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India-Pakistan nuclear war could kill 100 million

October 3, 2019 spacedaily.com reported: "The year is 2025 and militants have attacked India's parliament, killing most of its leaders. New Delhi retaliates by sending tanks into the part of Kashmir controlled by Pakistan.

Fearing it will be overrun, Islamabad hits the invading forces with its battlefield nuclear weapons, triggering the deadliest conflict in history -- and catastrophic global cooling, with temperatures not seen since the last Ice Age.

This scenario was modeled by researchers in a new paper published on Wednesday, which envisaged more than 100 million immediate deaths, followed by global mass starvation after megatons of thick black soot block out sunlight for up to a decade.

It comes at a time of renewed tensions between the two South Asian rivals, which have fought several wars over the Muslim-majority territory of Kashmir and are rapidly building up their atomic arsenals. They currently each have about 150 nuclear warheads at their disposal, with the number expected to climb to more than 200 by 2025." ..."



Christians in India are 'living mostly in fear at present'

October 3, 2019 christiantoday.com reports: "Christians in India are living in a climate of fear because of a hostile state and a minority of radicals who don't want them in the country, a bishop has warned.

Bishop Kishore Kumar Kujur, of Rourkela in Odisha, eastern India, told Aid to the Church in Need that the government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi was being supported by anti-minority 'right-wing' groups and that it was 'causing problems' for Christians.

'Christians are living mostly in fear at present -- much more in the north, where they are a minority,' he said. The bishop said that, in general, Christians in India are 'seen as foreigners and as not belonging to India'.

'We are told to go back to where we came from,' he said..."

North Korea says missile test was 'new' submarine-based launch

October 3, 2019 SpaceDaily.com reports: "North Korea says its latest weapons test was of a submarine-launched ballistic missile that marked a 'new phase' in its defence capability, just days before the resumption of stalled nuclear talks with the US.

The test was by far the most provocative since Pyongyang first began a dialogue with Washington in 2018, and marked a significant step in North Korea's nuclear weapons programme, analysts said.

A proven submarine-based missile capability would take the North's arsenal to a new level, allowing deployment far beyond the Korean peninsula and a second-strike capability in the event of an attack on its military bases.

'The new-type ballistic missile was fired in vertical mode' on Wednesday in the waters off Wonsan Bay, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported, identifying the weapon as a Pukguksong-3.

'The successful new-type SLBM test-firing comes to be of great significance as it ushered in a new phase in containing the outside forces' threat,' it added..."

Khamenei: We'll further breach nuke deal until we get 'desired results'

October 2, 2019 timesofisrael.com reported: "Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Wednesday threatened that Iran would further breach the international accord that set limits on its nuclear program until it obtains the 'desired results.'

Since May, Iran has taken a number of steps in violation of the 2015 agreement, including stockpiling uranium above the permitted limit and installing advanced centrifuges for uranium enrichment. Iran says the moves are in protest over a lack of economic relief from the deal's European signatories since US President Donald Trump pulled out of the accord last year and reimposed sanctions on Tehran.

'Regarding the nuclear issue, we will seriously pursue reduction of our commitments. The Government should precisely, thoroughly pursue that until we reach the desired results—and we will certainly by the Grace of God achieve the desired outcomes,' Khamenei wrote on his Twitter account..."

Reports: China's Nuclear Missile Can Reach U.S. in 30 Minutes

October 1, 2019 breitbart.com reported: "Media reports from China indicate Tuesday's military parade, a massive show of force and technological sophistication to mark the 70th anniversary of the People's Republic, will include the public debut of the Dongfeng-41, a nuclear-capable missile that could hit U.S. territory within 30 minutes of launch.

Fox News quoted Chinese government spokesmen and foreign analysts who expected the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to put on quite a show for National Day, taking the opportunity to demonstrate their massive advantage in manpower is now matched with near-peer real-world military hardware and world-class cyberwar capabilities..."

China's military display forces Pentagon to confront end of American dominance

October 1, 2019 washingtontimes.com reported: "The rest of the world was watching the pomp, circumstance and speeches celebrating China's 70th anniversary Tuesday, but military analysts were glued to another spectacle in the heart of Beijing: the arsenal of cutting-edge weaponry capable of challenging U.S. military might for decades to come.

The lavish event marking seven decades of Communist Party rule gave Beijing a golden opportunity to showcase new hypersonic missiles, top-of-the-line drones, tanks, stealth bombers, unmanned underwater vehicles, helicopters that rival U.S. Black Hawks, and a host of other military technology that highlights the nation's ever-rising defense budget and its long-term plan to cut into American superiority in Asia and beyond.

Analysts called the display a clear warning to the West and an indication that China's military progress — already at the point where Beijing is likely capable of going toe-to-toe with the U.S. in the Pacific — is accelerating at a rapid pace. Pentagon officials say their strategy to counter China acknowledges the new paradigm and the uncomfortable truth that unquestioned U.S. power may be a thing of the past.” ...”

Iran's General Salami Says Destroying Israel 'Achievable Goal'

October 1, 2019 breitbart.com reported: “Iran's top Revolutionary Guards commander, Major General Hossein Salami, warned on Monday that destroying arch-enemy Israel was an ‘achievable goal’

‘This sinister regime must be wiped off the map and this is no longer ... a dream (but) it is an achievable goal,’ he said, quoted by the Guards’ Sepah news site.

Four decades on from Iran's Islamic revolution, ‘we have managed to obtain the capacity to destroy the imposter Zionist regime’, he said. Salami's comments, while not unusual for Iranian officials, come amid particularly heightened international tensions over Iran's nuclear program and a series of incidents that have raised fears of a confrontation between Tehran and its other main regional rival, Riyadh...”

South Korean fighter jets fly patrol over islands disputed by Japan

October 1, 2019 Reuters reported: “South Korean fighter jets flew a patrol on Tuesday over islands at the center of a dispute with Japan, South Korean President Moon Jae-in said at an event marking the founding of his country's military, drawing an angry Japanese protest.

South Korea showcased newly acquired F-35 stealth fighter jets to mark its Armed Forces Day as Moon tried to allay concerns that his policy of engagement with neighboring North Korea would weaken the South's commitment to defense.

He said the F-15K jets patrolled over the disputed islets called Dokdo in Korea and Takeshima in Japan, which are controlled by Seoul but claimed by both, risking inflaming strained ties between the neighbors.

‘Just a moment ago, the F-15K, the most powerful fighter-bomber in Northeast Asia, has returned from completing a patrol mission over our land Dokdo ... without any problems,’ Moon told the military in a speech...”

Iranian commander: If Israel attacks, nothing will be left of it

September 30, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “A senior Iranian commander is again threatening Israel, warning that ‘if Israel makes a strategic mistake, it has to collect bits and pieces of Tel Aviv from the lower depths of the Mediterranean Sea.’

Abbas Nilforoushan, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Deputy Commander for Operations, made the comments in an interview with Tasnim news agency, as translated by Radio Farda.

‘Iranian armed forces do not play according to the rules in their strategic depth which is as wide as West Asia,’ said the commander, claiming that in the area of military power, Iran has reached a balance of power with its enemies.

Asked about his views on threats Israel can pose against Iran, Nilforoushan replied, ‘Israel is not in a position to threaten Iran. Iran has encircled Israel from all four sides.’

He asserted that after a conflict with Iran, ‘Nothing will be left of Israel.’...”

Syrian Forces Again Used Chemical Weapons, US Says

September 27, 2019 voanews.com reported: “Syrian forces used chemical weapons during an attack in Latakia province in May, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Thursday.

Although no one was killed in the chlorine gas attack, Pompeo said the U.S. ‘will not allow these attacks to go unchallenged nor will we tolerate those who choose to conceal these atrocities.’

Pompeo said the U.S. is placing sanctions on nine Russian individuals and entities for evading sanctions against deliveries of military jet fuel to Syria. He also said the State Department is sending another \$4.5 million to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to help in investigate the use of such weapons in Syria...”

Saudi FM: Iranian attack ‘cannot go unanswered’

September 26, 2019 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Saudi Arabia is in consultation ‘with friends and allies about the next steps to take’ after a September 14 attack on its oil facilities, but is waiting for the findings of an investigation, Saudi Arabia's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel al-Jubeir told reporters on Wednesday, according to Reuters.

‘This cannot go unanswered, there has to be consequences for Iran for what they did,’ Jubeir was quoted as having told a United Against Nuclear Iran conference.

The attack on the heartland of Saudi Arabia's oil industry damaged the world's biggest petroleum-processing facility and knocked out more than 5% of global oil supply...”



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