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The Houthi rebels fired an anti-ship missile at a U.S. destroyer, but the missile was shot down [1]. Then the rebels struck a US registered cargo ship, the M/V Gibraltar Eagle, causing a small fire [2]. On January 16, the Houthis in Yemen struck a Maltese flagged bulk carrier, M/V Zografia, with an anti-ship ballistic missile [3]. The Houthi struck another US ship on January 15, prompting the fourth series of strikes by US coalition forces [4]. On January 23, the US conducted airstrikes against Iranian-backed militias facilities in Iraq [5]. Then the Houthis fired a missile into an oil tanker in the Gulf of Aden; starting a fire on the ship [6]. A drone attack on US forces located in Jordan left at least three Americans dead [7]. In response, the US military struck 85 targets at 7 facilities in Iraq and Syria [8]. On February 3, the US and Britain struck 36 targets in Yemen [9].

Meanwhile, Iran launched missile attacks against alleged Israel intelligence targets in Iraq and Syria [10]. The next day, Iran launched a missile attack in Pakistan targeting two bases allegedly belonging to the Baluchi militant group Jaish al Adl [11]. In response, Pakistan's air force launched airstrikes against Iran [12]. In Iraq, Iran-backed militia launched a missile attack on the Al Asad airbase, injuring some American military personnel [13].

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Israel War

The war continues to expand. For example, a Hezbollah missile attack from Lebanon, killed a woman and son in Israel [1]. There is a report that four Iranian advisors were killed in an Israel attack in Syria [2]. By one estimate, since the war started, Israel has struck over 1,000 Hezbollah sites in Syria and Lebanon [3].

It seems the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) attacks on the Gaza are not stopping missile attacks. Case in point, a barrage of 50 missile was launched toward the south-

ern town of Netivot [4]. Then, on January 31, IDF forces struck Syrian army positions [5]. The attacks against Israel include missiles fired from Yemen. For example, the IDF used its Arrow defense system to down a Houthi launched ballistic missile [5].

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- DJIA Closes Above 38,000
- Wars
- Israel
- Ukraine
- Yemen
- Iraq
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There should be an honest attempt at the reconciliation of differences before resorting to combat—
Jimmy Carter

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Terrorism

In Israel, two terrorists used a car to ram into a crowd of people in the city of Raanana, killing at least one person [1].

In Iran, a gunman killed 9 Pakistani nationals [2].

In Istanbul, two terrorists opened fire into a Church killing at least one person [3]. The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack against the Catholic church in Istanbul, Turkey [4].

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*Our combat mission is
ending, but our
commitment to Iraq's
future is not—Barack
Obama*

Economy

There is good news for China, its economy grew at a 5.2% rate for the October–December Quarter [1].

Moreover, there is good news for the US stock exchanges. On January 19, both the S&P 500 and DJIA closed at record highs [2]. The records continued on January 22 with the DJIA closing above 38,000 for the first time [3]. The S&P 500 and NASDAQ continued records high closing into January 23 [4]. They continued record closes into January 24 [5]. The S&P 500 continued its win into January 25 [6]. The three indexes had record closes on January 29 [7]. Finally, on February 2, the three indexes closed at record highs [8].

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I do not have to watch late-night television, watch a movie, to find out what combat is like—John Glenn
