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Doomsday Clock moves FORWARD to two minutes to 'midnight' bringing world closer to self-destruction

January 25, 2018 thesun.co.uk reported: "THE Doomsday Clock has been moved to two minutes to midnight, the closest to the apocalypse since 1953. Mounting concerns about the possibility of a nuclear war along with US President Donald Trump's "unpredictability" have pushed the symbolic time piece to two minutes before midnight, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists said today.

The clock which serves as a metaphor for how close humanity is to destroying the planet was moved forward by 30 seconds, to as near as it has ever been to the hour of the apocalypse. The last time the clock was at two minutes to midnight was in 1953 when the United States and Soviet Union were testing hydrogen bombs.

"In this year's discussions, nuclear issues took centre stage once again," said Rachel Bronson, president and CEO of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. She mentioned new testing by North Korea, an enhanced commitment to nuclear weapons in China, Pakistan and India, and "unpredictability" embodied by the US president in tweets and statements."..."

Tokyo simulates first military attack since WWII amid North Korea threat

January 24, 2018 SpaceWar.com reported: "Hundreds of Tokyo residents scrambled for cover Monday in the Japanese capital's first evacuation drill for a military attack since World War II, amid ongoing tensions over North Korea's nuclear programme.

A loudspeaker blared out a terrifying warning at the drill, held in a Tokyo amusement park: 'We have information that a missile launch has occurred. Please evacuate calmly inside a building or underground.'

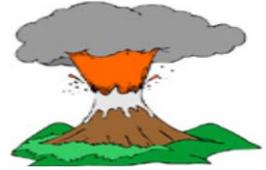
A park employee ran around, shouting 'a missile was launched, a missile was launched' as some 250 local residents and office workers duly evacuated to reinforced concrete buildings and a nearby subway station. A few minutes later, a second message was announced via loudspeaker: 'The missile passed. The missile likely flew over the Kanto (greater Tokyo) region towards the Pacific Ocean.'

People in earthquake-prone Japan are familiar with evacuation drills simulating natural disasters and fires and annual drills are seasonal rituals seen almost everywhere in the country — from schools and workplaces to care homes. But a drill simulating a North Korean missile attack on Tokyo is still a novel idea, although similar drills were held in other parts of Japan last year..."

Alaska earthquake: Fears grow for Mount St Helens volcano ERUPTION after 8.2 quake

January 23, 2018 express.com reported: "The volcano in Washington state left 57 people dead and levelled 250 homes when a 5.1 magnitude earthquake caused it to erupt in 1980.

An avalanche of debris crashed down the mountain and reduced its height by 1314ft. The trail of destruction brought down 47 bridges, and wiped out 15miles of railway and 185miles of highway. Between 2004 and 2008 it was classed as being in a state of eruption as it continuously released magma.



And it is now feared the volcano could erupt again in the wake of this morning's powerful earthquake off the coast of Alaska. The US Geological Survey has its current threat level at "very high" as shockwaves of the earthquake, which initially measured 8.2 before being downgraded to a 7.9 magnitude quake, send tremors across the northwest.

It struck off the coast of Alaska at 00:31 local time (9:31 GMT) and caused tsunami warnings across the US west coast. Canada could also feel the force of the giant waves if they are triggered."..."

Al-Qaeda calls on Muslims to 'rise and attack Jews, Americans'

January 23, 2018 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "A senior Al-Qaeda leader has called on Muslims 'everywhere' to rise up and kill Jews and Americans in response to US President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. In a video released Monday, Khalid Batarfi said Trump's decision was 'a declaration of a new Jewish-Crusader war' and every Muslim had a duty to 'liberate' the holy city, the SITE Intelligence monitoring group reported.

'No Muslim has the right to cede Jerusalem no matter what happens,' said Batarfi, a top commander with the group's powerful Yemen-based branch. 'Only a traitor would give it up or hand it over.' 'Let them [Muslims] rise and attack the Jews and the Americans everywhere,' he said, in the 18-minute video entitled 'Our Duty Towards Our Jerusalem'.

Trump on December 6 said his administration would recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and move its embassy from Tel Aviv to the city. On Monday, US Vice President Mike Pence pledged to move the embassy by the end of 2019, in a speech to Israel's parliament.

In the video, Batarfi dismissed US allies' protests as not genuine and 'nothing but dust thrown in the eyes'.

'The greatest responsibility lies upon the Muslims in America and the Western countries in the world,' he said. 'The Muslims inside the occupied land must kill every Jew, by running him over, or stabbing him, or by using against him any weapon, or by burning their homes.'..."

Analysis: A new anti-Israel axis is forming

January 22, 2018 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "With Hamas running out of options in its terror war against Israel from Gazan soil, the Islamist terrorist organization is looking for other options to hit Israel. After Israel proved it can virtually neutralize every rocket launched at southern Israel from Gaza and developed what is dubbed 'an underground Iron Dome' in order to combat the increasing threat of Hamas' terror tunnels, the Palestinian terror group is now threatening Israel from the north.

Last week, senior Hamas official Mohammad Abu Hamza Hamdan escaped an assassination attempt on his life in the coastal city of Sidon in southern Lebanon, when a bomb which was planted underneath the driver's seat of his expensive BMW destroyed the vehicle, but only moderately wounded the terrorist. Mohammad Abu Hamza Hamdan is the brother of Osama Hamdan, the official Hamas envoy to Beirut and the co-author of Hamas's new charter which continues to call for the destruction of Israel.

Lebanese media later reported an Israeli plane or drone had been spotted in the skies above Sidon at the moment the booby-trapped car exploded, fueling speculation the Mossad had something to do with the assassination attempt..."

Mattis warns of 'growing threats' from Russia, China

January 22, 2018 SpaceDaily.com reported: "Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Friday that America is facing 'growing threats' from China and Russia, and warned that the US military's advantages have eroded in recent years. Mattis's assessment came as he unveiled the Pentagon's vision for the future detailed in a document called the national defense strategy.

'We face growing threats from revisionist powers as different as China and Russia, nations that seek to create a world consistent with their authoritarian models,' Mattis said.

'Our military is still strong, yet our competitive edge has eroded in every domain of warfare — air, land, sea, space and cyberspace — and is continually eroding,' he added.

President Donald Trump and his administration worry that the vast US military force is feeling the effects of years of budget shortfalls and atrophy, and needs a full reboot to restore it to an idealized strength..."

'We loot or we die of hunger': food shortages fuel unrest in Venezuela

January 21, 2018 theguardian.com reported: "Amid desperate food shortages Venezuelans are picking up new survival skills. On the night of 9 January, for example, a hungry mob took just 30 minutes to pick clean a grocery store in the eastern city of Puerto Ordaz. By the time owner Luis Felipe Anatael arrived at the bodega he'd opened five months earlier, the looters had hauled away everything from cold cuts to ketchup to the cash registers.

"It makes you want to cry," said Anatael in a telephone interview. "I think we are headed for chaos."

Evidence for his prediction can be found in towns and cities across Venezuela that have been hit by an outbreak of looting and mob violence. Angry about empty supermarket shelves and soaring prices, some people are breaking into warehouses, ransacking food trucks and invading outlying farms.

During the first 11 days of January the Venezuelan Observatory for Social Conflict, a Caracas rights group, recorded 107 episodes of looting and several deaths in 19 of Venezuela's 23 states. But the figures don't fully capture the level of desperation.

President Nicolás Maduro blames the country's woes on an "economic war" against his government by rightwingers and foreign interests. But his critics say his government has disrupted domestic food production by expropriating farms and factories. Meanwhile, price controls designed to make food more widely available to poorer people have had the opposite effect: many prices have been set below the cost of production, forcing food producers out of business.

Meanwhile the government has less cash to import food because of its mismanagement of the oil sector, where production has fallen to a 29-year low. Hyperinflation and the collapse of the currency have put the prices of foodstuffs available on the black market beyond the reach of many families. But rather than reforming the economy, the government has resorted to handouts and far-fetched schemes.

A newly formed ministry of urban farming encourages people to grow tomatoes and raise chickens on their patios and rooftops. Another campaign encourages Venezuelans to breed rabbits for the table.

But as they grow thinner some Venezuelans insist they have a right to take matters into their own hands. That was the case in the western city of Maracaibo, where residents recently swarmed into the streets, stopped two trucks filled with flour and candy, and emptied them.

"We either loot or we die of hunger," one of the looters, Maryoli Corniele, told *Diario la Verdad*, the local newspaper."

Tillerson says Russia helps North Korea get fuel

January 19, 2018 SpaceDaily.com reported: "US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson says that Russia is helping North Korea evade some of the sanctions imposed on it to force it to halt its nuclear missile program.

Last year, Russia signed up to United Nations sanctions pushed by Washington as a way to force Kim Jong-Un's regime to come to the table and negotiate disarmament.

But, Tillerson told reporters on his plane late Wednesday, Moscow is not fully implementing the measures and may indeed be trying to undermine them, in particular by supplying fuel.

'It's apparent to us they're not fully implementing all of the sanctions and there's some evidence that they may be frustrating some of the sanctions,' he said."

Asked what in particular Russian sources are allegedly providing to Pyongyang, Tillerson said: 'Fuel. Primarily fuel, but some other areas potentially as well.'..."



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