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MAJORITY OF SAUDIS SUPPORTED BIN LADEN'S CAUSE

Jan 31, 2002 Arabic News reports: “A classified American intelligence report taken from a Saudi intelligence survey in mid-October of educated Saudis between the ages of 25 and 41 concluded that 95 percent of them supported Mr. (Osama) bin Laden's cause, according to a senior administration official with access to intelligence reports,’ a New York Times report said.

Prince Nawwaf bin Abdul Aziz, the kingdom's director of the intelligence service confirmed the existence of the survey but did not specify the level of support. He attributed the support to what he called feelings of the people against the United States, largely, he said, because of its unflinching support of Israel against the Palestinians, the report said...”

IRAN WIDENING ITS MISSILE THREAT TO ISRAEL

Jan 31, 2002 The Jerusalem Post reports: “Iran has supplied Hizbullah in Lebanon with some 10,000 missiles, enough that could ignite a regional conflagration, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday. According to Peres, the missiles have a range of between 20 km. and 70 km.



He said Iran has acquired or is trying to acquire missiles to threaten the area, including the Shihab-3, with a 1,300-km. range, to threaten the region, and a 5,000-km. range missile to threaten Europe. It is now developing a 10,000 km. range missile that could strike at North America, he said.

The Iranian ‘ayatollah’ government has threatened to eliminate Israel with these weapons, or to commit ‘genocide through missiles,’ Peres said...”

IRAQ, HAMAS, ISLAMIC JIHAD SLAM PRESIDENT BUSH'S STATEMENTS

Jan 30, 2002 The Jerusalem Post reports: “Official sources from Iraq, Iran, Islamic Jihad, and Hamas have rejected statements made by US President George W. Bush in his State of the Union address. Bush claimed these nations and organizations are among others involved in terrorism or terror-supporting activities.

He said that tens of thousands of terrorists still threaten the United States – ‘ticking time bombs, set to go off’ - and promised to stalk them across the globe.

Bush pledged to push the war on terrorism beyond Afghanistan to a dozen countries that he said harbor terrorist camps. He also warned of ‘an axis of evil’ of nations like North Korea, Iran and Iraq, and said the United States would not allow them to threaten the world with weapons of mass destruction. Bush said it is necessary to act against organizations like Hamas, Hizbullah, and Islamic Jihad.

An Iraqi official said the US and the ‘Zionists’ are the only bodies in the world who employ terror against nations and governments, Israel Radio reported.

An Islamic Jihad spokesman in Damascus said Bush's statements were hypocritical and the US has no right to blame others for terrorism...”

TEST TUBE KIDNEYS CREATED

Jan 30, 2002 BBC News reports: “Scientists have used cloning technology to create fully functioning kidneys in the laboratory. They hope the breakthrough could one day help to solve the problem of a severe shortage of donor organs for transplant. It is estimated that 100,000 people in the UK suffer from some form of severe kidney disease.

The organs were created from cells taken from a cow's ear. They were genetically identical to the donor cells and so could be transplanted back into the animal without risk of rejection. The work has been carried out by Advanced Cell Technology in Massachusetts, the private firm that stirred up controversy last year when it announced the creation of the ‘world's first human embryo clones’.

The NHS carries out approximately 1,200 kidney transplants a year, but almost 6,000 patients are waiting for a new organ at any one time. Many die before a suitable organ becomes available.

The ACT team took a single skin cell from the ear of an adult cow. This was fused with a donated cow egg which had been stripped of its own genetic material. The scientists then used a jolt of electricity to stimulate the fused cell to become an embryo. The embryo was rich in stem cells that have the potential to become a wide range of body tissues...”

DUTCH CURRENCY TO FORMALLY CEASE TO EXIST

Jan 28, 2002 The Associated Press reports: “Ahead of the rest of Europe, the Dutch currency formally ceases to exist Monday as spendable cash. Just four weeks after the euro was introduced, the guilder is fading into history so quietly that few seem to notice.



Increasingly in the last weeks, the 776-year-old guilder was rarely seen and almost forgotten. If there were fears of upheavals during the transition, they proved as flat as the Y2K scare two years ago.

‘It all passed very smoothly,’ said Jeroen Sprenger, a spokesman for the Dutch Finance Ministry, and none of the imagined nightmares materialized. ‘We had about 65 emergency scenarios, but we didn't have to use any of them.’

Of the 12 countries that embraced the euro on Jan. 1, the Dutch are the first to formally phase out their currency completely, requiring all cash and bank transactions to be conducted in euros as of the start of the last week of January.

Ireland will be next Feb. 9, and France follows Feb. 17. The entire changeover in the eurozone will be completed by Feb. 28.

The Netherlands, with just 16 million people in the heart of Europe, decided to take the lead in completing the transition, perhaps to underscore its role in adopting the pan-European currency. The treaty paving the way for the euro was signed in the Dutch town of Maastricht in 1992.

‘We have become a little less Dutch, and more European, but that happened Jan. 1. The last day of the guilder doesn't mean anything to me,’ said Korstiaan Nederveen, a shopper...”