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Netanyahu turns to Bible in tussle over Jerusalem Dan Williams

JERUSALEM (Reuters) - Beset by questions about Jerusalem's future in talks with the Palestinians, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reached for the Bible on Wednesday to stake out the Jewish state's contested claim on the city.

Netanyahu told a parliamentary session commemorating Israel's capture of East Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 war that "Jerusalem" and its alternative Hebrew name "Zion" appear 850 times in the Old Testament, Judaism's core canon.

"As to how many times Jerusalem is mentioned in the holy scriptures of other faiths, I recommend you check," he said.

Citing such ancestry, Israel calls all of Jerusalem its "eternal and indivisible" capital -- a designation not recognized abroad, where many powers support Arab claims to East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state.

The dispute is further inflamed by the fact East Jerusalem houses al-Aqsa mosque, Islam's third-holiest shrine, on a plaza that Jews revere as the vestige of two biblical Jewish temples.

Heckled by a lawmaker from Israel's Arab minority, Netanyahu offered a lesson in comparative religion from the lectern.

"Because you asked: Jerusalem is mentioned 142 times in the New Testament, and none of the 16 various Arabic names for Jerusalem is mentioned in the Koran. But in an expanded interpretation of the Koran from the 12th century, one passage is said to refer to Jerusalem," he said. More...

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE64B2EY20100512>

New air refueling system gives Israel capacity for strike on Iran

Israel has developed the advanced air refueling systems that could facilitate a strike on Iran.

The officials also said the development overcame several years of refusals by Washington to supply the systems required for the 1,000 kilometer flight from Israel to Iran.

Officials said the Israel Air Force has overseen the development and deployment of air refueling systems for its U.S.-origin fighter-jet fleet.

"There is no doubt that the technological capabilities, which improved in recent years, have improved range and aerial refueling capabilities, and have brought about a massive improvement in the accuracy of ordnance and intelligence," Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Moshe Ya'alon said.

More... http://www.worldtribune.com/worldtribune/WTARC/2010/me_israel0400_05_11.asp

Iran builds nuclear-capable cruise missile able to strike Israel from afar

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Iran's new KH-55 cruise missile "This is an extremely serious threat to Israel," Yair Shamir, chairman of Israel's Aerospace Industries warned in a lecture, naming the new weapon as the KH-55 cruise missile, based on a model Tehran received from Ukraine in 2006 and upgraded - together with an air-launched version.

"The pace of missile development (in Iran) is much faster than that of the solutions," Shamir said. "The new element is that Iran is already in space" - an intimation that its activities in space were a key element in accelerating Tehran's missile program. <http://www.debka.com/article/8776/>

'Iran trying to start Israel-Syria war'

On northern tour, PM says Teheran spreading lies to up tensions.
Talkbacks (13) Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has accused Iran of trying to "stir up" a war between Israel and Syria.

Speaking during a tour of the IDF's Northern Command on Tuesday afternoon, Netanyahu said Iran was "spreading lies in order to escalate tensions."

"We want security, stability and peace," he stressed. "Israel has no intention of attacking its neighbors, contrary to false rumors which have been spread on the subject."
More... <http://www.jpost.com/Israel/Article.aspx?id=175289>

Israel says N.Korea shipping WMDs to Syria

JERUSALEM (AFP) – Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman on Tuesday accused nuclear power North Korea of supplying Syria with weapons of mass destruction.

Lieberman's office quoted him as telling Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama at a meeting in Tokyo that such activity threatened to destabilise east Asia as well as the Middle East.

"The cooperation between Syria and North Korea is not focused on economic development and growth but rather on weapons of mass destruction" Lieberman said. More...
http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20100511/wl_mideast_afp/mideastconflictisraelsyriankoreajapan

World Russia, Turkey becoming strategic partners - Medvedev

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Russia and Turkey are becoming strategic partners, President Dmitry Medvedev said shortly before his visit to Ankara, due May 11-12.

"June 3 will see 90 years since the day diplomatic relations between our countries were established, and my visit will take place shortly before that remarkable date," Medvedev said in an article for Turkish newspaper Zaman.

"First of all, we can say with conviction that Russian-Turkish ties are reaching the level of full-scale strategic partnership," the Russian leader said, adding that a declaration signed by the two presidents in Moscow in February 2009 testified to that. More...
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Please ALWAYS pray for the peace in Jerusalem and for all of Israel. The daily news reads like the prophetic books of the Old Testament. Prophecy is coming to pass each and every day.

Shalom and Maranatha, brethren. MT.