



MILITARY CENSORS CHRISTIAN CHAPLAIN, ATHEISTS CALL FOR PUNISHMENT

July 25, 2013 Breitbart.com reported: "A Christian chaplain in the military is being officially censored for engaging in free speech, and anti-Christian activists are demanding he be punished. Lt. Col. Kenneth Reyes is a Christian chaplain currently serving in the U.S. Air Force. He is stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska. As an ordained clergyman whose duties are to provide religious instruction and spiritual counseling, he has a page on the base's website called 'Chaplain's Corner.'

Reyes recently wrote an essay entitled, 'No Atheists in Foxholes: Chaplains Gave All in World War II.' This common saying is attributed to a Catholic priest in World War II, made famous when President Dwight D. Eisenhower said during a 1954 speech: 'I am delighted that our veterans are sponsoring a movement to increase our awareness of God in our daily lives. In battle, they learned a great truth that there are no atheists in the foxholes.'

As reported by Fox News's Todd Starnes, when Reyes referenced this famous line in his essay, the Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) contacted the base commander, Col. Brian Duffy, demanding he take action on Reyes's 'anti-secular diatribe.'

MRFF's letter says that by Reyes's 'use of the bigoted, religious supremacist phrase, 'no atheists in foxholes,' he defiles the dignity of service members.' They accuse him of violating military regulations..."

EUROZONE EDGING TOWARDS ECONOMIC RECOVERY

July 25, 2013 The EU Observer reported: "The eurozone appears to be edging towards economic recovery, according to data published on Wednesday (24 July). Statistics firm Markit revealed that its purchasing managers' index (PMI), which measures economic conditions based on data from thousands of companies, hit its highest level in 18 months in July.

It rose to 50.4, up from 48.7 in June, driven by increased output from private sector companies in France and Germany. It is the first time that the index has cleared 50, which marks the tipping point between recession and growth, since January 2012.

Manufacturing data was particularly encouraging. Data from Germany, the bloc's largest economy, indicated that the country's traditionally strong manufacturing sector rose to 52.8 from June's 50.4, the strongest reading since February this year.

Meanwhile, France's manufacturing sector also came close to posting growth, with a PMI of 49.8 (up from 48.4 in June), itself a 17-month high. The news has prompted the Bank of France to project that the country's economy grew by 0.2 percent in the second quarter of 2013, potentially bringing an end to its recession.

However, unemployment in France hit a record high in June, according to statistics also published on Wednesday.

The country's jobless total rose by 0.5 per cent to 3.279 million, an increase of 14,900 people from May, in news that deals a blow to President Francois Hollande's pledge to reduce unemployment by the year's end. Hollande is coming under increasing pressure from Brussels to bring down France's budget deficit and shake up its labour market and from his governing socialist party to increase employment.

But unemployment tends to be a lagging economic indicator. Increases in business confidence and output are unlikely to be reflected in improved labour market figures for between three and six months."

VIRUS FEARS, MECCA WORK DOWNSIZES HAJJ PILGRIMAGE

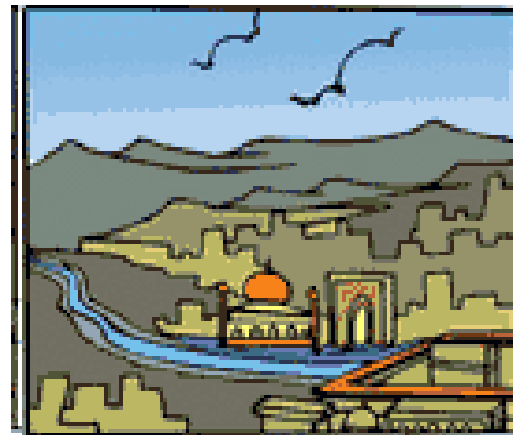
July 25, 2013 france24.com reported: "Fears of an outbreak of the deadly MERS virus in Saudi Arabia and construction in the holy city of Mecca have forced cuts in the numbers of pilgrims permitted to perform this year's hajj.

Millions of Muslims during the annual pilgrimage head to Mecca and Medina, Islam's two holiest sites, providing a possible means for MERS to spread around the globe as pilgrims who may become infected return to their home countries.

Fearful of such a scenario, the authorities have reduced by half the number of pilgrims coming from within Saudi Arabia, and by about 20 percent those from abroad.

"This is an exceptional and temporary decision," Hajj Minister Bandar Hajjar announced last month.

MERS, short for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus which can lead to acute pneumonitis and renal failure, claimed its first victim in Saudi Arabia in June 2012. Since then, a total of 90 cases and 45 confirmed MERS deaths have been recorded worldwide, in countries including Jordan, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Britain, France



and Italy.

Saudi Arabia, which has already recorded 69 MERS cases, 38 of them fatal, has urged the elderly and chronically ill, as well as children and pregnant women, not to perform the annual hajj that falls this year in October. But the health ministry so far has not taken any special measures at airports to detect visitors who may be infected, deputy health minister Ziad Memish told AFP.”...”

COMING SOON: AMERICA'S OWN ISLAMIC 'NO-GO' ZONES

July 24, 2013 WND.com reported: “Coming soon to dozens of locations across the United States: America’s own ‘no-go’ zones where Muslims install their own courts, government, justice and punishment, much like the zones that already exist across the European Union.

That’s according to Martin Mawyer of the Christian Action Network. His organization has been so strong in its opposition to radical Muslim expansion in the U.S., he’s been targeted in a \$30 million defamation lawsuit by a group called Muslims of the Americas, founded by Pakistan Sheik Mubarak Ali Gilani...

Mawyer told WND he now has learned that the Muslim organization is attempting to model the previously secretive training camps after the European ‘no-go’ zones.

Across the EU, there are enclaves where Muslims make up almost 100 percent of the population. They have been known to set up Shariah religious-law courts alongside secular court systems. They exert control over every facet of life, up to and including applying Islamic limits to what people do, say, wear and believe.

‘What they’re trying to do is step up from the training camp, the secretive, plotting location ... and become their own state within a state,’ he told WND. Law enforcement often even is afraid to enter such zones, he noted...”

"HUNDREDS" OF AL QAEDA TERRORISTS ESCAPE IRAQI JAIL

July 23, 2013 Israel National News reported: “At least 500 inmates - most of them ‘senior’ Al Qaeda terrorists - have escaped from two jails in Iraq, threatening to worsen the security situation in a country rocked by sectarian and political violence.

The jailbreaks occurred in Taji, to the north of the capital Baghdad, and west of the capital, in the infamous Abu Ghraib prison, according to the BBC.

Abu Ghraib gained notoriety in 2004 when evidence surfaced of abuse against Iraqi inmates by US forces. It was previously used as a prison by Saddam Hussein's regime, where political opponents were systematically tortured. Attackers used mortar shells and suicide bombers to free the prisoners, killing at least 20 members of the Iraqi security forces...”

'EGYPT'S ARMY READY TO LAUNCH SINAI OPERATION'

July 21, 2013 The Jerusalem Post reported: “The Egyptian army is strengthening its presence in the Sinai and trying to close off routes in and out of the region while it continues to destroy tunnels that connect with Gaza, according to a report by the Egyptian paper Al-Masry Al-Youm on Sunday. Naval forces and border guards have moved into the sea off the Sinai coast and are preventing fishermen from entering the sea.

Ongoing terrorist attacks in Sinai continued on Sunday with gunmen attacking security checkpoints in El Arish by firing three Grad rockets, killing and injuring a number of people according to a report by the Egyptian State Information Service on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Egyptian security forces arrested a terrorist who attacked a checkpoint on Sunday using automatic weapons. Apache helicopters helped locate and apprehend the terrorist, according to the Daily News Egypt.

Sources told the Egyptian paper El-Watan on Sunday that this week will be decisive regarding military operations in the Sinai and that more than 10 operations will be initiated after various sites have been monitored in preparation for the operations...”

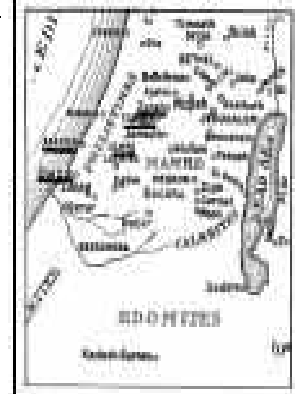
HAMAS: NO NEGOTIATING WITH THE 'OCCUPATION'

July 20, 2013 Arutz Sheva reported: “The Hamas terrorist group which controls Gaza was quick to pour cold water on U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry’s announcement that peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority would resume.

‘Hamas rejects Kerry's announcement of a return to talks and considers the Palestinian Authority's return to negotiations with the occupation to be at odds with the national consensus,’

Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri told AFP on Friday, after Kerry announced at a press conference in Amman that negotiators from both sides will be meeting in Washington next week. Abu Zuhri said that PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, who heads Hamas’s longtime rival faction Fatah, had no legitimate right to negotiate on behalf of ‘the Palestinian people.’

Ihab al-Ghassin, spokesman for the Hamas government, also told AFP that ‘whoever negotiates on the part of the people who is not chosen by them, represents only himself. The Palestinian people will not accept this.’...”



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