

# WAR TIME NEWS

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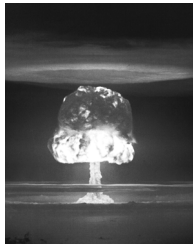
Our leaders can't protect us, but they can get us killed, or poisoned, or starved, or nuked. As the 'War on Terrorism' spreads its ugly tentacles around the world, resistance becomes even more critical and more potent.

## WORLD WAR III

### William Pfaff, International Herald Tribune, 12.29.01

The world begins 2002 in a situation without precedent in human history. A single nation, the United States, enjoys unrivaled military and economic power, and can impose itself virtually anywhere it wants. Even without nuclear weapons, the

United States could destroy the military forces of any other nation on earth. If it should so choose, it could impose complete social and economic breakdown on almost any other state.



The fundamental issue of the next two to three decades will inevitably be how the United States employs the amazing power it now exercises. Before Sept. 11, the country was already close to a universality of influence and even domination of international society that no previous empire ever possessed. It lacked the political will to impose itself. September 11th supplied that will.

### USA pulls out of Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty

"The cost of unilaterally walking away from the ABM Treaty and forging ahead with national missile defense includes not only dangerous neglect of the real threats we face but the likelihood that we will unleash a new arms race that will create a nuclearized Asia." Sen Joseph Biden Jr. (D-Del.), chairman Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Washington Post 12.19.01

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### South Asia War Looms, United Press International, 12.29.01

As the two gigantic nations of India and Pakistan (the second and sixth most populous in the world) ominously gear up for what could be an enormous war over control of Kashmir, the capabilities and resilience of both of them is being vastly underestimated by the outside world. Such a conflict, even if it does not go nuclear, would be one of the largest in human history. It would certainly involve the largest ground battles the world has seen since the four-year clash between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union that was the heart of World War II.

The greatest danger that could make this war a long drawn-out one is that both Indians and Pakistanis look likely to grossly underestimate each other and the level of patriotic commitment and self-sacrifice on both sides.

### Owning the Weather, Air Force 2025

One of many possible motives behind the new "Star Wars" plans may be something akin to what we found here: "In 2025, US aerospace forces can 'own the weather' by capitalizing on emerging technologies and focusing development of those technologies to war-fighting applications. Such a capability offers the war fighter tools to shape the battle space in ways never before possible."



"In the broadest sense, weather-modification can be divided into two major categories: suppression and intensification of weather patterns. In extreme cases, it might involve the [intentional] creation of completely new weather patterns, attenuation or control of severe storms, or even alteration of global climate on a far-reaching and/or long-lasting scale." Weather as a Force Multiplier: Owning the Weather, A Research Paper Presented to Air Force 2025 ([www.au.af.mil/au/2025/volume3/chap15/v3c15-1.htm](http://www.au.af.mil/au/2025/volume3/chap15/v3c15-1.htm))

**Photo:** A launch vehicle carries a prototype of an exoatmospheric kill vehicle for a planned intercept of a ballistic missile target over the central Pacific Ocean (12.3.01). The interceptor is planned to hit the target more than 140 miles above the Earth during the midcourse phase of the warhead's flight. (US Department of Defense, [www.defenselink.mil](http://www.defenselink.mil))

## TERRORISM REVEALED

### US Terrorism Nothing New, La Razon, 12.29.01

On December 28<sup>th</sup>, a Federal Judge in Argentina ordered the arrest and capture of former Bolivian dictator-turned-"president"



Hugo Banzer, for his participation in the brutal alliance of South American dictators in the 1970s. If the Bolivian ex-president is put on trial for Operation Condor the world may learn far more

about the United State's support for this international campaign of terrorism and war crimes. Banzer was replaced by his vice president, who came to the US in mid-December to discuss with President Bush how to deal with the mass protests going on now in Bolivia. Several Bolivian politicians have admitted to using US funded "hit-men" to attack the protesters. (story at [www.narconews.com/boliviaburning1.html](http://www.narconews.com/boliviaburning1.html))

Operation Condor was an alliance of secret police forces in 5 South American countries formed to eliminate "subversive elements". Today's official figures suggest that some 13,000 of their citizens died or "disappeared" during the 70s and 80s. Human rights organizations claim that the number is closer to 35,000. The CIA has long opposed release of documents about the US role in Operation Condor, claiming that their release would disclose a "pattern of activity" revealing methods "employed worldwide". -William Pfaff, editor International Herald Tribune, 9.5.00

### Press Freedom, Washington Post, 12.25.01

A Russian military journalist who exposed nuclear waste dumping by the Russian navy was convicted of treason and sentenced to four years in prison, a case that critics said illustrates the risks of antagonizing the military. Like every other espionage trial in Russia, Pasko's was conducted entirely in secret, and the only detailed accounts of what transpired in the courtroom came from Pasko's lawyers and relatives.

## TRUTH & RESISTANCE

### El Pueblo de Argentino! Levantate!

Late last week the people of Argentina rose up and overthrew their second president in a month. After taking out almost \$200 billion in loans that it cannot pay back, the Argentinian government responded by slashing social services and limiting cash withdrawals from bank accounts to \$1000 per month. The unemployment rate is at 20% and 2000 people fall below the poverty line every day. The people



responded by filling the streets, banging pots and pans, looting over 200 supermarkets, storming and looting the congress building, setting fire to the Ministry of Finance building and beating police officers. "That Argentina was ruled by a gangster regime for most of the decade—former President Carlos Menem was only recently released from house arrest for his role in an international gun-running scheme—seemed to matter little to world bankers. Argentina was the darling of globalization. The men who run the International Monetary Fund and World Bank have some explaining to do." LA Times 12.30.01 (Editors note: Carlos Menem is also an old friend and golfing partner of George H.W. Bush. Mother Jones Magazine 4.01)

"The demonstrations of the last few days had no leaders and few slogans beyond a desire to throw all politicians out of office." NY Times, 12.22.01

### USA NUCLEAR ARSENAL

- Total number of nuclear missiles built, 1951-present: **67,500** (US Nuclear Weapons Cost Study Project)
- Number of U.S. nuclear bombs lost in accidents and never recovered: **11** (US Department of Defense, Greenpeace, "Lost Bombs," 1997)
- Total number of nuclear bombers built, 1945-present: **4,680** (US Nuclear Weapons Cost Study Project)
- Types of nuclear warheads built 1945-1990: **65** (US Dept of Energy; Nuclear Weapons Databook)

### Oradibi Speaks, Arizona Hopi Nation, 10.01

"You have been telling the people that this is the Eleventh Hour, now you must go back and tell the people that this is the Hour. And there are things to be considered ... Where are you living? What are you doing? What are your relationships? Are you in right relation? Where is your water? Know your garden. It is time to speak your Truth. Create your community. Be good to each other. And do not look outside yourself for the leader. This could be a good time! There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold on to the shore. They will feel they are being torn apart and will suffer greatly. Know the river has its destination. The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river, keep our eyes open, and our heads above water. And I say, see who is in there with you and celebrate...The time of the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves! Banish the word struggle from your attitude and your vocabulary. All that we do now must be done in a sacred manner and in celebration. We are the ones we've been waiting for."

### Zapatista's Remember, 12.23.01, [www.mexico.indymedia.org](http://www.mexico.indymedia.org)

People from around the world gathered in Chiapas on December 23<sup>rd</sup> to remember the fourth anniversary of the worst massacre since the Zapatista uprising in 1994. The massacre took the lives of 45 indigenous residents of Acteal, the majority of whom were women and children (21 women, 15 children, and 9 men). Since that time, Acteal and neighboring communities have continued to struggle with poverty, refugees and the return of them therein, and a host of a lack of basic needs such as electricity, basic education and health care.

