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North Korea to test missile from sub?

July 21, 2017 thesun.co.uk reported: “NEW satellite images of North Korea bases appear to show the power hungry state gearing up for a game-changing nuclear missile test – this time from a submarine. It comes as a North Korean sub has been reportedly spotted by US spy agencies in international waters engaging in “unusual activity”. The satellite pictures show a SINPO-class submarine, which is designed to launch ballistic missiles, in the Sinpo South shipyard in the east of the secretive state.



But North Korean watchers 38North, which monitors military activity in the Stalinist country, has spotted changes on the boat and the facility it is docked in. The analysts believe satellite images indicate preparations for a major operation.

Its report states: “While the precise reason for this movement is unclear, one possibility is that it may have been long-term preparations for the recently reported voyage or an upcoming missile test.”

Other images show huge development at the shipyard. Long-range ballistic missiles (ISBMs), and their submarine-housed counterparts (SLBMs), are rockets which can carry nuclear bombs and would be capable of striking the west coast of the US including cities such as Los Angeles and Seattle.”...

93 Per Cent of Christians Say Faith is ‘Marginalised’ in UK

July 20, 2017 Breitbart.com reported: “More than 90 per cent Christians in the UK believe their faith is being marginalized in British society, a survey has revealed. It also found a majority of Christians thought their faith was not given the same respect as other religions in the UK, with most feeling it was considered unacceptable for them to share their beliefs in public.

The survey, conducted by Premier Christian Communications, questioned more than 12,000 ‘ordinary Christians’ as part of a ‘State of the Faith’ study. 93 per cent of respondents said they ‘believe that Christianity is being marginalised’ in Britain, and half said they had experienced prejudice because of their faith...”

Police close Temple Mount to Jews

July 19, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Jewish visitors have been barred from the Temple Mount Wednesday morning, after police claimed several Jews ‘violated visitation rules’ on earlier on Wednesday. While Jews are allowed to visit the Temple Mount – the holiest site in Judaism – they are barred from praying, even silently, or bringing religious items like tefillin (phylacteries) or prayer shawls.

In addition, Jewish visitors are usually escorted by officials from the Jordanian Waqf, the Islamic trust which manages the Muslim sites on the Mount. Waqf officials monitor Jews visiting the Mount to ensure that they do not approach the Muslim prayer areas or engage in prayer.

Since last Friday’s deadly terror attack near the Mount, however, Waqf officials have refused to ascend the Mount, claiming that new security measures put in place following the attack infringed on the religious rights of Muslim worshippers.

After the shooting attack, which left two Border Police officers dead, Israeli police set up magnetometers (advanced metal detectors) at the entrances to the Temple Mount, as well as extra security cameras. Police suspect that employees of the Waqf aided the three terrorists responsible for the shootings, helping them to smuggle their weapons onto the Mount and store them in a mosque.

Muslim clerics and Palestinian Authority leaders have called for a ‘Day of Rage’ against the new security measures, encouraging Arabs to demonstrate in Judea, Samaria, and Jerusalem...”

Philly Archbishop Decries Vatican Article Attacking U.S. Christians as ‘Willfully Ignorant’

July 19, 2017 Breitbart.com reported: “In a hard-hitting essay, Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput has joined the dozens of Christian leaders who have denounced the ignorant and insulting article published last week by the Vatican-vetted journal, La Civiltà Cattolica.

The essay by papal confidants Father Antonio Spadaro SJ and Rev. Marcelo Figueroa paints an offensive caricature of conservative Christians in the United States as politically ambitious racists who promote an ‘ecumenism of hate’ and long to impose a theocratic state.

In his powerful response, Archbishop Chaput says that the authors are guilty of ‘dumbing down and inadequately presenting the nature of Catholic/evangelical cooperation on religious freedom and other key issues.’

‘Dismissing today’s attacks on religious liberty as a ‘narrative of fear,’ as the La Civiltà Cattolica article does, Chaput says, ‘sounds willfully ignorant.’

The redoubtable Philadelphia Archbishop joins a growing chorus of Catholic voices that have universally criticized the article. One observer, Father Raymond Desouza, derided the piece as ‘ignorant of contemporary Catholic life, tendentious in its analysis, patronizing in tone,’ arguing that ultimately it ‘does not even rise to the level of mediocrity.’...”

Iranian general threatens American military bases

July 18, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “An Iranian general on Monday warned the United States against imposing sanctions on the Revolutionary Guards (IRGC), threatening U.S. military bases in the region.

‘Drawing an analogy between the IRGC and terrorist groups and imposing the same sanctions (used against terrorists) on the IRGC would be a big risk to the U.S. and its bases and forces stationed in the region,’ said Major General Mohammad Hossein Baqeri, in comments quoted by the Tasnim news agency. He added that a Congressional bill seeking to apply terrorism-related sanctions to the IRGC is a ‘wrong U.S. calculation’, and said that Iran has always stood up against the world hegemonic system, especially the U.S., and has boosted its capabilities.

Baqeri warned American lawmakers to exercise more ‘caution’ and ‘think deeper’ about the decisions on new anti-Iran sanctions, stressing, ‘The Islamic Republic of Iran’s missile power is defensive and never would be subject to bargaining and negotiation at any level.’...”

‘Al-Aqsa must be returned to Palestinian hands’

July 18, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Mahmoud Al-Habbash, president of the Palestinian Authority’s (PA) judicial system and an advisor to PA chairman Mahmoud Abbas on religious affairs, on Monday blasted the security measures taken by Israel following last Friday’s attack on the Temple Mount, in which two Border Policemen were murdered.

Habbash said that the Israeli measures in Jerusalem are null and void and constitute a blatant violation of the conventions and decisions of international institutions regarding the status of Jerusalem and its holy sites. According to him, the exclusive sovereignty over the entire Temple Mount belongs to the Islamic Waqf.

He warned Israel against continuing to carry out its ‘crimes’ in Jerusalem, saying those ‘crimes’ would not bring Israel peace and security, but would instead lead the region to violence and bloodshed. The only way to achieve peace and security for all, said Habbash, is by ‘ending the occupation and returning Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque to Palestinian and Islamic hands, granting the Palestinian people their rights and establishing a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital.’...”

Jordanians: Cancel peace agreement with Israel

July 18, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Thousands swarmed Amman’s streets on Saturday night in a protest calling on the Jordanian government to act immediately to halt Israel’s ‘attacks’ on Al-Aqsa Mosque and expel Israeli ambassador to Jordan Einat Schlein.



The protest was held in response to Israel’s decision to close the Temple Mount, which followed a terrorist attack in the Old City on Friday. Two Israeli police officers were murdered in the attack and another was wounded. According to reports in the Hamas newspaper Palestine Islamic Movement supporters shouted slogans supporting the fight and encouraging acts of revenge against Israel, as well as condemning the Arab states’ silence on the matter. The protesters insisted Jordan cancel its peace agreement with Israel and stop the normalization of relations with the Jewish state.

Muslim Brotherhood senior official Hamza Mansour said, ‘The Al-Quds’ activities have proven Israel’s failure to uproot the Arab heritage and Islamicism from the Palestinians who have been living under Israeli occupation since 1948.’

Al-Quds is the Arabic name for Jerusalem...”

Mike Pence says God had a hand in creating State of Israel, pledges to move embassy to Jerusalem

July 18, 2017 ChristianToday.com reported: “Mike Pence said that God had a hand in creating the state of Israel, as he heaped praise on the Jewish state while addressing the evangelical group Christians United for Israel last night. The Vice President also promised that the Trump administration will move the US embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

‘Indeed though Israel was built by human hands it is impossible not to sense that just beneath its history lies the hand of heaven,’ Pence said.

The group, founded by the controversial San Antonio pastor John Hagee, is composed largely of evangelicals and met in Washington this week in to celebrate what its members consider to be an administration more in line with its values. According to the Religion News Service (RNS), Pence thrilled his audience, quoting from the Prophet Ezekiel’s vision of the dry bones: ‘Ezekiel prophesied, and I quote, ‘behold I will cause breathe to enter into you and you shall live’.

‘The State of Israel and her people bear witness to God’s faithfulness as well as their own. How unlikely was Israel’s birth? How more unlikely has been her survival and how confounding against the odds has been her thriving?’ he said. Since Israel’s founding, Pence added, ‘the Jewish people have awed the world with their strength of will and their strength of character’...”

Pope Francis: World Government Must Rule U.S. ‘For Their Own Good’

July 9, 2017 yournewswire.com reported: “Pope Francis told the Italian newspaper La Repubblica that the United States of America has “a distorted vision of the world” and Americans must be ruled by a world government, as soon as possible, “for their own good.”

The Pope made the observation in an interview with La Repubblica reporter Eugenio Scalfari.

“Last Thursday, I got a call from Pope Francis,” Scalfari reported. “It was about noon, and I was at the newspaper when my phone rang.”

He said Pope Francis had been watching Putin and Trump at the G20 and had become agitated. The Pope demanded to see him at four that afternoon, according to a Google translation of the Italian report.

“Pope Francis told me to be very concerned about the meeting of the G20,” Scalfari wrote. As translated into English by Agence France Presse, which picked up the story, the Pope said “I am afraid there are very dangerous alliances between powers who have a distorted view of the world: America and Russia, China and North Korea, Russia and Assad in the war in Syria.”

“The danger concerns immigration,” the Pope continued to La Repubblica. “Our main and unfortunately growing problem in the world today is that of the poor, the weak, the excluded, which includes migrants.”

“This is why the G20 worries me: It mainly hits immigrants,” Pope Francis said, according to AFP.”...”

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