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North Korea could launch its own nuclear 'Pearl Harbor' attacking the US, potentially killing millions

December 7, 2017 foxnews.com reported: "After the Japanese attacked U.S. forces at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii exactly 76 years ago, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt famously stated: 'Yesterday, December 7th, 1941 – a date which will live in infamy – the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.' Could we be headed for another surprise attack – this time a nuclear one, from North Korea?"

For a clue, mark your calendar for this date: Dec. 17, 2017. Yes, just a few days away.

Why, you ask? That is when I predict North Korea will once again test its new long-range missile, the Hwasong-15, to commemorate the death of North Korea dictator Kim Jong Il on Dec.17, 2011. His son, the equally ruthless dictator Kim Jong Un, now rules North Korea.

If I'm right and Kim Jong Un tests this powerful intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) a few days from now, Washington and Pyongyang could very well be placed on a path toward war. This is a war that Kim could very well start first – with nuclear weapons being his favorite killer of choice – in a surprise strike that would make Pearl Harbor look like child's play..."



Hamas Chief Calls to 'Ignite New Intifada' After U.S. Recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's Capital

December 7, 2017 haaretz.com reported: "The Palestinian Islamist group Hamas called on Thursday for a new uprising against Israel after U.S. President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as the Israeli capital.

'We should call for and we should work on launching an intifada in the face of the Zionist enemy,' Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh said in a speech in Gaza. Haniyeh said that the Palestinian issue was at a critical crossroads for the Arab and Islamic nation, and called Trump's announcement the end of one political period and the beginning of a new chapter in Palestinian policy.

Haniyeh called for the uprising to begin on Friday 'as an expression of the rage' over the U.S. decision on Jerusalem..."

Chinese Paper Near North Korea Offers Advice on Surviving Nukes

December 6, 2017 Bloomberg.com reported: "An official Chinese newspaper near North Korea has published a page of articles on coping with nuclear attacks, in a sign of growing anxiety over Kim Jong Un's weapons program.

The Jilin Daily — the government newspaper of Jilin province on North Korea's northeastern border — published articles on page 5 explaining how nuclear weapons work and the damage they cause. The paper used cartoons to offer advice on what residents can do about radiation exposure and provided instructions on how to respond during an attack.

One article listed essential items for emergency kits, including fire extinguishers and breathing masks. Another warned that air raids could mean nuclear, chemical and biological attacks, and used the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima as an example..."

Iranian supreme leader: 'Palestine will be freed'

December 6, 2017 YnetNews.com reported: "The US intention to move its embassy to Jerusalem is a sign of incompetence and failure, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei told guests of the Islamic unity conference Tehran hosted on Wednesday, adding 'Palestine will be freed' and the Palestinian people will be victorious.

President Donald Trump is expected to announce that the United States recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and will move its embassy there, breaking with longtime US policy and potentially stirring unrest.

'That they claim they want to announce Quds as the capital of occupied Palestine is because of their incompetence and failure,' Khamenei said, using the Arabic name for Jerusalem, according to his official website. 'On the issue of Palestine, (US) hands are tied and they cannot advance their goals,' Khamenei said.

'American government officials have said themselves that we have to start a war in the region to protect the security of the Zionist regime (Israel),' Khamenei said. Certain rulers in the region are 'dancing to America's tune' he added as an indirect reference to Iran's main regional rival Saudi Arabia.

Announcing similar rejection of the move, the Palestinians' chief representative to Britain said on Wednesday Trump would effectively be making a declaration of war if he recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital..."

Dermer: War on northern border could be just 'weeks' away

December 5, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "The chances of war on Israel's northern border could be 'weeks' away, according to Israel's Ambassador to the US Ron Dermer.

In an interview on Monday with Politico touching on a wide range of issues, Dermer said that the chances of a military conflict taking place in the near future between Israel and the Iran-backed Hezbollah terror group were 'higher than people think because of Iran's continued push through the region.'

'If Iran is not rolled back in Syria, then the chances of military confrontation are growing. I don't want to tell you by the year or by the month. I'd say even by the week,' Dermer assessed.

He explained that Iran was creating an escalation in tensions on Israel's northern border, 'because the more they push, we have to enforce our red lines, and you always have the prospects of an escalation, even when parties don't want an escalation, because we will not allow Iran to establish that presence and establish another terror front against Israel in Syria.'

'So in taking action to defend ourselves, you don't know what could happen.' ..."

'Better to have a united Jerusalem than be loved by Turkey'

December 5, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Education Minister and Chairman of the Jewish Home party Naftali Bennett pushed back Tuesday against the statements by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, whereby American recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel would lead to a severing of diplomatic ties between Turkey and the Jewish State. Earlier today, Erdogan threatened that any change in the status quo on Jerusalem constituted a 'red line for Muslims.'



He warned that if the US relocated its embassy to Jerusalem or made any other steps to recognize the city as Israel's capital, Turkey could 'go as far as to' sever all ties to the Jewish state.

'Unfortunately, in recent years Erdogan hasn't missed an opportunity to attack Israel,' Bennett said in response. 'Israel needs to advance its goals, including the recognition of a united Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel. There will always be those who criticize, but in the end, a united Jerusalem is preferable to the love of Erdogan.' ..."

Japan: North Korea missile tests are 'imminent threat'

December 4, 2017 SpaceDaily.com reported: "North Korea's missile tests are an 'imminent threat' to Japan, the Japanese parliament declared Monday, as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said talking to the reclusive state was meaningless.

The upper house unanimously adopted a resolution protesting against the North's firing of an intercontinental ballistic missile that dropped into the sea inside Japan's exclusive economic zone last week.

The launch showed Pyongyang was determined to continue its nuclear and missile programmes and constituted 'an unprecedented, significant and imminent threat against the safety of the region, including Japan.'

'This is a frontal challenge against the international community that must not be tolerated,' added the resolution.

Tensions on the Korean peninsula are high after last Wednesday's missile launch. On Monday the US and South Korea began their largest-ever joint air exercise, described by Pyongyang as an 'all-out provocation' ..."

PM Netanyahu: We won't allow Iran to entrench itself in Syria

December 4, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu spoke in a video about Israel's policy regarding Iran's nuclear program. The video was recorded on Thursday and released on Saturday. It will be aired Sunday at the Brookings Institution's annual Saban Forum in Washington, D.C.

'Let me reiterate Israel's policy,' Netanyahu said. 'We will not allow a regime hell-bent on the annihilation of the Jewish state to acquire nuclear weapons.'

'We will not allow that regime to entrench itself militarily in Syria as it seeks to do for the express purpose of eradicating our state.'

In the early hours of Saturday morning, Israel reportedly attacked a military base 14 kilometers (8.7 miles) south of Damascus and 50 kilometers (31 miles) from Israel's border. According to some reports, the base in question was intended for use by Iranian forces ..."

McMaster: 'Increasing' Possibility of War with North Korea

December 3, 2017 voanew.com reported: "The White House national security advisor says the possibility of war with impoverished, but nuclear-armed North Korea is 'increasing every day.'

'There are ways to address this problem short of armed conflict,' H.R. McMaster said Saturday, 'but it is a race because he's getting closer and closer and there's not much time left,' in a reference to North Korean leader Kim Jong-un.

North Korea announced last week that it can now hit the U.S. mainland with a warhead, after its test-firing of a new intercontinental ballistic missile.

Media reports say the Pentagon is looking at U.S. west coast sites where additional defense systems can be installed, following the North Korean threat of a strike on the U.S. The Reuters news agency says the defenses would likely include Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) anti-ballistic missiles, similar to those deployed in South Korea ..."

Hamas threatens 'intifada' over US recognition of Jerusalem

December 3, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Hamas called Saturday for a new 'intifada' if Washington recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel or moves its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

'We warn against such a move and call on the Palestinian people to revive the intifada if these unjust decisions on Jerusalem are adopted,' Hamas said in a statement.

Any decision to move its embassy there would be 'a flagrant attack on the city by the American administration' and give Israel 'a cover for continuing its crime of Judaizing the city and emptying it of Palestinians,' it said. The last intifada, or uprising claimed the lives of some 1,000 Israelis between September 2000 and February 2005 ..."

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