## Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong - January 5, 2024

Greetings from Tyler,

The atmosphere we find ourselves in is more than unsettling. It's a whirlwind of unacceptable realities that we can scarcely believe. We've all seen the blocking of freeways and bridges, whether we wanted to or not. Now there can be no official statements from anyone denouncing what happened on October 7. The videos of what these idiots did can't be watched. It would be illegal to put them on the air. So we've got these massive demonstrations all over the place, and I've got one question. Where did these people come from, and when did they come here?

Nobody can put out statements about the mayhem and misery caused by these supposedly down-trodden people. I've said it before, but it bears repeating. The so-called Palestinians are schooled in hatred for Jews from their birth. They get it at school, at the mosque and at home. We hear all the cries for the innocent civilians, but Gaza reveled in the massacre.

Here we are, border wide open, people coming in from all over the world. It's a free for all. Worst of all, there's no end in sight. We've got the high-stepper striding down airplane stairways and across grass to helicopters. He keeps getting this blank, far off stare. Do you think we're the only ones that see it?

The world has blown up, and there might be more to come. The priority, it seems, is to do away with anything the hated Donald Trump put in place, without regard to the consequences. Look where it's gotten us. Inflation all over the place, gas prices we don't like, wars in Eastern Europe and in the Middle East. Iran is emboldened, after being broke. Now they're financing and supplying murderous outfits all over the Middle East. Nobody dares speak their name. Merchant ships are being shot at, sometimes hit. Now they're rounding up "spies" and executing them in Iran.

You heard about the Hamas commander that got smoked in Lebanon. No doubt there will be reprisals. His name was Saleh al Arouri, the deputy leader of Hamas. Israel is taking out the leadership, and everybody's more worked up than ever. Commercial vessels are being attacked by the Houthis in the Red Sea. It's out of control already. Disputes between hostiles are always welcome. Apparently China doesn't want to pay what Iran is asking for its oil. Isn't that a shame?

If you've not seen the pictures of flooding across the UK, it's startling. The worst part is that it's not through raining. You can hardly believe the photos. Flooded cars, people traversing streets in boats. I don't know how widespread the damage is, but the photos don't look good.

How's the war in Ukraine going? There's not much news about the war in Ukraine lately, and there's a reason for that. According to recent reports, the Ukrainians are falling back all along the front as Russians move forward destroying enterprises the Ukrainians need to stay in the fray. The much ballyhooed counteroffensive failed, whether they admit it or not. The Russians are gaining ground and now it's good money after bad.

So they're still chasing us around about Covid. A U. S. ally is getting routed in Ukraine, the Middle East is ablaze, and they're arguing about who's being "oppressed" as usual. They haven't given up talking to us like we're a bunch of five year olds.

It gets tiresome. We're being force fed a bunch of nonsense by our government. The Jeffrey Epstein story is front and center, and the way they're reporting it, you'd think Trump was a primary offender. Who knows what Epstein's job was. Was it blackmail? Things can't be going too well for the Clintons these days. We may well find out more than we want to know. Apparently lots of people were lured to the island on the basis of who'd already gone. We don't know what to believe about the allegations. Some are too hideous to contemplate.

We're in for a rough ride, obviously. May the U. S. recover its sanity before they get us cursed.

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