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MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD BLASTS TERROR GROUP DESIGNATION

December 26, 2013 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "A senior leader of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood blasted on Wednesday night the decision by Egypt's interim government to declare the organization a 'terrorist group'."



Speaking to AFP, Brotherhood member Ibrahim Munir made clear that the Islamists in Egypt would continue with their near-daily demonstrations despite the blacklist.



'The protests will continue, certainly,' said Munir, a member of the group's executive council who is in exile in London, denouncing the government's latest move as 'illegitimate.'

'This is an attempt to frame the Brotherhood,' he claimed..."

NORTH KOREA RUSHING IMMINENT WAR PREPARATIONS

December 26, 2013 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un further escalated tensions of war on Wednesday, putting his army on notice for imminent combat during an inspection of troops accompanied by North Korea's top 3 military leaders."

'We must greatly hurry preparations for battle, not forgetting that war is not the kind of thing that you advertise when you'll do it,' said Kim, according to Japanese-language NHK News.

Kim's bellicose statements came while inspecting the Command of Large Combined Unit 526 on Christmas Eve, as reported by the state's official Korean Central News Agency.

The latest threats of war follow a fax by North Korea to its southern neighbor last Thursday, saying it would 'attack it without mercy and without notice.'

In response to the increasing tensions, South Korean President Park Geun-Hye on Tuesday visited a frontline army post, her first visit since taking office in February. There, Park called the situation 'ominous' and demanded 'watertight security readiness.'

North Korea's aggressive stance has quickly grown since Kim had his uncle Jang Song-Taek executed in a rare public purge two weeks ago. The young dictator reportedly ordered the execution while he was drunk, according to reports..."

HAMAS MINISTER FIRST ISRAEL, THEN THE WORLD

December 25, 2013 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "The ultimate goal of the Hamas movement is to establish Islam worldwide, Hamas minister Fathi Hammad declared during a recent public address in Gaza."

'We shall liberate our land, Allah willing. We shall liberate our Al-Aqsa Mosque, and our cities and villages, as a prelude to the establishment of the future Islamic Caliphate. Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are at the threshold of a global Islamic civilization era,' Hammad proclaimed.

'The fuel and spearhead of this era will be Gaza, and its mujahideen and leaders will be from Gaza, Allah willing,' he added.

Hammad's speech was translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). He then appealed to Fatah, which heads the Palestinian Authority in Judea and Samaria, to stop negotiating with Israel.

'We just sit and talk to the Jews. Enough with that! Come join us, the legions of the believers, which have translated the Koran into victory, the law of the Prophet's ancestors into glory, and Jihad into liberation,' he urged.

'We shall be coming with a third Intifada, an armed revolution, a Jihadi revolution, Allah willing,' Hammad continued, adding that 'Gaza and the West Bank will fuse together, along with our brothers within the 1948 borders, in a second Battle of Hattin, in order to uproot the Jews,' referencing the defeat of Christian Crusader forces by Saladin's Muslim army in 1187..."

NORTH KOREA NUKE RESTART 'MORE EXTENSIVE' THAN EXPECTED

December 24, 2013 VOAnews.com reported: "A U.S.-based research group says North Korea has likely made 'a more wide-ranging, extensive' effort to restore its main nuclear site than previously thought."

The analysis by the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins University is based on recent satellite images of the Yongbyon nuclear complex in the country's northwest.

A five-megawatt plutonium reactor at the compound was restarted in August, weeks after Pyongyang vowed to expand its nuclear weapons stockpile.

Although recent satellite images showed activity had resumed, it was unclear how quickly the reactor could resume making plutonium for

nuclear bombs, since a lengthy process to make fresh fuel rods first needed to be completed.

But a piece published Tuesday on the U.S.-Korea Institute's 38 North blog suggested Pyongyang had anticipated this and may have been working on fuel production facilities for years.

The institute pointed to evidence including white stains on a roof and a nearby dumping grounds it said are consistent with the fuel rod production process.

When operating normally, analysts say the reactor will be able to produce enough plutonium to make about one or two bombs per year. Pyongyang is believed to already have enough to make up to 10 bombs..."

CHRISTIANS FEEL PRESSURE TO KEEP SILENT ABOUT THEIR FAITH, LORD CAREY WARNS

December 24, 2013 The London Daily Telegraph reported: "Christians in Britain feel under pressure to keep silent about their faith in public, a former Archbishop of Canterbury has warned, as he accuses the government of being 'full of denial' and failing to speak up over human rights abuses across the globe.

Lord Carey, who was Archbishop of Canterbury until 2002, said he is 'worried about the future of faith in the West' as he highlighted an 'increasing timidity' among churchgoers, with some fearing to admit faith in their own workplaces.

In a passionate defence of persecuted Christians around the world, he warned the government is failing to speak up for those who endure marginalisation, violence and fear.

Writing in The Telegraph, Lord Carey said western governments have been 'strangely and inexplicably reluctant to confront' the deliberate targeting of Christians in the Middle East.

His defence of Christians follows comment from the Prince of Wales, who last week warned the religion was beginning to 'disappear' in the face of a wave of 'organised persecution'..."

SOUTH SUDAN SEES 'MASS ETHNIC KILLINGS'

December 24, 2013 BBC News reported: "New evidence is emerging of alleged ethnic killings committed during more than a week of fighting in South Sudan. The violence follows a power struggle between President Salva Kiir, a Dinka, and his Nuer ex-deputy Riek Machar.

A reporter in the capital, Juba, quoted witnesses as saying more than 200 people, mostly ethnic Nuers, had been shot by security forces. The UN says it has discovered a mass grave in Bentiu in the oil-rich Unity State, containing about 75 bodies.

'There are reportedly at least two other mass graves in Juba,' UN human rights chief Navi Pillay said in a statement.

A spokeswoman for the Geneva-based human rights office told the BBC the ethnicity of those killed in Bentiu was unclear - but there are reports they are ethnic Dinkas.

Ravina Shamdasani said the other two reported mass graves were in Jebel-Kujur and Newside, near Eden. She said it was not clear who was responsible for the killings..."

EXPERTS: ROUHANI HAS 'ISOLATED' ISRAEL IN A MATTER OF MONTHS

December 23, 2013 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Israeli experts comment that only months after taking over as President of Iran, Hassan Rouhani has sabotaged Israel's international efforts to halt his country's nuclear program, caused an unprecedented deterioration in Israel-US relations, and taken America's military option off the table.



The cover story of Forbes Magazine's latest edition, summarizing the year 2013, focuses on the far-reaching influence of Rouhani's 'charm offensive' on Israel in a mere matter of months.

Rouhani's historic nuclear deal is the highlight of his achievements presented in the article.

In addition to cancelling Iranian isolation, the deal has led to a crisis in relations between the Islamic regime's greatest enemy, Israel, and Israel's main ally, the US.

The Israeli security and academic experts quoted in the article note that Iran's control of the international sphere comes at Israel's expense, which is taking Iran's place as an isolated country.



'The (nuclear) agreement hurt trust between Israel and the US, and hurt Israel's standing,' former head of Israel's Mossad intelligence service Ephraim Halevi told Forbes. 'Israel is viewed as weak and isolated while Iran is seen as strong and influential in the region.'..."

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