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MEDIC: 70 PROTESTERS KILLED, 500 WOUNDED IN KIEV

February 20, 2014 MyWay.com reported: "Protesters tossed firebombs and advanced upon police lines Thursday in Ukraine's embattled capital. Government snipers shot back, killing at least 70 people and wounding hundreds of others, according to a protest doctor.

Video footage on Ukrainian television showed shocking scenes Thursday of protesters being cut down by gunfire, lying on the pavement as comrades rushed to their aid. Trying to protect themselves with shields, teams of protesters carried bodies away on sheets of plastic or planks of wood.



"The price of freedom is too high but Ukrainians are paying it," said Viktor Danilyuk, a 30-year-old protester. "We have no choice, the government isn't hearing us."

Protesters were also seen leading policemen with their hands held high around the sprawling protest camp in central Kiev. Ukraine's Interior ministry says 67 police were captured in all. An opposition lawmaker said they were being held in Kiev's occupied city hall.



President Viktor Yanukovich and the opposition protesters who are demanding his resignation are locked in an epic battle over the identity of Ukraine, a nation of 46 million that has divided loyalties between Russia and the West. Parts of the country - mostly in its western cities - are in open revolt against Yanukovich's central government, while many in eastern Ukraine back the president and favor strong ties with Russia, their former Soviet ruler.

Protesters across the country are also upset over corruption in Ukraine, the lack of democratic rights and the country's ailing economy, which just barely avoided bankruptcy with a \$15 billion loan from Russia. At least 101 people have died this week in the clashes in Kiev, according to protesters and Ukrainian authorities, a sharp reversal in three months of mostly peaceful protests. Now neither side appears willing to compromise or in control of the streets. The opposition is insisting on Yanukovich's resignation and an early election while the embattled president is apparently prepared to fight until the end. "..."

'ISRAEL': HEZBOLLAH THREAT TO ENTER GALILEE SERIOUS

February 20, 2014 The Fars News Agency reported: "The Israeli army asserted that Hezbollah threat to enter Galilee is serious and that the Israeli troops are preparing to face it after a TV program, broadcast by al-Mayadeen TV, presented a spectacular episode about the issue, Al-Akhbar Newspaper reported.

The Israeli response was conveyed by an Israeli news website which displayed a report about the enemy's military preparation for facing Hezbollah's threat, Al-Manar reported. The report included an interview with the commander of the Northern area who stressed that the Israeli army is training for encountering a possible decision by Hezbollah to transfer the battle to the Palestinian territories in contrast with what happened in 2006 war.

The Israeli officer attributed the seriousness of the Zionist regime's stance towards Hezbollah threat for the party's military participation in Syria. He added that Hezbollah is gaining extensive military experiences which concentrate mainly on the skills of initiating, attacking and reaching the targets..."

SAUDI-PAKISTAN MILITARY TIES GETTING STRONGER

February 20, 2014 Voice of America News reported: "Crown Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz, who is Saudi Arabia's deputy prime minister and defense minister has just concluded an official visit to Pakistan. Some defense experts say that Saudi Arabia's close military ties with Pakistan, though not new, now have a new dimension - namely countering the threat of a nuclear-capable Iran.

Some security experts fear that one of the unintended consequences of international efforts to reach a nuclear deal with Iran could be to put its Gulf rival Saudi Arabia on a fast track to boost its own military capability in an unprecedented way. Ali Sherazi is Pakistan's former ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and speaking to VOA's Deewa Radio he says Riyadh may fear a nuclear deal could end economic sanctions on Iran, enabling it to secretly pursue its ambitions.

'Iran is seeking to be a nuclear power and Saudi Arabia as a regional power, cannot ignore this, he said.'

With one of the largest armies in the world and the only declared nuclear power among the Muslim states, Pakistan is in a unique position to assist Saudi Arabia with its defense needs..."

US NAVY TO DEPLOY NEXT GENERATION OF WEAPONS

February 19, 2014 Voice of America News reported: "The U.S. Navy is preparing to deploy its first laser weapon on a warship this year. The new weapon is designed to destroy and disable such threats as surveillance drones and speed boats. The laser can be operated by one sailor, and can be fired continuously, making it far cheaper than conventional missiles and bombs, which eventually run out. The laser will be installed on the USS Ponce, an amphibious transport docking ship that will be deployed to the Persian Gulf.

Another electric weapon the U.S. Navy is building is a rail gun that can either replace or supplement conventional guns, since it can fire a projectile at six or seven times the speed of sound.

But there are shortcomings with both new weapons. The laser is less efficient if there is heavy rain, dust or a turbulence in the atmosphere, while the rail gun requires a huge amount of electricity to launch its projectiles.”

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MURDERED IN ALEXANDRIA

February 18, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: “Four members of a Christian family of Syrian origin living in Alexandria, Egypt, were stabbed to death Monday. A man was seen walking out of their apartment holding a black plastic bag.

The father of the family, 44, who was employed in one of Sharm el-Sheikh's hotels, was found stabbed in the stomach, the chest and the shoulder. His 35-year-old wife was stabbed in the neck, and so was the husband's 43-year-old sister. The murderers started a fire in the kitchen, in an apparent attempt to set the entire apartment aflame and destroy evidence.

The large Christian community in Egypt, which numbers about 10 million people, has increasingly been coming under attack from Muslims in the last few years. Many Christians have been murdered and wounded, and over 100 churches, homes and businesses owned by Christians have been attacked, with some being burned down. The Egyptian regime has blamed the Muslim Brotherhood and other radical Islamist forces for these attacks...”

EGYPTIAN MILITANTS WARN TOURISTS TO LEAVE COUNTRY OR FACE ATTACK

February 18, 2014 The Jerusalem Post reported: “The Islamist militant group Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis has told tourists to leave Egypt and threatened to attack anyone who stays in the country after a deadline of Feb. 20. The Sinai-based group, which claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing that killed two South Korean tourists and an Egyptian on Sunday, made the statement on an affiliated Twitter account.

‘We recommend tourists to get out safely before the expiry of the deadline,’ read the tweet, written in English. The warning has not appeared on the group's official website but the Twitter account has been accurate in the past.

Attacks by Islamist militants have killed hundreds of policemen and soldiers since the army deposed Islamist president Mohamed Morsi in July, but the bombing on Sunday of a tourist bus marks a strategic shift to soft targets that could devastate an economy already reeling from political turmoil

Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis, Egypt's most active Islamist militant organization, has threatened to topple the interim government installed by army chief Field Marshal Abdel Fattah al-Sisi. The group's statement referred to a warning first issued on Feb. 16 urging tourists to leave.”

REPORT: AMERICANS COMPLETELY RELIANT ON CHINA FOR ANTIBIOTICS

February 17, 2014 dailycaller.com reported: “The United States is nearly completely reliant on China for its supply of lifesaving antibiotics.

“The crucial ingredients for nearly all antibiotics, steroids and many other lifesaving drugs are now made exclusively in China,” The New York Times reported in the 32nd paragraph of a Friday article entitled “Medicines made in India set off safety worries.”

Indeed, 2014 marks the tenth anniversary of Bristol-Myers Squibb — the last American plant that manufactured the key ingredients for penicillin and other drugs — shuttering its upstate New York factory.

“Like other manufacturing operations, drug plants have been moving to Asia because labor, construction, regulatory and environmental costs are lower there,” the Times reported in 2009.

As China has grown economically, it has also grown more bellicose.”...”



NETANYAHU WARNS WORLD OVER IRAN AGGRESSION

February 16, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: “Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu opened his weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday with more words of warning to the West over Iran.

‘The major powers' talks with Iran will resume this week. Until now, it must be said, it is Iran which has gained without giving anything significant,’ he began. ‘It has received a major easing of sanctions and the Iranian economy is already responding appropriately. Iran is also continuing its aggressive policy both inside Iran and outside Iran.’

‘Inside Iran, it is executing innocent people,’ Netanyahu continued. ‘Outside Iran, it supports the continued killings by the Syrian regime, which would be unable to act without it, without its support.’

‘Iran is also continuing to arm terrorist organizations with advanced, deadly weapons and, of course, it is continuing to call for the destruction of the State of Israel. At the same time, Iran is continuing with advanced research and development of centrifuges. Iran is not prepared to concede even one centrifuge.’

‘Israel's policy is clear and is active on two tracks: First, to expose Iran's unchanging aggressive policy. Second, to demand the dismantling of Iran's enrichment capacity,’ the Prime Minister reiterated. ‘Iran does not need any centrifuges for nuclear power for civilian purposes.’...”

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