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AS FATAH, HAMAS MEET, PM VOWS NOT TO CEDE LAND

January 10, 2013 The Jerusalem Post reported: " Hamas and Iran would rule over any territory Israel cedes, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu warned on Wednesday, as he promised never to allow that to occur. He spoke during a Tel Aviv meeting with settler leader Dani Dayan. The two men shook hands and posed for a photograph, as they stood near a flag of Israel and a map of the region.

'Today Abu Mazen [Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas] is in Cairo, at the same time as the head of Hamas Khaled Maashal. They are investigating a possible union between Fatah and the terrorist that wants to destroy Israel and fired rockets on our cities,' he said.

'We know that any territory we evacuate will be taken over by Hamas and Iran. We won't let that happen,' he said. He asked Dayan to meet with him less than 24 hours after the settler leader quit his job as the head of the Council of Jewish Communities of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip, so he could endorse Netanyahu's campaign. 'Internal unity is what will help us defend Israel,' Netanyahu told Dayan..."

RAYTHEON'S QUICK KILL SYSTEM DEFEATS LETHAL ARMOR-PIERCING RPGs

January 10, 2013 SpaceDaily.com reported: "As the U.S. Army prepares for formal testing to evaluate a system to protect combat vehicles from shoulder-fired and tube-launched Rocket Propelled Grenades (RPGs), Raytheon Company's Quick Kill Active Protection System (APS) has again shown its maturity and accuracy in a series of tests.

In a recent test, held in December 2012, the Quick Kill APS demonstrated its protective capability by successfully defeating an extended set of threats, including one of the most lethal RPG threats by destroying it in mid-flight. All testing is in preparation for formal government evaluations in early 2013 to demonstrate the system's unique RPG-defeat capabilities..."

In previous tests, the system demonstrated its ability to defeat multiple threat types both from a stationary and an on-the-move platform - and it showed its multi-threat capability by defeating two simultaneous threats."



INSIDE THE RING: CHINESE MISSILE DEFENSE TEST?

January 9, 2013 The Washington Times reported: "U.S. intelligence agencies are closely monitoring China's missile facilities in anticipation of a test of China's missile defense interceptor, which also doubled in the past as an anti-satellite (ASAT) missile.

The officials commented in response to reports that China is set to conduct another potentially destabilizing anti-satellite missile test in space. In 2007, China fired a missile that destroyed a weather satellite and resulted in tens of thousands of dangerous pieces of debris that threaten manned and unmanned spacecraft.

The Washington Free Beacon reported in September on new intelligence reports that indicate China is preparing to fire its Dong Ning-2 missile into space, this time at a high-earth orbit target.

Then last week Gregory Kulacki, a specialist with the Union of Concerned Scientist, reported on his blog, "All Things Nuclear," that Chinese officials recently circulated an internal notice of an upcoming anti-satellite missile test in space..."

A U.S. official said a test at this point does not appear imminent. However there are signs an interceptor flight test is being prepared. After the vehement international reaction to the 2007 space weapon test, China has sought to mask its anti-satellite missile program as a less controversial missile defense program, specialists say..."

FIRST ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT GONORRHEA CASES DETECTED IN NORTH AMERICA

January 8, 2013 USNews.com reported: "The fears of major health organizations have come true: Gonorrhea that is immune to the last remaining effective oral antibiotic has been detected in at least nine North American patients, meaning the era of "incurable" gonorrhea could be close.

In a study released Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association, a group of scientists led by Vanessa Allen of Public Health Ontario, found that 6.7 percent of patients with gonorrhea at a Toronto clinic still had the disease after a round of cephalosporins, the last effective oral antibiotic used to treat the disease. Of 133 patients who returned for a "test of cure" visit, nine remained gonorrhea-positive. This is the first time cephalosporin-resistant gonorrhea has been found in humans in North America.

Last year, both the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control warned that untreatable gonorrhea—the world's second

most common sexually transmitted infection—could soon be a reality as the bacteria showed increasing resistance to cephalosporins in lab tests.

"These are the clinical cases we've been waiting for," Allen says. "This is the translation of the lab information into what the clinical consequence is."

Previously, there had been a couple individual case reports of untreatable gonorrhea cases in the United Kingdom, Austria, France, Norway, and Japan. In an accompanying editorial, Robert Kirkcaldy of the CDC writes that gonorrhea is quickly becoming a more threatening disease.

"Cephalosporin treatment failures have now been documented in North America," he writes. "Although this milestone was expected, its arrival is deeply troubling."

Gonorrhea is estimated to infect close to 700,000 Americans each year. Symptoms include painful urination, abdominal pain, genital discharge, itching, and infertility in women. Women who have both HIV and gonorrhea are more likely to pass HIV to their offspring than women with just HIV."..."



IRANIAN COMMANDER WARNS US TO WAIT FOR AL QAEDA BLOW

January 7, 2013 The Fars News Agency reported: "The terrorism which has been funded and harbored by the US, western states and Arab reactionary regimes will make the US and the western societies unsafe in future, a senior Iranian military commander cautioned on Monday.

'Terrorism is the product of the US, Arab reactionary states and hypocritical regimes and they should wait to see the acts of their criminal protégés. Sooner or later, the Al Qaeda will make their environment unsafe,' Deputy Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces for Basij and Defense Culture Brigadier General Massoud Jazzayeri said.

'The US and Europe cannot remain unhurt from the damages caused by the well-equipped and goalless terrorists,' the commander stated, adding, 'That is a warning that we had earlier declared too.'

Iran has long been a victim of the US and Israeli terrorism, specially state-sponsored nuclear terrorism. The US and Israeli spy agencies have admitted that they have assassinated Iran's nuclear scientists and tried to infiltrate virus and other types of malware into Iran's cyber network to hinder the country's progress in the field of civilian nuclear technology.

In similar remarks last month, Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces ...renewed Iran's call for an immediate stop in the shipment of weapons to terrorists in Syria, and said the US should change its policy of support for the al-Qaeda terrorists in Syria."..."

EGYPT'S MORSI REMAKES CABINET, INCREASING ISLAMIST PRESENCE

January 7, 2013 The Washington Post reported: "Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi rebuilt his cabinet Sunday, replacing 10 ministers and amplifying the Islamist presence in the government. The move, in which at least three Islamists were appointed to head major economic ministries, comes a day ahead of a planned visit by a top International Monetary Fund official to discuss an impending \$4.8 billion loan.

The shake-up also marked the latest in a series of appointments and forced resignations that have rattled Egypt's government in the two years of political turmoil since a popular uprising ousted President Hosni Mubarak. Morsi, as well as the transitional leaders who ruled before his June election, have used cabinet shuffles as a means to assuage popular frustration at the slow pace of economic and political reforms.

Islamist political parties gave their support to the latest move, but some opposition members criticized it, saying it served only to further consolidate Islamist control of top government positions weeks after a conflict over the religious character of Egypt's new constitution left the country bitterly divided.

Mohamed Adel, a leader in the April 6th youth opposition movement, said in a statement Sunday that Morsi's administration had not consulted opposition parties on the move and that the Muslim Brotherhood would bear responsibility for any bad policies to come. Morsi is a former leader of the powerful Islamist organization."..."

MILKY WAY COULD CONTAIN 100 BILLION PLANETS

January 7, 2013 VOA News reported: "It seems like hardly a week goes by without another planet being discovered in some far off stellar system, but a new study, released by the California Institute of Technology, indicates there will likely be many, many more such discoveries.

The Caltech team made this conclusion based on analyzing the planets orbiting the Kepler-32 star, which contains five planets and which the scientists say is representative of the vast majority of stars in our galaxy. Kepler-32 is classified as an M dwarf, and scientists say three out of every four stars in the galaxy are M dwarfs, also known as red dwarfs.

'There's at least 100 billion planets in the galaxy—just our galaxy,' says John Johnson, assistant professor of planetary astronomy at Caltech and coauthor of the study, which was recently accepted for publication in the *Astrophysical Journal*."..."

