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## **'Western Christianity in denial about radical Islam'**

*November 23, 2017* The Jerusalem Post reported: "The West is still in denial about radical Islam's goal to eradicate Christianity, according to an Italian journalist and author.

Once radical Islam gains a foothold in Europe, there is nothing suggesting that it can't easily dismantle Western Christianity, just as it did Christianity in the Middle East, wrote Giulio Meotti, cultural editor for Il Foglio, in a Gatestone Institute article this week.

'If Eastern Christianity can be extinguished so easily, Western Europe will be next,' he wrote.

'While natural disasters such as tsunamis or earthquakes spur solidarity throughout the West, the disappearance of entire Christian populations and their ancient civilizations never seems to disturb anyone,' Meotti said in the essay titled 'Europe: Destroyed by the West's Indifference?' 'Perhaps it is a sign of denial by the West.'

Meotti struck a similar tone to a piece written by CAMERA Christian media analyst Dexter Van Zile, who said that the reason many churches take to blaming Israel is because the Jewish state is a safe target, while offending a jihadist would offer a different result.

'Our media and intelligentsia are always on the alert to defend everything coming from Islam, whether women's veils or the 'right not to be offended' by cartoons,' Meotti wrote. 'The same establishment, however, lies in a coma when Christian symbols come under attack.'..."

## **Islamic State's new frontline in the Philippines**

*November 22, 2017* Asia Times Online reported: "The Philippine military is in hot pursuit of the Islamic State (IS)-aligned Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) amid concerns the militant group aims to launch an urban siege akin to the recent devastating assault on the city of Marawi.

Last week, Philippine armed forces intensified air and ground assaults against two of BIFF's known three factions operating in Maguindanao and North Cotabato provinces on the southern island of Mindanao. The armed exchanges have forced some 5,000 civilians to flee the escalating crossfire.

The fighting has emerged as a new frontline in Manila's battle with the global terror group, as it bids to establish a 'wilayah, or Islamic state, in Southeast Asia. In May, the IS-linked Maute Group laid siege to Marawi, exposing Philippine security forces' limited urban warfare capabilities in a five-month-long battle.

The Philippine military claimed to kill IS' reputed 'emir' in Southeast Asia, Abu Sayyaf Group leader Isnilon Hapilon, as well as the two founding brothers of the Maute Group, Omarkhayam and Abdullah Maute, leaving a leadership vacuum..."

## **China unveils 19,030mph HYPERSONIC scattergun nuke to strike 'ANYWHERE in world'**

*November 22, 2017* dailystar.co.uk reported: "The Dongfeng-41 will be capable of hypersonic speeds up to Mach 25 and has been in development for more than 30 years. Chinese scientists have tested the weapon eight times since 2012 – and carried out their most recent tests deep in the desert earlier this month. State media reports the missile is due to enter the arsenal of the People's Liberation Army in early 2018.

Carrying 10 nuclear warheads, the weapon is believed to be 33 tons and approximately 15 metres long. China's state-owned newspaper The Global Times claims the weapon will be able to strike "anywhere in the world".

"It can carry up to 10 nuclear warheads, each of which can target separately," Missile expert Xu Guangyu said. He added: "Once the Dongfeng-41 goes into service, China's ability to protect its own safety and to prevent wars would greatly increase."

Beijing has the largest military force in the world and newly empowered President Xi Jinping said he wants China to be able to win any war.

Propaganda produced by China claims the Dongfeng-41 is one of the five most powerful missiles in the world. It also claimed to have an arsenal of up to 2,500 missiles ready for conflict at any time.

Local media reports China may have tested the Dongfeng-41 just two days before US President Donald Trump arrived for a one-on-one meeting with President Xi."..."

## **Lebanon's Army Chief Urges 'Full Readiness' on Israeli Border, Citing 'Enemy's Threats'**

*November 21, 2017* Haaretz reported: "Lebanon's army chief urged 'full readiness' at the southern border to face the 'threats of the Israeli enemy and its violations,' the army said in a tweet on Tuesday.

Army Commander General Joseph Aoun called on soldiers to be ever vigilant for the 'good implementation' of the UN resolution 1701 to 'preserve stability' at the border with Israel.

An Israeli official dismissed as 'nonsense' the possibility of Israeli aggression along the border with Lebanon.

The Lebanese army is responsible for security on its side of the border under the resolution, which ended the 2006 war between Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah..."

## **China urges talks after U.S. brands North Korea a terror sponsor**

*November 21, 2017* SpaceDaily.com reported: "China called Tuesday for extra efforts to resolve the North Korean nuclear crisis through talks after US President Donald Trump re-branded Pyongyang as a state sponsor of terrorism.



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Beijing has repeatedly pushed for negotiations to end the standoff. Some analysts warned that the terror designation could further inflame tensions.

‘We still hope all relevant parties can contribute to easing tensions, that the relevant parties can resume talks and (adopt) the correct track to resolving the Korean peninsula issue through dialogue and consultation,’ said foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang.

‘More should be done in that regard.’

China has pushed for a ‘dual track approach’ which would require the United States to freeze its military drills in South Korea while North Korea would halt its weapons programmes, but the proposal has not gained traction...”

### **American ‘Christendom’ staging ‘rebellion against God’**

*November 21, 2017* WND.com reported: “The United States is post-Christian. The population of the United States identifying as Christian has been in decline for many years.

According to a study from the Pew Research Forum, the Christian population of the United States suffered a staggering 8 percent decline between 2007 and 2014. Christianity is also seen as a valid target for mockery in American pop culture, with even the shooting victims from the Sutherland Springs, Texas, massacre being mocked by many commentators for their faith in God.

The decline is also reshaping American congregations, many of whom are combining in an effort to stay open.

‘We no longer live in Christendom,’ the Rev. Daniel Webster, canon for evangelism and media for the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, told The Baltimore Sun...”

### **PLO threatens to cut ties with Washington**

*November 20, 2017* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Saeb Erekat, the Secretary General of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), said on Saturday that the PLO would cut off all its contacts with the United States if the Trump administration follows through with a threat to shut down the PLO mission in Washington, DC.

‘The State Department notified us in an official letter that they cannot certify the continued opening of the PLO office in Washington, DC, due to the fact that we are pursuing the ICC,’ Erekat told Israeli public broadcaster Kan.

‘We responded to them in an official letter that in case they officially close the office of the PLO in Washington, DC, we will put on hold all communications with this American administration,’ he added...”

### **Dunford: US Military Superiority Over Russia, China Markedly Decreasing**

*November 20, 2017* SpaceDaily.com reported: “The US has been losing its military supremacy over its peer countries like Russia and China over the last 10-15 years and should step up efforts to increase its deterrence potential, Joe Dunford, Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was cited as saying during a lecture at the Tufts University in Massachusetts earlier this week.

Russia and China have heavily invested in their capabilities to struggle against America’s traditional dominance in a range of spheres, General Dunford said, as cited in a news article published on the US Defense Department website.

‘As an example, if you take the naval alliance in Europe, Russia understands that the transatlantic link is critical for us to meet our NATO commitments,’ he added. The rivals’ ‘anti-access’ strategy is thus oriented at developing systems to limit US ability to move into the region and to operate freely on the ground to meet alliance commitments.

The areas that are in the Russian and Chinese spotlight are electronic warfare, cyber technologies, anti-space capabilities, anti-ship cruise and ballistic missiles, aimed to prevent the US from spreading its power to Europe and supporting its allies...”

### **Saudi Arabia vows to take on Iran amid warnings region in ‘a dangerous abyss’**

*November 19, 2017* express.co.uk reported: “Fears of World War 3 have increased in recent weeks amid a spiralling fallout between the Saudi monarchy and Tehran. It came following the surprise resignation of Lebanese Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri, a close ally of Riyadh.

At an emergency meeting in Cairo today, Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Minister Adel Jubeir stepped up his rhetoric against the Islamic regime. Saudi Arabia and other Arab foreign ministers criticised Iran and its Lebanese Shi’ite ally Hezbollah at the emergency meeting warning they would not stand by in the face of Iranian interference in Arab affairs.

Jubeir said: “The kingdom will not stand by and will not hesitate to defend its security. Any leniency in dealing with their policies would only encourage them more, so we must stand together.”

Hariri resigned on November 4, accusing Iran and Hezbollah of spreading chaos in the region. But Lebanese President Michel Aoun and other politicians accused Saudi Arabia of holding Hariri hostage and claimed he had been coerced into resigning. Saudi Arabia also accuses Hezbollah of a role in the launch of a missile towards Riyadh from Yemen this month. Iran denies accusations that it supplies Houthi forces there.

Today’s emergency Arab foreign ministers’ meeting was called at the request of Saudi Arabia with support from the UAE, Bahrain, and Kuwait to discuss ways of confronting Iran.

Arab League Secretary General Ahmed Aboul Gheit told ministers that Arab nations would raise the matter with international organisations, including the UN Security Council. He said: “Iranian threats have gone beyond all limits and pushed the region into a dangerous abyss.”...”



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