



US SENDING 200 TROOPS FOR DRILLS IN UKRAINE: PENTAGON

September 3, 2014 SpaceWar.com reported: "The United States will send about 200 troops to take part in a US-led annual exercise in Ukraine later this month, the Pentagon said Wednesday, in a show of solidarity with Kiev.

The presence of 200 soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade will mark the first deployment of US ground troops to Ukraine since the Kiev government's conflict with pro-Russia separatists erupted earlier this year. Dubbed "Rapid Trident," the yearly exercise was set for September 13-26 and will involve more than a dozen countries, including "approximately 200 personnel" from the US military, spokesman Colonel Steven Warren said.

"It's a peacekeeping exercise," said Warren, and would focus in part on countering homemade bombs. The drill was due to be held in Yavoriv, about 40 miles (60 kilometers) from Lviv in western Ukraine.

US naval forces also were due to take part in a separate maritime exercise starting next week in the Black Sea which will involve forces from Ukraine, Turkey, Georgia and Romania, officials said. Two vessels from a NATO maritime group will also participate."..."

AL-QAEDA CHIEF ZAWAHIRI LAUNCHES AL-QAEDA IN SOUTH ASIA

September 4, 2014 BBC News reported: "Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri has announced in a videoed message the creation of an Indian branch of his militant group to 'raise the flag of jihad' across South Asia. In the 55-minute video posted online, Zawahiri pledged renewed loyalty to Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Omar.

Correspondents say his stated allegiance is an apparent snub to Islamic State (IS) militants. IS is challenging al-Qaeda to lead worldwide Islamist militancy. Announcing the formation of 'al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent' using a mixture of his native Arabic and Urdu widely spoken in Pakistan, Zawahiri appeared eager to regain some of the limelight, correspondents say.

'[Al-Qaeda] is an entity that was formed to promulgate the call of the reviving imam, Sheikh Osama Bin Laden. May Allah have mercy upon him,' Zawahiri said. He urged the 'umma', or Muslim nation, to 'wage jihad against its enemies, to liberate its land, to restore its sovereignty and to revive its caliphate'.

Zawahiri said 'al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent' would be good news for Muslims in Myanmar (Burma), Bangladesh and in the Indian states of Assam, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir, where they would be rescued from injustice and oppression..."

ISLAMIC STATE ISSUES VIDEO OF BEHEADING OF SECOND U.S. HOSTAGE

September 2, 2014 Reuters reported: "The Islamic State released a video purporting to show the beheading of American hostage Steven Sotloff, a monitoring service said on Tuesday, as the militant group raised the stakes in its confrontation with Washington over U.S. air strikes on its fighters in Iraq.

A masked figure in the video also issued a threat against a British hostage, a man the group named as David Haines, and warned governments to back off 'this evil alliance of America against the Islamic State', the SITE monitoring service said. The purported executioner appeared to be the same British-accented man who appeared in an Aug. 19 video showing the killing of American journalist James Foley, and it showed a similar desert setting. In both videos, the captives wore orange jumpsuits.

'I'm back, Obama, and I'm back because of your arrogant foreign policy towards the Islamic State, because of your insistence on continuing your bombings and ... on Mosul Dam, despite our serious warnings,' the man said. 'So just as your missiles continue to strike our people, our knife will continue to strike the necks of your people.'..."

ISLAMIC STATE TERRORISTS IN RUSSIAN JETS: 'PUTIN, YOU'RE NEXT'

September 3, 2014 Israel National News reports: "Islamic State terrorists fresh from the conquest of the last Syrian military base in the north of the country sent a 'special message' to Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad, as well as his key ally, Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Tabqa airbase was taken after prolonged and intensive fighting which left hundreds of Islamic State and pro-regime forces dead. Its conquest meant that the Islamic State now controls all of Syria's northern Raqqa Province, as well as much of the northeast of the country.

After finally taking the base, the Islamic State released a video showing the mass execution of some 250 regime fighters, who were first ordered to march through the desert stripped to their

underwear. Jihadis also circulated pictures of heavy weaponry and Russian-made MiG fighter jets they had seized. In a video dated August 31, a group of Arab IS fighters address Assad directly from inside a hangar in the base.



'You'd better watch out Bashar - we're coming for you in planes!' declares one terrorist from atop a captured Russian aircraft. 'We'll be coming for you from the skies, with these planes, Allah willing...Brace yourself for what's coming, you pig.'

A second, young fighter then addresses Putin, whose military and political support has been crucial in keeping Assad in power.

'Vladimir Putin, these are the Russian planes that you sent to Bashar. Allah willing, we will take them back to your own turf, and liberate Chechnya and the Caucasus, Allah willing... Your throne is being threatened by us,' he said..."

AFGHAN MILITANTS HEZB-E-ISLAMI 'MAY JOIN ISLAMIC STATE'

September 2, 2014 BBC News reports: "Fighters from a militant Islamic group in Afghanistan, allied to the Taliban, have told the BBC they are considering joining forces with Islamic State (IS). Their commander also said they would still fight the Afghan government, even after NATO forces left in 2014. Commander Mirwais said that if IS, which he called by its Arabic acronym Daish, proved a true Islamic caliphate, they would link up with it..."

AUSTRALIA PM SAYS 'EXTREME FORCE' JUSTIFIED AGAINST IS

September 2, 2014 SpaceWar.com reported: "Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott on Tuesday said 'extreme force' was justified in battling Islamic State militants, as UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called the extremists' reign of terror 'totally unacceptable'.

Australia will 'in coming days' join its ally the United States in an international effort to transport weapons to Kurdish forces fighting IS extremists in northern Iraq. It has also been conducting humanitarian air drops to the town of Amerli, where thousands of people were trapped for more than two months until Iraqi forces broke the siege on Sunday.

While Abbott has insisted Canberra will not be sending combat troops to the conflict, he has stepped up his rhetoric against the jihadist group, calling it a 'death cult' that is carrying out ethnic cleansing. On Tuesday he compared them to the Nazis and communists.

'The difficulty here is that these people do exalt in death; they absolutely revel in killing,' he told Sydney radio station 2GB.

'We've seen in the century just gone, the most unspeakable things happen, but the atrocities that were committed by the Nazis, by the communists and others, they were ashamed of them, they tried to cover them up. This mob, by contrast, as soon as they've done something gruesome and ghastly and unspeakable, they're advertising it on the Internet for all to see which makes them, in my mind, nothing but a death cult. That's why I think it's quite proper to respond with extreme force against people like this.'..."

IRAN WARNS OF 'UNPLEASANT' RESPONSE TO LATEST U.S. SANCTIONS

September 1, 2014 Israel National News reported: "Iran warned on Sunday of 'unpleasant' responses to new U.S. sanctions against it, Reuters reports. The declaration by Iran's Foreign Minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, came after an announcement on Friday that Washington was going to penalize a number of Iranian and other foreign companies, banks and airlines for violating sanctions against Tehran, most of which are tied to a decade-old dispute about its nuclear program.

Washington said the moves were a signal that there would be no let-up of sanctions while international talks were underway to ease the economic measures in exchange for Iran's agreement to curb its nuclear activities. On Sunday, Zarif told a news conference that Iran would respond to the sanctions 'if deemed necessary,' according to state news agency IRNA.

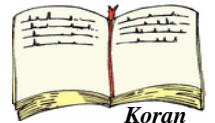
'We can take actions that would be unpleasant to the other side,' he was quoted by Reuters as having said, without elaborating on what the measures might be. Zarif added that the sanctions had been implemented to appease 'pressure groups in the U.S. that are against any nuclear deal', using a phrase Iranian officials normally invoke to refer to Israeli interest groups..."

ONE COMMON LINK AMONG WORLD'S MOST BRUTAL TERRORISTS

September 1, 2014 WND.com reported: "Radical Islam expert Brigitte Gabriel says ISIS is capable of anything from shopping-mall shooting sprees to nuclear attacks in the U.S. and believes the best way to ward off calamity is for Americans to wake up their elected officials and demand they 'throw political correctness in the garbage can' and confront the radical threat as it truly exists.



She also revealed the one common link motivating the worst terrorists in the world today: the words of the Quran. Gabriel was a victim of terrorism in her native Lebanon. She is founder and president of ActForAmerica.org and is author of numerous books, including 'They Must Be Stopped: Why We Must Defeat Radical Islam and How We Can Do It.' She said the danger to the U.S. posed by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, or ISIS, is significant but the threat is nothing new...



'They are basing their actions on the words of the Quran,' she explained. 'What IS is doing right now is no different than what Prophet Muhammad himself did.'

Gabriel added, 'They are using scriptures from the Quran. For example, Quran 8:12 talks about striking fear into the hearts of disbelievers... So what ISIS is doing is no different than what any other group or devout followers of the Quran will do.'..."

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