



IRAQ REBELS 'SEIZE NUCLEAR MATERIALS'

July 10, 2014 BBCNews.com reported: "Iraq has warned the UN that Sunni militants have seized nuclear materials used for scientific research at a university in the city of Mosul. In a letter seen by Reuters, Iraq's envoy to the UN said nearly 40kg (88lb) of uranium compounds were seized.

The letter appealed for international help to 'stave off the threat of their use by terrorists in Iraq or abroad'. But the UN atomic agency IAEA said the material was 'low grade' and did not pose a significant security risk.

US officials have also reportedly played down the threat, saying the materials were not believed to be enriched uranium. They added that it would be difficult for the rebels to use the materials to make weapons.

"These nuclear materials, despite the limited amounts mentioned, can enable terrorist groups, with the availability of the required expertise, to use it separately or in combination with other materials in its terrorist acts," he added."..."

IRAN CONDEMNS ISRAELI SELF-DEFENSE AS 'SAVAGE AGGRESSION'

July 9, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: "Iran's foreign ministry condemned Israel's operation to protect its citizens from Hamas rocket fire on Wednesday, calling on the West to urge the Jewish state to prevent a 'human catastrophe'. The remarks by Iran, a traditional ally of Hamas, came after the Israeli Air Force pummeled terror targets in Gaza Tuesday night, in response to nearly a week of near-constant rocket fire on Israeli civilians.

'We are, unfortunately, witnessing the escalation of savage aggression by the Zionists in recent days against the innocent and defenseless people of Palestine,' IMFA spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham said in her weekly briefing with reporters.

Iran calls on 'Western countries and supporters of the Zionist regime (to) take firm a stance and prevent a human catastrophe and stop the attacks,' she added. Afkham also questioned the 'unrealistic excuse of the kidnapping of three Zionist settlers,' referring to the horrific abduction and murder of Israeli teenagers Naftali Frenkel (16), Gilad Sha'ar (16), and Eyal Yifrah (19).

Unsurprisingly missing from the statement was the fact that Hamas and other terrorist groups in Gaza have fired more than 500 rockets on Israel over the past week, according to several estimates, with 120 fired on Tuesday alone."..."

JORDAN DEMANDS ISRAEL STOP 'BARBARIC' OPERATION

July 9, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: "Jordan condemned Israel's Operation Protective Edge on Wednesday, calling the mission which aims to stop Hamas from firing hundreds of rockets at Israeli civilians 'barbaric.'

Jordanian spokesperson Mohammed Momani said that the airstrikes on Gaza, which reportedly have killed over 20 Gaza residents, including many senior terrorist officials, are 'aggressive,' reports AFP. Momani said his country, which signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994 it has threatened to revoke, 'condemns the military aggression that Israel has launched in the Gaza Strip,' and calls for 'its immediate halt.'

The spokesperson further claimed the 'barbaric aggression' of Israel has 'negative repercussions on the Gaza Strip and the whole region. ...The Israeli actions violate international laws and obstruct peace efforts in the region.'

It should be noted that Hamas is using 'brutal' tactics to inflate its casualty number, by among other things using human shields and firing on Israeli civilian population centers from within Gaza population centers."..."



GAZA ON BRINK OF WAR AS HAMAS ROCKETS SLAM ISRAEL

July 8, 2014 SpaceWar.com reported: "Hamas militants in Gaza fired dozens of rockets at Israel Monday, which responded with multiple air strikes in a new escalation which threatened to spiral into another a major confrontation. It was the worst escalation in and around Gaza since November 2012, with tensions threatening to drag the region into a fresh confrontation as Israel sought to contain five days of violent clashes in Arab localities following the grisly murder of a Palestinian teenager by Jewish extremists.

The barrage of rocket fire was confirmed by the Israeli military which said more than 40 rockets had been fired at the south within a short period. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

'A barrage of over 40 rockets was launched from the Gaza Strip in the past hour. Seven rockets were intercepted over the city of Ashdod and five rockets were intercepted over Netivot,' an army statement said, indicating that 30 rockets had hit inside Israel. Sirens were heard in 10 locations..."..."

IRANIAN CLERIC: JEWS ARE SORCERERS

July 7, 2014 Haaretz reported: "An Iranian cleric has accused Jews of being skilled sorcerers and said that Israel uses their power against Iran. The Tehran University professor, who was recently interviewed on Iran's state broadcaster, said that Jews use sorcery for espionage. Valiollah Naghipourfar talked about jinns, or genies, according to The Daily Beast.



'Can jinns be put to use in intelligence gathering?' the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting presenter asks the professor in the video, which was uploaded to YouTube on July 2.

'The Jew is very practiced in sorcery. Indeed most sorcerers are Jews,' Naghipourfar replies, according to The Daily Beast report. The two went on to discuss the use Israel makes of jinns against Iran, and the connection between Judaism and sorcery.

'Jinns, of course, are supernatural creatures, nearly always demonic or evil, with origins in Islamic mythology,'

The Daily Beast explains. 'In Iranian culture, there is great strength attributed to their nefarious ways, and many believe that sorcerers or magicians employ jinns to do everything from tormenting a meddling mother-in-law to sabotaging a romantic rival.' ..."

JAPAN SET FOR FIRST ARMS EXPORT UNDER NEW RULES: REPORT

July 6, 2014 spacedaily.com reported: "Japan is set to approve its first arms export following relaxation of its self-imposed ban, as the nation aims to boost its global military and economic presence, a report said Sunday.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries plans to export a high-performance sensor to the United States, which will use it in the Patriot Advanced Capability-2 (PAC-2) missile defence system to be exported to Qatar, the Nikkei business daily said without citing sources.

Tokyo's decision, likely to become official later this month, comes after Japan in April amended its traditional strict ban on arms exports, particularly in cases where the products might be re-exported to countries engaged in conflict.

The government under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe eased the rules to allow exports of military products in a move aimed at letting Japan join international joint programmes to develop weapons and to grow its defence industry. Japan has concluded that the planned US transfer of the missile to Qatar was unlikely to escalate any conflicts, the Nikkei said.

Mitsubishi Heavy produces the PAC-2 sensor for Japan's Self Defense Forces under licence from Raytheon, the Nikkei said.

The US company however is scaling back production of PAC-2 components, as it is focusing on the next-generation PAC-3 missile interceptor system, it said. The sensor is a key component of the infrared seeker set into the tip of the missile to identify and track incoming targets, the Nikkei said."

ISIS: GIVE OVER GIRLS FOR 'SEX JIHAD'

July 6, 2014 WND.com reports: "Radical Islamists murdering and imposing mayhem across Iraq, now calling themselves Islamic State but generally known as ISIS, the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, have demanded both property and human lives as the price of their rapid advances. Now they want girls.

ISIS has been putting up posters throughout Mosul, one of the captured Iraqi cities, telling residents to bring their unmarried daughters to ISIS soldiers, according to a report from the Clarion Project, a respected nonprofit organization that works to expose Islamic extremism, primarily through documentary films it produces.

Citing Arabic sources including those inside Mosul, the report said the posters call for girls to participate in 'jihad al-nikah,' or 'sex jihad.'

The Clarion Project cites information from Al-Masryalyoum, a 'respected' Egyptian daily newspapers along with other Arab press sources. Posters in public places in Mosul read:

'We call upon the people of this county to bring their unmarried girls so they can fulfill their duty in sex jihad for their warrior brothers in the city and anyone who will not appear will feel the full force of the Shariah [Islamic law] upon him.' ..."

JIHADIST 'CALIPH' DEMANDS OBEDIENCE IN UNPRECEDENTED APPEARANCE

July 5, 2014 spacewar.com reported: " Self-proclaimed caliph Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi made an unprecedented appearance in the Iraqi city of Mosul, which his forces helped capture last month, and ordered Muslims to obey him, according to a video posted Saturday.

That marks a significant change for the shadowy jihadist whose Islamic State (IS) group led a lightning offensive that overran swathes of five provinces north and west of Baghdad.

The onslaught has alarmed world leaders, displaced hundreds of thousands and piled pressure on Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki as he seeks a third term in office following April elections.

The video showed a portly man clad in a long black robe and a black turban with a long greying beard addressing worshippers at weekly prayers at Al-Nur mosque in central Mosul.

"I am the wali (leader) who presides over you, though I am not the best of you. So if you see that I am right, assist me," said the man, purportedly Baghdadi.

"If you see that I am wrong, advise me and put me on the right track, and obey me as long as I obey God." ..."



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