



OFFICIAL CONFIRMS, DEFENDS WHITE HOUSE MEETING WITH CONTROVERSIAL MUSLIM SCHOLAR

June 27, 2013 FoxNews.com reported: "A senior Obama administration official confirmed to Fox News that members of the National Security Council staff met with a controversial Muslim scholar, but stressed that they were focused on his recent efforts to counter the Al Qaeda narrative."...

Bin Bayyah is vice president of the International Union of Muslim Scholars, a group founded by Egyptian cleric Yusuf Qaradawi – a Muslim Brotherhood leader who has called for the death of Jews and Americans and himself is banned from visiting the U.S. Bin Bayyah, for his part, has urged the U.N. to criminalize blasphemy. His group has spoken out in favor of Hamas and in 2009 issued a fatwa barring "all forms of normalization" with Israel.

The administration official confirmed Bin Bayyah met with Senior Director for Development and Democracy Gayle Smith and other members of the National Security Council staff. But the official said they were there to discuss poverty, global health efforts and Bin Bayyah's own efforts to speak out against Al Qaeda. In 2010, Bin Bayyah publicly rejected a fatwa that had been used as the justification for Al Qaeda terrorism."..."

RAYTHEON DELIVERS FRIST NASAMS HIGH MOBILITY LAUNCHER TO NORWAY

June 27, 2013 SpaceDaily.com reported: "Raytheon has delivered the first High Mobility Launcher (HML) for Norway's National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System (NASAMS) to provide Norway with advanced air defense capability. When time is of the essence to protect high-value assets and populations, the HML significantly reduces the time required to transport and ready the system.

"The Royal Norwegian Air Force is the first international NASAMS customer to receive this highly mobile solution that can be easily rolled on and off a C-130," said Sanjay Kapoor, vice president of Integrated Air and Missile Defense for Raytheon's Integrated Defense Systems (IDS) business."..."

GAY MARRIAGE RULING: SUPREME COURT FINDS DOMA UNCONSTITUTIONAL

June 26, 2013 The Los Angeles Times reported: "The Supreme Court struck down a key part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act on Wednesday and declared that same-sex couples who are legally married deserve equal rights to the benefits under federal law that go to all other married couples.

The decision is a landmark win for the gay rights movement. It voids a section of the law known as DOMA, which was adopted with bipartisan support in Congress in 1996 to deny all benefits and recognition to same-sex couples.

At that time, no state permitted gays and lesbians to marry. Now, 12 states and the District of Columbia authorize same-sex marriages. Justice Anthony Kennedy, speaking for the 5-4 majority, said DOMA was unconstitutional because it violated the right to liberty and to equal protection for gay couples.

"By seeking to displace this protection and treating those persons as living in marriages less respected than others, the federal statute" violates the Constitution, he said. Dissenting were Justices John Roberts, Antonin Scalia, Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas.

The ruling means that more than 100,000 gay and lesbian couples who are legally married will be able to take advantage of tax breaks, pension rights and other benefits that are available to other married couples."..."

KING ABDULLAH WARNS OF PALESTINIAN ARAB SPRING STYLED REVOLT

June 26, 2013 The Jerusalem Post reported: "Jordan's King Abdullah said Palestinians could launch an Arab Spring-style revolt if they felt prospects for a peaceful settlement of their conflict with Israel had reached a dead end, the London-based Asharq al-Awsat newspaper reported on Wednesday.

King Abdullah welcomed efforts by US Secretary of State John Kerry to revive Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, but warned of a narrowing window for peace due to Israeli settlement building.

'Fading prospects of peace will explode relations between Palestinians and Israelis in a manner emulating the Arab Spring protests, either through a new intifada (uprising) or a new cycle of violence and counter violence,' he said.

King Abdullah also said Syria's war could ignite a regional sectarian conflict unless global powers helped to convene peace talks soon.

Situated near Syria and next door to Israel and the occupied West Bank, US-allied Jordan is affected by instability in the region. Jordan has taken in more than 500,000 Syrians out of a total 1.5 million who have fled the war, UN officials say.



"It has become clear to all that the Syrian crisis may extend from being a civil war to a regional and sectarian conflict...the extent of which is unknown," King Abdullah said in an interview...."

SPOKESMAN SAYS IRAN'S PRESIDENT 'WILL RETURN WITH HIDDEN IMAN'

June 26, 2013 Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty reported: "An Iranian government spokesman has said that outgoing President Mahmud Ahmadinejad will return with the Hidden Imam, who according to Shi'ite belief went into hiding in the 10th century and will reappear to bring justice to Earth.

'God willing, with the manifestation of Imam Mehdi, Ahmadinejad will also return and work for the establishment of pure Islam,' spokesman Gholam Hossein Elham was quoted as saying by Iranian news agencies.

Ahmadinejad and his close aides have been criticized in Iran over their repeated references to Mahdi and signs of his imminent coming. Ahmadinejad came under fire in March for saying that former Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez will be resurrected alongside Jesus and the Hidden Imam..."

PM: 'MY POLICY IS TO STRIKE AT THOSE WHO TRY TO ATTACK US'



June 25, 2013 Israel National News reported: "Evoking the memory of his father, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said that Israel would defend itself in all circumstances, and act against Gaza terrorists who disrupt the daily life of Israelis with rocket attacks. 'My policy is to strike at those who try to attack us. We will allow no 'trickles,' no 'accumulations.' This is how we will operate against both near and distant threats,' the Prime Minister said.

Gaza Arab terrorists fired at least seven rockets into southern Israel on Sunday night. At around 1:00 a.m., four rockets were fired towards the Hof Ashkelon Regional Council. One of them may have been intercepted by the Iron Dome anti-missile system, and the other three exploded in open areas. There were no physical injuries or damages...

Netanyahu was in the Samaria (Shomron) town of Barkan for the inauguration of a new school named for his late father, Ben-Zion Netanyahu...

Like his father, Netanyahu said, 'I believe that the Jews must be capable of defending themselves by themselves and to take determined action against any enemy that tries to attack us.

'My father thought that the revival of the Jewish People was not self-evident, that it was something we had to want, to justify,' the Prime Minister said. 'He thought that with our return to our homeland and the re-establishment of our sovereignty, that there would be many who do not agree with this and who would try to uproot us from our homeland and eliminate our state; therefore, he thought that a fundamental part of the establishment of the State of Israel as a renewed Jewish state was the ability of the Jews to defend themselves by themselves. This has guided me in every arena against every threat.'..."



NEW IRAN PRESIDENT THANKS 'MESSIAH' FOR VICTORY

June 24, 2013 WND.com reported: "Iran's newly elected president, Hassan Rohani, attributed his victory in the June 15 voting to the 12th Imam, Mahdi, a statement with ominous overtones in the Islamic regime's quest for nuclear weapons.

The Shiites believe that at the end of times, the 12th Imam, a 9th-century prophet, will reappear with Jesus Christ at his side, kill all the infidels and raise the flag of Islam in all four corners of the world. Many analysts believe Iran is seeking nuclear capability to bring on that Armageddon.

'This political [election] was due to the kindness of the last Islamic messiah [Mahdi],' Rohani said Friday..."

BASIJ COMMANDER: SYRIAN CRISIS TO END WITH ISRAEL'S COLLAPSE

June 24, 2013 The Fars News Agency reported: "Commander of Iran's Basij (volunteer) Force Brigadier General Mohammad Reza Naqdi underlined that the current crisis in Syria will terminate with the collapse of the Zionist regime.

'The end of (crisis in) Syria will lead to the collapse of the Zionist regime,' Naqdi said in the Northern province of Golestan on Saturday night.

Elsewhere, he referred to the recent unrests in Turkey, and stressed, 'What is happening in Turkey is a lesson for those who say that we should turn to the West.'

In relevant remarks on Saturday, Naqdi underlined that the recent unrest in Turkey is the result of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's policy of concession to the demands of Washington and other western countries.

'Today, the Turkish government has reached a point that the streets in Turkey are the scene of conflicts every day due to the propaganda of the western media, and Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan is complaining about BBC and CNN ('s biased reports),' Naqdi said in Tehran..."

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