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## Over 1,200 Christians killed in Nigeria in first half of 2020 – human rights group

*July 16, 2020* christiantoday.com reports: “Over 1,200 Christians were slaughtered in Nigeria in the first six months of 2020, according to a human rights group based there.

The International Society for Civil Liberties and Rule of Law said the killing of Christians had reached ‘genocidal’ levels, the Nigerian Voice reports. The perpetrators are Islamist militants and members of the predominantly Muslim Fulani group.

The report attributes 390 of the deaths to radical Islamist groups like Boko Haram and the Islamic State West Africa Province, both of which are linked to ISIS. Some 812 deaths were attributed to Fulani herdsmen who have targeted Christian farming communities...”

## China Threatens ‘Military Confrontations’ with U.S. in South China Sea

*July 16, 2020* Breitbart.com: “Chinese Communist Party (CCP) mouthpiece the *Global Times* accused Washington on Tuesday of stirring up maritime ‘trouble’ and threatened to prepare for regional ‘military confrontations’ with the U.S. in response to U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s statement declaring Beijing’s claims in the South China Sea ‘unlawful.’

On Monday, the U.S. State Department formally endorsed a 2016 international court ruling between the Philippines and China declaring Beijing’s maritime claims in the South China Sea illegal. Beijing refuses to recognize the ruling and has continued to illegally lay claim to island territories, maritime zones, and offshore resources belonging to other Southeast Asian nations surrounding the disputed waters. In recent months, China has ramped up this ‘bullying,’ as Pompeo referred to it Monday, while the world has been distracted by the ongoing Chinese coronavirus pandemic.

‘The world will not allow Beijing to treat the South China Sea as its maritime empire. America stands with our Southeast Asian allies and partners in protecting their sovereign rights to offshore resources, consistent with their rights and obligations under international law,’ Pompeo said...”

## Hong Kong: China vows to retaliate after Trump ends special economic status

*July 15, 2020* BBC.com: “China has vowed to retaliate after the US ended Hong Kong’s preferential trade status and imposed sanctions on officials who crack down on rights.

President Donald Trump said he was acting because China had taken away Hong Kong’s freedom after it imposed a new security law.

Beijing condemned Mr. Trump’s decision, saying it would impose sanctions on relevant people and entities in the US. US-China ties have become increasingly strained over a wide range of issues.

Apart from Beijing’s actions in Hong Kong, Mr. Trump has criticised China over its handling of the coronavirus pandemic as well as its military build-up in the South China Sea, its treatment of Muslim minorities and massive trade surpluses.

Mr. Trump’s decision means the end of Hong Kong’s special trade status with the US, agreed in 1984 when the territory was still a British colony. Hong Kong is expected to be treated the same as mainland China, meaning its goods could be subjected to additional tariffs...”

## French Senate Report Describes ‘Alarming’ Spread of Islamism

*July 14, 2020* Breitbart.com: “A report compiled by members of the French Senate has detailed the spread of political Islam across France and listed 44 proposals to combat radical Islamist ideology.

The report, which was written by the Commission of Inquiry on Islamist Radicalisation and the Means to Combat It, claims that radical Islamism ‘is polymorphous, penetrating into all aspects of social life and tends to impose a new social standard by taking advantage of individual freedom’.

Senator Jacqueline Eustache-Brinio, a member of the centre-right Republicans, said that nearly all of France is affected by radical Islam, adding: ‘We cannot accept it. Now or never is the time to react.’



Obtained and reported on by French Newspaper *Le Figaro*, the report states that in certain districts of the country an 'Islamist ecosystem' has emerged that questions secular principles such as equality of men and women and the rights of homosexuals..."

### **Yellowstone volcano latest: Idaho quake tremors spark fear over huge Supervolcano eruption**

*July 13, 2020* express.co.uk: "Idaho was recently hit by a 6.5 magnitude earthquake believed to have been so powerful that it practically submerged an entire beach, sparking fears it could finally awaken the Yellowstone Volcano in neighbouring state Wyoming.

The beach in question was along Stanley Lake and despite the earthquake taking place on March 31, the after-effects are still occurring. Although the earthquake has already swept through the US state, it appears as though Idaho hasn't stopped shaking. It may not be the largest earthquake, but it's certainly the second largest earthquake to hit Idaho, according to the Idaho Statesman.

USGs Volcanoes updated concerned followers on Twitter about Yellowstone Volcano last night. They said: "The Idaho quakes are aftershocks of the March 31 M6.5 tectonic earthquake related to extension of the western USA. Nothing at all to do with Yellowstone."

This was in response to the question: "With Idaho still trembling, could you activate the Supervolcano in Yellowstone?"

Since the last quake, the Idaho state has been experiencing a string of aftershocks. Some of these aftershocks as well, registering as high as 4.8 on the Richter scale. Unfortunately for residents, the after-effects have been so severe that a popular beach has sunk underwater. This was supposed to be along Stanley Lake in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area has sunk into the water." ..."

### **Kim's sister says 'no need' for another U.S.-North Korea summit**

*July 10, 2020* spacewar.com reported: "The powerful sister of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said Friday there was 'no need' for another summit with the United States unless Washington offered a 'decisive change' in approach.

Kim and US President Donald Trump first met in Singapore two years ago but talks over Pyongyang's nuclear arsenal have been stalled since their Hanoi summit collapsed in early 2019 over what the North would be willing to give up in exchange for sanctions relief.

Trump said this week he would 'certainly' meet with Kim again 'if I thought it was going to be helpful', after speculation that he might pursue another summit if it could help his re-election chances in November.

But in a statement carried by the official *Korean Central News Agency*, Kim Yo Jong — who has emerged as one of her brother's closest advisers — said: *'There is no need for us to sit across with the US right now.'*

If a summit was held, she said, *'it is too obvious that it will only be used as boring boasting coming from someone's pride'*.

Denuclearisation, she added, was 'not possible at this point', and could only happen alongside parallel *'irreversible simultaneous major steps'* by the other side — which she emphasised did not refer to sanctions lifting..."

### **Explosions, power outages reported near Tehran**

*July 10, 2020* jpost.com reported: "Explosions were reported west of Tehran on Thursday night, with some initial reports claiming that the explosions occurred at a missile depot belonging to the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC).

According to the Iranian *Mehr News Agency*, the explosions were reported by social media users west of Tehran and in the cities of Garmdareh and Quds.

Power outages were reported in the area after the explosions were heard, according to initial reports.

Leila Vaseghi, governor of Quds, told Iranian media that no explosion had occurred in the area and that there had only been a five-minute power outage in a small area.

Along with the denial of the explosion, Iranian media reported that the mayor of Garmdareh had stated that the explosion was caused by gas tanks, but it was later discovered that the quoted mayor had died over a year ago and that the quoted news was from years ago, according to the Independent Persian. Iranian media had also reported that a security official in the region had attributed the explosion to highway construction, but it was later discovered that the quoted news was from over two years ago..."



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