Approves Nuclear Bill

BBC | October 14

IRAN'S POWERFUL GUARDIAN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED A DEAL ON its nuclear program agreed with six world powers, state media reports.

The council's spokesman said they did not find the bill “to be against religious law and the constitution,” Fars news agency reports.

The bill is now set to become law. Parliament approved it on Tuesday. ...

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani told state media on Tuesday he expected sanctions to be lifted within “no more than a month or two” of the JCPOA [Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action] being fully implemented.

TW IN BRIEF

U.S. to extend troop presence in Afghanistan: The United States extended its military presence in Afghanistan beyond Barack Obama's presidency. Under the new timetable, the United States will maintain the current 9,800 troops there until President Obama leaves office in 2017. Then, those troops will be drawn down to 5,500. This is the second time the administration

“In Western political discourse, it might be fashionable to call the latest uprisings and revolts an ‘Arab Spring,’ but on the Arab street and in Tehran—and more importantly, in the pages of your Bible—it's seen as a GREAT ISLAMIC AWAKENING. And it's building toward a spectacular clash that will soon trigger World War III!”

“The Great Islamic Awakening,” theTrumpet.com, Sept. 16, 2011

President Rouhani hailed the deal as opening a new chapter for Iran's relations with the world, while U.S. President Barack Obama said “every pathway to a nuclear weapon is cut off” for Iran.

But hardliners in both Iran and the U.S. have been vocal in their opposition to any deal that brings their countries closer. Last month, U.S. Republicans failed in their attempt to block the accord in Congress. ...

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, who has the ultimate say over Iranian affairs, has not made clear his views on the deal, saying only that “we negotiated with Americans to serve our interests.”

has announced a reschedule of troop withdrawal this year. In March, the United States said it would reduce its military presence to 5,500 by the end of this year and to 1,000 by the end of 2017. [America's engagement in Afghanistan](#) is the longest running war in American history.

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The German Lynch Mob: Islamophobe Movement Returns With a Vengeance

Spiegel | October 14

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WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST THE “Kanaken,” says a steward wearing a white band on his upper arm, using a German racial slur that refers to Southern

Europeans and people from the Middle East. ...

An entry on the Facebook page for the Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamization of the Occident (more commonly known

by its acronym, PEGIDA) had claimed last Monday that buses packed with “invaders” were making their way toward the camp. In response, local residents blocked the only road to the planned refugee accommodations—and Saxony police did nothing to stop them.

Last Wednesday, more than a thousand people marched silently through the rain in the suburban district, walking past slogans spray-painted on walls like, “Protect our Homeland.” One hollered through a megaphone that the resistance would continue “as long as needed.” Then the speaker thanked “PEGIDA Chemnitz-Erzgebirge,” without whom none of this would be possible. Locals then cheered. “Thank God,” one resident sighed. “I was afraid this wasn’t going to continue.”

But it is continuing. PEGIDA is back, apparently more powerful than ever. For a time, the movement had disappeared almost entirely from public view. Its founders had fallen out with each other and PEGIDA head Lutz Bachmann even had to temporarily step down from his chairmanship after the tabloid daily *Bild* published a picture of him posing for a photo as Hitler. Attendance at PEGIDA protests, which has taken place every Monday in Dresden and other cities for almost a year had waned to the point of insignificance. But a week ago on Monday, some 10,000 people took to the streets of Dresden, almost as many as during the peak of the protests last winter. ...

This time, though, there’s more to it than just peaceful protests, as the street blockade in Einsiedel demonstrates. The movement is also becoming more radical. On Monday night, thousands of PEGIDA demonstrators marched through Dresden

shouting out epithets like, “deport, deport” against the refugees, “We’re the people,” and “Merkel must go.” One sign showed Merkel as Mother Teresa ... but with the headline, “Mother Terroresia.” Other signs were directed against “German haters,” the “asylum mafia,” and the “politician pack,” a reference to Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel’s recent strong condemnation of right-wing, anti-refugee protesters. One protester even carried a mock gallows with nooses attached to signs indicating they were reserved for Merkel and Gabriel. And PEGIDA co-founder Bachmann described the German government in a speech as “our dictators in Berlin.” ...

In Bavaria, officials at the state chapter of Germany’s domestic intelligence agency, the Office for the Protection of the Constitution, which monitors extremist activity, are speaking of a “massive verbal escalation” on the part of the anti-Muslim scene. The agency found it of particular concern that the right-wing extremists had clearly begun reaching previously untainted people with their “campaigns of hate.” This group, too, could become a future source of “xenophobia-inspired attacks,” they warn. The closing of ranks between right-wing extremist parties and German citizens irate over the refugee influx is a phenomenon that is worrying officials at virtually every domestic intelligence agency in the country. Now officials at the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution are hoping to find ways to track down ringleaders of the NPD and other neo-Nazi parties like Die Rechte (“the Right”) and The Third Way and to find ways to unsettle the scene.

“Something is heading our way,” says one high-ranking member of German domestic intelligence. “We need to try and stop it.”

Germany Spied on U.S.A., France Until Late 2013

The Local | October 15

SPIES AT GERMANY’S BND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE snooped on the communications of friendly states’ embassies and government offices, including EU members and the U.S.A., as recently as 2013, media reports claimed on Wednesday.

French and American targets far outside the BND’s official-stated mission were among those singled out for surveillance, Spiegel Online reported.

Several thousand such “selectors”—search terms such as a telephone number, e-mail address or IP address—were among the BND’s targets, sources said.

“Selectors” are used to identify information relevant to specific targets among the vast amounts of data collected by intelligence agencies like the BND, Britain’s GCHQ and the American NSA.

M.P.s in the Parliamentary Oversight Committee—which is supposed to check up on the work of Germany’s secret services—learned of the surveillance from the federal government on Wednesday evening.

Now a task force of parliamentarians is set to visit BND headquarters in Pullach, Bavaria, to check on the selector list themselves and question the agency’s employees.

Their main question will be who knew about the illegal surveillance and who ordered it.

The BND has faced serious public scrutiny in 2015, after it emerged earlier in the year that it had been conducting surveillance on European allies, including France, and German companies such as Siemens on the orders of American colleagues at the NSA. ...

German Army Set for Dangerous Mali Mission

The Local | October 15

THE DEFENSE MINISTRY IS CONSIDERING EXPANDING THE BUNDESWEHR’S (German Army) mission in north Mali.

According to Munich daily the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (SZ), from the beginning of 2016 German soldiers could strengthen the UN mission in the north African country, supporting Dutch troops in

the dangerous northern region of the country.

The Bundeswehr is considering sending reconnaissance teams into the hostile area along with drones.

Germany is currently engaged in an EU training mission in the south of Mali with around 200 troops.

In the larger UN mission it currently only has seven officers and two junior officers involved.

The army laid out plans to extend its presence in the desert country two months ago. But the return of a fact-finding mission

last week confirmed the recommendation that the Bundeswehr prepare “for a self-reliant and robust mission.”

That means that the army is likely to send front-line infantry troops, the SZ reports. ...

EU Tries for New Turkey Strategy to Stem Refugee Flow

The Associated Press | October 16

TURKEY’S PRESIDENT DERIDED EUROPE ON FRIDAY FOR NOT TAKING in more refugees—a dose of cold water for a European Union plan to give new aid and concessions to Ankara in exchange for stemming the unprecedented flow of people across borders.

EU leaders meeting at a summit in Brussels into the early hours of Friday agreed to give “political support” for an action plan for Turkey to help it manage its refugee emergency, including easier access to EU visas for Turkish citizens and sped-up EU membership talks. The hard part, though, is persuading Turkey to sign on, and raising money to make it work.

The EU package for Turkey would involve at least €3 billion (US\$3.4 billion) in aid, officials said. But member countries have been slow to offer money for the refugee crisis overall, and are divided over how much to help migrants and how much to help

Turkey. ...

“We are far ahead of most EU countries but unfortunately, they are not sincere,” [Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip] Erdoğan said.

He took a swipe at those who suggested German Chancellor Angela Merkel for the Nobel Peace Prize for opening Germany to so many refugees this year.

“We have 2.5 million refugees, no one cares,” Erdoğan said.

Turkey hosts more refugees than any other country in the world. Hundreds of thousands are sheltered in the refugee camps, but many more are left to fend for themselves. Europe has seen 600,000 new arrivals this year.

After a decade of membership talks where the EU had the upper hand, now the EU needs Turkey’s help to ease the refugee crisis. ...

TW IN BRIEF

UN approves EU to seize migrant vessels in Mediterranean:

The United Nations Security Council adopted a resolution on October 9 that authorizes the European Union and individual countries to seize migrant-smuggling vessels on the high seas off Libya. The resolution falls under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter, which means it can be militarily enforced. It also authorizes the EU to board vessels “with a view to saving the threatened lives of migrants or the victims of human trafficking.” The search-and-seizure operation is authorized for one year. Council diplomats say migrants on vessels that are seized would be taken to Italy. The EU initially wanted a naval operation that could operate in Libyan territorial waters, but Libya objected.

Bavaria speaks out against Merkel’s refugee policy:

The state of Bavaria is calling on the German government to turn refugees back at the country’s border if it cannot get other EU countries to abide by rules, which state that refugees must be processed in the EU country of arrival. Bavarian Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann said on October 9 that if Berlin does not take effective measures to limit immigration, Bavaria will lodge a complaint with Germany’s highest court. Bavaria’s Minister-President, Horst Seehofer, and his conservative government have been the most prominent domestic critics of Chancellor Angela Merkel’s welcoming approach to refugees. The southern state of Bavaria receives most of the migrants arriving in Germany, and therefore has to deal with the brunt of the migrant flow.

ASIA

Six Unexpected Outcomes of Russian Airstrikes in Syria

Russia and India Report | October 13

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS



WITH ITS DEVASTATING AIRSTRIKES ON ISIS AND U.S.-FUNDED rebel groups, Russia is now at the center of the Syrian chessboard. Besides the obvious gains that include securing Syrian President Bashar al-Assad’s secular government ... here are six strategic spinoffs from Moscow’s military action.

1) Sukhoi showstoppers are the new must-have toys. Following

their spectacular performance over Syrian skies, Russia’s Sukhoi warplanes are set to be the hottest commodity in the international arms market. ... The cruise missiles—probably the Klubs—that are thudding into terrorist hideouts are also likely to see an increase in popularity.

2) Intelligence bonanza for Russia. After a near collision with

a Russian jet, the U.S. Air Force ordered its fighter pilots to stay clear of areas where Russians are operating. ... This proximity has allowed Russia to gather valuable intelligence on a variety of U.S. and NATO aircraft, including the F-22, claimed to be the world's premier stealth fighter. Such opportunities are rare

3) ISIS can no longer steal Iraqi and Syrian oil. ISIS was selling Iraqi and Syrian crude oil on the black market for as low as \$10 a barrel. The regular market price is around \$47 a barrel. ... Although ISIS exports were just a trickle in the torrent of crude oil flooding the world, the markets responded positively to the Russian airstrikes by moving up. Even a small uptick in the price of oil translates into billions of dollars in revenue for Russia.

4) Russia has got Saudi Arabia over a barrel. Saudi Arabia is losing its shirt because of its relentless production of crude oil aimed at weakening Russia and Iran. The IMF says the Saudi budget is in tatters, and the outlook appears grave for the kingdom.

Russia's comeback in the Middle East along with Iran and the Hezbollah—the Shiite militant group that gives nightmares to the Saudi sheiks—could be the incentive that OPEC's largest member needs to announce production cuts. ...

5) Europe sees the light. ... Europeans are taking the view that Moscow's decisive action in neutralizing ISIS seems like a good idea compared with U.S. actions that created millions of refugees who are now flooding into Western Europe. Both Germany and France are thinking of rolling back economic sanctions against Russia. That's called cost-effective diplomacy.

6) The Caspian is a Russian lake. By launching cruise missiles from the Caspian Sea ... instead of the Mediterranean where the Russia Navy has stationed a powerful armada—Russia is indicating that it has multiple options. ... Plus, it shows the range and lethality of its cruise missiles.

China and India Hold Joint Military Exercise

Diplomat | October 14

BEIJING AND NEW DELHI ARE CONDUCTING COUNTERTERROR drills in China's Yunnan province. On October 12, the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) and Indian Army (IA) began a joint counterterrorism exercise, code-named Hand-in-Hand 2015, at Kunming Military Academy in Yunnan province located in south-western China, according to local media reports.

The Hand-in-Hand 2015 counterterrorism drill, the fifth held since 2007, involves 175 soldiers from the Indian Army's Naga Regiment of the Eastern Command and 144 military personnel from China's Chengdu Military Area Command and will continue till October 22 *The Hindu* reports.

The aim of the exercise is "to develop joint operating capability, share useful experience in counterterrorism operations and to promote friendly exchanges between the armies of India and China," according to the Indian Ministry of Defense. ...

An opinion piece in the *Global Times* assured that "[t]here is no need to be astonished over the joint drill, for the idea of peaceful coexistence has already been deeply rooted among people from both China and India."

The article, written by a Wang Dehua, a Chinese scholar, goes on to note "that a joint military exercise is a barometer of bilateral relationships," noting the deepening ties between China and India. Although the scholar does admit that there have been past and recent tensions in the bilateral relationship

Furthermore Wang accuses Western media of purposely misinterpreting the nature of the joint military exercise to fuel tensions between the two countries. "As a new measure of establishing mutual trust, there is no point in making a fuss over the drill. Confrontations in recent years were not created on purpose, but happened by accident. Leaders from both China and India have consensus and enough means to take divergences under control," Wang said. He accuses Western commentators to misread these disagreements and that, in fact, relations between Beijing and New Delhi are quite good. ...

"Russia's bullying of Ukraine and takeover of Crimea have exposed Vladimir Putin as the authoritarian dictator that he is. These moves have Eastern Europeans quaking with fear and the Western world deeply concerned. But what about China and India? These Asian powerhouses have made clear that they support Putin. This is a stunning fulfillment of a biblical prophecy! ... 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

Russia and India to Work on 5th-Gen Upgrade to Su-35 Fighter

Want China Times | October 3

RUSSIA AND INDIA HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT TO JOINTLY develop a fifth-generation upgrade of the Su-35 Super Flanker multirole fighter, according to a report published March 8 on Virginia-based military affairs website Defense News.

The fighter will be a fifth-generation fighter like the U.S. Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor and F-35 Lightning II, as opposed

to the fourth-generation version of the Su-35 over which Russia and China are currently negotiating a deal.

The Su-35 Super Flanker will be unable to compete with other "genuine" fifth-generation fighters and China does not need to get caught up in a game of one-upmanship with India and Russia, said an expert cited by China's nationalistic tabloid *Global Times*. ...

China Says Not Planning to Send Military Ships to Syria

Reuters | October 14

CHINA SAID ON WEDNESDAY IT HAD NO PLANS TO SEND MILITARY ships to Syria to fight with Russian forces after reports in overseas media that it was planning to do so.

Chinese media has picked up Russian and Middle Eastern news reports that China would fight alongside Russia in Syria, and that China's sole aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, could participate too. ...

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying, when asked if

China had or would send forces to Syria, told a daily news briefing that she had also noticed the reports.

"I can tell you that as for China's warships, for example the Liaoning, whether it has gone to join, for this issue, as far as I know, there is no such plan. At this time the Liaoning is in a phase of carrying out technical training and military exercises."

She did not elaborate. ...

China Has a Bigger Middle Class Than America

CNN | October 14

CHINA'S MIDDLE CLASS IS NOW THE BIGGEST IN THE WORLD, AND growing much faster than America's, according to research by Credit Suisse.

There are 109 million Chinese with wealth of between \$50,000 and \$500,000. Since 2000, twice as many Chinese as Americans have joined the middle class. ...

Chinese are getting richer at an astonishing rate. Wealth per adult has quadrupled to about \$22,500 since 2000. ...

"The wealth of the country's households could well continue to leapfrog the growth rates of developed economies," Credit Suisse said.

China should also see the number of millionaires soar 74 percent to 2.3 million by 2020, according to the report.

A report by UBS and PricewaterhouseCoopers found that a

new billionaire was created almost every week in China in the first quarter of the year.

"The speed at which China's economy is growing is staggering and historically unprecedented. ... To sustain explosive growth on such a mind-boggling scale, a country requires resources—vast expanses of resources. ... Despite China's gargantuan size, it is a developing economy—an 'economic toddler' that is growing rapidly. ... China's frenetic drive for resources is intensifying the global scramble for the planet's wealth. As Europe and other powers watch China devour a rapidly increasing proportion of resources, they are provoked to tighten the grip on their own supply channels."

"The Collapsing China Fantasy," Trumpet, October-November 2010

Russia Hit 86 'Terrorist' Targets in Syria in Past 24 Hours

Daily Star | October 13

RUSSIA'S AIR FORCE HIT 86 "TERRORIST" TARGETS IN SYRIA IN THE past 24 hours, the Defense Ministry said Tuesday, in the highest one-day tally since it launched its bombing campaign on September 30.

"In the last 24 hours, Su-34, Su-24M and Su-25SM planes carried out 88 sorties against 86 terrorist infrastructure targets in the provinces of Raqa, Hama, Idlib, Latakia and Aleppo," the Defense Ministry said in a statement.

The ministry said the strikes destroyed a command post

outside the town of Anadan, located 16 kilometers (10 miles) northwest of Aleppo, which it said was used by ISIS fighters to coordinate their movements in the area.

Other strikes in the ISIS stronghold of Al-Bab, located in the Aleppo region, saw the destruction of a field command center and an ammunition depot.

The Russian Air Force said it had attacked a convoy transporting fuel and ammunition in the Aleppo region. ...

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Top Cuban General, Key Forces in Syria to Aid Assad, Russia

FoxNews | October 14

CUBAN MILITARY OPERATIVES REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN SPOTTED in Syria, where sources believe they are advising President Bashar al-Assad's soldiers and may be preparing to man Russian-made tanks to aid Damascus in fighting rebel forces backed by the U.S.

Gen. Leopoldo Cintra Frias, head of Cuba's Armed Forces, recently visited Syria to lead a group of Cuban military personnel joining forces with Russia in their support of Assad, according to information received by the University of Miami's Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies.

On Wednesday, a U.S. official confirmed to Fox News that Cuban paramilitary and special forces units are on the ground in Syria, citing evidence from intelligence reports. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Cuban troops may have been training in Russia and may have arrived in Syria on Russian planes.

An Arab military officer at the Damascus airport reportedly witnessed two Russian planes arrive there with Cuban military personnel on board. When the officer questioned the Cubans, they told him they were there to assist Assad because they are experts at operating Russian tanks, according to Jaime Suchlicki, the institute's executive director.

"It doesn't surprise me," Suchlicki told FoxNews.com, noting Russia's long history of supplying military equipment to Cuba as well as Cuba's assistance in Soviet-led operations in Africa the 1970s.

"They have a very close relationship," Suchlicki said. "The Russians have been training the Cubans for years and supplying them with all sorts of military equipment."

Syria's bloody civil war is in its fourth year and has so far cost an estimated 250,000 people their lives and sparked a humanitarian crisis as displaced refugees flee the embattled nation. The U.S. has called for the ouster of dictator Assad and is supporting a rebel group known as the Free Syrian Army. ... Russia, Iran and now apparently Cuba are helping Assad in his bid to maintain power. ...

President Obama earlier this year removed Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism, seeking to normalize relations between the two countries. ...

"This is a historic step forward in our efforts to normalize relations with the Cuban government and people, and begin a new chapter with our neighbors in the Americas," Obama said in July from the White House Rose Garden. ...

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T IMF Warns Next Financial Crash Is Only a Matter of Time Robert Morley | October 15

THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) IS WARNING THAT A financial crisis is practically guaranteed, and it's just a matter of time before it strikes. The organization's newly released Global Financial Stability report says. The flaws in the global financial system have not been fixed.

It highlights soaring global debt, particularly in emerging markets. The implication is that we could see a repeat of the 1997 currency crisis also known as the "Asian Flu," which saw massive currency devaluations, contractions in global trade, economic turmoil, and social instability.

But conditions are much more dangerous today than back then. And the world is more interconnected than ever—potentially making the transmission of financial diseases much quicker.

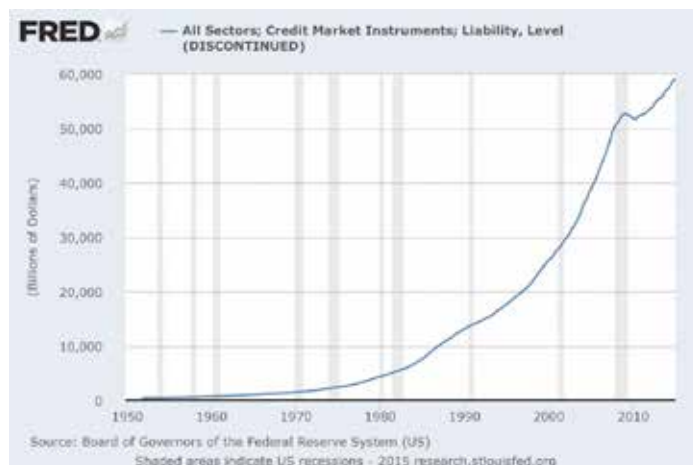
And much of the riskiest aspects of the massive debt buildup is taking place in the domestic and overseas shadow-banking sector—and outside the purview of financial authorities.

Startlingly, the IMF says the looming economic crisis is a direct result of how authorities tried to solve the last one. The decision to slash interest rates to such unprecedentedly low levels has encouraged the massive debt buildup—a problem for which there is no painless solution.

Global interest rates are at 5,000-year lows, says Agora Financial's Bill Bonner. Since the building of the Egyptian pyramids—that is to say, forever—interest rates have never been this low, he reports.

"But woe to the price-fixer who fixes the price of money too low ... for too long ... and then attempts to raise it," writes Bonner.

"That is the jam in which [Federal Reserve Chief] Janet Yellen finds herself. She is damned if she does—for she will wipe out trillions of dollars from the value of stocks and bonds. She is also damned if she doesn't—for she will only make the situation worse by driving more money into more unsustainable asset



price booms."

Ironically, while the IMF warns about the dangers of growing debt levels caused by central bank policies, the Federal Reserve has decided to *discontinue publishing the single-most widely followed report on debt levels in America*.

Back in March, the Federal Reserve's Total Credit Market Instruments report showed that total debt in America had soared to \$59 trillion.

Then suddenly the series stopped. No explanation was offered. The Fed just stopped publishing the data.

Financial analysts wondered why the Fed would stop publishing the data. After all, it contained the most comprehensive summary of household, financial, corporate and government debt available, all the way back to the 1950s.

Was the data becoming too embarrassing?

It showed that debt levels and America's economy grew at approximately the same steady rate for many years. Then more recently, in the lead-up to the 2008 economic crash, it shows total

debt levels going parabolic—shooting vertical.

As it turned out, the soaring debt was a warning something was wrong in the economy.


After the crash, debt levels flattened out and fell ... a bit. But what happened next?

Starting in 2010, as the Fed data showed, debt levels started to rise again. Once more they are shooting parabolic and reaching new heights. What comes next?

Economic crisis is coming. Five thousand years of human

history offers ample evidence.

“[E]ven with the U.S. economy and the world economy in such a precarious state, hardly anyone seems concerned!” wrote Gerald Flurry earlier this year. “Americans know far more about the Super Bowl than about this super crisis threatening to destroy our financial system.”

For an indication of where the looming economic crash may originate, read Gerald Flurry’s article [“A Bold Warning: America’s Economic Collapse.”](#)  Follow [Robert Morley](#)

Corporate America’s Epic Debt Binge Leaves \$119 Billion Hangover

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WE TALKED ABOUT THIS



THE FEDERAL RESERVE’S HISTORICALLY LOW BORROWING RATE isn’t benefiting corporate America like it used to.

It’s more expensive for even the most creditworthy companies to borrow or refinance even as the Fed has kept its benchmark at near-zero the last seven years. Companies have loaded up on debt. They owe more in interest than they ever have, while their ability to service what they owe, a metric called interest coverage, is at its lowest since 2009, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

The deterioration of balance-sheet health is “increasingly alarming” and will only worsen if earnings growth continues to stall amid a global economic slowdown, according to Goldman Sachs Group Inc. credit strategists led by Lotfi Karoui.

Since corporate credit contraction can lead to recession, high debt loads will be a drag on the economy if investors rein in lending, said Deutsche Bank AG analysts led by Oleg Melentyev, the bank’s U.S. credit strategy chief.

“The benefit of lower yields for corporate issuers is fading,” said Eric Beinstein, JPMorgan Chase & Co.’s head of U.S.

high-grade strategy.

As of the second quarter, high-grade companies tracked by JPMorgan incurred \$119 billion in interest expenses over the last year, the most for data going back to 2000, according to the bank’s analysts. The amount the companies owed rose 4 percent in the second quarter, the analysts said. ...

The fallout of more borrowing coupled with lower earnings has raised concern among the analysts who track the debt and the money managers who buy it. Yet it seems the companies themselves are acting as if it’s not happening. ...

The borrowing has gotten so aggressive that for the first time in about five years, equity fund managers who said they’d prefer companies use cash flow to improve their balance sheets outnumbered those who said they’d rather have it returned to shareholders

Companies have been using low interest rates to refinance more expensive debt, but the new debt isn’t saving them as much as it used to. ...

Here’s What Americans Are Most Afraid Of

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CORRUPTION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IS CURRENTLY AMERICANS’ number one fear, according to a recent survey by researchers at Chapman University.

The researchers asked a random sample of 1,541 adults to rate the level of fear for 88 different fear options across a variety of domains (like crime and natural disasters). Based on their findings, here were the top 10 fears for 2015:

- Corruption of government officials (58.0 percent)
- Cyberterrorism (44.8 percent)
- Corporate tracking of personal information (44.6 percent)

- Terrorist attacks (44.4 percent)
- Government tracking of personal information (41.4 percent)
- Bio-warfare (40.9 percent)
- Identity theft (39.6 percent)
- Economic collapse (39.2 percent)
- Running out of money in the future (37.4 percent)
- Credit card fraud (36.9 percent)

Interestingly, the researchers also found that half of all Americans believe in something paranormal, with 40 percent reporting they believe places are haunted by spirits

Obama ‘Took the Wrong Side’ on Climate Change, Says Physicist Freeman Dyson

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THEORETICAL PHYSICIST AND DEMOCRAT VOTER FREEMAN Dyson has expressed his disappointment with President Obama’s stance on climate change.

“It’s very sad that in this country, political opinion parted [*people’s views on climate change*],” he said, in an interview with The Register. “I’m 100 percent Democrat myself, and I like Obama.

But he took the wrong side on this issue, and the Republicans took the right side.”

Now retired, Dyson was a professor of physics at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton between 1953 and 1994. Famed for his work in quantum electrodynamics and nuclear engineering, Dyson also worked on climate studies during his career. ...

The physicist and mathematician argues that pollution caused by fossil fuels has been conflated with climate change. “Coal is very unpleasant stuff, and there are problems with coal quite apart from climate,” he said. ...

During his interview with The Register Dyson noted shortcomings in climate models. “What has happened in the past 10 years is that the discrepancies between what’s observed and what’s

predicted have become much stronger,” he said. “It’s clear now the models are wrong, but it wasn’t so clear 10 years ago. I can’t say if they’ll always be wrong, but the observations are improving and so the models are becoming more verifiable.”

Dyson also wrote a strong foreword to a report published Monday by the Global Warming Policy Foundation, which calls for a reassessment of carbon dioxide. “To any unprejudiced person reading this account, the facts should be obvious: that the non-climatic effects of carbon dioxide as a sustainer of wildlife and crop plants are enormously beneficial, that the possibly harmful climatic effects of carbon dioxide have been greatly exaggerated, and that the benefits clearly outweigh the possible damage,” he wrote.

Flash Floods, Mudslides Swamp Parts of Southern California **Associated Press | October 16**

FLASH FLOODING SENT WATER, MUD AND ROCKS RUSHING ACROSS Interstate 5 north of Los Angeles Thursday, stranding hundreds of vehicles and closing the major north-south thoroughfare.

The flooding at Fort Tejon, about 75 miles north of downtown Los Angeles, was part of a storm system that brought downpours across a wide swath of northern Los Angeles County.

A second highway was closed Thursday night following a separate mudslide. ...

Photos of Interstate 5 posted on social media showed the freeway in disarray, with semi-trucks and cars sitting askew, stuck in mud that in some cases surpassed their wheels. Not an inch of asphalt was visible.

One of the worst-hit areas was Lake Hughes. Robert Rocha, a 37-year-old resident, said he was driving home from work when the storm arrived.

“It was getting pretty hairy out there,” he said. “I’ve never seen it rain that hard in such a short period of time, the hail and wind—it was coming down hard,” he said. “The debris was just intense—chunks of wood and rock flowing everywhere.”

There were also reports that a funnel cloud was spotted in the area, says CBS Los Angeles.

The area of Lake Hughes and Lake Elizabeth got the worst pounding of rain and mud, officials told the station. The area is susceptible to mudslides after the 2013 Powerhouse Fire that destroyed more than 20,000 acres of brush. ...



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