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HAMAS TO PA: END COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL

April 10, 2014 YnetNews.com reported: " Hamas said on Wednesday West Bank Palestinians should give 'full rein' to armed resistance against the Israel, and called on the Palestinian Authority to end its security cooperation with Israel, Ma'an reported.

The moves came hours after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered government officials and offices to stop cooperation with Palestinian officials as part of a round of sanctions on the PA as peace talks between the two sides stalled in recent days.

Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoun told Maan that Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas should take advantage of Netanyahu's move and return the favor by ending all aspects of security coordination with Israel. Abbas should let resistance 'deter the Israeli occupation and defend our people, our land, and our holy places,' Barhoun said in a statement..."

DHS STUDY: NORTH KOREA CAPABLE OF EMP ATTACK ON U.S.

April 10, 2014 World Net Daily reported: "A long-suppressed report prepared by the Department of Homeland Security for the Defense Department concludes that North Korea could deliver on its threats to destroy the United States with a nuclear electromagnetic pulse attack.

The report remains blocked from release to the American public. However, a copy obtained by Peter Vincent Pry from sources within DHS finds North Korea could use its Unha-3 space launch vehicle to deliver a nuclear warhead as a satellite over the South Pole to attack the U.S. from the south.

Pry, executive director of the congressional advisory Task Force on National and Homeland Security, pointed out that the U.S. 'has no early warning radars or interceptors' to stop a missile from the south. Pry also was the staff director to the congressionally mandated EMP commission, which concluded that the damage from either a natural or man-made EMP event on the nation's unprotected electrical grid would have a cascading impact on life-sustaining critical infrastructures as well as electronic components and automated control systems.



Along with the electrical grid system, the critical infrastructures include telecommunications, banking, finance, petroleum and natural gas pipelines, transportation, food and water delivery, emergency services and space systems. DHS conducted the study after the spring 2013 nuclear crisis with North Korea in which the communist government's leadership threatened a "preemptive" nuclear strike on the U.S. and then released videos depicting a nuclear attack on Washington.

Pry said North Korea successfully practiced the EMP attack scenario three months before the crisis. During the crisis, he said, North Korea issued a general mobilization order to its "nuclear forces" that included "space forces."

"The North Koreans are seeing what they can get away with," Pry said. "It shows that Pyongyang is planning something big against the U.S. ..."

S. KOREA, US TO HOLD LARGEST-EVER JOINT AIR DRILL

April 10, 2014 SpaceDaily.com reported: "South Korea's military said Thursday it would hold its largest-ever joint air drill with the United States as tensions mount over a series of threats from North Korea. The twice-yearly Max Thunder exercise – to be held from Friday to April 25 – will be the largest-ever involving 103 aircraft and 1,400 troops, the air force said.

Seoul's F-15K jet fighters will take part along with US Air Force F-15 and F-16s and US Marines' FA-18 and EA-18 aircraft, it said in a statement.

"The combined air forces will strengthen their battle readiness under the current situation when tension rises over the Korean peninsula," it said. The exercise will focus on "practical scenarios" involving precision attacks on enemies or supply drop missions for troops infiltrating enemy territory, it said. Separately, the allies are also holding annual Key Resolve and Foal Eagle exercises which last from late February to April 18.

North Korea has slammed the drills as a rehearsal for invasion. In a pointed protest, Pyongyang has launched a series of rockets and missiles in recent weeks, capped by its first mid-range missile test since 2009 on March 26.

The two Koreas also traded fire across the tense Yellow Sea border on March 31, after the North dropped some 100 shells across the border during a live-fire drill, prompting the South to fire back. The rare exchange of fire came a day after the North warned that it might carry out a "new" form of nuclear test – a possible reference to a uranium-based device or a miniaturised warhead small enough to fit on a ballistic missile.

South Korean President Park Geun-Hye this week called for tighter vigilance against the North, days after its leader Kim Jong-Un warned of a "very grave situation" on the peninsula.

PUTIN THREATENS TO MAKE UKRAINE PAY AHEAD OF GAS

April 9, 2014 myway.com reported: "Russia's President Vladimir Putin threatened Wednesday to start charging Ukraine in advance for vital gas supplies – a move that could sharply hurt his neighbor, which is already on the verge of bankruptcy. It was just the latest way Moscow is tightening the economic screws on Ukraine since its pro-Russian president Viktor Yanukovich was ousted from power in February after months of street protests.

Chairing a meeting with government ministers in his suburban residence outside Moscow, Putin said asking for advance gas payments "corresponded with the contract" between Ukraine and Russia. Still, he suggested that the state energy giant Gazprom to refrain from such drastic measures until "additional consultations" between both sides.

Russia has already eliminated a gas discount it had given Ukraine, arguing that it was tied to a lease for Russia's Black Sea Fleet base in Crimea, a Ukrainian region that Russia annexed last month. And Ukraine has promised the International Monetary Fund that it will cut energy subsidies to residents in exchange for a bailout loan of up to \$14 billion – so gas prices were set to rise 50 percent on May 1 even before the latest salvo from Putin.

Speaking in Kiev earlier, Ukrainian Energy Minister Yuri Prodan said Ukraine will pay for March deliveries of gas from Russia only after it reaches an agreement on the price. He rejected the new, much higher price that Gazprom announced earlier and said Ukraine has not pumped in any gas from Russia so far this month. Authorities in Kiev also warned Wednesday they are prepared to use force to clear several government buildings seized by pro-Russian separatists in the east of the country.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said the standoff in Luhansk and the two neighboring Russian-leaning regions of Donetsk and Kharkiv must be resolved within the next two days.

"I want to repeat that there are two options: political settlement through negotiations and the use of force," Avakov told reporters. "We are ready for both options."...

DEADLY EBOLA VIRUS SPREADS

April 8, 2014 WND.com reported: "Defying efforts at containment, the Ebola outbreak that began in Guinea and has caused 90 dead in Guinea and Liberia has now spread further across West Africa into Mali in what Doctors without Borders is calling an "unprecedented" outbreak.

The U.N.'s World Health Organization, or WHO, has identified the active virus as the Zaire strain of Ebola. The virus has a death rate approaching 90 percent, suggesting that unless contained, the outbreak in West Africa could become one of deadliest epidemics of Ebola, for which there is no known cure.

Doctors without Borders has 52 international staff working alongside its Guinea staff in cooperation with Guinea's Ministry of Health. The group is caring for 19 patients held in isolation units set up in various locations across Guinea..."

STUDY: CHINA WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL NATION

April 7, 2014 Breitbart.com reported: "A new study on the economic power of the world's nations has named China as the 'most powerful nation' on its 'world market power' index. The report was issued by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA) as part of its Emerging and Growth-Leading Economies (EAGLEs) research project tracking the world's leading nations. BBVA feels that China has the most influence on the world's economies.

'China shows the highest value not only among emerging economies but also when considering all the sample, inverting with the US the rank order given by the exports' share in nominal terms,' the report reads. In fact, BBVA ranks China quite a bit higher on its world market power index than any other nation, including the USA.

"China holds the largest share among emerging markets in the sample for 9 out of 18 industries, including all manufacturing groups except food (surpassed by Brazil). The largest industry share corresponds to textiles and leather (above 30%)."

The report also notes that Saudi Arabia and Russia rank high due to their exports of energy. This might cause one to hope that the US might rise in the near future with its growing natural gas and oil booms. ..."



ISLAMISTS GATHER TO FIGHT MUHAMMAD'S PROMISED ARMAGEDDON

April 6, 2014 WorldNetDaily.com reported: "Opposing Muslim interests are sending hundreds, maybe thousands of Islamic jihadists to Syria to fight for, or against, President Bashar al-Assad's regime. There are estimates that 140,000 people already have been killed, some under incredibly gruesome circumstances in what was described as a slaughterhouse for Christians, in the three-year-old war.

Observers say there seems to be something beyond a political fight in the nation that dates back thousands of years into history. And maybe there is.

'The story is simply this,' said Middle East expert and theologian Joel Richardson. 'While many Christians today are wondering if we're in the end times, or approaching the end times, there are many, many Muslims throughout the earth today that believe the end times are here.'

The result, he said, is that the Syrian conflict is not a civil war, but is it being 'perceived by both sides as being a sign of the soon coming of the final apocalyptic wars.' ..."

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