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JIHADIST FLAGS, BOMBS FOUND IN PARIS SHOOTERS' CAR

January 8, 2015 The Times of Israel reported: "French investigators found a dozen Molotov cocktails and two jihadist flags in the getaway car used in the massacre at a Paris magazine, a source close to the case told AFP.

French special operations forces deployed Thursday in a northern town where two brothers suspected of having gunned down 12 people in an Islamist attack on satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo are believed to be located, a police source said.

The jihadist flags and gas bombs were found in the abandoned black Citroen used by the attackers to speed away from the offices of the Charlie Hebdo weekly after they carried out the assault.

'This shows their Islamist radicalization and that they had possibly planned other acts with the petrol bombs,' the source said..."

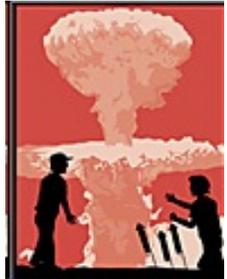
NORTH KOREA 'CLOSE TO MINIATURIZING NUCLEAR WARHEADS'

January 7, 2015 The National Post reported: "North Korea has set up posts along its border with South Korea to be able to more quickly invade its neighbor, while also expanding its artillery and mechanized forces, according to South Korea's Defense Ministry.

Kim Jong Un's regime is setting up 'infiltration facilities' along the demilitarized zone dividing the countries to be able to both accommodate and rapidly deploy special forces into South Korea if war breaks out, the ministry said in its latest white paper released today. It didn't say how many posts there are or whether they included tunnels and housed weapons.

North Korea has also probably developed ballistic missiles capable of threatening the continental U.S., according to the report, the first time South Korea has made the assertion in its white paper.

'These are newly spotted structures and could be part of a wider network of military bases and tunnels,' Park Chang Kwon, a senior research fellow at the state-run Korea Institute for Defense Analyses in Seoul, said by phone. South Korea is also 'formally saying that North Korea has very much addressed the issues of accuracy and reliability for its intercontinental ballistic missile.'..."



PARIS: 12 KILLED IN OFFICES OF PAPER THAT 'MOCKED MOHAMMED'

January 7, 2015 Arutz Sheva reported: "Gunfire erupted in central Paris at the offices of satirical news magazine Charlie Hebdo, police confirmed Wednesday. Officials confirmed 12 fatalities. Two of the dead are reportedly police and ten are journalists. Ten people are reported injured, five of them critically..."

At least two or three gunmen are believed to have been involved, according to Le Figaro. They were said to be firing Kalashnikov semi-automatic assault rifles. According to the paper, the gunmen are on the run after a shootout with policemen.

France Info radio has been speaking to eyewitnesses, several of whom are journalists from a press agency located in the same building as the Charlie Hebdo offices.

'We heard shouting in the street,' one of them, Benoit Bringer, told the station. 'We saw hooded men carrying Kalashnikovs enter the building. We called the police. After a few minutes we heard heavy firing, a lot of firing. We went upstairs onto the roof.

'And then after about 10 minutes we saw two armed men come out into the street. Three policemen arrived on bikes but had to leave because the men were armed, obviously ... There was a lot more shouting in the street, a lot more gunshots. The attackers took off in a car.'..."

EGYPT'S AL-SISI URGES MUSLIM 'RELIGIOUS REVOLUTION' TO COMBAT ISLAMIST IDEOLOGY

January 6, 2015 ChristianToday.com reported: "Egypt's President Abdel Fatah el-Sisi has urged scholars and teachers at Al Azhar University in Cairo to start a 'religious revolution' aimed at combatting the ideology that supports Islamic terrorism around the world.

The president, a former general who was elected last June following an army coup against the Muslim Brotherhood government of Mohammed Morsi in 2013, is widely popular in Egypt despite austerity measures aimed at rescuing Egypt's ailing economy. He enjoys support from the country's Christians because of the improved security situation.

According to a translation received by the Washington Post, al-Sisi told an audience at the university: 'It's inconceivable that the thinking that we hold most sacred should cause the entire umma [Islamic world] to be a source of anxiety, danger, killing and destruction for the rest of the world. Impossible!'

Violent Islamist ideology, he said, was 'antagonising the whole world'. He added: 'Is it possible that 1.6 billion people [Muslims] should want to kill the rest of the world's inhabitants — that is 7 billion — so that they themselves may live? Impossible!'

'I am saying these words here at Al Azhar, before this assembly of scholars and ulema — Allah Almighty be witness to your truth on Judgment Day concerning that which I'm talking about now.

'All this that I am telling you, you cannot feel it if you remain trapped within this mindset. You need to step outside of yourselves to be able to observe it and reflect on it from a more enlightened perspective.

'I say and repeat again that we are in need of a religious revolution. You, imams, are responsible before Allah. The entire world, I say it again, the entire world is waiting for your next move... because this umma is being torn, it is being destroyed, it is being lost — and it is being lost by our own hands.'...”

U.S. AND RUSSIA IN DANGER OF RETURNING TO ERA OF NUCLEAR RIVALRY

January 5, 2015 The Guardian reported “A widening rift between Moscow and Washington over cruise missiles and increasingly daring patrols by nuclear-capable Russian submarines threatens to end an era of arms control and bring back a dangerous rivalry between the world’s two dominant nuclear arsenals.

Tensions have been taken to a new level by US threats of retaliatory action for Russian development of a new cruise missile. Washington alleges it violates one of the key arms control treaties of the cold war, and has raised the prospect of redeploying its own cruise missiles in Europe after a 23-year absence.

On Boxing Day, in one of the more visible signs of the unease, the US military launched the first of two experimental ‘blimps’ over Washington. The system, known as JLENS, is designed to detect incoming cruise missiles. The North American Aerospace Command (Norad) did not specify the nature of the threat, but the deployment comes nine months after the Norad commander, General Charles Jacoby, admitted the Pentagon faced ‘some significant challenges’ in countering cruise missiles, referring in particular to the threat of Russian attack submarines.

Those submarines, which have been making forays across the Atlantic, routinely carry nuclear-capable cruise missiles. In the light of aggressive rhetoric from Moscow and the expiry of treaty-based restrictions, there is uncertainty over whether those missiles are now carrying nuclear warheads...”

2014: THE YEAR OF THE CHRISTIAN GENOCIDE

January 5, 2015 Breitbart.com reported: “The year 2014 saw more global persecution of Christians than any other year in recent history, and can only be compared to the first centuries when Christians were hunted down as criminals in the Roman Empire. The policy of the Emperor Diocletian, in fact, who reigned from 284-305AD, was remarkably similar to that taken by the Islamic State and Boko Haram: ‘Convert or die.’

A look around the globe reveals an unprecedented pattern of persecution that has shifted from isolated incidents of hostility to a systematic campaign to exterminate Christians in places where they have lived peacefully for centuries.

From the kidnapped school girls and massacres in Nigeria and the displacement of thousands in the Central African Republic, to the believers arrested for having a Bible study in Central Asia, to Meriam Ibrahim being sentenced to death in Sudan, to the ISIS slaughters, to the couple burned alive for blasphemy and hundreds of girls kidnapped in Pakistan, Christians throughout the world saw a major escalation in persecution in 2014...”

NETANYAHU: WE WON'T LET SOLDIERS BE DRAGGED TO ICC

January 4, 2015 YnetNews.com reported: “Israel will not permit its soldiers to be hauled in front of the International Criminal Court on potential war crimes charges, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday.

‘We will not let (IDF) soldiers and officers be dragged to the International Criminal Court in The Hague,’ Netanyahu said at the start of the weekly cabinet meeting, two days after the Palestinians filed an application to become a party to the court.

His remarks were made after Israel froze the transfer of NIS 400 million (\$127 million) in tax revenues to the Palestinian Authority in the first of what officials said would be a series of punitive steps following the Palestinian move.

‘If the Palestinian Authority doesn't take a step back, I think we have to take much more severe steps,’ said Strategic Affairs Minister Yuval Steinitz, a close associate of Netanyahu, referring to a ‘gradual dissolution’ of the PA.

‘We should not aid the existence of this authority.’...”

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