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## MOSCOW, US END NUCLEAR COOPERATION PROGRAM

*January 22, 2015* SpaceDaily.com reported: "Moscow has decided to end its nuclear cooperation program with the US, saying that it no longer needs assistance in safeguarding nuclear sites located in Russia, the Boston Globe reported, citing unnamed sources familiar with the situation.

The decision was made late last year, the newspaper says, citing a three-page agreement signed at the meeting held on December 16. According to the newspaper, officials from the US Department of Energy, the US Department of State and the Pentagon, as well as high-ranking Russian officials took part in the meeting.

The agreement put an end to Russia-US cooperation in protecting weapons-grade uranium and plutonium from being stolen or sold, the newspaper said. The United State has allegedly invested approximately \$2 billion in the joint program. Several initiatives were expected to continue at least through 2018.

The partnership, which had existed between the two countries under a host of Cooperative Threat Reduction programs, had been the most effective form of US-Russian cooperation since the end of the Cold War in the 1990s, according to the Boston Globe."..."

## AL-QAEDA IN YEMEN CALLS FOR 'LONE WOLF ATTACKS' IN WEST

*January 21, 2015* Arutz Sheva reported: "Al-Qaeda's Yemen branch is calling for 'lone wolf attacks' against the United States and the West in a new video, days after claiming responsibility for the Charlie Hebdo killings, the Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported Tuesday.

One of the group's ideologues, Nasser bin Ali al-Ansi, urged supporters to conduct what he called 'individual jihad,' according to the SITE monitoring group, which tracks Islamist extremists online.

'We are preparing and lurking for the enemies of Allah. We incite the believers to do that,' Ansi was quoted as saying in a video posted on Tuesday.

In a previous video, Ansi claimed Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) was behind the attack on French satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo, the start of three days of bloodshed in France that left 17 people dead.

Western governments say it remains unclear if AQAP directly orchestrated the violence, although they do believe one or both of the attackers spent time with jihadists in Yemen. In the latest recording, Ansi recommended lone wolf attacks as those were 'more harmful.'..."

## CHINA PLANNING NAVAL BASE IN NAMIBIA: REPORT

*January 20, 2015* SpaceDaily.com reported: "Namibia and China are discussing plans for a Chinese naval base in the southwest African country, the Namibian newspaper reported Tuesday, prompting an immediate denial from Beijing.



The Namibian quoted a confidential letter from Namibia's Beijing ambassador to his foreign ministry stating that a Chinese delegation would visit Windhoek for discussions "on the way forward regarding plans for the proposed naval base in Walvis Bay".



The letter from Ambassador Ringo Abed to foreign affairs permanent secretary Selma Ashipala-Musavyi, dated December 22, 2014, followed a meeting he had with Chinese defence ministry official Geng Yansheng, the Namibian said. The detailed letter said the Chinese delegation would include technical staff and naval architects who would do an exploratory feasibility study, the newspaper reported.

In response to a query, the Chinese defence ministry told AFP that "the exchange of communication between Chinese defence officials and Namibian embassy officials reported by 'The Namibian' is an out-and-out fabrication".

Namibia's Foreign Affairs Minister Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, who was sent a copy of the letter, said: "The whole issue is completely new to me. I'm seeing this letter for the first time."

The ambassador's letter said Geng Yansheng had noted that China had invested heavily in Namibia and that a Chinese naval presence would deter illegal fishing trawlers and smugglers in Namibian waters, the paper reported."...This is the second time Beijing has denied reports of a planned naval base in Walvis Bay, which has a sheltered deepwater harbour and is Namibia's biggest commercial port.

The desert nation on the Atlantic coast to the north of South Africa is mineral-rich -- from diamonds to uranium -- and China has increased investment and aid in recent years."

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## **ISLAMIC STATE CONTINUES EXPANSION INTO NEW AREAS, EYES MECCA & MEDINA**

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*January 20, 2015* Breitbart.com reported: “The continuing flare-ups on Saudi Arabia’s northern border with Iraq have led some to believe that the Islamic State is set on an eventual push towards the Islamic holy cities of Mecca and Medina.

Islamic State ‘Caliph’ Abu Bakr Al Baghdadi has frequently called for attacks inside Saudi territory, with hopes of the eventual capture of Mecca and Medina. ‘It is likely [Baghdadi] realizes that no one can claim to be the Islamic State without controlling the holy sites in and around Mecca and Medina and the wealth that comes with them,’ writes Newsweek’s William Young.

Not only has the Islamic State frequently prodded the Saudi border, the terror group also sees Lebanon as a target of prime importance.

The Islamic State has successfully recruited as many as 700 Syrian opposition fighters, whose recruitment was of chief interest due to their strategic location on Syria’s border with Lebanon, according to The Telegraph. The fighters have reportedly swelled on the border, as ISIS has continued to threaten an imminent invasion.

‘The moderate [Syrian] rebel groups on the border have collapsed, and their men have joined ISIS,’ Ahmed Flity, the deputy mayor of a Lebanese border town told The Telegraph. In recent days, The Islamic State has reportedly for the first time had cells surface within Afghanistan and Israel...”

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## **RUSSIA AND IRAN SIGN DEAL TO WIDEN MILITARY COOPERATION**

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*January 20, 2015* The Times of Israel reported: “Russia and Iran have signed an agreement to expand their military ties and resolve a long-standing dispute over the sale of a controversial air defense system to the Islamic Republic. In remarks carried by Russian news agencies, Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu said in Tehran Tuesday that the new agreement includes expanded counter-terrorism cooperation, exchanges of military personnel for training purposes and an understanding for each country’s navy to more frequently use the other’s ports.

The deal provides for joint exercises and military training, as well as ‘cooperation in peacekeeping, maintaining regional and international security and stability, and fighting against separatism and extremism,’ the Iranian Defense Ministry website said.

Russia has long been Iran’s principal foreign arms supplier but their ties took a major hit in 2010 when Moscow canceled a contract to deliver advanced S-300 ground to air missiles, citing UN sanctions imposed over Tehran’s nuclear program...”

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## **ISIS PLANS ON KILLING ‘HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS’ IN ‘RELIGIOUS CLEANSING’**

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*January 18, 2015* Breitbart.com reported: “Jurgen Todenhofer, the first Western reporter to embed with Islamic State fighters and not be killed in the process, spoke to Al Jazeera about his time with the terror group. Todenhofer lived side by side with the jihadist fighters for ten days in the Islamic State-stronghold city of Mosul, Iraq. He was accompanied only by his son, who served as his cameraman.

‘I always asked them about the value of mercy in Islam,’ but ‘I didn’t see any mercy in their behavior,’ explained Todenhofer. He added, ‘Something that I don’t understand at all is the enthusiasm in their plan of religious cleansing, planning to kill the non-believers... They also will kill Muslim democrats because they believe that non-ISIL-Muslims put the laws of human beings above the commandments of God.’

The German reporter then elaborated on how shocked he was about how ‘willing to kill’ the ISIS fighters are. He said that they were ready to commit genocide. ‘They were talking about [killing] hundreds of millions. They were enthusiastic about it, and I just cannot understand that,’ said Todenhofer

He warned that the Islamic State ‘is much stronger than we think,’ and that their recruiting has brought motivated jihadis from across the globe. ‘Each day, hundreds of new enthusiastic fighters are arriving,’ explained Todenhofer. ‘There is an incredible enthusiasm that I have never seen in any other war zones I have been to.’...”



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## **EUROPEAN US OFFICIALS WARN OF SEVERE TERROR THREAT**

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*January 19, 2015* Voice of America News reported: “British Prime Minister David Cameron said Britain faces a ‘severe’ threat of terrorist attack, while a European law enforcement official describes the security environment as ‘difficult’. A U.S. lawmaker also warns of a growing threat of ‘homegrown violent extremism.’

Appearing on the CBS program ‘Face the Nation’ on Sunday, Cameron said Britain faces a ‘severe threat’ and that an attack is ‘highly likely.’

‘This threat keeps morphing because it’s the same fundamental problem, extremist Islamist terror. The threat has changed and altered, but still based on the fundamental problem of a poisonous death cult narrative, which is a perversion of one of the world’s major religions,’ said Cameron.

Cameron said the struggle against these extremists will take a long time and require international cooperation.

‘If we take the issue of Islamic extremist terrorism coming out of Iraq and Syria, it is going to take a very long time to deal with this. While we’ll have to show a great deal of perseverance, we cannot do this on our own as Western countries. We need a functioning government in Iraq, a functioning government in Syria to be the legitimate authorities that with us help to stamp out this perversion of the Islamic religion,’ said Cameron...”