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ADL TO KERRY: 'YOUR THREATS DESTROY PEACE TALKS'

February 6, 2014 Israel National News reports: "In yet another backlash, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) issued a letter slamming the boycott threats against Israel from US Secretary of State John Kerry Tuesday.

Kerry's comments at the Munich Security Conference Saturday have sparked an immense backlash from the Israeli government. He said then, 'today's status quo absolutely, to a certainty, I promise you 100 percent, cannot be maintained. It's not sustainable. It's illusionary,' Kerry stated. 'You see for Israel there's an increasing de-legitimization campaign that has been building up [. . .] there are talk of boycotts and other kinds of things. Are we all going to be better with all of that?'

The ADL's response strongly condemns Kerry's comments..."

RABBIS THREATEN KERRY WITH 'DIVINE WRATH'

February 5, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: "A group called Rabbis from the Committee to Save the Land and People of Israel sent a letter to US Secretary of State John Kerry this Sunday, warning him to end his 'antagonism' towards Israel.

The rabbis sharply criticized Kerry for his plans to establish an Arab capital in Jerusalem for Palestinian Authority (PA) Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, and to have Israel withdraw to the 1949 Armistice lines. On Saturday, Kerry threatened Israel with an international boycott if peace talks fail, in addition to previous threats of a 'Third Intifada' last year.

'Your incessant efforts to expropriate integral parts of our Holy Land and hand them over to Abbas's terrorist gang, amount to a declaration of war against the Creator and Ruler of the universe. For G-d awarded the entire Land of Israel to our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in order that they bequeath it, as an everlasting inheritance, to their descendants, the Jewish people, until the end of all time,' opens the rabbis' letter.

The letter was signed by Rabbi Gedalya Axelrod, emeritus head of the Haifa Rabbinical Court, Rabbi Yisrael Ariel, Chairman of the Temple Institute, Rabbi Ben Tziyon Grossman of Migdal Haemek, Rabbi Shalom Dov Wolpo, Dean of the Institute for the Complete Code of Maimonides, and Rabbi Yigal Pizam, Dean of Yeshivat Kiryat Shmuel.



Warning of the imminent security threat that Kerry's plans would place Israelis in, and bringing the example of Gaza's having turned into a launching pad for rockets, the rabbis slammed the plan for seeking to immediately uproot '20% of the Jews now living productively in Judea, Samaria and the Jordan valley.'

The letter adds that Kerry's plan 'would force tens of thousands of Jews to be evicted from their homes and livelihoods, devastating their lives financially, economically and psychologically, as happened to those expelled from the flourishing Gaza settlements, most of whom still suffer from the expulsion's ruinous after-effects.'

Drawing on Jewish history, the letters declares to Kerry: 'If you continue on this destructive path, you will ensure your everlasting disgrace in Jewish history for bringing calamity upon the Jewish people – like Nebuchadnezzar and Titus who destroyed, respectively, the first and second great Temples and the entire Holy City of Jerusalem, and who, by Heavenly punishment, brought eventual disaster upon themselves, too.'..."

ASIA FUELS RISE IN WORLD DEFENCE SPENDING: STUDY

February 4, 2014 spacedaily.com reported: "World defence spending will rise in 2014 for the first time in five years, a key study found Tuesday, driven by arms races in Asia and the Middle East, as well as a resurgent Russia.

The closely watched IHS Jane's Annual Defence Budgets Review said military budgets this year would inch up by 0.6 percent, after years of falls brought on by lower spending in the West.

"We have seen substantial increases in defence spending from countries like Russia, China, India, Saudi Arabia, and Oman over the past two years," said Paul Burton, Director of IHS Jane's Aerospace, Defence & Security.

Military spending in Russia is on the advance, the study said, with President Vladimir Putin pushing through a 44 percent surge in defence expenditure over the next three years. Already, spending in Russia last year shot to \$68 billion, putting it ahead of Britain and Japan.

Spending by superpower China last year was \$139 billion dollars, with only the United States expending more defence. In 2015, the study said military spending in China will outweigh that of Britain, France and Germany combined.

Expenditure on weapons and armies throughout Asia, which rose steadily since 2009, is fueled by heightened tensions between regional powerhouses China and Japan over islands in the East China Sea.

The high-stakes rift has rattled nerves throughout the region and IHS Janes's now believes defence spending in Asia, excluding China, will

exceed spending in Western Europe by 2015.

Middle East rivalries, especially as regional players choose sides in the murderous Syria conflict, has increased military spending there.

"We have seen a rapid acceleration of defence spending in the Middle East since 2011 ... Oman and Saudi Arabia, in particular, have seen rapid growth of over 30 percent between 2011 and 2013," said Fenella McGerty, a senior analyst at IHS Jane's.

Military expenditure by the United States still towers over the rest of the world's, but is expected to continue its steady fall. Spending has drifted lower from \$664 billion in 2012, to \$582 billion in 2013 and is forecast at \$575 billion in 2014 and \$535 billion in 2015.

Pentagon outlays have been cut due to the winding down of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and political bickering in Congress over the government spending."

U.S. EVALUATES CHINA'S EMP THREAT

February 4, 2014 World Net Daily reported: "While China calls the potential use of an EMP weapon against U.S. interests its 'ace,' officials inside the American Defense Department have issued a statement that warnings of an increased threat are 'reckless and irresponsible.'

WND reported only days ago that members of the Chinese military are looking to use an EMP as part of a 'one-two punch' to knock out, literally within seconds, all defensive electronics not only on Taiwan but also on U.S. warships that could defend the island.

The damage would come from the electromagnetic pulse from an explosion, probably a nuclear weapon, that could be detonated at altitude over the region China wants to target. EMP damage could include a complete loss of electronics, computers, automated systems, communications, food and utility services – even transportation.

However, the Department of Defense, or DOD, in response to an inquiry from Fox News' Bret Baier, downplayed the destructive use of an EMP.

'The Department is unaware of any increase in the threat of a deliberate destructive use of an EMP device,' the unsigned DOD statement said. 'Further, any reporting to the contrary by those without access to current threat assessments is both reckless and irresponsible.'

Ironically, this latest statement is at odds with even a new report issued by DOD's Defense Science Board, or DSB, which concludes that DOD and the intelligence community currently lack national technical means sufficient to monitor the development of foreign, including terrorist, nuclear weapons programs..."

SWEDISH STUDY: ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS GREATEST TERRORISM THREAT

February 2, 2014 Breitbart.com reported: "A study of extremist groups in Sweden finds that Islamic extremists pose the biggest threat of terrorist violence.

The study looked at extremists on the far left and far right, but finds that an election year there, and a possible return of Swedes who have joined the Syrian jihad, increase the potential for violence. Sweden's national police agency, Säpo, reported that at least 75 Swedes have gone to Syria to join the fight against dictator Bashar al-Assad. The report was presented Friday to Democracy Minister Birgitta Ohlsson.

The country saw its first suicide bombing in 2010, carried out by a man who moved to Sweden as a child but reportedly became radicalized during his college years in England.

Sweden is home to cartoonist Lars Vilks, whose images of the prophet Muhammad were among those published in a Danish newspaper in the fall of 2005, prompting violent protests months later. This continues to make him an assassination target for Muslim extremists throughout the world. Communication intercepted by the FBI shows that American Colleen LaRose made killing Vilks 'my goal till I achieve it or die trying.' She traveled in preparation for an attack and even tried to contact the cartoonist, she admitted in a 2011 guilty plea..."



JORDAN'S FM REJECTS RECOGNIZING ISRAEL AS JEWISH STATE

February 3, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: "Jordan's Foreign Minister said Sunday that he was against recognizing Israel as a Jewish state, the Jordanian website Ammon News reports. The minister, Nasser Judeh, also rejected the idea of Jordan being an alternative home for Palestinian Arabs.

Speaking during a parliament session which dealt with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's peace plan, Judeh reiterated that Jordan will not be an 'alternative home for anybody.'

Judeh described American efforts to push peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA) as a 'serious attempt' to reach tangible results.

'Jordan is integrally involved in and has big role in the Palestinian-Israeli talks,' he added, according to Ammon News. Judeh stressed that Jordan is not absent from the peace negotiations and will not accept any solution that contradicts with the country's interests and national security..."

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