Eye on the World June 22, 2024

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Luke 21:34-36—"But take heed to yourselves, lest your souls be weighed down with self-indulgence, and drunkenness, or the anxieties of this life, and that day come on you suddenly, like a falling trap; for it will come on all dwellers on the face of the whole earth. But beware of slumbering; and every moment pray that you may be fully strengthened to escape from all these coming evils, and to take you stand in the presence of the Son of Man" (Weymouth New Testament).

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An article by Dennis Prager titled "Germans (Even During the Hitler Era) Were a Better People Than the Palestinians" was posted at townhall.com on June 18, 2024. Following is the article.

Immediately after the burnings, rapes, mutilations and murders of Jews on October 7, I was not alone in noting the one moral difference between Hamas and the Nazis: The Nazis tried to hide their crimes against the Jews from the German people (and the world), while Hamas proudly publicized their crimes against the Jews to the Palestinian people (and didn't mind that the world would inevitably see them bragging about killing Jews).

In addition to videoing their atrocities, Hamas paraded captured Jews (dead and alive, clothed and naked) in front of cheering Palestinian crowds in Gaza.

This leads to a sobering realization.

Hamas boasting to their fellow Palestinians about what they did to Jews (while the Nazis tried to hide what they did from fellow Germans) means there is not only a moral difference between Hamas and the Nazis – but a moral difference between the German people during the Nazi era and the Palestinian people today (and for nearly the last hundred years).

Morally speaking, it would be difficult to name a less impressive people than the Palestinians over the past century.

For those who do not understand that a generalization means (by definition) that there are exceptions – I should note that there are and have always been noble Palestinian individuals. But

the cumulative Palestinian record of evil over the last century has few peers.

Let's begin in the 1940s.

Haj Amin al-Husseini

The leading Palestinian religious leader in the early 1940s (the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini) was a major supporter of the Nazis and their extermination campaign against the Jews. There is a famous photo of al-Husseini meeting with Hitler in Berlin on November 28, 1941. As reported in the Holocaust Encyclopedia: "Al-Husseini pointed out that Germany alone recognized the global threat of the 'Jewish problem' and took steps to 'solve' it globally . . . "

The Encyclopedia further notes that "on December 18, 1942, Arab emigres opened an 'Islami Central Institute' (Islamische Zentral-Institute) in Berlin – with al-Husseini as a senior sponsor and keynote speaker. In his speech, al-Husseini lashed out at the Jews, stating that the Koran judged the Jews 'to be the most irreconcilable enemies of the Muslims.'"

The Haaretz newspaper (which is left-wing and rabidly anti-Benjamin Netanyahu) described al-Husseini as "the father of Palestinian nationalism."

In 1945, Yugoslavia sought to indict the father of Palestinian nationalism as a war criminal for recruiting 20,000 Muslim volunteers to join the Waffen-SS and participate in its extermination of the Jews of Croatia and Hungary.

All of that Nazi-like Palestinian anti-Semitism predates the establishment of the State of Israel.

Palestinians dealing with fellow Arabs

Before describing decades of Palestinian butchery of Jews in Israel, it is also important to note the moral record of the Palestinian people with regard to fellow Arabs. The Palestinians came to be widely loathed in the Arab world for good reason: Wherever they went in large numbers, they created havoc.

Palestinians hijacked planes

On September 6, 1970, Palestinian terrorists hijacked Trans World Airlines, Swiss-Air and Pan Am Airplanes. A few days later, they hijacked a British Overseas Airways Corporation (now "British Air") airliner. The Palestinian terrorists segregated the flight crews and Jewish passengers – keeping the 56 Jewish hostages in custody, while releasing the non-Jews.

In total, five planes were hijacked, and three of them were landed at a desert airstrip in Jordan. These hijackings plus Palestinian violence in Jordanian cities led to a Jordanian-Palestinian civil war in September 1970 – during which (according to the Palestinians) Jordan killed 25,000 Palestinians.

• Assassination of Jordanian Prime Minister (Wasfi Tal)

Seven months later (in April 1971), Yassir Arafat (the Palestinians' leader) called for the overthrow of Jordan's King Hussein. In November of that same year, four members of the Black September terrorist group (which took its name from the Palestinians September 1970 defeat in Jordan) assassinated Jordanian Prime Minister Wasfi Tal in Cairo. As reported in The New York Times, an "assassin kneeled beside his victim to lick his blood." A photo of a Palestinian assassin drinking (not merely licking) Tal's blood was widely published.

Lebanese Civil War

After destabilizing Jordan and losing the civil war they caused, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians went to Lebanon – where they quickly proceeded to ruin that country. Their love of violence and terror led to the outbreak of the Lebanese Civil War in 1975 (which lasted until 1990). That war led to an estimated 150,000 Lebanese killed, tens of thousands wounded, hundreds of thousands displaced and left destitute, and a decrease in the Christian population of Lebanon from 55 percent in 1970 to 35 percent in 2022.

Murdering Jews in Israel

Throughout Israel's history, Palestinians murdered Jews in Israel – blowing up school and municipal buses filled with passengers, blowing up Passover Seders and weddings and pizza parlors full of families, and wherever else Jews were assembled. On a regular basis, they stabbed and shot to death Jews who were simply going about their daily business.

Avivim school bus massacre

On May 8, 1970, Palestinian terrorists crossed into Israel and carried out the Avivim school bus massacre – which killed 13 civilians, 9 of whom were children, and injured 25 other children.

• Fired grenades into an Israeli school bus

On May 22, 1970, Palestinians fired rocket-propelled grenades into an Israel – killing nine children and three adults and wounding 25.

Murdered 26 at airport

On May 30, 1972, Japanese terrorists working on behalf of a Palestinian terror group murdered 26 and injured 80 passengers at Israel's international airport (then called Lod).

Kidnaped students

On May 15, 1974, Palestinians went to a school in Ma'alot, Israel, where they took hostage 105 high school students and more than 10 others. They eventually killed 25 of the hostages (including 22 students) and injured another 68.

Hijacked a bus

On March 11, 1978, Palestinians hijacked a bus and murdered 38 Israeli civilians (including 13 children) and injured 76 more.

• Suicide bomber on a bus

On October 19, 1994, a Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up in a bus during the morning rush hour in Tel Aviv – killing 22 people and injuring 50 more. Hamas claimed responsibility.

• Suicide bomber at a celebration

On March 2, 2002, a Palestinian suicide bomber killed 11 people and injured over 50 at a Saturday evening bar mitzvah celebration. A terrorist detonated the bomb next to a group of women waiting with the baby carriages for their husbands to leave the nearby synagogue.

• Suicide bomber in a hotel

On March 27, 2002, 30 people were killed and 140 injured in a Palestinian suicide bombing in a hotel in the coastal city of Netanya in the midst of the Passover seder with 250 guests.

Bombed a student center

On July 31, 2002, nine people were killed and 85 wounded when a bomb exploded in the student center cafeteria on the Hebrew University campus. Hamas claimed responsibility.

• Suicide bomber on a bus

On August 19, 2003, 23 people were killed and over 130 wounded when a Palestinian suicide bomber detonated himself on a bus in Jerusalem. Hamas claimed responsibility.

According to a survey

According to the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research – as of 2022, a majority of Palestinians support terror attacks against Israeli Jews. Moreover, the Palestinian Authority on the West Bank has been paying more than \$300 million annually (about 8 percent of the Palestinian budget) to the families of imprisoned terrorists and of terrorists killed while engaging in an act of terror against Jews. Another Palestinian poll states that the vast majority of Palestinians in the West Bank (over 75 percent) support Hamas at this time.

They love killing Jews

The Palestinian people love killing Jews and have loved doing so for nearly a century. Palestinian women routinely pass out candy in the streets in celebration of terror attacks against

Jews. Compare this to Israel – which has many human rights organizations holding Israel to account regarding its treatment of Palestinians. Compare this to Israelis, who for years had volunteered to drive Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza to receive medical treatment in Israeli hospitals.

To be "pro-Palestinian' today means being pro-Hamas just as to be "pro-German" during World War II was the same as being pro-Nazi. The only difference is that the Germans (as a whole) were a better people than the Palestinians. If you support the Palestinians, you should know whom you support.

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"Eye on the World" comment: The following headlines involve articles that are considered international. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Nuclear weapons around the world

- An article by Eli Clifton titled "World Spending on Nukes Explodes to More Than \$90 Billion" was posted at responsible statecraft.org on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Frances Martel titled "Report: North Korea Added 20 Nukes to Its Arsenal in 2023" was posted at breitbart.com on June 17, 2024.
- An article by Perkin Amalaraj titled "China Now Has 500 Nuclear Warheads With Its Nuclear Arsenal Now Growing 'Faster Than Any Other Country' Think Tank Warns" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on June 18, 2024.
- An article by John Hayward titled "'Nobody Follows It': U.N. Nuclear Watchdog Says Obama's 2015 Iran Deal 'Means Nothing'" was posted at breitbart.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Thomas Newdick titled "Chinese Nuclear Ballistic Missile Submarine Surfaces in Taiwan Strait" was posted at twz.com (The War Zone) on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Jake Epstein titled "A U.S. Attack Submarine and One of Russia's Most Formidable Subs Are in Cuba at the Same Time" was posted at insider.com on June 13, 2024.
- An article by Michael Wilner titled "Russia's Nuclear Submarine Tracks Back Up Florida's Coast as Warships Head to Caribbean" was posted at miamiherald.com on June 19, 2024.

When did IDF know about Hamas October 7 plan?

• An article by Staff titled "IDF Knew of Hamas's Plan to Kidnap 250 Before October 7

Attack" was posted at jpost.com on June 17, 2024.

U.S. delayed sending weapons

- An article by Anders Hagstrom titled "Netanyahu Urges Biden Administration to Renew Weapons Supply to Israel, Says It's 'Inconceivable' U.S. Withheld Aid' was posted at foxnews.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Ryan Saavedra titled "Netanyahu Blasts Biden Administration for Delaying Weapons Shipments to Israel: Administration Reportedly Hits Back" was posted at dailywire.com on June 19, 2024.
- An article by Udi Ezion titled "The U.S. Has This Reusable Missile System to Counter Drones Why Doesn't Israel?" was posted at jpost.com on June 20, 2024.

Netanyahu will address Congress on July 24

- An article by Katie Pavlich titled "There's a New Date for Netanyahu's Speech to Congress [Moved From June 13 to July 24]" was posted at townhall.com on June 7, 2024.
- An article by Rebecca Downs titled "Democrats in Disarray Over Boycotting Netanyahu's Speech" was posted at townhall.com on June 19, 2024.

War cabinet disbanded

- An article by Tia Goldenberg titled "Netanyahu Dissolves Influential War Cabinet After Key Partner [Benny Gantz] Bolted From Government" was posted at apnews.com on June 17, 2024.
- An article by John Bacon and Jorge L. Ortiz titled "Israeli Police Fend Off Protesters Near Netanyahu's House After War Cabinet Disbanded" was posted at usatoday.com on June 17, 2024.
- An article by Eliav Breuer titled "Netanyahu Dissolves War Cabinet: Will It Change Israel's War on Hamas? Analysis" was posted at jpost.com on June 18, 2024.

"Hamas is an idea"

• An article by Tal Shalev titled "IDF Spokesperson Hagari: 'Hamas Is an Idea, You Can't Destroy an Idea' "was posted at jpost.com on June 19, 2024.

IDF troops continue their retaliation

• An article by Beth Bailey titled "Israeli-Deployed A.I. in Gaza Likely Helps IDF Reduce Civilian Casualties; Expert Says" was posted at foxnews.com on June 15, 2024.

- An article by Yonah Jeremy Bob titled "Half of Hamas in Rafah Beaten, IDF Will Gain Full Control in Two Weeks" was posted at jpost.com on June 17, 2024.
- An article by Sam Halpern titled "IDF Troops Arrest Senior Hamas Official Aziz Dweik in Hebron" was posted at jpost.com on June 20, 2024.
- A video and an article by Staff titled "Watch: Air Strike Eliminates October 7 Terror Commander Ahmed Hassan Salame Alsauarka" were posted at jpost.com on June 20, 2024.
- An article by Michael Starr titled "Israel to Prepare, Recruit International Jewish Youth for IDF Service" was posted at jpost.com on June 20, 2024.

More Hamas tunnels

• An article by Tovah Lazaroff titled "Rafah: 'No Home Without a Tunnel' – Says Nahal Brigade Commander" was posted at jpost.com on June 19, 2024.

Hezbollah

- An article by Benjamin Weinthal titled "Hezbollah Bigger Challenge Than Hamas to Israel: 'Crown Jewel in the Iranian Empire of Terror'" was posted at foxnews.com on June 16, 2024.
- An article by Tzally Greenberg titled "Hezbollah-Launched Missiles Hit Israeli Military Vehicle Factory" was posted at defensenews.com on June 17, 2024.
- An article by Matan Wasserman titled "All-Out War With Hezbollah? Not a Question of If, but When Expert Says" was posted at jpost.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Ryan Saavedra titled "Israel Approves Offensive Campaign Against Hezbollah, Warns It Will Wipe Out Iranian-Backed Terror Group" was posted at dailywire.com on June 19, 2024.
- An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "What Is Hezbollah's Message Behind Their Spy Drone Video?" was posted at jpost.com on June 19, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled "Israeli Military Approves Plan for Offensive Inside Lebanon" was posted at americanmilitarynews.com on June 19, 2024.
- An article by Layal Abou Rahal titled "Hezbollah Chief Says Nowhere in Israel Will Be Spared in Case of Full-Blown War" was posted at yahoo.com on June 19, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled "Hezbollah's Plan of Attack If War Erupts With Israel Strikes on Haifa and Tel Aviv" was posted at jpost.com on June 20, 2024.

- An article by Amir Bohbot titled "Hezbollah War Alert Level Rising: Is the IDF Ready to Fight in Lebanon?" was posted at jpost.com on June 20, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled "Religious Services Minister: Northern Burial Services Preparing for a 'Major Scenario' [With Hezbollah?]" was posted at jpost.com on June 20, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled "Hezbollah Leader [Hassan Nasrallah] Threatens Cyprus as Tensions With Israel Ramp Up" was posted at cnn.com on June 20, 2024.

Houthi rebels

- An article by Ryan Saavedra titled "Houthi Terrorists Sink Another Major Commercial Shipping Vessel as Biden Fails to Establish Deterrence" was posted at dailywire.com on June 19, 2024.
- A video and an article by Ryan Saavedra titled "Watch: Video Released Showing Iranian-Backed Terrorists Sinking Major Shipping Vessel" were posted at dailywire.com on June 19, 2024.

Comments – hostages

- An article by Isabel Vincent titled "Gaza Reporter Who Harbored Israeli Hostages at His Home Wrote for U.S.-Based 'The Palestine Chronicle'" was posted at nypost.com on June 17, 2024.
- An article by Ron Kampeas titled "'Being in Captivity Means Having No Control': Ex-Hostage Meets With VP Kamala Harris" was posted at jpost.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled "Dozens of Hamas Hostages Alive in Gaza, Israeli Negotiator Tells AFP" was posted at jpost.comon June 18, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled "Only 50 Hostages Still Alive in Gaza, U.S. Officials Say Wall Street Journal" was posted at jpost.com on June 20, 2024.

Hamas – happy with the negotiation direction

- An article by Staff titled "'We Have the Israelis Where We Want Them': Sinwar's Words Revealed WSJ Report" was posted at jpost.com on June 11, 2024.
- An article by Cookie Schwaeber-Issan titled "Israel's Enemies Have No Incentive to End the War" was posted at jpost.com on June 13, 2024.
- An article by Editorial Board titled "Sinwar Humiliates Blinken and Biden and Reveals Hideous Hamas Strategy [Viewing Palestinian Casualties as 'Necessary Sacrifices']" was posted

at nypost.com on June 16, 2024.

Will there be a two-state solution?

• An article by Irwin J. Mansdorf titled "A Palestinian State Will Lead to War Against the U.S. – Opinion" was posted at jpost.com on June 20, 2024.

Wasted aid in Gaza

- An article by Sam Halpern titled "Looting Renders Aid Delivery Too Dangerous for UN as Trucks Languish in Gaza WSJ" was posted at jpost.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled "Biden Administration Blew at Least \$230 Million on Gaza's 'Pier to Nowhere'" was posted at thenationalpulse.com on June 19, 2024.

Haredi exemption?

• An article by Efraim Inbar titled "A Government That Allows for the Haredi Draft Evasion Must Go – Opinion" was posted at jpost.com on June 16, 2024.

International – anti-Semitism

- An article by Michael J. Salamon titled "The West Fails to Understand the Enduring Roots of Anti-Semitism in Islam Opinion" was posted at jpost.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Greer Fay Cashman titled "Israel's Olympians to Receive Unprecedented Security for Upcoming Paris Games" was posted at jpost.com on June 19, 2024.
- An article by Michael Starr titled "Macron, French Jews Call for Action After Anti-Semitic Rape of 12-Year-Old Girl" was posted at jpost.com on June 19, 2024.
- An article by Michael Starr titled "Shots Fired at Montreal Israeli Cuisine Eatery on Anti-Zionist Boycott List" was posted at jpost.com on June 20, 2024.
- An article by Sarah Levin titled "We Must Teach the History of Anti-Semitism in All Countries, Not Just European Ones Opinion" was posted at jpost.com on June 20, 2024.

More articles – Jerusalem Post

- An article by Judy Siegel-Itzkovich titled "In First, Israeli-Invented Laser Opens Blockage in Leg Arteries of Patient, Avoiding Amputation" was posted at jpost.com on June 18, 2024
- An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "Experts: ICC and UN Blamed Israel for a Famine That Never Happened in Gaza" was posted at jpost.com on June 18, 2024.

- An article by Seth J. Frantzman titled "Terrorist Groups in Gaza Seek to Compete With Hamas to Carry Out Attacks" was posted at jpost.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Eve Young titled "Israel Drops Out of Top 10 Millionaire Destinations for First Time in Decades; Migration Firm" was posted at jpost.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Eliav Breuer titled "Following MK Opposition to New 'Rabbis Law,' Netanyahu Announces Bill Out of Daily Order" was posted at jpost.com on June 19, 2024.

Iran

- An article by Benjamin Weinthal titled "Iran Defies Biden, UN by Enriching Uranium for Nuclear Weapons Program" was posted at foxnews.com on June 14, 2024.
- An article by John Hayward titled "At Least 550 Muslims Have Died on Hajj Pilgrimage, as Temperatures Hit 125 Degrees Fahrenheit in Mecca" was posted at breitbart.com on June 19, 2024

Saudi Arabia

- Looking back to April 2024, an article by Beatrice Nolan titled "Take a Closer Look at the Plans for the Main Regions of Neom Saudi's Epic Mega-City Project [Officials Say the City Is Set to Be Contained Within Two 1640-Foot-High Mirrored Skyscrapers Positioned 656 Feet Apart With No Roads, Cars or Emissions, and Run on 100% Renewable Energy]" was posted at insider.com on April 24, 2024.
- An article by Beatrice Nolan titled "Saudi Arabia's [Mega-City Project] Neom Dreams Are Starting to Crack Under Financial Pressure" was posted at insider.com on June 8, 2024.
- An article by Tom Porter titled "Saudi Arabia Is Seeking Billions in Chinese Investment for Neom [the Mega-City Project]: but It Coms With a Massive Risk" was posted at insider.com on June 14, 2024.

Russia-Ukraine war

- An article by Patrick Tucker titled "New Satellite Images Show Russian Vessels Fleeing Black Sea Ports" was posted at defenseone.com on June 13, 2024.
- An article by Cameron Manley titled "Ukraine's Use of Patriot Missile System to Down Russia's Prized A-50 Spy Plane Was 'Historic' Said a U.S. Air Defense Officer" was posted at insider.com on June 15, 2024.
- An article by Jennifer Jacobs titled "Biden Vows Allies Will Stand With Ukraine 'Until They Prevail'" was posted at americanmilitarynews.com on June 17, 2024.

• An article by Jake Epstein titled "Satellite Images Show Russia Is Putting Ships in the Path of Ukraine's Navel Drones to Protect Putin's Prize [the Strategic Kerch Bridge Linking Russia to Occupied Crimea], but It's Likely Not Enough" was posted at businessinsider.com on June 19, 2024.

NATO

- An article by Sinead Baker titled "Russian Ally [Armenia] Ditching Putin's Rival to NATO [Russia-Led CSTO] Damages the Image Putin Wants to Project of Himself; Experts Say" was posted at insider.com on June 14, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled "NATO Considers Nuclear Weapon Deployment in Show of Force Against Russia and China" were posted at rymnews.com on June 17, 2024.

Korean Peninsula

- An article by Staff titled "Russia Agrees to Come to North Korea's Immediate Defense If Ever Attacked After Putin Meets Kim Jong Un" was posted at nypost.com on June 19, 2024.
- An article by Kim Tong-Hyung titled "South Korea Will Consider Supplying Arms to Ukraine After Russia and North Korea Sign Strategic Pact" was posted at apnews.com on June 20, 2024.

Comments about China

• An article by Robert Clark titled "China Is Almost Ready for Its War With the West" was posted at telegraph.co.uk on June 17, 2024.

Comments about China and Taiwan

- An article by Michael Peck titled "Taiwan Is One-Upping Ukraine's Navy to Defeat a Chinese Invasion [Unveiling a Kamikaze Boat Many Times Larger Than Ukraine's Successful Drones]" was posted at insider.com on June 15, 2024.
- A Reuters article by Ben Blanchard and Yimou Lee titled "Taiwan Keeping Watch After Chinese Submarine Surfaces in Taiwan Strait" was posted at reuters.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Eryk Michael Smith titled "China Attacks on Philippine Boats Are to Provoke U.S., Prep for Taiwan War; Experts Warn" was posted at foxnews.com on June 18, 2024.

Looking for the next pandemic?

• An article by Jack Montgomery titled "Ex-CDC Chief [Dr. Robert Redfield] Warns of

High-Mortality Bird Flu Pandemic Caused by Gain of Function Research" was posted at thenationalpulse.com on June 17, 2024.

Climate agenda – international comments

- An article by Dan Woodland and Elizabeth Haigh titled "'Just Stop Oil' [Protesters] Spray Stonehenge With Orange Paint as Passer-By Steps In to Try to Drag Them Away" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on June 19, 2024.
- An article by Ryan Saavedra titled "Russia Now Supplies More Natural Gas to Europe Than U.S. Does" was posted at dailywire.com on June 19, 2024.

Reminders – China talks climate change, but produces coal

- Looking back to December 2023, an article by Seth Borenstein titled "World Carbon Dioxide Emissions Increase Again, Driven by China, India and Aviation" was posted at apnews.com on Dec. 4, 2023.
- Looking back to March 2024, an article by Ian Hanchett titled "[John] Kerry: China Says It Might Not Use Coal Plants It's Building" was posted at breitbart.com on March 7, 2024.

Biden family business

• An article by John Solomon and Steven Richards titled "FBI Knew Since 2016 Hunter Biden's Team Nearly Scored \$120 Million Ukrainian Deal While Joe Was VP" was posted at justthenews.com on June 17, 2024.

International abortion outlook

• An article by Anthony Murdoch titled "Veteran Pro-Lifer Linda Gibbons Arrested for Third Time in Three Weeks Outside Toronto Abortion Mill" was posted at lifesitenews.com on June 13, 2024.

International news – miscellaneous

- An article by Andreas Wailzer titled "Mozambique Catholics Brutally Martyred by Muslims for Professing the Faith" was posted at lifesitenews.com on June 11, 2024.
- An article by Staff titled "Over 3 Million Displaced Amid Escalating Conflict in Myanmar" was posted at americanmilitarynews.com on June 13, 2024.
- An article by Jacqueline Charles titled "Crisis-Ridden Haiti Turns a Page, Officially Welcomes New Transitional Government" was posted at americanmilitarynews.com on June 14, 2024.

• An article by Mari Yamaguchi titled "Japan's Emperor Says He Looks Forward to Deepening Ties With Britain's Royals During UK Visit" was posted at apnews.com on June 20, 2024.

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"Eye on the World" comment: The following headlines are about articles that involve the United States. The articles were not posted, but the headlines give the essence of the story.

Saudi Arabia and U.S. dollar

• An article by Jason Walsh titled "Saudi Arabia Ditches U.S. Dollar, Bringing End to America's Global Dominance" was posted at dailyfetched.com on June 13, 2024.

Could a military draft come to U.S. citizens?

• An article by Misty Severi titled "House Passes Resolution to Automatically Enroll Men Aged 18-26 in Military Draft" was posted at justthenews.com on June 14, 2024.

Biden senior moments – are described as "cheap fakes"

- An article by Editorial Board titled "Democrats' Denialism of Biden's Cognitive Decline Isn't Just Unconvincing, It's Cruel" was posted at nypost.com on June 14, 2024.
- An article by Piers Morgan titled "The Obama/Biden Arm-Grab Wasn't Just a Senior Moment It Was the Moment Everyone Realized the President Is Not Fit for Office" was posted at nypost.com on June 17, 2024.
- An article by Cindy Harper titled "Biden Campaign Demands Censorship of Video Showing President Wandering Off at G7 Meeting" was posted at lifesitenews.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Guy Benson titled "Surreal Gaslighting: Team Biden and 'News' Media Collude on Insulting 'Cheap Fakes' Lie" was posted at townhall.com on June 19, 2024.
- An article by Virginia Kruta titled "Greg Gutfeld Takes Apart Legacy Media for Gobbling Up 'Cheap Fakes' Spin" was posted at dailywire.com on June 19, 2024.

Examples of anti-Semitism

• An article by Taylor Penley titled "Actress Patricia Heaton Rallies Christian Community to Fight Anti-Semitism: 'It's Up to Us" to Do Something" was posted at foxnews.com on June 16, 2024.

- An article by Carl Campanile and David Propper titled "Columbia Professor Told Students Not to Watch Mainstream Media Because 'It Is Owned by Jews'" was posted at nypost.com on June 17, 2024.
- A video and an article by Allie Griffin titled "Watch: Bigot Spits on 74-Year-Old Jewish Man on NYC Street, Then Shouts 'Free Palestine'" were posted at nypost.com on June 17, 2024.
- An article by Ellie Wolfe titled "University of Arizona Student [Flew to Israel] Meets With Netanyahu About Campus Anti-Semitism" was posted at jpost.com on June 18, 2024.

Anti-Israel protesters – general chaos

- An article by Philip Marcelo titled "Apparent Gaza Activists Hurl Paint at Homes of Brooklyn Museum Leaders, Including Jewish Director" was posted at apnews.com on June 13, 2024.
- An article by Fred Lucas titled "Who's the Big Money Bankrolling Pro-Hamas Protests in
- U.S.? You Might Be Surprised" was posted at dailysignal.com on June 14, 2024.
- An article by Michael Starr titled "Have Anti-Israel Activists Gone Too Far for U.S. Progressive Politicians?" was posted at jpost.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Virginia Kruta titled "'We Have Not Taught Young People to Stand for Stuff': Whoopi Claims the Kids Don't Protest Anymore" was posted at dailywire.com on June 19, 2024.

Anti-Israel protesters – colleges

- An article by Staff titled "As Protesters Trashed Cal State L.A. Center, Questions About Why Police Were Not Called In" was posted at latimes.com on June 15, 2024.
- An article by Kyle Schnitzer, Joe Marino and Carl Campanile titled "Outrage as Manhattan DA Bragg's Office Drops Nearly All Cases From Columbia University's Anti-Israel Protest" was posted at nypost.com on June 20, 2024.

Illegal immigration – migrant crime

- An article by Ryan Saavedra titled "Biden Administration Failed to Deport Illegal Alien Accused of Violent Child Rape After Judge Ordered It Two Years Ago" was posted at dailywire.com on June 18, 2024.
- An article by Virginia Kruta titled "[Homeland Security Alejandro] Mayorkas Blames

- 'Criminal' Denies Any Responsibility for Latest Murder Allegedly by Illegal Alien" was posted at dailywire.com on June 19, 2024.
- An article by Bethany Blankley titled "In First Five Years, 79,000 of DACA Recipients Admitted to U.S. Had Arrest Records" was posted at justthenews.com on June 20, 2024.

Illegal immigration – general comments

- An article by James Gordon titled "Biden to Give Hundreds of Thousands of Illegal Migrants (Who Are Married to U.S. Citizens) Protection From Deportation, Work Permits and Path to Citizenship in the Biggest Immigration Shakeup in Decades" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on June 17, 2024.
- An article by Dale Wilcox titled "Foreigners (Not U.S. Citizens) Benefit Most From Biden's Job Market" was posted at breitbart.com on June 18, 2024.

Broken voter ID laws = an incapacitated man with disastrous policies could "win" again

- An article by Dennis Prager titled "Why Americans Mistrust Election Results More Than the Citizens of Any Other Democracy" was posted at townhall.com on June 11, 2024.
- An article by Brianna Lyman titled "Biden's 'Amnesty' Plan Could Turn 500,000 Illegal Aliens Into Future Voters" was posted at thefederalist.com on June 19, 2024.

Censorship and free speech – general comments

- Looking back to February 2024, an article by Josh Kosman and Ariel Zilber titled "George Soros Fund Poised to Take Control of Nation's Second-Largest Chain of Radio Stations" was posted at nypost.com on Feb. 14, 2024.
- An article by Shawn Fleetwood titled "State Department Won't Say If It's Colluding With Big Tech to Censor Speech Ahead of 2024 Election" was posted at thefederalist.com on June 14, 2024.
- An article by Dana Kennedy and Lydia Moynihan titled "Democrat-Majority FCC Helping George Soros Fast-Track Takeover of Nationwide Radio Network" was posted at nypost.com on June 18, 2024.
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Caitlin Clark – current WNBA players need to realize how Clark can grow their league

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An article by Daniel Turner titled "The End of the Petrodollar Is the End of America's Global Dominance" was posted at thefederalist.com on June 17, 2024. Following are excerpts of the article.

The petrodollar agreement with Saudi Arabia began in 1974 (two years into Joe Biden's first term as a United States senator). It ended this week (a half-century later) during Biden's first term as U.S. president.

Among all the news stories that matter, few rank higher than this. It's bigger than President Trump and Hunter Biden's convictions, bigger than jobs reports and inflation numbers, and perhaps even bigger than the southern border crisis. The end of the petrodollar is the end of the United States as the world's lone superpower.

Until last week, the petrodollar was America's dominance of the global economy. It solidified the oil industry as a thoroughly American industry in which other nations merely partook.

In the way Henry Ford didn't invent the car, but rather invented the automobile industry (which brought cars to the masses), American titans like Charles Pratt and Henry Flagler and the great John D. Rockfeller didn't invent oil refining. They invented the oil industry, which brought petrochemical products to the masses.

The oil industry is American, and as much as it exists around the world in places like Venezuela and the Middle East, it is because Americans led the way.

Oil, as a global commodity, is American – thoroughly utterly American. And as such is traded globally in U.S. dollars, as it should.

Until now.

It is logical that Saudi Arabia (the world's second-largest oil producer) looks at the American dollar with increasing doubt.

Saudi Arabia has every intention of surpassing the United States in the global oil market and has the reserves and the domestic policy to do so.

The kingdom will now trade its oil in its own currency. India and China (two of the world's largest oil importers) will now convert their domestic currency into Saudi riyals – leaving

America out of the transaction.

What will replace the petrodollar as a global, commodities-based currency? Likely the Chinese yuan. The Biden administration's radical push to "go green" has only strengthened China.

Some things are reversible. A Trump victory in November can reverse many of (if not all of) Joe Biden's disastrous policies on fossil fuel development. A GOP House can stop the transfer of trillions to Communist China for expensive, inefficient, intermittent wind and solar.

But the petrodollar is gone forever – and with it, America's role in the world is diminished. Saudi Dominance with Saudi values will begin to rise – making the world a little bit worse.

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An article by Emily Lefroy titled "Mechanic Shares the Six 'Bulletproof' Secondhand Cars to Buy Starting at \$6,000 – ant the Model He'd Never Choose" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on June 19, 2024. Following are excerpts of the article.

Recommendations to get.

- 2006 to 2012 Toyota Camry
- 2005 to 2012 Lincoln Town Car
- 2007 to 2011 Honda Accord
- 2009 to 2013 Subaru Outback
- 2011 to 2016 Dodge Charger
- 2007 to 2014 Ford Mustang

Recommendation to avoid = 2008 to 2019 Nissan Ultima.

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An article by Chris Pleasance titled "How China Could Seize Taiwan – the Conflict Explained" was posted at dailymail.co.uk on June 19, 2024. Following are excerpts of the article.

Taiwan is a small collection of islands off the Chinese coast. It is also the place where one of the biggest conflicts in history could begin.

That's because it is caught in a geopolitical tug-of-war between America and China that is threatening to spiral into a Third World War between the superpowers.

Xi Jinping views Taiwan as a breakaway Chinese province and has vowed to 'reunify' it with the mainland, by force if necessary.

He is in the midst of a huge military buildup, regularly sending fighter jets and warships to harass Taiwan, and staging menacing war games in the area.

Taiwan views itself as independent of Beijing and is allied to America – a legacy that stretches back to the Chinese Civil War 75 years ago.

America supplies the islands with weapons and is expected to go to war to defend them if they are attacked.

By most estimates, a war over Taiwan would be one of the biggest, bloodiest, and most expensive in history.

Experts are so worried about it that they have been war-gaming what it would look like and how to respond.

Here is the most-likely invasion scenario according to those war games – carried out by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) – and the weapons China would use.

Chinese blockade

Surface action groups made up of cruisers, frigates and destroyers deploy off Taiwan's eastern coast, surrounding the island and cutting it off from easy U.S. reinforcements or resupply. The ships, and the missiles they carry, act as a air defense barriers, shooting down any American aircraft that get close to the island and any incoming American missiles aimed at Chinese landing ships or troops.

Submarines deploy further east, using stealth and torpedoes to stop any U.S. battleships or aircraft carriers from approaching Taiwan or trying to break the Chinese blockade.

Shock and awe

A huge decapitation strike targets every airfield and port on Taiwan – destroying aircraft, ships, radar, air defenses and command posts.

Missiles also target U.S. bases in Japan and on Guam – to stop Taiwan's allies from coming to its aid.

In war games, Taiwan's entire navy and all-but a few of its fighters were blown up during this stage of the battle – because of the sheer number of missiles that China had at its disposal.

The same war games suggested China also had enough missiles to strike most U.S. airbases in Japan – with a loss of hundreds of aircraft in just a few days.

Seize the skies

Chinese jets swarm the skies over Taiwan – aiming to achieve air superiority by shooting down any remaining Taiwanese jets, and blowing up air defense missile batteries. If achieved, it would mean their fighters, bombers and plane transports could operate freely – ferrying troops to Taiwan and bombing Tainwanese ground forces.

The biggest threat to Chinese aircraft would come from Taiwan's ground-based air defense missiles and shoulder-mounted missiles which troops can carry. CSIS found that the U.S. and Japan would not have enough fighters left after China's missile attacks to contest China in the air.

American bombers could still launch missiles at Chinese ships and troops from a distance.

Chinese invasion

Dozens of ships carrying thousands of men then make a perilous journey across the Taiwan strait to land. The number of landing sites is limited by steep cliffs which cover most of the eastern shore. A handful of beaches in the west are the most likely spots. Taiwan's defenses in the north (near the capital) are extremely dense – meaning the most likely place for China to land is in the south.

This is accompanied by paratroopers dropping from planes, and a handful of long-range helicopters which land troops on the extreme west coast.

If battlefield conditions favored China, they could land up to 8,000 men on the first day and 60,000 within the space of three weeks.

Key targets

The cities of Kaoshiung and Tainan are two key early targets of the ground invasion – along with their ports and airports. Capturing these intact would allow the Chinese to increase the scale and pace of their invasion. Ports could be used to bring in supplies while airfields could land troops on large transport planes.

Russia attempted a similar tactic on Kyiv during its invasion of Ukraine, but it failed when the airport was destroyed in fighting. China no-doubt watched closely and would be keen not to repeat the error.

Long march north

Having established control over cities in the south, Chinese troops need to begin the long and slow process of fighting their way north and into Taipei. Capturing the capital is their ultimate goal.

The main trust of the attack would likely focus on the western side of the island due to mountains in the east, which would be hard to traverse.

Taiwan's west coast is heavily urban, and very densely populated. This would mean Chinese troops fighting bitter street-to-street battles that would be slow and costly for both sides. Civilian casualties would be extremely high, and a humanitarian crisis would be almost certain to follow. This would complicate the battle for both sides – though would place extra demands on Taiwanese troops who would be expected to provide food, shelter and medical treatment to their population.

Occupation

If China captured the capital, they would likely declare victory. But that does not mean fighting would stop. Pockets of resistance would remain, especially in the eastern mountains where Taiwanese troops would have the upper-hand.

Taiwanese people may form partisan resistance groups, which could carry out sabotage or ambush attacks in the cities. This kind of activity would present a significant problem for China long-term.

• How China's army dwarfs Taiwan's

In a straight fight between China and Taiwan, there is little doubt that Beijing would emerge the victor.

The Chinese have numbers on their side. In almost every category that counts, they massively outnumber and outgun the Taiwanese.

Taipei holds just one advantage in the number of its military reserves – which is the result of mandatory conscription for every man in the country.

However, many of those conscripts will only have received four months of basic training and given cursory refresher courses since.

To put it bluntly, many of them may be little better in combat than civilians.

For Taiwan to stand a chance, it needs America to come to its defense. Then the tables shift massively in its favor.

America cannot beat Beijing on raw manpower. But in almost every other category, it holds an advantage both in terms of quantity and quality.

When U.S. think-tank CSIS carried out war games simulating a Chinese invasion of Taiwan, it found the U.S. and Taiwan almost always emerged victorious.

However, they also found victory relied on four key factors.

First, Taiwan had to resist. If its troops capitulated, then no amount of American muscle could save it.

Second, the U.S. had to be able to use it bases in Japan to launch fighter and bomber raids. If Tokyo blocked them, there was no way to make up the shortfall.

Third, the U.S. had to join the war quickly and with the full range of its forces. Delaying and drip-feeding support made a stalemate much more likely.

And fourth, America needed to have enough anti-ship missiles to destroy the Chinese landing fleet. If those weapons ran out, China's advantage in manpower became overwhelming.

Taiwan has a manpower problem. Like many economically-developed democracies, its population is rapidly aging.

So, even though Taiwan has a large reserve on paper, in reality they effectiveness in combat is likely to be limited.

And compared to the size of the Chinese military (which has 2 million active duty troops), it is and will remain badly outnumbered.

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Isaiah 55:6-11—"Seek you the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word by that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."