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OBAMA ORDERS US TO REVIEW AID TO EGYPT

July 4, 2013 YnetNews.com reported: "President Barack Obama urged Egypt's military Wednesday to hand back control to a democratic, civilian government without delay, but stopped short of calling the ouster of President Mohamed Morsi a coup.

In a carefully worded statement, Obama said he was "deeply concerned" by the military's move to topple Morsi's government and suspend Egypt's constitution. He said he was ordering the US government to assess what the military's actions meant for US foreign aid to Egypt.

Under US law, the government must suspend foreign aid to any nation whose elected leader is ousted in a coup d'etat. The US provides \$1.5 billion a year to Egypt in military and economic assistance that is considered a critical US national security priority.



"I now call on the Egyptian military to move quickly and responsibly to return full authority back to a democratically elected civilian government as soon as possible through an inclusive and transparent process, and to avoid any arbitrary arrests of President Morsi and his supporters," Obama said.



The US wasn't taking sides in the conflict, committing itself only to democracy and respect for the rule of law, Obama said. With the threat of further unrest roiling Egypt, the State Department ordered all nonessential US diplomats and the families of all American embassy personnel to leave the country."..."

EGYPT SWEARS IN MANSOUR AS INTERIM LEADER AFTER MORSI OUSTED

July 4, 2013 BBC News reported: "The top judge of Egypt's Constitutional Court, Adly Mahmud Mansour, has been sworn in as interim leader, a day after the army ousted President Mohammed Morsi and put him under house arrest. Mr. Mansour said fresh elections were 'the only way' forward, but gave no indication of when they would be held.

Mr. Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected leader, is under house arrest after what he says was a military coup. The army said he had 'failed to meet the demands of the people'.

The upheaval comes after days of mass rallies against Mr. Morsi and the Islamist Muslim Brotherhood movement he comes from. Protesters accused them of pursuing an Islamist agenda and of failing to tackle Egypt's economic problems.

The health ministry says at least 10 people were killed and scores injured in clashes at rival protests across the country overnight. Some 50 people have died since the latest unrest began on Sunday."..."

MURSI, EGYPT ARMY READY TO DIE IN 'FINAL HOURS' SHOWDOWN

July 3, 2013 Reuter's reported: "Egypt's army commander and Islamist President Mohamed Mursi each pledged to die for his cause as a deadline loomed on Wednesday that will trigger a military takeover backed by protesters.

Military chiefs, vowing to restore order in a country racked by demonstrations over Mursi's Islamist policies, issued a call to battle in a statement headlined "The Final Hours". They said they were willing to shed blood against "terrorists and fools" after Mursi refused to give up his elected office.

Less than three hours before an ultimatum was due to expire for Mursi to agree to share power or make way for an army-imposed solution, the president's spokesman said it was better that he die in defense of democracy than be blamed by history.

"It is better for a president, who would otherwise be returning Egypt to the days of dictatorship, from which God and the will of the people has saved us, to die standing like a tree," spokesman Ayman Ali said, "Rather than be condemned by history and future generations for throwing away the hopes of Egyptians for establishing a democratic life."

In an emotional, rambling midnight television address, Mursi said he was democratically elected and would stay in office to uphold the constitutional order, declaring: "The price of preserving legitimacy is my life."..."

OUTSIDE VIEW: ROUHANI'S ELECTION

July 2, 2013 SpaceDaily.com reported: "Early in his first term, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad confidently predicted to other leaders of the Muslim world a major religious event would take place during his time in office.

With his second term ending Aug. 3, his prediction won't happen but Ahmadinejad -- a non-cleric -- truly believed he was to be a catalyst in triggering the event's occurrence.

This leaves us with: 1) an unknown unknown -- i.e., whether Iran's president-elect -- Hassan Rouhani -- will go "back to the future," claiming the prediction will occur on his watch; and 2) a known known -- i.e., whether Rouhani's presidency means it is "back to the past"

on nuclear arms negotiations. Rest assured, THERE WILL BE NO DIPLOMATIC RESOLUTION.

Ahmadinejad predicted the return of Islam's 12th Imam or "Mahdi" -- a 5-year-old religious leader who disappeared more than a millennium ago, ascending into a state of occultation and only descending back to Earth at a time of world chaos to establish a global caliphate to which all other religions will be subservient. Ahmadinejad publicly reported during his second term he was visited by the Mahdi, who allegedly said the event was imminent.

One reason Ahmadinejad fell into disfavor with Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei was this representation. It threatened the clerics' power, suggesting a non-cleric had better other-worldly connections than did the country's senior religious leader.

Unsurprisingly, Khamenei then announced he too was visited by the Mahdi. But when Ahmadinejad's chief of staff and recently rejected-presidential-candidate, Esfandiar Rahim Mashaei, reported a visit by the Mahdi as well, it was too much for the clerics.

They immediately accused Mashaei and Ahmadinejad of witchcraft and summoning genies and another Ahmadinejad staff member of being "a man with special skills in metaphysics and connections with unknown worlds."

Apparently, in a theocracy, only clerics can have such powers!

Had Iran's nuclear program gone according to plan, Ahmadinejad believed he would possess the key for triggering the Mahdi's return. Most Muslims believe in the 12th Imam's eventual return -- to be triggered by world chaos.

But while the majority believes it need evolve naturally, Ahmadinejad is part of a small cult believing man can be the catalyst in triggering it -- even having a documentary film produced explaining his role in the Mahdi's return."..."

SYRIAN JIHADISTS PUBLICLY BEHEAD CATHOLIC PRIEST

July 2, 2013 Israel National News reported: "A Catholic priest has been publicly beheaded by Syrian terrorists after he was accused of collaborating with President Bashar Al-Assad's regime.

Franciscan Father Francois Murad was executed along with two other people in the countryside of Idlib in northern Syria on Sunday, the New York Daily News reported. The brutal beheading was filmed and posted to the Internet.

The Vatican confirmed Murad's death Monday, but the circumstances surrounding the 49-year-old priest's death are not entirely known, reported the Daily News.

Spectators recorded the killings that included two others with their smartphones and cameras before uploading it online. Local sources told the Vatican that convent for the Custody of the Holy Land, where Murad had taken refuge, was ambushed by terrorists linked to the jihadist group Jabhat al-Nusra (Al-Nusra Front)..."

IAEA CHIEF SOUNDS WARNING ON 'NUCLEAR TERRORISM'

July 1, 2013 SpaceDaily.com reported: "The head of the UN atomic agency warned Monday against complacency in preventing "nuclear terrorism", saying progress in recent years should not lull the world into a false sense of security.

"Much has been achieved in the past decade," Yukiya Amano of the International Atomic Energy Agency told a gathering in Vienna of some 1,200 delegates from around 110 states including 35 ministers to review progress on the issue.

"Many countries have taken effective measures to prevent theft, sabotage, unauthorised access, illegal transfer, or other malicious acts involving nuclear or other radioactive material. Security has been improved at many facilities containing such material."

Partly as a result, he said, "there has not been a terrorist attack involving nuclear or other radioactive material."

"But this must not lull us into a false sense of security. If a 'dirty bomb' is detonated in a major city, or sabotage occurs at a nuclear facility, the consequences could be devastating..."



IRAN: SYRIAN CRISIS PRELUDE TO COMING OF MAHDI

June 28, 2013 WND.com reported: "A high Iranian politician believes the Syrian revolution could be the catalyst for sparking a worldwide conflagration that will usher in an era of Muslim domination of the world.

'One can smell from the crisis in Syria the coming ... of the end of times and the coming of the last Islamic messiah,' said Ruhollah Hosseini, a member of the Islamic regime's parliament. Previously he was deputy of the Intelligence Ministry and a member of board of trustees of Islamic Revolution Document Center.

Shiites, whose clerics rule Iran with an iron fist, believe that at the end of times, the 12th Imam, Mahdi, 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..."

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