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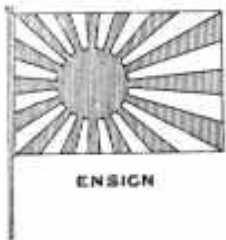
MUSLIM CALL TO PRAYER TO BE CHANTED EVERY FRIDAY AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

January 15, 2015 Breitbart.com reported: "In a new initiative to promote religious pluralism, Duke University will broadcast the Muslim call to prayer every Friday on campus. The call to prayer—also known as 'adhan'—will be chanted by the Duke Muslim Student Association. The prayer itself is set to start this Friday at 1:00 p.m. and will be broadcast and amplified from the Chapel bell tower on campus. As campuses continue to foster political correctness, they use it as a way to favor religions seemingly at war with Western Civilization and Judeo-Christian beliefs."...



JAPAN APPROVES BIGGEST EVER DEFENCE BUDGET AMID ASIA TENSIONS

January 14, 2015 AFP reported: "Japan approved its largest-ever defence budget for the next fiscal year on Wednesday, as hawkish Prime Minister Shinzo Abe looks to strengthen surveillance of territorial waters in the face of a continuing spat with China. For the year to March 2016, Tokyo will spend 4.98 trillion yen (\$41.97 billion), the government said, indicating a budget rise for the third straight year.



"This is the largest budget ever," said a defence ministry official, adding the highest allocation previously was 4.96 trillion yen earmarked in 2002. The trend reflects Abe's wish to build a more active military, a push supporters say is in response to the raising of tensions with China, with which Tokyo is at odds over the ownership of islands in the East China Sea.

Japan is increasingly wary of Beijing, which is seen by several countries in the region as becoming aggressive over various sovereignty claims. But detractors point to Abe's desire to bolster the military more generally, and to shrug off the shackles of pacifism.

China responded cautiously to the announcement, urging Tokyo to pay heed to the past.

"Japan's moves in its military and security policies have long drawn the attention of its Asian neighbours and of the international community. They indicate whether or not Japan can follow the path of a peaceful development," said foreign ministry spokesman Hong Lei.

The premier had wanted to alter the constitution to reduce restrictions on the armed forces, but was unable to muster sufficient public support, and moved instead to reinterpret the relevant clause to allow the military to come to the aid of an ally under attack.

"We hope that the Japanese side will regard history as a mirror and follow the path of a peaceful development and play a constructive role to promote regional peace and stability."

Among items on the Japanese defence ministry's shopping list are 20 "P-1" maritime patrol aircraft, with a combined price tag of 350 billion yen. It will also buy five V-22 "Osprey" -- crossover aircraft, which have the manoeuvrability of helicopters and the range of aeroplanes -- along with six high-tech F-35A stealth fighters.

The ministry is looking to obtain a fleet of "Global Hawk" drones over a five-year period, and part of the purchase will come out of this budget, officials said. The ministry is also buying 30 units of amphibious vehicles and one E-2D airborne early-warning aircraft to be assigned to protect fringe areas, including the Nansei Shoto islands which lie between the East China Sea and the Pacific Ocean.

The cash will also go towards the construction of one Aegis destroyer, and fund the deployment surveillance units around the southern islands of Okinawa and Amami."..."

RUSSIA APPEALS FOR CALM AS CRISIS FORCES IT TO CUT BUDGET

January 14, 2015 The AP reported: "Russian government officials appealed for calm on Wednesday after predicting budget cuts and a further surge in inflation as the country faces its worst economic downturn in 15 years. With the currency and economy wilting under the twin blows of Western sanctions and a fall in the price of oil exports, Finance Minister Anton Siluanov proposed slashing some 10 percent to most areas of the state budget.

That is a significant turnaround for the government of President Vladimir Putin, who only weeks ago told the nation in a televised address that state spending would not be cut. Many parts of the economy, which relies heavily on public spending, will be affected, though Russia's vast military modernization program and spending on infrastructure reforms will remain untouched as the country tries to reassert its power in the face of the West.

That means Russians, who have seen the cost of imports jump as a result of the fall in the ruble, can expect more increases in the cost of living. Inflation could hit an annual rate of 17 percent in the spring, the deputy economic development minister, Alexei Vedev, was quoted as saying by the Tass news agency. Last year, inflation was 11.4 percent, the highest rate since 2008.

The Russian ruble, which lost about half of its value last year, was down another 1 percent in afternoon trading in Moscow, to just above 66

rubles per dollar.”...”

BOKO HARAM RISING: TERRORISTS 'SET UP OWN COUNTRY'

January 14, 2015 World Net Daily reported: “Radical Muslim terrorist group Boko Haram is taking its persecution of Christians and other Muslims to a new level with the recent slaughter of some 2,000 people, but Voice of the Martyrs says Christians are rock solid in their faith and even evangelizing the terrorists while the Nigerian government does little to stop the carnage. Best known in the U.S. for its brazen abduction of hundreds of schoolgirls last year, Boko Haram is now believed to have committed by far its most heinous atrocities to date in its massacre of 2,000 people in and around the village of Baga, Nigeria.

‘Those are unconfirmed reports. The police and the Nigerian military can’t even get into the village to bury the dead and to evaluate the situation. Boko Haram has made it so dangerous. There are reports that one village was basically destroyed. All the people they could get there, they killed. They burned down all the huts in the village, so it is basically gone completely,’ said Voice of the Martyrs Director of Media and Public Relations Todd Nettleton.

The population of Nigeria is effectively split between Christians and Muslims. Christians dominate the southern part of the country, while Muslims are in the north. Nettleton said the terrorist group effectively runs the northeast part of the country.

‘They have actually gone so far as to declare a caliphate, very similar to what the Islamic State has done in Syria and Iraq. They’ve said, ‘We’re going to run this territory according to Shariah law. I’m the caliph. I’m the leader of this part of the country. They basically have set up their own little country,’ said Nettleton, who believes Boko Haram admires and emulates what the Islamic State forces are doing in the Middle East...”

WE ARE CHARLIE, INDEED! 22 TERROR CAMPS IN U.S.

January 14, 2015 WND.com reported: “Last week’s brazen attack by a ‘home-grown’ terrorist cell in France that targeted the staff of satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo has drawn renewed interest in potential cells operating inside the United States. And there are many.

The FBI is aware of at least 22 paramilitary Islamic communes in the U.S., operated by the shadowy Pakistan-based group Jamaat al-Fuqra and its main U.S. front group, Muslims of America Inc. With U.S. headquarters in Islamberg, New York, the group headed by Pakistani cleric Sheikh Mubarak Ali Gilani operates communes in mostly remote areas of California, Georgia, South Carolina, New York, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, Michigan, Tennessee and other states...”

AT LEAST 20 SLEEPER CELLS READY TO STRIKE EUROPE

January 13, 2015 World Net Daily reported: “Algeria’s intelligence services passed information to several European countries indicating there are at least 20 sleeper cells with a combined total of 120 to 180 jihadists ready to act in France, Germany and Belgium, WND has learned. Many members of the cells were trained in Tunisia, according to an Algerian intelligence report that was shared with WND by a European official. The report was provided to European interior ministers.

The document also deals with the issue of European citizens traveling to Iraq and Syria to join Islamic terrorist organizations. The Algerian report fingers Saudi-financed mosques in Europe as helping to lead the recruitment of European jihadists to fight in Syria and Iraq...”

PARIS TERROR ATTACKS CELEBRATED IN PAKISTAN

January 13, 2015 The Times of Israel reported: “While last week’s attack on French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo sparked global outrage, dozens of people in Pakistan’s northwestern city of Peshawar paid tribute Tuesday to the brothers who carried out the murders. Though small in scale, the event was indicative of the anger that portrayals of the Prophet Mohammed can ignite in some parts of the Muslim world, particularly in Pakistan where tough blasphemy laws make insulting the Prophet a crime punishable by death.

Local cleric Maulana Pir Mohammad Chishti led some 60 people in prayers for Cherif and Said Kouachi, who shot dead 12 people at the magazine’s offices on January 7, as worshipers called the pair ‘martyrs’. They also chanted ‘Death to Hebdo publications’ and ‘Long live Cherif Kouachi, long live Said Kouachi,’ and kissed posters of the brothers who were shot dead by police two days later.

‘These two brothers have paid the debt of all Muslims in the world and we present them our salute and respect,’ Chishti said...”



OTTAWA 'CLOSELY MONITORING' AS VIDEO REPEATS ISIS CALLS FOR CANADA ATTACKS

January 12, 2015 The National Post reported: “Security agencies were ‘closely monitoring’ the situation after a video repeating calls by ISIS to kill Canadian civilians, police and members of the military was posted on the Internet, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said on Sunday.

The video showed footage of the attack on Parliament Hill as well as last week’s killings in Paris, and quoted from a statement issued last September by ISIS spokesman Abu Muhammad Al Adnani calling for terrorist attacks in the West.

While the 9-minute video was a compilation of earlier threats made by ISIS, and was not an official ISIS release, it specifically named Canada and, coming after the Paris attacks and the killings of Canadian Forces members, police were taking no chances...”

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