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STRANGERS IN THEIR OWN LAND

As numbers go, “61” languishes in obscurity. But as applied to illegal immigration, 61 is “yuge,” as Donald Trump might say. It’s the number, in millions, of both legal and illegal immigrants who live in the United States. It’s the number, as a percentage of the U.S. population, of Americans concerned about the impact of mass migration on America as we have known it for going on three centuries. The number is further a measure of how Mr. Trump has crossed over from business to politics, to ride the issue to the front of the 2016 Republican presidential campaign.

A study published this week by the Center for Immigration Studies finds there now 61 million immigrants and their American-born minor children living in the United States, 45 million of whom are legal residents. Between 1970 and 2015, the proportion of immigrants to population increased by 353 percent — six times faster than the general U.S. population, which grew by 59 percent. Some states watch their numbers of immigrants rise much more steeply: in Georgia, 3,058 percent; in Virginia, 1,150 percent; and in Texas, 1,084 percent.

“These numbers raise a profound question that is seldom even asked, says Steven Camarota, the center’s director of research. “What number of immigrants can be assimilated?” This a question that the governing elites do not ask, but millions of Americans do. A survey conducted by the consulting firm A.T. Kearney and previewed by Bloomberg Businessweek, finds that 61 percent of Americans polled say “continued immigration into the country jeopardizes the United States.” The survey measures the opinion about not just the illegals, but about all immigration.

Mr. Trump’s critics say his brash star power is responsible for inflaming “xenophobic sentiments” among Americans, who are dismissed as “nativists” and ignorant “yahoos.” But if the governing elites had done something about these widespread fears and reservations, the Trump phenomenon would never have ruined their picnic. When, at a rally last week in Michigan, he scorched the Ford Motor Co. for its plans to move a Ford factory to Mexico, he was answered with chants of “Build the wall! Build the wall.” Like it or not, and the impotent elites don’t, it was economic reality talking, not ethnic hatred. Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio and even John Kasich acknowledge that.

The immigration issue isn’t simply about numbers and whether migrants will add or detract from the U.S. economy. It’s more fundamental than that. It’s whether the nation will remain moored to its founding values or be transformed into a place unrecognizable. Assimilation of newcomers eager to become Americans, once the goal and glory of America, has been fractured by the celebration of diversity, scorning English as the language that has tied the nation together. In New York City, for example, voters can fill out a ballot in any of
six languages, and public schools, which should be teaching English as their first priority, must accommodate students in any of 180 tongues.

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders refuse to acknowledge the threat of cultural suicide. Both say they’re committed to “comprehensive immigration reform,” but what they mean is accepting as many new arrivals as possible short of provoking civil unrest. The liberal aim is to eliminate all vestiges of America’s heritage to establish a new nation easily integrated into a global village without borders.

A majority of Americans understand that an American identity cannot survive open borders. When interviews on the street find that most passers-by do not even know who the nation’s capital was named for, it’s clear evidence that Americans will soon be strangers in their own land. (Contributor: The Washington Times)


Intercessors, note an important statement in this editorial: “Like it or not... it was economic reality talking, not ethnic hatred.” Any individual or group stating concerns about unlimited immigration risks being accused of hating what made our nation great: the flow of legal immigrants to the U.S. in the 1800s and early to mid-1900s. Pray for truth and justice to prevail.

“But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream.” (Amos 5:24)

### AFTER EPIC 39-HOUR FILIBUSTER, MISSOURI SENATE PASSES BILL CRITICIZED AS ANTI-GAY

For 39 hours, seven Democrats in the Missouri Senate kept up a filibuster aimed at drawing attention to, and ultimately killing, a religious freedom bill that critics called anti-gay.

On Wednesday morning, they were finally cut short. The chamber’s Republican majority voted to end the filibuster and voted in favor of the bill, which if enacted would permit religious organizations and certain others to refrain from activities viewed as condoning or participating in same-sex marriage.

It is the latest and perhaps most dramatic example of the extraordinary opposition being stoked by religious liberties bills, which have proliferated in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision last year legalizing same-sex marriage nationally. Social conservatives say the bills are necessary to protect faith-based organizations and faith-driven businesses from being forced to condone a practice that clashes with their religion.

But such measures have been met with fierce opposition by gay rights supporters and others, including prominent businesses that warn it could harm commerce by painting the state as bigoted. They point to the example of Indiana, which took a hit to its reputation last year after the legislature passed its own religious protection law.

So far, that lesson appears to be reverberating nationally as several states have recently rejected bills painted as anti-gay or anti-transgender. Last week, South Dakota’s Republican governor vetoed a bill that would have required schoolchildren to use the bathroom that matched with their biological sex, which critics said was discriminatory against transgender students.

Also last week, the West Virginia legislature voted down a religious liberties bill after a backlash from employers including Marriott and AT&T. And in Georgia, a religious freedom bill faced dismal prospects after the state’s Republican governor suggested he would not support it in its original form.
The Missouri bill, which has yet to be voted on in the House, would put a measure on the November ballot that would amend the state Constitution to prohibit the state from penalizing religious organizations and others for their faith-based opposition to same-sex marriage. It appeared to be sailing through the Senate this week when the chamber’s small number of Democrats decided late Monday to mount a filibuster.

For nearly 40 hours, they spoke on a range of topics in hopes of delaying and derailing the bill, wandering from such subjects as George Washington to local authors to the Democratic presidential candidates. They spoke about how they believed future generations would frown on this bill if voters support amending the state constitution.

“By putting this in the constitution, we are tying their hands and we are saying to them we know better than they do about what kind of society they want to live in,” state Sen. Jason Holsman (D) said around hour 18 of the filibuster. “I don’t think that’s the case.”

The filibuster garnered attention, including from local employers such as Monsanto, which opposed the bill. “We call on other businesses and the [agriculture] community to join us in speaking out against discrimination in Missouri and around the world,” the company tweeted.

On the other side, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.), a Republican contender for president who has made protecting religious liberties a centerpiece of his campaign, tweeted a warning. “Missouri: Remember in November the Democrats who filibustered over 30 hours to fight against religious liberty.”

Gay rights groups condemned the bill’s passage but praised the senators who held up the filibuster. “Discrimination against LGBT people should never be sanctioned by the state, and we call on the Missouri House of Representatives to resoundingly reject this outrageous resolution,” Sarah Warbelow, legal director for the gay-rights group Human Rights Campaign, said in a statement. (Contributor: By Sandhya Somashekhar for The Washington Post)

This battle has become fierce and bitterly divisive. It will not be won politically but only through prayer and revival in the Church, as believers rise up and insist on the recognition of God as Creator. The alternative is “national atheism,” beginning in public education and leading to an adult majority having zero concern for religious freedoms, bathroom privacy, or personal dignity. Please pray.

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isa. 5:20)

THREE YEARS ON, POPE LEAVES CATHOLIC CONSERVATIVES FEELING MARGINALIZED

Three years after the election of [the only Jesuit] Pope Francis, Roman Catholic conservatives are growing increasingly worried that he is quietly unraveling the legacy of his predecessors.

Francis’ popularity with most Catholics, and legions of non-Catholics, has given him the image of a grandfatherly parish priest who understands how difficult it sometimes is to follow Church teachings, particularly those on sexual morality.

Conservatives worry that behind the gentle facade lies a dangerous reformer who is diluting Catholic teaching on moral issues like homosexuality and divorce while focusing on social problems such as climate change and economic inequality.
Interviews with four Vatican officials, including two cardinals and an archbishop, as well as theologians and commentators, highlighted conservative fears that Francis' words and deeds may eventually rupture the 1.2 billion member Church.

Chatter on conservative blogs regularly accuses the Argentine pontiff of spreading doctrinal confusion and isolating those who see themselves as guardians of the faith.

"Going to bed. Wake me up when this pontificate is over," Damien Thompson, associate editor of the British weekly "The Spectator" and a conservative Catholic commentator tweeted last month. Thompson was among conservatives stung by a freewheeling news conference Francis gave on a flight home from Mexico.

In it, he stirred up the U.S. presidential debate by criticizing Republican candidate Donald Trump's immigration stance and made comments that were interpreted as an opening to use contraceptives to stop the spread of the Zika virus.

They were the latest in a line of unscripted utterances that have left many conservatives feeling nostalgic for the days of Francis's two predecessors, Benedict and John Paul, who regularly thundered against contraception, homosexuality and abortion.

"Every time this happens I wonder if he realizes how much confusion he is causing," said a conservative Rome-based cardinal who took part in the conclave that elected Francis three years ago and spoke on the condition of anonymity. He would not say if he voted for Francis because participants in conclaves are sworn to secrecy.

**The Pope and the Pews**

Another senior official, an archbishop in an important Vatican ministry, said: "These comments alarm not only tradition-minded priests but even liberal priests who have complained to me that people are challenging them on issues that are very straight-forward, saying 'the pope would let me do this' why don't you?"

Francis first shocked conservatives just months after his election on March 13, 2013, when he said "Who am I to judge?" about Catholic homosexuals who were at least trying to live by Church rules that they should be chaste.

He caused further upset when he changed Church rules to allow women to take part in a male-only Lenten service, ruled out any campaigns to convert Jews and approved a "common prayer" with Lutherans for joint commemorations for next year's 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation.

An important crossroads in the conservative-progressive showdown is looming and might come as early as mid-March. It could reveal how far this politically astute pontiff wants to transform his Church.

Francis is due to issue a document called an Apostolic Exhortation after two years of debate and two major meetings of bishops to discuss the family - the Vatican's way of referring to its policies concerning sex.

The exercise, which began with an unprecedented poll of Catholics around the world, boiled down in the end to one hot-button issue - whether divorced Catholics who remarry outside the Church can receive communion at the central rite of Mass.

Conservatives say any change would undermine the principle of the indissolubility of marriage that Jesus established.
At the end of the synod last year, Francis excoriated immovable Church leaders who he said "bury their heads in the sand" and hide behind rigid doctrine while families suffer.

The gathering's final document spoke of a so-called "internal forum" in which a priest or a bishop may work with a Catholic who has divorced and remarried to decide privately and on a case-by-case basis if he or she can be fully re-integrated.

That crack in the doctrinal door annoyed many conservatives, who fear Francis' upcoming document may open the flood gates.

**Whose Church Is It Anyway?**

It is difficult to quantify Catholic conservatives. Liberals say they are a minority and reject conservative assertions that they are the real "base" of the Church.

"The overwhelming majority of Catholics understand what the pope wants to do, and that is to reach out to everyone,” said another cardinal close to Francis.

Regardless of what their actual numbers might be, conservatives have big megaphones in social media.

"It really has gotten more shrill and intense since Francis took over because he seems to get only positive feedback from the mainstream media. Therefore in the strange logic of (conservative) groups, he is someone who is immediately suspect if only for that," said the Catholic blogger Arthur Rosman.

One of the leading conservative standard bearers, Ross Douthat, the Catholic author and New York Times op-ed columnist, has expressed deep worry about the long-term repercussions of the issue of communion for the divorced and remarried.

"It may be that this conflict has only just begun," Douthat said in a lecture to American conservatives in January. "And it may be that as with previous conflicts in Church history, it will eventually be serious enough to end in real schism, a permanent parting of the ways."

**Previous Rupture**

The last internal rupture in the Church was in 1988 when French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre consecrated bishops without Vatican approval in order to guarantee succession in his ultra-traditionalist group, the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX).

The SSPX rejects the modernizing reforms of the 1962-1965 Second Vatican Council, including the historic opening to dialogue with other religions. While it remains a small group, its dissent continues to undermine papal authority.

The conservative standard bearer in Rome is Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke, a 67-year-old American who in 2014 told an interviewer that the Church under Francis was like “a ship without a rudder”.

Francis was not pleased. That same year, he removed Burke as head of the Vatican's highest court and demoted him to the largely ceremonial post of chaplain of a charity group.

Conservatives are also worried about Francis' drive to devolve decision-making power on several issues from the Vatican to regional, national or diocesan levels, what the pope has called "a healthy decentralization".
This is an anathema to conservatives, who say rules should be applied identically around the world. They warn that a devolution of power would leave the Vatican vulnerable to the splits seen in the Anglican and Orthodox Churches.

“If you look at these two big Churches, they are not in very good shape,” said Massimo Faggioli, a Church historian and associate professor of theology at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. “That’s why conservatives are nervous. They think Francis does not understand the danger.” (Contributor: BY Philip Pullella and Tom Heneghan for Reuter News - Religion editor Tom Heneghan reported from Paris; Editing by Crispian Balmer and Janet McBride)

While God’s Kingdom “cannot be shaken” (Heb. 12:28), all human organizations representing His Kingdom are subject to foundational cracks that can and will bring them down—whether now or later. Many splits in religious structures bring forth new “reformation,” whereby the truth of the Gospel becomes clearer. Pray for God’s will and purpose to prevail at any and all costs.

“To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” (Isa. 8:20)

TRACING THE ROOTS OF ISLAMIC JIHAD

In an earlier column in these pages, “Reforming Islam,” I documented the need for Islam to experience an internal reformation. This is not just a question of abstract theology but directly relates to how we defeat Islamic terrorism, and how we are viewed in the Muslim world.

For example, ISIS, the foremost terror threat in the world today, in its claim of responsibility for last year’s Paris attack condemned America and its allies as “crusader nations.” Osama bin Laden did likewise. Bin Laden railed against “Crusaders and U.N.” when President Bush used the “C-word” after 9/11. He was widely criticized for it and dropped it.

Use of “Crusades” and “Crusaders” as terms of abuse is clearly meant to stir up Muslim masses that they are under assault, not that we are defending ourselves against jihad. Perhaps more importantly, it is designed to evoke feelings of culpability and defeatism among guilty Western liberals, who are ashamed of Western civilization and indifferent at best to its survival. Not surprisingly, when President Obama addressed the National Prayer Breakfast last year on the issue of terrorism, he attempted to minimize the Islamic element of the Islamic State’s barbarity: “Lest we get on our high horse and think this is unique to some other place, remember that during the Crusades and the Inquisition, people committed terrible deeds in the name of Christ.”

Let’s set the record straight. The Crusades were a series of wars launched by Western Europeans in the wake of devastating defeats inflicted on the Christian Byzantine Empire by the Seljuk Turks. The First Crusade was launched in 1096. It was the most successful one, capturing Jerusalem.

But the gains were only temporary, requiring the launch of repeated efforts to maintain the small feudal statelets carved out in the Holy Land. The last crusader stronghold, Acre in today’s Israel, fell in 1291.

All told, the Crusades occupied a brief period of just over two and one-half centuries. They were limited in scope and essentially were a counterattack, seeking to retake Christian lands earlier seized by the Muslims.

How do the Crusades compare to Islamic jihad? Following the death of Muhammad in 632, his successors, the caliphs — the same office ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi claims to have revived — began their
unprovoked war of conquest against the Byzantines. Within a decade, the jihad had claimed then-Christian Egypt, Palestine, and Syria.

Muslim armies swept across North Africa and crossed over into Spain in 711, only to be finally stopped in France by Charles Martel, grandfather of Charlemagne, in 732. (At the same time, Muslim forces swept east, subduing Persia and reaching the frontiers of China.) Repeated assaults continued across the Mediterranean, including Arab sieges of Constantinople and conquest of Cyprus, Sicily, and Crete.

Motivated by Islamic jihad and lust for plunder and slaves — identical to today’s ISIS — not one of these assaults was defensive. These were not Muslim lands being liberated from occupation but Christian lands whose inhabitants experienced the horrors we see today in Syria, Iraq and now Libya with Israel waiting in the wings: amputations, beheadings, slavery and sex slavery (all of which are explicitly authorized by Allah in the Koran). When we see horrific videos of ISIS beheadings and the choosing of sex slaves, let’s remember it’s a scene repeated thousands of times before: in Jerusalem in 637, Egypt in 639, Spain in 711, and Constantinople in 1453. The only difference is that today there are cameras and instant worldwide communications.

The Islamic jihad against Christendom started more than four and a half centuries before anyone had even heard of a Crusade. The crusaders forced jihad into remission for a brief period from around 1100 to 1350, after which it resumed its full assault.

Most of Asia Minor — today’s Turkey — was quickly subdued as the Crusades ended. Islamic warriors of the new Ottoman Empire crossed into Europe at Gallipoli in 1356. In rapid succession the jihad overwhelmed Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia, Albania, and southern Romania.

Constantinople fell in 1453. (This fulfilled the first part of a prophecy attributed to Muhammad and fondly cited by today’s jihadists that first they would take Constantinople and then Rome.) Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, and Southern Austria and Poland all fell. Muslim slave-raiders ravaged the coasts of Italy, Spain, Sardinia, Corsica, and they ranged as far north as Ireland and Scandinavia. (The Barbary Wars fought by the infant United States were a response to that same activity, which lasted well into the 19th century. It was America’s first clash with jihad but certainly not our last.)

The Muslim advance only began to be seriously blunted in 1683, with the failure of the Turks’ second siege of Vienna. While the ideology of offensive jihad had not changed, its capabilities could not withstand the scientific and technological revolution that had begun to take hold in Christian Europe.

To sum up, aggressive Islamic jihad was launched against the Christians and lasted 450 years. For 250 years, Christian crusaders counterattacked. After that counterattack failed, renewed jihad lasted another 350 years.

It’s clear who the aggressors are, which only emphasizes that we cannot afford to engage in moral disarmament in the face of jihad and unreformed Islam. Unfortunately, under Mr. Obama, moral and actual disarmament is official U.S. policy. This must be reversed. (Contributor: By James A. Lyons for The Washington Times - James A. Lyons, a retired U.S. Navy admiral, was commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and senior U.S. military representative to the United Nations.)

It is generally acknowledged that President Obama has not helped Americans understand the Islamic threat to our nation’s future. He takes every opportunity to share fictitious U.S. history, touting Muslim involvement in the settling and growth of the United States. Pray for truth to prevail. Pray also now for the next U.S. president to strengthen the military against our enemies.
“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (Jn. 8:32)

**GOD’S NOT DEAD 2**

Dear Prayer Warriors,

I keep reading and hearing about all you are doing for the Kingdom. Thank you for all your hard work done in the Name of Jesus.

Just as launching the Presidential Prayer Team was a new opportunity for the Kingdom of God, there is another new opportunity to make a difference. There is a plethora of outstanding Christian films coming to theaters these days. One I’m most excited about is **GOD’S NOT DEAD 2**, which opens in theaters April 1. You can learn more about this powerful film at [GodsNotDead.com](http://GodsNotDead.com).

Millions of people are seeing these Christian films, making them the largest evangelism events since the Billy Graham Crusades. I was part of the second Los Angeles Billy Graham Crusade. All the prayer leaders were invited to a special gathering with Billy Graham himself speaking. He said that there is a correlation between the number of people praying and the number of people responding to the Gospel at the crusade. Prayer works!

Films like GOD’S NOT DEAD 2 are really evangelism tools. We’re not asking you to promote these Christian films. Others are doing that. We are asking all 111 national prayer networks to invite their prayer teams to cover each theater in prayer. First, by cleansing those screens on which unholy things have been shown. Second, to pray for the people either as they enter the theater or pray as they are watching the film.

Here are the two simple steps for you with **GOD’S NOT DEAD 2**:

1. You will receive 3-4 emails from us over the next few weeks with PDF files for you to easily forward to your team. Each of these emails will contain short videos of the film or interviews with the actors/actresses.

2. On your cover email, we ask you to instruct them to go to our website ([GodsNotDead.com/theaters](http://GodsNotDead.com/theaters)) where they can search using their zip code to find one of the 1,500 screens nearest to their home. We are asking God to provide one or more prayer warrior for the first weekend, Friday through Sunday April 1-3, at each of the 1,500 theaters for each showing (usually 4-5 a day).

If 1,500 theaters show the film 4 times over a 3-day weekend that would be 18,000 Gospel messages. If at each showing God’s Spirit moves in the hearts of only 2 people, that would mean 36,000 new people of faith that we will see some day in Heaven. PTL! That, of course, would not include other commitments that would be made. Let the praying begin!

Last of all we will send you a report and THANKS together with some stories about lives that have been changed.

Keep Praying!

Dr. Cornell (Corkie) Haan
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This is Alert is a letter IFA recently received from a supportive prayer ministry. Please follow the links and pray accordingly, as you are led. We have not previewed the film, but it appears from the trailer that it is supportive of biblical values. Pray for a positive spiritual impact and for many to be saved.

“Seek 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.” (Isa. 55:6-7)

**DECISION AMERICA TOUR UPDATE**

Dear Intercessors for America,

We are happy to share an update as the Decision America Tour begins to move across America.

God is stirring His people to pray and stand together!

What we are seeing is remarkable! In February, Columbia, SC and Atlanta, GA saw huge crowds of 7,100 and 6,800 respectively, even with below freezing temperatures and short ramp-up times. (By comparison, at the Pittsburgh Festival in August 2014 we had 8,000-10,000 people per night - a great turnout - with 18 months of planning, huge committees, etc.) Honolulu had 2200 including a lot of young people!

God is using this Tour to fan the flame of what He is already doing in the hearts of His people in every state. Prayer is relationship, and God is calling us deeper! We are seeing God’s people encouraged in every state where the Tour has been and hearing reports of continuing impact!

Below is a testimony about a South Carolina Pastor:

*On Sunday, my Pastor told his Church that he was beginning something new because he was honoring a prayer he made at the Capitol. He went on to say that he had not been the Evangelist and Soul Winner that he used to be but that was going to change. He shared some plans based on Franklin Graham’s message last Tuesday at the Capitol. Listening that night, I heard a different minister stand there in front of a Congregation that is ready to follow where he leads them; I heard a minister that had been convicted by God standing at the Capitol on that windy day. This is just one church; my prayer is that many other church members across our state heard a similar message Sunday from their Pastors.*

Would you please continue to keep this Tour - and its continuing impact - in your prayers as you pray for our nation? Will you encourage those you know to attend the upcoming rallies? We want to leave God’s people better connected and stronger in each state!

The following rallies are coming up this month:

- March 16 - Santa Fe, New Mexico
- March 18 - Phoenix, Arizona
- March 29 - Salt Lake City, Utah
- March 30 - Carson City, Nevada
- March 31 - Sacramento, California

Please feel free to pass this update along!
There is no limit to what God can do in response to the prayers of His people! It is a pleasure and privilege to serve in the Kingdom with you!

Warmly,

Cynthia Scott
National Prayer Coordinator
2016 Decision America Tour

Please give thanks and, if possible, participate in one of these five Prayer Tour rallies remaining in March. IFA’s leadership and staff are thankful for letters like these and the organizations behind them, reminding us that God is raising up many individuals and ministries to intercede across the country. Please pray for each of the five citywide rallies.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! …For there the LORD commanded the blessing—Life forevermore." (Ps. 133:1, 3)

PORTLAND, OREGON-BOUND COMBAT MISSILES FOUND ON PLANE

Serbia’s authorities are investigating reports that a cargo package bound for the U.S. containing two missiles with explosive warheads was found on a passenger flight from Lebanon to Serbia.

N1 television said the package with two guided armor-piercing missiles was discovered Saturday by a sniffer dog after an Air Serbia flight from Beirut landed at Belgrade airport.

Serbian media say documents listed the final destination for the AGM-114 Hellfire missiles as Portland, Oregon. The American-made projectiles can be fired from air, sea or ground platforms.

N1 reported Sunday that Air Serbia is helping in the investigation. The Serbian flag carrier says “security and safety are the main priorities for Air Serbia.”

Jennifer Adams with the Portland office of the FBI said, “The FBI is aware of the report and is looking into it. No further information is available at this time.”

Scott Winegar, the director of Homeland Security Education at Concordia University, told KOIN 6 News these have been heavily used by drones to fire on targets over the past few years.

He said the investigation as to where these came from needs to start with the Defense Department.

“The other organizations that we have in the US are not responsible for distributing Hellfire missiles. That’s a Department of Defense asset so, wherever it came from, it would have to have come through the Department of Defense’s logistical chain,” Winegar said. “If it came from the US, if it came from our allies, that’s going to muddy the waters.” (Contributor: The Associated Press)

Unaccounted for missiles with explosive warheads is not a good sign. For IFA, this is a “watch and pray” article, which means that while we count it as potentially important to U.S. security, not enough is known about the story to give us specific prayer direction—thus we watch and pray and then wait to see what it means. Please pray that accountability will be revealed.
“For when they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains…. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.” (1 Thess. 5:3-6)