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## ISLAMIC STATE BURNS ALIVE FIGHTERS FOR LOSING RAMADI

January 14, 2016 Breitbart.com reported: "The Islamic State has begun to burn alive jihadists who participated in failed efforts to keep Ramadi, Iraq in the hands of the terrorist group.

According to a report at Fox News, residents of the Islamic State's Iraqi stronghold in Mosul said a group of black-clad jihadis survived the 250-mile retreat from Ramadi, after it was recaptured by Iraqi forces... only to be made to stand in a circle while they were doused in gasoline and set ablaze.



The Fox report goes on to note that several other instances of cowardly jihadis being executed by their commanders have been reported, especially after ISIS lost control of Saddam Hussein's hometown, Tikrit. ISIS has visited growing horrors upon the captive citizens of Mosul as well, as the long-awaited operation to liberate the city and kick the Islamic State out of Iraq comes together.

'They come to the house and take the children and accuse them of being spies. If the mom cries and gets upset at them, they accuse of her being a spy too and take her to the jail and later kill her,' said an Iraqi source..."

## JAKARTA ATTACKS: BOMBS AND GUNFIRE ROCK INDONESIAN CAPITAL

January 14, 2016 BBC News reports: "A series of explosions has rocked the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, with gun battles on the streets. The blasts were centered around Thamrin Street, a major shopping and business district close to foreign embassies and the United Nations offices.

Police say the situation is now under control, with five suspected attackers among at least seven people killed. So-called Islamic State (IS) said it carried out the attacks, a news agency linked to the militant group said. Separately, Indonesian police said they suspected a local group allied to IS was to blame. Indonesian President Joko Widodo described the attacks as an 'act of terror'.

'We all are grieving for the fallen victims of this incident, but we also condemn the act that has disturbed the security and peace and spread terror among our people,' he said..."

## PHILIPPINES TO OFFER EIGHT BASES TO US FORCES: OFFICIAL

January 13, 2016 spacedaily.com reported: "The Philippines is set to offer the US military use of eight bases, a military spokesman said Wednesday, after the country's supreme court upheld a security agreement with Washington forged in the face of rising tensions with China. The facilities include the former US Clark airbase and air and naval facilities on the southwestern island of Palawan which faces the South China Sea, the focus of territorial disputes with China.

Military spokesman Colonel Restituto Padilla said the facilities would be used to store equipment and supplies. He added that the offer had still to be finalised after the Philippine Supreme Court on Tuesday upheld a 10-year security accord. The decision allows for the full implementation of the Enhanced Defense Co-operation Agreement (EDCA), signed in 2014 but not implemented due to legal challenges from groups opposed to US military involvement in the Philippines, a US colony from 1898 to 1946. It will see more US troops rotate through the Philippines for war games and help Manila build military facilities..."

## SOUTH KOREA PROMISES 'BONE-NUMBING PAIN' IN NEW SANCTIONS ON NORTH AFTER NUCLEAR TEST

January 13, 2016 ChristianToday.com reported: "South Korea warned North Korea on Wednesday that the United States and its allies were working on sanctions to inflict 'bone-numbing pain' after its latest nuclear test, and called on China to do its part to rein in its isolated neighbour. The US House of Representatives voted nearly unanimously late on Tuesday to pass legislation to broaden sanctions on the North's nuclear programme. Meanwhile, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called for an expansion of the size and power of his isolated country's nuclear arsenal, state media reported on Wednesday.

Last week's nuclear test was North Korea's fourth, although the United States and experts doubt the North's claim that it was of a more powerful hydrogen bomb, as the blast was roughly the same size as that from an atomic bomb test in 2013. South Korean President Park Geun-hye said further provocations by the North including "cyber-terrorism" were possible, and said new sanctions should be tougher than those in the past, but did not give specifics. "We are cooperating closely with the United States and allies to come up with effective sanctions that will make North Korea feel bone-numbing pain, not only at the Security Council but also bilaterally and multilaterally," she said in a speech..."

## ISLAMIC STATE GUIDE FOR LONE WOLF JIHADIS: 'ACT CHRISTIAN'

January 13, 2016 Breitbart.com reported: "Islamic State jihadists have released a publication that teaches jihadis how to blend into Western society, acting 'Christian' and avoiding mosques, while building terror cells. The release of this guide follows that of an e-book filled with tips for young folks who need to tell Mom and Dad they have decided to abandon Western life and run off to join the savage caliphate in Syria.

The book is a 62-page work from the 'Al-Fajr Media Center,' composed by Abu Ubayda Abdullah al-Adm, with the clunky title Safety & Security Guidelines for Lone Wolf Mujahadeen and Small Cells..."

## **PENTAGON: 2 US NAVY BOATS HELD BY IRAN BUT WILL BE RETURNED**

*January 12, 2016* The AP reported: “Iran was holding 10 U.S. Navy sailors and their two small boats that drifted into Iranian waters after experiencing mechanical problems. Iran accused the sailors of trespassing but American officials said Tehran has assured them that the crew and vessels would be returned safely and promptly.

The sailors, nine men and one woman, were being held overnight at an Iranian base on Farsi Island in the Persian Gulf, and were expected to be transferred to a U.S. ship in the region on Wednesday morning local time. Officials said they believe the U.S. had spoken to one of the crew, and all 10 were fine and uninjured. Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook told The Associated Press that the Riverine boats were moving between Kuwait and Bahrain when the U.S. lost contact with them.

U.S. officials said that the incident happened near Farsi Island in the middle of the Gulf. They said some type of mechanical trouble with one of the boats caused them to drift into Iranian territorial waters near the island, and they were picked up by Iran. The semi-official Iranian news agency, FARS, said the Iranian Revolutionary Guard's navy has detained 10 foreign forces, believed to be Americans, and said the sailors were trespassing in Iranian waters. "We have been in contact with Iran and have received assurances that the crew and the vessels will be returned promptly," Cook said.”...

## **BEIJING ASSERTS RIGHT TO FLIGHTS TO SOUTH CHINA SEA**



*January 11, 2016* SpaceDaily.com reported: “Beijing said Monday it did not need to notify Vietnam about flights to a disputed reef in the South China Sea, after Hanoi complained to a UN aviation body about the controversial trips. Vietnam accused Beijing of threatening regional safety by conducting "unannounced" flights through its airspace to a newly built runway on the Fiery Cross reef, which is claimed by both countries. China has conducted several flights this year to the airstrip, one of several it has built on artificial islands is has constructed as its asserts its claim to nearly all of the disputed waterway.

China's foreign ministry said it had not been required to notify Vietnam, as the flights were "state aviation activities". The trips "are not bound by the Convention on International Civil Aviation and relevant regulations of the ICAO, are within sovereign states' independent hands to operate," spokesman Hong Lei told a regular briefing, referring to the UN body. Hong added that in any case China's aviation administration had notified Vietnamese authorities of the flight, but "received no

response".

Vietnam this year logged at least 46 incidents of Chinese planes flying without warning through airspace monitored by air traffic control in the southern metropolis Ho Chi Minh City, according to authorities cited by local media. State media also reported that Vietnam sent a protest letter about the flights to Beijing, as well as the United Nations' International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Beijing began work in 2014 on a 3,000-metre (9,800-foot) runway on Fiery Cross reef in the disputed Spratly island group, around 1,000 kilometres (620 miles) from China's island province of Hainan. China assertion over most of the South China Sea puts it at odds with regional neighbours the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan, which also stake partial claims.”

## **AL-QAIDA IN THE ISLAMIC MAGHREB THREATENS TO ATTACK ROME, NAPLES AND MADRID**

*January 11, 2016* The Jerusalem Post reported: “After the merciless attack on a luxury hotel that took place in Timbuktu last November and resulted in the killing of 21 people, al-Qaida in North Africa has continued to escalate its rhetoric against France, threatening to commit more terror attacks in Western capitals to force Paris to stop its military intervention in Mali.

On January 6, the media institute of the al-Qaida-affiliated organization released a video titled ‘From the Desert’s depth,’ in which the Malian fighter, Abu Basir al-Bamari, who was recently released from a prison in Mali, urged the Muslims in Mali to take up arms to ‘fight against the French infiltrators’ in order to restore Sharia law in the country.

To achieve its aim – ending the French intervention in Mali – the organization threatened to attack the West: ‘We will strike them in Naples, in Rome, in Madrid. The blasts will be everywhere.’ The video also presents images of the fighting already taking place in Mali between the al-Qaida-affiliated organization and UN peace keeping forces, which are composed mainly of French soldiers...”

## **US WARPLANE FLIES OVER SOUTH KOREA IN SHOW OF FORCE TO NORTH**

*January 11, 2016* Voice of America News reported: “A long-range U.S. military bomber flew over South Korea Sunday, in an apparent response to North Korea over its latest nuclear weapons test.

The B-52 bomber, which is capable of carrying nuclear weapons, was seen flying over Osan Air Base, located 72 kilometers south of the border that separates the two Koreas, before heading back to its home base on nearby Guam. The bomber was accompanied by two fighter planes from the U.S. and South Korea.

U.S. Navy Admiral Harry B. Harris, Jr., the commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, issued a statement calling the flight a demonstration of the ironclad U.S. commitment to our allies in South Korea, in Japan, and to the defense of the American homeland.’...”