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Erdoğan supporters hold Turkish national and Ottoman flags during a rally at Taksim Square in Istanbul on July 20.



Turkey Enters a Dark New Age

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JERUSALEM—LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, TURKISH TANKS ROLLED into Istanbul and stationed themselves on two bridges over the Bosphorus. Soon thereafter, the sonic boom of tactical jets and the low thumping of helicopters could be heard flying overhead. These were the first signs that a coup d'état was underway.

For many of us, the possibility of the fall of Turkish strongman Recep Tayyip Erdoğan raised hopes that Turkey might experience a return to the secular state that dominated the nation for the past 50 years. If history was any guide, come a day or two, and the military would have declared victory over the Islamist leader. All four previous coup attempts in modern Turkey (1960, 1971, 1980 and 1997) were successful as the military rose to preserve the secular democratic state. This one, many hoped, would end the same way.

And yet, that's not what happened.

Before most Americans went to bed on the same day that the coup started, it was obvious that Erdoğan would not be removed. Instead, it was clear he would use the opportunity as an excuse to garner more power to himself, in effect, exploiting the coup as his own "Reichstag fire." This refers to Adolf Hitler's use of the 1933 arson in Germany's parliament as justification for suspending civil liberties, the beginning of the Nazi dictatorship.

Indeed, as the coup was winding down, Erdoğan himself called the uprising a "gift from God" because it "will be a reason to cleanse our army."

The days since the coup have proved this true, except that Erdoğan is cleansing more than just the army.

In the past week, Erdoğan has arrested 6,319 military personnel and 1,481 judges and prosecutors as well as suspended 21,738 workers for the ministry of education and 8,777 at the Interior

Ministry. He has also revoked the licenses of 21,000 private educational institutions and forced 1,577 university department heads to resign. The fact that Erdoğan's government could move so quickly to purge the nation of dissenters shows that most were already on his hit list before the coup.

Then on Thursday, Erdoğan furthered his power grab by declaring a state of emergency for the next three months; this will give him unparalleled power.

While many in the West have been extremely unnerved by Erdoğan's overreach following the coup, the silence from the public in Turkey has been deafening.

More than half of Turks consider Erdoğan's moves, not disconcerting, but actually welcomed.

Earlier this year, Erdoğan's policy of removing dissenters from positions of power was essentially supported by over half of the public when they voted him into office once again. This is why, believe it or not, Erdoğan has been touting the coup's failure as a victory for democracy. It also speaks volumes about why the first military coup in Turkey's modern history was unsuccessful.

In many ways this latest attempt at overthrowing the government in Turkey did not follow the normal procedure for military coups. Historically, a coup in Turkey and the rest of the Middle East normally begins as a response to public outcry and protest against the government's movement away from the secular state. As in the case of the 2013 military coup in Egypt against Islamist President Mohamed Morsi, the army stepped in only after the people themselves organized a substantial protest against the government. Then, as the Morsi government violently suppressed the rioters, the majority of the military, led by Gen. Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, removed Morsi from power.

That is what normally happens.

But that's not what happened in Turkey.

Instead of people taking to the streets and then the military stepping in to remove the government, we had a situation where Turkish military tried to take down the government and, in response, the people took to the streets to stop the military.

It was the overwhelming response of the Turkish people in support of Erdoğan that was the major reason the coup failed.

Just as the rebellion was beginning, Erdoğan was able to evade the revolutionaries as they descended on the coastal hotel where he had been staying. Then, via Apple's FaceTime app, Erdoğan appeared on CNNTurk calling on his supporters to take to the streets and use any and all means necessary to stop the insurrection.

At the same time, mosques all over Istanbul and Ankara called on people to gather in town squares and airports in defiance of the coup. Simultaneously, the same message was sent via numerous text messages to cell phones across the nation.

In response, the people defied the military's imposed curfew and took to the streets. Footage quickly emerged on social media of men in plain clothes trying to hold back battle tanks, some even lying in front of them as they plowed forward. This only further motivated Erdoğan's supporters to come out in droves. Eventually, as many witnessed the next day, the iconic moment of the coup was when soldiers laid down their weapons in surrender and were marched off the Istanbul Bosphorus Bridge.

While a number of other factors contributed to the failure of the coup attempt, the one that surprised many, especially in the West, was the amount of public support Erdoğan received.

The failure of the coup reveals that, like it or not, the majority of Turks want Erdoğan in power. They like his Islamist leanings, and they don't want a return to a secular state.

For the secularists and other minorities in Turkey, this is a scary thought.

As Ms. Asli Aydintasbas, a fellow from the European Council of Foreign Relations wrote from Istanbul, "The opposite of a military coup is democracy, not Islam. But that's not how the government mobilized masses. Friday night was scary for most secular Turks, not only because of the coup but also because among those who took to the streets were radicals and members of Islamic sects."

She concluded: "Here is the final irony. The military had long been regarded as the bastion of Turkey's secular order fashioned after the principles of the country's founder, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. This silly botched coup has brought about the end of Atatürk's secular republic. We are beginning a new chapter in Turkey now."

Indeed, this new chapter of an Islamist-dominated state in Turkey was already written; it just took this coup for the world to realize it.

While Western leaders have generally expressed support for Erdoğan in putting down the coup, many were slow to do so. It's likely that many European leaders would have happily accepted the result of a successful coup.

Especially over the past year, European leaders have received a lot of blowback from their own constituents over their deal with Turkey over the refugee crises. In order to stop the flow of refugees from Syria to Europe, Turkey agreed to stop the migrants before they reached Greece. In response, the European Union, led by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, said it would pay off Turkey and also offer visa-free travel for Turks into Europe. In order to receive this second part of the deal, Europe demanded Erdoğan release some of his grip on power, especially reinstating freedom of the press and stopping human rights abuses.

And yet, Erdoğan has done nothing of the sort. Instead, he has strengthened his autocratic rule.

The aftermath of this coup attempt will only make it less likely Erdoğan will comply with European demands, which will further Europe's moral quandary in dealing with Turkey.

Before the coup, Erdoğan was largely seen as an unsavory autocrat who, though he was democratically elected, did not represent the views or ideals of the people. Yet the coup revealed that, while he is a dictator, the majority of the Turkish people support his Islamist, authoritarian rule.

For all their wishing the opposite, it looks like Europe is stuck with Erdoğan.

The world is such today that national survival demands that unsavory autocrats such as Erdoğan must be worked with, not around. For Europe, that means Turkey will continue to be engaged regardless of how Islamist or authoritarian it becomes.

Bible prophecy shows there will be end-time aligning of interests between Turkey and a German-led Europe. Along with being part of an end-time alliance found in Psalm 83, the book of Obadiah indicates that Turkey will be part of a latter-day betrayal of the nations of Israel. In both instances, there is no indication that the alliance is based on mutual values or an abiding friendship. Instead, it is purely based on a mutual interest, which is the exact type of relationship we see being created today.

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Secret Nuke Deal

A DOCUMENT LEAKED TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ON MONDAY reveals that restrictions on Iran's nuclear program will ease years earlier than previously thought.

The [Associated Press](#) wrote:

Key restrictions on Iran's nuclear program imposed under an internationally negotiated deal will start to ease years before the 15-year accord expires, advancing Tehran's ability to build a bomb even before the end of the pact

The confidential document is the only text linked to last year's deal between Iran and six foreign powers that hasn't been made public, although U.S. officials say members of Congress who expressed interest were briefed on its substance. ...

The diplomat who shared the text with the AP described it as an add-on agreement to the nuclear deal in the form of a document submitted by Iran to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) outlining its plans to expand its uranium enrichment program after the first 10 years of the nuclear deal. ...

Details published earlier outline most restraints on Iran's nuclear program meant to reduce the threat that Tehran will turn nuclear activities it says are peaceful to making weapons.

But although some of the constraints extend for 15 years, documents in the public domain are short on details of what happens with Iran's most proliferation-prone nuclear activity—its uranium enrichment—beyond the first 10 years of the agreement.

The document obtained by the AP fills in the gap. It says that as of January 2027—11 years after the deal was implemented—Iran will start replacing its mainstay centrifuges with thousands of advanced machines.

On Tuesday, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif discussed this document on Iran's plans to expand its uranium enrichment program. He said the document was a "matter of pride." This document will not be made public soon, but "God willing," Zarif said, "when the complete text of the document is published, it will be clear where we will stand in 15 years."

On Wednesday, Iran's vice president and head of the country's Atomic Energy Organization Ali Akbar Salehi said on state tv that Iran had requested world powers not to make the document public. "We requested that they [world powers] keep Iranian nuclear industry's long-term plan confidential," he said. "We had an agreement with [the P5+1] countries too on their collaboration with us in this plan. This plan was not supposed to be made public. If they want to do so, we won't have any problem, but we do not approve of making our long-term nuclear program public."

The U.S. State Department has denied the existence of the document. "There is [no secret document or secret deal](#)," said Deputy Spokesman Mark Toner. He argued that the information wasn't "secret" in that the P5+1, the IAEA and Congress were familiar with it. When asked by Associated Press reporter Matt Lee whether the public was kept in the dark about the contents of the document, Toner responded: "I'm not going to argue that. Yes, that's true."

Iran's Hard-liners Sideline Rouhani

AFTER SECURING A LANDMARK NUCLEAR DEAL, DOES IRAN STILL need the "pragmatic" President Hassan Rouhani? An article from [Reuters](#) indicates that hard-liners in Iran are gaining more and more power and working to elbow Rouhani out of power in next year's elections.

Reuters wrote:

The deal had the grudging approval of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, the arch-conservative in office since 1989, whose ultimate authority outranks that of the elected president.

But now that the negotiations are over, Rouhani's supporters say that Khamenei and his followers are trying to restrict the president's authority or replace him. In the face of such

pressure, Rouhani himself may decide not to stand again.

Already, hard-liners are blaming the president's faction for the failure of the deal to deliver a swift improvement in living standards, at a time when prices for oil exports are low and promised foreign investment has yet to arrive. ...

Rouhani's allies believe his personal popularity and the prospect of Iran coming out of its political and economic isolation have panicked hard-line allies of Khamenei, who fear losing power and aim to bring the presidency to heel.

"Hard-liners want a president who is closer to their camp and gets his directions from Khamenei's allies," a reformist former official said, speaking on condition of anonymity like other figures within Iran contacted for this story.

"If they fail to find a candidate, then they will impose more limits on Rouhani in his second term." ...

Iran's Indoctrination Program

THE NEXT GENERATION OF IRANIANS WILL BE AS ISLAMIST AND radical as the leaders of the current if they heed instructions from their school textbooks.

An opinion piece in the [Wall Street Journal](#) noted some highlights from a new report from Impact-se, a Jerusalem-based institute:

A ninth-grade social-education textbook reads: "All are submissive and obedient to the Guardian-Jurist," that is, Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. Regime leaders are presented as infallible, divinely inspired and beyond criticism.

A third-grade religion textbook's section on cleanliness includes an illustration of Iranian children chasing away a

"Khamenei can live without the admiration and social media likes of Iran's urban sophisticates, but not without the loyal support of 150,000 Revolutionary Guardsmen and their Basij henchmen," said [Iran analyst and senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Karim] Sadjadpour

The parlous state of Iran's economy pushed Iran's top leaders to accept Rouhani as the best option to resolve their nuclear dispute with the West. But Rouhani's allies believe that those close to Khamenei no longer see Rouhani as useful. ...

Hard-liners have criticized Rouhani for the slow pace of economic recovery, saying his government was duped into accepting concessions on Iran's nuclear program while getting little back in return.

filthy, mucus-like blob with a Star of David on its back.

A fifth-grade text ... shows Palestinian children attacking Israeli soldiers with rocks and slingshots. It's accompanied by [the] injunction that "Israel must be wiped out."

As for the types of weapons Iran may use, a 12th-grade religion textbook instructs that "Islamic learning is such that religious experts can extract from it new laws concerning ... procurement and use of new weapons, in accordance with the new needs of society."

So much for the tale that says, "Iran's supreme leader has issued a [fatwa](#) against the development of nuclear weapons."

Syrian Rebels Who Beheaded Child Were Part of U.S.-Vetted Alliance

ISLAMIC STATE BARBARIANS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WITH A PENCHANT for beheadings. This week, news broke that the Nour el-Din al-Zinki group beheaded a 12-year-old Palestinian boy it accused of being a child soldier on a spy mission.

What makes this savage murder worse is that the group was part of a U.S.-vetted alliance that received American support until last year.

In a statement on Tuesday, the rebel group condemned the murder and said it was an "individual mistake that does not represent the general policy of the group."

The beheading incident was condemned by many. The [Associated Press](#) wrote:

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said he has seen the "appalling report" but could not confirm it happened. "Obviously we're very concerned, certainly if it's accurate," he said, adding that if the report is proven it would "give us pause about any assistance or, frankly, any further

involvement with this group."

Lebanon's Hezbollah group, whose fighters are in Syria fighting alongside President Bashar Assad's forces against the rebels, also pounced on the beheading. In a statement issued in Beirut, it described the beheading as a "disgusting crime" by "so-called moderate rebels backed by the U.S. and Saudi Arabia." ...

[International Committee for the Red Cross] Middle East regional director Robert Mardini said, "The crisis at the berm reflects an international failure to protect and help people affected by conflict and who are in desperate need."

Well-intentioned American-led attempts at solving the Syrian crisis have been [epic failures](#). Some have been described by U.S. congressmen as "a joke," "the best of a long list of bad options" and "total failure."

[How will the Syrian crisis end?](#)

Death penalty will kill talks on Turkey's EU membership: A German government spokesman told reporters on Monday that negotiations for Turkey to join the European Union would end if the country reintroduced the death penalty. This follows suggestions by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan that the Turkish parliament may discuss reintroducing the death penalty to punish the participants in the failed coup last week. The spokesman said, "We categorically reject the death penalty, and a country that has the death penalty cannot be a member of the European Union." The Muslim nation has been negotiating EU membership for over a decade.

About that attempted coup and that downed Russian plane: A Turkish official told Agence France-Presse on Monday that the two pilots who downed a Russian jet in November have been arrested. The attack sparked a diplomatic crisis between Russia and Turkey, which ended last month when the two countries agreed to restore ties. The Turkish official said the pilots were arrested because of their involvement in last week's coup attempt—and not because of their attack on the Russian jet. However, the mayor of Ankara said the pilots might have downed the jet as part of a conspiracy to harm the Turkish government. Some analysts say that this move is a Turkish ploy to improve relations with Russia.

Boris Johnson wants Bashar Assad out: Britain's new foreign secretary Boris Johnson urged world leaders to demand the ouster of Syrian President Bashar Assad. Johnson spoke on Tuesday ahead of his first meeting with his Western counterparts. He met with foreign secretaries from the United States, Germany, France, Italy and the European Union in London today. Johnson said he will "be making clear [his] view that the suffering of the Syrian people will not end while Assad remains in power." He said, "The international community, including Russia, must

be united on this." Reuters reported that Russia would accept Assad's departure, as long as "it is confident a change of leader will not trigger a collapse of the Syrian government."

EU to copy Israel's security model?: The European Union is looking to Israel for ways to preemptively spot "lone-wolf" militants from their online activities. Speaking on the sidelines of an intelligence conference in Tel Aviv, the EU's counterterrorism coordinator told Reuters that he was visiting Israel because of its experience and cyber capabilities. Europe is worried about self-radicalized assailants who have little or no communications with known militant groups.

Jihadists call for attacks in Rio: Al Qaeda terrorists have instructed their supporters to execute "lone-wolf" attacks against Western athletes at the upcoming Rio Olympics. The Foreign Desk reported Thursday that the terrorists published a list of athletes to be targeted on social media. They include athletes from Israel, the United States, Britain and France. The Islamists said an attack at the Olympic Games would "have bigger media effect than any other attacks anywhere else." The terrorists also encouraged their supporters to kidnap Israelis so that they can be used as bargaining chips to free Muslim prisoners.

Bahrain opposition group dissolved: Bahrain has dissolved the main Shiite opposition group in the island kingdom. A court ruled on Sunday that the opposition group has been "provid[ing] an atmosphere for the incubation of terrorism, extremism and violence and for foreign interference in national affairs." Authorities in Bahrain have frequently accused Iran for meddling in the kingdom. Iranian officials have stated in the past that Bahrain is Iran's 14th province. United States Secretary of State John Kerry denounced Bahrain's actions.

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Nice Attack: France Faces Political Turmoil

AFTER THE NICE ATTACK, FRENCHMEN ARE TURNING ON THEIR leaders. In the wake of earlier attacks, most approved of President François Hollande's reaction and believed he was doing a good job of responding to terrorist threats. But in the aftermath of Nice, two thirds said they did not trust the government to fight terrorism. When French Prime Minister Manuel Valls attended

a minute of silence in Nice, he was booed, while people shouted "Murderer" and "Resign."

It's easy to see why. In an interview with *Journal du Dimanche* published on Sunday, Valls warned, "There will be more attacks."

"This is difficult to say, but other lives will be lost ...," he said. "Terrorism will be a part of our daily lives for a long time."

That's not a message anyone wants to hear. In addition to the big attack last week, one Muslim terrorist went on an ax rampage in a train carriage in Germany. Another stabbed three girls and their mother while they were on holiday in southern France. The youngest girl, age 8, was rushed to the hospital with a punctured lung.

Voters "want someone they feel is in charge at the top," said Jérôme Fourquet from the polling agency IFOP. "In those moments they want a commander-in-chief." It's clear they don't see Hollande as that commander.

France's General Directorate of Internal Security head Patrick Calvar told a closed-door session with the parliamentary committee that the pressures on French society are so great that "[w]e are on the verge of a civil war."

"If there are one or two more attacks" then a major confrontation between France's "ultra-right" "is going to take place," he warned. This is coming from the French equivalent of the director of the FBI.

"Excessive?" asked the *Wall Street Journal* about these comments. "Look at the Salafists (an estimated 15,000 among France's 5 to 7 million Muslims) whose radical-fundamentalist creed dominates many of the predominantly Muslim housing projects at the edges of cities such as Paris, Nice or Lyon. Their preachers call for a civil war, with all Muslims tasked to wipe out the miscreants down the street. At the same time, the right-wing extremists singled out by Mr. Calvar would be ideologically capable of shooting any Muslim."

The *Wall Street Journal* article, titled "[Averting France's War of All Against All](#)," went on to state:

The Nice attack contains a unique point of agreement: It

represents the end of an epoch and the start of one in which France must come to terms with the near certainty of new tragedy and new victims. Socialist President François Hollande was quoted as saying over the weekend that, "Never since World War II have democracies been so threatened." It's reasonable today to add that France hasn't appeared this dysfunctional and politically riven since 1939.

Douglas Murry sounding a similar warning in a blog post for the *Spectator* titled "When the French Mood Finally Snaps, Marine Le Pen Will Be Waiting":

But the problem is that politicians in France—and even more so in Germany—have been refusing to address these facts for too long and are often rightly held responsible for allowing this situation to emerge. It's not as though nobody warned the French and German governments of the repercussions of allowing millions of people into their countries un-vetted. The problem is that everyone who warned about it was called a racist and told to shut up.

The publics are increasingly losing confidence in the ability of this political class to protect them. And so the politics which has been kept to the margins is becoming tolerable to the mainstream. I have said for over a decade that if mainstream politicians didn't address this issue then they would leave it to Marine Le Pen. And so they have.

The *Trumpet* has long warned of the rise of a strongman in Europe. As Europe's leaders continue to prove that they cannot defend their citizens from terrorism, those cries will go louder.

Nice Attack: France Renews Push for a European Military

FRENCH MILITARY DEPLOYED HOME AND ABROAD ARE LEAVING the nation overstretched as they struggle to deal with their third major terrorist attack in recent years. So they're calling for more help from the rest of Europe. In an article titled "[After Nice, EU to Redouble Global Fight Against Terrorism](#)," *EU Observer* wrote:

EU diplomacy chief Federica Mogherini said at a separate press conference: "Our responsibility is not to have minutes of silence but to give efficient answers."

She said all ministers said they were ready to continue to support France on the basis of article 42.7, the "mutual defense clause" of the EU treaty.

Article 42.7 was triggered [after] last November's Paris attacks to get military support for French operations in Sahel and the Middle East so that France could keep more soldiers on patrol at home.

Effective assistance from other member states has so far been limited, however.

When asked about it on Monday, [French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc] Ayrault only mentioned German support in Mali and a contribution by the Czech Republic.

"France gets by, but it mobilizes considerable resources

and doesn't want to give up its responsibilities," he said to explain why France now needed further EU support.

Speaking in broader terms, the French minister said the EU needed to have the resources to implement its new foreign-policy strategy, which Mogherini presented last month. ...

"We need to go further in a strategy for a defense at a European level," he said.

EurActiv wrote on a similar theme on July 20 in an article titled "[Hollande Embarks on Tour to Push for European 'Army'](#)":

French President François Hollande visited Portugal on Tuesday (July 19) and will stop over in Ireland on Thursday (July 21) in an attempt to reinforce the foundations of the EU, including fostering increased defense cooperation, following the terrorist attack in Nice last week. ...

President Hollande's two visits will focus on European solidarity in defense, a subject long blocked by Britain.

Officials in Paris believe attitudes towards tighter EU defense cooperation could change now that British voters have decided to leave the European Union in a referendum last month.

The French president will use these visits to “insist on security and defense aspects” in view of September’s Bratislava summit, where EU leaders will attempt to find new ways to relaunch the EU after the shock of Brexit, French officials said. ...

Repeated terrorist attacks in France and the many

criticisms raised about the French government’s handling of the terror threat have pushed the thorny subject of European defense to the top of the agenda. ...

The day after the Nice attack, Hollande announced “a French initiative to strengthen European defense,” in collaboration with Germany.

German Ax Attack Puts Merkel Under Pressure

A 17-YEAR-OLD ASYLUM SEEKER ATTACKED PASSENGERS IN A German train with an ax on Monday, shouting “Allahu Akbar” before critically injuring three. The attack could have major ramifications for German Chancellor Angela Merkel, as *Reuters* reported on July 19, in an article titled “[German Train Ax Attack Puts Merkel Migrant Policy Back in Spotlight](#)”:

The case is likely to deepen worries about so-called “lone-wolf” attacks in Europe and could put political pressure on Merkel, who has welcomed hundreds of thousands of migrants to Germany over the past year.

The attacker came to Germany as an unaccompanied minor and was registered as a refugee on June 30 last year in Passau, officials said. Germany welcomed about 1 million migrants in 2015, many fleeing war in Afghanistan, Syria

and Iraq.

“In the minds of many people, his arrival is directly linked to Merkel and her liberal refugee policies,” said Frank Decker, political scientist at Bonn University. ...

Public support for Merkel has risen since Britain voted on June 23 to leave the European Union, helping reverse a fall in her popularity caused by the refugee crisis. Decker said a Nice-style attack here could quickly end those gains.

“It would boost those who have called Merkel’s policies a mistake,” he said. “Merkel would be blamed.”

Unlike neighbors France and Belgium, Germany has not been the victim of a major attack by Islamic militants in recent years, although security officials say they have thwarted a large number of plots.

Islamic State Looking for Ways to ‘Poke’ Europe

THE ISLAMIC STATE IS TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO PROVOKE EUROPE, wrote Martin Chulov in an article published by the *Guardian* on July 19:

As its “caliphate” has crumbled, Islamic State has intensified efforts to export the chaos it used to confine to within its borders.

The response stems partly from the terror group’s anger that it can no longer hold the territory it seized two years ago. However, even before it lost ground, ISIS had begun trying to ignite terror in Europe—a continent that its strategists long ago flagged as the next battlefield in its nihilistic war.

Within the group’s upper echelons is a clique that has studied the ways of its enemies, particularly those in Western Europe, the U.S. and Australia. The group comprises senior leaders, advised and influenced by foreign ideologues who have joined them from places such as France, Britain and Belgium. ...

ISIS leaders and their underlings have devised ways to try to weaken Western societies from within. Their plans have involved a variation on traditional forms of terror,

such as attacking soft civilian targets to shock and cripple confidence. They have tried to add extra elements that they believe might inflame societies even further—including targeting national days, such as Bastille Day, or cultural landmarks, such as the Stade de France. ...

In the aftermath of Brexit, unitary borders, trading blocs, economic alliances and political discourse are all up for grabs in Europe, which now appears more at odds with itself than at any time since the end of the Second World War.

“They are trying to understand where to poke them,” said one senior member of the group. “They don’t know everything about how Europe is run, but they are getting help from the foreigners. They knew that England was going to leave the EU and they were happy about it. These things, the politics and the attacks themselves, are the responsibility of an Iraqi leader, and [Abu Muhammed al-Adnani].”..

“They were not happy about the refugees [fleeing to Europe] when it happened,” said the ISIS member. “But now they understand how this will work for them because there is such anti-immigration sentiment there. To them it is anti-Muslim. That is what they are telling people.”

Tensions Rise on Pakistan-India Border Over Kashmir Dispute

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FRICTION BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN ARE GROWING OVER Kashmir, a territory nestled between the two nations, which both claim ownership of.

Writing for Breitbart on July 21, John J. Xenakis wrote:

Violent clashes in Kashmir began on July 9, following the death on July 8 of Burhan Wani, ... a 22-year-old commander in the separatist militia Hizbul Mujahideen (HM). Some 50 Kashmiris were killed and over 1,900 injured. About 600 were blinded for life, having been shot by the security forces with “non-lethal” pellet guns. After 12 days, Kashmir is paralyzed and the streets are deserted, as police and paramilitary soldiers in riot gear continue to enforce a strict curfew.

Separatist sentiment continued to grow in Kashmir. On Wednesday, residents hoisted dozens of black and Pakistan flags to observe a “black day” to protest the killing [of] Wani. Indian security forces, fearing a further uprising, removed the flags. ...

Pakistan and India, including Kashmir, are deep into a generational crisis era. The last generational crisis war was Partition, the 1947 war that followed the partitioning of the Indian subcontinent into India and Pakistan, one of [the] bloodiest wars of the 20th century. In the past, with survivors of that war still alive and still in power, no one wanted to see a repeat of the bloody 1947 war. But today, those survivors are almost gone, and the younger generations, with only limited, partial information about the horrors that

occurred in that war, are headed for a repeat of the 1947 war.

Generational Dynamics forecasting agency said the outcome for the tensions appears bleak:

There are numerous stories in the press suggesting ways to “solve the core problems” in Jammu-Kashmir. From the point of view of Generational Dynamics, no such solutions exist, and there will continue to be clashes in the future. These solutions completely miss the point. They suggest that some politician pursue peace talks or something similar. That’s always the easy suggestion from people who have no clue what’s going on. These protests are not coming from politicians. They’re growing organically from the population, and no politician can either cause them or stop them. Generational Dynamics predicts that Muslims and Hindus will have a full-scale war, re-fighting the 1947 Partition war that followed the partitioning of the Indian subcontinent into India and Pakistan.

Tom Hussain, a Pakistan affairs analyst based in Islamabad, said: “Kashmir has become a ping-pong ball in the rivalry between India and Pakistan. ... If India continues to treat Kashmiri sentiment with violent disdain and Pakistan reverts to its policy of exploiting the situation, both may find that the space in between is filled by non-state actors who specialize in turning political violence into chaos.”



China's Conquest of New Zealand

Chris Eames | July 18

WE NEW ZEALANDERS ARE FEW IN NUMBER BUT HAVE SLOGGED it out over the past century and a half to become the largest dairy exporter on Earth—sending out 95 percent of our product. Dairy industry is critical to our economy. The livelihood of our country depends, to a great deal, on how well our farms do. Judging by what has been happening of late, that’s *not so well at all*.

New Zealand’s biggest dairy customer by far has been China. And one of the biggest-selling products has been powdered milk. In short, Kiwis noticed hoards of powdered milk flying off shelves to China, and eagerly settled in for (what we hoped would be) a long-lasting boom in the dairy sector. Trouble is, China was merely *stockpiling* the product en masse (to the tune of an estimated 300,000 tons)—and now no longer needs to keep buying. This has left New Zealand farms, set up for a booming industry, hanging—with 85 percent of New Zealand farms now running at a loss. Over the course of the past two years, farmers have had NZ\$7

billion (US\$5 billion) disappear from collective revenue. Statistically, these dairy farmers are at a debt of around NZ\$10,000 *per cow*. Multiply that number into the average New Zealand farm size of around 400 cattle, and you have a disastrous situation, leading not only to fears for the economy but also fears of increased suicide risk for New Zealand’s farmers. As a result, many farmers are looking to sell their land. And who could blame them?

Why is New Zealand in such a predicament? As an extension of that, why does the entire British Commonwealth seem to be doing so poorly, along with its (once) stoic ally, the United States? Why are they all running up oceans of debt? Why are they losing sovereign territory? Why do they allow foreign nations to walk all over them?

Your Bible said this would happen.

Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries in particular, the United States and British Commonwealth received abundant

blessing *promised* to be delivered to us *at that very time*, as a result of the obedience of our forefather Abraham. Those rich blessings included the finest farmland on Earth. But God also guaranteed that if His commandments were not followed, those blessings would be removed as quickly as they were given. Taking

their place would be the national *curses*, including foreign military invasions, slaughter and captivity. This is too important to ignore. To gain a full understanding of this subject, and what it means for you and me today, you need to read our free book [The United States and Britain in Prophecy](#).



Chinese Nuclear Bomber Flies Over South China Sea

Callum Wood | July 22

WITH TENSION ALREADY AT HISTORIC LEVELS BETWEEN CHINA and the United States, Beijing ratcheted it up even further on July 15 by flying a nuclear-capable bomber over the contested Scarborough Shoal.

This latest bout of saber-rattling came just three days after The Hague dismissed China's claims of sovereignty over much of the South China Sea. China has rejected the ruling and sought to reaffirm Beijing's policy in the contested region.

The Scarborough Shoal lies within the Philippine exclusive economic zone. But according to China, the shoal sits within the bounds of the infamous "nine-dash line"—a vast swath of self-proclaimed Chinese territory.

Chinese media stated that the bomber was shadowed by support aircraft. One bomber poses little threat to the Philippines or its U.S.-supported allies in the region, but when the bomber is part of a broader escort in both the air and sea, the threat portrayed is far louder.

China's motives for the flyover are more than to simply defy The Hague's ruling; China is demonstrating to the U.S. and its allies that Beijing is fully capable of not only defending the contested islands, but also attacking potential threats. Consider the fact that China doesn't need a nuclear-capable aircraft to defend the Scarborough Shoal. It serves little purpose from a practical standpoint. But displaying it acts as a deterrent. The Philippines undoubtedly takes notice when a long-range nuclear-capable bomber enters the fray. And with good reason.

When the U.S. flew B-52 bombers over the region in December, it caused a slight stir in China. But the show of force was relatively mundane compared to the displays of the Great White Fleet and the Roosevelt era of American military reach and prowess. Today, a hamstrung military and failed Asian pivot relegate the B-52 flight to little more than a futile gesture.

China on the other hand is displaying more power than ever. Beijing has aggressively pursued a belligerent policy in the South China Sea. It harasses fishermen. It develops islands. It establishes militarized outposts. China is backing words and policies with action. The recent bomber flyover should concern the U.S.

and its allies because China is proving itself willing to use force to maintain control of the region.

China is capable not only of operating bombers so far from home but also of supporting them with fighters and seaborne support vessels. The newly built islands provide the ideal stepping-stone for aggressive military maneuvers so far from Chinese territory.

Now that The Hague has ruled against it, China has few options in the South China Sea that don't involve a strong military presence. If it doesn't portray itself strongly, Beijing risks losing its investment in this trade zone that sees \$5.3 trillion worth of trade pass through each year. Whoever controls this zone controls a third of the world's maritime trade!

The arrival of nuclear-capable bombers shows the direction of geopolitics in the South China Sea.

In the July issue of the *Trumpet* magazine, editor in chief [Gerald Flurry](#) wrote an article on China's efforts in the South China Sea. The title says it all: "[China Is Steering the World Toward War](#)." The article examines China's motives for controlling the South China Sea, and the stark similarities that exist between the region today and the region under the control of Imperial Japan. Mr. Flurry wrote:

Once World War II started, the Japanese empire claimed the entire South China Sea and built military bases in some of the very same archipelagos China is militarizing today. ... Two months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Japanese were able to conquer Singapore. This marked the start of a period of near-apocalyptic violence in Southeast Asia.

Think it couldn't happen again? Don't be so sure! Read Mr. Flurry's article. Tension in the region is already palpable. Now nuclear bombers are patrolling the skies on the Philippines' doorstep!

China is defying The Hague with military patrols and aggressive foreign policy. Keep watching as such policies steer the world toward cataclysmic war.

TW IN BRIEF

North Korean missile test simulates attack on South's airfields: North Korea said it conducted a ballistic missile test that simulated strikes on South Korean airfields and seaports. The North's official KCNA news agency said Wednesday that the test simulated detonation of nuclear warheads mounted on missiles. It is believed the North is referring to three ballistic

missiles that were fired off the North's east coast and flew over the sea for approximately 300 miles on Tuesday. State media reported that North Korean leader Kim Jong-un guided the launches and was satisfied with them. The tests were in defiance of United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

T Iran's Past and Future Presence in Latin America

Anthony Chibairwe | July 19

ON JULY 18, 1994, A HEZBOLLAH SUICIDE BOMBER OPERATING under directions from Iran, rammed a car bomb into the Asociación Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA) building—a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires. The ensuing blast killed 85 people and wounded more than 300 others.

Nearly 22 years later, the AMIA bombing remains as the worst terrorist attack in Argentine history, and it is largely unsolved.

In October 2006, Alberto Nisman, the special prosecutor who had been investigating the AMIA bombing formerly accused eight Iranian officials (including former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani) and a Lebanese militant for the terrorist attack.

On Jan. 14, 2015, Nisman filed a complaint against then Argentine President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner and some officials in her administration for covering up Iran's involvement in the attack.

Four days later, Nisman was found with a bullet in his head. His testimony before the Argentine Congress about the alleged cover-up had been scheduled for the following day.

To this day, Nisman's death is still under investigation.

In a special report published on June 21, Joseph Humire, executive director of the Center for a Secure Free Society, declared Nisman's death "the most important political assassination in Latin America of the 21st century." He wrote: "[T]he important question is not only who killed the prosecutor; but also who

benefited from his death?"

According to the report, Nisman's death "arguably most benefited Iran since it resented Nisman for presenting an obstacle in Tehran's pursuit of international legitimacy."

Iran's Latin American coordinator was Mohsen Rabbani, an Iranian intelligence official who operated under multiple covers and worked with Iranian embassies in Spain, Germany, Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela, Chile, Uruguay, Cuba and Mexico.

Iranian embassies in Brazil and Colombia, in collaboration with Hezbollah operatives in those countries, provided logistical support for the AMIA attack.

One month before his death, Alberto Nisman requested that the United Nations activate Chapter VII of the UN Charter for its involvement in the case and for Iran to extradite those responsible for the bombing. "Nisman's strategy to take the AMIA case to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) took place at a time when Iran was in intense nuclear negotiations with the [P5+1 nations]."

According to the report, the AMIA case would have [jeopardized the Iran nuclear deal](#). "Nisman knew this, and acted accordingly," it said.

It appears Nisman's enemies well knew the AMIA case would open up a can of worms and preemptively "acted accordingly" as well.

ANGLO-AMERICA



Why Most People Don't Understand Bible Prophecy

Gerald Flurry, The Key of David | July 22

Even if you read the Bible, you cannot understand biblical prophecy without the key that unlocks those prophecies. Do you have that all-important key?



Black Lives Matter, KKK, Revolutionary Communist Party Protest in Cleveland

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS



A SERIES OF SMALL SKIRMISHES BROKE OUT BETWEEN GROUPS of demonstrators a few blocks from the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday. Hundreds of officers, arrayed in five lines, were able to keep pockets of protesters separated for the most part. Due to their efforts, there have been only a handful of arrests despite the presence of a volatile cocktail of extremist groups.

According a *New York Post* article titled "[RNC Protesters Are](#)

[Getting Vile](#)":

Members of the KKK, Black Lives Matter and Westboro Baptist Church reportedly threw urine at each other and police had to step in in an attempt to keep the peace, a police spokesperson told KPLC.

A scuffle also broke out when conspiracy theorist and radio show host Alex Jones started speaking in downtown's

Public Square. Police on bicycles pushed back a surging crowd, and Jones was whisked away.

Minutes later, more officers on bicycles formed a line between a conservative religious group and a communist-leaning organization carrying a sign that read, “America Was Never Great.”

Hundreds of demonstrators gathered but appeared to be outnumbered by police and members of the news media. Hundreds of officers arrayed in five lines kept pockets of protesters separated.

According to an *Atlantic* article titled “[Cleveland Finally Gets Its Protests](#)”:

As Jones left, the Revolutionary Communist Party was setting up for a planned rally in the center of Public Square. They bore a huge banner with pictures of black people killed by police and small signs that read “America Was Never Great: We need to OVERTHROW the system.” With their own megaphones, they took turns railing against police violence. In their view, law enforcement’s

problem isn’t a few bad apples—it’s that police departments are designed as a tool of systemic class oppression. As Mark Oppenheimer explained in a *Boston Globe* piece years ago, the Revolutionary Communists are an esoteric bunch, led by a reclusive leader named Bob Avakian. The keynote speaker for the rally was Cornel West, the academic and public intellectual who was a major backer of Sen. Bernie Sanders’s presidential run. West has the unusual distinction of being a member of the Democratic Party’s platform committee, endorsing Green Party candidate Jill Stein, and appearing at a rally for the Revolutionary Communists—although he identified himself as a revolutionary Christian.

It is hard to believe that in the most prosperous country of the most prosperous era in the world, where free speech—including outright lies—is protected vehemently by the Constitution, rioting and violence are becoming popular methods of dissent. Increasingly, people seem to be abandoning the rule of law for the law of the jungle. This way of handling things will not bring peace or human rights; it can only lead to revolution and war.

British Police Braced for Repeat of 2011 London Riots

WE TALKED ABOUT THIS



LONDON’S HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR DESCENDED INTO CHAOS after two water fights escalated into chaos, with five people being stabbed on Wednesday.

According an NBC News article titled “[UK Heat Wave: Cop Among Several Stabbed at London Water Fights](#)”:

With the UK in the midst of a 91-degree heat wave, more than 2,000 people gathered in the capital’s Hyde Park for a water fight promoted on social media.

London’s Metropolitan Police said “our officers came under attack” from bottles and other objects after they attempted to negotiate with a group attempting to set up stereo equipment.

The *London Evening Standard* dubbed the event “the worst outbreak of youth violence since the 2011 riots,” in which thousands of people took to the streets across London and other parts of the UK.

Eyewitnesses told the newspaper the resulting chaos resembled a “riot” and a “war zone.”

One officer was stabbed, another suffered a head injury, and three others were injured, according to police. Two civilians were also stabbed.

The chaos lasted almost four hours—from 8:40 p.m. to

2:20 a.m. local time ...—with police using riot shields and horses to push the crowds out of the park.

According to the *Times* article titled “[Police Braced for Repeat of 2011 London Riots](#)”:

Police launched extra patrols across London [Wednesday] night and canceled officers’ leave amid fears of further rioting and stabbings after a spate of violent incidents involving thousands of people.

The Bible reveals the cause of these riots. Warning of violence to come, Isaiah 1:5-6 state: “Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and *the whole heart faint*. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.”

The riots happen because all society is sick. As *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes: “Neither the leaders nor their followers have the will or the strength to get to the roots of race riots or terrorist attacks and solve them once and for all (see Daniel 12:9; 9:13; and Leviticus 26:19).”

South China Sea Protests in Melbourne

AS ANTI-POLICE DEMONSTRATIONS AND RIOTS ENGULF THE United States and Britain, Chinese community groups in

Victoria, Australia, are planning a different type of demonstration for Saturday.

According to an article in the *Age* by Philip Wen, titled “[South China Sea Protests to Come to Melbourne](#)”:

Chinese community groups in Victoria are planning a demonstration in Melbourne on Saturday to protest an international tribunal ruling against China’s actions in the South China Sea.

The groups are calling on the Australian government to maintain its policy of “not taking sides” in the escalating territorial and diplomatic stoush [strike].

It is the latest instance of patriotic and business associations with ties to the Chinese embassy in Canberra mobilizing local Chinese communities in an attempt to advance the mainland’s strategic interests and influence public discussion in Australia, often using the evocative and nationalistic language favored by Chinese propaganda arms.

It is understood protest organizers sought approval from the Chinese embassy before publicizing the event and calling for mass participation.

It is unclear how many demonstrators organizers hope to attract for the protest, scheduled for Saturday morning at the Queen Victoria Gardens.

An e-mail campaign written in Chinese by the protest organizers, disseminated through local online Chinese media outlets, claims to have attracted the support of more than 100 Chinese community associations under the banner of the Melbourne Chinese Alliance for the Safeguard of the South China Sea.

This protest is yet another example of a failure of immigrants to assimilate into the culture of their new country. In any future conflict of interest between China and Australia over access to maritime trade routes, Australia may not be able to rely on the support of people in its own country due to the failures of multiculturalism.

TW IN BRIEF

President Obama on police officer security: United States President Barack Obama said the federal government should play more of a role in training local police departments. He talked about this issue after a meeting with Attorney General Loretta Lynch and FBI Director James Comey on Tuesday. The proposed training would include instruction on how to deal with active-shooter events and how to decrease tension before violence erupts. The president also said more bulletproof vests needed to be provided to local officers. In the past, President Obama has strongly advocated providing additional federal funding to local police departments that voluntarily submit to federal oversight.

Theresa May’s first cabinet meeting: British Prime Minister Theresa May chaired her first cabinet meeting as the United Kingdom’s new leader on Tuesday. The prime minister told her cabinet to ensure the UK’s exit from the European Union is a success. She also aims to push forward a series of social reforms. May has stressed that her new cabinet will focus on benefiting the interests of Britain’s working class and not just the privileged few.

Toronto approves three supervised drug injection sites: The city council in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, voted on

Thursday of last week to allow the establishment of three supervised drug injection sites in the city’s downtown area. The sites aim to provide a safe and hygienic environment where drug addicts can inject pre-obtained drugs—such as heroin—under a nurse’s supervision. From 2004 to 2014, Toronto has undergone a 77 percent increase in the number of deaths from overdoses. Joe Cressy, the chair of the Toronto Drug Strategy, said the new sites would be a “critical tool” in reducing these deaths.

More policemen shot: Three United States police officers were shot and killed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on Sunday by a black man carrying an assault rifle. The deadly encounter happened less than a mile from police headquarters. The attack came less than two weeks after Alton Sterling, a black man, was fatally shot by police in the city. The gunman, identified as Gavin Long, was shot and killed after the attack. He was a former Marine sergeant who served in Iraq. He was also associated with several anti-American groups, including the Washitaw Nation, New Freedom Group, Nation of Islam, and Freedom from Covert Harassment and Surveillance. In a series of YouTube videos posted before the attack, Long urged blacks to fight back against perceived law enforcement injustices against black people.



He Was Right
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Herbert W. Armstrong accurately predicted today’s news over five decades ago.

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