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U.S. PREPARES FOR IRAN LONG-RANGE MISSILES

January 29, 2007 The Middle East Newsline reported: "The United States has launched an effort to counter Iran's nascent long-range ballistic missile program. Officials said the Defense Department plans to deploy missile defense assets in Eastern Europe that could intercept Iranian intermediate-range missiles fired toward the United States or its European allies. They said the Czech Republic and Poland have been selected to host the missile defense assets amid an expected Iranian threat to Europe over the next few years.

"We want to have this in place by the 2011-2012 timeframe," Missile Defense Agency director Henry Obering said. "Because we think the Iranians, for example, shortly thereafter will be able to have a long-range capability -- not one that they've demonstrated today or necessarily tomorrow."

On Jan. 26, the United States conducted a successful flight test of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system. The Missile Defense Agency and Lockheed Martin said THAAD intercepted a unitary target in a test over the Pacific Ocean."..."

WORLD WAR III HAS ALREADY BEGUN, SAYS ISRAELI SPY CHIEF

January 28, 2007 YnetNews.com reported: "A third World War is already underway between Islamic militancy and the West but most people do not realize it, the former head of Israel's intelligence service Mossad said in an interview published Saturday in Portugal.

'We are in the midst of a third World War,' former Mossad chief Efraim Halevy told weekly newspaper Espresso. The world does not understand. A person walks through the streets of Tel Aviv, Barcelona or Buenos Aires and doesn't get the sense that there is a war going on,' said Halevy who headed Mossad between 1998 and 2003.

'During World War I and II the entire world felt there was a war. Today no one is conscious of it. From time to time there is a terrorist attack in Madrid, London and New York and then everything stays the same.'

Violence by Islamic militants has already disrupted international travel and trade just as in the previous two world conflicts, he said.

Halevy, who was raised in war-time London, predicted it would take at least 25 years before the battle against Islamic fundamentalist terrorism is won and during this time a nuclear strike by Islamic militants was likely. 'It doesn't have to be something very sophisticated, It doesn't have to be the latest nuclear technology, it can be something simple like a dirty bomb which instead of killing millions only kills tens of thousands,' he said.

Halevy served as an envoy for former Israeli Prime Ministers Yitzhak Shamir, Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres and is a former Israeli ambassador to the European Union."



REPORT SHOWS ANTI-SEMITISM ON THE RISE

January 28, 2007 YnetNews.com reported: "A worrying rise in anti-Semitism has been recorded around the world, according to the Jewish Agency's Global Forum Against Anti-Semitism. The figures were released during a press conference held in Jerusalem on Sunday afternoon.

According to the figures, there was a 66 percent rise in anti-Semitic incidents in Austria, while Germany saw a 60 percent rise. In France, there was a 20 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents, with the same level of increased incidents reported in Russia. In the UK, reports of anti-Semitic attacks dropped by three percent.

Amos Hermon, of the Forum, reported the rise, which included two anti-Semitic murders. One victim, Ilan Halimi, a French Jew murdered in January of 2006, will be buried in Israel next month. The other, Pamela Wechter, was shot dead by a Muslim gunman in the Jewish Federation Building in Seattle in July.

Images of a bullet-ridden Oslo synagogue, and worshippers at a Moscow synagogue coming under attack were included in a booklet about the current state of anti-Semitism in the world."..."

IRAN SEEKS TOTAL CONTROL OVER IRAQ

January 28, 2007 The Middle East Newsline reported: "Iran has been subverting the Baghdad government as part of a plan to gain total control over neighboring Iraq, a report said. A report by the Jamestown Foundation said Iran has expanded its subversion efforts and intends to fragment Iraq. Authored by U.S. Army analyst Mounir Elkhamri, the report said Teheran plans to annex the Iraq's Shi'ite areas and oil fields.

"Iran has now moved covertly and overtly onto Iraq to subvert Iraqi institutions and eventually to assume total control," the report said. "Iran has now entered a wider and more dangerous game by subverting the Iraqi police and armed forces into a



'greater Shia' cause, which Iran hopes will lead to the fragmentation of Iraq and the incorporation of oil-rich Shia lands into Iran."

Elkhamri, author of the report entitled "Iran's Contribution to the Civil War in Iraq," serves as a Middle East military analyst at the Foreign Military Studies Office at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. A sergeant in the army reserve, he recently returned from an 18-month tour in Iraq where he worked with a logistics brigade, a maneuver battalion and a Special Forces team."..."

IRAN PREPARES PEOPLE FOR 'MESSIAH MIRACLES'

January 27, 2007 WorldNetDaily reported: "Official Iranian radio has completed broadcasting a lengthy series on the imminent appearance of a messianic figure who will defeat Islam's enemies and impose Islamic Shiite rule over the entire world – even speculating on specific dates the so-called "Mahdi" will be revealed.

"Be joyous my heart, miracles of the Messiah will soon be here," reads a poem used to conclude the first broadcast. "The scent of breaths of the One we know comes from near. Grieve not of sorrow and melancholy, as assured I was ... last night that a Savior will come, it's clear."

After the coming of the 12th imam, or Mahdi, "liberal democratic civilization" will be found only in "history museums," explained the program.

"Contrary to the views of western theoreticians, who usually depict an ambiguous and dark future for mankind, Muslim experts believe human history, despite its many ups and downs, has a very auspicious fate," explained the program.

"Muslims believe hopes for the realization of such a happy ending for the world are called 'Awaiting Redemption,' and means waiting for man's problems to be solved by the Savior at the end of time..."

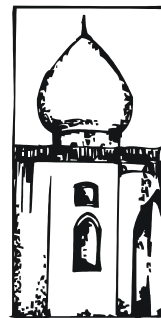
This messianic figure will be a direct descendant of Muhammad, according to the broadcasts. "In short, when he reappears, peace, justice and security will overcome oppression and deceit and one global government, the most perfect ever, will be established," it said.

The Mahdi will appear suddenly, according to the report, in Mecca. Though no one can know the day, Shiites believe, the report actually suggests possibilities in the Muslim calendar. The Mahdi will lead a cataclysmic battle against a descendant of Muhammad's archenemy, Abu Sofyan, culminating in the cities of Kufa and Najaf. His enemy, though, is destroyed later in Jerusalem.

"Another beautiful moment of the Savior's appearance is the coming down of Prophet Jesus...from heaven," says the report. "Hazrat Mahdi receives him courteously and asks him to lead the prayers. But Jesus says you are more qualified for this than me. We read in the book Tazkarat ol-Olia, 'the Mahdi will come with Jesus son of Mary accompanying him.' This indicates that these two great men are (sic) complement each other. Imam Mahdi will be the leader while Prophet Jesus will act as his lieutenant in the struggle against oppression and establishment of justice in the world. Jesus had himself given the tidings of the coming of God's last messenger and will see Mohammad's ideals materialize in the time of the Mahdi..."

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said he expects both Jesus and the Mahdi, to return and "wipe away oppression."

"My one question from the Christians is: What would Jesus do if he were present in the world today? What would he do before some of the oppressive powers of the world who are in fact residing in Christian countries? Which powers would he revive and which of them would he destroy?"asked the Iranian leader. "If Jesus were present today, who would be facing him and who would be following him?"..."



KADIMA PROPOSES HANDING JUDEA AND SAMARIA TO EUROPE

January 25, 2007 WorldNetDaily reported: "A member of PM Ehud Olmert's Kadima party proposed transferring control of Judea and Samaria to a European task force until the establishment of a Palestinian state. Following the establishment of the state, the strategic territory would be handed to security forces associated with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

The proposal comes after WND broke the story earlier this week according to top European and Egyptian diplomatic sources Israel has been conducting behind-the-scene negotiations to hand over most of Judea and Samaria to Abbas' security forces. The sources said the transfer of security control to Abbas would be coordinated by the European Union and Jordan.

Judea and Samaria encompass Jerusalem and are within rocket-firing range of Tel Aviv and Israel's international airport.

At Israel's prestigious Herzliya Conference, Knesset Member Shlomo Breznitz, reportedly a close confidante of Olmert, said the Judea and Samaria should be temporarily transferred to the Europeans and that most of the territory's Jewish communities should be evacuated.

"The only way to get out of the impasse is to transfer the territories, for a limited time, to an international mandate, that will run them until the establishment of a Palestinian state," said Breznitz at the conference..."

Breznitz said his proposal received a warm reception from European and Palestinian officials."..."

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