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JORDANIAN CLERIC CLARIFIES: JIHAD AGAINST JEWS IS A DUTY

November 5, 2015 Arutz Sheva reported: "A Jordanian sheikh who issued a fatwa (Islamic ruling) against killing Jews has apparently had a change of heart.

In a video released earlier this week by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), Sheikh Ali Halabi, head of the Imam al-Albani religious studies center, ruled that killing Jews outside the context of war and clashes was forbidden.

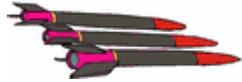
But in a new clip released by MEMRI on Wednesday, Halabi clarified his remarks, saying that jihad against 'the brothers of apes and pigs' – that is the Jews – is a duty, but the Muslims are not up for the task right now, and must prepare first.

'The Jews are occupiers and plunderers. They are people [prone to] betrayal, fraud, cunning, and deceit. They are the slayers of the prophets and the messengers,' Halabi says in the new video.

At the same time, he warns, 'Jihad against the Jews, fighting them, and liberating the land from them is a binding and mandatory duty, incumbent upon the Islamic countries and upon the Muslim individuals, but it depends on capabilities, because everybody knows that America has Israel's back. Are today's fragmented Muslims up for the task? Let's be honest. Let's not fool ourselves.'..."

RUSSIA SENT MISSILE SYSTEMS TO SYRIA: AIR FORCE CHIEF

November 5, 2015 spacewar.com reported: "Russia sent anti-aircraft missile systems to Syria to back up its air campaign, the commander of the air force Viktor Bondarev said in an interview published Thursday.



"We sent there not just fighter planes, strike aircraft and helicopters but also anti-aircraft rocket systems," Bondarev told Komsomolskaya Pravda tabloid daily.



He said that Russia made the decision to bring missile systems to Syria because "we took into account every possible threat."

"There could be various force majeure situations. Let's imagine a military plane is hijacked and taken to a neighbouring country and air strikes are aimed at us. And we have to be ready for this."

The defence ministry could not be immediately reached for comment."..."

TAIWAN SAYS CHINA SUMMIT 'FIRST STEP' TO NORMALISING TIES

November 5, 2015 SpaceDaily.com reported: "Taiwan's president Thursday defended a historic summit with China as the first step to normalising relations between the leaders, as opponents wary over a rapprochement after decades of hostility accused him of selling out the island.

Ma Ying-jeou will meet with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping in Singapore on Saturday, in a dramatic recognition of a seven-year period of warming relations which has raised fears self-ruled Taiwan's security may be at stake.

Ma said the meeting was to ensure the future of cross-strait relations and would also be a chance for Taiwan to come in from the cold internationally, where few countries recognise it as a state.

It will be the first time leaders from the two sides, separated by the narrow Taiwan Strait, will have met since their split at the end of a civil war on the mainland in 1949, which left Taiwan to forge its own identity as a democracy.

In an address to the nation, Ma hailed the meeting as being "for the welfare of the next generation"..."

FEWER AMERICANS NOW 'CERTAIN' THAT GOD EXISTS

November 3, 2015 Christian Today reported: "The number of Americans who are 'absolutely certain' God exists has dropped sharply in under a decade, from seven in ten to just over six in ten, a new study has found.

Overall, the American public is becoming slightly less religious but those with a strong faith remain as devout as ever. Religious and non-religious Americans are all becoming more accepting of homosexuality.

Compared to other Western countries a high proportion of Americans still believe in God, despite a small decline from 92 per cent in 2007 to 89 per cent last year.

The proportion that is 'absolutely certain' God exists fell more sharply from 71 per cent to 63 per cent. Numbers who pray every day, attend religious services regularly and consider religion to be very important in their lives have also fallen by small but significant margins. Those with no religious affiliation, known as "nones", now account for 23 per cent of the adult population, up from 16 per cent in 2007.

The survey of more than 35,000 US adults by Pew Research found that among those who do claim a religion, about three-quarters of all Americans, there has been no discernible drop in most measures of religious commitment. In fact, many are even more devout."...

ISLAMIC STATE DECLARES WAR ON ISRAEL AND 'ALL THE JEWS' — IN HEBREW

November 3, 2015 Breitbart.com reported: "The Islamic State (ISIS) terrorist organization published a new video Sunday in its latest anti-Jewish propaganda series of clips, threatening to go to war against Israel and Jews as a whole.

The 40-second video shows the ISIS jihadi speaking fluent Hebrew but with an Arabic accent, which may lead to the possibility that he is an Arab-Israeli or Palestinian.

'My message to the [Israel Defense Force] officers and soldiers and all the Jews – we will fight you with God's help, we will come for you from across the world and we will slaughter you like sheep, prepare for the big war, the war of stone and wood. This is be soon and not long,' the terrorist said, according to a translation by the Jerusalem Post..."

ABBAS LETS SLIP: ALL OF ISRAEL IS 'THE OCCUPATION'

November 2, 2015 Arutz Sheva reported: "'Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas continued his diplomatic offensive against Israel last week at the United Nations General Assembly, leveling a wide range of accusations against the Jewish state and calling for an international 'protection regime' for Palestinians.

But amidst all the usual bluster, many observers missed a subtle, yet crucial, theme within Abbas's speech: That far from the 'moderate' image he has cultivated, he views all of Israel as 'occupied' and illegitimate, and aspires to the destruction of the country in its entirety.

At one point, in comments broadcast live on PA TV and highlighted by Palestinian Media Watch (PMW), Abbas referred to Israel's '67-year occupation' – referring not to the 'West Bank' (Judea and Samaria), but to the very founding of the State of Israel in 1948.

'Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, haven't you wondered: For how long will this protracted Israeli occupation of our land last? After 67 years (i.e., Israel's creation), how long? Do you think it can last, and that it benefits the Palestinian people?' Abbas asked..."

ANTARTICA IS ACTUALLY GAINING ICE, SAYS NASA. IS GLOBAL WARMING OVER?

November 1, 2015 Christian Science Monitor reported: "A new NASA study found that Antarctica has been adding more ice than it's been losing, challenging other research, including that of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, that concludes that Earth's southern continent is losing land ice overall.



In a paper published in the Journal of Glaciology on Friday, researchers from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, the University of Maryland in College Park, and the engineering firm Sigma Space Corporation offer a new analysis of satellite data that show a net gain of 112 billion tons of ice a year from 1992 to 2001 in the Antarctic ice sheet. That gain slowed to 82 billion tons of ice per year between 2003 and 2008.

Climate scientists caution that these findings don't mean it's time to start celebrating the end of global warming. More than anything, the paper shows how difficult it is to measure ice height in Antarctica and that better tools are needed. It could take only a few decades for the ice melt in Antarctica to outweigh the ice gains, the paper's authors say."..."

S. KOREA, CHINA, JAPAN PUT HOSTILITY ASIDE AT RARE SUMMIT

November 1, 2015 SpaceDaily.com reported: "The leaders of South Korea, China and Japan said Sunday they were willing to work together again for regional trade and security after setting aside historical animosities with their first summit talks in more than three years.

South Korean President Park Geun-Hye and Chinese and Japanese premiers Li Keqiang and Shinzo Abe discussed a wide range of topics, from free trade to the threat of North Korea's nuclear weapons programme, during a 90-minute sit down in Seoul.

There was no substantive breakthrough, with the meeting seen more as a symbolic statement of intent by Northeast Asia's three largest economies to mend strained ties.

"We shared the view that trilateral cooperation has been completely restored on the occasion of this summit," the leaders said in a lengthy joint statement.

They also agreed to put the three-way summits back on an annual footing, with the next to be held in Japan in 2016. The three countries began holding annual summits seven years ago, but the souring of Japan's relations with its two neighbours over issues dating back to World War II triggered a lengthy hiatus after the last one in 2012.

The focus on Sunday was very much on economic ties, with China especially keen to strengthen trade links as it tries to inject fresh momentum into its slowing economy.

The joint statement included a commitment to sealing a trilateral free-trade agreement that would provide a counterpoint to the new US-led Pacific trade pact of which China and South Korea are not members.

Also high on the agenda was North Korea, whose nuclear weapons ambitions worry -- and threaten -- all three countries including China, the North's main diplomatic protector and economic benefactor.

The leaders reaffirmed their "firm opposition" to the development of nuclear weapons on the Korean peninsula as well as any action that could raise tensions or violate UN resolutions.

Pyongyang has recently hinted at a space rocket launch which would contravene a UN ban on its use of ballistic missile technology.

Addressing reporters after their meeting, Park said the summit had marked a "big step towards securing peace and prosperity" in Northeast Asia."..."