



WATER LEAKS MAY BECOME NEW JAPAN NUCLEAR DISASTER

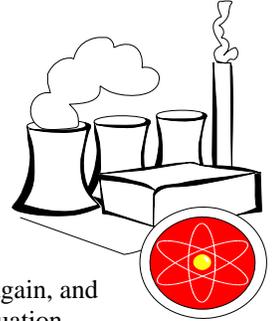
August 22, 2013 MyWay.com reported: "Japan's nuclear watchdog said a leak of highly radioactive water at the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant could be the beginning of a new disaster - a series of leaks of contaminated water from storage tanks.

The plant operator has built hundreds of steel tanks to store massive amounts of radioactive water coming from three melted reactors, as well as underground water running into reactor and turbine basements.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. says about 300 tons (300,000 liters, 80,000 gallons) of contaminated water leaked from one of the tanks, possibly through a seam. The leak is the fifth, and the worst, since last year involving tanks of the same design at the wrecked Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, raising concerns that contaminated water could begin leaking from storage tanks one after another.

"That's what we fear the most. We must remain alert. We should assume that what has happened once could happen again, and prepare for more," Nuclear Regulation Authority Chairman Shunichi Tanaka told a news conference. "We are in a situation where there is no time to waste."

TEPCO said the leaked water is believed to have mostly seeped into the ground after escaping from the barrier around the tank. It initially said the leak did not pose an immediate threat to the sea because of its distance - about 500 meters (1,650 feet) - from the coastline. But TEPCO reversed that view late Wednesday and acknowledged a possible leak to the sea after detecting high radioactivity inside a gutter extending to the ocean."..."



FRANCE: WORLD MUST RESPOND IF SYRIA USED CHEMICAL WEAPONS

August 22, 2013 Voice of America News reported: "France says the international community must respond with force if opposition allegations that Syrian forces used chemical weapons in an attack near Damascus prove true. But French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius on Thursday ruled out the use of ground troops.

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu is also urging international action, saying a 'red line' has been crossed in Syria.

Activists say Syrian forces launched new bombing attacks Thursday in the eastern Ghouta area, where a day earlier the opposition accused government troops of killing many civilians with chemical weapons.

The Syrian government has denied the chemical weapons allegations. It says the opposition is trying to distract United Nations inspectors who are in the country to investigate government claims that rebels used chemical weapons earlier this year..."

MORSI SUPPORTERS CALL FOR 'DAY OF MARTYRS' ON FRIDAY

August 22, 2013 Israel National News reported: "Supporters of deposed Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi have no intention of backing down on their protests against the military. With Friday, the day on which the largest protests usually take place following prayers at the mosques, just around the corner, a group of Morsi supporters is calling on Egyptians to hold 'Friday of Martyrs' protests against the military.

A grouping calling itself The National Coalition to Support Legitimacy, which has been demanding Morsi's reinstatement, said in a statement quoted by Reuters on Wednesday, 'We will remain steadfast on the road to defeating the military coup.'

Almost 900 people, including more than 100 soldiers and police officers, have been killed since the authorities forcibly dispersed Muslim Brotherhood sit-ins in Cairo last Wednesday.

The ongoing violence since the military deposed Morsi in July has prompted the Egyptian government to begin deliberations on whether to ban the Muslim Brotherhood, as it had been for years until the fall of former President Hosni Mubarak.

The United States and the European Union are both reviewing aid to Cairo in light of the bloodshed, but Saudi Arabia, a foe of the Brotherhood, has promised to make up any shortfall.

On Wednesday, European Union foreign ministers agreed to suspend the sale of security equipment and arms to Egypt that could be used for internal repression. The 28-nation bloc's foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton said the ministers strongly condemned the disproportionate use of force by the Egyptian security forces but also violence by some of those opposed to the authorities..."

CHRISTIANS, OTHER MINORITIES IN SYRIA FEAR 'ETHNIC CLEANSING'

August 21, 2013 Stars & Stripes reported: "It's a sweltering Friday night and the brightly lit streets of the mainly Christian neighborhood of Kasaa throb with the rhythms of music and the laughter of scores of young men and women strolling or sitting in outdoor cafes sipping

beer or soft drinks. That is, until the deep rumble of twin 82 mm mortar blasts. The music stops, shops are shuttered, the streets are empty.

Welcome to Damascus...Over the past year, many Christians have fled the neighborhood, moving to other areas of the capital or into neighboring Lebanon. Some who remain say they fear the rebels are aiming to achieve 'ethnic cleansing' – the policy of eliminating unwanted ethnic or religious groups by terror that gained international notoriety during the Bosnian war 29 years ago..."

COPTIC KRISTALLNACHT

August 20, 2013 National Review Online reported: "The millions of Egyptians, Muslim and Christian, who took to the street in peaceful protest over a month ago understood well the consequences of crossing the Muslim Brotherhood. 'So much violence, so many innocent people killed,' says Mina Thabet, an Egyptian human-rights activist who lives in Cairo.

'The [Mohamed] Morsi supporters are armed and killing people in the streets. They are targeting Copts. But if the Muslim Brotherhood had remained in power, we would have the same violence and much more because he would use the institutions of the country, the army and the police, against us.'

The Muslim Brotherhood's systematic and coordinated attacks against Christians in Egypt are reminiscent of Kristallnacht in Germany in 1938, when Nazi paramilitaries systematically vandalized Jewish homes, businesses, and synagogues and murdered scores of Jews in a disturbing foreshadowing of the fate of European Jews over the next few years.

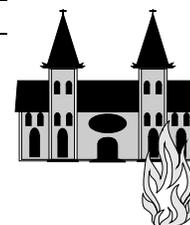
It is no accident that many Jews, including Barry Rubin and Jeffrey Goldberg, have been quick to raise the alarms over the persecution of Christians: They recognize the dangerous signs. 'They have hatred in their hearts,' says Thabet of the Brotherhood, echoing observations commonly made of the National Socialists in 20th-century Germany..."

MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD MEMO BLESSES EGYPTIAN CHURCH BURNINGS

August 20, 2013 Breitbart.com reported: "A memo posted on the Facebook page of a local office of the Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party obtained by the Investigative Project on Terrorism shows a clear call to incitement against Egypt's Coptic Christian population, giving its blessing to the burning of churches.

Over 40 Coptic churches have been burned by Muslim Brotherhood supporters since the Egyptian police cleared demonstrators protesting the overthrow of former Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi on Tuesday.

Brotherhood supporters also reportedly blocked the road between Cairo and Aswan in southern Egypt looking for Copts, taking seven Copts hostage Thursday. They were later released after a ransom of 150,000 Egyptian pounds, roughly \$21,500, was paid. Muslim Brotherhood rioters who torched St. George Cathedral in Sohag were heard screaming 'Allahu Akbar!' as they carried out their deed..."



AL JAZEERA CAUGHT AIRING FAKE DEATH OF MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD PROTESTOR

August 20, 2013 FreeBeacon.com reported: "The Al Jazeera news channel has been caught airing what appears to be the fake death of a Muslim Brotherhood-backed protestor in Egypt, according to reports. As violence between Muslim Brotherhood protestors and Egyptian security forces rages in the Middle Eastern country, Al Jazeera has run a flurry of coverage that critics say is sympathetic to the Brotherhood.

A supposedly dead protestor was filmed and broadcast earlier this week on Al Jazeera. As a distraught woman yells in Arabic, the man in question can be seen clutching what is described as a gunshot wound. However, when the man's hand is moved it becomes apparent that he has not been injured despite a pool of blood.

The fake death was first flagged by FSA Crimes, an advocacy website that tracks alleged war crimes committed by rebel fighters battling Syrian President Bashar al Assad."...

"Doctors' surrounding him as he lays there, eyes shut and face frozen," FSA writes. "One of the 'doctors' then decide to lift the man's shirt up and to the viewers' big surprise, there is no wound underneath the shirt!"..."

MERKEL BACKS PLANS TO RETAKE EU POWERS

August 15, 2013 The EU Observer reported: "German Chancellor Angela Merkel has become the latest EU leader to raise the prospect of shifting powers from Brussels back to national governments. Speaking with German TV on Tuesday night (13 August), she said: "I believe that in Europe at the moment we have to take care to co-ordinate our competitiveness more closely."

But she noted: "We don't have to do everything in Brussels".

She added: "We can also consider whether we can give something back. And we will also have this discussion after the Bundestag elections."

While Merkel's government is a strong supporter of the austerity policies created under the Eurozone's new economic governance laws, she is anxious to reduce EU regional development spending and any measures which could restrict the bloc's single market.

Merkel's intervention, which come as she bids for a third term as Chancellor in elections in September, is likely to encourage other EU countries hoping to repatriate powers to the national level."..."

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