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HAMAS TO NETANYAHU: WE'LL 'RAIN HELL ON ISRAEL'

June 19, 2014 YnetNews.com reported: "Flanked by the defense minister and IDF chief of staff, Prime Minister Netanyahu reiterated that Israel would continue with Operation Brother's Keeper until Eyal Yifrach, Gilad Shaer and Naftali Frankel, who were kidnapped in the West Bank a week ago were returned, and again said it viewed Hamas as behind the abduction.

Meanwhile, Hamas held a press conference of its own and promised to 'rain hell on Israel,' should the operation continue, slamming Abbas for aiding Israel in its search for the missing teens.

Hamas spokesperson Sami Abu Zuhri said that in the coming days Hamas would fight back against the massive West Bank crackdown on its operatives, and said Netanyahu will regret his actions against the organization and the Palestinian people..."

NO KUMBAYA HERE: U.S. IS NOW THE 101ST 'MOST PEACEFUL' NATION ON EARTH

June 18, 2014 The Washington Times reported: "The planet is not a peaceful place, and the U.S. no longer ranks in the top 100 most peaceful nations. It stands at No. 101, according to the annual Global Peace Index, a complex analysis that quantifies the relative peacefulness of 162 nations.

Released Wednesday, the eighth annual assessment is data-driven and measures such things as internal crime statistics, political forces, refugee activity, population trends and other factors — including terrorism, the number of homicides and economic conditions.

The most peaceful spot? Iceland, followed by Denmark and Austria. The three least peaceful countries are South Sudan, Afghanistan and Syria, at the very bottom of the list.

Money is a key factor. The index affixes a price on the absence of peace, noting that it cost \$9.46 trillion worldwide to "contain and deal with the consequences of global violence."

And Americans pay their share.

"The economic impact of containing the levels of violence cost the U.S. economy \$1.7 trillion, or more than 10 percent of the GDP in 2013, translating to more than \$5,455 per U.S. citizen," the index stated. "Despite a scaled-back military presence overseas, the country's high degree of militarization, unmatched incarceration rate and an increase in the impact felt from terrorism caused the U.S. to descend into triple digits," the research said..."



SAUDI WARNS OF CIVIL WAR IN IRAQ

June 18, 2014 AFP reported: "Saudi Arabia warned Wednesday of the risks of a civil war in Iraq with unpredictable consequences for the region, after Sunni militants seized large areas from Shiite-led government forces. The unrest in Iraq "carries warning signs of a civil war with unpredictable consequences for the region," Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal said at the opening of an Islamic bloc meeting in the Red Sea city of Jeddah.

Prince Saud renewed Saudi accusations that "sectarian policies of exclusion" of Iraq's Sunni Arab minority implemented by Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's government were responsible for the violence. This paved the way for countries with "bad intentions" towards Iraq "to go ahead with plots threatening its security, stability, national unity and sense of Arab identity," Prince Saud said.

His remarks came as Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said his country would do whatever it takes to protect Shiite holy sites in Iraq against the Sunni militants.

The Iraqi government, which is close to Tehran, has issued a statement accusing Sunni Saudi Arabia of financing the militants.

"We hold (Saudi Arabia) responsible for what these groups are receiving in terms of financial and moral support," the Iraqi government said in a statement, accusing Riyadh of "siding with terrorism"..."

BLOWBACK! U.S. TRAINED ISIS AT SECRET JORDAN BASE

June 17, 2014 WND.com reported: "Members of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIS, were trained in 2012 by U.S. instructors working at a secret base in Jordan, according to informed Jordanian officials. The officials said dozens of ISIS members were trained at the time as part of covert aid to the insurgents targeting the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Syria. The officials said the training was not meant to be used for any future campaign in Iraq. The Jordanian officials said all ISIS members who received U.S. training to fight in Syria were first vetted for any links to extremist groups like al-Qaida.

In February 2012, WND was first to report the U.S., Turkey and Jordan were running a training base for the Syrian rebels in the Jordanian town of Safawi in the country's northern desert region. That report has since been corroborated by numerous other media accounts..."

PERRY: RECORD NUMBERS FROM TERROR HOT BEDS ILLEGALLY CROSSING TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER

June 17, 2014 breitbart.com reported: "Tuesdays on Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends," Gov. Rick Perry (R-TX) discussed the humanitarian crisis of thousands of unaccompanied minors flooding across the U.S.-Mexico border.

Perry gave an ominous warning: "We have record high numbers of other than Mexicans being apprehended at the border. These are people that are coming from states like Syria that have substantial connections back to terrorist regimes and terrorist operations. So we're seeing record, historic high numbers of these individuals being apprehended."

Perry said he warned the Obama administration about the current border chaos in 2012."..."

IRAQI CHRISTIANS FLEE HOMES AMID MILITANT PUSH

June 16, 2014 The AP reported: "Over the past decade, Iraqi Christians have fled repeatedly to this ancient mountainside village, seeking refuge from violence, then returning home when the danger eased. Now they are doing it again as Islamic militants rampage across northern Iraq, but this time few say they ever want to go back to their homes.

The flight is a new blow to Iraq's dwindling Christian community, which is almost as old as the religion itself but which has already been devastated since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. During the past 11 years, at least half of the country's Christian population has fled the country, according to some estimates, to escape frequent attacks by Sunni Muslim militants targeting them and their churches.

Now many of those who held out and remained may be giving up completely after fighters belonging to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant swept over the city of Mosul and a broad swath of the country the past week.

"I'm not going back," said Lina, who fled Mosul with her family as the militants swept in and came to Alqosh, about 50 kilometers (31 miles) to the north.

"Each day we went to bed in fear," the 57-year-old woman said, sitting in a house for displaced people. "In our own houses we knew no rest." Like other Christians who fled here, she spoke on condition she be identified only by her first name for fear for her safety.

In leaving, the Christians are emptying out communities that date back to the first centuries of the religion, including Chaldean, Assyrian and Armenian churches. The past week, some 160 Christian families — mostly from Mosul — have fled to Alqosh, mayor Sabri Boutani told The Associated Press, consulting first on the number with his wife by speaking in Chaldean, the ancient language spoken by many residents."..."

CHINA FEARS SPUR PHILIPPINE NAVAL UPGRADE

June 16, 2014 SpaceWar.com: "As fears grow that China is on an aggressive South China Sea territorial grab, a sleepy Philippine village is being transformed into a major naval base that may host US warships. Ulugan Bay, a small, picturesque cove encircled by thick mangroves, has suddenly become a vital part of the Philippine military's efforts to shore up its defence of contested South China Sea islands and waters.

"This is the frontline of our territorial defence operations in the Kalayaan island group," President Benigno Aquino declared last month as he inspected the progress of a recently announced upgrade of a tiny naval station on the bay. Ulugan is on the west coast of the large western Philippine island of Palawan, only 160 kilometres (100 miles) from a small group of islands and islets within the Spratly archipelago known locally as the Kalayaan group.



The Spratlys are among the most prized assets in the decades-long but increasingly hostile struggle for control of parts of the South China Sea. The sea has such importance because roughly half the world's shipping trade passes through it, while it is believed to contain enormous deposits of natural gas and has rich fishing grounds.



China and Taiwan say they have sovereign rights to nearly all of the sea, conflicting with the claims of the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia and Brunei to areas closer to their coasts.

The Philippines and Vietnam have expressed growing alarm in recent years at China's increasingly assertive tactics to stake its claims.

Most recently, the Philippines has accused China of reclaiming land at tiny reefs in the Spratlys to in effect create artificial islands that may be used to build air strips and other military installations. In direct response to the fears over China, the Philippines has sought help from longtime ally the United States to bolster its poorly equipped armed forces with new hardware and training.

The Philippines and the United States also signed a new security pact when US President Barack Obama visited Manila in April that will soon allow a much greater American military presence on Filipino soil, including on expanded bases."..."

TERRORISTS SING OF SLAUGHTERING JEWS, CHRISTIANS

June 15, 2014 World Net Daily reported: "Its haunting repetition of the same few notes and open harmonies give a new video from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, ISIL, a definite Middle Eastern flavor. Its message about killing Jews and Christians ties it securely to those members of Islam who follow the Quran, observers say. The video, which is being publicized by the Middle East Media Research Institute, comes from ISIL, a part of the forces that now are reaching out across the Middle East to establish a Shariah-enforcing religious state . . ."

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