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NEW ALLIANCE FROM HELL: BOKO HARAM AND ISIS

September 18, 2014 WND.com reported: "The Nigerian jihadist group Boko Haram, known for its kidnapping of more than 200 schoolgirls, has deepened its connection to the Middle East terror army ISIS by forming an information and materiel-support alliance, according to sources.

A Nigeria staff member for the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, a non-profit foundation promoting democratic institutions, says leaders Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi of ISIS and Abubakar Shakau of Boko Haram 'have been sharing military strategy and other information back and forth.'

Kristina Baum says the alliance will empower Boko Haram.

'Boko Haram is hopeful that this will give them more financial support,' she said. 'Before, Boko Haram has been getting their money from kidnapping, ransom and extortion from local governments.'

Maha Hamdan, an analyst for Consultancy Africa Intelligence and IntelligenceCommunity.com, confirms the link-up, calling it a dangerous development. She believes the weakness of the Nigerian army in its war against Boko Haram is 'one of the major reasons for the rise of the Boko Haram and ISIS alliance. We are standing at the precipice of the birth of a new radical Islam,' she said..."

AI QAEDA BRANCHES CALL FOR RIVAL ISLAMISTS TO STOP FIGHTING & UNITE AGAINST U.S.

September 17, 2014 Breitbart.com reported: "Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) and Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) have come together to call upon the Muslim world, both Sunni and Shiite, to stop fighting each other and unite against the West, specifically the United States.

'We call upon [The Muslim community] to support our people in Iraq and Sham and support them with the valuable and priceless... and stand in their ranks against... America, the source of evil and symbol of corruption and injustice,' the statement read, which was posted Tuesday by an official Al Qaeda Twitter account.

The bulletin continued: 'Stop the infighting between you and stand as one rank against America's campaign and that of its satanic alliance that lies in wait for all of us, to break us stick by stick.'

AQAP and AQIM urged warring Islamist entities to 'stop the campaigns of mutual slander, and direct the honest pens and swords against the head of infidelity, America, and its unjust aggressive alliance.'

'In the face of this unjust crusaders' campaign, we have no choice but to stand in front of the hater of Islam and Muslims, the U.S. and its allies, who are the real enemies of the Muslim world,' the communiqué said. It added that The US's main interest is to kill Muslims under the excuse of attacking the Islamic State and destroying it.'

The joint statement was dated September 11, 2014, the 13th anniversary of the Al Qaeda attacks on America..."

ISLAMIC STATE STEPS UP ANTI-US PROPAGANDA WITH CALLS TO ATTACH TIMES SQUARE

September 17, 2014 The Telegraph.co.uk reported: "The Islamic State (ISIL) has encouraged 'lone wolf' attacks by extremists equipped with homemade pipe bombs on Times Square and other high-profile US tourist destinations, according to reports.

A message posted on an ISIL forum entitled 'To the Lone Wolves in America: How to Make a Bomb in Your Kitchen, to Create Scenes of Horror in Tourist Spots and Other Targets' surfaced in the last 24 hours. In it, supporters of the extremist organisation are told to plant explosives in busy public locations in New York, Las Vegas and Texas, and at metro stations across the US.



It comes as ISIL released a slickly-produced propaganda video in response to President Barack Obama's pledge to 'degrade and destroy' the organisation. The video includes shaky-footage of the White House that appears to have been filmed from a moving car, and include extracts of President Obama's statement on the US response to ISIL this week..."

U.S. LAUNCHES PROGRAM TO APPREHEND HOMEGROWN TERRORISTS

September 16, 2014 VOA.com reported: "The Department of Justice and the White House have launched a program in some U.S. cities to identify and apprehend violent extremists and homegrown terrorists before they strike.

The effort brings together community representatives, public safety officials, religious leaders, and federal law enforcement in support of the nation's counter-terrorism effort, according to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.

Holder said the emergence of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, where some American have attempted to go in order to join the extremist militants, underscores the urgent nature of the threat Americans face from violent extremists. The new security program is a coordinated

effort of the U.S. Department of Justice, the White House, the Department of Homeland Security, and the National Counterterrorism Center..."

U.S. TO COMMIT UP TO 3,000 TROOPS TO FIGHT EBOLA IN AFRICA

September 15, 2014 The New York Times reported: "Under pressure to do more to confront the Ebola outbreak sweeping across West Africa, President Obama on Tuesday is to announce an expansion of military and medical resources to combat the spread of the deadly virus, administration officials said.

The president will go beyond the 25-bed portable hospital that Pentagon officials said they would establish in Liberia, one of the three West African countries ravaged by the disease, officials said. Mr. Obama will offer help to President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia in the construction of as many as 17 Ebola treatment centers in the region, with about 1,700 treatment beds.

Senior administration officials said...the Department of Defense would open a joint command operation in Monrovia, Liberia, to coordinate the international effort to combat the disease. The military will also provide engineers to help construct the additional treatment facilities and will send enough people to train up to 500 health care workers a week to deal with the crisis. Officials said the military expected to send as many as 3,000 people to Africa to take charge of responding to the Ebola outbreak.

"We all recognize that this is such an extraordinary, serious epidemic," a senior official told reporters, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of Mr. Obama's public remarks on Tuesday. The efforts should turn the tide from a high-transmission epidemic that continues to grow every day, other officials said. The White House plan would increase the number of doctors and other health care workers being sent to West Africa from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other American agencies, officials said."..."

ISRAELIS WARNED OF HEIGHTENED TERROR THREAT ABROAD



September 15, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: "The Israeli National Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Bureau has warned of the increased likelihood of terror attacks targeting Israeli and Jewish targets in the run up to the High Holy Days, highlighting Western Europe as an area of particular concern.

In a report issued Monday assessing global terror threats, the Bureau noted the significant danger of western nationals currently fighting abroad for global jihadi groups, including Al Qaeda and the 'Islamic State' (ISIS), returning to their home countries to commit terrorist attacks.

It cited the example of Mehdi Nemmouche, the French-Algerian former ISIS fighter and torturer, who returned to Europe and is believed to have carried out a deadly shooting at the Brussels Jewish Museum, which killed four people including two Israelis. Nemmouche is said to have planned a much larger terror attack to take place in Paris, but was apprehended before he could carry it out.

Some 2,000 of ISIS's fighters are thought to hail from western states, and many have indeed returned home already. According to British authorities for example, of the 500 or so UK nationals who traveled to fight for the Islamic State, roughly half have already returned home - 40 of whom have been arrested.

The Bureau added that from the eve of Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) until the end of the festival of Sukkot the threat of attacks against Jewish and Israeli targets will increase, and also cited the recent war with Gazan terrorists as a factor behind the increased motivation of Islamist terrorists to attack Israelis at this time. Extremists in Europe used Operation Protective Edge as a pretext to unleash a wave of anti-Semitism unprecedented in recent memory, but the terror alert illustrates how that phenomenon may be but the tip of the iceberg..."



ISLAMIC STATE RECRUITS FEMALE JIHADIS IN U.S. HEARTLAND

September 15, 2014 Haaretz reported: "U.S. law enforcement is investigating a new phenomenon of women from the American heartland joining Islamic State as President Barack Obama vows to cut off the militants' recruiting at home.

At least three Somali families in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area have female relatives who have gone missing in the past six weeks and may have tried to join Islamic State, said community leader Abdirizak Bihi. He said that while the reasons for their disappearance were unclear, he had told the families to contact police.

In a separate case, a 19-year-old American Somali woman from St. Paul snuck away from her parents on Aug. 25 saying she was going to a bridal shower. Instead, she flew to Turkey and joined IS in Syria. Home to the biggest Somali community in the United States, the Twin Cities area of Minnesota has been plagued by terrorist recruiting since the Somali group Al-Shabab began enlisting in America around 2007.

This year, law enforcement officials say they learned of 15-20 men with connections to the Minnesota Somali community fighting for extremist groups in Syria. They included Douglas McAuthur McCain, a convert to Islam, who was killed in battle this summer.

The St. Paul woman is the first case of an area female joining IS that has been made public although her family has asked for her name to be kept private because it fears retaliation from Islamists..."

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