



Israeli Intelligence Report

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Editor note: Greetings, since the last Israel Intelligence Report was published an amazing amount of newsworthy information has been happening that is referred to in the bible as the beginning of sorrows (Math 24:4-8). If we are as close to the end of this age as it seems, than we may see a dramatic increase in these birth pangs in coming months.

It is the time to wake up and repent for any lifestyle or sins that have separated us from our Heavenly Father and truly put our whole effort into the end time work of Yahweh of redeeming the land of Israel and the Sons of Jacob back into covenant relationship.

The financial situation in the US has deteriorated quickly in the last month. Although, a deal was established to raise the debt limit by another 2.3 trillion dollars through 2012, that simply adds another astronomical amount to an already impossible to pay back debt.

The so called cuts are only on "*increased spending*" and there were no real cuts to an out of control government spending agenda. The result was a cut in the USA triple A credit rating for the first time in history and also a warning that more cuts in their credit rating were to come.

The aftermath was wild stock market drops and swings and much worse financial news unfortunately will be coming in the next 6 months. China has been openly calling for a new reserve currency to replace the dollar that would be the death- knell for the USA/Babylon. Truly Babylon is fallen. Prepare for the worse depression that we have ever seen in our lifetimes.

Also, Iran and now even China are threatening the USA with an Electromagnetic pulse attack. Iran continues to strengthen and go full steam ahead, unabated, with its nuclear program as the world stands by helpless.

Things in the Middle East are also becoming more unstable as the situation in Syria is spiraling out of control and coming close to war. Turkey has given Syria the last warning to stop the assaults on the protestors and Iran has threatened Turkey to stay out of the situation or risk a conflict with them. Hezbollah is also threatening war with Israel over water rights were natural gas has been found.

In the meantime the Palestinians are forging ahead with their September plan to declare statehood through the United Nations which will usher in the wrath of Yahweh on the earth (Joel 3:1-2). In a recent poll 7 out of 10 Palestinians prefer war with Israel rather than a peace plan solution.

Math 24: 32 *But learn the parable of the fig tree when its branch becomes tender and it puts out leaves, you know that the summer is near;*

33 *so also you, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.*

B'Shem Yahshua,

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[20% Drop in Housing to Cause Recession in 2012, Says Gary Shilling](#)

Gary Shilling, President of A. Gary Shilling & Co. and author of the [Age of Deleveraging](#) says another recession is brewing -- no matter what action the Fed takes. "Economic growth here and abroad is slipping, making a 2012 recession a distinct possibility," he writes in his July newsletter. And, "when you have slow growth it doesn't take much of a shock to throw you in negative territory."

Shilling says the shock to trigger the next recess is "another big leg-down in housing." (An asset class the Fed has not been able to reflate.) As those familiar with Shilling know, his forecasts are generally bearish. However, in his defense, Shilling was one of the few economists who correctly predicted the dangers of the subprime mortgage market and its impact on the broader economy.

The problem with the real estate market remains excess inventory. Based on Shilling's research, there are 2 million to 2.5 million excess homes in the country -- a supply that will take 4-5 years to work-off. The result: Housing prices will fall another 20% and underwater mortgages will balloon from 23% to 40%, he says.

With housing slumping again, Shilling says recession is coming to a town near you in 2012. <http://finance.yahoo.com/blogs/daily-ticker/20-drop-housing-cause-recession-2012-says-gary-161445494.html#more-id>

Harry Dent: "Major Crash" Coming for Stocks, Commodities Already Topping Out

By [Aaron Task](#) / [Daily Ticker](#) – Thu, Mar 31, 2011 11:07 AM EDT

The good news, for those long, is Dent predicts the Dow will trade as high as 13,200 by mid-summer and the S&P 500 as high as 1430, or more-than 7% above current levels. **The bad news is "then we could see another major crash," Dent says, forecasting the Dow could trade as low as 3300 in a worst-case scenario. "Bubbles go back to where they started or a little lower," he says. "The stock market bubble started at (Dow) 3800 in late 1994."**

While Dent predicts the Dow's crash will play out over several years, he sees clear and present danger in gold, silver, oil and other commodities. "All investors should lighten up on or sell oil, silver, and gold as the U.S. dollar looks like it has bottomed and should rise ahead," he writes in the March issue of *HS Dent Forecast*.

As for the Fed, they are "checkmated," Dent says, suggesting the Ben Bernanke & Co. are damned if they do QE3 -- because the bond market will freak out -- and damned if they don't -- because the economy and financial markets are so dependent on easy money. <http://finance.yahoo.com/blogs/daily-ticker/harry-dent-major-crash-coming-stocks-commodities-already-20110331-080715-415.html>

Our Debt Binge Is Ending — And The Middle Class Will Get Clobbered

By [Henry Blodget](#) / [Daily Ticker](#) – Tue, Apr 5, 2011

The world is coming to the end of a 50-year debt supercycle, John Mauldin says, and the austerity required to put us back on solid financial footing will hammer ordinary Americans. Mauldin, a financial analyst and the author of [ENDGAME: The End Of The Debt Supercycle And How It Changes Everything](#), thinks that the the US will soon be forced to confront the fact that it has borrowed way too much in the past few decades and must severely cut back.

The US's \$1.6 trillion-a-year deficit, Mauldin believes, must quickly be cut to about \$300 billion a year, or the US will face a debt crisis. And given that our current government can barely find ways to chop \$30 billion of spending from the 2011 budget, these cuts are going to be painful.

What will the forced austerity mean for ordinary Americans?

Higher taxes and significantly reduced Medicare and Medicaid spending, for starters, Mauldin says. And then cuts to almost everything else in the budget, including military spending and education.

In other words, as has so often been the case in the past couple of decades, the middle class will bear the brunt of the impact.

US Treasury: Dollar Could Lose Reserve Status Wednesday, 03 Aug 2011

The committee of bond dealers and investors that advises the U.S. Treasury said the dollar's status as the world's reserve currency "appears to be slipping" in quarterly feedback presented to the government.

The Treasury Borrowing Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from firms ranging from Goldman Sachs Group Inc. to Pacific Investment Management Co., said the outperformance of safe-haven currencies and those from emerging nations has aided in the debasement of the dollar's reserve status, according to comments included in discussion charts presented ahead of the quarterly refunding. The Treasury published the documents today.

"The idea of a reserve currency is that it is built on strength, not typically that it is 'best among poor choices'," page 35 of presentation made by one committee member said. "The fact that there are not currently viable alternatives to the U.S. dollar is a hollow victory and perhaps portends a deteriorating fate."

Members of the TBAC, as the committee is known, which met yesterday in Washington, also discussed the implications of a downgrade of the U.S. sovereign credit rating.

http://www.moneynews.com/StreetTalk/Dollar-Reserve-Status-us/2011/08/03/id/405979?s=al&promo_code=CC42-1

S&P downgrades US credit rating from AAA

S&P issues unprecedented downgrade of US credit rating, saying debt package falls short Aug 5th, 2011

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The United States has lost its sterling credit rating from Standard & Poor's.

The credit rating agency on Friday lowered the nation's AAA rating for the first time since granting it in 1917. The move came less than a week after a gridlocked Congress finally agreed to spending cuts that would reduce the debt by more than \$2 trillion -- a tumultuous process that contributed to convulsions in financial markets. The promised cuts were not enough to satisfy S&P.

The drop in the rating by one notch to AA-plus was telegraphed as a possibility back in April. The three main credit agencies, which also include Moody's Investor Service and Fitch, had warned during the budget fight that if Congress did not cut spending far enough, the country faced a downgrade. Moody's said it was keeping its AAA rating on the nation's debt, but that it might still lower it.

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/SampP-downgrades-US-credit-apf-2107320979.html>

World leaders confer on debt crises this weekend Saturday August 6, 2011

PARIS/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Global leaders on Saturday arranged a round of emergency calls to discuss the twin debt crises in Europe and the United States that are causing turmoil in financial markets.

After a week that saw \$2.5 trillion wiped off global stock markets, they are under pressure to show political leadership and reassure markets that Western governments have both the will and ability to reduce their huge and growing public debt loads.

China, the largest foreign holder of U.S. debt, took the world's economic superpower to task for allowing its fiscal house to get into such disarray. It also revived its calls for a new stable global reserve currency to replace the U.S. dollar, gaining a sympathetic ear in the United Kingdom.

"The U.S. government has to come to terms with the painful fact that the good old days when it could just borrow its way out of messes of its own making are finally gone," China's official Xinhua news agency said in a commentary.

Xinhua scorned the United States for a "debt addiction" and "short sighted" political wrangling. China, it said, "has every right now to demand the United States address its structural debt problems and ensure the safety of China's dollar assets."

China and Japan have called for coordinated action to avert a new worldwide financial crisis. India's Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee told reporters:

Food stamp use rises to record 45.8 million

By [Blake Ellis](#) August 4, 2011

The number of Americans using the government's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) -- more commonly referred to as food stamps -- shot to an all-time high of 45.8 million in May, the USDA reported. That's up 12% from a year ago, and 34% higher than two years ago.

http://money.cnn.com/2011/08/04/pf/food_stamps_record_high/index.htm?iid=HP_River



[News](#) » [International](#) BEIJING, August 6, 2011

China hits out at U.S. "addiction to debts" after downgrade

China's official media on Saturday hit out at the United States for its "addiction to debts" and for letting domestic politics hold the world economy "hostage", saying that China now had "every right" to demand the U.S. address its debt problems in the wake of the country losing its top credit rating.

The official *Xinhua* news agency also called for "international supervision" over the U.S. dollar and for a new stable global reserve currency, in a commentary issued in response to Saturday's downgrading of the U.S. credit rating by Standard & Poor's, to A-plus, for the first time in history.

"China, the largest creditor of the world's sole superpower, has every right now to demand the United States to address its structural debt problems and ensure the safety of China's dollar assets," the commentary said.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/article2330952.ece>

2011-2020: Decade of U.S. Economic Hell

by Paul B. Farrell

Monday, August 8, 2011

Political Wars Sabotage Economy

Yes folks, our politicians really are out of control, utterly unable to manage the economy. They're irrational, and worse, clueless and myopic in economics. No surprise the market crashed 513 points one day last week.

Nor that pundits are pointing to high tech multiples, warning of a new dot-com crash and double-dip recession. Warning of a collapse in commodities, in emerging markets and endless debt problems for Europe.

Warning, in short, that we're headed into a perfect storm rivaling the disastrous political insanity of the 1930s that prolonged the depression, driving the economy into far reaching global problems that added fuel to an irrational zeitgeist and world war. And more. <http://finance.yahoo.com/banking-budgeting/article/113269/decade-us-economic-hell-marketwatch?mod=bb-budgeting&sec=topStories&pos=2&asset=&ccode=>

Ron Paul: US Will Default on Unsustainable Debt

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By Newsmax Wires

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U.S. Rep. Ron Paul predicts that the United States will default on its debt, plain and simple. "When a country is indebted to the degree that we're indebted, the country always defaults," the 2012 GOP presidential candidate said during a speech on the House floor Tuesday.

"We will default because the debt is unsustainable," the Texas Republican said.

The best solution is to impose concrete spending cuts, said the 75-year-old Paul, who recently announced that he will resign after this term, having been in Congress since 1997.

<http://www.newsmax.com/InsideCover/RonPaul-debt-default-unsustainable/2011/07/20/id/404278>

Economist predicting 50% unemployment, 90% drop in the stock market!

http://w3.newsmax.com/a/aftershockb/video.cfm?PROMO_CODE=C9B5-1

Disclaimer: Displaying this video is not meant to advocate any type of particular investment, but to merely show what some top economists are predicting to the US economy.

Return of Mass Layoffs a Grim Sign for U.S. Workers

July 21, 2011

Putting pressure on an already lousy job market, the mass layoff is making a comeback. In the past week, Cisco, Lockheed Martin and Borders announced a combined 23,000 in job cuts. (See: [Another Retailer Bites the Dust: Borders Doomed by Amazon Deal, Davidowitz Says](#))

Those announcements follow [41,432 in planned cuts in June](#), up 11.6% from May and 5.3% vs. a year earlier, according to Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

Meanwhile, state and local governments have cut 142,000 jobs this year, [The WSJ reports](#), and Wall Street is braced for another round of cutbacks. This week, Goldman Sachs announced plans to let go 1000 fixed-income traders.

If these trends continue, we may soon be talking about losses in the monthly employment data -- not just disappointing growth, says Howard Davidowitz, CEO of Davidowitz & Associates

Cisco Systems Inc. (NASDAQ: [CSCO](#) - [News](#)), Lockheed Martin Corp. and troubled bookstore chain Borders Group Inc. are among those that have recently announced hefty cuts, while recent government numbers underscore how companies have shifted toward cutting jobs.

The increase in layoffs is a key reason why the U.S. recorded an average of only 21,500 new jobs over the past two months, far below the level needed to bring down unemployment, which now stands at 9.2%. <http://finance.yahoo.com/banking-budgeting/article/113169/layoffs-deepen-gloom-wsj?mod=bb-budgeting>

Iran outdoes N. Korea's long-range missile development'

By [YAAKOV KATZ](#) 07/15/2011 JPOST

Uzi Rubin says Tehran's new ballistic missile Fateh-110 that has been converted to be used against ships is "a significant breakthrough."

Iran has overtaken North Korea in the development of long-range sophisticated missiles, as demonstrated by the recent launch of [a number of new missiles](#) during military maneuvers in Iran, Uzi Rubin, the former head of Israel's Homa Missile Defense Agency, said on Thursday.

According to Rubin, during the Great Prophet War Games held earlier this month, Iran displayed a new ballistic missile that has been converted to be used against ships. This is considered a significant breakthrough since most anti-ship missiles are cruise missiles that fly parallel to the water's surface while this missile takes a ballistic course toward its target.

<http://www.jpost.com/IranianThreat/News/Article.aspx?id=229486>

Iran Successfully Tests Nuclear Missiles

How will the U.S. respond?

July 13, 2011 - by ['Reza Kahlili'](#)



The commander of the Revolutionary Guards' Aerospace Force, Brigadier General Amir Ali Hajizadeh, [told reporters on July 19th](#) that the Guards tested their long-range ballistic missiles with much success earlier this year.

He revealed that during the Iranian month of Bahman (January 21- February 20), two ballistic missiles with a range of about 1200 miles, both capable of carrying a nuclear warhead, were fired from a region in Semnan province at specified targets near the entrance of the Indian Ocean. The commander explained that the tests were conducted at a time when American forces were also present in the region.

This revelation by the commander verifies the concern of UK Foreign Secretary William Hague, who recently told the House of Commons that Iran had conducted secret nuclear missile tests. The Iranian officials denied such claims at first, but Hajizadeh's statement now confirms the tests did take place.

The Iranian commander also boasted about the recent missile war games held by Iran. To create an element of surprise against the enemy, he declared, Iran would fire missiles from underground silos and hide and scatter missile stocks. Iranian officials have openly said that these missiles, ready to be launched at a moment's notice, are set with predetermined targets aimed at U.S. bases in the region and sensitive sites in Israel.

The Iranian missile advances have long been coming. Last year, I revealed that Iran was currently in possession of missiles not previously known to the West. Several months later the [WikiLeaks releases about Iran](#) revealed that the Revolutionary Guards had obtained a cache of advanced missiles from North Korea capable of carrying nuclear warheads. With a range of 2000 miles, these missiles give Iran the capacity to strike the capitals of Western Europe.

[I also exposed](#) that Iran has now obtained two nuclear warheads, with eight more scheduled to be delivered to the Guards within the next ten months. They expect to arm at least two warheads with a nuclear payload within the current Iranian calendar year (which ends in March of 2012). Other reports by the IAEA confirm that Iran has built and tested all the elements of a nuclear weapon design and that Iran has conducted “full scale experiments” of the complex high-explosive detonation component of the bomb.

Iran, in collaboration with North Korea, is also actively working on intercontinental ballistic missiles under the guise of their space program. The Iranians have successfully launched a small satellite into space. [They have also announced](#) that they have successfully developed the necessary technology to build and launch satellites designed to travel in an orbit 21,750 miles above the earth's equator — and that, in the next few months, they will launch another rocket into space, this time carrying a monkey with a 330 kilogram payload. This is evidence that they have developed a rocket capable of delivering a nuclear warhead to any point on the planet.

According to nuclear weapons expert Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, who has served in the CIA, the EMP Commission, and is now president of [EMPact America](#), Iran's space program certainly is relevant to their efforts to develop an ICBM. Historically, if a nation could put a large payload (hundreds of kilograms) into orbit, a milestone had been reached signifying a military ICBM capability. Perhaps not coincidentally, had it been a warhead, the April 2009 satellite could, along part of its trajectory, have put an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) field down on the entire contiguous 48 states.

Also alarming is the Guards' successful test of a Shahab ballistic missile from a ship, and its testing of a remote control detonation while in high altitude. Does Iran intend to use nuclear bombs for an electromagnetic attack? A missile launch from a ship, with a range of 2000 miles, would make it easy for any vessel to get within striking distance of launching a successful EMP attack on America.

Dr. Pry further states that a missile having a range of 2000 miles would enable Iran to perform a ship-launched EMP attack from the Gulf coast of the U.S. at a stand-off distance of over 500 miles to detonate a warhead at high-altitude over the center of the country, thereby covering the entire nation with an EMP field. Increased missile range enables the attacker to make increasingly stealthy (increased stand-off range) and optimized attacks.

Studies show that an EMP attack on America could bring the country to its knees by knocking out electrical power, computers, circuit boards controlling most automobiles and trucks, banking systems, communications, and food and water supplies. From an article titled “[Electronics to Determine Fate of Future Wars](#)”:

The Iranian leaders have openly speculated about a new world order where Israel will no longer exist and where America's demise is imminent. They believe the final glorification of Islam will take place through the coming of the last Islamic messiah at that time called the mahdi.

<http://pajamasmedia.com/blog/iran-successfully-tests-nuclear-missiles/>

Hizballah rides high in Lebanon, installs member as security chief

DEBKAFile Exclusive Report July 16, 2011,



Miqati cabinet convenes in Beirut

On the fifth anniversary of Israel's second Lebanon war this week, as former IDF generals and military experts hailed its outcome as the winning deterrent keeping the Shiite terrorist Hizballah at bay every since, Hassan Nasrallah quietly completed the organization's takeover of Lebanon's security and intelligence agencies and took delivery of advanced ballistic missiles from Syria.

debkafile's counter-terror sources report that the Lebanese cabinet will Monday, July 18, go through the motions of endorsing the key appointment dictated by Hizballah promoting Brig. Gen. Abbas Ibrahim's from Deputy Director of Lebanese Military Intelligence to General Security Director.

This a sensitive all-powerful post never before been held by a member of the Shiite community. It puts him – and Hizballah – in charge domestic surveillance, espionage, counterintelligence and all of Lebanon's clandestine branches. <http://www.debka.com/article/21124/>

TRAIL OF TERROR August 07, 2011

Iran says U.S. 'will be taught the mother of all lessons'

Editorial warns of pending cyber attack on electrical grid

Iran is planning to retaliate against the United States for the sabotage against its nuclear program, according to an editorial in the Kayhan newspaper, the mouthpiece of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The U.S. has all of its infrastructure connected to the Internet, the editorial says, and as a result, "it is constantly worried about an unknown player, who they will never be able to identify ... sitting in some corner of the world who would launch an attack on a sector of (the Americans') foundations. They will be taught the mother of all lessons."

Specifically, Iran is looking into launching a cyber attack against U.S. electrical grid systems.

Read more: [Iran says U.S. 'will be taught the mother of all lessons'](http://www.wnd.com/?pageId=329977#ixzz1UPtIaMCA)
<http://www.wnd.com/?pageId=329977#ixzz1UPtIaMCA>

Faber: Brace for a Global 'Reboot' and a War Published: Friday, 5 Aug 2011

Markets could rebound after Thursday's global market sell-off, but investors should see any bounce as a selling opportunity, as the world economy rolls towards total collapse, Mark Faber, editor and publisher of the *Boom, Doom and Gloom Report*, told CNBC Friday.

A mooted third round of **quantitative easing** [[👉 explain this](#)](QE3) in the U.S. and more money printing elsewhere is merely deferring a crisis that will be bigger and could end in war, Faber said.

<http://www.cnbc.com/id/44031717>

Drought in central US deepens — and widens

'Things look like they will get worse before they get better,' Texas official says

By Karl Plume



REUTERS

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CHICAGO — The worst drought in decades tightened its grip on the southern Plains in the past week as triple-digit temperatures and a lack of rain scorched cattle grazing pastures and parched crops, according to a report issued by U.S. climatologists on Thursday.

Exceptional drought, the most severe category measured by climatologists, now encompassed more than 70 percent of Texas and more than 40 percent of Oklahoma.

It also stretched farther into Kansas, a key cattle state and a major grain and soybean producer, as heavy rains missed the region to the north and temperatures topped 110 degrees Fahrenheit in some areas.

In the throes of its third worst drought on record, Texas has been the hardest hit state. The weather forecast promised little relief, with below normal precipitation expected across the southern Plains for at least the next two weeks.

"Unfortunately, things look like they will get worse before they get better," he said.

The "exceptional" drought covered 71.66 percent of Texas as of July 12, up from 71.3 percent the prior week, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. The drought intensified in northeast Texas and eased slightly in far southern Texas, it said.

Meanwhile, conditions worsened in Oklahoma and Kansas.

"With the extreme heat and the continued lack of rainfall, conditions just continue to deteriorate in western Oklahoma. And now the drought is advancing to the east as well," said associate state climatologist Gary McManus.

"We're really looking at a throwback summer to some of our more intense drought periods such as the 1930s and the 1950s and of course the 1980 heat wave as well," McManus said.

Average high temperatures in western Oklahoma have been above 100 degrees Fahrenheit for much of the past three weeks, the longest stretch of such heat in at least 30 years. he said. It has also, since October, been the driest period on record in western Oklahoma.

Temperatures last week topped 110 in southern Kansas, central Oklahoma and north-central Texas. However, three quarters of Georgia, half of Florida and nearly 40 percent of Alabama remained under severe drought or worse in the latest week.

7,500 earthquakes shake resolve in New Zealand city



By NICK PERRY July 19th, 2011

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) — It's been 10 months since the first big earthquake struck New Zealand's second-largest city. It's been nearly five months since a far more devastating one killed 181 people

and crippled the downtown. And it's been just a few hours since yet another aftershock startled Christchurch residents during the night.

"I stop breathing," said Sheridan Cattermole, a bartender and a mom. "I get pins and needles all over. I either freeze or run. I just want things to be back to what they were like this time last year. I had my vege garden, and my sunflowers."

Seismologists have recorded 7,500 earthquakes in Christchurch since September — an average of more than 20 a day. The rumblings are rattling the psyche of the still-battered city. They have left the land under thousands of homes unsafe to build on. Some people have left town entirely.

Giant dust storm moves through Phoenix area

 Associated Press By AMANDA LEE MYERS - Associated Press July 19, 2011

PHOENIX (AP) — A giant wall of dust rolled through the Phoenix area on Monday, turning the sky brown, creating dangerous driving conditions and delaying some airline flights.

The dust, also known as a haboob in Arabic and around Arizona, formed in Pinal County and headed northeast, reaching Phoenix at about 5:30 p.m.

The dust wall was about 3,000 feet high and created winds of 25 to 30 mph, with gusts of up to 40 mph, said Austin Jamison, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. Visibility was down to less than a quarter-mile in some areas, he said.

Weather disasters seen costly sign of things to come

 REUTERS By Molly O'Toole | Reuters – July 29th, 2011

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States is on a pace in 2011 to set a record for the cost of weather-related disasters and the trend is expected to worsen as climate change continues, officials and scientists said on Thursday.

"The economic impact of severe weather events is only projected to grow," Senator Dick Durbin said at a hearing of the Senate Subcommittee on Financial Services and Government, which he chairs. "We are not prepared. Our weather events are getting worse, catastrophic in fact."

<http://news.yahoo.com/weather-disasters-seen-costly-sign-things-come-051840702.html>

Hezbollah: Israel attacks Lebanon, Eilat wouldn't be safe

By [OREN KESSLER](#)

07/21/2011

Not an inch of Israel would be spared if an attack is launched, Hezbollah official warns amid tension over demarcation of maritime border.

Not an inch of Israel would be spared – not even the Red Sea port of Eilat – if Israel attacked Lebanon, a Hezbollah representative warned Tuesday, amid growing tension between the neighboring states over the [demarcation of sea borders](#) in an energy-rich area of the Mediterranean.

"If Israel launches an attack, rockets of the resistance will cover all of Israel. Even the city of Eilat won't be

spared,” said MP Muhammad Raad of the Hezbollah-led Loyalty to the Resistance bloc, according to Beirut's *The Daily Star* newspaper. <http://www.jpost.com/Defense/Article.aspx?id=230286>

Golden bell, possibly from Cohanim robe, found in J'lem

By [MELANIE LIDMAN](#)

07/22/2011

Small bell, with loop for attaching to clothing, jewelry was found in today's Robinson's arch, part of the ancient central road of J'lem.

A golden bell ornament that archaeologists believed belonged to a priest or important leader from the Second Temple Period was found in an ancient drainage channel in ruins next to the Western Wall on Thursday, the Israel Antiquities Authority announced.

The small bell, which has a loop for attaching to clothing or jewelry, was found underneath what is today known as Robinson's arch. The area underneath the arch was the central road of Jerusalem, which lead from the Shiloah Pools in the City of David to the Old City and the Temple Mount.

<http://www.jpost.com/NationalNews/Article.aspx?id=230527>

The Washington Times

Report: China building electromagnetic pulse weapons for use against U.S. carriers Friday, July 22, 2011

[China's military](#) is developing electromagnetic pulse weapons that Beijing plans to use against U.S. aircraft carriers in any future conflict over [Taiwan](#), according to an intelligence report made public on Thursday.

Portions of a [National Ground Intelligence Center study](#) on the lethal effects of electromagnetic pulse (EMP) and high-powered microwave (HPM) weapons revealed that the arms are part of [China's](#) so-called “assassin’s mace” arsenal - weapons that allow a technologically inferior [China](#) to defeat U.S. military forces.

EMP weapons mimic the gamma-ray pulse caused by a nuclear blast that knocks out all electronics, including computers and automobiles, over wide areas. The phenomenon was discovered in 1962 after an aboveground nuclear test in the Pacific disabled electronics in Hawaii.

The [declassified intelligence report](#), obtained by the private National Security Archive, provides details on [China's](#) EMP weapons and plans for their use. Annual [Pentagon](#) reports on [China's military](#) in the past made only passing references to the arms. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/jul/21/beijing-develops-radiation-weapons/>

Underground church pastor sent to China labor camp

AP Associated Press

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN July 26th, 2011

BEIJING (AP) — An underground Protestant leader has been sentenced to two years in a labor camp as China cracks down on unapproved churches that are getting bolder in confronting government religious policy, a U.S.-based monitoring group said Tuesday.

The expansion and growing influence of unofficial churches has unsettled China's rulers, always suspicious of any independent social group that could challenge Communist authority.

China Aid Association said Pastor Shi Enhao, 55, was sentenced over the weekend for organizing illegal religious gatherings. He had been detained June 21 in the eastern city of Suqian in Jiangsu province.

Labor camp sentences are handed out without trial on the recommendation of police and can be extended beyond the usual two-year term.

Iran's missiles could soon reach U.S. shores

Posted: July 29, 2011 By Reza Kahlili© 2011

While America focuses on its internal problems and its involvement in three wars and the world focuses on the global economy, Iran is progressing on three dangerous fronts: nuclear weapons, armed missiles and naval capability.

Iran is also perfecting its missile delivery systems. Recently, the Revolutionary Guards held war games in which they launched several long-range ballistic missiles from missile silos. They also successfully tested two long-range ballistic missiles, capable of carrying a nuclear warhead, into the Indian Ocean. While the Guards' ballistic missiles have a range of 1,200 miles covering all U.S. bases in the Middle East and all of Israel, they now possess missiles from North Korea with a range of 2,000 miles, which covers most of Western Europe.

The Iranian Navy has also been busy expanding its operation on the orders of Iran's supreme leader, Ali Khamenei, who has emphasized the navy's strategic importance in protecting the Islamic republic's interests and to confront its enemies.

In an alarming July 18 statement, [Rear Adm. Habibollah Sayari said](#) the Iranian navy plans on deploying warships in the Atlantic Ocean as part of a program to ply international waters, although he did not say where in the Atlantic the ships would be sent. Two days later, [Rear Adm. Seyed Mahmoud Mousavi revealed](#), for the first time, that the Iranian navy has equipped a number of its logistic vessels and units with long-range surface-to-surface missiles. He stated, "Missile frigates and destroyers have been equipped with these missiles since a long time ago and the surface-to-surface missiles of the logistic vessels were successfully tested and assessed during the recent naval war games, dubbed as Joushan."

And it means that if the enemy plans to pose a threat to the Islamic Republic, Iran is capable of taking reciprocal action, and this strategy is currently on our agenda."

The Revolutionary Guards have successfully test-launched long-range ballistic missiles from a ship before, so the statement that they are arming some of the vessels with such missiles should worry the United States. An Iranian navy ship or any commercial vessel operated by the Iranians could easily launch a missile from outside the Gulf of Mexico and pretty much cover most of the U.S. Much more alarming is the fact that once in possession of a nuclear bomb, Iran could successfully carry out its promise to bring America to its knees by a successful electromagnetic pulse attack on America.

"One nightmare scenario posed by the Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse was a ship-launched EMP attack against the United States by Iran, as this would eliminate the need for Iran to develop an ICBM to deliver a nuclear warhead against the U.S., and could be executed clandestinely, taking the U.S. by surprise. Since an EMP attack entails detonating a nuclear weapon

at high-altitude, in space, it leaves no bomb debris for forensic analysis, no fingerprints identifying the attacker. We might never figure out who hit us, assuming the nation survives and recovers from an EMP attack," warns Dr. Peter Vincent Pry, president of [EMPact America](#), who served on the congressional EMP commission.

Read more: [Iran's missiles could soon reach U.S. shores](#)
<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=327745#ixzz1TbmxDkoQ>

[Assad toughs it out against US-Turkish ultimatum to halt military crackdown](#)

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As his tanks and artillery stormed the eastern Syrian town of Deir al-Zour, killing 100 civilians in one day, the US and Turkey Sunday night, Aug. 7 began to turn the screw on President Bashar Assad: US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton asked Turkey's foreign minister Ahmet Davutoglu to press Syria to "return its military to the barracks," during his visit to Syria Tuesday. The Syrian ruler with Iranian backing spurned the ultimatum even before the minister reached Damascus. Behind the demand was an ultimatum that if Assad continued on his present bloody path, NATO member Turkey would intervene militarily in the crisis.

<http://www.debka.com/article/21188/>

Syria goads Turkey by attacking towns along their border

DEBKAFile Special Report August 10, 2011,



Syrian tanks in action near Turkish border

Less than 24 hours after Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu handed Bashar Assad in Damascus "a final warning," to stop the bloodshed or else, Assad demonstrated coolly that he is not scared by the prospect of military intervention or deterred by Ankara's caution that he risks the same fate as Muammar Qaddafi – i.e. NATO attack. The day after his Turkish guest departed, Wednesday, Aug. 10, he launched military assaults on three towns in the Turkish border region.

Tanks, armored vehicles and motorized infantry units pushed into Taftanaz and Sermin in Idlib province, less than 30 kilometers from the border, while troops entered Binnish, a town squarely on the border.

<http://www.debka.com/article/21195/>

Iran Warns Turkey to Butt Out of Syria

By Reza Kahlili

A recent article published in the weekly magazine Sobh'eh Sadegh, one of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards' media outlets, sternly warned Turkey against its stance on Syria, emphasizing that Iran stands squarely with the Assad regime.

The article, entitled "Iran's Serious Stance in the Face of Syrian Events," warned that "Should Turkish officials insist on their contradictory behavior and if they continue on their present path, serious issues are sure to follow. We will be put in the position of having to choose between Turkey and Syria. Syria's justification in defending herself along with mirroring ideological perceptions would sway Iran toward choosing Syria."

Read more: <http://www.foxnews.com/opinion/2011/07/25/iran-warns-turkey-to-butt-out-syria/#ixzz1TeoRzsMt>

FROM JOSEPH FARAH'S G2 BULLETIN

Iran 'on track' to take over U.S. influence in Mideast

Plan seen as succeeding unless U.S. has 'substantial military' in region

Posted: July 30, 2011

Iran has been working to convince Iraq it should not allow U.S. troops to remain within its borders, helping Syria respond to its internal unrest and generally extending its influence wherever it can, according to [Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin](#).

Tehran also has been shoring up its connections to Shia-influenced power structures throughout the region, apparently with the goal of usurping the position of the U.S. as the dominant influence.

Iran's plan "would see power concentrated among the Shia in Mesopotamia, eastern Arabia and the Levant at the expense of the Sunnis who have dominated this land since the 16th century, when the Safavid Empire lost Iraq to the Ottomans," said Reva Bhalla of the think tank Stratfor Global Intelligence.

Unless the United States permanently can station substantial military forces in the region, Iran replaces the United States as the most powerful military force in the Persian Gulf," he said.

Among the results would be Iran acquiring the ability to close the Straits of Hormuz, through which much of the world's oil supplies pass.

It's all coming about in the vacuum created by the lack of a coherent U.S. strategy, analysts say.

Read more: [Iran 'on track' to take over U.S. influence in Mideast](http://www.wnd.com/?pageId=327693#ixzz1TbnmJgEQ)
<http://www.wnd.com/?pageId=327693#ixzz1TbnmJgEQ>

Thousands demonstrate for an Islamic state in Egypt

BEN HUBBARD The Associated Press Published Friday, Jul. 29, 2011

Calls for an Islamic state have taken over Cairo's Tahrir Square as the largest demonstration since February has been mobilized by the country's Islamist organizations. Ultraconservative Muslims turned out in force Friday as hundreds of thousands filled Cairo's central Tahrir Square in a rally marked by a growing rift in the protest movement. <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/africa-mideast/cairo-protesters-call-for-an-islamic-state-in-egypt/article2113896/?from=sec431>

Jesus' apostle's tomb unearthed in Turkey

Wednesday, July 27, 2011 DENİZLİ - Doğan News Agency

An Italian professor has announced the apparent discovery of the tomb of St. Philip, one of Jesus Christ's apostles, at the ancient city of Hierapolis in the Aegean province of Denizli.

The discovery of the grave of the biblical saint, who was killed by the Romans 2,000 years ago, will attract immense attention around the world, said Francesco D'Andria. St. Philip, one of the 12 apostles, came to Hierapolis 2,000 years ago to spread the Christianity before being killed by the Romans, the professor said.

D'Andria has been leading archeological excavations at the ancient city for 32 years. "Until recently, we thought the grave of St. Philip was on Martyrs' Hill, but we discovered no traces of him in the geophysical research conducted in that area. A month ago, we discovered the remnants of an unknown church, 40 meters away from the St. Philip Church on Martyrs' Hill. And in that church we discovered the grave of St. Philip," said D'Andria.

<http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/n.php?n=jesus8217-apostle8217s-tomb-unearthed-in-turkey-2011-07-27>

HOMELAND INSECURITY- Pentagon, CIA open targets for crippling attack?

Country's electrical grids, power plants may also be unprotected

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Is the U.S. government, including the CIA and Pentagon, an open target for a crippling cyber-attack?

Are the country's major industries, such as electrical grids and nuclear facilities, properly protected for the looming, major threat of cyber terrorism?

There are developments indicating the Obama administration has been slow to shore up critical infrastructure, which may be ripe for attack in a new age of cyber warfare.



The Pentagon

Just last week, U.S. cyber security chief Randy Vickers resigned following a string of cyber attacks on the websites of various U.S. government agencies.

Earlier this month it was reported 24,000 Defense Department files were lifted from the Pentagon in a hack attack by what was believed to be a foreign group.

Also, recent months witnessed several high-profile hacker attacks against the Pentagon and the public websites of the CIA, U.S. Senate and other agencies.

Read more: [Pentagon, CIA open targets for crippling attack?](#)

<http://www.wnd.com/?pageId=327329#ixzz1TeZe2ZuI>

Iran: 'We Have No Option but to Destroy Israel'

Explosive comments from Mohammad-Reza Naghdi, head of the Basij forces.
July 25, 2011

In reaction to the recent assassination of Iranian scientist Dariush Rezaeinejad, chief commander of the Basij Brigadier General Mohammad-Reza [Naghdi stated](#):

The main plot for this criminal act was conceived by the American government, and since it is scared of the reaction by the Muslim world due to the uprisings in the region, it had the Zionist regime commit the heinous act.

In order to protect the security of our country, we have no option but to have the Zionist regime wiped off the map. <http://pajamasmedia.com/blog/breaking-iran-we-have-no-option-but-to-destroy-israel/>

7 in 10 Palestinians reject 2-state solution, survey finds

By [GIL HOFFMAN](#) JPOST

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73% of Palestinians in W. Bank, Gaza agree with Hamas Charter quote, 'hadith' about the need to kill Jews hiding behind stones, trees.

Only one in three Palestinians (34 percent) accepts two states for two peoples as the solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, according to an intensive, face-to-face survey in Arabic of 1,010 Palestinian adults in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip completed this week by American pollster Stanley Greenberg.

Sixty-six percent said the Palestinians' real goal should be to start with a two-state solution but then move to it all being one Palestinian state.

Asked about the fate of Jerusalem, 92% said it should be the capital of Palestine, 1% said the capital of Israel, 3% the capital of both, and 4% a neutral international city.

Seventy-two percent backed denying the thousands of years of Jewish history in Jerusalem, 62% supported kidnapping IDF soldiers and holding them hostage, and 53% were in favor of teaching songs about hating Jews in Palestinian schools.

When given a quote from the Hamas Charter about the need for battalions from the Arab and Islamic world to defeat the Jews, 80% agreed. Seventy-three percent agreed with a quote from the charter (and a hadith, or tradition ascribed to the prophet Muhammad) about the need to kill Jews hiding behind stones and trees. <http://www.jpost.com/DiplomacyAndPolitics/Article.aspx?id=229493>

US: 29,000 Somali children under 5 dead in famine

 Associated Press

By *JASON STRAZIUSO* Aug 4th, 2011

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The drought and famine in Somalia have killed more than 29,000 children under the age of 5, according to U.S. estimates, the first time such a precise death toll has been released related to the Horn of Africa crisis.

The United Nations has said previously that tens of thousands of people have died in the drought, the worst in Somalia in 60 years. The U.N. says 640,000 Somali children are acutely malnourished, a statistic that suggests the death toll of small children will rise.

Nancy Lindborg, an official with the U.S. government aid arm, told a congressional committee in Washington on Wednesday that the U.S. estimates that more than 29,000 children under the age of 5 have died in the last 90 days in southern Somalia. <http://news.yahoo.com/us-29-000-somali-children-under-5-dead-104757443.html>

East Africa famine:

By [Torrey AndersonSchoepe](#) / [The Newsroom](#) July 29 2011

Tens of thousands of starving Somalis have flooded Mogadishu refugee camps in search of food as the nation fights East Africa's worst drought in 60 years and ruling militants who are blocking aid from western countries.

Yahoo! News spoke to a reporter who is in Somalia and has seen first-hand what it's like in the refugee camps of the war-torn and famished country.

"There was no food, no help. There are kids dying left and right—I'm not exaggerating. They buried 12 on the day I visited," said Jason Straziuso, a reporter for the Associated Press.

"The most touching thing so far has been when this small child waved at me yesterday. I stuck my head in her tent and she was lying, motionless, flies flying everywhere and she sort of stuck her head up and waved at me," he said. "That put a lump in my throat because I don't know that she's going to get better, in fact I think she has a good chance of not getting better." <http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/newsroom/somalia-famine--how-to-help.html>

Marange diamond field: Zimbabwe torture camp discovered

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A torture camp run by Zimbabwe's security forces is operating in the country's rich Marange diamond fields, BBC Panorama has found.

The program heard from recent victims who told of severe beatings and sexual assault.

The company that runs the mine is headed by a personal friend of President Mugabe. A second camp is located in nearby Muchena

"It is the place of torture where sometimes miners are unable to walk on account of the beatings," a victim who was released from the main camp in February told the BBC.

All the released prisoners the BBC spoke to requested anonymity.

"They beat us 40 whips in the morning, 40 in the afternoon and 40 in the evening," said the man, who still could not use one of his arms after the beatings and could barely walk.

"They used logs to beat me here, under my feet, as I lay on the ground. They also used stones to beat my ankles."

"They would handcuff the prisoner, they would unleash the dogs so that he can bite"

Former paramilitary police on torture techniques used

He and other former captives said men are held in the camp for several days at a time, before new prisoners come in.

Women are released more quickly, often after being raped, witnesses said.

"Even if someone dies there, the soldiers do not disclose, because they do not want it known," an officer in Zimbabwe's military told the BBC, again on condition of anonymity. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-14377215>