



## This Week: Five Events You Need to Know (April 6)

Weapons of space war, the Algerian crisis, NATO's future, and more

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Here are five of the most important news stories this week, as well as relevant links to the full articles and videos here on theTrumpet.com.

### [Laser Guns in Xinjiang—China's Futuristic Anti-satellite Weapons](#)

"We are almost as dependent on satellites as we are on the sun itself," United States Rep. Jim Cooper wrote in the foreword to the Center for Strategic and International Studies' report titled "Space Threat Assessment 2019," published April 4. Yet these satellites are "vulnerable to a wide array of intentional threats, such as killer satellites," wrote Cooper.

China is developing the most threatening of those killer satellites.

Cooper continued: "The risk of a space Pearl Harbor is growing every day. Yet this war would not last for years. Rather, it would be over the day it started. Without our satellites, we would have a hard time regrouping and fighting back. We may not even know who had attacked us, only that we were deaf, dumb, blind and impotent."

To learn more about this growing threat, read ["Laser Guns in Xinjiang—China's Futuristic Anti-satellite Weapons"](#)

### [Another Million-Man March in the Middle East](#)

Massive protests in Algeria got results this week: The North African nation's ruler, Abdelaziz Bouteflika, stepped down, leaving a political void that Islamists are eager to fill and Europeans are anxious about.

If Algeria destabilizes, the echoes will reverberate around the world. It is an important supplier of oil and natural gas. Can Europe cope with yet another failed and disintegrated state at its borders? With another wave of refugees pouring out of the country toward Europe? And what about the rest of North Africa, which is already struggling to contain radical Islamic violence?

What does [Bible prophecy](#) say?

### [NATO at 70: Is the Alliance Finished?](#)

According to North Atlantic Treaty Organization's first secretary general, the British Lord Hastings Ismay, NATO was formed to "keep the Soviet Union out, the Americans in, and [the Germans down](#)." Its goal was to prevent one single power from dominating the European continent, instead uniting the nations of Europe against a common threat: Soviet Russia.

Now, 70 years later, NATO's existence revolves around Germany. Will the alliance survive this new dynamic?

## **Populists Win Dutch Elections**

The recent election victory of the party of Dutch populist Thierry Baudet might not have been a eulogy for democracy, but it was a warning, the *Brussels Times* wrote on April 2.

Established in 2016, Baudet's party won more seats in parliament than Prime Minister Mark Rutte's center-right party. With this election, Baudet achieved what *Foreign Policy* called "one of the greatest political upsets in Dutch political history"

Baudet's victory speech contained references to Roman mythology and allusions to [religion and nationalism](#). His "appeal to a shared past" was intended to "fill the void that globalization and secularization have left behind," wrote Hans-Martien ten Napel, an associate professor of constitutional and administrative law at the University of Leiden.

Baudet is part of a new breed of European leaders that are set to dramatically change Europe—and the whole world. So says Bible prophecy!

## **Yemenis Rally in Support of Houthi Rebels**

On the fourth anniversary of the Yemeni civil war, tens of thousands of Yemenis waving the national flag gathered in the capital of Sanaa to show their support for the Houthi rebel movement that toppled their government in 2015. According to Deutsche Welle, protesters held placards calling for persistence against Saudi aggression and chanted slogans against Saudi Arabia and the United States.

The Houthis, and their Iranian sponsors, appear to be winning this war. The [prophetic ramifications](#) of this victory are far-reaching—militarily, economically and politically.

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