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EU APPROVES LABELING OF ISRAEL SETTLEMENT PRODUCTS

November 11, 2015 france24.com reported: "At a meeting in Brussels, the European Commission, the EU's executive, adopted 'the Interpretative Notice on indication of origin of goods from the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967,'" said an EU official.

Drawn up over three years by the European Commission, the guidelines mean Israeli producers must explicitly label farm goods and cosmetics that come from settlements when they are sold in the European Union. Israeli officials were briefed ahead of the decision and some suggested it was anti-Semitic.

"This is a technical measure, not a political one," one Commission source who declined to be named said on Tuesday. "The occupied territory is not part of the sovereign state of Israel, so goods cannot be sold as 'Made in Israel'."

The EU does not recognize Israel's occupation of the West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights, lands it captured in the 1967 Middle East war. It says the labeling policy aims to distinguish between goods made inside the internationally accepted borders of Israel and those outside.

Britain, Belgium and Denmark already affix labels to Israeli goods, differentiating between those from Israel and those, particularly fruits and vegetables, that come from the Jordan Valley in the occupied West Bank. Now all 28 EU member states would have to apply labels.

While there is no EU official wording, goods must carry the word "settlement" on the label when sold in European shops. If an Israeli farmer refuses, a retail outlet can do so, as the European Commission has sufficient information about where goods come from.

Israel's ambassador to the European Union, David Walzer, warned it could make difficult peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians harder and the EU might no longer be a welcome broker."..."

'HONOUR KILLINGS' BY MUSLIMS IN U.S. OFTEN UNREPORTED, HIDDEN IN CRIME STATS

November 12, 2015 ChristianToday.com reported: "There are an estimated 27 victims of 'honour killings' committed by Muslims every year in the United States but these are often unreported due to the family's shame. The cases are hidden under cases labeled as domestic violence motivated by radical interpretation of Islam, according to Fox News.



Honour killings and violence are among the most secretive crimes where typically men victimise their wives and daughters because of behavior that are seen as anti-Islam.

'Cases of honour killings and/or violence in the U.S. are often unreported because of the shame it can cause to the victim and the victim's family,' said Farhana Qazi, a former U.S. government analyst and senior fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies on Terrorism. 'Also, because victims are often young women, they may feel that reporting the crime to authorities will draw too much attention to the family committing the crime.

Cases that can be seen as honour killings like the January 2008 murder of two Texas sisters whose father is tagged by the F.B.I. as a suspect are not 100 percent linked to a religious act.

"Honour Violence Measurement Methods," a Department of Justice-funded report released in November last year, said there are four types of honour violence: forced marriage, honour-based domestic violence, honour killing, and female genital mutilation.

The report said there are about 23 to 27 honour killings in the U.S. yearly and that 91 percent of the victims in North America were murdered for being "too Westernised" with the father always involved. Experts say for every honour killing, there are instances of physical and emotional abuse in the name of Islam.'..."

IRAN STOPS DISMANTLING CENTRIFUGES, DESPITE NUCLEAR DEAL

November 11, 2015 Arutz Sheva reported: "Iran has stopped dismantling centrifuges in the Natanz and Fordow uranium enrichment plants, despite the nuclear deal with the West, Reuters reported on Tuesday, citing state media.

The move came after conservative lawmakers complained to President Hassan Rouhani that the process was too rushed.

Iran had last week announced it had begun shutting down inactive centrifuges at the two plants under the terms of the deal with world powers in July that limits its nuclear program in exchange for easing sanctions. But Iran's hardliners continue to resist and undermine the nuclear deal, which they see as a 'capitulation' to the West, noted Reuters.

'The (dismantling) process stopped with a warning,' Ali Shamkhani, Secretary of the National Security Council, was quoted as saying by the ISNA news agency. Only decommissioned centrifuges were being dismantled to begin with, of which there were about 10,000 at Natanz and Fordow, the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran has said..."

CHRISTIAN ARMY FIGHTING ISIS PLEADS FOR U.S. SUPPORT: 'WE'RE DONE'

November 11, 2015 Breitbart.com reported: "The Assyrian Army is in dire need of military support from the United States to protect Christian communities in Iraq and Syria against the genocide they are facing at the hands of the barbaric Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL), according to a decorated American military veteran advising the force.

Retired Lt. Col. Sargis Sangari, who was a deployed to Iraq during his 20-year career in the U.S. Army, is one of the Americans advising the Assyrian Army, known as Dwekh Nawsha, which means 'self-sacrifice' in the ancient Aramaic language used by Jesus and still spoken by the Assyrian Christians.

According to Sangari, the Assyrian military force, which is primarily based in Iraq's Assyrian Nineveh plains, is closely aligned with the strategic goals and aspirations of the United States...

'All we're saying is we're done. We don't have equipment. We don't have the weapons. We don't have the training,' said Lt. Col. Sangari, an Assyrian American..."

U.S. TO HELP IRAN REBUILD NUCLEAR REACTOR

November 10, 2015 FreeBeacon.com reported: "The United States and other global powers are helping Iran to update and reconstruct a nuclear reactor that has been suspected of helping the Islamic Republic produce enough material for a potential nuclear weapon, according to regional reports and statements from the State Department.

The United States' goal is to work with Iran to refit the reactor in such a way that it can no longer produce weapons grade material. However, Iran maintains that the United States and other partner nations will soon provide "advanced equipment" for the reactor, which is located near the Iranian industrial city of Arak..."

WAR ON ISIS NEEDS 'BOOTS ON GROUND': US AIR FORCE SECRETARY

November 10, 2015 Arutz Sheva reported: "The air campaign against the Islamic State (ISIS) terrorist group has made progress in degrading the jihadist organisation but will not be enough without local boots on the ground, the US air force secretary said on Tuesday.



The comments from Deborah Lee James come just days after Pentagon chief Ashton Carter raised the possibility of deploying additional US special forces personnel to Syria if more partners can be found among local forces on the ground.

'Air power is extremely important. It can do a lot but it can't do everything,' James said.

'Ultimately it cannot occupy territory and very importantly it cannot govern territory,' she told reporters at the Dubai

Airshow.

'This is where we need to have boots on the ground. We do need to have ground forces in this campaign.'..."

ON THE BRINK: CHRISTIANITY FACING MIDDLE EAST PURGE WITHIN DECADE, SATS GROUP

November 9, 2015 FoxNews.com reported: "The dwindling Christian population of the Middle East could vanish completely within a decade unless the global community intervenes, say alarmed aid groups who say followers of the Bible are being killed, driven from their land or forced to renounce their faith at an unprecedented pace.

The world has largely stood by as a dangerous tide of intolerance has washed over the region, according to a new study by the international Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need. The study includes disturbing data about the plunging numbers of Christians in the part of the world that gave birth to the faith, and makes a dire prediction of what could happen.

"It's an answer that depends on the response of the world," Edward Clancy, director of outreach for the United Kingdom-based Aid to the Church in Need, told FoxNews.com. "What response is there going to be toward us if we act?"

While Christians are under siege from Islamic State radicals in war-torn Syria and Iraq, the report notes that the religion is being targeted throughout the region. Christians who have managed to escape ISIS have fled to places like Europe and Lebanon, while members of the faith also are under increasing pressure in Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and other Gulf nations.

The Christian population in Iraq has plummeted from 1.5 million in 2003 to current estimates of 275,000 and could be gone for good within five years, according to the report. The dwindling numbers are due to genocide, refugees fleeing to other countries, those who are internally displaced, and others hiding in plain sight and not allowing their faith to be publicly known. A dozen Christian families flee Iraq each day, according to 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative, a Falls Church, Va., nonprofit dedicated to promoting religious freedom worldwide.

"Unless the global community gets involved, we will witness the loss of Christian witnesses in a land that is biblically significant," Elijah Brown, executive vice president for 21st Century Wilberforce, told FoxNews.com.

He noted that Iraq's second-largest city, once home to a thriving Christian community as old as the faith itself, has now been overrun by ISIS and purged of Christians..."

JORDANIAN POLICE OFFICER SHOTS DEAD TWO AMERICANS

November 9, 2015 Arutz Sheva reported: "A Jordanian police officer has shot and killed two American instructors at a training facility for Iraqi and Palestinian Authority forces near Amman. The shooter was shot dead by fellow police after carrying out the attack at the American-funded Jordan International Police Training Center (JIPTC) in Muaqar, on the eastern outskirts of the Jordanian capital, a security source told Reuters. Two others were wounded in the attack, according to AFP. The motive for the attack has not yet been confirmed..."

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