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## **BIDEN: CONFLICT WITH CHINA NOT INEVITABLE**

*December 5, 2013* VOANews.com reported: "U.S. Vice President Joe Biden says that while Washington's relationship with Beijing is complex and the two countries have real differences, conflict is not inevitable. Biden made his those remarks Thursday on the last day of his stopover in Beijing on a three-nation tour to Asia.



Biden's trip to Asia has been overshadowed by concerns about China's recent establishment of an air defense identification zone over the East China Sea that includes territory also claimed by Japan.

China says the zone was established to safeguard the country's national security and that it will not affect freedom of aviation in the area. So far, China has not interfered with flights in the zone, but it has scrambled fighter jets to the area, heightening concerns about a possible miscalculation in the air. The U.S., Japan, and South Korea have all sent military planes to the region in recent days, defying China's demand that they



notify Beijing beforehand.

The zone was one of several key issues Biden discussed in more than five hours of meetings Wednesday with China's President Xi Jinping. Although the vice president refrained from speaking out on the issue publicly prior to that meeting, he touched on it during an address Thursday to a group of business leaders in Beijing.

"China's recent and sudden announcement of the establishment of a new air defense identification zone has, to state the obvious, caused significant apprehension in the region. And I was very direct about our firm position and our expectations in my conversations with President Xi," he said. Biden also noted that differences between the U.S. and China go far beyond security issues."..."

## **POPE'S VIEWS ON FREE MARKET SEEN AS SHARP REBUKE IN US**

*December 4, 2013* VOANews.com reported: "Pope Francis' criticism of what he calls "unfettered capitalism" has struck a nerve in the United States, long seen as a global proponent of the free market. In a 224-page apostolic exhortation, titled *Evangelii Gaudium*, or Joy of the Gospel, Francis argues that "trickle down" economic theories - associated with the late U.S. President Ronald Reagan - merely create an illusion of helping the poor. The document has prompted a backlash from some U.S. conservatives.

"This is just pure Marxism coming out of the mouth of the pope," said right-wing talk show host Rush Limbaugh, who saw it as a thinly veiled attack on the United States. Other critics have come to the defense of the free market, arguing that it has done much more to lift people out of poverty than the Catholic Church has ever done.

At a recent discussion on Catholic social thought at Georgetown University, a school founded by Jesuits, Bishop Stephen Blair of Stockton, California pointed out that Francis had merely quoted the fourth century saint, John Chrysostom, when he wrote:

"Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life."

John Carr, a former policy adviser to U.S. bishops, said such comments must be seen in the context of the pope's previous critiques of socialism...Carr describes Francis as "a man not of ideology, but a man of experience. He lives with - works with - has been in the streets with the poor. And frankly when you look at this [capitalist] system from the bottom up, it looks different than from the top down."

Some left-leaning Catholics believe that what the pope is saying justifies tax increases on the wealthy and subsidized access to health care, which the political right in the United States has opposed vehemently."..."

## **NETANYAHU: IRAN WILL WREAK HAVOC ON MIDDLE EAST**

*December 4, 2013* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's office released a statement following his meetings with Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta Monday. The statement addresses key issues including peace talks with the Palestinian Authority and a nuclear Iran.

'We want peace, we pray for peace, we are working for peace. We hope that we have a partner for peace on the other side,' Netanyahu said, referring to the Palestinian Authority. 'In addition to political decisions that we have to accept, we want to ensure that there is a solid foundation of peace and security that we want to reach with the Palestinians. We want peace like this for ourselves and for our children.'

'But such a peace will not change what happens in the Middle East significantly,' Netanyahu continued, firing back at criticism that Israel's talks with the Palestinians, which many have seen as a failure, are the key to peace across the entire Middle East...

'The regime in Iran may be all smiles, but it continues to massacre people in Syria and promote terrorism across five continents and in five groups such as Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and Hamas,' he stated, 'and certainly wants to turn back the clock on the world that we love.'

'So if at the center of this chaos, Iran will be armed with nuclear weapons, it will create a historical timeline that not only will turn back progress in the Middle East - in all Middle East - but would endanger world peace, peace in Europe, and peace over the entire planet.' Netanyahu emphasized that Iran 'must be stopped.'..."

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## **ISLAMIC MOVEMENT: ALL NEGEV LANDS BELONG TO ISLAM**

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*December 3, 2013* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Leaders of the extremist Islamic Movement in Israel have claimed that Muslim MKs and other communal leaders took part in Saturday's 'Day of Rage' against the Praver plan, which resettles Bedouin squatters to legal territories in the Negev.

In an official statement released earlier this week, the movement blessed the violent protesters, calling them 'heroes' for their 'honorable battle stance' against the 'fascist' Israeli government. The movement claims that Israel is 'racist' for trying to 'expel the Arabs from the Negev and confiscate their land.'

'We oppose and condemn the plans for the establishment of Jewish villages on Arab land to be confiscated in the Negev, and we see that [Israel has] a record of sadism, racism and contempt for all the Arabs.'

The movement failed to specify which Knesset members were involved with the movement.

The Islamic movement in the Negev, which is led by regional Sheikh Mousa Abu Iyada, opposes the sale of land owned by Muslims to Israelis and non-Muslims under restrictions they claim are imposed by Sharia law. The movement also claimed in a December 2011 demonstration that the entire Negev is 'Waqf,' or sacred to Islam, and that Muslims..."

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## **BLOODBATH AS TERRORISTS MURDER 70 CHRISTIANS**

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*December 2, 2013* WND.com reported: "At least 70 Christians in Nigeria have been killed in coordinated attacks by Fulani tribesmen and the Islamic jihadist organization Boko Haram. Fulani tribesmen reportedly killed 37 Christians in at least four coordinated attacks on the same day. Boko Haram is reported to have killed as many as 34 Christians during the same three-day period.

William Stark, Africa analyst for the human-rights organization International Christian Concern, said the recent killing 'spree' of Christians in Nigeria's northern and middle belts regions 'is, unfortunately, tragic and typical at the same time.'

'Boko Haram attacks, and attacks perpetrated by Fulani herdsmen on Christians, [are] well documented in Nigeria. What is most disturbing about the attack that took place this week was the coordination of the attacks on four villages,' he said.

Stark said many leaders believe that Boko Haram and its affiliates are inciting the Fulani to attack the Christians. The increasingly aggressive posture of the Fulani tribe is further reason for northern Nigerian Christians to be apprehensive, he said..."

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## **NORTH KOREA RESUMES MISSILE SITE CONSTRUCTION**

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*December 2, 2013* SpaceDaily.com reported: "North Korea has resumed construction work on a missile launch site on its northeast coast after a months-long hiatus, part of a renewed push for its nuclear and missile programmes, according to a US think-tank. Recent satellite imagery shows work has resumed on new facilities at the North's Tonghae launch site, the US-Korea Institute of Johns Hopkins University posted on its 38 North website. The facilities appear designed to test future generations of larger, more capable rockets, it said.

The restart of work at Tonghae indicates that North Korea is still committed to maintaining two launch sites along with the Sohae site on the west coast. But the institute said there were no signs of an imminent long-range rocket test at either site.

The US-Korea Institute said in October that North Korea has undertaken major construction work at Sohae, possibly to cater to larger and more mobile weapons. The Sohae site was used for the launch in December of the North's Unha-3 carrier, which successfully placed a satellite in orbit..."

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## **PM HARPER VOWS 'ISRAEL WILL ALWAYS HAVE CANADA'**

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*December 2, 2013* The Jerusalem Post reported: "Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper vowed Sunday night that Israel will always be able to count on his country for support, as he announced plans to visit Israel at the beginning of next year. This will mark his first visit ever to the Jewish state.

Harper made the announcement at the Toronto, Canada KKL-JNF annual gala dinner, where he raised the roof with a surprise rock performance. Addressing the audience at the event, the premier – this year's guest of honor - was dressed in surprisingly casual attire, the reason for which soon became clear as he stunned the crowd by becoming the lead singer and keyboard player of a four-person rock band.

Ahead of his musical performance, Harper stressed that Israel, Canada and the western world share threats. 'We understand the future of our country depends on having a free and democratic state in the Middle East.'

'Israel will always have Canada,' he emphasized..."

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