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PENTAGON: MILITARY LOSING TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY TO CHINA

November 6, 2014 weeklystandard.com reported: "During the first Gulf War in the early 1990s, the U.S. military used a new generation of technological weapons that left the rest of the world far behind.

But according the Frank Kendall, the Pentagon's undersecretary of defense for acquisitions, technology, and logistics, that advantage is evaporating. Speaking at a breakfast at the Navy League in Arlington, Virginia on Wednesday, Kendall said the deterioration has continued during his four and a half years on the job, "in large part because of our budget situation," including sequestration. Claudette Roulo of DoD News reported on the under secretary's breakfast remarks:

When I talk to people on the Hill and I mention that I'm concerned about technological superiority, ... I get a reaction that is a sort of surprise, first of all, and disbelief. ... I think we have gotten so accustomed to our technological superiority militarily that it's just a given, and it's one of the things I kind of fight against when I try to have these conversations," Kendall said.

While the U.S. military's budget is being cut, China's budget has been growing at about 12 percent annually, Kendall said, and may soon be as large as the U.S.'s. China is of particular concern according to the under secretary because "no one's studied us more...than the Chinese.

And they have been building systems since then designed to counteract some of the things that we have." Kendall is not concerned about war with China, but a stronger military will give that country proportionally more influence in the region."..."



MINISTER FIRES BACK: 'WE WILL DESTROY LEBANON TO ITS CORE'

November 5, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: "Transportation Minister Yisrael Katz (Likud) on Tuesday evening responded to the words of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, who made a rare appearance the day before in which he threatened to close Israeli sea and airports with rocket barrages in the next war.

'To remove doubt, the boastful coward Nasrallah should know: an option like that doesn't exist as far as we're concerned,' said Katz. 'If a scenario like that happens, we will destroy Lebanon to its core, and return it to the stone age - and him (Nasrallah) under the stones.'

In his speech broadcast on the Lebanese TV station Al Manar for the Shi'ite holiday of Ashura, the terror leader said his organization is fighting for Syrian President Bashar Assaid in Syria to prevent a 'Zionist hegemony' in the region, warning Israel not to get involved..."

PAKISTAN ARRESTS 43 OVER 'BLASPHEMY' KILLINGS

November 5, 2014 BBC News reports: "Pakistani police have arrested at least 43 suspects in connection with Tuesday's killing of a Christian couple accused of desecrating the Koran. The couple were beaten to death by hundreds of locals who then burned their bodies in the brick kiln where they worked in Punjab province. Police say the suspects are due to appear in court in Lahore. About 200 people protested against the killings.

Allegations of blasphemy are often used to settle personal grievances. In May gunmen in the city of Multan shot dead a lawyer, Rashid Rehman, who had been defending a university lecturer accused of blasphemy.

And last month a Pakistani court upheld the death penalty for Asia Bibi, a Christian woman convicted of blasphemy in 2010 - a case which sparked a global outcry. Since the 1990s, scores of Christians have been found guilty of desecrating the Koran or of blasphemy. While most of them have been sentenced to death by the lower courts, many sentences have been overturned due to lack of evidence. However, correspondents say even the mere accusation of blasphemy is enough to make someone a target for hardliners..."

IS THIS THE END FOR MIDEAST CHRISTIANITY?

November 5, 2014 Christianity Today reported: "For Christians in the Middle East, 2014 has been a catastrophe. The most wrenching stories have come from Iraq, where the nascent Islamic State (ISIS or ISIL in news reports) has savagely persecuted ancient Christian communities, including Assyrians, Chaldeans, and Syrian Orthodox. Iraqi Christians have declined rapidly in number since the first Gulf War in 1991, but survivors long believed they could maintain a foothold around Mosul.

This past summer, that hope collapsed. In a ghastly reminder of Nazi savagery against Jews, Christian homes were marked with the Arabic letter for Nazarenes—Christ followers—or R for Rwafidh, a term for Protestants, and inhabitants were targets for abuse or murder. Islamist militants have controlled Mosul since June 10. Even if the total extermination of each and every believer is not the goal, those ancient communities and churches face the prospect of utter ruin. To that extent, the end of Christianity in Iraq is within sight.

The current battles are part of a lengthy story. Islam gained power over the Middle East in the seventh century, but it was several centuries before Muslims became an overwhelming majority. Christians operated under Muslims' political rule, but the Coptic Patriarchate of Alexandria, Egypt, and the Baghdad-based Church of the East remained mighty forces of global Christianity. They retained that position for more than 500 years. Not until the 14th century did persecution become systematic and violent..."

ALLAH IN U.S. PUBLIC-SCHOOL CLASSROOMS

November 3, 2014 World Net Daily reported: "I have been fielding calls from distraught parents all week, reeling from the proselytizing for Islam in their children's 'social studies' or 'world history' classes. They are not teaching the children 'world history,' which would include Islam's 1,400-year history of jihadi wars, land appropriations, cultural annihilations and enslavements, not to mention the extermination of the entire Jewish Banu Qurayza tribe of Arabia.

Instead, children are forced to recite the Shahada. (It's an Islamic creed one says to convert to Islam.) Instead, they are forced to learn the five pillars of Islam. This is an outrage, but expected and exactly what I warned of in my book, 'Stop the Islamization of America: A Practical Guide to the Resistance,' in the chapter, 'The Mosqueing of the Public Schools.'

One mother with whom I spoke told me that her 12-year-old son came home from school 'depressed' and 'sick.' Coming from a 'good Christian home,' he was confused and 'hurt' that he had to write and say the Muslim declaration of faith (the Shahada), and write it repeatedly. The mother was beside herself.

When Muslims force Christians to convert, they are forced to say the Shahada (the Muslim declaration of faith). The Arabic writing on the black flag of jihad (the al-Qaida or ISIS flag) is the Shahada. This chant of supremacism and imperialism is being forced on American school kids..."

ARAB LEAGUE WARNS OF JERUSALEM 'RED LINE'

November 3, 2014 The Times of Israel reported: "The Arab League warned Sunday that Israel has reached a 'red line' after fresh clashes in Jerusalem, urging international pressure to stop what it branded 'violations' in the holy city. Clashes around the flashpoint Temple Mount and the al-Aqsa Mosque compound — the third holiest site in Islam and Judaism's holiest — prompted Israel on Thursday to close the site for a day.

The Temple Mount and adjacent neighborhoods have seen months of violence, with the mosque compound a rallying point for Palestinian resistance to perceived Jewish attempts to take control of it.

'Israel has reached a red line,' Arab League deputy chief Ahmed Bin Helli said after an assembly of the 22-member bloc's delegates. He called on Arabs and the international community 'to put a stop to these practices by the Israeli occupation authorities in Jerusalem.'

'Touching Jerusalem will lead to results with untold consequences,' he added..."

ABDULLAH: WE WILL BLOCK 'UNILATERAL' MOVES BY ISRAEL ON JERUSALEM

November 2, 2014 YnetNews.com reported: "The King of Jordan lashed out Sunday at what he branded Israel's 'unilateral' moves regarding the Temple Mount and vowed that his country would protect Christian and Muslim holy sites against them.

'Jerusalem, where the blood of our martyrs soaks the earth, is a holy deposit in our hands,' said Abdullah in his speech to mark the opening of the Jordanian parliament.

'We will continue to block Israel's unilateral steps in Jerusalem and defend the holy places of Islam and Christianity.'

Abdullah stressed that Jordan would continue to mobilize the international community for the rehabilitation of the Gaza Strip in the wake of the summer conflict between Israel and Hamas. The king said that in order to avoid a repetition of 'the brutal aggression that cost the lives of thousands of our brethren,' there had to be negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians on the core issues..."

RUSSIAN FLIGHTS OVER EUROPE RAISE TENSION: US MILITARY

October 31, 2014 spacedaily.com reported: "Russian military flights over European airspace are raising tensions and pose a potential danger to security and to civilian aircraft, a US military spokesman said Friday. The United States was concerned about the flights of Russian warplanes and was tracking the activity "very closely," Rear Admiral John Kirby told reporters.

"We certainly don't see these increased flights and activity as helpful to the security situation in Europe. Clearly, they pose the potential risk of escalation," he said.

The flights also represented "a potential risk to civil aviation just in the sheer number of and size of and scope of these flights," Kirby said. There was another round of flights on Friday, with NATO monitoring Russian planes over the Baltics, the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.

"The aircraft involved fighter jets, long-range bombers and tanker aircraft," Kirby said. He added that the United States wants Russia "to take steps, concrete tangible steps to reduce tension, not increase it."

NATO this week said Russian military aircraft engaged in large-scale flight operations in European airspace and alliance planes were sent up to intercept and identify them. NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said Thursday that the transatlantic alliance remained vigilant in the face of the Russian flights.

The air activity follows Russia's military intervention in Ukraine, which NATO has condemned, calling it the most serious threat to transatlantic security since the Cold War. NATO says there have been more than 100 intercepts of Russian aircraft in 2014 to date, about three times the number in 2013."

