



UKRAINE SAYS 100,000 RUSSIAN TROOPS NEAR BORDER



March 27, 2014 AFP reported: "Nearly 100,000 Russian forces have massed on Ukraine's border, a top Ukrainian defense official told an American audience Thursday, giving a number far higher than US military estimates.

"Almost 100,000 soldiers are stationed on the borders of Ukraine and in the direction ... of Kharkiv, Donetsk," Andriy Parubiy, chairman of Ukraine's national security council, said via a webcast from Kiev.



"Russian troops are not in Crimea only, they are along all Ukrainian borders. They're in the south, they're in the east and in the north," Parubiy said. After its intervention in the Crimean peninsula, Russia is plotting to foment separatist sentiment elsewhere and Kiev fears a possible incursion in the country's east, he told the Atlantic Council, a Washington think tank. Parubiy said any day "we might see a huge attack on the territory of continental Ukraine and we are getting ready for it."

Although US defense officials have put the number of Russian troops closer to 20,000, a US lawmaker said Thursday that much stronger Russian forces had deployed towards Ukraine's border."..."

STUDY: 'SMALL' NUCLEAR WAR WOULD DESTROY THE WORLD

March 26, 2014 cbslocal.com "With an estimated 17,000 nuclear weapons in the world, we have the power to exterminate humanity many times over. But it wouldn't take a full-scale nuclear war to make Earth uninhabitable, reports Live Science. Even a relatively small regional nuclear war, like a conflict between India and Pakistan, could spark a global environmental catastrophe, says a new study.

"Most people would be surprised to know that even a very small regional nuclear war on the other side of the planet could disrupt global climate for at least a decade and wipe out the ozone layer for a decade," said lead author Michael Mills, an atmospheric scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado.

Researchers developed a computer model of the Earth's atmosphere and ran simulations to find out what would happen if there was a nuclear war with just a fraction of the world's arsenal.

What they saw was the stuff of nightmares: Firestorms would belch over 5 million tons of ash into the sky. The ash would absorb the sun's rays, causing deadly cooling on the surface. Global temperatures would plummet by nearly 3 degrees Fahrenheit on average, with most of North America experiencing winters that would be colder by 4 to 10 degrees. Lethal frosts would cover the Earth and reduce the growing seasons by about a month for several years. Rain-fall and other precipitation would be reduced by about 10 percent, triggering worldwide droughts and leading to wildfires in the Amazon, which would spew more smoke into the atmosphere. The sky ash would heat the stratosphere and accelerate the chemical reactions that destroy the ozone layer. The intense ultraviolet radiation that would get through to the surface would be a dramatic threat to human health and damage fragile ecosystems on land and sea.

"All in all, these effects would be very detrimental to food production and to ecosystems," Mills said.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN EXHIBIT CELEBRATES ABORTIONS AS 'LIFE-SUSTAINING ACT'

March 27, 2014 The College Fix reported: "Abortion – the 'life-sustaining act' of the ages. That's the theme behind an exhibit currently on display at the University of Michigan dedicated to defending and glamorizing the history of abortion.

'4000 Years for Choice is an exhibition of posters about the age-old practices of abortion and contraception as a means to reclaim reproductive freedom as a deeply personal and life-sustaining act existing throughout all of human history,' states a university webpage describing the exhibit.

The exhibit will be showcased through May 29 in the main lobby of the Lane Hall women's studies building on campus. The exhibit consists of dozens of brightly colored posters with bold words, phrases and documentation meant to highlight and celebrate all the ways in which women over the millennia have performed abortions..."

ARAB LEAGUE STATES 'TOTAL REJECTION' OF JEWISH STATE RECOGNITION

March 26, 2014 The Jerusalem Post reports: "The Arab League announced on Wednesday a full backing of a Palestinian refusal to meet Israel's demand to be recognized as a Jewish state, a condition Jerusalem says it required for peace.

'We express our total rejection of the call to consider Israel as a Jewish state,' read a statement from the final day of the Arab summit in Kuwait.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has reiterated the call for the Palestinians to recognize the Jewish character of Israel as a requirement for a peace agreement.

On Tuesday Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas addressed the Arab heads, reiterating his refusal to recognize Israel as a

Jewish state and said that the Palestinians want an independent state on 'all the territories that were occupied in 1967.'..."

CHINA TO HAVE NUCLEAR MISSILES ON SUBS SOON: US ADMIRAL

March 26, 2014 The Jerusalem Post reported: "China for the first time will likely have subs equipped with long-range nuclear missiles later this year, part of an increasingly potent submarine fleet, a top US officer said Tuesday.

The head of US Pacific Command, Admiral Samuel Locklear, said the latest class of Chinese subs would be armed with a new ballistic missile with an estimated range of 4,000 nautical miles (7,500 kilometers).

"This will give China its first credible sea-based nuclear deterrent, probably before the end of 2014," Locklear told the Senate Armed Services Committee. Locklear was referring to the production of China's JIN-class nuclear powered ballistic missile submarine and the new JL-2 missile on board the vessel.

"China's advance in submarine capabilities is significant. They possess a large and increasingly capable submarine force," the admiral said.

In October, Chinese state media for the first time showed images of the country's nuclear-powered submarines, touting it as a "credible second-strike nuclear capability."

FOUR EBOLA CASES CONFIRMED IN GUINEA'S CAPITAL

March 29, 2014 AFP reported: "An Ebola epidemic which has killed dozens of people in Guinea's southern forests has spread to the capital Conakry, health sources said on Thursday, confirming four new cases. The patients were immediately put in isolation centres to avoid the highly contagious virus getting into the population, the sources told AFP. Conakry, a vast, sprawling port city on Guinea's Atlantic coast, is home to between 1.5 million and two million people.

Aid organisations have sent dozens of workers to help the impoverished country combat a haemorrhagic fever outbreak which has claimed at least 66 lives, according to a government toll released late Thursday. Many of the victims have been confirmed to have been infected by Ebola. Ebola had never spread among humans in west Africa before February but five deaths being investigated in Liberia, one in Sierra Leone and others still being tested could bring the total in the epidemic to above 70.

The tropical virus -- described in some health publications as a "molecular shark" -- causes severe fever and muscle pain, weakness, vomiting, diarrhoea and, in severe cases, organ failure and unstoppable bleeding."..."

HAMAS LAWMAKER: KORAN SAYS WE MUST MASSACRE JEWS

March 24, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: "A lawmaker from Hamas recently called for a 'massacre' of Jews, explaining that Koran indicates that this must be done. In a televised address the lawmaker, Yunis Al-Astal, also said that Jews must be forced to pay the 'jizya' tax, which under the strict Islamic Sharia doctrine, non-Muslims living under Muslim sovereignty must pay in return for the ruler's protection. Jihadist rebels who have taken control of areas in Syria have imposed such a tax on Christian minorities. Al-Astal's address aired on March 6 on Hamas's Al-Aqsa TV. It was translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

'In today's show, we will discuss the demand that the Palestinian people recognize [Israel] as a Jewish state, so that the occupation will graciously hand them out scraps. I would like to begin by quoting what Allah said about them: 'The worst of beasts in the sight of Allah are those who disbelieve. They are the ones with whom you made a covenant, but they break their covenant every time,' said Al-Astal.

'The obvious question is: What is the solution to this gang of people? The Al-Anfal chapter of the Koran provides us with the answer,' he continued. 'After He said: 'They are the ones with whom you made a covenant, but they break their covenant every time,' Allah added: 'If you gain mastery over them in a war, use them to disperse those who follow them that they may remember.' This indicates that we must massacre them, in order to break them down and prevent them from sowing corruption in the world. They are the ones who still spark the flame of war, but Allah has taken it upon Himself to extinguish it.'..."

ABORTED BABIES INCINERATED TO HEAT UK HOSPITALS

March 24, 2014 The Telegraph reported: "The bodies of thousands of aborted and miscarried babies were incinerated as clinical waste, with some even used to heat hospitals, an investigation has found. Ten NHS trusts have admitted burning foetal remains alongside other rubbish while two others used the bodies in 'waste-to-energy' plants which generate power for heat. Last night the Department of Health issued an instant ban on the practice which health minister Dr. Dan Poulter branded 'totally unacceptable.'

At least 15,500 foetal remains were incinerated by 27 NHS trusts over the last two years alone, Channel 4's Dispatches discovered. The programme, which will air tonight, found that parents who lose children in early pregnancy were often treated without compassion and were not consulted about what they wanted to happen to the remains.

One of the country's leading hospitals, Addenbrooke's in Cambridge, incinerated 797 babies below 13 weeks gestation at their own 'waste to energy' plant. The mothers were told the remains had been 'cremated.'

Another 'waste to energy' facility at Ipswich Hospital, operated by a private contractor, incinerated 1,101 foetal remains between 2011 and 2013. They were brought in from another hospital before being burned, generating energy for the hospital site. Ipswich Hospital itself disposes of remains by cremation."..."



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