



PROPHETIC TIMES

January, 1998

Weekly World News Briefs

September 22, 2018

'Prevent situation where Iran surrounds Israel'

September 20, 2018 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Political Security Cabinet member Minister Naftali Bennett referred today to the tension between Russia and Israel after a Russian plane was shot down by Syrian anti-aircraft fire during an airstrike in Latakia on Monday.

'We want to prevent a situation where Iran envelops the State of Israel in its arms. Of course we express regret over the downing of the Russian plane; we have mechanisms to prevent such incidents and we'll reinforce them. In the end, the one who downed the plane was Syria,' Bennett said on Army Radio.

'The mechanism for preventing friction between the IDF and the Russian army is operational, and it's worked very well until now. When the Syrian army launched the missiles at the plane, our planes were no longer in the area. Russia has its interests and Israel has its own. In the end, we need to act with determination and consistency.'..."

US Official: Islamic State, Al-Qaida Determined and Adaptable

September 20, 2018 VOAnews.com reported: "'U.S. counterterrorism officials say despite major strides in combating and regaining territory from terror groups like Islamic State and al-Qaida, the terror landscape has grown more complex.

'ISIS, al-Qaida, and their affiliates have proven to be determined, resilient and adaptable,' U.S. Coordinator for Counterterrorism Nathan Sales said Wednesday, using an acronym for Islamic State. 'They have adjusted to heightened counterterrorism pressure in Iraq, Syria, Somalia and elsewhere.'

Sales made the comments in a briefing to reporters on the release of the State Department's 2017 Country Reports on Terrorism, which found that IS and al-Qaida have become more dispersed, turning to the internet to inspire attacks by distant followers, making them less susceptible to conventional military action.

The State Department report says as IS lost territory last year, it continued to shift away from a centralized command and encouraged its sympathizers around the world to use whatever weapons they have at hand against so-called "soft targets." The report says 2017 saw such attacks in Manchester, Barcelona, Sinai, Marawi, New York City and elsewhere.'..."

North Korea's Kim to visit Seoul, shut missile site

September 19, 2018 AFP reported: "North Korea's Kim Jong Un agreed to make a historic visit to Seoul soon and close a missile testing site in front of international inspectors at a summit with the South's President Moon Jae-in in Pyongyang Wednesday. Progress on the key issue of the North's nuclear arsenal was limited, but the two signed a document to strengthen ties between the two halves of the divided peninsula.

Building on a growing rapprochement, they agreed to create a facility to hold family reunions at any time, work towards joining up road and rail links, and mount a combined bid for the 2032 Olympics. The agreement "carries the people's fresh hope and the people's strong, flaming desire for reunification", Kim said.

His trip to Seoul would be the first by a Northern leader since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War, when hostilities ceased with an armistice rather than a peace treaty, leaving them technically in a state of war. Moon added that the visit could happen this year and would be a "monumental milestone in inter-Korean relations".

In their agreement, the North also agreed to "permanently close" a missile engine testing site and launch facility in Tongchang-ri "in the presence of experts from relevant nations". Moon, who brokered Kim's historic summit with US President Donald Trump in Singapore in June, had hoped to bring fresh momentum to stalled talks between his hosts and Washington. Whether that would happen remained unclear.'..."

Female Bishops Tell Church to Stop Referring to God as 'He'

September 18, 2018 Breitbart.com reported: "A female bishop has told the Church of England to stop referring to God solely as male, equating gendering the deity to websites only showing white people.

After a YouGov poll found that half of young Christians see God — referred to in the Bible as 'father', including in Jesus Christ's 'Lord's Prayer' — as male, the first female bishop Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, bishop of Gloucester, said that she was concerned that the Church was not being 'mindful of language'.

'I don't want young girls or young boys to hear us constantly refer to God as he,' she said, according to The Telegraph.

Adding that she was worried that patriarchal language might put off non-Christians, she added: 'For me particularly in a bigger context, in all things, whether it's that you go to a website and you see pictures of all white people, or whether you go to a website and see the use of 'he' when we could use 'God', all of those things are giving subconscious messages to people, so I am very hot about saying can we always look at what we are communicating.'..."

South Korea launches its first missile-capable submarine

September 17, 2017 spacedaily.com reported: "South Korea launched its first ever missile-capable attack submarine on Friday, despite a recent diplomatic thaw with the nuclear-armed North.

The \$700 million, 3,000-tonne Dosan Ahn Chang-ho submarine is capable of firing both cruise and ballistic missiles and the first of three planned diesel-electric boats to go into service in the next five years.



It represented a 'leap forward in the country's' defence industry, President Moon Jae-in told a launch ceremony at the Daewoo shipyard where it was designed and built.

'Peace through power is the unwavering security strategy of this government.' ..."

Christian Transhumanism: 'Ye shall be as gods'

September 17, 2018 World Net Daily reported: "Humankind has been trying to appeal its death sentence ever since the serpent in the Garden of Eden whispered those enticing words that persuaded Adam and Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit: 'Ye shall not surely die' and 'Ye shall be as gods.'

Today, it's not just secular scientists trying to achieve longer, of even eternal, life through better chemistry and technology. Meet the Christian Transhumanist Association, whose members say they are 'called by Christ to participate in that mission.'

'We believe that God's mission involves the transformation and renewal of creation including humanity. ...' the group states in its first of five affirmations.

While the biblical prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel both affirm a future Kingdom of God on earth in which people live a natural life of up to a thousand years again, the question for Christians is whether man's chemistry and technology is the answer or whether it's Jesus' prescription of a spiritual rebirth.

In any case, the CTA is plunging headlong into a marriage with science that has many believers appalled..."

Japan successfully tests ballistic missile defense system

September 14, 2018 spacedaily.com reported: "The Japanese destroyer JS Atago, the U.S. Navy, U.S. Missile Defense Agency and Lockheed Martin have tested an upgraded Aegis Combat System Ballistic Missile Defense system for the Japanese navy.

The Japanese Flight Test Mission-05 exercise on Sept. 11 successfully intercepted a separating target simulating a ballistic missile warhead, Lockheed announced on Thursday.

The launch test follows a modernization of the JS Atago. The JS Atago Aegis Weapon System BMD is part of a joint weapons system used by the United States and allied nations for air and missile defense.

The target missile was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility in Hawaii, and the Atago intercepted it using a Standard Missile-3 Block 1B missile, according to Raytheon, which makes the defensive missile system..."

Pentagon protests after intercept of Russian bombers

September 14, 2018 AFP reported: "The Pentagon has protested after US fighter jets intercepted two Russian bombers west of Alaska, in the latest incident of its kind.

F-22 Raptor fighters from NORAD intercepted and visually identified the long-range Tupolev Tu-95 "Bear" bombers overnight Tuesday, said the joint US-Canadian command, charged with aerospace warning and control for North America.

The four-engine Cold War-era turboprop bombers, which can carry nuclear weapons, were escorted by two Russian Su-35 fighters, NORAD said in a statement Thursday, adding that the Russian planes stayed in international airspace and never penetrated the US or Canadian zones.

NORAD jets followed the Russians until they left the air defense identification zone, a perimeter in which the military surveils air traffic, and which extends for about 200 miles (320 kilometers) off Alaska.

The incident took place during Russia's largest-ever military drills, Vostok-2018 with nearly 300,000 troops and all types of military equipment in eastern Siberia.

NORAD commander General Terrence O'Shaughnessy said he did not see the air incident as "directly part of Vostok although it is very much related to it."

N. Korea 'willing to denuclearise', Moon says

September 13, 2018 spacedaily.com reported: North Korea is "willing to denuclearise" and the US is prepared to end hostile relations, President Moon Jae-in said Thursday as he struck an upbeat tone ahead of his third meeting with Kim Jong Un next week.

The summit will be the third between the leaders of North and South Korea this year and comes as talks between Washington and Pyongyang over dismantling the North's nuclear arsenal have stalled.

Moon conceded there was a "blockage" and both sides needed to compromise to make progress on the controversial subject.

"North Korea is willing to denuclearise and therefore willing to discard existing nuclear weapons... and the US is willing to end hostile relations with the North and provide security guarantees," Moon said.

"But there is a blockage as both sides are demanding each other to act first and I think they will be able to find a point of compromise."

Moon, who helped broker the June summit between Kim and US President Donald Trump and has called for a follow-up meeting between the two sides, added South Korea would help mediate contacts between Washington and Pyongyang to "speed up the denuclearisation process".

Trump and Kim Jong Un pledged to denuclearise the Korean peninsula at their historic Singapore meeting.

