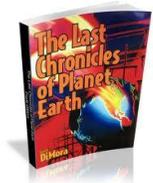
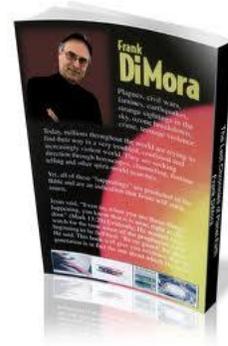
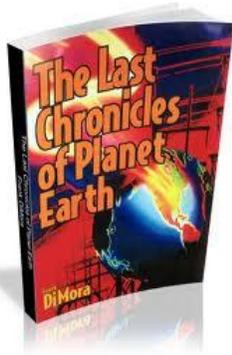




LAST CHRONICLES OF PLANET EARTH



FREE Bible prophecy documentary book download proving our generation will see the return of the Lord. If you aren't saved yet this is a must read! Download The Last Chronicles of Planet Earth July 11, 2012 Edition by Frank DiMora [Download The Last Chronicles of Planet Earth July 11, 2012 Edition by Frank DiMora](#)

7-23-12 News:

(One world government [Daniel 7:7](#), [Dan.7:23](#) & [Revelation 6:1-2](#))

***FAA Has Authorized 106 Government 'Entities' to Fly Domestic Drones**

***Drones That May Fly 'Indefinitely' Can Be Recharged By Lasers**

Since Jan. 1 of this year, according to [congressional testimony](#) presented Thursday by the Government Accountability Office, the Federal Aviation Administration has authorized 106 federal, state and local government "entities" to fly "unmanned aircraft systems," also known as drones, within U.S. airspace. "We are now on the edge of a new horizon: using unmanned aerial systems within the homeland," House Homeland Security Oversight Subcommittee Chairman Michael McCaul (R.-Texas) said as he introduced the testimony.

***Next Phase of the Surveillance State: Nuclear Powered Drones**

<http://www.infowars.com/next-phase-of-the-surveillance-state-nuclear-powered-drones/>

July 20, 2012

<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/faa-has-authorized-106-government-entities-fly-domestic-drones>

<http://www.infowars.com/drones-that-may-fly-indefinitely-can-be-recharged-by-lasers/>

(Economic collapse Rev.6:5-6 & James 5:1-3)- Decline of the Euro

***Troika in Greece amid renewed euro-exit talk**

***Greek economy is in a 'Great Depression' says Samaras**

Officials from the troika of international lenders are back in Athens on Tuesday (24 July) as the three-party government struggles to meet the spending cuts demanded in return for the bailout money. The Greek government is several months behind on promised spending cuts and privatisations. The auditors from the EU commission, European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund are set to draw up a report on how big the shortfall is and whether Greece can still receive the next tranche of €31.5 billion in September. Without this money, the Greek authorities will not be able to repay outstanding debt to the eurozone central bank, or salaries and pensions in the coming months.

July 23, 2012

<http://euobserver.com/19/117036>

<https://theextinctionprotocol.wordpress.com/2012/07/23/debt-crisis-greek-economy-is-in-a-great-depression-says-samaras/>

(Economic collapse Revelation 6:5-6 & James 5:1-3)- Worldwide

***Slower global growth reflects close economic links**

The global economy is in the worst shape since the dark days of 2009. Six of the 17 countries that use the euro currency are in recession. The U.S. economy is struggling again. And the economic superstars of the developing world - China, India and Brazil - are in no position to come to the rescue. They're slowing, too. The lengthening shadow over the world's economy illustrates one of the consequences of globalization: There's nowhere to hide. Economies around the world have never been so tightly linked - which means that as one region weakens, others do, too. That's why Europe's slowdown is hurting factories in China. And why those Chinese factories are buying less iron ore from Brazil. As a result of this global economic slowdown, the International Monetary Fund has reduced its forecast for world growth this year to 3.5 percent, the slowest since a 0.6 percent drop in 2009.

July 22, 2012

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_GLOBAL_ECONOMY_SLOWDOWN?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2012-07-22-05-23-10

***Brzezinski : War With Iran Could Last Years, Devastate Global Economy**

Former National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski warns Newsmax.TV that a confrontation with Iran would be disastrous for the United States, lasting for years and possibly devastating America's economy. "A war in the Middle East, in the present context, may last for years," Brzezinski, who served in the Carter White House, tells Newsmax in an exclusive interview. "And the economic consequences of it are going to be devastating for the average American. "High inflation. Instability. Insecurity. Probably significant isolation for the United States in the world scene," Brzezinski says. "Can you name me any significant country that's going to be in that war together on our side?"

July 20, 2012

http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/brzezinski-iran-war-oil/2012/07/18/id/445804?s=al&promo_code=F879-1

***Sudan's currency hits low before Ramadan, stokes dissent**

***Gold last hope for Sudan to avert economic collapse**

(Economic collapse Ezekiel 7:19 , Revelation 18:14-17 & James 5:1-3)-silver & gold

Sudan's currency fell close to its historical low against the dollar as demand for imported food surged before the holy Muslim month of Ramadan, driving up prices and fuelling anger over a severe economic crisis. Shopper Sabah was fuming while buying vegetables for Ramadan. "Vegetables are so expensive, everything is expensive, expensive, expensive," he said. "Why aren't government officials doing anything? Don't they

buy anything?" Meanwhile, in his office in Khartoum's gold market, central bank sales agent Mohamed Adam sips tea and watches while his staff load bundles of cash worth tens of thousands of dollars from the safe into four boxes. The government will use these piles of Sudanese pounds to purchase gold, which it plans to sell for the dollars needed to pay for imports of food and other essentials. "We buy all gold from local traders and people who search for gold," Adam said. Outside his office, gold traders make deals in the busy market in a rundown downtown building, where paint is peeling from the walls. Sudan is looking to expand gold mines and boost production of the metal to help keep the economy afloat. Oil had been the main source of state revenues as well as the dollars needed to pay for imports, but Sudan lost three-quarters of its oil production when South Sudan split off last year. A scarcity of dollars has driven the annual inflation rate to 37.2 percent in June, double the level of June 2011, and officials warn prices will rise further. The country sits on what could be Africa's largest gold reserves, and the government has handed out exploration contracts to more than 600 mining firms to search for gold and other minerals.

Amy's Comment: *The first story was on the 7-19 update under Sudan (Arab Spring in Prophecy). It bears repeating due to the second story. However, when reading the word of the Lord, GOLD is NOT Sudan's last hope as you can clearly see from Ezekiel 7:19: "They will throw their silver into the streets, And their gold will be like refuse; Their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them In the day of the wrath of the LORD; They will not satisfy their souls, Nor fill their stomachs, Because it became their stumbling block of iniquity."*
July 19, 2012

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2012/07/19/uk-sudan-economy-idUKBRE86I10E20120719>

<http://www.reuters.com/assets/print?aid=USBRE86H0SX20120718>

***Unemployment rates rise in 27 states as more look for work**

***US 10-Year Yields Hit Record Low on Spain Fears**

Unemployment rates rose in 27 states last month, the most in almost a year. The [Labor Department](#) said Friday that unemployment rates fell in 11 states and Washington, D.C. — the fewest declines since August. Rates were unchanged in 12 states. Nationwide, employers added only 80,000 jobs last month, third straight month of weak job growth. The national unemployment rate stayed at 8.2%. Still, 29 states added jobs in June, up from 27 in May. Unemployment rates can rise when jobs are created because more people who are out of work start looking for jobs. That increases the size of the labor force. The number of Americans searching for jobs nationwide increased last month. Nevada recorded the highest unemployment rate, at 11.6%, same as the previous month. It was followed by [Rhode Island](#) at 10.9% and California at 10.7%

July 23, 2012

<http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/story/2012-07-20/state-unemployment-rates-june/56364086/1>

<http://www.cnn.com/id/48279904>

***US poverty on track to rise to highest since 1960s**

The ranks of America's poor are on track to climb to levels unseen in nearly half a century, erasing gains from the war on poverty in the 1960s amid a weak economy and fraying government safety net. Census figures for 2011 will be released this fall in the critical weeks ahead of the November elections. The Associated Press surveyed more than a dozen economists, think tanks and academics, both nonpartisan and those with known liberal or conservative leanings, and found a broad consensus: The official poverty rate will rise from 15.1 percent in 2010, climbing as high as 15.7 percent. Several predicted a more modest gain, but even a 0.1 percentage point increase would put poverty at the highest since 1965. Poverty is spreading at record levels across many groups, from underemployed workers and suburban families to the poorest poor. More discouraged workers are giving up on the job market, leaving them vulnerable as unemployment aid begins to run out. Suburbs are seeing increases in poverty, including in such political battlegrounds as Colorado, Florida and Nevada, where voters are coping with a new norm of living hand to mouth.

July 22, 2012

http://news.yahoo.com/us-poverty-track-rise-highest-since-1960s-112946547--finance.html?_esi=1

(Wars & Rumors of Wars [Matthew 24:6](#) , [Revelation 6:3-4](#) & [Revelation 6:8](#))

***China Plans Military Garrison To Defend A Disputed Island From Vietnam**

Beijing will establish a military garrison on a group of disputed islands in the South China Sea, China's defence ministry said on Monday, a move likely to provoke further tensions with its neighbours. The troops will operate from Sansha in the Paracel Islands, one of two archipelagos in the South China Sea that are claimed by both China and Vietnam. The garrison, approved by the Central Military Commission, "will be responsible for the Sansha area national defence mobilisation and reserve forces activities", the defence ministry said on its website. China says it owns much of the South China Sea, while the Philippines, Taiwan, Brunei and Malaysia each claim portions. Disputes have flared in recent weeks, with Vietnam and the Philippines criticising what they call Chinese encroachment.

July 23, 2012

<http://www.businessinsider.com/china-plans-military-garrison-to-defend-a-disputed-island-from-vietnam-2012-7>

(Pestilence & Plagues [Luke 21:11](#) & [Revelation 6:8](#))

***Unknown disease kills 60 children in Cambodia**

***Disease That Killed 52 Cambodians Spreads To Philippines**

An unidentified disease has killed 60 young children in Cambodia in three months, the World Health Organization said Tuesday as it raced to identify the cause. "The number of deaths reported to WHO is 60 cases and they have all been in young children," said Dr Nima Asgari, a public health specialist for the UN body in [Cambodia](#), adding that the first [casualties](#) were reported in April. The WHO is currently working with the Cambodian Ministry of Health "to identify the cause and the route of spread of this disease", he said. With the investigation still at an early stage, Asgari said it was difficult to specify the symptoms, which "include [high fever](#) and severe chest disease symptoms, plus in some children there were signs of neurological involvement". There have been 61 reported cases so far, Asgari said, with just one patient surviving. The Philippine Department of Health (DOH) confirmed on Friday a case of a one-year-and-seven-month-old boy infected with Enterovirus-71 (EV-71), an illness that killed at least 52 children in Cambodia. Health Secretary Enrique Ona said the infant, who came from the southern city of Davao, was one of the eight suspected hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) cases reported to the DOH. HFMD is also caused by Enterovirus, including EV-71.

[Amy's Comment](#): *Again, the first story was on the 7-9 update, but bears repeating for context*

July 21, 2012

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2012-07-unknown-disease-children-cambodia.html>

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/health/2012-07/20/c_131728447.htm

(Apostasy & Alternative Lifestyles [1 Timothy. 4:1-4](#), [Amos 8:11](#) & [Romans 1:24-27](#))

***Troops march in San Diego gay parade - in uniform**

Some of the loudest cheers Saturday at San Diego's gay pride parade were for active-duty troops marching in military dress, the first time that U.S. service members participated in such an event while in full uniform. Dozens of soldiers, sailors, and Marines marched alongside an old Army truck decorated with a "Freedom to Serve" banner and a rainbow flag. They were joined by dozens more military personnel in civilian clothes, but the uniforms stood out among the flower-bedecked floats and scantily clad revelers. Spectators waved signs reading, "Thank you for your service." A woman held a placard that said: "My gay son is a Naval officer." "Today is so important," said Navy Lt. Brian McKinney, who marched with his civilian partner, Hunter Hammonds. "It's about putting on my uniform and taking pride in my service, my fellow service-members, my family and myself. It's something I'm incredibly thankful for." In a memorandum sent to all its

branches this year, the Defense Department said it was making the allowance for the San Diego event even though its policy generally bars troops from marching in uniform in parades. The Defense Department said Thursday it did so because organizers had encouraged military personnel to march in their uniform and the parade was getting national attention.

July 22, 2012

<http://news.yahoo.com/troops-march-san-diego-gay-parade-uniform-204528956.html>

(Apostasy 1 Timothy 4:1-4, Amos 8:11 & 2 Peter 2:1-3) famine of Word of the Lord

***Transhumanist religion 2.0**

Cosmism, an emerging "religion 2.0" that is part of a radical futurist conception of the future development of humanity, can give us the positive optimism and "strenuous mood" to overcome our current problems and embark on our cosmic journey. So say contemporary cosmists, who believe that the "manifest destiny" of our species is colonizing the universe and developing spacetime engineering and scientific "future magic" much beyond our current understanding and imagination. These ideas were first developed in the late 19th century by Russian Cosmism, the scientific philosophy of Konstantin Tsiolkovsky and Nikolai Fedorov, who considered science as a tool given to us by God to enable us to resurrect the dead and, as promised, enjoy immortal life. Some cosmists — including me — expect that God-like beings will exist in the future, and they may be able to affect their past — our present — by means of spacetime engineering. Probably other civilizations out there have already attained God-like powers.

<http://www.kurzweilai.net/transhumanist-religion-2-0>

(Mark of the Beast Technology Dan. 12:4 and Rev. 13:16-17)

***'Minority Report' software hits the real world**

The software behind the film "Minority Report" -- where Tom Cruise speeds through video on a large screen using only hand gestures -- is making its way into the real world. The interface developed by scientist John Underkoffler has been commercialized by the Los Angeles firm Oblong Industries as a way to sift through massive amounts of video and other data. And yes, the software can be used by law enforcement and intelligence services. But no, it is not the "pre-crime" detection program illustrated in the 2002 Steven Spielberg sci-fi film. Kwin Kramer, chief executive of Oblong, said the software can help in searching through "big data" for information. It can also create souped-up video-conference capabilities where participants share data from multiple devices like smartphones and tablets, integrated into a large video display. "We think the future of computing is multiuser, multiscreen, multidevice," Kramer told AFP.

July 23, 2012

<http://www.france24.com/en/20120723-minority-report-software-hits-real-world>

EARTHQUAKES/WEATHER

(Isaiah 24:19-20 , Matthew 24:7 , Mark 13:8 , Luke 21:11 , Luke 21:25 - storms)

***5.8 magnitude earthquake strikes off the east coast of New Zealand's North Island**

A strong earthquake has struck off the east coast of New Zealand, but there were no immediate reports of any injuries or damage. The U.S. Geological Survey says the magnitude-5.8 temblor struck Saturday off the east coast of the North Island at a depth of 20 kilometers (12 miles). New Zealand is prone to earthquakes. In February 2011, a strong quake in Christchurch killed 185 people and destroyed much of the city's downtown area.

July 21, 2012

<http://theextinctionprotocol.wordpress.com/2012/07/21/5-8-magnitude-earthquake-strikes-off-the-east-coast-of-new-zealands-north-island/>

***5.8-magnitude quake strikes off coast of Vanuatu**

An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale has hit off the coast of the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu, but there were no immediate reports of damage and no tsunami alert has been issued. The US Geological Survey said the quake struck at 6:11 p.m. local time (0611 GMT) on Saturday at a depth of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles). The epicenter of the tremor was located 593 kilometers (368 miles) southeast of the capital Port Vila, at 19.256 degrees south latitude and 173.757 degrees east longitude.

July 21, 2012

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/07/21/252106/moderate-earthquake-hits-off-vanuatu/>

***5.1-magnitude quake jolts Japan's Hokkaido**

An earthquake, measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale, has shaken Japan's Hokkaido, the US Geological Survey says. The quake took place on Sunday at 0441 GMT and its epicenter, with a depth of 57.70 kilometers, was initially determined to be at 42.5113 degrees north latitude and 142.9201 degrees east longitude.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/07/22/252160/51magnitude-quake-strikes-japan/>

***Eureka earthquake: twin quakes shake up northern California**

No damage or injuries have been reported after two earthquakes rattled the Northern California coast Friday night. The U.S. Geological Survey says a magnitude 5.1 quake hit about 78 miles southwest of Eureka at 6:52 p.m. Friday. Then just after 11 p.m. a magnitude 5.2 earthquake was recorded about 62 miles southwest of Eureka. A dispatcher at the Eureka Police Department says the quakes were felt in the community, but police had no reports of damage or injuries. USGS seismologist John Bellini says the quakes took place in an area where there's a lot of seismic activity.

July 22, 2012

<http://theextinctionprotocol.wordpress.com/2012/07/22/eureka-earthquake-twin-quakes-shake-up-northern-california/>

***Could earthquakes be the cause of bubbling bayou?**

Scientists descending on northern Assumption Parish over the past several weeks have been unable to explain two phenomena that may or may not be related. The water in parts of Bayou Corne and Grand Bayou has been inexplicably bubbling, and scientists said they have also been picking up earthquakes in the area. "Although they seem to be related somewhat in time and space, it may be happenstance," University of Memphis researcher Stephen Horton said. Seismometers have picked up an average of 10 tremors a day since he and his colleagues installed four of the instruments underground Thursday, said Horton, who works with the university's Center for Earthquake Research and Information. They started monitoring the area after residents reported feeling the ground shaking. Horton said they have been unable to pinpoint where the tremors originated, so they can't say for sure what their magnitudes are. However, they "almost certainly" have a magnitude less than 4.2 because greater magnitudes are felt over a much larger area. The tremors that people felt would "probably" have magnitudes above 2 or 2.5 because lesser magnitudes are often imperceptible, he added. Meanwhile, Assumption Parish Emergency Preparedness Director John Boudreaux said he has been monitoring the waters of Bayou Corne and Grand Bayou for a month. But he, parish officials and scientists cannot confirm the source of the bubbles rising to the surface.

July 19, 2012

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20120719/ARTICLES/120719571>

***Two dead, six missing in flood-hit Philippines**

Two people were killed and six others are missing in the Philippines as floods inundated parts of Manila and nearby areas while a storm tore through the country's north, authorities said Saturday. The civil defence

office said rescuers are on standby to help residents evacuate if necessary as creeks and open sewers in the capital overflowed from overnight rains, swamping nearby slums and causing traffic jams.

July 21, 2012

[http://news.yahoo.com/one-missing-philippines-hit-floods-044809586.html? esi=1](http://news.yahoo.com/one-missing-philippines-hit-floods-044809586.html?esi=1)

***China storms kill 20, including 10 in Beijing**

***Tough questions after Beijing rain storm kills 37**

The heaviest rain to hit Beijing in six decades killed at least 10 people and left cars and buses submerged, and 10 other storm deaths were reported elsewhere as China braced Sunday for more downpours. The rain Saturday night knocked down trees in Beijing and trapped cars and buses in waist-deep water in some areas. In Tongzhou district on the capital's eastern outskirts, two people were killed by collapsed roofs, one person was fatally struck by lightning and a fourth was electrocuted by a fallen power line as he helped neighbors escape, the government's Xinhua News Agency said.

July 23, 2012

<http://news.yahoo.com/china-storms-kill-20-including-10-beijing-042117597.html>

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AS_CHINA_STORM_DEATHS?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2012-07-23-05-09-30

***Typhoon sweeps toward Hong Kong and south China**

Hong Kong was lashed by gales on Monday as typhoon Vicente moved towards the financial hub, sending office workers home early and prompting the local observatory to raise the No. 8 tropical cyclone warning signal, the third highest classification. Financial markets, schools, businesses and government services close when any No. 8 or above signal is hoisted, posing a major disruption to business in the capitalist hub and former British colony. Gale-force winds pounded trees, churned up white-tipped waves in Victoria Harbour and sent debris flying. Office workers, meanwhile, scurried home in mid-afternoon, queuing for trains, buses and ferries amid torrential rains.

July 23, 2012

<http://news.yahoo.com/typhoon-sweeps-toward-hong-kong-south-china-105513420.html>

***New Zealand volcano shows signs of activity after 35 years of dormancy**

A 'sudden rise' in volcanic activity at Mt Tongariro has prompted scientists to lift its volcanic alert status for the first time. But local businesses and conservation authorities remain unconcerned as they seek to reassure visitors it is 'business as usual' at National Park. GNS Science this afternoon lifted Mt Tongariro's volcanic alert status from level zero to level one, and increased the aviation status from green to yellow. It said a series of more than 20 small volcanic earthquakes had been recorded at Tongariro since July 13

July 20, 2012

<https://theextinctionprotocol.wordpress.com/2012/07/20/new-zealand-volcano-shows-signs-of-activity-after-35-years-of-dormancy-alert-status-raised/>

***Latest Earthquakes Up to the Minute**

http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/recenteqsww/Quakes/quakes_all.html

***Latest Volcanic Activity**

<http://www.volcano.si.edu/reports/usgs/>

***Latest Weather Up to the Minute**

<http://www.accuweather.com/#>

ISRAEL

([Zech.12:3 & 9](#) - The Burdensome Stone)

***Zechariah 12:3** "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."*



***Nationwide solidarity protests to be held for Silman**

***Another Israeli protester self-immolates in Yehud, east of Tel Aviv**

***Police prevent man from self-immolating in Ofakim**

Solidarity protests were scheduled to be held throughout the country Saturday night at the spot where the late Moshe Silman [set himself on fire](#) last week during a social justice protest. Silman succumbed to his wounds on Friday at Sheba Medical Center in Tel Hashomer where doctors were treating him for burns over the majority of his body. Hundreds of protestors lit candles and held a vigil in his name on Friday night, at the spot where he set himself alight last week. He will be buried Sunday afternoon in Holon. Meanwhile, another Israeli man has set himself on fire in the city of Yehud, two days after an Israeli protester died of burns sustained in self-immolation. The 45-year-old disabled man self-immolated at a bus stop in Yehud, about 15 kilometers (9 miles) east of Tel Aviv. Medical sources said the man had burns over about 80 percent of his body.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.jpost.com/NationalNews/Article.aspx?id=278366>

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/07/22/252198/israeli-man-sets-self-on-fire-in-yehud/>

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421543>

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4259080,00.html>

*** Hamas Official Denies Gaza 'Declaration of Independence'**

Senior Hamas official Mahmoud Zahar vehemently denied a report in the London-based *Al Hayat* newspaper that the terrorist organization plans to declare itself an independent state. "Such news is being disseminated by the enemies of Hamas seeking to maintain the siege on Gaza," Zahar told the Bethlehem-based *Ma'an* news agency. "This issue hasn't been addressed officially within Hamas, but some people posed it privately on their own," he added. Zahar explained that the planned meetings this week are to explore developing trade with Egypt and connecting Gaza to Egypt's power grid and natural gas pipeline. *Al Hayat* reported that de facto Gaza Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh will talk with Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood president Mohammed Morsi this Thursday to promote the idea. Hamas officials allegedly said that Egypt's support of establishing Gaza as an independent state would allow Hamas to close the crossings with Israel and to develop the trade route with Egypt through Rafiah. In return, Hamas supposedly would help secure the border with Egypt. The idea of declaring Gaza as an independent country has been tossed around within Hamas for at least two years, but Egypt previously has blocked the move. *Al Hayat* quoted unnamed Hamas officials as saying the new Muslim Brotherhood government in Egypt has paved the way for putting the option back on the table.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/158112>

***Prime Minister's Office to BBC: We insist you call Jerusalem Israel's capital**

A quarrel between the Prime Minister's Office and the BBC over the broadcaster's disinclination to list Jerusalem as Israel's capital is rumbling on, with the PMO's spokesman sending a second letter demanding the BBC change its Olympics website to explicitly refer to the city as the country's capital. [At first](#), Israel's entry on the BBC's special website dedicated to the Olympics didn't mention Jerusalem — or any other city — at all. The entry for Palestine, however, listed "East Jerusalem" as capital. On Wednesday, Regev wrote a first letter to Danahar, expressing his dismay over the fact that "every country (and non-country) participating" at the Games has a capital except Israel. The day after the first PMO letter was sent, the BBC changed its entries for both Israel and Palestine: Israel still has no capital, but the [site lists Jerusalem](#) as the seat of government — "though most foreign embassies are in Tel Aviv." The site's entry for Palestine reads now: "Intended seat of government: East Jerusalem. Ramallah serves as administrative capital." The BBC is hardly alone in refusing to call Jerusalem Israel's capital. Even the US State Department insists that the administration's policy "with regard to Jerusalem is that its status [has to be solved through negotiations](#)." The London-based Guardian newspaper [persistently calls Tel Aviv Israel's capital](#). Earlier this year, the paper ran a correction after having "wrongly referred to [Jerusalem] as the Israeli capital.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.timesofisrael.com/prime-ministers-office-to-bbc-we-insist-you-call-jerusalem-israels-capital/>

***Water diversion newest flashpoint in Middle East**

Israel has expressed concern over a Lebanese plan to divert some water from the Hasbani River in south Lebanon. The river also flows into Israel, even though it represents a small percentage allotted under the so-called Johnson Plan which addressed previous water diversion disputes between both countries and Jordan, according to a report from [Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin](#). Based on Israeli reactions to previous water diversions in Lebanon, this latest episode could ignite an already-tense border climate that has included past threats. One Israeli official warned that the project has become a "strategic problem." Over the latest project, the Israelis are concerned that the tourist site could be used as a cover to launch attacks against Israel, since it is in south Lebanon near the United Nations-mandated Blue Line border with Israel.

July 22, 2012

http://www.wnd.com/2012/07/water-diversion-newest-flashpoint-in-middle-east/?cat_orig=world

***Bolton to Israel: Time to Finally 'Retaliate' Against Iran**

Former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton is urging Israel to attack Iran in retaliation for the killing of Israeli tourists in Bulgaria, saying the time has come for the Jewish state to quit threatening and take action. "This is obviously a very dangerous period for Israel with the civil war in Syria, refugees reported going across the border into Lebanon, and Hezbollah well armed with rockets on Israel's northern border," Bolton told Fox News' Greta Van Susteren Thursday night. "So I think if there were ever a time to retaliate, and directly against Iran this time, this is it." American and Israeli officials on Thursday linked the suicide bomber who killed the Israeli tourists to the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, which is clearly backed by Iran. "This was a tit for tat," one American official told the New York Times, suggesting the attack on the tourists in Bulgaria was a response to the assassinations of Iranian nuclear scientists, for which Tehran blamed Israel. Bolton, however, said the tourist bus bombing in Bulgaria was not just "a tit for tat operation" initiated by Iran, but was timed for "maximum effect." He noted, for example, that the Bulgaria killings coincided with the 18th anniversary of a bombing against Israelis in Buenos Aires and comes as new tensions with Iran are building over its efforts to develop a nuclear-weapons program. "I mean, this is clearly — it was timed for its max effect. And that's why I think Israel is perfectly entitled to respond," said Bolton, now a Fox News contributor. "It's not just a tit-for-tat operation. This is self-defense, to dissuade Iran, if it's susceptible of rational calculation, not to do this again." Calling Iran "the central banker of terrorism," Bolton said things

would only get worse for Israel and the rest of the world “once they get nuclear weapons.” “If Israel waits until Iran gets nuclear weapons and then Iran continues to engage in these kinds of terrorist attacks, Iran really can do it with impunity because Israel risks a nuclear response from Iran,” he said, noting that the Jewish state is “entitled to stop the attacks at their source.”

July 20, 2012

http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/iran-israel-bolton-retaliate/2012/07/20/id/445990?s=al&promo_code=F879-1

***Iran will attack Tel Aviv if Israel strikes'**

Iran will “attack the heart of Tel Aviv” if Israel attacks the Islamic Republic’s nuclear facilities, the Fars News Agency quoted a senior Iranian cleric as saying on Saturday. “They do not dare to damage our nuclear centers and know very well that any move against the Islamic Republic will make them regret,”

Hojjatolislam Seyed Reza Taqavi said. The comments came as Israel accused Iran and its proxy Hezbollah of responsibility for Wednesday’s terrorist attack in Bulgaria in which five Israelis were killed. Both Tehran and Hezbollah have denied any involvement in the attack.

July 21, 2012

<http://www.jpost.com/IranianThreat/News/Article.aspx?id=278365>

***Iran congratulates Hezbollah on Second Lebanon War's anniversary**

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad extended the Islamic Republic's congratulations to Hezbollah on the anniversary of the Second Lebanon War. Ahmadinejad reportedly congratulated Hezbollah Chief Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah for his "victory over the Zionists."

Amy's Comment: *The 2006 Lebanon War was a 34-day military conflict in Lebanon, northern Israel and the Golan Heights. The principal parties were Hezbollah paramilitary forces and the Israeli military. The conflict started on 12 July 2006, and continued until a United Nations-brokered ceasefire went into effect in the morning on 14 August 2006, though it formally ended on 8 September 2006 when Israel lifted its naval blockade of Lebanon. On 11 August 2006, the United Nations Security Council unanimously approved UN Resolution 1701 in an effort to end the hostilities. The resolution, which was approved by both Lebanese and Israeli governments the following days, called for disarmament of Hezbollah, for withdrawal of Israel from Lebanon, and for the deployment of Lebanese soldiers and an enlarged United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in the south.*

July 22, 2012

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4258772,00.html>

***Amnesty Int'l: Israel must protect Syrian refugees**

Amnesty International has urged Israel to take "necessary steps" to ensure anyone fleeing Syria be allowed to benefit from effective and systematic protection procedures in a letter sent to Defense Minister Ehud Barak on Saturday. The statement came after Barak was quoted as saying he would act to prevent Syrian refugees from entering Israel. "They [refugees] have not chosen to come close to us, but in the event of the regime's downfall, which could happen...,[Israeli forces] here are alert and ready, and if we have to stop waves of refugees, we will stop them," Barak said on Thursday during a tour of the Golan area, according to Reuters.

July 21, 2012

<http://www.jpost.com/Israel/Article.aspx?id=278364>

***Israel preparing Syrian military intervention**

***IDF Trains for 'Arab Spring' in Judea and Samaria**

Israel is preparing for a possible military intervention in Syria in case the Syrian government hands missiles or chemical weapons to the Lebanese Islamist movement Hezbollah, Defense Minister Ehud Barak said on Friday. "I have instructed the military to increase its intelligence preparations and prepare what is needed so

that...(if necessary)...we will be able to consider carrying out an operation," Barak said in an interview on Channel 10 television. "We are following...the possible transfer of advanced munitions systems, mainly anti-aircraft missiles or heavy ground-to-ground missiles, but there could also be a possibility of the transfer of chemical means (weapons) from Syria to Lebanon," he added. "The moment (Syrian President Bashar al-Assad) starts to fall we will conduct intelligence monitoring and will liaise with other agencies," Barak said. Meanwhile, the IDF is training for an "Arab Spring" rebellion in Judea and Samaria with a large-scale exercise for the first time in three years.

July 23, 2012

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/israel-preparing-military-intervention-syria>

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4258342,00.html>

<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/158141#.UA0xCKCwUfc>

***Israel's formal complaint to the UN after Syrian soldiers entered demilitarized zone on border**

Following the incident in which 500 Syrian soldiers and 50 vehicles crossed into the demilitarized zone near the border with Israel in the Golan Heights last week, Israel filed a formal complaint to the UN secretary general and to the president of the UN's Security Council, warning that the event may have serious ramifications. The following is the text edition:

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon- Excellency, I write to draw your attention to an alarming development in our region. On July 19, 2012 in the midst of fighting between Syrian security forces and other armed elements near the Syrian village of Jebata al-Khashab, Syrian soldiers crossed into the area of separation under the 1974 Separation of Forces agreement between Israel and Syria. Their action represents a blatant violation of this agreement with potentially far reaching implications for the security and stability of the region. Israel views the violation of the Separation of Forces agreement by the Syrian Military forces with the utmost concern. The international community and the Security Council should address this alarming development with great seriousness. I wish to inform you that an identical letter has been sent to H.E. Mr. Nestor Osorio, President of the Security Council.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/israel-s-formal-complaint-to-the-un-after-syrian-soldiers-entered-demilitarized-zone-on-border-1.452830>

Persia/Assyria & the Seeds of Psalm 83

Psalm 83 **Syria Damascus: Amos 1:3-5** **Isaiah 17:1-14** **Jeremiah 49:23-27**
Iran: Jeremiah 49:34-39

Psalm 83	Ezekiel War
Jordan (Edom, Moab, Ammon)	Russia (Magog)
Lebanon (Geba, Tyre)	Iran (Persia)
Saudi Arabia (Ishmaelites)	Iraq (Persia)
Egypt (Hagarenes, Amalek-Sinai)	Afghanistan (Persia)
Syria (Assur/Assyria) Iran, Iraq, Turkey	Ethiopia (Cush)
Palestinians (Philistines)	Sudan (Cush)
	Libya (Put)
	Tunisia (Put)
	Algeria (Put)
	Morocco (Put)
	Germany (Gomer)
	Turkey (Beth Togarmah)
	Armenia (Beth Togarmah)

***Over 2000 Syrians flee fighting to Jordan**

***Jordan vows to protect border as more Syrians flee**

***US gives Jordan \$100 million to help host Syrian refugees**

More than 2000 Syrians fled to Jordan early on Sunday from the bloodshed in their country, a prominent local charity said, expecting a large-scale influx. "More than 2000 Syrians sought refuge in Jordan at dawn," said Zayed Hammad, head of the Ketab and Sunna Society which has been taking care of more than 50,000 Syrian refugees in Jordan. "They fled from violence. We could hear the sound of gunfire and clashes on the Syrian side last night. The fighting was very intense," Hammad told AFP. He could not elaborate because he said he was rushing a Syrian man to hospital for urgent medical treatment. "As battles intensify, we expect more and more Syrians to flee to Jordan," he added. A Jordanian security official told AFP on Saturday that opposition fighters from the Free Syrian Army had tried earlier the same day to seize control of the Nassib border crossing but failed after fighting with the Syrian army. Meanwhile, Jordan vowed to take "all necessary measures" to secure its borders with Syria as fighting near the frontier sparked a new influx of thousands of refugees into the kingdom on Sunday. "The recent development forces Jordan to take all necessary measures to protect the northern region as well as national security from any kind of infiltration," Information Minister and government spokesperson Samih Maaytah said. "Jordan will continue providing aid to our Syrian brothers who have sought refuge in the kingdom. It is closely monitoring developments and working on controlling the influx of refugees."

July 22, 2012

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421556>

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421588>

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421495>

***Syrian rebels fail to seize post on Jordan border, security source says**

***Syrian refugees, Jordanians clash on border**

The rebel Free Syrian Army tried on Saturday to overrun the Naseeb border with Jordan but were repulsed by Syrian government troops, a Jordanian security official told AFP. "Opposition fighters from the Free Syrian Army tried at noon today to seize control of the Naseeb border crossing but failed after confrontations with the Syrian army," the official said. "We could hear from our side of the border the sound of gunfire and clashes on the Syrian side," he added. His remarks came as officials in neighboring Iraq said rebels controlled one of the three main border crossings with Syria despite shelling by the Syrian army.

July 23, 2012

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421354>

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/syrian-refugees-jordanians-clash-border>

***Blast rocks Egypt's gas pipeline to Israel, Jordan**

***Shots fired from Egypt at Israeli troops, none hurt**

An explosion on Sunday rocked the Egyptian pipeline built to carry natural gas to [Israel](#) and [Jordan](#), the 15th time it has been attacked since the start of the uprising in early 2011 that toppled President [Hosni Mubarak](#). The [blast](#) occurred in the early hours of Sunday morning at al-Tuwail, east of the coastal Sinai town of al-Arish, at a point before the pipeline splits into separate branches to Israel and Jordan, security officials and witnesses said. Gunmen in a small truck drove up to the pipeline, dug a hole and placed [explosive charges](#) under the pipeline that they detonated from a distance, a security official and witnesses said. A large boom echoed across the area and residents up to 30 km away said later they could see flames of burning gas lighting the sky. An official in the company that manages the pipeline said exports of gas to both Israel and Jordan had been halted since an explosion that hit the pipeline in April and that the flames were caused by residual gas. Residents in al-Arish, however, said gas shipments had begun three days ago through the

pipeline, which at one point supplied Israel with about 40% of its natural gas. Meanwhile, gunshots fired across the border from Egypt on Sunday hit an Israeli army bus but caused no casualties, a military spokeswoman said. The attack, in the central sector of the porous desert frontier, may heighten Israeli fears of an erosion of security in the Egyptian Sinai given the political upheaval in Cairo.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.ynetnews.com/Ext/Comp/ArticleLayout/CdaArticlePrintPreview/1,2506,L-4258565,00.html>

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/22/us-israel-egypt-violence-idUSBRE86L08Y20120722>

***Egypt begins allowing Palestinians free entry into country**

Airport officials say Egypt is allowing Palestinians free entry into the country, ending part of a five-year blockade on the Gaza Strip. The decision means Palestinians can freely leave Gaza. It also applies to Palestinians in the West Bank and Jerusalem. Gaza is ruled by Hamas, a branch of new Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood. The blockade was imposed after Hamas took control of Gaza by force in 2007. It banned most Palestinians from leaving. The officials said the decision was applied early Monday for the first time, when seven Palestinians waiting at Cairo International Airport were allowed into Egypt without the usual security clearances and visas. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters. No formal announcement was made.

July 23, 2012

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/middle-east/egypt-begins-allowing-palestinians-free-entry-into-country-1.452892>

***UK preparing Lebanon evacuation if Syria violence spills over, report says**

British defense officials were developing a contingency plan to evacuate their country's citizens from Lebanon in the event the Syrian regime falls and fighting there spills over into neighboring Lebanon, British newspaper Daily Telegraph reported Saturday. "Defense chiefs have placed more than 600 British troops on standby as part of contingency plans to evacuate UK nationals from Lebanon, amid intelligence warnings that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad could fall within four weeks," the report said.

July 21, 2012

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421376>

***Two hours for Syrian chemical weapons to reach Lebanon. Four armies prepared**

The IDF, the Turkish and Jordanian armies and US Middle East forces have switched to preparedness mode in the last few hours in case the Syrian chemical weapons arsenal starts moving west toward Lebanon, debkafile's military sources report. Acting in unison, those armies are on the ready for instantaneous action because it would take no more than two hours to cover the distance from Syria to the Hizballah-controlled Bakaa Valley of east Lebanon. Their arrival there, unless thwarted, would mean a war on Hizballah. Therefore Israeli and US military chiefs prefer to stop the arsenal in its tracks before it moves across the border. This would call for surgically precise, rapid action against a target going to extreme lengths to stay concealed.

July 22, 2012

<http://debka.com/article/22204/Two-hours-for-Syrian-chemical-weapons-to-reach-Lebanon-Four-armies-prepared>

***Two shells fired from Syria hit Lebanon's Akkar**

***Syrian military boat opens fire on Lebanese fishing vessels**

Two shells fired from Syrian territory on Sunday night hit the Lebanese town of Amar al-Baykat in the northern district of Akkar, the National News Agency reported. The report added that no casualties were registered. Syrian troops have carried out a number of cross-border raids into Lebanon since the outbreak of the revolt against President Bashar al-Assad's rule in March 2011, sparking fears of a spillover of the conflict. Most recently, over 30 Syrian soldiers on Sunday [crossed](#) into the Lebanese town of Masharee al-

Qaa in Bekaa and searched homes in Aarsal. Meanwhile, a Syrian military boat opened fire on Lebanese fishing vessels off the Arida coast in North Lebanon early Monday morning, the National News Agency reported. However, the report said there were no injuries. The NNA reported that the Syrian military boat was stationed along the Lebanese-Syrian maritime boundary, adding that the shooting took place at 5:45 a.m.

July 23, 2012

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421670>

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421769>

***Hariri: Lebanese police withholding assassination information**

The leader of the Lebanese opposition March 14 movement on Saturday accused the government of refusing to release information about alleged assassination plots of political figures. Saad Hariri, who heads the Future Movement which dominates March 14, said on Twitter that the government had refused "to make evidence available," but provided no proof for the claim. "This is simply unacceptable and requires that Lebanese authorities at the highest level take a stand on this critical national issue," he added. The potentially inflammatory claims come days after March 14 MP Boutros Harb claimed to have been the subject of an assassination attempt. Harb told LBC television that he believed figures affiliated to Hezbollah were involved, but provided no evidence for the charge. In May Lebanese Forces leader Samir Geagea also said he had been targeted by assassins.

Amy's Comment: *Some background & context: You've seen from the daily news how involved Lebanon is in the surrounding Middle East tensions. What is important to know, is that there is **INTERNAL** conflict raging also. Let's start with who Mr. Hariri is: he is the head of the March 14th movement in Lebanon & is the EX prime minister. He was removed from office by Hezbollah in January 2011 when they took over the Lebanese government. Mr. Hariri is ALSO the son of the former prime minister who was assassinated. Since 2005 they have been actively attempting to discover who assassinated him. To that end, the STL (**Special Tribunal in Lebanon (STL)**) was enacted in 2005 by the United Nations at the request of Lebanon to try all those who are alleged responsible for the attack. Back in 2010, the STL was preparing to release its findings which would indict Hezbollah members. On 7-22-10 Nasrallah said "“Everyone is talking about the [STL's] upcoming indictment and agrees that [Hezbollah members will be accused], even before the indictment is issued,” said Nasrallah, adding, “We reject the idea that Hezbollah members might be indicted.” “Hezbollah is not afraid of anything. Those who conspire against the Resistance and against Lebanon are the ones who should worry,” Nasrallah reiterated. Nasrallah said that his party “does not accept anything from the STL unless it has tangible evidence.” Here are a few more headlines for full understanding:*

***Hezbollah intends to attack Western targets ahead of Hariri killing indictments**

April 13, 2011

<http://www.haaretz.com/news/diplomacy-defense/hezbollah-intends-to-attack-western-targets-ahead-of-hariri-killing-indictments-1.355698>

***Lebanon: Hezbollah members indicted in Hariri murder**

***Another ticking bomb for Assad: Hariri Tribunal heads for Damascus**

June 30, 2011

<http://www.ynetnews.com/Ext/Comp/ArticleLayout/CdaArticlePrintPreview/1,2506,L-4089401,00.html>

<http://debka.com/article/21078/>

***Hezbollah suspects told to come forward in Lebanon**

July 5, 2011

http://www.breitbart.com/article.php?id=D9O9IGFG1&show_article=1

*** 'Hezbollah innocent in Hariri murder'**

Sept. 12, 2011

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/198723.html>

July 21, 2012

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/hariri-lebanese-police-withholding-assassination-information>

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArchiveDetails.aspx?ID=188127>

***Syrian rebels broadcast alleged detention of Hariri-killing false witness**

LBC television broadcast on Sunday a YouTube video purportedly [showing](#) Syrian rebels detaining Hussam Hussam, one of the false witnesses in the case of the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. The video showed Hussam saying that he had information regarding the 2005 Hariri assassination, adding that he wants to be taken to Beirut where he would reveal a "big surprise." One of the rebels in the video addressed former PM Saad Hariri—Rafik's son—saying that Hussam would be sent to Beirut "as a gift." Hussam, an alleged Syrian intelligence officer, had provided testimony in 2005 to the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission blaming senior Syrian and Lebanese officials for the assassination. However, Hussam later recanted his testimony in a Damascus press conference in 2005, saying that March 14 had forced him into his statements.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421635>

<http://english.alarabiya.net/articles/2012/07/23/227936.html>

***Blast hits Saudi intelligence building, killing deputy spy chief**

A blast has hit the building of Saudi intelligence service in Riyadh, killing deputy of the newly-appointed intelligence chief Prince Bandar bin Sultan, according to reports. The explosion took place on Sunday when Bin Sultan's deputy was entering the building, Yemen's al-Fajr Press quoted eyewitnesses as saying.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/07/22/252166/blast-hits-saudi-intelligence-building/>

***Saudi Arabia flooded with fears of uprisings**

To Shi'ite Iran's delight, demonstrations by Shi'a in the bastion of Sunni Islam, Saudi Arabia, have spread not only in its eastern province but now to the country's capital, Riyadh, according to a report from Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin. The immediate reason for the demonstrations in Riyadh was to protest the detention of political prisoners who have demonstrated in the past against the monarchy of the al-Saud family and remain in jail without charges, let alone a fair trial. There has been repeated violence by Shi'ites during demonstrations in the eastern province where most of Saudi Arabia's oil production takes place. Many of them come from the majority Shia population in Bahrain which isn't very far away. The demonstrators in the eastern province, mainly in the Qatif region of the town of Awamiyah, have been calling for the release of all political prisoners, freedom of expression and assembly and an end to widespread discrimination. In Saudi Arabia, there is an Interior Ministry directive prohibiting "all forms of demonstrations, marches or protests, and calls for them, because that contradicts the principles of the Islamic Shariah, the values and traditions of Saudi society, and results in disturbing public order and harming public and private interests." And now, Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al-Saud has ordered the country's security forces on a state of high alert to what he has called a "turbulent situation" in the region.

July 23, 2012

<http://www.wnd.com/2012/07/saudi-arabia-flooded-with-fears-of-uprisings/>

***Saudi demands summit to deal with "sedition"**

Saudi Arabia has called for an extraordinary summit of Muslim leaders to be held next month to address risks of "sedition" threatening Muslim countries, state news agency SPA reported on Sunday. Saudi King Abdullah has called for "an extraordinary Islamic solidarity meeting to ensure...unity during this delicate time as the Muslim world faces dangers of fragmentation and sedition," SPA quoted Foreign Minister Saud

al-Faisal as saying. King Abdullah wishes to convene the summit in mid-August in a bid at "unifying the ranks" of Muslims, the report said. There were no further details concerning the agenda of the meeting. Saudi Arabia has cracked down on protests in the country's Eastern Province, as well as deploying troops in Bahrain to support the ruling monarchy. In a separate statement, SPA reported that the Saudi monarch has called for launching a campaign to raise funds "in support of our brothers in Syria" starting on Monday.

July 22, 2012

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/saudi-demands-summit-deal-sedition>

***Syria moves chemical weapons before wider offensive: defector**

***"It wants to burn Syria": Desperate dictator's regime 'prepares for a chemical strike'**

A senior Syrian military defector said President Bashar al-Assad's forces were moving chemical weapons across the country for possible use in a military retaliation for the killing of four top security officials. "The regime has started moving its chemical stockpile and redistributing it to prepare for its use," said General Mustafa Sheikh, citing rebel intelligence obtained in recent days. "They are moving it from warehouses to new locations," he told Reuters in an interview in southern Turkey, close to the Syrian border. "They want to burn the country. The regime cannot fall without perpetrating a sea of blood."

July 21, 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/21/us-syria-defector-chemical-idUSBRE86K09F20120721>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/syrian-uprising-desperate-dictator-bashar-1153025>

***Report: Islamic Jihad leadership leaves Syria**

The leadership of the Palestinian branch of [Islamic Jihad](#) has relocated from [Syria](#) to [Iran](#) due to the growing unrest in the country, London-based Asharq Al-Awsat reported Saturday. According to Palestinian sources quoted by the paper, Ramadan Shallah, the Islamic Jihad's leader, is now based in Iran, and his deputy had also relocated to the Islamic Republic several weeks ago. The sources noted that the move did not bare any consequences on the terrorist groups' relations with the Syrian regime and President [Bashar Assad](#).

However, an Islamic Jihad source in Gaza Strip denied the report, Israel's Army Radio reported on Saturday. "The movement cannot abandon its Syrian brothers at hard times like these," the source said, adding that the Islamic Jihad is providing aid to Palestinian refugees who are living in Syria.

July 21, 2012

<http://www.ynetnews.com/Ext/Comp/ArticleLayout/CdaArticlePrintPreview/1,2506,L-4258384,00.html>

***UN chief appoints new Syria envoy**

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said on Saturday he was sending an envoy to Syria to assess the situation as government forces and rebels battle for control of the country. "I am sending my Undersecretary General for Peacekeeping Operations (Hervé Ladsous) to Syria to assess the situation as well as the top UN military adviser (Gen. Babacar Gaye) to lead UNSMIS (mission) in this critical phase," Ban said after meeting Croatian officials in the Adriatic resort of Brijuni. Ban's remarks came a day after the UN Security Council approved a 30-day extension for an unarmed observer mission and two days after Russia and China vetoed a resolution to impose further sanctions on the government of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

July 21, 2012

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/un-chief-appoints-new-syria-envoy>

***Thousands flee as Syrian rebels wage guerrilla war**

Rebels pressed their guerrilla fight to topple Syria's regime deeper into the capital on Friday, ambushing troops and attacking police stations as thousands of terrified civilians fled to Lebanon and Iraq to escape

some of the worst violence of the 16-month conflict. The two-day death toll was more than 470 people, marking some of the deadliest of the uprising. The U.N. refugee agency said between 8,500 and 30,000 Syrians had entered Lebanon in the past 48 hours, and thousands of Iraqis have also returned home, a bitter trip for many who fled to Syria from their own country's civil war. In Damascus, Syrian forces recaptured one battle-scarred neighborhood and proudly showed reporters the dead bodies of rebel fighters lying in rubble-strewn streets.

July 21, 2012

<http://news.yahoo.com/thousands-flee-syrian-rebels-wage-guerrilla-war-212433816.html>

***Activists report heavy fighting in Syria's Aleppo**

***Fresh clashes rock Damascus and Aleppo**

***Syrian rebels say fight for Aleppo has begun**

***Feared forces launch new assault on Damascus**

Syrian troops clashed with rebels in the city of Aleppo for a second day Saturday, forcing inhabitants to flee to safer areas in some of the fiercest fighting to date in a key bastion of support President Bashar Assad, activists said. The rebels are trying to seize the momentum after a week of battles in the capital, Damascus, including a bombing that struck at the heart of the regime, killing four high-level officials. On Sunday, fierce fighting is reported in Syria's two biggest cities - Damascus and Aleppo - as government forces seek to regain control of rebel-held areas. The army's elite fourth division, backed by helicopters, has reportedly launched an assault on the capital's north-eastern suburb of Barzeh. Troops were also said to have deployed in the western suburb of Mezzeh. Fighting also continued for a third day in Aleppo, where activists said a building had collapsed under tankfire.

July 22, 2012

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/M/ML_SYRIA?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2012-07-21-10-14-06

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-18943316>

<http://news.yahoo.com/syrian-rebels-fight-aleppo-begun-073705079.html>

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421469>

***Helicopter gunships bombard Syrian capital**

Helicopter gunships bombarded several districts of Syria's capital in an effort to drive out insurgents, as rebels battled President Bashar Assad's forces near the main intelligence base in the northern city of Aleppo on Sunday, witnesses said. "Helicopters are fiercely shelling the northern quarter of Barzeh with rockets and machine guns," an NBC News contact in Damascus said. "They're flying over my head. The shelling is the first of [its] kind ever witnessed in Damascus." Residents and opposition activists told Reuters that Syria's elite Fourth Division troops were besieging the northern neighborhood of Barzeh, one of three northern areas hit by helicopter fire. Rebels were also driven from Mezze, the diplomatic district of Damascus, they said.

July 22, 2012

<http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/07/22/12883923-a-first-helicopter-gunships-bombard-syrian-capital?lite>

***Arabs urge Assad to quit as fighting rages; 20 unarmed men executed in Damascus**

***Syria rejects Arab League call for Assad's exit**

Arab nations have called on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad to swiftly give up power as his troops launched a fresh assault on rebels in Damascus and the second city Aleppo. Fighting raged Sunday despite claims by the rebel Free Syrian Army that Assad's regime was "collapsing." In a joint statement issued early Monday after their meeting in Doha, Arab League foreign ministers called on Assad to "renounce power," promising that he and his family would be offered "a safe exit." "There is agreement on the need for the rapid resignation of President Bashar al-Assad," Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani

told journalists after the Arab League meeting wound up in the small hours Monday, according to AFP. The Arab League called on the Free Syrian Army rebels and the opposition to form a transitional government of national unity along with the “de facto national authority,” without detailing who that authority might be. The Arab nations also called for an extraordinary meeting of the U.N. General Assembly to work towards creating “security zones” and “humanitarian corridors” in Syria.

July 23, 2012

<http://english.alarabiya.net/articles/2012/07/23/227845.html?PHPSESSID=8soh43g886h4ne0jumoa56d0>
<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421808>

***‘Syrian rebels’ occupy second border post with Turkey**

***Syrian refugees clash with Turkish police in border camps**

‘Syrian rebel forces’ occupied a second border post with Turkey on Sunday, three days after taking control of the frontier crossing of Bab al-Hawa, a Turkish diplomat said. Amateur video distributed by the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights watchdog group showed armed men carrying the flag of the Syrian uprising at the Al-Salama border crossing. The diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said rebel forces took control of the Al-Salama outpost north of the Syrian city of Aleppo at 0400 GMT. The crossing faces the southern Turkish border post of Oncupinar in the southern Kilis province. The video footage shows one fighter, who identifies himself as spokesman for the “Northern Storm Brigade” of the rebel Free Syrian Army, said the border post was now under their control.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.alarabonline.org/english/print.asp?fname=\2012\07\07-22\zmainz\900c2.htm>
<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421563>

***Turkey deploys missiles on Syria border**

Turkey on Sunday deployed ground-to-air missiles and troop carriers along the border with Syria, boosting its firepower in the area, Anatolia news agency reported. A train convoy carrying several batteries of missiles arrived in Mardin in southeastern Turkey. According to footage shown by the NTV network at least five vehicles in the convoy transported air defence missiles.

July 22, 2012

http://www.khaleejtimes.com/kt-article-display-1.asp?xfile=data/middleeast/2012/July/middleeast_July260.xml§ion=middleeast

***Explosion shuts down oil pipeline in Turkey**

An explosion and fire have shut down a pipeline that carries oil from Iraq to world markets, an official said Saturday. No one was hurt in the blast. The explosion late Friday hit a section of a pipeline that takes oil from the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk to Turkey's Mediterranean port of Ceyhan, near the southeastern town of Midyat, said an Energy Ministry official. A second line that runs parallel was not damaged, but was also briefly shut down as a precaution, the official said. The two pipelines carry about 25 million tons of crude oil a year. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of government rules, said the cause of the blast was under investigation but was most likely the result of sabotage. Kurdish rebels, fighting for autonomy in Turkey's Kurdish-dominated southeast, have bombed the pipeline before, cutting oil flows from Iraq for days.

Amy's Comment: Also see Israel above as the Egypt/Jordan/Israel pipeline also exploded

A repeat of information from the 7-9 update: Occasionally on the updates, you've seen stories on the fighting between Turkey & the PKK (after all this has been going on since 1984). WHY this is important now is because the amount of arms & money being poured into the area to help the Syrians and WHERE 'Kurdistan' is; Kurdistan is a country that got divided up between Iraq, Iran, Turkey and Syria after World War 1 (seems this is

where MOST of the confusion came in worldwide!) Today's use of "Kurdistan" refers to parts of eastern **Turkey** (Turkish Kurdistan), northern **Iraq** (Iraqi Kurdistan- became free after 1991), northwestern **Iran** (Iranian Kurdistan) and northern **Syria** inhabited mainly by Kurds. Kurdistan roughly encompasses the northwestern Zagros and the eastern Taurus mountain ranges and covers small portions of **Armenia**.

July 21, 2012

http://news.yahoo.com/explosion-shuts-down-oil-pipeline-turkey-072904172.html?_esi=1

***Syria rebels seize north Iraq crossing: Iraq governor**

***Syrian army shelling Iraq border town, say rebels, medics**

Syrian rebels took control of the main crossing between Iraq and Syria along the two countries' northern border on Saturday, the governor of the Iraqi province of Nineveh told AFP. "Iraqi officials from the crossing called me and they said that at 5:00 pm (1400 GMT), some gunmen took control of the Yaribiyah crossing and they were informed that the crossing is now in the hands of the Free Syrian Army," Atheel al-Nujaifi said, referring to the Rabiyyah crossing by its Syrian name. He said that because the official working hours of the crossing ended at 4:00 pm, Iraqi officials had already closed their side of the border when it was taken over by Syrian rebels.

July 21, 2012

<http://uk.news.yahoo.com/syria-rebels-seize-north-iraq-crossing-iraq-governor-145313426.html>

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421225>

***Al-Qaida: We're returning to old Iraq strongholds**

***Over 10 killed in spate of Iraq bombings, officials say**

***Wave of attacks kills at least 82 across Iraq**

The first online statement from the new leader of al-Qaida's affiliate in Iraq claims that the militant network is returning to the old strongholds from which it was driven by U.S. forces and their Sunni allies prior to the American withdrawal at the end of last year, and that it is preparing operations to free prisoners and assassinate court officials. The audio identifies the speaker as Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, who became head of the Islamic State of Iraq in 2010. It was posted late Saturday on a website regularly used by the militant movement to make statements. Al-Baghdadi also invited Muslims to come to Iraq to join his movement and warned the United States that it would soon see militant attacks on its territory, although it is unclear whether he was referring to attacks by his Iraqi network or by other al-Qaida affiliates. Meanwhile, a spate of bombings across Iraq, the worst of which were just south of Baghdad, killed 17 people and wounded nearly 100 on **Sunday**, security and medical officials said. The deadliest attack took place in **Mahmudiyah**, 30 kilometers [18 miles] south of Baghdad, where at least 10 people were killed and 36 wounded by two car bombs, medical officials said. Attacks also struck the towns of **Madain, Ramadi, Mosul and Najaf**. Then on Monday, a wave of bombings and an attack on an Iraqi military base killed at least 82 people. The death toll made it the bloodiest day of the year in the country, The Associated Press reported. More than 100 others were wounded, police and hospital sources said. The attacks in the capital, in the suburban Baghdad towns of **Taji and Hussainya**, and around the northern city of **Kirkuk** appeared coordinated and were aimed mostly at government officials and security forces. Bombs were planted around five houses in Taji, a Sunni town 12 miles north of the capital, killing at least 17, police said. Update from Sunday attack: car bombs in two towns south of Baghdad and in the city of **Najaf** **killed a total of 20 people and wounded 80**, police and hospital sources said.

July 23, 2012

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/M/ML_IRAQ_AL_QAIDA?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2012-07-22-09-15-16

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421633>

http://worldnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/07/23/12897673-wave-of-attacks-kills-at-least-82-across-iraq?lite

***Iraqi leaders seek crisis resolution**

***Iraq VP's bodyguard gunned down in Baghdad**

The head of the National Iraqi Alliance Ibrahim al-Jaafari met with President Iyad Allawi on Saturday to discuss ways to end the political crisis in the country. A statement from Jaafari's Shia alliance said the two sides "exchanged views on on key points required by the reform process and on ways to restore confidence among Iraqi political parties." It added that they had carried out "assessments of developments throughout the region and the particularities of the Iraqi experience compared with other happenings in the region." Iraq has been rocked by a political crisis since US troops withdrew last December after a brutal eight-year occupation that destroyed much of the country.

July 21, 2012

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/iraqi-leaders-seek-crisis-resolution>

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421351>

***Iraqis injured after bomb in Najaf**

A car bomb in the center of the Iraqi city of Najaf wounded 23 people on Sunday, security and medical officials said, a relatively rare attack in the Shia holy city. The 7:00 am attack struck near a restaurant in Najaf's old town, provincial health department spokesman Salim Naama said. Of the 23 wounded, four were seriously hurt, he said. "The terrorists tried to put the car near the shrine, but security measures prevented them from getting there, so they blew it up in the old city," provincial police chief Major General Abdulkarim al-Amiri said, referring to a shrine to a principal figure of Shia Islam that is located in Najaf. He did not give a precise toll from the attack.

July 22, 2012

<http://english.al-akhbar.com/content/iraqis-injured-after-bomb-holy-city>

The Arab Spring in Prophecy

(Perilous Times [Luke 21:9](#) & Nation against Nation, Kingdom against Kingdom [Matt.24:7](#))

([Revelation 6:3-4](#) [Revelation 6:8](#))

Luke 21:9 and Matthew 24:7 speak of nation against nation and kingdom against kingdom in the end times. Revelation 6:3-4 speaks of the fiery red horse given power to make men slay one another and Revelation 6:8 speaks again of this red horse in conjunction with the pale horse of Death and Hades, as the one that has the power to kill by sword.

I like to call this "The Arab Spring in Prophecy" because for us it is easy to identify- that's what the world calls it.

Luke 21:9: wars & commotions; the Greek word here is Akatastasia, meaning instability, a state of disorder, disturbance, confusion (revolutions)

Matthew 24:7: the Greek word for nation is **Ethnos** & refers to various ethnic groups fighting among themselves, where the next sentence in the verse refers to kingdoms (**basileiva**) fighting one another (not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom)

Countries highlighted in **blue** (see chart above) are only those listed in the upcoming prophetic wars. I have tried to separate it into areas that sweep EAST from the point of North America.

United States- The New American Revolution

***Occupy Noe Valley Tries to Save More Homes**

***Colorado shooting suspect considered to be former 'Occupy' member**

***Occupy New Hampshire, Free Staters clash**

***Occupy Rochester protest shuts down East Avenue**

***18 People Arrested Following Occupy Rochester Protest**

***Police shooting in California: protestors storm the department**

http://blogs.sfweekly.com/thesnitch/2012/07/occupy_noe_valley.php

<http://www.examiner.com/article/colorado-shooting-suspect-reported-to-be-former-occupy-member>

<http://www.concordmonitor.com/article/343624/occupy-new-hampshire-free-staters-clash?SESS7d2b370731f510ee43ba2e56ad5b4709=bing&page=full>

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/48273224/ns/local_news-rochester_ny/t/occupy-rochester-protest-shuts-down-east-ave/#.UAwTKaCwUfc

<http://www.13wham.com/news/local/story/occupy-rochester-protest/Z6cQX7NN30GQ3aNXL7HUKg.csp>

http://english.ruvr.ru/2012_07_23/police-shooting-california/

Amy's Comment: *These links give updated news and live video feed*

July 23, 2012

<http://www.livestream.com/globalrevolution>

<http://www.occupytogether.org/>

<http://occupywallst.org/>

<http://www.theoccupypost.com/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Occupy_movement_protest_locations

<http://newsblogged.com/student-protests-news-latest-real-time-updates> (Student Protests)

North/Central/South America

***Canada: Quebec students resume protest against tuition hikes**

Thousands of students and their supporters have poured into the streets of the Canadian city of Montreal to protest against the government's plan to increase tuition fees in the province of Quebec. The students on Sunday called on Quebec Premier Jean Charest to annul the decision to increase fees by USD 1,708 (or 82 percent) over the next seven years. The protesters also expressed their opposition to a provincial law, introduced in May, that suspends classes for the students on strike and allows the government to suppress the protests. University students and student unions have been protesting the plan since mid-February.

July 23, 2012

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/07/23/252311/canada-students-hold-antituition-demo/>

***Thousands turn out to march against election results in Mexico**

Thousands marched through Mexico City's center on Sunday to protest what they called the "imposition" of the candidate of the old ruling party as the country's new president. Protesters carried signs accusing presumed President-elect Enrique Pena Nieto of electoral fraud and Mexico television giant Televisa of being a "factory of lies." Opponents say Pena Nieto's party, the Institutional Revolutionary Party, won the July 1 election through vote-buying and overspending, including paying major media outlets such as Televisa for favorable coverage. "Mexico didn't vote for fraud. Mexico wants a country that is honest and democratic," said marcher Marlem Munoz, 26, who studies dentistry at Mexico's National Autonomous University. "What happened in the elections was a total mockery directed at the Mexican people." The PRI has vehemently denied the charges and on Friday accused losing leftist candidate Andres Manuel Lopez

Obrador of trying to "disqualify the entire electoral process with lies." Televisa also has denied charges of being paid for positive coverage.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/07/22/thousands-turn-out-to-march-against-election-results-in-mexico/#ixzz21QRNSxAR?test=latestnews>

Africa

***Tribal clashes kill 58 in Sudan's Darfur region**

***South Sudan cancels direct talks with Sudan 'after air raid'**

***Sudan wants South Sudan deal but pins impasse on Juba**

Clashes between two Arab tribes in Sudan's troubled Darfur region earlier this week killed 58 people and wounded 24, the state news agency SUNA said on Thursday. The fighting involved the Misseriya and Rizeigat tribes and took place in the Jebara area at the border between East Darfur and South Kordofan state, SUNA said after a meeting of tribal leaders and government officials in East Darfur. It did not say what had started the violence. Tribes in Darfur, a vast arid region in western Sudan, and in the south of the country often clash over land or water rights. Darfur is the scene of a rebellion by non-Arab tribes against the Arab government in Khartoum, which they accuse of political and economic marginalization. Meanwhile, South Sudan has canceled direct talks with Sudan after accusing the north of launching a new air raid on its territory, which Khartoum army denies. "We were left with no choice but to suspend our direct bilateral talks with Sudan," spokesman for Juba's delegation at the talks in Addis Ababa, Atif Kiir, said on Saturday. South Sudanese military spokesman Philip Aguer said Sudanese war planes bombed the area of Rumaker in the Northern Bahr al Ghazal border state on Friday morning. "This might have implications because maybe that is the intention of Sudan to bomb us and to stop talking," Aguer added.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.channelstv.com/home/2012/07/20/tribal-clashes-kill-58-in-sudans-darfur-region/>
<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/07/21/252051/s-sudan-cancels-direct-talks-with-sudan/>
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/22/us-sudan-south-idUSBRE86L0BW20120722>

Middle East

***Afghanistan warns Pak over cross-border shelling**

Afghanistan warned Pakistan on Sunday that any further cross-border shelling could significantly harm relations, just days after the leaders of the two strife-torn neighbours met to discuss peace. More than 300 heavy artillery shells and rockets were fired from Pakistan into Danganam district of eastern Kunar province on Friday and Saturday, killing at least four people, provincial spokesman Wasifullah Wasifi told AFP. Last month, a barrage of cross-border fire from Pakistan into Kunar forced thousands of villagers to flee their homes, officials said, after Islamabad accused Kabul of giving safe haven to militants who infiltrated to kill 13 Pakistani soldiers. Afghanistan and Pakistan typically blame each other for violence by Taliban Islamic militants plaguing both sides of their porous border.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/Afghanistan/Afghanistan-warns-Pak-over-cross-border-shelling/Article1-893745.aspx>

***Bahraini forces break up demo, one protester injured**

***Protesters block main roads, set tires on fire in Manama**

Bahraini forces have clashed with anti-regime demonstrators in the north of the country and injured at least one protester. The clashes broke out on Friday after Bahraini security forces fired tear gas and birdshot to disperse protesters who were holding a demonstration against the government's plan to ban all political marches. Demonstrations were held in the villages of Diraz, Bilad al-Qadeem, and Musalla. In Diraz, the protesters called for the ouster of the Al Khalifa royal family. At least one protester was injured by birdshot fired by regime forces in Musalla. On Sunday, Bahraini protesters blocked main roads in Manama and set tires on fire in a move to protest against the ruling Al Khalifa regime. Anti-regime protesters once again took to streets in the capital on Sunday, demanding the release of all political activists and an end to the regime's crackdown on anti-government demonstrators. The rally turned violent after Bahraini security forces clashed with protesters, firing teargas canisters and rubber bullets. At least 10 people were injured during the confrontation and several others arrested by the forces.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/07/21/251953/bahraini-forces-break-up-demo-1-injured/>

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/nationworld/2018732500_apmlbahrain.html?syndication=rss

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/07/22/252157/protesters-block-main-roads-in-manama/>

***Yemeni security services on "terror" alert**

Yemen said on Sunday it has placed its security services on high alert to prevent "terrorist" attacks after it uncovered a plot to launch assaults against security and military checkpoints. "The Ministry of Interior has ordered security services across provinces as well as in the capital to increase their alertness in military and security positions to prevent any expected terrorist attacks," the ministry said. The orders "come after security services uncovered a terrorist plot to carry out attacks against security and military posts and checkpoints," it added. The attackers were plotting to "disguise by wearing military uniforms and achieve their targets." Al-Qaeda militants have carried out several deadly attacks against Yemeni security services since President Abdrabuh Mansur Hadi, who has repeatedly vowed to battle extremists, came to power this year.

July 22, 2012

<http://www.nowlebanon.com/NewsArticleDetails.aspx?ID=421481>

Europe

***Spanish protests swell as jobless march on Madrid**

Hundreds of unemployed Spaniards who had walked hundreds of kilometers (miles) to Madrid joined protests on Saturday against Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's government and its handling of an economic crisis. Demonstrations have swollen across [Spain](#) since the center-right government announced 65 billion euros (\$79 billion) in new spending cuts two weeks ago to cut its deficit and avert a full-blown bailout, with firefighters and police joining a mass protest on Thursday. Several hundred people journeyed on foot from the southern region of Andalucia, which has one of the worst unemployment rates in Spain, and from northern Catalonia and other areas in an attempt to highlight the plight of the unemployed in recession-hit Spain, where almost one in four is without a job.

July 21, 2012

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/07/21/us-spain-protests-idUSBRE86K0HO20120721>

***European Revolution**

All across Europe: [SPAIN](#), [AUSTRIA](#), [BELGIUM](#), [C. REPUBLIC](#), [DENMARK](#), [FRANCE](#), [GREECE](#), [GERMANY](#), [IRELAND](#), [ITALY](#), [NETHERLANDS](#), [NORWAY](#), [POLAND](#), [PORTUGAL](#), [ROMANIA](#), [SERBIA](#), [SWEDEN](#), [SWITZELAND](#), [UK](#).

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/ Occupy-Europe/267662826590364>

<http://takethesquare.net/author/mcmillan-hunt/>

<http://www.occupyeurope.com/>

Russia/China(Asia)/India/Australia

***9 die in riots in India's northeast**

***Thousands flee clashes in Indian state of Assam**

Police say India's army has moved in to stop armed clashes between rival groups that have killed at least nine people in India's northeast. The battles between the ethnic Bodo community and Muslim settlers have also injured at least 10 people. S.N. Singh, a police inspector-general, says the clashes in Assam state began Friday after assailants killed one person in Kokrajhar district, nearly 250 kilometers west of Gauhati, the state capital.

July 23, 2012

<http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4258634,00.html>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-07-23/an-india-assam-clashes/4149204/?site=newcastle>

***Ex-North Korean Military Chief Possibly Dead After Reported Gun Battle**

***Kim plans economic change in North Korea**

Earlier this week everyone was talking about the power struggle behind the [removal of ousted](#) North Korean military chief Ri Yong-ho. If reports are to be believed, that struggle was very real. From [South Korean paper Choson Iblo](#): *A gunbattle broke out when the North Korean regime removed army chief Ri Yong-ho from office, leaving 20 to 30 soldiers dead, according to unconfirmed intelligence reports. Some intelligence analysts believe Ri, who has not been seen since his abrupt sacking earlier this week, was injured or killed in the confrontation.* While the report cannot be confirmed at present, it certainly puts recent moves in North Korea into a different light. A few days after Ri was ousted (under the guise of illness), [supreme leader Kim Jong Un gave himself the title of Marshall in the North Korean military.](#)

Meanwhile, impoverished North Korea is gearing up to experiment with agricultural and economic reforms after young leader Kim Jong-un and his powerful uncle purged the country's top general for opposing change, a source with ties to both Pyongyang and Beijing said. The source added that the cabinet had created a special bureau to take control of the decaying economy from the military, one of the world's largest, which under Kim's father was given pride of place in running the country. The downfall of Vice Marshal Ri Yong-ho and his allies gives the untested new leader and his uncle Jang Song-thaek, who married into the Kim family dynasty and is widely seen as the real power behind the throne, the mandate to try to save the battered economy and prevent the secretive regime's collapse.

July 21, 2012

<http://www.businessinsider.com/north-korea-ro-yong-dead-battle-2012-7>

http://news.yahoo.com/exclusive-kim-reform-north-korean-economy-purge-source-073032163.html?_esi=1

***Iran urges UN to step into massacre of Muslims in Myanmar**

***Fatah al-Islam Incites for Revenge for Massacre of Muslims in Burma**

***World silent on Myanmar Muslims, Palestinians' plights: Analyst**

The Iranian ambassador to the United Nations has called on the UN to take firm action to stop the killing of Muslims in Myanmar and defend their rights. Ambassador Mohammad Khazaei made the remarks in a letter sent to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, copies of which were sent to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navanethem (Navi) Pillay and Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Valerie Amos. The text of the letter was released on Saturday. Amnesty International said on Friday that communal violence is grinding on in western Myanmar six weeks after the government declared a state of emergency

there, and Muslim Rohingyas are increasingly being hit with targeted attacks that have included killings, rape, and physical abuse, AP reported. Meanwhile, the international community's silence on the ongoing persecution of the Rohingya Muslims by the country's government is similar to its indifference to the violation of Palestinians' rights by Israel, analyst online columnist, Allen Roland says.

Amy's Comment: *Past headlines for context:*

***Myanmar: Calm restored after rioting that killed 7**

***State of emergency declared for western Burma**

June 10, 2012

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AS_MYANMAR_SECTARIAN_UNREST?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2012-06-09-09-03-18

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/story/2012-06-10/Burma-emergency-unrest/55496712/1>

***Death toll passes 20 in Myanmar ethnic violence**

June 12, 2012

http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/A/AS_MYANMAR_SECTARIAN_UNREST?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2012-06-12-09-55-47

***Safety fears restrict relief work after Myanmar riots**

***Myanmar Muslims in Malaysia protest violence**

June 15, 2012

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/sns-rt-myanmar-violence-update-1-pix-tv13e8hf3w4-20120615,0,875943.story>

http://www.sundaytimes.lk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=20444:myanmar-muslims-in-malaysia-protest-violence&catid=81:news&Itemid=625

***Myanmar to expel Rohingya Muslims**

Myanmar's President Thein Sein says Rohingya Muslims must be expelled from the country and sent to refugee camps run by the United Nations. The former junta general said on Thursday that the "only solution" was to send nearly a million Rohingya Muslims – one of the world's most persecuted minorities – to refugee camps run by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). "We will send them away if any third country would accept them," he added. "This is what we are thinking is the solution to the issue." The UN refugee agency has snubbed the idea of setting up refugee camps to accommodate the Rohingyas.

July 13, 2012

<http://altahrir.wordpress.com/2012/07/13/myanmar-to-expel-rohingya-muslims/>

July 21, 2012

<http://tehrantimes.com/politics/99814-iran-urges-un-to-step-into-massacre-of-muslims-in-myanmar>

<http://news.siteintelgroup.com/>

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/07/21/251986/myanmar-hr-abuse-akin-to-palestine/>

***Palestinians protest massacre of Muslims in Myanmar**

Palestinians in the Gaza Strip have taken to the streets to protest against the massacre of the members of the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar. The demonstration was organized by the Gaza Ministry of Endowment and the Palestinian Muslim Clerics' Foundation. Protesters condemned, what they described as, the ethnic cleansing of Rohingya Muslims. They also called on the international community to break its silence and stop the ethnic cleansing of the Muslims. "This is not a new thing for the world to remain silent, while Muslims are slaughtered. When there are minor violations somewhere else in the world, Western countries arise in the name of democracy," Salem Salameh from the Palestinian Muslim Clerics' Foundation told Press TV. "We call on all Muslims around the world to wake up and to step forward to stop the massacres against the Rohingya Muslims," he added.

July 23, 2012

<http://www.presstv.ir/detail/2012/07/23/252304/palestinians-protest-myanmar-massacres/>