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PMW: For PA, peace means a Judenfrei state, ethnically cleaned of Jews

November 5, 2020 jpost.com reported: *The Jerusalem Post* reports: “For the Palestinian leadership, peace with Israel can only be achieved in a ‘judenfrei’ Palestinian state – a state free of Jews, ethnically cleansed of the over 800,000 Jews who now live in West Bank and Jerusalem, Palestinian Media Watch (PMW) has said.

The NGO, which translates Arabic-language media into English to highlight the incendiary claims made by Palestinian leaders, highlighted a recent speech by PA Deputy Prime Minister and PA Presidential Spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeina, who said: ‘The [Israeli] settlement[s] will disappear in the end. There will be no peace as long as there is one settlement on the Palestinian lands. Just as the settlements were removed from Gaza, they will be removed from the West Bank.’

He continued, ‘either a peace that is based on an independent, fully sovereign [Palestinian] state with East Jerusalem as its capital and without settlers or settlements, or else there will be no security, no stability, and no peace.’

Palestinian Media Watch have flagged the comments, saying that Rudeina’s claims amount to calling for a judenfrei state. Not only that, but they are based on a false historical narrative, the NGO said...”

India hosts key naval exercise with eye on China

November 4, 2020 spacewar.com reported: “India, Australia, Japan and the United States started a strategic navy drill Tuesday in the Bay of Bengal, with all four countries keeping a wary eye on China’s growing military power.

The exercises — with anti-submarine and anti-aircraft drills — went ahead as India is embroiled in a deadly border showdown with China and has sought closer military ties with other countries.

The four nations make up the so-called Quad group (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue), established in 2007 to counter growing Chinese influence.

Australia — which also has problematic relations with China — is taking part in the Malabar exercises for the first time in more than a decade, a sign of the growing importance of the group.

‘Exercise Malabar is an important opportunity to work in concert with like-minded nations to support a secure, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region,’ Australia’s Defence Minister, Linda Reynolds, said in a statement...”

Vienna Attacker Was Islamic State Sympathizer, Officials Say

November 3, 2020 voanews.com reported: “Austrian officials said Tuesday a perpetrator of an attack in Vienna, Austria that killed at least four people and wounded 14 others was a sympathizer of the Islamic State terror group.

‘We experienced an attack last night by at least one Islamist terrorist,’ Interior Minister Karl Nehammer told reporters.

He said the assailant was armed with an assault rifle and wore a fake suicide vest. He added in later comments to the Austrian news agency APA that the attacker was convicted last year of trying to travel to Syria to join Islamic State.

Police shot the assailant dead, and Nehammer said a search was ongoing Tuesday to see if anyone else was involved in the attack.

‘At the moment we can’t rule out that there are still other attackers out there. That’s why we are investigating the environment of the attacker and also all of Vienna in order to make sure whether there was just one perpetrator or two,’ he said...”

Egypt tells Hamas to keep ceasefire until after US elections – report

November 2, 2020 jpost.com reported: During a visit by a Hamas delegation to Cairo last week, Egypt called on the terrorist group to maintain the ceasefire reached with Israel in August until after the US elections on Tuesday, according to the Lebanese newspaper *Al-Akhbar*.

A Hamas delegation left the Gaza Strip for Cairo last week to discuss bilateral relations, mutual interests, regional politics, the humanitarian situation in Gaza and developments between Gaza and Israel, among other topics.

The delegation was headed by Saleh Al-Aroui, deputy head of Hamas’s political bureau, who was joined by bureau members Izzat Al-Rishq, Khalil Al-Hayya and Rouhi Mushtaha.



While the Hamas delegation wanted Egypt to pressure Israel into implementing the understandings of the ceasefire, sources from Hamas told *Al-Akhbar* that Egypt's responses to the terrorist group's demands were 'lackluster.'

The Hamas delegation was informed that Israel had told Egypt that some of the requests, such as supplying natural gas to the Strip, would take years.

The *Al-Akhbar* report added that the Egyptians stressed to Hamas an escalation should not be pursued currently, insinuating to Hamas that Israel may consider returning to targeted assassinations against terrorist leaders if an escalation occurs..."

'Death to France': Tens of thousands of Muslims protest against Macron

November 2, 2020 timesofisrael.com reported: "Tens of thousands of Muslims, from Pakistan to Lebanon to Jerusalem, poured out of prayer services to join anti-France protests on Friday, as the French president's vow to protect the right to caricature the Prophet Muhammad continues to roil the Muslim world.

Hardline Islamic groups across the region have seized on the French government's staunch secularist stance as an affront to Islam, rallying their supporters and stirring up rage.

Demonstrations in Pakistan's capital Islamabad turned violent as some 2,000 people who tried to march toward the French Embassy were pushed back by police firing tear gas and beating protesters with batons. Crowds of Islamist activists hanged an effigy of French President Emmanuel Macron from a highway overpass after pounding it furiously with their shoes. Several demonstrators were wounded in clashes with police as authorities pushed to evict activists from the area surrounding the embassy.

In Pakistan's eastern city of Lahore, an estimated 10,000 followers of the radical Islamic Tehreek-e-Labbaik party celebrating the Mawlid, the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad, took to the streets. They chanted anti-France slogans, raised banners and clogged major roads en route to a Sufi shrine..."

'China is angry': Taiwan anxiety rises as sabre-rattling grows

October 30, 2020 sinodaily.com reported: "The tank traps on the beaches of Kinmen Island are a stark reminder that Taiwan lives under the constant threat of a Chinese invasion — and fears of a conflict breaking out are now at their highest in decades.

Democratic Taiwan has learned to live with the warnings of Beijing's authoritarian leaders that they are ready and willing to seize a place it views as part of its territory.

But that background static has reached hard-to-ignore levels recently with China's jets now crossing into Taiwan's defense zone at an unprecedented rate and the People's Liberation Army releasing propaganda simulating an invasion of the island — and even an attack on US bases in Guam. Not since the mid-1990s, when China fired missiles into the Taiwan Strait during a moment of heightened tension, has the sabre-rattling been so loud.

Sitting under a pavilion at National Quemoy University on Kinmen, a Taiwan-ruled island just off the Chinese mainland, freshman Wang Jui-sheng says he feels more than a little unsettled.

'China is angry at Taiwan and acting all the more brutish,' he told *AFP*..."

Erdogan on Eve of Jihad Wave in France: 'No Muslim Can Be a Terrorist'

October 30, 2020 Breitbart.com reports: "Turkish Islamist President Recep Tayyip Erdogan declared in an aggressive speech against Western values of free expression Wednesday that 'no Muslim can be a terrorist' because only 'black-hearted' people can commit that crime.



The next day, suspected jihadists launched a wave of at least five attacks and attempted attacks against French civilians and targets. Muslim leaders around the world have condemned France for weeks after President Emmanuel Macron honored Samuel Paty, a French schoolteacher beheaded by a jihadist after showing students cartoons of Muhammad.

Thursday is a Sunni Muslim holiday known as Mawlid, observing the birthday of Muhammad.

Erdogan addressed his speech to a parliamentary group of his Islamist party, Justice and Development (AKP). He was, according to the state-run Anadolu news agency, discussing the worldwide debate triggered by Paty's beheading and Macron's campaign to crack down on violent Islamists and champion free speech in its aftermath. In addition to French state action against jihadists, French cities have projected large versions of blasphemous cartoons depicting Muhammad by the satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo* on walls of buildings..."

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