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Inside Track

Hungarian Foreign Minister: Mass Migration Is a “Serious Threat”



Peter Szijjártó

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During a United Nations conference on counterterrorism held February 11-12 in Vienna, Hungarian Foreign Minister Péter Szijjártó branded the mass-migration plan championed by the UN a “serious threat” to humanity. The foreign minister observed that the UN should spend more of its resources on fighting global terrorism and shift resources from its mass-migration schemes to do so.

“We are calling on the UN to include the fight against terrorism in its budget, to spend more on the global fight against terrorism and less on migration, for the benefit of all the world’s citizens,” Szijjártó said.

Szijjártó makes a good point. With its current migration scheme, the UN Global Compact for Migration, the UN is exacerbating the problem that its counterterrorism conference professes to address by attempting to, essentially, legalize illegal immigration, albeit in non-binding form.

Szijjártó pointed this out himself in 2018: “The goal of the UN Global Compact for Migration is to legalize illegal immigration, which is totally unacceptable and violates the sovereignty of member states, including that of Hungary.”

Szijjártó went on to point out the link between mass migration and at least 30 separate terror attacks since the 2015 migrant crisis in Europe. Well over a thousand European citizens have been killed by so-called asylum seekers since 2014.

The minister rightly said that the UN’s funding and encouragement of mass migration posed “a very serious threat to the whole of humanity.”

Szijjártó has also been highly critical of EU policy on migration. In September of last year, he claimed that the EU was trying to “cram mandatory migrant quotas down the throats of European countries.”

The EU has been threatening to impose punitive sanctions on Hungary over its strict immigration



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policies since 2015, when the migrant crisis began.

But, thus far, Hungary has held strong, even constructing border fencing on its southern border in contravention of stated EU policy. And it worked, with the flow of illegal immigrants dropping from nearly 140,000 in 2015 to approximately 5,000 a year currently.

By James Murphy

Violence Against India's Christians Reaches Record Levels

Christians in India suffered "a record number of violent attacks" last year, with much of the blame being placed on the Hindu nationalist government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, reported the *Sunday Telegraph* on February 16.

Before Modi came to power in 2013, India didn't even make Open Doors International's top 30 nations for Christian persecution. Since then, violent attacks on Christians have increased 220 percent, according to the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). Today, India is the 10th most dangerous country for Christians and is considered less safe than Syria and Iraq.

ADF says 2019 saw "a record 328 violent attacks against Christians," but "only 36 resulted in police filing a case," and none "has yet resulted in prosecution," wrote the *Telegraph*. In addition, "more than 300 Christians were detained without trial for their faith and countless businesses, homes and schools were looted, burnt down and vandalized," and "churches have been torched." Worse still, "the police will commonly arrest the victim and charge them with trying to convert Hindus — a charge which can be punishable by seven years['] imprisonment."

"Meting out much of the violence is an all-male paramilitary youth wing linked to Mr. Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)," said the *Telegraph*. Members of this group "have been accused of fueling religious conflict with mob attacks using heavy iron-bound bamboo sticks known as lathi."

"The increase in violence can mostly be explained by the cycle of incitement and impunity often perpetrated by members of the BJP and other Hindu nationalist organizations operating in India," William Stark, International Christian Concern's regional manager for South Asia, told the *Telegraph*.

Physical attacks aren't the only type of persecution Christ-followers are facing. Christians have reported being excluded from Hindu-owned shops, forced out of their communities or hit with illegal taxes to remain, denied access to village wells, deprived of their crops, and refused burial plots for their relatives.

"Essentially, to be Indian is to be Hindu. Those who are not Hindu are thus viewed as foreigners and with suspicion," said Stark.

By Michael Tennant

Violence Against Republicans Again Increasing

There are indications that, as during the 2016 presidential campaign, violence against conservatives is increasing in the run-up to the November election.

As Fox News reported on February 16, "The incidents began earlier this month when a Florida man, Gregory Timm, 27, allegedly rammed his van into a Republican Party voter registration tent (shown above). According to reports, Timm ran over chairs and tables, and witnesses said he recorded the



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scene moments after the incident, made an obscene gesture and sped off.”

There have been other recent cases, too. On February 11, 34-year-old Patrick Bradley of Windham, New Hampshire, slapped a 15-year-old boy across the face and then assaulted two other adults who intervened. The victims were manning a Trump campaign tent.

“Bradley is also accused of throwing Trump campaign signs and attempting to knock over the campaign tent,” Fox added.

Protesters at the University of California at Santa Cruz “smashed a College Republicans information table, according to reports,” Fox tells us. “A video posted on social media shows two protesters tearing up placards and ripping down signage — with one of them appearing to spit on a 13-star ‘Betsy Ross’ American flag that is seen lying on the ground.”

Meanwhile, “Police at ASU are investigating after a video began circulating on social media showing a man screaming, ‘slash Republican throats,’” reports *Campus Reform*. Video of the incident was posted online by Students for Trump at Arizona State University on February 5.

Retired NYPD officer Daniel Sprague of Staten Island “says he got punched in the face at a Tennessee bar, all because he was wearing a birthday hat and shirt with Trump-like slogans,” Fox informs.

In January, “a Florida man was sentenced to 90 days in jail and one year of supervised probation after slapping the bill of a man’s ‘Make America Great Again’ hat before telling the man to ‘go back to Russia you f— communist’ and spitting on him,” Fox also relates.

Again, though frequent attacks on conservatives are nothing new, they have become more common with President Trump’s rise.

By Selwyn Duke

United States Leads the World in Cutting CO2 Emissions



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In yet another blow to the climate-hysteria narrative, a report from the International Energy Agency released February 11 shows that the United States is leading the entire world in cutting carbon-dioxide emissions. The findings shatter the myth that the United States is holding the world back in attempts to reduce carbon-dioxide emissions, which climate alarmists say are the main reason that the Earth is in



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danger from “global warming.”

“The United States saw the largest decline in energy-related CO2 emissions in 2019 on a country basis — a fall of 140 Mt, or 2.9%, to 4.8 Gt,” the report said. “U.S. emissions are now down almost 1 Gt from their peak in the year 2000, the largest absolute decline by any country over that period.”

In the United States, a reduction in the use of coal-fired energy plants along with increased use of natural gas is largely credited for the decrease in emissions. “A 15% reduction in the use of coal for power generation underpinned the decline in overall US emissions in 2019. Coal-fired power plants faced even stronger competition from natural gas-fired generation, with benchmark gas prices an average of 45% lower than 2018 levels. As a result, gas increased its share in electricity generation to a record high of 37%.”

Wealthy, developed Western countries are leading the way in emissions reductions. The European Union, which for this report includes the United Kingdom, saw a five-percent decrease in emissions. Germany led the way, with its emissions dropping some eight percent to “a level not seen since the 1950s.”

However, “emissions outside advanced economies grew by close to 400 Mt in 2019, with almost 80% of the increase coming from Asia. In this region, coal demand continued to expand, accounting for over 50% of energy use, and is responsible for around 10 Gt of emissions,” according to the report.

So despite electing Donald Trump and leaving the Paris climate accords, the United States is the country with the best record in reducing greenhouse gases since the year 2000.



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