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51 Million Refugees, First Time Since WWII

June 20—The British Empire’s genocidal wars have created the highest number of refugees since the Second World War, according to the latest Global Trends Report by the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR). The number of refugees now exceeds 50 million, half whom are children, reported the June 20 London *Guardian*.

There are 16.7 million refugees who have fled their countries because of conflict. Apart from 5 million Palestinians, the largest refugee populations are Afghans, Syrians, and Somalis. The main host countries have been Pakistan, Iran, Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey. Asylum seekers, defined as those who have submitted asylum claims, mostly in developed countries, number 1.2 million, with the highest number coming from Syria (64,300), followed by the Democratic Republic of Congo (60,400), and Myanmar (57,400). Germany was the largest recipient.

Another 33.3 million refugees have been displaced within their own countries. More than 25,000 unaccompanied children lodged asylum applications in 77 countries last year, a fraction of the number of displaced minors across the globe, reports the *Guardian*.

“We are witnessing a quantum leap in forced displacement in the world,” António Guterres (Portugal), UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said, as figures for 2013 showed a total of 51.2 million refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced people. He added, “There is no humanitarian solution. . . . The solution is political and the solution is to solve the conflicts that generate these dramatic levels of displacement.”

China Denounces Obama’s Marine Preserve Scheme

June 20—China’s *Global Times* today denounced Obama’s and genocidal “marine

preserve” in the central Pacific Ocean, which uses an Executive Order to lock up 782,000 square miles against fishing, drilling, and other commercial activities, extending out 200 miles from the seven U.S. territories around the Pacific. Obama announced the nine-fold expansion of the Remote Islands National Marine Monument June 17.

“[T]he international community has yet to figure out which international law it is based on,” the Chinese paper wrote, since Washington has not ratified the UNCLOS treaty which provides for a 200-mile exclusive economic zone.

“Whether Washington has other purposes remains to be seen. . . . It seems that the U.S. intends to break through some restrictions with the excuse of ‘protecting the ocean’ to further expand and intensify its presence in the Pacific Ocean.”

Obama’s announcement comes amid the process of intense negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, and “A myriad of world media outlets have simultaneously mentioned these two actions, demonstrating that the whole of the international community has sensed they are somewhat internally linked.”

NATO Chief: Russia Plots Against Gas Fracking

June 19—NATO’s Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, on a trip to London to discuss plans for the upcoming NATO summit in Wales this fall, made himself an international laughingstock when he told journalists that Russia was waging a sophisticated disinformation campaign to try to discredit fracking.

Rasmussen met with Prime Minister David Cameron and gave a speech at the RIIA’s Chatham House, where he droned on about plans for the “Future NATO.” Among his plans were enhanced capability, more funding, and increased “readiness” to act globally, all based on the idea that the “trans-Atlantic bond is the foundation for the world order.”

On the sidelines of the event, howev-

er, Rasmussen made a number of more pointed comments. The first was to claim that Russia has once again sent troops to menace its border with Ukraine. The second, reported in all major British news media, was his wild comment about fracking.

“I have met allies who can report that Russia, as part of their sophisticated information and disinformation operations, engaged actively with so-called nongovernmental organizations—environmental organizations working against shale gas—to maintain European dependence on imported Russian gas. That is my interpretation.”

Environmental groups immediately went into an uproar. NATO, according to the media, declared that Rasmussen’s statements were his own opinion. The *Daily Telegraph* quoted Greenpeace sarcastically commenting on the number of Greenpeace activists Russia has jailed recently. A spokesman said, “The idea we’re puppets of Putin is so preposterous that you have to wonder what they’re smoking over at NATO HQ.”

Greenpeace Lost EU3.8 Mn In Speculation Last Year

June 18—Greenpeace International, the environmentalist/terrorist front, has used donations money to speculate on currency markets and lost EU3.8 million last year. GI issued a statement saying an employee at Amsterdam headquarters took out currency-exchange contracts that speculated on a weak euro in the second half of 2013. As a result of the euro strengthening later in the year, Greenpeace had to file record losses when closing accounts at the end of the year. Its 2013 annual report will show a budget deficit of EU6.8 million.

With an annual income of EU72.9 million in 2013, the loss of EU3.8 million represents a significant hit for Greenpeace International. Greenpeace claims independence, but maintains profound and enduring relationships with the Rockefeller funds.