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EGYPT: HIZBULLAH AND IRAN WANT TO 'IGNITE THE REGION'

February 10, 2011 Cairo spokesman says Nasrallah walking in footsteps of his mentor, Khamenei; Hizbullah denies escaped terrorist returned to Lebanon. Hizbullah leader Hassan Nasrallah is "walking in the footsteps of his mentor," Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman Husam Zaki told the Saudi daily al-Watan on Wednesday.

The spokesman accused the two Shi'ite leaders of wanting "to ignite the region."

Nasrallah does not have the right to accuse Egypt of being a follower of Israel and the US at a time when he works on shattering the unified front in Palestine and Lebanon to implement Iranian agendas," Zaki said."..."

NETANYAHU: EGYPT COULD FALL INTO HANDS OF RADICAL ISLAMISTS

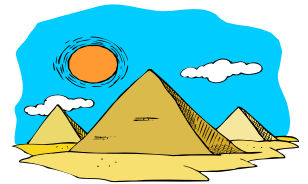
February 8, 2011 Haaretz reports: "Egypt could fall into the hands of radical Islamists as a result of the country's uprising, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday. Netanyahu warned about the result of the riots in Egypt over the past two weeks while speaking at an event for European diplomats held at the Knesset on Monday.

'Egyptians can choose a state with secular reforms. However, there is also another possibility that the Islamists will exploit the situation in order to gain governance over the country and lead it backward,' the Prime Minister said.

'The third possibility is that [Egypt] will go in the direction of Iran,' Netanyahu said, adding that they would 'oppress the country and threaten all those surrounding it.'

In Israel's neighboring Egypt, demonstrations and riots have continued unabated for two weeks with protests insisting that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak leave the government. When the protests began at the end of last month, the Prime Minister issued a similar warning, saying that a radical regime could take over in Mubarak's place.

'Our real fear is of a situation that could develop ... and which has already developed in several countries including Iran itself -- repressive regimes of radical Islam,' said Netanyahu..."



EGYPT'S MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD: IN THEIR OWN WORDS

February 6, 2011 Jerusalem Issue Briefs Vol. 10, No. 27 by Jonathan D. Halevi reported:

* The Muslim Brotherhood has taken a greater role in organizing the protest against the Egyptian regime as it unfolds its independent political agenda. Rashad al-Bayumi, the Brotherhood's second-in-command, announced in an interview with Japanese TV that the group would join a transitional government in order to cancel the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel, as it "offends the Arabs' dignity and destroys the interests of Egypt and other Arab states." He further stressed that Egypt does not need American aid.

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* Muslim Brotherhood Supreme Guide Muhammad Mahdi 'Akef told the Egyptian daily Al-Karama in 2007 that only Islam was the expression of true democracy. "Islam and its values antedated the West by founding true democracy, exemplified by the Shura [the advisory council under the Caliphs]."

* The Brotherhood's official website notes that jihad is Islam's most important tool in effecting a gradual takeover, beginning with the Muslim countries, moving on to reestablishing the Caliphate over three continents in preparation for a conquest of the West, and finally instituting a global Islamic state.

* The Muslim Brotherhood's step-by-step plan dictates its supposed "moderation," which will gradually vanish as its achievements increase and its acceptance of the existing situation is replaced by a strict, orthodox Muslim rule whose foreign policy is based on jihad."...

The Muslim Brotherhood does indeed participate in political activity and defend the democratic process. That is not, however, because it has accepted the principles of Western democracy, but rather because the democratic process can be exploited to establish an Islamic regime which will then render democracy unnecessary, as was made evident by its platform in the 2007 Egyptian parliamentary elections. The organization claimed to be participating in the elections because "the Muslim Brotherhood preaches the path of Allah...[and therefore it is participating] to fulfill Allah's commands in peaceful ways, using existing constitutional institutions and a decision determined by the ballot box." That is, democracy is Islam's entryway to power.

The Muslim Brotherhood platform also noted that "the rule in [Egypt] must be republican, parliamentary, constitutional and democratic in accordance with the Islamic Sharia," and that "the Sharia ensures liberty for all." The organization does not accept the principle of the separation of church and state, and the Islamic rule they aspire to is, for them, a realization of democracy.

Interviewed on September 17, 2007, by the Egyptian daily newspaper Al-Karama, Muslim Brotherhood Supreme Guide Muhammad Mahdi 'Akef said that the organization's campaign slogan would be: "Sharia is the Solution" and that human rights and democracy would be

included under Sharia rule.”....”

AL-QAEDA: STILL ON SCHEDULE FOR WORLD DOMINATION?

February 8, 2011 Israel National News reports: “Al-Qaeda watchers have been keeping their eye on its ‘master plan for world domination,’ first revealed in 2005. The plan was revealed by Jordanian journalist Fouad Hussein when he interviewed top Al Qaeda leaders, including the mastermind of many terror attacks in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. The plan is described as a seven-stage, long-term war, ending with the world coming under control of the Islamic Caliphate.

Phase III, which was to follow the 9/11 attacks and subsequent preparations for Islamic battle against the West, was expected to last from 2007 to 2010. It was to have included ‘increasingly frequent attacks against secular Turkey and arch-enemy Israel.’

In actuality, Al-Qaeda terrorists have been linked to exactly one attack in Turkey during that period; it took place outside the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul and left three attackers and three policemen dead. In recent weeks, Turkish police have arrested nearly 40 Al-Qaeda suspects. Closer to home, Al-Qaeda has been implicated in attempting to recruit terrorists in Gaza and Samaria, but has not been implicated in any major attacks.

Phase Four, scheduled for between 2010 and 2013, foresees the ‘downfall of hated Arab regimes, including Saudi Arabia and Jordan. Oil suppliers will be attacked and the U.S. economy will be targeted using cyber terrorism.’ Threats to carry out such attacks have often been sounded, but have generally not been followed through. On the other hand, the regimes in Tunisia and Egypt have been felled or are in danger, and observers have suggested that Saudi Arabia and Jordan could be in danger as well.

Phase Five, between 2013 and 2016, has been designated as the period of the formation of a world-wide Islamic state, or caliphate. Immediately afterwards, the ‘Islamic army’ will instigate the ‘fight between the believers and the non-believers’ that has so often been predicted by al-Qaeda's leader, Osama bin Laden. Al-Qaeda expects that war to take up to two years, ending by 2020...”...”

TERROR THREAT 'MOST HEIGHTENED' SINCE 9/11, NAPOLITANO SAYS

February 9, 2011 abcnews.com reported: “The threat of terrorism is at “its most heightened state” since the 9/11 attacks nearly a decade ago, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said today.

“The terrorist threat facing our country has evolved significantly in the last ten years -- and continues to evolve -- so that, in some ways, the threat facing us is at its most heightened state since those attacks,” she said before the House Homeland Security Committee.

Her comments were a sobering reminder that the potential of another attack is real and growing, most notably from individuals radicalized inside the United States, despite elaborate security measures implemented by the government since 2001.

“One of the most striking elements of today's threat picture is that plots to attack America increasingly involve American residents and citizens,” Napolitano said, referring to so-called homegrown terrorists fueled by the Internet and connections with operatives overseas. More than two dozen Americans have been arrested on terrorism charges in the past two years, according to government statistics.

Fifty individuals involved in 32 high-profile terrorism plots involving al Qaeda-like ideology in the past decade were U.S. citizens at the time of their arrests, according to a study by the New York State Intelligence Center. Most were natural-born.

“[We] are now operating under the assumption, based on the latest intelligence and recent arrests, that individuals prepared to carry out terrorist attacks and acts of violence might be in the United States, and they could carry out acts of violence with little or no warning, “...””

LIFESTYLE AFFECTS LIFE EXPECTANCY MORE THAN GENETICS

February 9, 2011 terradaily.com reported: “How long your parents lived does not affect how long you will live. Instead it is how you live your life that determines how old you will get, reveals research from the University of Gothenburg recently published in the Journal of Internal Medicine. It is often assumed that people with parents who lived to be very old are more likely to live to a grand old age themselves.

“But that's just not true - our study shows that hereditary factors don't play a major role and that lifestyle has the biggest impact,” says professor emeritus Lars Wilhelmsen, referring to the 1913 Men study that formed the basis of the current research.

Those who did not smoke, consumed moderate amounts of coffee and had a good socio-economic status at the age of 50 (measured in terms of housing costs), as well as good physical working capacity at the age of 54 and low cholesterol at 50 had the greatest chance of celebrating their 90th birthday.

“We're breaking new ground here,” says Wilhelmsen. “Many of these factors have previously been identified as playing a role in cardiovascular disease, but here we are showing for the first time that they are important for survival in general.”

He believes that it is significant that the research illustrates so clearly that we do not “inherit” mortality to any great extent, but instead that it is the sum of our own habits that has the biggest impact.”...The study has been published in the Journal of Internal Medicine.”...”



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