



AS IRAQ ISLAMISTS ADVANCE, IRAN SAYS IT WILL ENTER FIGHT

June 12, 2014 timesofisrael.com reported: "Predominantly Shiite Muslim Iran will combat terrorism by Sunni extremists in neighboring Iraq, President Hassan Rouhani warned Thursday.

Rouhani did not say exactly what Iran intended to do to help stop an offensive by fighters from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) that is pushing toward Baghdad after seizing several cities and towns to the north.

'This is an extremist, terrorist group that is acting savagely,' Rouhani said live on state television, adding that Tehran will not 'tolerate this violence and terror.'

'For our part, as the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran we will combat violence, extremism and terrorism in the region and the world,' said an agitated Rouhani.

Rouhani said he would head to a meeting of Iran's Supreme National Security Council following his speech. That body decides on the Islamic state's major foreign policy and security policies, and it would have to approve any military support Tehran might want to provide to Baghdad..."

SAUDIS 'ARMING JIHADISTS' SEIZING IRAQI CITIES

June 12, 2014 WND.com reported: "Jordanian and Syrian regime sources are fingering Saudi Arabia for arming the jihadist group that reportedly has seized control of two key Sunni-dominated cities in Iraq. Sources from both regimes say the Saudis are a driving force in supporting the group called the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), which Wednesday reportedly seized control of Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's former hometown.

One day earlier al-Qaida-linked jihadists took control most of the city of Mosul. On Thursday, Iraq's government released a video showing what it said were airstrikes targeting the jihadist strongholds. Hours earlier, Abu Mohammed al-Adnanin, an ISIS spokesman, threatened to march on Baghdad.

Adnanin also said his group would take control of Karbala and Najaf, setting off sectarian concerns since the cities house some of the holiest sites for Shiite Muslims.

Syrian regime sources told WND Thursday the Saudis view the failure to oust Syrian President Bashar al-Assad during a three-years-long insurgency as a victory for Assad's ally, Iran. The sources said the Saudi kingdom is supporting the Iraqi jihadists, particularly ISIS, in a bid to offset Iranian dominance in Iraq and the region and to gain a Sunni stronghold in the strategic area..."



INSURGENTS IN NORTHERN IRAQ SEIZE KEY CITIES, ADVANCE TOWARD BAGHDAD

June 12, 2014 The Washington Post reported: "Insurgents inspired by al-Qaeda rapidly pressed toward Baghdad on Wednesday, confronting little resistance from Iraq's collapsing security forces and expanding an arc of control that now includes a wide swath of the country. By nightfall, the militants had reached the flash-point city of Samarra, just 70 miles outside Baghdad, after having first seized Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's home town, and other cities while pressing southward from Mosul.

The stunning speed with which the rout has unfolded in northern Iraq has raised deep doubts about the capacity of U.S.-trained Iraqi security forces, and it has also kindled fears about the government's grip on the capital.

In a country already fraught with sectarian tension, with parts of western Iraq already in Sunni militant hands, the latest gains by insurgents from the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria prompted cries of alarm from leaders of Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority.

It appeared that the militants were facing more robust resistance as they moved south, where Iraq's Shiites have a stronger presence. But several experts said it would be wrong to assume that heavily fortified Baghdad, with its large Shiite population and concentration of elite forces, could easily fend off an ISIS attack.

EX-BORDER AGENTS: IMMIGRANT FLOOD 'ORCHESTRATED'

June 11, 2014 World Net Daily reported: "An organization of former Border Patrol agents Wednesday charged that the federal government, under the administration of President Obama, is deliberately arranging for a flood of immigrant children to arrive in America for political purposes.

"This is not a humanitarian crisis. It is a predictable, orchestrated and contrived assault on the compassionate side of Americans by her political leaders that knowingly puts minor illegal alien children at risk for purely political purposes," said the statement released by the National Association of Former Border Patrol Officers.

“Certainly, we are not gullible enough to believe that thousands of unaccompanied minor Central American children came to America without the encouragement, aid and assistance of the United States government,” the officers said.

“Anyone that has taken two six- to seven-year-old children to an amusement park can only imagine the problems associated with bringing thousands of unaccompanied children that age up through Mexico and into the United States.”...More than 33,000 have been caught in Texas alone over the last eight months, the report said, overwhelming Border Patrol capabilities.”...

EXPERT SAYS EUROPEAN INTIFADA IS COMING

June 10, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: “Dr. Boaz Ganor, the Director of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), predicted Tuesday that Europe will be facing a full-blown Muslim-Arab intifada soon, much like the violent uprising that Israel faced starting in the late 1980s.

Ganor based his prediction on the recent upsurge in Islamist terror, and explained that the second generation of Muslim immigrants in Europe does not remember the characteristics of the lives their parents led in their countries of origin, does not feel gratitude for the European citizenship that their parents received. These second-generation immigrants feel alienated and discriminated against, and believe they are treated as second rate citizens.

Speaking at a conference held by the Van Leer Institute, Ganor said that the main threat against Israel is Iran, because Syria and Iraq are in no condition for war. Relations with Egypt are peaceful, and the Egyptian army was badly damaged by the internecine fighting in the country...”

TONY ABBOTT SEEKS ALLIANCE TO THWART PRESIDENT OBAMA ON CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

June 10, 2014 The Sidney Morning Herald reported: “Tony Abbott is seeking a conservative alliance among “like-minded” countries, aiming to dismantle global moves to introduce carbon pricing, and undermine a push by US President Barack Obama to push the case for action through forums such as the G20. Visiting Ottawa for a full day of talks with the conservative Canadian Prime Minister and close friend Stephen Harper, Mr. Abbott flagged intentions to build a new centre-right alliance led by Canada, Britain and Australia along with India and New Zealand.

All five Commonwealth countries now have “centre-right”-leaning governments but it is Mr. Abbott’s personal and philosophical closeness to Mr. Harper that the Prime Minister regards as most important. The combined front would attempt to counter recent moves by the Obama administration to lift the pace of climate change abatement via policies such as a carbon tax or state-based emissions trading. It is a calculated attempt to push back against what both leaders see as a left-liberal agenda in favour of higher taxes, unwise interventions to address global warming, and an unhealthy attitude of state intervention.

Mr. Abbott’s first visit to the US has begun on a shaky note after he characterised Mr. Obama’s new push to reduce carbon pollution as a copy of “direct action” being pursued in Australia. Mr. Abbott is due in New York on Monday local time.

Speaking at a media conference on Tuesday from the Canadian capital Ottawa along-side the anti-carbon tax prime minister Stephen Harper, Mr. Abbott said the he was encouraged at the new US approach of requiring coal-fired power stations to cut emissions by 30 per cent by 2030, because it did not place a price on carbon but used regulation to cut pollution.

“We think that climate change is a significant problem, it’s not the only or even the most important problem the world faces but it is a significant problem and its important every country should take the action that it thinks is best to address emissions,” he said.

“I am encouraged that President Obama is taking what I would regard as direct action measure to reduce emissions, this is very similar to the action my government proposes in Australia.”

He said it was import that policies to address output did not “clobber the economy” while not helping the environment. The comments were immediately backed up by Canada with Mr. Harper declaring there was no chance of any country acting for the planet if it involved costs to its economy.”...

The uncompromising attitude of both leaders suggests neither is inclined to yield to pressure from the US to revive the issue of climate change ahead of next years’ climate summit, nor back any international coordination such as additional regulations or a trading scheme.”

ISLAMIST LEADER ATTACKS POPE FOR VISITING 'MUSLIM' WESTERN WALL

June 9, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: “Sheikh Raed Salah, head of the radical Islamic Movement in Israel, wrote an open letter to Pope Francis last Thursday, criticizing him for his visit to the Western Wall (Kotel) two weeks ago, and further claiming that the site is Muslim. In the letter, which was posted on the Arabic site Al-Sonara, Salah condemns the pope for placing a note in the Kotel.

‘The Israeli occupation utilized the visit of the pope in the most ugly fashion,’ wrote Salah, going on to list the pope’s actions he saw as being in Israel’s favor at the ‘Al-Buraq’ Wall, a name given by Muslims to the Kotel in the 1920s in an attempt to claim it. The name refers to Mohammed’s ‘winged steed’ he supposedly rode to Jerusalem in his ‘night journey.’

‘You put a note in the ‘Al-Buraq’ Kotel which the Israeli occupation calls in deception and lies the Wailing (Western) Wall...as a result you give them approval that this Kotel is the Western Wall and not the ‘Al-Buraq’ Wall, and you permit them sovereignty on it,’ charged Salah...”



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