## Community Comment for February 27, 2013

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This is Phil Arnot for Community Comment on KINS Radio.

Just a few weeks ago Governor Mike Huckabee, in his weekend TV show, had retired four star general Jack Keane as his guest.

General Keane said that if all of the cuts to our military go through, we will be back to pre-World War II preparadness. He said that the Navy and Army will take the biggest hits. Last week the Pentagon announced our reductyion by 1/2 of our aircraft carriers in the Persian Gulf.

As the world sees our decline, we have Benghazi, then Algeria, then Turkey and the latest uprising in Mali.

By the way, if you ever wondered where Timbucktu was located, you now know, Mali.

Iran also sees this decline in the U. S. and doesn't believe that all options are on the table.

If they were, we would be extending more support to Israel.

While this is on going, many other countries are quickly building their military power.

During this recent seige in Mali, al Queda attempted to trash Timbuktu's historic libraries and other cultural treasurers and subjected the citizens there to Shariah Law, the kind of law the Taliban made infamous in Afghanistan.

Thank goodness for the French and Malian troups in reclaiming Timbuktu. Here's to the French Foreign Legion as they brought civilization back from Barbarism. Four days later the French and Malioan troops liberated Kidali, the last stronghold of al Quaida. But al Quaida will probably not go away. Now finally we have placed some drones in Nigera which may help it wo keeping the peace. Let's hope the French remain as long as necessary to maintain peace.

I leave you with a point to ponder. Don't you think we need to maintain our military strength in this country so long as there is unrest in so much of the rest of the world.

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