



EVEN CHRISTIANS WHO 'CONVERT' GET BEHEADED

December 11, 2014 WND.com reported: "Editor's Note: At the end of this story is a graphic video that reveals the execution by beheading of a Christian by ISIS. Please use extreme caution.

There is no god but Allah and Muhammad is his messenger. This is the statement that fighters in ISIS demand of captured Christians if they don't want to be summarily executed, mostly by beheading.

But now Raymond Ibrahim, writing for the Gatestone Institute, says that if a Christian is captured by ISIS and makes such a profession, they more than likely will be beheaded anyway. It is a trend that is on the rise among ISIS militants and groups that are swearing allegiance to the Islamic army despite outrage expressed even by al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri and some Muslim clerics.

ISIS' ruthlessness became apparent in a recent example Ibrahim detailed when ISIS fighters cut off the head of a Christian man after compelling him to say the shehada, the Islamic profession of faith to Allah and to Muhammad as his messenger. Generally, he says, once the shehada is spoken before Muslim witnesses, the speaker becomes Muslim and 'thus, in theory, safeguards his life and possessions from the jihad.'..."

AL-AQSA SPEAKER: THE SLAUGHTER OF THE JEWS IS NEAR

December 10, 2014 The Times of Israel reported: "A sheikh giving a spontaneous sermon at the al-Aqsa mosque recently called for the 'slaughter' of the Jews, saying they were 'the most evil creatures to have walked this Earth.'

Omar Abu Sara was filmed at the mosque, located in the Temple Mount, on November 28. In a video made available by the Middle East Media Research Institute this week, he is seen addressing worshippers as the crowd mills about.

'Talking about the traits of the Jews requires one to get into a special mode, because we are dealing with people to whom every single vile trait has been attributed,' the sheikh says. 'They were the masters of these vile traits, and they taught their secrets to others.

'These traits were registered in the Quran, which depicted all aspects of the lives of the Jews in the most abominable images,' he claims. Abu Sara accuses the Jews of killing dozens of prophets, and attempting to kill the prophet Muhammad twice. He says a battle with the Jews draws near, and praises the Islamic State 'caliphate' as one of the vehicles for the Jewish people's destruction.

"I say to the Jews loud and clear: The time for your slaughter has come. The time to fight you has come. The time to kill you has come...Please do not leave in our hearts a single grain of mercy towards you, oh Jews, because when the day of your slaughter arrives, we shall slaughter you without mercy."

Throughout Abu Sara's rant, an unseen crowd can be heard replying "amen" several times to his prophecies of wrath."..."



EU CALLS FOR GREATER 'ALIGNMENT' WITH TURKEY OVER IS THREAT

December 9, 2014 France24.com reported: "The European Union and Turkey have drifted apart on foreign policy and need greater "alignment" to tackle threats including the Islamic State group (IS), the EU's foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said on Monday.

Speaking during one of the highest-ranking EU visits to Turkey in years, Federica Mogherini said the EU candidate nation had signed up to less than a third of the bloc's recent foreign policy positions, compared to some 80 percent in the past.

"We need to improve on the alignment on foreign policy and security policy, it's never been so low and this is a problem for the European Union, but it is mainly a problem for Turkey," she told a news conference in the Turkish capital.

Mogherini was speaking after talks in with Presiden Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu and Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu. Turkey is under pressure to stem the flow of IS recruits across its borders, which have become a major gateway between Europe and territory controlled by the extremists.

EU capitals are concerned about the possibility of attacks being mounted by the growing number of European nationals returning home after fighting alongside jihadists.

Mogherini said: "We discussed the situation of foreign fighters. It is one of our common interests we have to face -- having good coordination and good strategy to stop the flow on both (sides).

"The work has been going on in the last weeks, with positive developments in information sharing and coordination. I hope that this can create positive results in the coming days and weeks."

Mogherini, a former Italian foreign minister who took up the post of EU diplomatic chief on November 1, is to visit refugee camps on Turkey's southern border Tuesday. On Monday, Mogherini called for a solution to the Syrian crisis "at the root" and sought support from

Turkish leaders for the mission of the UN's envoy to Syria Staffan de Mistura, who met in Turkey with Syrian opposition members to discuss his plan to "freeze" fighting in Aleppo.

She said Turkey was key to a solution to the Syrian conflict.

"Turkey knows very well it can play a very relevant role in the region. If we manage to match the role with the EU... I think we could probably advance the solutions, especially the political solution to the crisis in Syria."...

ISIS CITES QURAN TO JUSTIFY CHILD RAPE

December 9, 2014 WND.com reported: "After causing an uproar with the taking of ethnic minority Yazidi women and girls as sex slaves in Iraq, the Islamic jihadist group ISIS issued a pamphlet justifying its actions by citing the Muslim holy book, the Quran, and authoritative Islamic scholars.

ISIS, which began calling itself the Islamic State after establishing a caliphate in conquered areas of Syria and Iraq, published the pamphlet through its Research and Fatwa Department.

A translation of the pamphlet was published by the Middle East Media Institute's Jihad and Terrorism Threat Monitor. Titled 'Questions and Answers on Taking Captives and Slaves,' it states Islam permits conquering Muslim soldiers to have sexual intercourse with non-Muslim slaves, including young girls, and also allows them to be beaten and traded..."

OVERCOME US MISSILE DEFENSE: EXPERT

December 8, 2014 spacedaily.com reported: "Igor Korotchenko, Director of the Center for the Analysis of the World Arms Trade told Sputnik on Friday that China's successful testing of a Hypersonic Strike Vehicle (the HGV) demonstrates the country's potential to affect US national security in a serious way.

"US anxiety is centered on the fact that China is actively experimenting with weaponry that is based on hypersonic speed, which is nearly impossible to intercept using currently-available US missile defense systems," Korotchenko told Sputnik.

It had been reported earlier that China had conducted another test of the HGV, dubbed the WU-14 by the Pentagon, an ultra-high speed vehicle capable of travelling up to eight times the speed of sound. Earlier tests of the vehicle had shown it capable of carrying nuclear warheads at a speed of over Mach 10, or 12,359 kilometers per hour.



The experimental weapon, which is designed to thwart anti-ballistic missile countermeasures, is capable of approaching its target at a relatively flat glide, reducing the likelihood of detection and the ability of any foe to launch countermeasures. The serialized production of such a delivery system would also extend the range of existing Chinese intercontinental ballistic missiles by up to a third.

Korotchenko noted that the creation of these HGVs by China "demonstrates the country's capability of creating the necessary technology to [negatively] affect US national security."

"At present, China's defense industry is informed by the concept that the United States is the country's main enemy. The Chinese military's development plans, the configuration of Chinese forces, and the country's desire to build a carrier fleet -all of this is taking place in the context of its rivalry with the United States," Korotchenko said.

"Therefore, the negative commentary which may be found in the American media is a reflection of the fact that the US is coming to realize the extent of the growth in China's military capabilities, and is alarmed by it," the expert added."..."

RUSSIA DEMANDS ISRAELI EXPLANATION OF AIR STRIKES IN SYRIA

December 8, 2014 Haaretz reported: "Russia has demanded an explanation from Israel about air strikes in Syria on Sunday that the Syrian government attributed to Israel.

'Moscow is deeply worried by this dangerous development, the circumstances of which demand an explanation,' Russian foreign ministry spokesman Alexander Lukashevich said.

In a letter to the United Nations, Russia complained about Israel's 'aggressive action' and demanded that such attacks should not happen again, the spokesman said. Syria also complained to the UN about the strikes, demanding that the Security Council 'severely condemn the Israeli attack and impose punitive sanctions on Israel due to its support of Syrian terrorist organizations.'..."

EGYPT'S LARGEST MILITARY MANEUVER 'MEANT FOR ISRAEL'

December 7, 2014 Arutz Sheva reported: "Egypt held its 'Badr 2014' military maneuver between October 11 and November 6, its largest exercise since 1996 which was only half the size - according to a senior security expert the Nile state has its sights on Israel, despite the peace treaty. Col. (res.) Dr. Shaul Shay, former deputy head of the Israel National Security Council, detailed the maneuver in Israel Defense on Saturday, analyzing the massive military preparations.

According to Shay, Egypt wants not only to improve security domestically, but also 'it hopes to reassert its historic leadership role and become the regional hegemony. ...With the rise of (President) Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, a new generation of military leadership in Egypt has taken control of the country's armed forces.'...

Speaking directly about what that means for Israel, Shay noted that the exercise is meant to prepare for 'a potential conflict with Israel.'..."