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NORTH KOREA TURNS ITS HOSTILITY ON BEIJING

May 4, 2017 WND.com reported: "Tensions on the Korean peninsula are reaching an unprecedented boiling point, as North Korea's leader threatens war with China, its strongest and most important ally, over its 'nuclear betrayal.'

A Beijing official told both the U.S. and North Korea, along with Japan and South Korea, to 'stop irritating each other' on Wednesday, prompting the Korean Central News Agency to fire back.

'China had better ponder over the grave consequences to be entailed by its reckless act of chopping down the pillar of' North Korea-China relations, a KCNA statement read, according to Reuters. 'A string of absurd and reckless remarks are now heard from China every day only to render the present bad situation tenser.'

The statement blasted 'ignorant politicians and media persons' in China for unfairly calling on Pyongyang to give up its nuclear-weapons program..."



China

ISIS TO JIHADISTS: USE FAKE APARTMENT, JOB, CRAIGSLIST ADS TO LURE HOSTAGE, MURDER VICTIMS

May 4, 2017 pjmedia.com reported: "The Islamic State magazine that has published tutorials on vehicle, knife and arson attacks as a tool of lone jihad is now encouraging terrorists to acquire guns at shows and shops and take hostages not for ransom but "to create as much carnage and terror as one possibly can."

The latest issue of Rumiya magazine, distributed online in 10 languages including English, offers another installment of the "Just Terror Tactics" series, praising lone jihadists including U.S. terrorists who have "set heroic examples with their operations."

The objective of taking hostages, would-be jihadists are told, is "not to hold large numbers of the kuffar hostage in order to negotiate one's demands," but to sow terror with "the language of force, the language of killing, stabbing and slitting throats, chopping off heads, flattening them under trucks, and burning them alive, until they give the jizyah [tax] while they are in a state of humiliation."

"The scenario for such an attack is that one assaults a busy, public, and enclosed location and rounds up the kuffar [disbelievers] who are present. Having gained control over the victims, one should then proceed to slaughter as many of them as he possibly can before the initial police response, as was outstandingly demonstrated by the mujahidin who carried out the Bataclan theatre massacre during the course of the blessed Paris raid," the article instructs.

Orlando nightclub shooter Omar Mateen "superbly demonstrated this scenario" of taking hostages simply to delay police while killing them "when, having armed himself with an assault rifle and a handgun, he single-handedly slaughtered 49 sodomites."

Jihadists are told that Europeans should try to acquire guns in conflict zones or from underground dealers, and "much like its Crusader European counterparts, the UK faces a gun control dilemma as it feebly attempts to fend off the influx of weapons, but to no avail" so attackers are advised to find guns "readily available for purchase on the streets of Britain."..."

ACTIVITY RESUMES AT NORTH KOREA NUCLEAR TEST SITE: MONITOR

May 3, 2017 spacedaily.com reported: "Satellite images indicate activity has resumed at North Korea's nuclear test site, US-based analysts said Tuesday, as tensions remain high over fears of an sixth atomic test by the reclusive state.

Images of the Punggye-ri site captured on April 25 appear to show workers pumping out water at a tunnel believed to have been prepared for an upcoming nuclear test, monitoring group 38 North said.

It also noted that a large number of personnel were seen throughout the facility, with some groups possibly playing volleyball, in what is very likely a propaganda scene.

"It is unclear if this activity indicates that a nuclear test has been cancelled, the facility is in stand-by mode or that a test is imminent," said the researchers from the US-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University.

Workers were also observed playing volleyball at the guard barracks and two other areas at the site in satellite pictures taken on April 19 and 21.

38 North said the latest images were "unusual and almost assuredly a component of an overall North Korean deception and propaganda effort" and the result of media reporting on the earlier volleyball sightings.

North Korea is on a mission to develop a long-range missile capable of hitting the US mainland with a nuclear warhead, and has so far staged five nuclear tests, two of them last year.

Punggye-ri is a complex of tunnels and testing infrastructure in the mountains in the northeast of the country.

38 North said last month that Punggye-ri was "primed and ready" to conduct a test, amid mounting speculation that Pyongyang would act to coincide with major anniversaries including the birthday of regime founder Kim Il-Sung."..."

CHINA DEMANDS HALT TO US MISSILE SHIELD IN S.KOREA

May 2, 2017 spacedaily.com reported: "China demanded on Tuesday an immediate halt to a controversial US missile shield hours after Washington announced that the defence system was now operational in South Korea.

Washington and Seoul agreed to the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) battery deployment in July in the wake of a string of North Korean missile tests. But its deployment has infuriated China, which fears it will weaken its own ballistic missile capabilities and says it upsets the regional security balance.

"We oppose the deployment of the THAAD system in (South Korea) and urge relevant sides to immediately stop the deployment. We will firmly take necessary measures to uphold our interests," foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said at a regular press briefing.

While Beijing lashed out at the shield's deployment, the foreign ministry expressed support for US President Donald Trump's surprise comments that he would be "honored" to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un under the right conditions.

"If it would be appropriate for me to meet with him I would, absolutely. I would be honored to do it," Trump said in an interview with Bloomberg.

Asked about Trump's remarks, Geng said that China "has always believed that dialogue and consultation... is the only realistic and viable way to achieve denuclearisation."

"We also said many times that the US and DPRK... should make political decisions at an early date, take action and show good faith so that we can create a better atmosphere for resuming the peace talks and settling the issue," he added.

Earlier, US Forces Korea said THAAD is "operational and has the ability to intercept North Korean missiles and defend the Republic."

A US defence official told AFP, however, that the system has only "reached initial intercept capability". This initial capability will be augmented later this year as additional hardware and components arrive to complete the system, officials said. The THAAD system, which is being installed on a former golf course in the southern county of Seongju, is designed to intercept and destroy short- and medium-range ballistic missiles during their final phase of flight.

Beijing has imposed a host of measures seen as economic retaliation against the South for the THAAD deployment, including a ban on tour groups..."

RARE PRE-STATE DOCUMENT CLAIMS ISRAEL ENTITLED TO JUDEA, SAMARIA

May 2, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Nearly seven decades after the establishment of the State of Israel, American Jews are sharply divided over Israeli policy in Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem – with conflicting views both over what choices would be best in Israel's interest, as well as whether Israel even has a right to large swaths of the historic Jewish homeland. But was the American Jewish establishment always so divided on the issue of Jewish rights over the Land of Israel?"



Israel

A newly preserved pre-state memorandum by some of the leading figures in the American Jewish community suggests that unlike today, prior to the establishment of Israel, American Jewry embraced Israel's claim to the historic Jewish homeland, including Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria.

The 107-page memorandum, entitled 'The Basic Equities of the Palestine Problem', was produced by eight prominent Jewish American jurists in September 1947, and sent to the United Nations in response to the UN's Special Committee on Palestine's report which suggested a partition of the country, leaving the proposed Jewish state with a tiny portion of the land originally allotted to it by the Balfour Declaration and subsequent League of Nations Mandate for Palestine..."

HAMAS, PLO REACH AGREEMENT: ISRAEL HAS NO RIGHT TO EXIST

May 1, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Despite ongoing strife between the two largest factions in the Palestinian Authority – PA chief Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah and the Hamas movement – recent statements by representatives of both groups suggest the two rivals may be working to resolve their differences.

The apparent beginnings of the rapprochement between Hamas and Fatah are rooted in the one area of agreement between the two factions, says the Palestinian Media Watch, which has monitored a spike in public overtures between senior officials of the two groups.

Unfortunately for Israel PMW reports, the effort to unify the two largest PA factions is based not on a joint vision for improving the lives of those under PA rule, but on the two groups' shared hatred of the Jewish state and belief that Israel has no right to exist..."

NORTH KOREA WARNS OF NUCLEAR TEST 'AT ANY TIME'

May 1, 2017 SpaceDaily.com reports: "North Korea warned Monday that it will carry out a nuclear test 'at any time and at any location' set by its leadership, in the latest rhetoric to fuel jitters in the region. Tensions on the Korean peninsula have been running high for weeks, with signs that the North might be preparing a long-range missile launch or a sixth nuclear test — and with Washington refusing to rule out a military strike in response.

A spokesman for the North's foreign ministry said Pyongyang was 'fully ready to respond to any option taken by the US'. The regime will continue bolstering its 'preemptive nuclear attack' capabilities unless Washington scrapped its hostile policies, he said in a statement carried by the state-run KCNA news agency.

'The DPRK's measures for bolstering the nuclear force to the maximum will be taken in a consecutive and successive way at any moment and any place decided by its supreme leadership,' the spokesman added, apparently referring to a sixth nuclear test and using the North's official name, the Democratic Republic of Korea. The North has carried out five nuclear tests in the last 11 years and is widely believed to be making progress towards its dream of building a missile capable of delivering a warhead to the continental United States..."