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PARIS ATTACK LEADER SAID HE SLIPPED IN WITH 90 EXTREMISTS

February 4, 2016 The AP reported: "The Belgian who led the Nov. 13 attacks on Paris bragged that he slipped into France with a group of 90 extremists from Europe and the Middle East, according to testimony from the woman who tipped police to his location. In an interview aired Thursday by RMC television and confirmed by her lawyer, the woman identified only as Sonia said Abdelhamid Abaaoud was proud of the attack that killed 130 people. The 42-year-old woman was with Abaaoud's female cousin on Nov. 15 when the younger woman got a call from a Belgian number. It was Abaaoud, asking for a hideout.

The two women drove to a deserted industrial road outside Paris and Abaaoud came out of a bush. It was at that moment she realized who he was, according to her testimony. What followed is Abaaoud's only known conversation about the attacks and their aftermath - with a woman so horrified and angered by the bloodshed that she challenged him repeatedly. She said the Islamic State group commander told her he had entered France without documents, among a group of 90 people that had scattered around the Paris region. She accused him of killing innocent people, which he denied, and challenged the deaths of Muslims that night. Those, she said, he described as "collateral damage."

IRAN ARMY CHIEF: MISSILE PROGRAM A THREAT TO OUR ENEMIES, ISRAEL SHOULD KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS

February 4, 2016 The Jerusalem Post reported: "Iran will continue to develop its missile program and it should not be considered a threat to neighboring and friendly countries, the semi-official Fars news agency quoted the head of the army as saying on Thursday. Under a deal reached between Iran and six major powers in 2015, most international sanctions imposed on Iran due to its nuclear program were lifted last month. However, sanctions imposed on its missile program were not lifted.

According to a July 20 United Nations Security Council resolution endorsing the deal, Iran is still 'called upon' to refrain from work on ballistic missiles designed to deliver nuclear weapons for up to eight years. In October, Iran violated a United Nations ban by testing a precision-guided ballistic missile, prompting a US threat to impose more sanctions. In December, President Hassan Rouhani ordered Iran's missile program to be expanded..."

RUSSIA TO TEST NEW S-500 DEFENSES IN 2016

February 3, 2016 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "The first prototypes of Russia's next-generation S-500 long range air defense system will reach completion and begin pre-tests in 2016, according to state-run Sputnik News. The new generation system will be capable of destroying aerial offensive targets, as well intercontinental ballistic missiles and targets near space. The S-500 'not only combines the best feats of the previous systems, but also offers completely new possibilities in the field of air, missile and space defense,' according to Viktor Murakhovski, a member of the advisory council of Russia's Military-Industrial Commission.



The long-range system, manufactured by Moscow-based defense firm Almaz Antey, will have a range of 600 kilometers (more than 370 miles) and could simultaneously intercept up to ten ballistic warheads flying at speeds of up to 23 thousand feet per second. Its missiles will be able to change their trajectory in midflight and may be able to strike targets as high as 115 miles. By comparison, the S-400 anti-missile system, known to NATO as the SA-21 'Growler,' is said to have a maximum range of 250 miles, and can bring down airplanes at up to 90,000 feet (17 miles)..."

N. KOREA CONFIRMS IMMINENT SATELLITE LAUNCH

February 2, 2016 SpaceDaily.com reported: "North Korea confirmed Tuesday it was planning an imminent space rocket launch -- a move the US immediately condemned as "another egregious violation" of UN resolutions following Pyongyang's nuclear test last month. The North sent formal notifications to three UN agencies, including the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), of its intention to launch an earth observation satellite between February 8-25.

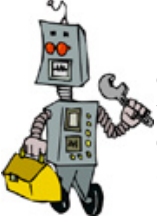
The United States, which has been spearheading a diplomatic drive for harsher, more effective sanctions on Pyongyang over its latest nuclear test, condemned the launch plan. This is "yet another egregious violation of (North Korea's) obligations," said Daniel Russel, the assistant US secretary of state for Asia-Pacific Affairs. "This argues even more strongly for action by the UN Security Council and the international community to impose... tough additional sanctions," Russel said. Although Pyongyang insists its space programme is purely scientific in nature, the United States and its allies insist such space launches are aimed at developing an inter-continental ballistic missile (ICBM) capable of striking the US mainland.

UN resolutions forbid the North from any use of ballistic missile technology, and sanctions were imposed after its last rocket launch in December 2012. If the notified launch goes ahead, it would be a further slap in the face of the international community which is struggling to find a united response to the January 6 nuclear test..."

THESE WAREHOUSE ROBOTS CAN BOOST PRODUCTIVITY BY 800%

February 2, 2016 technoinsider.io/robots reported: "The Locus robot can zip around a clothing warehouse larger than the size of six football fields. It can also work for 24 hours, without a break for lunch or a salary. The new bot, created by Locus Robotics, just launched in its first

warehouse: a Devens, Massachusetts space owned by Quiet Logistics, a warehousing company that fills online orders for both small startups and megabrands like Zara and Bonobos. The robots transport items that have been picked off the shelves by humans, and bring them to the front of the warehouse to be sealed and delivered.



"We developed a system where the robots do all the walking," Locus Robotics CEO Bruce Welty tells Tech Insider. "As retailers continue to exceed expectation around next-day shipping, they're going to look to technology to help them provide an even faster turn-around." The bots work alongside humans and do all the normal grunt work. Warehouse workers usually walk 12 to 16 miles each day. With the robots, they don't have to. The robots now meet the human workers in the middle of the warehouse. As soon as someone completes an order online, the bot's system knows exactly where to go in the 275,000-square-foot warehouse.

Each bot (which doesn't look anything like a human) has a platform for arms and a two-foot-diameter base with wheels for feet. It zips around at about 4.5 mph, or the equivalent of a fast walk. If stray boxes or wires stand in its path, its vision technology can "see" in real-time to avoid them. Since the robots are able to move faster than humans without tiring, Welty says the system will boost warehouse productivity by up to 800%. The bots will also not be subject to human error, which means that they can get the order right nearly every time..."

CHIEF RABBI OF MOSCOW: WE'RE FACING A RELIGIOUS WORLD WAR

February 1, 2016 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "A statement issued by the Chief Rabbi of Moscow Pinchas Goldschmidt called to close the mosques of radical preachers and imams and prevent them from accessing social networks. 'I believe that the 21st century has reverted back to the religious wars of the Middle Ages. The rise of Daesh (Islamic State) happened 15 years after the September 11 World Trade Center attack when Islam has become a major threat to democracy,' said Rabbi Goldschmidt. He called on governments worldwide to fight the extremist Islamic indoctrination by closing mosques where hate speech echoes, to arrest imams who preach incitement against other religions and prevent their access to social networks in order to stop them from spreading their inflammatory doctrine.

'There are extremist aspects in many religions, especially Islam. The fascist extension of Islam, Daesh (ISIS), is part of Islam and must be addressed. We must recognize that we have entered into a religious war, as was routine in the middle Ages. If we very clearly define what Islamic extremism is, it will be easier for the intelligence services around the world to keep track of those who constitute a threat to western values, isolate them and make sure that threat is not increasing,' added Rabbi Goldschmidt..."

BOKO HARAM JIHADIS BURN CHILDREN ALIVE, SLAY OVER 100 VILLAGERS IN NIGERIA MASSACRE

January 31, 2016 Breitbart.com reported: "In one of their most heinous massacres to date, militants from the radical Islamist Boko Haram group slaughtered over a hundred victims in a village in northeast Nigeria Saturday night, including a number of children whom they burned alive. The latest atrocity from the jihadi group allied to the Islamic State took place in the village of Dalori, some three miles from Maiduguri, Nigeria. Vice Chairman of a civilian joint task force in Dalori, Modu Kaka, said that at least 100 dead bodies were taken away but that hundreds are still missing.

Witnesses spoke of 'scores of bodies' burned and riddled with bullets lying in the streets after the attack Saturday night. One man, who managed to escape by hiding in a tree, said that he could hear the wails of children screaming in the flames..."

SPECULATION MOUNTS OF IMMINENT N. KOREA ROCKET LAUNCH

January 29, 2016 SpaceDaily.com reported: "Speculation mounted Friday that North Korea is preparing a rocket or long-range missile launch to follow its recent nuclear test, with Japan reportedly ordering its military to shoot down any projectile that threatened its territory. With existing UN Security Council resolutions banning North Korea from the use of ballistic missile technology, any launch would be a further slap in the face of the international community which is struggling to find a united response to the January 6 nuclear test. Following a Japanese report that cited government sources as saying a rocket launch could come as early as next week, two US defence officials confirmed ongoing activity at the North's Sohae satellite complex.

"The indications are that they are preparing for some kind of launch," one US official told AFP, speaking on condition of anonymity. "Could be for a satellite or a space vehicle -- there are a lot of guesses. North Korea does this periodically -- they move things back and forth," the official said. The United States regularly monitors North Korea from space, while Japan began satellite monitoring of the country in 2003.

North Korea successfully put a satellite into orbit with its Unha-3 carrier in December 2012. Although Pyongyang insisted it was a purely scientific operation, that launch was condemned by the international community as a disguised ballistic missile test and resulted in a tightening of UN sanctions. "Our concern is that when they do a space launch, it happens to be the same components that can be used in an ICBM (inter-continental ballistic missile)," a second US official said.

Since early 2013, North Korea has been upgrading the Sohae launch complex to handle larger, longer-range rockets with heavier payloads, but most experts say Pyongyang is still years away from obtaining a credible ICBM capability that could threaten the US mainland. Citing an anonymous government source, Kyodo News in Japan said satellite imagery showed increased movement at Sohae that could suggest a launch as early as next week..."

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