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## BELGIAN MPS DUE TO VOTE ON CHILD EUTHANASIA

*February 13, 2014* BBC News reported: "Belgium's MPs are expected to vote on whether to extend a euthanasia law to terminally-ill children. The bill seeks to allow children to ask for euthanasia if their illness is terminal, they are in great pain and there is no available treatment. The lower house is likely to back the bill, correspondents say.

To become legal, it then needs to be signed by the king, making Belgium the first country in the world to remove any age limit on the practice. The signature of the legislation by King Philippe is seen by analysts as a formality.

In the Netherlands, Belgium's northern neighbour, euthanasia is legal for children over the age of 12, if there is parental consent. Under the Dutch conditions, a patient's request for euthanasia can be fulfilled by a doctor if the request is 'voluntary and well-considered' and the patient is suffering unbearably, with no prospect of improvement. The Belgian proposal has already passed a number of legal hurdles, and appears to have wide support across Belgium, the BBC's Duncan Crawford in Brussels reports..."

## DEBT UP \$2.7T IN 2.5 YRS UNDER BOEHNER DEBT-LIMIT DEALS

*February 12, 2014* cnsnew.com reported: "The debt of the U.S. government has increased by \$2.678 trillion in the 2.5 years since House Speaker John Boehner (R.-Ohio) completed his first deal to put legislation increasing the debt limit through a Republican-controlled House of Representatives.

On Aug. 2, 2011, President Barack Obama signed legislation, approved by the Boehner-led House, permitting the Treasury to increase the debt by \$900 billion. Since then, the debt limit has been repeatedly suspended by legislation that needed to pass through the Republican-controlled House. Yesterday, the House once again passed legislation to suspend the debt limit—this time through March 15, 2015, which is after November's mid-term congressional elections..."



## YA'ALON: 'ISRAEL IS A MILITARY SUPERPOWER'

*February 12, 2014* Arutz Sheva reported: "Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon participated in the opening ceremony of the International Air Show in Singapore Tuesday, where Israeli Aerospace Industries (IAI) presented a number of new military aircraft on the cutting edge of defense technology.

'From the technology displayed here at the booths of the Defense Ministry, I can say that Israel is a superpower,' Ya'alon stated during the ceremony. 'The fact that Israel is represented here in this way, in a place so far from home, shows me that Israel is a superpower - in this respect, at least.'

'Israel is a reluctant superpower because it seems that threats and danger provide a better incentive to develop new military innovations in a wide variety of fields,' he continued. 'We face the threats of a changing Middle East, and despite being smaller [than our neighbors] in every way, our ability to respond is based mainly on our minds and hearts, on our knowledge and spirit. This knowledge, this spirit drives the soldiers who fight, [and] drive the navy and the air force.'..."

## AFGHANISTAN TO RELEASE 65 'DANGEROUS' TALIBAN PRISONERS

*February 11, 2014* SpaceWar.com reported: "Afghanistan on Tuesday said it would press ahead with the release of scores of alleged Taliban fighters from jail despite US objections that the men were a threat to NATO and Afghan forces. Kabul announced on January 9 that a total of 72 detainees held at Bagram jail near the capital would be freed due to lack of evidence, sparking strong condemnation from the United States.

Afghan authorities "concluded that there is no evidence against 72 out of 88 prisoners. We reviewed their cases again after objections by the US forces, and for now we will release 65 prisoners," Abdul Shukur Dadras from the Afghan government body reviewing detainees at Bagram said on Tuesday.

"These 65 inmates... will be released as soon as early next week," he told AFP. The issue threatens to further strain US-Afghan relations amid pressure for the two countries to sign a long-delayed security deal allowing some American soldiers to stay in the country after 2014.

In a statement, US forces in Afghanistan said the prisoners were a "legitimate force protection concern" for both Afghan and international forces fighting a bloody Taliban-led insurgency since late 2001.

"The release of these detainees is a major step backward for the rule of law in Afghanistan," the statement said.

## APPROACHING IRANIAN WARSHIPS RAISE EMP THREAT

*February 11, 2014* World Net Daily reported: "National security experts have expressed alarm over the announcement by Iran that it will position its warships off the coast of the United States, from where they could launch a nuclear warhead to explode at high altitude to create

an electromagnetic pulse. That could knock the American electrical grid out of commission, disrupting supplies of energy, food, communications, fuel and more for a long period.

These experts agree that there would be no warning and that the U.S. missile defense system would not be able to respond in time to prevent the high altitude nuclear explosion. They also believe that if such a missile were launched, it would not be from an Iranian warship but from a commercial vessel sailing along the East Coast or in the Gulf of Mexico.

'It shows they could put a weapon on a boat or freighter, and if Iran has ballistic missiles it could put it anywhere on the U.S. coast,' said John Bolton, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and currently a senior fellow at the Washington-based American Enterprise Institute.

Last month, the Iranian Fars News Agency announced that the fleet would undertake a three-month mission and would consist of a destroyer and a helicopter-carrying vessel. While the Iranian deployment may consist of two vessels, the commander of Iran's Northern Navy Fleet, Adm. Afshin Rezayee Haddad, said that Iran would send a 'fleet' to the Atlantic Ocean..."

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### **KHOMENEI: U.S. WOULD OVERTHROW US IF IT COULD**

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*February 9, 2014* Arutz Sheva reported: "Iran's Supreme Leader on Saturday once again verbally attacked the United States, saying Washington had a 'controlling and meddlesome' attitude towards the Islamic Republic, Reuters reported, citing Iranian media. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei also said that the United States would overthrow the Iranian government 'if it could.'

In a speech marking the 35th anniversary of the 1979 Islamic revolution, Khamenei said that officials seeking to revive the economy should not rely on an eventual lifting of sanctions but rather on home-grown innovation.

'American officials publicly say they do not seek regime change in Iran. That's a lie. They wouldn't hesitate a moment if they could do it,' he was quoted as saying by the semi-official Fars news agency. He added that in dealing with 'enemies', Iran should be prepared to change tactics but not compromise on its main principles.

'The solution to our economic problems is not looking out and having the sanctions lifted ... My advice to our officials, as ever, is to rely on infinite indigenous potentials,' Reuters quoted him as having said."..."

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### **IRANIAN TV AIRS SIMULATED BOMBING OF TEL AVIV, US AIRCRAFT CARRIER**

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*February 9, 2014* The Times of Israel reported: "Iranian state TV on Friday ran a documentary featuring a computerized video of Iran's drones and missiles bombing Tel Aviv, Haifa, Ben Gurion Airport and the Dimona nuclear reactor in a hypothetical retaliation for an Israeli or American strike on the Islamic Republic.

Teanian drones and missiles are also shown carrying out simulated strikes on the American aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, downing American aircraft and striking American military targets in the Persian Gulf.

The clip was broadcast amid a clear escalation of anti-American rhetoric and even action by Iran: On Saturday, an Iranian admiral announced that Iran had dispatched warships to the North Atlantic, while Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei denounced the Americans as liars who, while professing to be friends of Iran, would bring down his regime if they could. He also said it was 'amusing' that the US thought Iran would reduce its 'defensive capabilities.'

The film, entitled 'The Nightmare of Vultures,' opens with Supreme Leader Khamenei addressing military academy graduates in 2011, warning: 'Anybody who thinks of attacking the Islamic Republic of Iran should be prepared to receive strong slaps and iron fists from the Armed Forces.'

'And America, its regional puppets and its guard dog – the Zionist regime – should know that the response of the Iranian nation to any kind of aggression, attacks or even threats will be a response that will make them collapse from within,' the film shows him saying.

Set to dramatic music, the video shows Iranian drones and missiles carrying out strikes against Tel Aviv's Kikar Hamedina square, the Azrieli Towers skyscrapers, and the IDF's Kirya central command complex, as well as Ben Gurion International Airport, Haifa's Technion, several army and air force bases, and the nuclear reactor in Dimona..."



*Tel Aviv, Israel*

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### **REPORTS: SARIN GAS USED BY U.N.- BACKED LIBYANS**

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*February 7, 2014* World Net Daily reported: "Libyan hospital reports obtained by WND appear to support a claim by a tribal leader from near Tripoli that the provisional government, backed by the Obama administration, launched sarin gas attacks on its citizens just weeks ago to stamp down a popular tribal uprising gaining momentum under the Libyan Green Flag of Resistance.

Sheikh Hassan Ajeely, a leader of the Wershevana tribe, told WND in an exclusive Skype interview that the government, which is supported by the United Nations, the United States and NATO, has paid a bounty to recruit al-Qaida militia and related Islamic militants to launch the alleged gas attacks.

'Last month, the United Nations-backed al-Qaida-related Islamic militia have begun killing civilian members of our tribe with sarin gas attacks,' Hassan charged."..."