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RON PAUL: "GOOD NEWS" THAT SECESSION IS HAPPENING

February 19, 2015 BuzzFeed.com reported: "Former Republican presidential candidate and Congressman Ron Paul says secession is happening and it's "good news." Paul later predicted the states would stop listening to federal laws.

"I would like to start off by talking about the subject and the subject is secession and, uh, nullification, the breaking up of government, and the good news is it's gonna happen. It's happening," Paul, the father of potential Republican presidential candidate Rand Paul, told a gathering at the libertarian Mises Institute in late January. The event Paul was speaking at was titled "Breaking Away: The Case for Secession."

Paul said secession would not be legislated by Congress, but would be de facto, predicting "when conditions break down...there's gonna be an alternative."

"And it's not gonna be because there will be enough people in the U.S. Congress to legislate it. It won't happen. It will be de facto. You know, you'll have a gold standard when the paper standard fails, and we're getting awfully close to that. And people will have to resort to taking care of themselves. So when conditions break down, you know, there's gonna be an alternative. And I think that's what we're witnessing."

Later, Paul said the Federal Reserve would end and the states would stop listening to federal laws they didn't agree with."..."



Federal

CHINA'S HYPERSONIC GLIDE VEHICLE: A THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES

February 18, 2015 SpaceDaily.com reported: "Beijing's significant military advance has been furthered with its venture into hypersonic weapons systems. China is working on hypersonic cruise missiles for which it is working on scramjet engines and also on Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (HGV).

In 2014, Beijing has conducted three test-firings of its HGV, the Wu-14. The first test-firing was conducted in January, while the second one was conducted in August and the latest one has been conducted in December and witnessed both success and failure with the tests.

According to the United States, this Wu-14 is believed to be a component of Beijing's strategic nuclear program and the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission annual report stated that the Wu-14 was a "core component of its next-generation strike capability."

This "game changer" Wu-14 is designed to be mounted atop ballistic missiles to "an undisclosed suborbital altitude and then released." The vehicle then dives towards its target at speeds of up to Mach 10.

There is little doubt that this 'assassin-mace weapon' is another category of counter-measure being developed by Beijing to evade the US missile defence systems. The dragons have time and again raised their apprehensions on the US missile defence program and oppose the same on the grounds that it negates Beijing's nuclear deterrent capability. Beijing has been developing counter-measures like decoys and chaffs on their ballistic missiles.

China is also making its ballistic missiles fly either a depressed or lofted trajectory as counter-measures against missile defence system. China is also working on multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles (MIRVs) and maneuverable re-entry vehicles (MARVs) which could nullify US missile defence systems, both National Missile Defence (NMD) and Theatre Missile Defence (TMD).

Evasion of ballistic missile defence is possible due to the high speed at which these systems travel and also because of their flat trajectory which makes it difficult for missile defence system to defeat the system.

This is further coupled with the capability of the HGV to perform a pull-up maneuver after entering the atmosphere and increasing the chances of the HGVs to attack time-sensitive targets by reducing their time of reaching the targets. According to Mark Stokes, these gliding vehicles would be intended to evade mid-course missile defence system.

Apart from enabling ballistic missiles to nullify US missile defence system, this system mounted atop a ballistic missile also increases range of the missile. Missiles with depressed or lofted trajectories reduce the range of the ballistic missile system. The same is the case with MIRVs, which also reduces the range of the ballistic missile."..."

INTEL: ISIS PLANNING ATTACKS ON U.S. SOIL

February 18, 2015 World Net Daily reported: "Egypt, now at the forefront of fighting ISIS, is warning it has intelligence revealing the global jihadist group is planning a worldwide offensive this spring or summer that could reach targets within the United States.

Interrogations of ISIS members captured in recent weeks in the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula Egyptian and information collected by Egyptian security forces indicate ISIS is planning ground offensives this spring and summer aimed at taking over more territory across the Middle Eastern and Persian Gulf, a senior Egyptian intelligence official told WND.

Some of the information indicates the new offensive will not be limited to the Arab world. Timed to coincide with its planned surge, ISIS is plotting possible attacks using cells abroad.

ISIS and its jihadist allies could activate cells to carry attacks in Europe and possibly within the U.S., the senior Egyptian official warned...”

ISIS BEHEADING OF COPTIC CHRISTIANS IN LIBYA BRINGS ISLAMISTS TO EUROPE’S DOORSTEP

February 17, 2015 The Independent.co.uk reports: “The beheading of 21 Coptic Christians on a beach in Libya has brought Isis to the doorstep of Europe.

The mass murder, which provoked a volley of Egyptian air strikes on the group’s Libyan stronghold of Derna, realised long-held fears of militants reaching the Mediterranean coast.

Isis started in Iraq and now controls swathes of adjoining Syria, including along the Turkish border, as part of its so-called Islamic State.

Its ideology has spread much further, with pledges of allegiance from terrorist groups in Egypt, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Yemen and now Libya.

Days before Isis released its gory video depicting the Egyptians’ beheadings, Libya’s former Prime Minister warned that the group would soon reach the Mediterranean and even Europe if order was not restored in the country...”

ITALY DEPLOYS 4,800 SOLDIERS FOR SECURITY AT SENSITIVE SITES

February 17, 2015 Reuters reported: “Italian security chiefs on Tuesday approved a plan to put 4,800 soldiers on the streets throughout the country to help guard against potential militant attacks, the Interior Ministry said. A statement after a meeting of military and security officials said they would guard sensitive sites and targets until at least June.

Italian media said about 500 would be deployed in Rome, where army troops already help guard diplomatic missions and residences, the capital’s synagogue and Jewish schools. The troops are expected to be deployed at tourist venues such as archaeological sites and monuments. The measures come after attacks by gunmen who killed two people in Copenhagen on Saturday and 17 people in Paris last month.

Security officials consider Rome particularly sensitive because it is home to the Vatican. In the past, Islamist websites have posted vague threats against Pope Francis and the Roman Catholic Church but Interior Minister Angelino Alfano said at an event with Vatican officials on Tuesday there was no specific threat.”...”

JEWISH GROUP FEARS COPENHAGEN, PARIS ATTACKS START OF ‘EPIDEMIC’

February 16, 2015 The Times of Israel reported: “The Nazi-hunting Simon Wiesenthal Center on Monday said it feared the recent attacks against Jews in Copenhagen and Paris could be the start of a ‘pan-European epidemic’ as it called for a Europe-wide conference against anti-Semitism.

The prominent Jewish rights group said the shootings in Copenhagen on Saturday followed the same pattern as the Islamist attacks in Paris last month, and were directed at ‘freedom of expression activists, police and Jewish institutions’.

‘Paris and Copenhagen are bound to be precedents for a pan-European epidemic. Condemnation is insufficient,’ the group said in the statement, addressed to European Council President Donald Tusk.



Copenhagen

It called on Tusk to organize a conference to ‘combat anti-Semitism on every front’.

The weekend attacks saw a gunman kill a 37-year-old Jewish man outside a synagogue as well as a 55-year-old filmmaker attending a debate on Islam and freedom of the press at a cultural center. The gunman was later shot dead by police...”



Paris

ISLAMIC STATE: EGYPTIAN CHRISTIANS HELD IN LIBYA 'KILLED'

February 15, 2015 BBC News reported: “A video has emerged showing the beheadings purportedly of 21 Egyptian Christians who had been kidnapped by Islamic State (IS) militants in Libya. The footage shows a group wearing orange overalls, being forced to the ground and then decapitated. Egypt’s National Defence Council is to meet in emergency session to discuss its response to the killings.

IS militants claim to have carried out several attacks in Libya, which is effectively without a government. However, with many armed groups operating in Libya, it is not clear how much power IS actually wields.

The kidnapped Egyptian workers, all Coptic Christians, were seized from the coastal town of Sirte in eastern Libya, now under the control of Islamist groups. On Friday, IS released pictures of the Egyptians, saying they had been kidnapped to avenge the fate of Muslim women ‘tortured and murdered by the Coptic church of Egypt’.

The video of the beheadings was posted online by Libyan jihadists who pledge loyalty to IS. The identities of the murdered men have not been confirmed, but Egypt has declared seven days of national mourning...”