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China Legalizes 'Transformation' Internment Camps for Muslim Uighurs

October 11, 2018 Breitbart.com reported: "The government of China passed a regional law Tuesday formally allowing officials in the Muslim-majority province of Xinjiang to establish internment camps for ethnic Uighurs considered insufficiently loyal to the Communist Party.

The camps have existed for at least one year. Human rights groups and the State Department have estimated that police have arbitrarily detained one million Uighur Muslims in these camps, where they are forced to renounce their religion, learn Mandarin, and memorize communist propaganda songs. Survivors of the camps say they endured physical and psychological torture.

When confronted about the camps, Chinese officials described the camps as 'vocational centers' where individuals with minor criminal backgrounds could learn skills to make them more marketable as employees..."

FBI Chief Warns: MS-13, Islamic State May Use Drones to Attack U.S.

October 11, 2018 Breitbart.com reported: "The United States is facing an 'escalating' threat from the use of civilian drones as weapons by the likes of the Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL) and MS-13, the FBI director cautioned on Wednesday. In written testimony prepared for hearing by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, FBI Director Christopher Wray declared:

The threat from Unmanned Aircraft Systems [UAS] in the U.S. is steadily escalating....While there has been no successful malicious use of UAS by terrorists in the United States to date, terrorist groups could easily export their battlefield experiences to use weaponized UAS outside the conflict zone. We have seen repeated and dedicated efforts to use UAS as weapons, not only by terrorist organizations, such as ISIS and Al Qaeda, but also by transnational criminal organizations such as MS-13 and Mexican drug cartels, which may encourage [the] use of this technique in the U.S. to conduct attacks..."

Archaeologists unearth 2000-year-old Hebrew 'Jerusalem' inscription

October 10, 2018 jpost.com reported: "The earliest written inscription of the word Jerusalem written in Hebrew on a 2,000 year old column drum was unveiled on Tuesday at a press conference at The Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

The limestone column drum that dates back to the Second Temple period, was discovered 10 months ago on an excavation site near the International Convention Center in Jerusalem.

The words: 'Hanania son of Dudolos from Jerusalem' was etched on the column which was part of a building that stood in a Jewish potters village near the entrance of the Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago...The word Jerusalem was found on silver coins dating before the time of this column, but they were written in Aramaic..."

Russia: Change in Golan Heights status a violation of agreements

October 10, 2018 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Wednesday warned Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu against changing the status quo of the Golan Heights, Sputnik reported. According to Lavrov, 'Any change in the status of the Golan Heights which comes without the United Nations Security Council's approval is a violation of existing agreements.'

On Monday, Netanyahu stressed the importance of the Golan Heights to the State of Israel.

'We see today what is happening on the other side of the border, Iran's military buildup and the aggression of the terror fanatics, against which we will continue to stand firm and determined,' he said..."

Flea-borne typhus spreads across Los Angeles area

October 8, 2018 cnn.com reported: "A rise in typhus, a bacterial disease spread by lice or fleas, has hit the Los Angeles area, and public health officials are sounding the alarm.

As of Monday, there have been 57 cases of flea-borne typhus in Los Angeles County, the county Department of Public Health said.

On Thursday, the department announced that officials are investigating an outbreak of flea-borne typhus in downtown Los Angeles, and they are working with the city to implement environmental safety measures to help reduce the spread of the disease.

Between July and September, the county identified nine cases of flea-borne typhus associated with downtown Los Angeles, and six of those cases were in people experiencing homelessness, according to the county.

"Although typhus normally occurs throughout LA County, we are observing several cases in the downtown Los Angeles area," Dr. Muntu Davis, the county's health officer, said in Thursday's announcement.

"We encourage pet owners to practice safe flea control and encourage all cities in the county to ensure maintenance of their trash clean-up and rodent control activities," he said.

On Friday, one city in the county -- Pasadena -- reported epidemic levels of typhus fever. This year, 20 Pasadena residents have been confirmed to have typhus fever, up from the expected one to five cases per year, according to the Pasadena Public Health Department..."

India Seals Deal for Russian Air Defense Systems during Putin Visit

October 8, 2018 voanews.com reported: "India has signed a deal worth more than \$5 billion to buy five sophisticated air defense missile systems from Russia that could trigger sanctions by the United States.



The agreement for the purchase of the S-400 surface-to-air missile systems was sealed Friday in New Delhi as Russian President Vladimir Putin visited India and held a summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Although the deal was not mentioned when the two leaders appeared before reporters, a joint statement after the talks said that the two sides welcomed the agreement.

The deal, said analysts, demonstrates that India is seeking a balance as it steadily grows strategic ties with Washington, but is unwilling to forgo its long-standing defense partnership with Russia..."

The S-300 delivery to Syria is a threat to Israel and Russia

October 7, 2018 atimes.com reported: "The rear doors of the huge nearly 200-ton An-124 transport aircraft dropped to the ground, and in a video supplied by Russia's military, two Transport, Erector and Launch (TEL) vehicles, each weighing tens of tons, drove down the ramp and onto Syrian territory.

The S-300 delivered to Syria – the video shows the TEL with missile canisters but not the radar systems and command and control vehicles that form part of the S-300 – is a major upgrade and escalation promoted by Russia's military as a retaliation against Israel.

The S-300 is a long-range air defense system designed for use in the European theater and ill-suited to the confines of Syrian airspace, bordering on Iraq, Jordan and Israel. We do not know if the system delivered is new: it is probable it is an old S-300 freshly painted.

While the delivery of the S-300 is the Russian Ministry of Defense's response to Israel, who they blame for the loss of an IL-20M surveillance plane shot down by Syrian air defenses on September 17, the delivery of the S-300 may cause the Russians more problems than they want to think about, including the possibility of losing more aircraft to 'friendly' fire..."

U.S. mulls withdrawal from arms treaty over Russian 'violations'

October 5, 2018 spacedaily.com reported: "The United States hinted Thursday it might withdraw from a landmark Cold War nuclear arms reduction treaty if Russia does not stop 'violating' the accord.

Washington has complained for nearly two years that a ground-launched missile system deployed by Russia breaches the 1987 Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF).

'This situation is untenable, and we have to take measures to deal with this continued violation of this very important treaty,' US ambassador on disarmament Robert Wood told reporters in Geneva.

He said that pushing Russia to 'come back into compliance' with the INF would be a top US priority at disarmament meetings at the United Nations in New York next week.

But he added: 'I just don't know how much longer we can continue to live up to our obligations under this treaty with Russia violating this treaty so blatantly and openly.'..."

Khamenei: America must receive another slap from Iran

October 5, 2018 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iran's Supreme Leader on Thursday said Iran must deliver a slap and defeat America by defeating sanctions.



In a speech before thousands of members of the Basij militia and top Revolutionary Guards leaders in Tehran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the people of Iran face a sensitive time because of the pressure from America and economic problems.

'With the kindness of God we will defeat sanctions and the defeat of sanctions is the defeat of America,' Khamenei declared, according to Reuters.

'And America must receive another slap from the people of Iran with the defeat of sanctions,' he added..."

US President Donald Trump withdrew in May from the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers. He signed an executive order officially reinstating US sanctions against Iran.

Additional US sanctions targeting Iran's oil and shipping industries will go into effect on November 4. The move has resulted in increased tensions between the US and Iran."..."

Zarif blasts U.S. as 'outlaw regime'

October 5, 2018 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Wednesday blasted the United States as an 'outlaw regime' after Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the US is withdrawing from a 1955 treaty with Iran.

Pompeo's announcement came after Tehran successfully made an international complaint that Washington had violated that accord.

The International Court of Justice ordered the US to lift any sanctions that affect goods required for 'humanitarian needs' in Iran, according to CNN.

Tehran brought a complaint against the US in July, arguing that President Donald Trump's decision to pull out of the 2015 nuclear pact and reimpose sanctions violated the 1955 Treaty of Amity.

Iran also said the US had violated the international nuclear agreement with its unilateral withdrawal in May, and that its re-imposed sanctions were so broad, that they are hurting ordinary Iranians..."

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