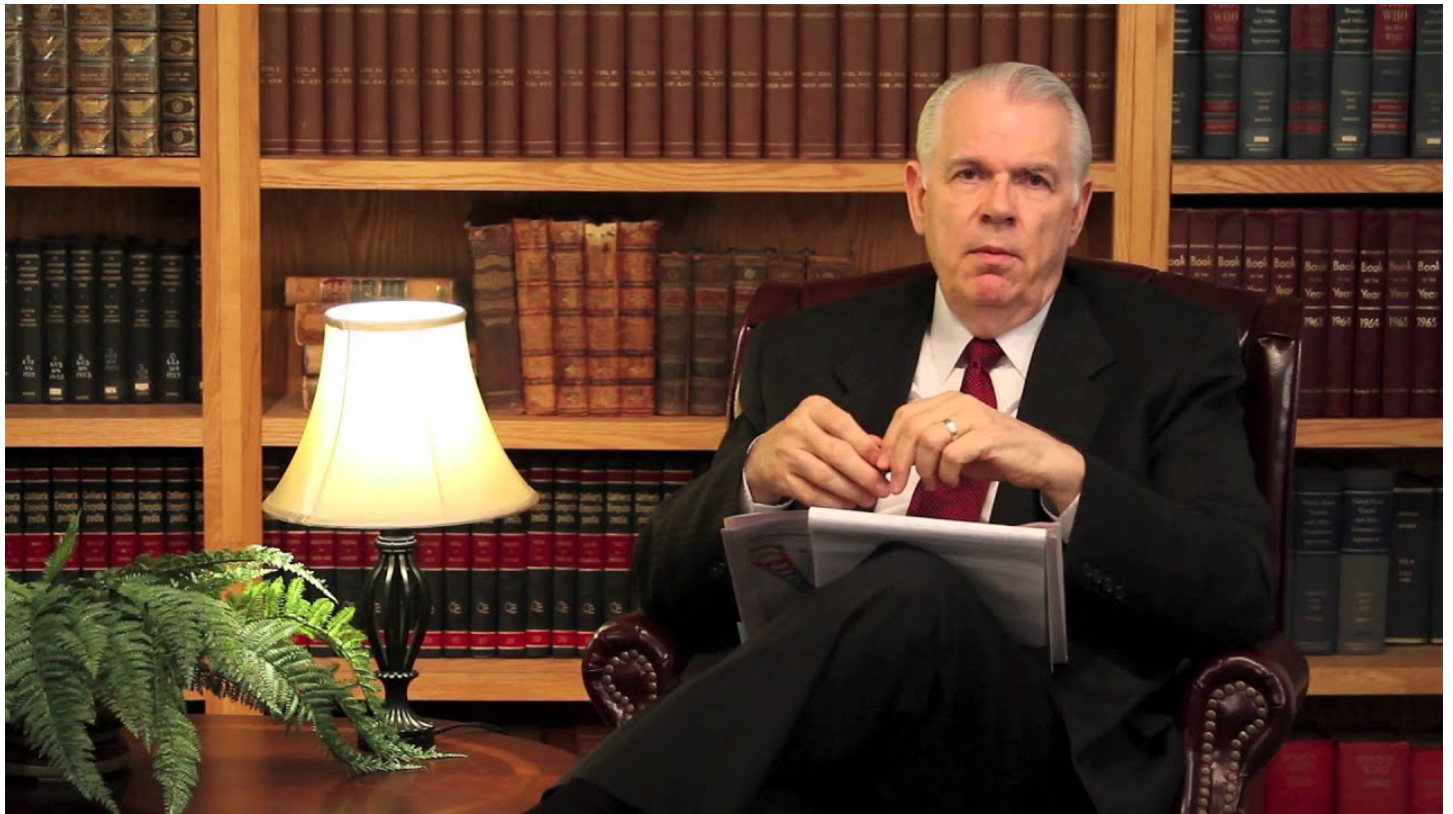


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In this weekly news update for August 20-26, 2012, JBS CEO Art Thompson discusses: how the West Nile virus has struck a JBS official; how instability is rising in the Middle East while our dependence on oil from the region rises as well; how South African violence will be used to control their people; how China is moving in on African news bureaus; and how Assange of Wikileaks has been given asylum by communist-led Ecuador.