

IMF: WORLD FACING LOWEST GROWTH SINCE WWII

Jan 28/09. World growth is to slow to its lowest level in 60 years according to an International Monetary Fund report.

GLOBAL JOB LOSSES COULD RISE TO 50 MILLION IN 2009

Jan 28/09. The global economic crisis could claim up to 50 million jobs worldwide by the end of this year, according to a report presented by the UN's International Labour Organisation (ILO) on Wednesday (28 January). – euobserver.com

ECONOMIC MELTDOWN EXCUSE FOR 'NEW WORLD'

LEADERS AT GLOBAL FORUM SEE MONEY CRISIS AS CHANCE TO EXPAND GOVERNMENT CONTROL

WorldNetDaily

Jan 28/09. A call to utilize the current global economic crisis as a panic in which governments worldwide can move to nationalize banks is emerging from the 2009 World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

The forum's founder, Klaus Schwab, told CNN yesterday the current global economic slowdown is a "transformational crisis" that should be utilized to shape a "new world."

"Above all else this is a crisis of confidence," Schwab said. "To restore confidence you have to establish signposts that the world after the crisis will be different. We have to create a new world and that is what Davos 2009 will be all about – serving society."

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THE ISRAEL-TURKEY ALLIANCE IS A TRAP - WILL ISRAEL REALIZE IT?

BY JOEL HILLIKER

Jan 09. Among the many truths the war in Gaza exposed, here is one: Israel's alliance with Turkey is a trap.

Israel inked a mutual defense agreement with Turkey in 1996. Among its benefits, the deal linked the two countries' militaries in joint training, provided Israeli arms to Turkey (\$2 billion worth as of 2007) and granted Israel's air force over-flight privileges.

Far more, the deal gave Israel a much-needed, highly respected ally in a neighborhood full of enemies. Those itching to pick a fight with Israel simply haven't been eager to contend with Turkey's million-man army, the second-largest force in NATO after the United States. The Islamic Affairs Analyst went so far as to say that Israel's foes—most notably Iran—respected Turkey enough that the Jewish state's survival was all but assured as long as the pact held up.

But there's the rub. Just a glance at events in the past couple of years shows that this deterrent effect has weakened. Israel's enemies have started to turn loose.

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Not coincidentally, over that same period, Turkey has shifted from being a hedge against those enemies to actually supporting them. Nothing made this clearer than did the Gaza conflict.

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PA: IRAN AND SYRIA TRYING TO REPLACE PLO

Jan 31/09. The Palestinian Authority accused Iran and Syria of encouraging Hamas and other radical groups to establish a new leadership that would challenge the PLO's claim to be the "sole and legitimate" representative of the Palestinians. (The PA is an organ of the PLO).

The PA fears that the potential new leadership, which would be headed by Hamas chief Khaled Mashaal, would be recognized by several Islamic governments that are unhappy with President Mahmoud Abbas.

The PA is also worried because the idea of replacing the PLO is being backed by prominent Arab political analysts, newspaper editors and even veteran Fatah leader Farouk Kaddoumi.

A PA official said the Iranians and Syrians were now openly "conspiring" to undermine the PA leadership. "They are seeking to take advantage of the increased sympathy for Hamas on the Arab street following the Israeli military operation in the Gaza Strip," the official said. "We see this as a declaration of war on the legitimate representatives of the Palestinians."

The PA believes that Qatar is also behind the call to establish a new Palestinian leadership. A PA official said the Qatari-owned Al-Jazeera network had long served as a platform for Mashaal and Hamas. He also claimed that the station had been "inciting" against Fatah and Mahmoud Abbas by depicting them as traitors.

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NETANYAHU: I'M NOT BOUND BY OLMERT PLEDGES, I WON'T EVACUATE SETTLEMENTS

Jan 31/09. Likud Party Chairman Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday said he would not be bound by Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's commitments to evacuate West Bank settlements and withdraw from the territories.

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"I will not keep Olmert's commitments to withdraw and I won't evacuate settlements. Those understandings are invalid and unimportant," Netanyahu said

Together with Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, Olmert arrived at these understandings in final status talks with the Palestinians, which included settlement evacuation, dividing Jerusalem and returning to 1967 borders.

Netanyahu said he would invite Kadima and all the Zionist parties to join his coalition providing they agree to his guidelines - no division of Jerusalem, no return to 1967 borders.

FULL ARTICLE> <http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1060126.html>

PROPHESED CASHLESS SOCIETY: IT'S ALMOST HERE

BY HAL LINDSEY

Jan 30/09. When I read the headline to Jerome Corsi's story, "Economic meltdown excuse for 'new world'" at *WorldNetDaily* yesterday, my first thought was, "What took them so long?"

That thought was immediately followed by the realization that the timing is just about perfect. Corsi zeroed in on comments by Klaus Schwab, founder of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland – specifically, Schwab's comment that the global economic crisis was a "**transformational crisis**" [useful in reshaping a "new world."](#)

One of the scarier quotes in his piece was from a professor Nouriel Roubini who said the global banking system was "effectively insolvent," which, to my untrained ears, sounds a lot like "bankrupt."

The last time this happened was in 1933, forcing the federal government to ban private ownership of gold so it could be confiscated and used to satisfy the government's creditors.

That was the national bankruptcy that predicated the Great Depression, which allowed Franklin Delano Roosevelt's administration to ram through the socialist "New Deal" policies that economic historians say made the Depression both longer and deeper than it needed to be.

One of the first things I expect to see introduced as a consequence of this "transformational crisis" is the elimination of cash as a medium of exchange. This is a step that governments and banks have been trying to take for almost two decades without success.

There are good and logical reasons for the elimination of cash. It will essentially wipe out the cash dependent drug trade. It will remove the incentive behind most petty crimes. Paper money is dirty, spreads diseases and it is expensive to print and expensive to handle.

If the present economic crisis continues to spiral downward into a world depression, as experts reluctantly admit will happen, it can indeed be the "transformational crisis" that forces the world to accept a totally centralized control of a cashless society. All that remains, then, is for the anointed leader the Bible calls the antichrist to step forward and take over.

KEVIN RUDD> Mr Rudd writes in The Monthly that just as Franklin Roosevelt rebuilt US capitalism after the Great Depression, modern-day "social democrats" such as himself and the US President, Barack Obama, must do the same again.