



TURKISH PRESIDENT GATHERS POWER TO FULFILL ISLAMIC 'CALIPHATE' VISION

October 30, 2014 WND.com reported: “Newly elected Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s grand design to recreate the Ottoman caliphate with the help of the Sunni jihadist army ISIS could be derailed if he can’t get parliament to transfer to him the powers he had when he was prime minister, reports Joseph Farah’s G2 Bulletin.

Elected president last August, Erdogan has been in the spotlight as Turkey has refused to join the U.S.-led anti-ISIS coalition of Arab and European countries. He also has denied the U.S. the use of a base to launch attacks on the jihadist group.



In addition, Erdogan has been at odds with the Obama administration over U.S. policy toward Syria.

Erdogan wants Syrian President Bashar al-Assad ousted. The Turkish president also has a long simmering fight with the Kurds, who are fighting ISIS, and regards ISIS as less of a threat to Turkey than the Kurds and Assad.

As prime minister, Erdogan has been in the forefront of keeping Turkey in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and seeking membership – so far unsuccessfully – in the European Union. He was successful, however, in kneecapping the all-powerful General Staff that has been the secular voice in Turkey, orienting the government toward a more Islamic slant.

He has virtually broken diplomatic relations with Israel, backing the Sunni Palestinian group Hamas in the recent war. He also has pressed for a ‘zero problem’ foreign policy that has been a cover for reasserting Turkish influence from the Middle East to Central Asia, the areas that once encompassed the Ottoman Empire...”

CDC ADMITS DROPLETS FROM A SNEEZE COULD SPREAD EBOLA

October 29, 2014 New York Post reported: “Ebola is a lot easier to catch than health officials have admitted — and can be contracted by contact with a doorknob contaminated by a sneeze from an infected person an hour or more before, experts told The Post Tuesday.

“If you are sniffing and sneezing, you produce microorganisms that can get on stuff in a room. If people touch them, they could be” infected, said Dr. Meryl Nass, of the Institute for Public Accuracy in Washington, DC. Nass pointed to a poster the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention quietly released on its Web site saying the deadly virus can be spread through “droplets.”

“Droplet spread happens when germs traveling inside droplets that are coughed or sneezed from a sick person enter the eyes, nose or mouth of another person,” the poster states. Nass slammed the contradiction.

“The CDC said it doesn’t spread at all by air, then Friday they came out with this poster,” she said. “They admit that these particles or droplets may land on objects such as doorknobs and that Ebola can be transmitted that way.”

Dr. Rossi Hassad, a professor of epidemiology at Mercy College, said droplets could remain active for up to a day.

“A shorter duration for dry surfaces like a table or doorknob, and longer durations in a moist, damp environment,” Hassad said.”...”

ISRAELI MP PROPOSES BANNING ISLAMIC PRAYER CALL

October 29, 2014 The Telegraph reported: “Israeli Right-wingers have revived highly contentious plans that could effectively silence the Muslim call to prayer, known as the adhan.

In a move that risks stoking already simmering tensions in Jerusalem between Jews and Arabs, a member of Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition is tabling legislation that could put strict limits on Islamic prayer calls from mosques in the city and across Israel.

Robert Ilatov, a parliamentarian with the ultra-nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu party, is sponsoring the bill with the support of Avigdor Lieberman, the Israeli foreign minister who is also the party's leader.

While the legislation is being justified on the grounds that prayer calls often produce "intolerable noise" that disturbs many citizens' sleep, it is bound to prompt accusations of religious intolerance and prejudice against Israel's Muslim minority.

A similar proposal - also put forward by Yisrael Beiteinu - was shelved in 2011 despite having the explicit support of Mr. Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, after several cabinet members criticised it as likely to cause division. “...”

JORDANIAN SPEAKER: ISRAEL'S 'AGGRESSION' WORSE THAN ISIS

October 29, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: “The speaker of the Jordanian Parliament on Monday compared Israel’s construction in Jerusalem to the terrorist attacks of the Islamic State (ISIS). The Iranian PressTV news agency quoted the remarks of the speaker, Atef Tarawneh, made during a meeting with visiting Maltese Foreign Minister George William Vella.

According to the report, Tarawneh called on the international community to pressure Israel to resume talks with the Palestinian Arabs and put an end to its ‘repeated violations against the holy sites’ in Jerusalem, as well as construction in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria.

He reportedly said that Israel's 'aggression' against the Palestinians is 'no less than ISIS actions.'

Jordan, which signed a peace treaty with Israel in 1994, has several times criticized Israel over the past few weeks..."

NORTH KOREAN MOBILE MISSILE LAUNCHERS SEEN AS BIGGER THREAT THAN NUKES

October 29, 2014 Voice of America News reported: "Analysts who closely watch developments in North Korea say Pyongyang has made strides in missile launch systems that could deliver a nuclear warhead to targets as far away as the United States. The North's development of miniaturized nuclear devices and missile launchers capable of evading detection are raising concerns among U.S. military officials.

On Friday, Army General Curtis Scaparrotti, commander of U.S. Forces Korea, told a briefing in Washington that North Korea has the right connections and technology to develop a miniaturized nuclear weapon that can be launched from a mobile launcher.

Bruce Bechtol, an associate professor at Angelo State University in Texas and president of the International Council on Korean Studies, told VOA that North Korea observers have thought for years that the country possesses that technology.

'North Korea has a highly enriched uranium program. They probably had it weaponized by 2010. Which means they probably had a device small enough to put on a missile. probably the Nodong, four years ago,' said Bechtol.

The Nodong, or Rodong 1, is a North Korean medium-range ballistic missile that could reach targets as far away as Japan.

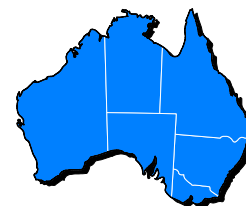
While the United States is concerned about the development of the miniaturized nuclear weapon, Bechtol said what is even more worrying are the plans for the KN-08 long-range missile, which could hit the United States, and advances in mobile missile launchers that are difficult to detect by satellite..."

AUSTRALIA BANS TRAVEL FROM EBOLA-HIT COUNTRIES; U.S. ISOLATES TROOPS

October 28, 2014 Reuters reported: "Australia became the first developed country on Tuesday to shut its borders to citizens of the countries worst-hit by the West African Ebola outbreak, a move those states said stigmatized healthy people and would make it harder to fight the disease.

Australia's ban on visas for citizens of Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea followed decisions by the U.S. military to quarantine soldiers returning from an Ebola response mission and some U.S. states to isolate aid workers. The United Nations said such measures could discourage vital relief work, making it harder to stop the spread of the deadly virus.

"Anything that will dissuade foreign trained personnel from coming here to West Africa and joining us on the frontline to fight the fight would be very, very unfortunate," Anthony Banbury, head of the U.N. Ebola Emergency Response Mission (UNMEER), told Reuters in the Ghanaian capital Accra.



Australia

Liberia's President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf urged Australia to reconsider its travel ban.

"Anytime there's stigmatization, there's quarantine, there's exclusion of people, many of whom are just normal, then those of us who are fighting this epidemic, when we face that, we get very sad," she told a news conference.

Neighboring Sierra Leone called the Australian move draconian."...

The virus has killed almost 5,000 people since March, mostly in those three countries. Nine U.S. cases have prompted states such as New York and New Jersey to ignore federal advice and quarantine all health workers returning from the region."..."

ISIS DEATH THREATS AND CHILD BEHEADINGS FORCE 'VICAR OF BAGHDAD' TO FLEE IRAQ

October 26, 2014 The National Post reported: "The 'Vicar of Baghdad' has quit Iraq after death threats and the beheading of children attached to his church by Islamic terrorists.

Canon Andrew White, vicar of Baghdad's St. Georges, Iraq's only Anglican church, said the only answer to the terrorism and killing by the Islamic State of Iraq and Al-Sham (ISIS) was American 'boots on the ground.'

'They're killing us,' he said during a recent visit to Israel. 'We need the international community to stand with us. We need help to provide for our people.'

Canon White is no stranger to danger: he mediated the release of the Palestine National Fund's director when he was kidnapped in 2001; mediated the stand-off between the Israeli army and Palestinian gunmen held-up in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity in 2002. In 2007, Canon White, who served as the special envoy to the Middle East for the Archbishop of Canterbury, raised the ransom and negotiated the release of his church's kidnapped lay leader.

He has been forced to flee Iraq on other occasions, but this time he was warned by his archbishop to leave after threats from ISIS and following the beheading by the terror group of children..."