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## Two U.S. Navy ships pass through Taiwan Strait, opposing China

**November 29, 2018** Reuters reported: “The United States sent two Navy ships through the Taiwan Strait on Wednesday in the third such operation this year, as the U.S. military increases the frequency of transits through the strategic waterway despite opposition from China.

The voyage risks further raising tension with China but will likely be viewed in self-ruled Taiwan as a sign of support from U.S. President Donald Trump’s government amid growing friction between Taipei and Beijing.

‘The ships’ transit through the Taiwan Strait demonstrates the U.S. commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific,’ U.S. Pacific Fleet said in a statement...



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## Report: Saudi Arabia, Egypt work to mend Arab ties with Israel

**November 29, 2018** Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “The leaders of Saudi Arabia and Egypt are working together to convince other Arab countries to take steps toward mending relations with Israel in accordance with Israel’s demand as part of the US peace plan, according to a report this morning in the UK-based Arabic newspaper Al Araby Al Jadeed.

According to the report, extensive meetings held between Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman during the latter’s visit to Cairo this week dealt largely with the US ‘Deal of the Century’ peace plan.

The two reportedly discussed how to bring an end to the Palestinian issue in a way that would lead to as many Arab countries as possible making a fresh start in relations with Israel.

Among possibilities the two discussed was the Egyptian proposal to hold a summit including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority...

## Iran’s supreme leader says military should be boosted to ward off enemies

**November 28, 2018** timesofisrael.com reported: “Iran’s top political and religious leader, Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, told the country’s naval commanders on Wednesday that Tehran should boost its military capabilities in order to deter the country’s enemies.

‘Increase your capability and readiness as much as you can so Iran’s enemies will not even dare threaten this great people,’ Khamenei said, according to the Reuters news agency, citing Khamenei’s official website.

‘The Islamic Republic does not intend to start war with anyone,’ he added.

Khamenei’s comments come three days after he claimed that Israel was now “weaker” than it was 10 or 20 years ago, listing a number of military “defeats” he said the Jewish state had suffered over the years.

In a tweet, Khamenei claimed that Israel was defeated by Hezbollah in the 2006 Second Lebanon War, and that it had been beaten by Hamas in 2008’s Operation Cast Lead, 2012’s Operation Pillar of Defense, as well as the recent flare-up in violence on the Gaza border.

All of those conflicts ended with both sides claiming victory.

Khamenei routinely calls Israel a “cancer” in the region that must be removed. He has previously branded Israel as “barbaric,” “infanticidal,” and the “sinister, unclean rabid dog of the region.” Recently, he blamed “Zionists” for the anti-government demonstrations held across Iran earlier this year....”

## Kiev imposes martial law after clash with Russian navy

**November 27, 2018** atimes.com reported: “Russian border patrol ships attacked and seized three Ukrainian vessels on Sunday near the Kerch Strait, off the coast of Kremlin-annexed Crimea. While Russia described the attack as a legitimate reaction to Ukrainian vessels violating its territorial waters, Kiev called it an unprovoked act of Russian aggression.

In the aftermath of the incident, the first open clash between Ukrainian and Russian forces, lawmakers in Kiev voted for martial law to be imposed in regions bordering with Russia.

On Sunday morning, two Ukrainian gunboats and a tugboat were intercepted on their way to the port city of Mariupol by Russian patrol boats. As the flotilla was approaching the Kerch Strait, a Russian coast guard ship rammed the Ukrainian tug. Russian fighter jets and helicopters were also deployed in the area, while bulk freighters blocked access to the Kerch Strait...”

## North Korea reveals nuclear EMP attack plans

**November 27, 2018** washingtonexaminer.com reported: “In a sign that North Korea is not planning to give up all its nuclear arsenal, the communist government has revealed plans to use the weapons to launch EMP attacks that effectively dismantle technology and computers in the blast area. A report on the new document distributed by the government shows the acronym for electromagnetic pulse, or EMP, clearly printed in July.

The Daily NK, which obtained the documents, suggested that a target would be South Korea. ‘EMP attacks lead to the destruction of electronic circuits in semiconductors, affecting the use of TVs, mobile phones and computers in the area. The widespread failure of South Korea’s mass communications system due to an EMP attack and its effect on national infrastructure and military command systems could lead to widespread chaos, experts warn, and they are calling on the government to take measures to prepare for such attacks,’ it said.

But it also said that the propaganda report was meant to assure supporters in the countryside that it wasn’t giving up all nuclear weapons in any deal with the United States.

“Some experts say that the authorities added the section to propaganda materials handed out to farmers as a way to emphasize that the regime will not give up its nuclear weapons,” said the report.

U.S. officials have recently warned that North Korea’s offensive war plans include the use of EMP weapons and that the U.S. is a target...”

### **Russia fires at Ukrainian ships and captures three vessels off Crimea**

*November 26, 2018* News.Sky.com reported: “Russia has opened fire on Ukrainian ships and captured three vessels in a major escalation of tensions off the coast of Crimea.



Three sailors have been wounded after the Ukrainian navy said two artillery boats were hit by the strikes in the Black Sea.

Ukraine’s President Petro Poroshenko called an emergency session of his war cabinet and has asked parliament to vote on whether to impose martial law on the country for 60 days.

Throwing his weight behind the measure, which is not guaranteed to pass, he said it ‘in no way means that Ukraine will carry out any offensive actions’.

‘I want to emphasize separately that we have all irrefutable evidence that this aggression, this attack on the Ukrainian Navy’s warships was not a mistake, not an accident, but a deliberate action,’ he added...”

### **Science shocker: Adam and Eve for real**

*November 26, 2018* World Net Daily reported: “In a major shock to evolutionary science, a sweeping survey of the genetic code shows the human race sprang from a single adult couple. The research was led by the Rockefeller University and the University of Basel, Switzerland, and stunned all involved.

‘This conclusion is very surprising,’ said David Thaler, research associate from the University of Basel. ‘And I fought against it as hard as I could.’

While still holding to an old Earth with these modern humans dating back between 100,000 to 200,000 years, it’s a time far more recent than other claims in the evolutionary theory.

In addition, this Adam and Eve, the researchers say, arose after a catastrophic event than nearly wiped out the human race. The Bible’s a story of a couple created by God as adults.

Another surprise for the scientists, however, was that nine of every 10 animal species also come from a single pair of beings...”

### **Iran’s Rouhani Demands Muslims Unite to Fight U.S. and ‘Cancerous Tumor’ Israel**

*November 25, 2018* Breitbart.com reported “Israel is a ‘cancerous tumor’ established by Western countries to advance their interests in the Middle East, Iran’s President Hassan Rouhani said Saturday, before calling on Muslim nations to unite and fight the U.S.

Addressing an annual Islamic Unity Conference in Tehran, Rouhani lamented ‘one of the negative results of World War II was the formation of a cancerous tumor in the region.’

He then went on to scold the U.S. and urged Muslim nations to unite and ‘band together in reality and practice...there is no way but to remain united, and you will win over the Zionists and the Americans if you remain united.’

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu responded later in the day, saying ‘Rouhani’s slander, which calls for the destruction of Israel, proves yet again why the nations of the world need to join in the sanctions against the Iranian terrorist regime which threatens them.’

Rouhani said the U.S. cultivates close ties with ‘regional Muslim nations’ to protect Israel, an apparent reference to Iran’s regional rival Saudi Arabia and the kingdom’s Sunni Arab allies. He said bowing to American pressure amounts to ‘treason.’

He added Iran was prepared to defend Saudi Arabia from ‘terrorism and superpowers.’...”

### **European court ‘surrenders to Islam’**

*November 25, 2018* World Net Daily reported: "A prominent columnist, lawyer and political analyst contends the European Court of Human Rights has surrendered to Islam.

Judith Bergman, senior fellow at the Gatestone Institute, wrote that Islamic blasphemy laws ‘have now been elevated to the law of the land in Europe.’

She cited the case of anti-jihad activist Elisabeth Sabaditsch-Wolff, who was convicted by an Austrian court of ‘denigrating religious symbols of a recognized religious group’ after she described Islam’s prophet Muhammad as a pedophile for marrying a 6-year-old and consummating the relationship when the girl was 9.

The court ruled the statements go ‘beyond the permissible limits of an objective debate,’ and could be classified as ‘an abusive attack on the prophet of Islam which could stir up prejudice and threaten religious peace.’

Sabaditsch-Wolff was charged after a magazine recorded her seminars, which were titled ‘Introduction to the basics of Islam,’ ‘The Islamization of Europe’ and ‘The impact of Islam.’

She was convicted of disparaging Islam and ordered to pay a fine of 480 euros and the costs of the proceedings. Her appeal to the ECHR cited her freedom of expression."