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## REFUGEE CRISIS: US, UK 'IGNORING CHRISTIANS, PREFERRING MUSLIMS'

*September 17, 2015* Arutz Sheva reported: "Israel National News reports: "Christian minorities forced out of their homes who manage to reach the United States and other Western nations sometimes encounter more trouble – so reports the Gatestone Institute International Policy Council.

In San Diego, California, for example, a group of over 25 Christians who fled the Islamic State (ISIS) in Iraq were detained for more than six months – until they were finally ordered deported earlier this month. Five of them were arrested for having provided false information, local KPBS Radio reported, but all of them were held at the Otay detention center even as family members protested that they would sponsor them.

'They are being held without a real reason,' said Mark Arabo, a spokesman for the Chaldean community in San Diego, at one of the protests. They've escaped hell. Let's allow them to reunite with their families.'

Faith McDonnell, of the Institute on Religion & Democracy, said that the detainment of Iraqi Christians in San Diego 'follows the disturbing pattern that we have seen from the State Department, of ignoring the particular targeting of Christians by ISIS – while giving preferential treatment for asylum to other groups with expedited processing...some of whom could very well be members of jihadist movements.'

In the United Kingdom, Christian leaders are accusing Prime Minister David Cameron of 'turning his back' on Christians facing genocide in Syria and Iraq by failing to grant them refuge in the UK – even while thousands of Muslims have been allowed entry..."

## ARE ISIS TERRORISTS HIDING AMONG REFUGEES?

*September 17, 2015* Arutz Sheva reported: "Warnings that jihadists bent on violence may be sneaking into Europe disguised as refugees are growing louder, but analysts say extremists do not need to board rickety rubber dinghies to infiltrate the continent.

Politicians have for weeks been sounding the alarm over the risk of Islamist terrorists making their way to Europe undetected in the flood of migrants, and even Pope Francis warned this week of the 'risk of infiltration.'

While experts say this scenario is indeed possible, they argue that groups such as the Islamic State (ISIS) have far more sophisticated means to reach Europe to carry out attacks.

'I think it is a very valid concern from one point (but) the key thing to remember is the group has large numbers of EU citizens fighting for it with valid passports who could potentially travel back (to Europe) through conventional means,' Matthew Henman of IHS Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center said.

However, he said using passports would make it more likely the terrorists could be tracked, while it is virtually impossible to vet refugees for ties to any terror groups.

'It is one of the most pressing security concerns facing security officials across Western Europe currently,' he told AFP..."

## ISIS 9/11 VIDEO: 'WE ARE BACK IN AMERICA'

*September 16, 2015* Breitbart.com reported: "'ISIS has released a video to commemorate—and celebrate—the 9/11 attacks. 'We are back in America,' the terrorist nation declares, warning that Americans can expect another attack on the scale of what their godfathers in al-Qaeda pulled off on September 11, 2001, and promising to deliver 'cars full of explosives and suicide bombers.'

ISIS and al-Qaeda are fighting on several fronts today, including Syria and Afghanistan, but the ten-minute video approvingly quotes Osama bin Laden: 'Every Muslim, from the moment they realise the distinction in their hearts, hates Americans, hates Jews, and hates Christians. ... For as long as I can remember, I have felt tormented and at war, and have felt hatred and animosity for Americans.'..."

## PENTAGON WANTS ROBOTS TO BUILD SPACESHIPS AT HIGH ORBITING TRANSPORT HUB

*September 16, 2015* SpaceDaily.com reported: "Building, repairing, refueling, upgrading, and transporting the spacecraft of the future using a single orbiting base - sounds like sci-fi, right? Not anymore, as researchers with the Pentagon's R and D arm DARPA are looking to build a huge transportation hub at 36,000 kilometers above Earth.

Humanity has long dreamed of space bases, and have tried their hands at experimental spacecraft, with varying degrees of success. Now, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Pentagon's incubator for defense tech, claims it's working on machinery that will allow for the construction of transportation hubs in geosynchronous orbit (GEO), around 36,000 kilometers (22,370 miles) over our planet's surface.

A highly capable robotic arm is the principle mechanism to be used on such a new space base, and DARPA's got it well in hand, according to former NASA astronaut Pam Melroy, now deputy director of DARPA's Tactical Technology Office.

"We think that these capabilities - space capabilities - are not just about a single monolithic satellite with a few capabilities, but instead about a vibrant, robust ecosystem that involves transportation, repair, refueling, upgrading, [and] in situ construction," Melroy said Thursday at



DARPA's "Wait, What? A Future Technology Forum" in St. Louis, Space.com reported.

"Look at the great seafaring port cities in the world for inspiration, and imagine a port of call at 36,000 kilometers," she added.

Low-Earth orbit, where most satellites and the International Space Station fly, situated between 186 and 373 miles (300 to 600 km) above Earth, is far less preferable than GEO for building a transformative transportation hub, Melroy noted. Here's why:

- + Lower velocity means reduced risk of collisions, especially with space junk;
- + Much more stable orbit, as atmospheric drag is almost non-present;
- + Objects stay in GEO, while they tend to fall from low-Earth orbit within about 25 years.

As space radiation levels so far away from Earth are too high for astronauts' long-term exposure, the hub will be necessarily operated by robots, Melroy explained.

But no need for humanoid robots complete with arms and legs to live on the base and keep it functioning - just a piece of a robot is sufficient. A strong one.

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### **RUSSIA POSITIONS TANKS AT SYRIAN AIRFIELD U.S. OFFICIALS SAY**

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*September 15, 2015* Haaretz reported: "Russia declined to comment on claims by U.S. officials that it has positioned about a half dozen tanks at a Syrian airfield at the center of a military buildup.

One of the U.S. officials said seven Russian T-90 tanks were observed at the airfield near Latakia, a stronghold of Syrian President Bashar Assad. The two U.S. officials said Russia had also positioned artillery, which they said appeared to be arrayed defensively to protect Russian personnel stationed there.

The officials said that Russian movement on the ground suggests Moscow wants to create a forward air operating base at an airfield south of Latakia that has been at the center of a recent Russian military buildup in Syria..."

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### **PUTIN DEFENDS MILITARY AID TO SYRIAN REGIME, CITING NEED TO FIGHT ISIS**

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*September 15, 2015* Haaretz reported: "Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday strongly defended Moscow's military assistance to the Syrian government, saying it's impossible to defeat the Islamic State group without cooperating with Damascus.

Meanwhile, The Guardian reported that Russia supposedly proposed President Bashar Assad step down in 2012 as part of a larger Syrian peace deal, but was turned down by the West who thought opposition forces would oust the embattled dictator first. The report quoted a senior negotiator involved in the process at the time.

Putin's statement comes amid the signs of an ongoing Russian military buildup in Syria, which the U.S. says signals Moscow's intention to set up an air base there..."

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### **NORTH KOREA HINTS AT POSSIBLE ROCKET LAUNCH**

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*September 15, 2015* SpaceDaily.com reported: "North Korea hinted Monday at a possible satellite launch, fuelling speculation that it might attempt to fire a long-range rocket to coincide with a key political anniversary next month.

Any such launch would invite fresh international sanctions and jeopardise a reunion being organised with South Korea of families divided by the 1950-53 Korean War.

The North insists its rocket launches are intended to put peaceful satellites into orbit, while the US and its allies see them as disguised ballistic missile tests.

In an interview with the state-run KCNA news agency, the director of the North's National Aerospace Development Administration said Pyongyang was in the 'final phase' of developing a new geo-stationary satellite.

'The world will clearly see a series of satellites ... soaring into the sky at the times and locations determined by the (ruling Workers' Party) central committee,' the director was quoted as saying.

Space development is a sovereign right that North Korea intends to exercise 'no matter what others might say about it,' he added..."



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### **THOUSANDS PROTEST MIGRANTS IN EASTERN EUROPE: 'ISLAM WILL BE THE DEATH OF EUROPE'**

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*September 14, 2015* Breitbart.com reported: "Thousands of people joined anti-migrant protests in three eastern European capitals on Saturday after leaders from the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia opposed an EU scheme to fix refugee quotas.

In the Polish capital Warsaw, nearly 5,000 people, many chanting anti-Islamic slogans, marched through the city, an AFP correspondent said. 'Islam will be the death of Europe', one of the banners said.

Organisers claimed the demonstration drew 10,000 people but police refused to confirm the figure..."