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UK to unveil 'largest military investment' in three decades

November 19, 2020 spacewar.com reported: "Prime Minister Boris Johnson will on Thursday unveil what is being billed as Britain's biggest programme of investment in the armed forces since the end of the Cold War.

In a speech to lawmakers in parliament, Johnson will announce an extra 16.5 billion pounds (\$22 billion, 18.5 billion euros) in funding over the next four years. It follows the ruling Conservatives' commitment in their election manifesto last year to increase defence spending by 0.5 percent above inflation until 2025.

Johnson's Downing Street office said the cash boost would "cement the UK's position as the largest defence spender in Europe and the second largest in NATO".

It comes despite Britain's economy suffering a historic downturn this year due to the coronavirus crisis, which has seen the government spend unprecedented sums to support people and businesses.

"I have taken this decision in the teeth of the pandemic because the defence of the realm must come first," Johnson said in remarks released ahead of his speech.

"The international situation is more perilous and more intensely competitive than at any time since the Cold War and Britain must be true to our history and stand alongside our allies."

He added the new funding was "our chance to end the era of retreat" and that it would be used to "upgrade our capabilities across the board"." ..."

IAEA report: Iran firing up advanced uranium-enriching centrifuges

November 19, 2020 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "A new report by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) finds that Iran continues to breach its 2015 deal with world powers and has fired up advanced uranium-enriching centrifuges that it had installed at its Natanz site. The UN atomic watchdog's report was obtained by the *Reuters* news agency on Wednesday.

The 2015 deal states that Iran can only accumulate enriched uranium with first-generation IR-1 machines and that those are the only centrifuges it can operate at its underground plant at Natanz, apparently built to withstand aerial bombardment.

'On 14 November 2020, the Agency verified that Iran began feeding UF6 into the recently installed cascade of 174 IR-2m centrifuges at the Fuel Enrichment Plant (FEP) in Natanz,' the IAEA report to member states dated Tuesday said.

The report follows an IAEA report released last week, which found that Iran continues to increase its stockpile of low-enriched uranium far beyond the limits set in the 2015 nuclear deal..."

Saudi minister says nuclear weapons 'an option' for kingdom if Iran gets them

November 18, 2020 timesofisrael.com reported: "Saudi Arabia's minister of state for foreign affairs said the kingdom will consider arming with nuclear weapons if Iran acquires them.

Adel al-Jubeir said in an interview with Germany's *DPA* news agency that nuclear armament was 'definitely an option.'

'Saudi Arabia has made it very clear that it will do everything it can to protect its people and to protect its territories,' Jubeir said. The report said the interview was held recently but did not give a specific date.

Jubeir said that if Iran acquires nuclear weapons, other countries will follow, and expressed support for taking a harsh stance against Tehran.

'We believe that the Iranians have only responded to pressure,' he said..."

Bahrain announces plans to open embassy in Israel

November 18, 2020 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Bahrain's Foreign Minister announced Wednesday afternoon that his country is preparing to open an embassy in Israel, just months after formal relations were established between the two countries.



Saudi Minister Adel al-Jubeir

‘We are initiating the process of opening an embassy in Israel,’ said Bahraini Foreign Minister Abdullatif Rashid Al-Zayani after arriving in Jerusalem Wednesday.

At the same time, Israel confirmed that it has received approval from Bahrain to open an embassy in the Bahraini capital city of Manama...”

Teaching Bible’s view of sexual ethics could be ‘hateful’ under new law

November 16, 2020 christiantoday.com reported: “The Bible could be considered ‘inflammatory’ and seized by police if proposed new hate crime laws get the go ahead in Scotland, The Christian Institute has warned.

In a submission to Holyrood’s Justice Committee on the Scottish hate crime Bill, the organisation said that the legislation risked having a ‘chilling effect on free speech’ that would be detrimental to traditional Christian perspectives of sexuality.

The Christian Institute is one of many critics of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill that proposes criminalizing words or behavior perceived as ‘abusive’ towards certain groups.

The Catholic Church, lawyers, police, the *BBC*, comedians and secularists have also raised concerns about the impact of the legislation on free speech.

The Christian Institute’s Ciarán Kelly told the *Daily Express* that the legislation as it currently stands lacks sufficient protections for free speech. He raised particular concerns over wording in the Bill that would allow police to enter premises and take ‘forfeited material’ which would then be ‘disposed of in such manner as the court may direct’.

He fears that Christian books and ‘even the Bible itself’ could fall under such material...”

US ‘Moving Toward Elimination of Biblical Worldview as Cornerstone of Society’

November 13, 2020 christiannews.net reported: “Dr. George Barna and the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University are urging churches to step up to the plate and work to “rebuild the biblical worldview” in America as the country is in the midst of a battle that transcends politics but is rather rooted in the spiritual realm.



“Most Americans are oblivious to this, the real civil war ravaging America,” Barna said in a statement. “Our nation is steadily moving toward the elimination of the biblical worldview as the cornerstone of our society.”

Barna made the comments as the conclusion to the Cultural Research Center’s “American Worldview Inventory” study, which uncovered numerous concerns this year both regarding the general spiritual state of the nation and the beliefs of those who profess to be Christians.

As previously reported, the Center’s 11-part study found that 69% of those surveyed believe that man is “basically good.” Those who identified as Christian did not fare much better, as 70% of Evangelicals and Pentecostals, and 75% of mainline Protestants, agreed with the sentiment.

The Bible contrarily teaches that all men are born with a sin nature, are intrinsically depraved, and are in need of the Savior to save them from themselves.

“Americans do not think of themselves as inherently sinful,” the Center laments. “American adults are convinced of the innate goodness of humanity.”

“Conflict and separation between people will continue to haunt civilization until it acknowledges its need for, dependence upon, and acceptance of God as the only power that can heal the effects of our sinful nature, through the redemptive death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,” it warns.

Researchers also found that many Americans reject moral absolutes, including some who claim to be Christians. A majority look within themselves or to family and friends rather than to the Bible when making moral decisions.

Of all Americans surveyed in general, 58% agreed that “identifying moral truth is up to each individual; there are no moral absolutes that apply to everyone, all the time.” One third, or 32%, disagreed, and one out of ten adults said that they do not know.

“The typical American believes, ‘Truth is what I say it is, and no one can tell me otherwise,’ ...”

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