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## REPORT: ISLAMIC STATE HAS CAPTURED 3,500 FEMALE AND CHILD SLAVES IN IRAQ

January 21, 2016 Breitbart.com reported: "The United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) released a report estimating the slave population of the Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL/IS) in Iraq at 3,500. 'UNAMI/OHCHR [Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights] continues to believe that the number of people currently being held in slavery by ISIL numbers approximately 3,500' the information in the report, gathered between May 1 and October 31, 2015, states. 'Those being held are predominately women and children and come primarily from the Yazidi community, but a number are also from other ethnic and religious minority communities.'

The Islamic State has targeted Yazidis as they spread their Caliphate across northern Iraq. The terrorist group considers the Yazidis, a religious minority, devil worshippers. As militants stormed through Yazidi areas, they demand Yazidis convert to Islam or die. Iraq Human Rights Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani has claimed the militants have buried over 500 Yazidis alive in Sinjar. Kurdish forces managed to retake the town in November 2015. The liberators found one grave filled with 78 elderly women and another with at least 50 people..."

## GLOBAL STOCKS SINK ON FRESH GROWTH FEARS

January 20, 2016 WSJ.com reported: "Global stocks plunged, driven by heightened concerns about growth and fading confidence in the willingness or ability of central banks to boost their economies. The concern is the outlook for inflation, which in small doses is crucial to a healthy economy and which monetary-policy makers around the world have failed to accelerate. Another sharp fall in oil prices and weak consumer-price data in the U.S. on Wednesday gave traders fresh reasons to doubt what already were dismal expectations for the year.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by more than 500 points before rebounding to close down 249 points, or 1.6%, extending a rout that has left the blue-chip index off 9.5% this year. Japan's Nikkei Stock Average and the U.K.'s FTSE 100 index sank into bear markets—down 20% from a recent high. In a sign of the stress, a crush of buying into haven assets pushed yields on 10-year U.S. Treasuries below 2%, leaving them at their lowest level since October. Bond yields fall as prices rise. Gold, another asset perceived as a harbor in times of turmoil, rose 1.6%.

Asian markets were higher early Thursday. Japan's Nikkei and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index were each up more than 1%, while the Shanghai Composite was up less sharply. The unusually severe losses in stocks and most commodities to start 2016 have led people in business, the investment community and government to question their outlooks and ask whether economic conditions might be worse than they had expected."..."

## EUROPE ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE: SOROS

January 20, 2016 cnbc.com reported: "Billionaire financier George Soros has warned that the European Union is on the "verge of collapse" over the migrant crisis and is in "danger of kicking the ball further up the hill" in its management of the issue which has seen more than a million migrants and refugees arrive in the region in 2015. In an interview with the New York Review of Books, Soros added that the German Chancellor Angela Merkel is key to solving the crisis. Merkel led Europe's response to the migrant crisis, opening Germany to the refugees that had travelled from the Middle East, in particular Syria, to try and find a new home in Europe. The decision by the German leader marked a sea-change in her policy. In the interview, Soros said he welcomed Merkel's move.

"There is plenty to be nervous about," the financier said. "As she (Merkel) correctly predicted, the EU is on the verge of collapse. The Greek crisis taught the European authorities the art of muddling through one crisis after another. This practice is popularly known as kicking the can down the road, although it would be more accurate to describe it as kicking a ball uphill so that it keeps rolling back down." "Merkel correctly foresaw the potential of the migration crisis to destroy the European Union. What was a prediction has become the reality. The European Union badly needs fixing. This is a fact but it is not irreversible. And the people who can stop Merkel's dire prediction from coming true are actually the German people. " "Now it's time for Germans to decide: Do they want to accept the responsibilities and the liabilities involved in being the dominant power in Europe?"..."

## ISIS CALLS ON MUSLIM COUPLES IN THE WEST TO IMITATE SAN BERNARDINO SHOOTERS

January 20, 2016 The Jerusalem Post reported: "In the new volume of its English-language magazine, Dabiq, released on Wednesday, ISIS encourages married Muslim couples in the West to follow in the footsteps of the Muslim married couple who carried out the San Bernardino, California shooting attack in December. The shooting attack in San Bernardino took place on December 2, 2015, when Syed Rizwan Farook and his wife, Tashfeen Malik, opened fire at a holiday party at the Inland Regional center in San Bernardino, killing 14 people and injuring 22 others.



The magazine describes the shooting attack as 'unique,' since 'the Khilafah's (Islamic Caliphate) call for the Muslims to strike the crusaders in their own lands was answered once more' – but this time, by a jihadist operating together with his wife, not alone. ISIS praised Tashfeen Malik, who participated in the operation and gained martyrdom after being killed by security forces, 'despite the fact that combat is not even obligatory upon her.'

The organization praised the sacrifice of the San Bernardino couple, who 'left behind not only their comfortable lifestyle, but also their baby daughter, knowing that they would never see her again.'..."

## **PAKISTAN TEST-LAUNCHES HOMEGROWN CRUISE MISSILE: MILITARY**

*January 19, 2016* SpaceDaily.com reported: "Pakistan conducted a successful flight test Tuesday of a locally developed cruise missile named "Ra'ad" with a range of 350 kilometres (around 218 miles), the military said. "The state of the art Ra'ad ALCM (air-launched cruise missile) is equipped with highly advanced guidance and navigation system that ensures engagement of targets with pin point accuracy," the military said in a statement. Tuesday's test is the latest in a series carried out by Pakistan and its arch-rival India since both demonstrated nuclear weapons capability in 1998.

Relations between Pakistan and India -- which have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947 -- have always been fraught, but soured further last August amid a rise in clashes along their borders and a row over a Pakistani diplomat meeting Kashmiri separatists. Pakistan test-fired a ballistic missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead on December 15 last year. Last week, India's Foreign Minister held talks with her Pakistani counterpart Sartaj Aziz in Islamabad on the sidelines of a regional summit on Afghanistan, where they jointly announced they would resume high-level peace talks."

## **STUDY: CHRISTIANITY DYING IN BRITAIN, ONLY ISLAM GROWING**

*January 19, 2016* Breitbart.com reported: "Long known for its indifference to religion, Britain continues to become less and less religious, with a record 46 per cent of the UK adult population now espousing no religion whatsoever. A new survey by researchers at Lancaster University reveals that only 42 per cent of Brits identify as Christians, despite the fact that England remains one of the last confessionally Christian nations in the world, with the Anglican communion enjoying official status as the state religion.

Britain, in fact, is one of only a handful of countries in the world that is swiftly moving from having a Christian majority to a 'no religion' majority, with only the Muslim faith bucking the trend toward implosion. While the Church of England is only 'one generation away from extinction,' as Lord Carey, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, warned earlier this year, Islam is quickly coming forward to take its place..."

## **CHINA REPORTS SLOWEST GROWTH IN 25 YEARS**

*January 19, 2016* France24.com reported: "China's economy grew 6.9 percent in 2015, official data showed Tuesday, slumping to its lowest annual expansion rate in a quarter of a century. The performance of China, the world's second-largest economy, is a crucial concern for global investors, and its fourth-quarter growth also slowed to 6.8 percent, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said, its weakest since the global financial crisis. Both figures matched the median forecasts in an AFP survey of 18 economists.

China's leaders are looking to transform the country's economic model away from one driven by investment and exports in the past and more oriented towards consumer demand. The structural transformation was still under way, the NBS said in a statement, adding it was "a crucial period during which challenges need to be overcome and problems need to be resolved and the task of comprehensively deepening the reform is still heavy". The 2015 figure was well below the 7.3 percent growth recorded in 2014. China's services sector accounted for 50.5 percent of GDP in 2015, the official Xinhua news agency cited the NBS as saying, the first time it was more than half the economy."..."

## **REPORT: ISLAMIC STATE BEHEADS 150 CIVILIANS IN SYRIAN MASSACRE**

*January 18, 2016* Breitbart.com reported: "In one of their most gruesome slaughters to date, Islamic State militants stormed the city of Deir al-Zour in eastern Syria over the weekend, reportedly decapitating upwards of 150 people, including women and children, and abducting hundreds more... 'At least 150 people were beheaded yesterday by ISIS in the massacre of Deir al-Zour, including dozens of women and children,' reported the Italian ANSA news service, citing local sources in Syria. State officials in Damascus place the number of deaths at 300, of whom most were women, children and elderly. Some of the victims were allegedly crucified. The jihadists carried out a door-to-door massacre of civilians in Ayash and Begayliya, two Deir al-Zour neighborhoods controlled by the Syrian regime, sources reported.

The UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said that Islamic State soldiers kidnapped at least 400 civilians from families loyal to the regime from the Begayliya area during their attack Saturday, transferring them to the western countryside of Deir al-Zour. The Observatory confirmed that among the dead were also soldiers, paramilitaries and their families."..."

## **ISLAMIST RUNNING 140 TAX-FUNDED CHARTER SCHOOLS IN U.S.**

*January 18, 2016* World Net Daily reported: "Muhammad Fethullah Gülen is a Turkish Islamist, writer and preacher with a secret plan for bringing Shariah law to America. Arguably Turkey's most influential spiritual leader of the past 50 years, Gülen left that country in the late 1990s and now directs his cult-like Islamic movement from a guarded compound in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania.



Part of his empire consists of a thriving network of more than 140 charter schools in 26 states that sell themselves to parents as a secular and more academically rigorous alternative to public schools. As the second largest chain of charter schools in the United States, Gülen schools rake in tens of millions of U.S. taxpayer dollars every year. But the schools, which have nondescript names like Horizon Science Academies in Illinois, Harmony School of Excellence in Washington, D.C., and Magnolia Science Academies in California, have long been the subject of investigations into alleged corruption scandals involving conflicts of interest, influence peddling and visa abuse..."

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