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## **THE NIGHT SKY IN DECEMBER: A NEW COLD WAR WAGED NOT ON EARTH, BUT IN SPACE**

*December 4, 2014* The Telegraph reported: “A new cold war seems certain to start within the next few decades, waged not on Earth, but in space. It would be carried on, not with nuclear-tipped missiles as before, but with destructive laser beams. These, travelling at the speed of light, 670 million mph, would reach their targets 50,000 times faster than today’s missiles.

They could reach Earth from a point as far away as the Moon one and a quarter seconds after they had been fired. It is no coincidence that Chinese state media are talking openly of plans to establish a military base on the Moon’s surface, from which beams could be used to destroy any desired target on Earth or in Earth orbit. This idea seems certain to represent the long-term future of war.

The Beijing Times, referred to the Death Star from the first Star Wars film of 1977, approvingly in an article a year ago.

The article cited “experts in China” who boasted that “the Moon could be transformed into a deadly weapon.” This particular boast might be an empty one since such a base could be observed during construction and defensive measures taken.”...



## **IT’S OFFICIAL: AMERICA IS NOW NO. 2**

*December 4, 2014* MarketPlaceWatch.com reported: “Hang on to your hats, America. And throw away that big, fat styrofoam finger while you’re about it. There’s no easy way to say this, so I’ll just say it: We’re no longer No. 1. Today, we’re No. 2. Yes, it’s official. The Chinese economy just overtook the United States economy to become the largest in the world. For the first time since Ulysses S. Grant was president, America is not the leading economic power on the planet.

It just happened — and almost nobody noticed. The International Monetary Fund recently released the latest numbers for the world economy. And when you measure national economic output in “real” terms of goods and services, China will this year produce \$17.6 trillion — compared with \$17.4 trillion for the U.S.A.

As recently as 2000, we produced nearly three times as much as the Chinese.

To put the numbers slightly differently, China now accounts for 16.5% of the global economy when measured in real purchasing-power terms, compared with 16.3% for the U.S.

This latest economic earthquake follows the development last year when China surpassed the U.S. for the first time in terms of global trade.”...

## **SOCIAL MEDIA SUPPORT FOR IS STRONGER IN EUROPE, US THAN IRAQ, SYRIA**

*December 3, 2014* VOA News reported: “The further you are from the violence and mayhem wreaked by the so-called Islamic State (IS) militant group, the more likely you are have a positive view of the group and broadcast it via social media, according to a new study.

IS’s effectiveness in influencing people worries anti-terrorism experts, who fear IS followers might engage in attacks, either in concert with the militant group, or in ‘lone wolf’ acts of terrorism carried out in the group’s name. U.S. law enforcement recently issued an alert warning of potential attacks against U.S. troops on American soil.

University of Milan researchers analyzed over 2 million social media posts from July to October. They found positive sentiment toward IS was stronger in Europe and the United States than in Syria and Iraq among Arabic-language posts to social media sites like Twitter and Facebook.

In Syria, the group was depicted in a positive light in only 8 percent of posts. In Iraq it was 19.7 percent, according to the report issued by the startup ‘Voices of the Blogs,’ which is staffed by the Italian researchers.

In contrast, IS support in European countries is much higher, with 31 percent of posts being positive in Belgium, 24 percent in the UK and 20.8 percent in France...”

## **SUDAN: CHURCH DESTROYED AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARRESTED**

*December 3, 2014* ChristianToday.com reported: “An evangelical church in Sudan’s capital, Khartoum, was raided by police yesterday and 37 young members of the congregation were detained. The episode marked an escalation of attacks on the church by the authorities, which had already demolished parts of the building.

Church leaders believe that the move is part of a concerted campaign against churches in the country, though the authorities say that the land is owned by investors who want to build a shopping centre.

According to the minister of the evangelical church in Khartoum North, Pastor Yahya Abdelrahim Falo, the police arrived in nine vehicles at around 6am yesterday. He told Radio Dabanga that some of them started to demolish the outer walls of the building while others

arrested the young Christians praying and fasting inside...”

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### **BLOODY CHRISTMAS: 'SPECTACULAR ATTACK' ALERT**

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*December 2, 2014* WND.com reported: “Another coordinated terror attack using jetliners, reminiscent of 9/11, could be in the works, according to an airport-security source cited by a London paper.

‘We’ve been told that five planes are being targeted in a high-profile hit before Christmas,’ the source said, according to the Express newspaper of London.

‘They’ve been waiting for the big one.’

Many of the security precautions facing airline passengers worldwide were implemented after four jetliners were hijacked on Sept. 11, 2001, killing nearly 3,000 people in the U.S. The new threat was reported in an Express story about whether those who leave Britain to fight with jihadists abroad should be allowed to return.

Moderator Ian Collins talked about the issue with Douglas Murray of the Henry Jackson Society and radical British Muslims cleric Anjem Choudary.

Murray said the home-grown jihadists should be dealt with in the nation’s justice system. Choudary insisted they haven’t committed any crimes, and charging them would be ‘the cause of further radicalization in this country ... pushing people into the arms of the Islamic State.’ ...”

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### **ISIS GAINS ENDORSEMENT OF EGYPTIAN JIHADIS**

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*December 1, 2014* WND.com reported: “In the race between al-Qaida and the Islamic State to lead global jihad, Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi has scored a big one in al-Qaida chief Ayman al-Zawahiri’s own backyard of Egypt.

Earlier this month, the Egyptian group Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis, or Defenders of Jerusalem, announced allegiance to ISIS, which gives Baghdadi a major foothold in the largest Sunni Arab country in the world.

A Salafist jihadist group, Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis is based in the Sinai Peninsula and has carried out attacks in Cairo and the Sinai, from which it also has attacked Israeli targets as well. The group appeared during the 2011 Egyptian revolution and has become more active since the overthrow of Muslim Brotherhood-backed Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi in 2012.



Baghdadi’s coup in the jihadist world comes as he seeks allegiance from various al-Qaida groups in areas outside his established caliphate, which include portions of northern and eastern Syria and western and central Iraq. In recent days, he’s announced recruitment efforts in Algeria, Libya and parts of Saudi Arabia and Yemen, something which has stoked the ire of Zawahiri.

He even has acquired allegiances from prominent jihadist groups in non-Arab countries such as Pakistan and in some south Asian countries...”

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### **IRANIAN LEADER TELLS ARMED FORCES TO STAY READY FOR COMBAT**

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*December 1, 2014* SpaceDaily.com reported: “Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told Iranian navy officials on Sunday to improve their capability for combat, irrespective of political negotiations which may be taking place.

‘Given our vast maritime borders and the enemy’s huge investments in this area, our armed forces should continuously improve their (combat) readiness, irrespective of political calculations,’ Iran’s supreme leader told assembled navy chiefs during Iran’s Navy Week, according to Reuters.

On Monday Tehran and Western powers agreed on an extension to talks on the country’s nuclear program, hour before a deadline on negotiations was due to pass. Iran and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany have agreed to a seven month extension on negotiations, which sets a deadline of March 1 for a broad agreement, with technicalities to be finalized after another three months.

According to the AP, Khamenei told Iranian state television on Thursday, ‘I am not opposed to the extension of the talks, for the same reason that I wasn’t opposed to the talks per se,’ but complained that Washington presented a difficult negotiating partner: ‘They raise a word today.

The other they withdraw from it, because of domestic problems,’ adding that ‘the US leaders need a big victory’ and are beleaguered domestically with Obama’s unpopularity, congressional defeats and race riots in Ferguson, Missouri...”

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### **CORRECTION CONCERNING THE BLACK SEA INCIDENT**

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**Please note:** The article concerning the “USS Donald Cook” destroyer doing manearvers in the Black Sea which reportedly was buzzed by a Russian Skkhoi SU-24 and all of its electronics were jammed and disabled has been tagged as false. We are sorry for reporting this but this was covered in reputable publications like *The Christian Science Monitor* which apparently got it wrong.