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Egypt said involved in 'intensive efforts' to rein in Hamas, end balloon attacks

January 23, 2020 *timesofisrael.com* reported: "Egypt is involved in 'intense efforts' to get the Hamas terror group to end a recent uptick in arson balloon attacks on Israel from the Gaza Strip amid fears of a return to violence, Israeli TV reported Wednesday.

Terror groups in the Strip have continued to launch incendiary devices attached to balloons into Israel in recent days, undeterred by Israel's threats to respond forcefully to Palestinian attempts to disrupt a major event in Jerusalem attended by many world leaders.

Egypt, which has been the primary mediator in recent efforts to achieve a long-term truce between Israel and Hamas, was again involved and had persuaded Hamas to stop the balloon attacks, Israel's Kan public broadcaster reported, citing unspecified Palestinian sources..."

PA: 'The Muslims have absolute right' to Western Wall

January 23, 2020 *Arutz Sheva* 7 reported: "Palestinian Media Watch reports the official Palestinian Authority television narrator's claim that 'the historical documents in the possession of the Palestinians of Jerusalem testify that Jerusalem is a city of Arab origin for thousands of years, and its history and culture are Islamic. Since Islam's conquest [in the 7th century], the Al-Buraq Wall (i.e., the Western Wall) has remained an Islamic waqf.

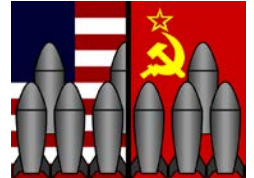
'The Muslims have the absolute right to it and there is not even one rock there that dates back to the period of King Solomon, as the Jews claim.'

Muslims believe Muhammad took a night flight from Mecca to 'al aqsa mosque', i.e., 'the farthest mosque' (Quran, Sura 17), and there tied his miraculous flying steed named Al-Buraq to a 'stone' or a 'rock' (Jami' at-Tirmidhi, Book 47, Hadith 3424).

In the 1920's, Arab Mufti Haj Amin Al-Husseini decided to identify the Western Wall of the Temple in Jerusalem as that 'rock' or 'stone,' and since then Muslims refer to the Western Wall as the 'Al-Buraq Wall.'..."

China has 'no intention to participate' in arms talks

January 23, 2020 *spacedaily.com* reported: "China said Wednesday it has 'no intention to participate' in trilateral arms control negotiations, a day after Washington called on Beijing to join its nuclear arms talks with Moscow.



The United States has held two rounds of talks with Russia, aimed at reducing misunderstandings around critical security issues since the collapse of a Cold War nuclear pact last year — which triggered fears of a new arms race.

Washington has hinted that Beijing should also join the discussions. But Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang accused the US of using Chinese involvement as 'a pretext to shirk and shift its own nuclear disarmament responsibilities'.

'China has no intention to participate in the so-called China-US-Russia trilateral arms controls negotiations,' Geng said at a regular press briefing in Beijing..."

Coronavirus death toll DOUBLES to 17 as more than 470 cases of 'mutating' bug confirmed

January 22, 2020 *thesun.co.uk* reported: "Latest figures reveal 471 cases in China, with four in Thailand, two in Hong Kong and one each in the US, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan. Seventeen people have died from coronavirus and more than 470 cases of the killer strain have been confirmed in China alone.

There are also unconfirmed reports of a case in Mexico. It comes as British experts said up to 10,000 people could already be infected - adding that we can't rule out the possibility" there could already be a case in the UK.

Professor Neil Ferguson, an expert at Imperial College London, said the new strain is currently "as deadly as the Spanish flu epidemic".

The 1918 outbreak is the most severe pandemic in recent history, wiping out an estimated 50 million people across the world.

Prof Ferguson warned of "more deaths to come" as fellow experts said the outbreak has reached the threshold for an international public health emergency - ahead of today's World Health Organization meeting on the issue. "..."

Government vows to protect Christians worldwide

January 21, 2020 *World Net Daily* reported: "Responding to a government-commissioned report, British officials are pledging to take steps to protect persecuted Christians worldwide, including legislation to sanction offending nations.

The report, the 'Bishop of Truro's Independent Review for the Foreign Secretary of [Foreign and Commonwealth Office] Support for Persecuted Christians,' confirmed that 'today, Christians constitute by far the most widely persecuted religion.'

It found that 'Christians have been harassed in more countries than any other religious group and have suffered harassment in many of the heavily Muslim countries of the Middle East and North Africa.'

Some 245 million Christians live in the top 50 countries for persecution and they suffer ‘high levels’ or worse. Previously, only one country, North Korea, was classified as having ‘extreme’ persecution. Now there are 11 countries...”

LGBTQ education is now mandatory in N.J. schools. Here’s how teachers are preparing

January 20, 2020 inquirer.com reported: “For a high school history assignment on the Holocaust, Olivia Loesch chose the pink triangle, used by the Nazis to persecute gay men in concentration camps and decades later a symbol of pride for the gay rights movement.” ...

Educators in her public school district — and 11 others in New Jersey — are now testing a pilot curriculum to include instruction about the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

Gov. Phil Murphy signed a law last year requiring New Jersey public schools to include LGBTQ-related instruction in lesson plans for middle and high schoolers statewide. The mandate takes effect statewide for the 2020-21 school year.” ...”

China reveals space plan for 2020

January 20, 2020 spacedaily.com recorded: “China will smash its record for space launches in 2020. The country is going to send more than 60 spacecraft into orbit via over 40 launches this year, according to a plan released Friday in Beijing.

“This year will continue to see intensive launches,” said Shang Zhi, director of the Space Department of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC), at a press conference, where a blue book setting out China's space achievements and future missions was released.

According to Shang, there are three major missions, mainly focusing on the completion of the BeiDou-3 Navigation Satellite System, the lunar exploration and the network of Gaofen observation satellites.

Two geostationary orbit BeiDou satellites will be sent into space in the first half of 2020. The Chang'e-5 lunar probe, which is expected to bring moon samples back to Earth, and China's first Mars probe are also planned to be launched this year.

In addition, three new types of carrier rockets, which are the Long March-5B, Long March-7A and Long March-8, will make their maiden flights in 2020.” ...”

Hundreds of Muslim Arab worshipers riot on Temple Mount in Jerusalem

January 17, 2020 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Several hundred Arab worshipers finishing Friday morning prayers on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem began rioting and disturbing public order.

As the prayers – in which 8,000 Muslim Arabs participated – ended, the rioters began marching, calling out nationalistic slogans and violating public order.

In response, the district commander of the police ordered that they be dispersed, and police forces were called to the area and dispersed the rioters.

‘The Israeli police will not allow violations of public order in the Temple Mount area, and will work to prevent any riots or calls of a nationalistic background,’ the Israel Police said...”



Jerusalem Temple Mount

China Mystery Illness Cases Soar Past 200 People Infected

January 17, 2020 Bloomberg reported: “A pneumonia outbreak in central China widened after authorities in Wuhan increased screening for the new SARS-like virus. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said there are signs that some might have caught the virus from other people.

Health officials in Wuhan reported 136 cases at the weekend, taking to 198 the number of people in the city known to have been infected with the newly identified coronavirus. Three people have died. Cases have also been reported in Japan, Thailand, Beijing and the southern Chinese province of Guangdong.

“Much remains to be understood about the new coronavirus, including where it comes from and how it is transmitted,” the World Health Organization’s regional office in Manila said Sunday in a Twitter post.

The United Nations agency released guidance for diagnostic detection of the virus Friday, facilitating the rapid testing of suspected cases. That should help scientists understand whether the virus is capable of spreading from human to human, and to better gauge the magnitude of cases.

It’s possible more than 1,700 people in Wuhan have been infected with the virus, Neil Ferguson and colleagues at Imperial College London, said in a study Friday. Their analysis was based on cases reported outside China last week, with the assumption that it takes five or six days for someone to feel unwell after being infected, and another four or five days for the infection to be detected.” ...”

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