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Intercessors for America's PRAYER ALERT

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OBAMA IMPLICATED IN THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, U.N. RESOLUTION

Pray for U.S. citizens and lawmakers to be shrewd to guard against, and to take action in preventing, unwise ties and endorsements. Intercede that our leaders and our nation as a whole would have both the discernment and the backbone to speak boldly against international events and decisions that will undermine freedom here and abroad. Ask for wisdom as the blinders fall off, that we will be a people with courage, renewed influence and action.

“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” (1 Corinthians 16:13)

“Be under no illusion,” writes Tony Blankley in [Sharia and democracy are incompatible](#), “If the Egyptian government in the future is shaped by the obvious Egyptian majority opinion – whether the path is slow and peaceful or fast and violent, led or not led by the Muslim Brotherhood – the result will not be Western-oriented democracy.” It’s a conclusion that policy makers seem unable to acknowledge in their cloud of “dreamy nonsense,” according to Blankley. In a second Washington Times article, writer Frank J. Gaffney Jr. takes his observations of dreamy nonsense one step further, noting that President Obama’s record shows he must be seen as a [“friend of Shariah”](#) and certainly not a foe to the Muslim Brotherhood.

He writes:

How else can we explain the seeming inconsistency between, on the one hand, the president’s indifference to demonstrations in Iran last year [\[watch “IRANIUM”\]](#) that were vastly larger and more sustained than those to date in Egypt and, on the other hand, his insistence after a week’s worth of protests in the latter that there be nothing less than complete “regime change,” starting immediately?

The only obvious common denominator is that in both cases, Mr. Obama is pursuing policies favored by those who adhere to the repressive, supremacist and virulently anti-American Islamic political-military-legal program its adherents call Shariah.

Going beyond the president’s support for regime change in Egypt, Blankley continues to spell out unsettling evidence of Obama’s affinity for Shariah and the Brotherhood. The list includes three examples:

- 1) The Obama administration co-sponsored a U.N. resolution to prevent “defamation of religion,” essentially helping nations like Pakistan enforce what amounts to Shariah blasphemy laws. [See [alert article 2.](#)]

- 2) Obama endorsed the construction of the Ground Zero Mosque, delighting leaders of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), the largest Muslim Brotherhood front organization in the United States and the parent organization that certifies chaplains for U.S. prisons and military.
- 3) The Virginia Military Institute (VMI) is preparing to celebrate the “setting into motion the fusion between two worlds,” commemorating Moorish conquest of Spain. The event is a spin-off from Project GO, a program more or less influenced and/or inspired by advisors from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and China.

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[Persecution / Human Rights](#)

U.N. RESOLUTION PAVED ROAD FOR PAKISTAN’S BLASPHEMY LAW

Intercede for the oppressed. Pray for Muhammad Sammiulah, Asia Bibi and others like them who are suffocated by a culture of fear and repression. Intercede for protection for their families and for any influential government leaders who may be on the fence, wavering between speaking out or cowering in the face of terror. Give thanks for the boldness and sacrifice of Governor Taseer, and pray that there would be more like him. Intercede for a repeal and condemnation of the blasphemy law (in Pakistan and abroad).

“Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.” (Hebrews 13:3)

Muhammad Sammiulah, a [young student jailed in Pakistan’s southern city of Karachi](#), is the nation’s latest accused of blaspheming against the Muslim prophet Muhammad. The alleged incident took place when a school official took issue with an answer on the boy’s exam paper. Pakistani authorities were alerted of the boy’s offense, and Mohammad now sits in juvenile detention while police investigate.

Unfortunately, the boy is not alone in his brush with the law. More than 30 people accused of blasphemy have been murdered by lynch mobs since Pakistan welcomed its controversial blasphemy law in 1979. Asia Bibi, a Christian wife and mother who received a death sentence on Nov. 8, 2010 for “insulting Islam,” may be the [first woman to be executed under the law](#) if Pakistani and international human rights groups cannot intervene. Already, the governor of Punjab province, Salman Taseer, was assassinated for opposing the blasphemy law and protesting Asia Bibi’s prosecution. Other authorities are afraid to oppose the law for fear of endangering their own lives.

[A Wall Street Journal article suggests that the United Nations is implicated](#) in Taseer’s death, and thus the punishment of Muhammad Sammiulah and Asia Bibi. How? By endorsing blasphemy laws for the sake of protecting religious minorities. The article states:

The U.N. got into the business of supporting blasphemy laws more than 10 years ago. Since 1999, the U.N. General Assembly has passed a resolution every year that asks countries to take measures to prevent criticism of religion. The countries that sponsor the resolutions—including Pakistan—have always done so on behalf of the 47-member Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), which votes as a bloc.

Originally, the annual resolution attacked “defamation of Islam.” It has since come to focus on “defamation of religions” or, most recently, on the “vilification of religions.” But this general language hasn’t changed the resolution’s purpose: Each year it calls on national governments to enact laws that protect religions against criticism. The reason countries like Pakistan promote the resolution is so they can have an international-law justification for their existing blasphemy

laws.... Governments that care about human rights should support a "Taseer Resolution" advocating the repeal of blasphemy laws and condemning their terrible effects on freedom of religion and thought.

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Economy / Environment

WORLD FOOD PRICES SOAR

Pray for continued investment in small-scale agriculture so that communities in developing countries as well as more prosperous nations would use their resources wisely to sustain themselves. Pray for a reversal of the conditions that have led to rising food prices, and for protection for the world's poor. Intercede for ways to anticipate the need and reach out to those who are hurting.

"For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in, I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me." (Matthew 25:35-40)

[World food prices peaked in January](#), and the U.N. food agency predicts that the trend is unlikely to let up before summer. Experts report that prices will continue to rise, potentially causing turmoil in hard-hit countries. China, Indonesia, India, Bangladesh, and Russia are bearing the brunt of the soaring prices, and Somalia, Uganda and West Africa are also struggling. Experts cite financial speculation, bad weather, increased oil prices, export restrictions, unrest (for West Africa), and a growing demand for biofuels as the reasons for higher costs. Global aid agency Oxfam reports that 50 to 80 percent of a person's income in a developing country is spent on food, so higher prices will have serious implications for the world's poor. Oxfam is challenging governments in at-risk areas to start programs to support and invest in small-scale agriculture.

MAGNETIC POLAR SHIFTS: A SIGN OF THE TIMES?

Pray for wisdom, peace and insight as predictions of disaster and suffering appear on the forecast. Intercede that leaders would have the ability to sift fact from fiction, to listen attentively to honest warnings, and – if possible – to take practical measures to prepare. Most importantly, pray for believers to be an anchor of strength around the world even in the face of potential danger – that we would boldly give a reason for our hope, even while others are apprehensive.

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." (Luke 21:25-27)

Some climate researchers are predicting "superstorms" as a result of the earth's rapidly shifting magnetic field. Just within the last decade the shifting pole began speeding up - moving toward Russia at a rate of 40 miles annually, an increase of 800 percent. Not only is the shift accelerating, the change could make the planet more vulnerable to cancer-causing radiation as the field would no longer deflect dangerous ultra-violet and X-rays. Experts predict that a deteriorating field could cause harmful mutations of DNA and the death rate from cancer could skyrocket. Scientists claim that the geological record reveals that the earth's magnetic field flips on a fairly unpredictable basis, with the south pole becoming the north, and vice versa. A recent Greenland Space Science Symposium said the signs point to another flip in the immediate future.

Additionally, earthchangesmedia.com reported that on January 8, 2006, the earth “stopped wobbling” — a strong sign of an upcoming Ice Age. An [article by Terrence Aym](#) concludes: “So, the start of a new Ice Age is marked by a magnetic pole reversal, increased volcanic activity, larger and more frequent earthquakes, tsunamis, colder winters, superstorms and the halting of the Chandler wobble. Unfortunately, all of those conditions are being met.”

Population Control

U.N. SAYS “CONSIDERABLE EFFORT” IS NEEDED TO REDUCE POPULATION

Pray for the Lord to shield the nations from harmful agendas and leaders who seek to judge between who should live and who should die. Intercede for protection and strength for the weak, that the Lord’s sovereignty would be evident and that the U.N. would be prevented from exerting “sovereignty” both here and abroad. Pray for areas of famine around the world where populations are suffering – that godly measures would be taken to curb starvation and disease. Give thanks for France’s Prime Minister Fillon who promoted the rights of the elderly and the disabled.

“I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.... they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations.... You are My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.” (Ezekiel 34)

U.N. Population Division Director Hania Zlotnik insists that even countries with relatively acceptable levels of fertility (according to U.N. standards) need to reduce fertility to “replacement level” or below, i.e. the level at which a population replenishes itself each generation. [A recent U.N. report](#) claims that if countries do not reduce fertility and maintain below-replacement-level quotas, world population will quickly become unsustainable and unstable, especially in developing countries. The report warns that considerable effort is needed to make the reduction a reality.

Meanwhile, some good news from France: Alex Schadenberg, head of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC), reports that Prime Minister Fillon spoke out against the euthanasia bill proposed by the Socialist and Communist parties in France. “It was very important,” says Schadenberg, “because he emphasized the nature of improving how we care for people rather than kill people.” Fillon’s voice proved instrumental as the bill was defeated in a 170-142 vote. France will remain euthanasia free. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.