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ZIKA OUTBREAK IN PUERTO RICO GROWS, ENDANGERS PREGNANT WOMEN

April 28, 2016 USA Today.com reported: "Nowhere in the U.S. has been hit harder by the Zika outbreak than Puerto Rico, where 474 people have been diagnosed with the virus, including 48 pregnant women.

The true number of Zika cases in Puerto Rico, where the virus is spreading among local mosquitoes, could be much greater. Only about one in five people with Zika develop symptoms, so most of those with the virus are unaware they've been infected, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Although 388 travelers in the continental U.S. have been diagnosed with Zika after visiting an outbreak zone, the virus is not yet spreading among local mosquitoes on the mainland.

Doctors worry most about the dozens of pregnant women in Puerto Rico who have been infected with Zika, which causes catastrophic birth defects and has been linked to rare cases of paralysis."..."

BRAIN DAMAGE IN ZIKA BABIES IS FAR WORSE THAN DOCTORS EXPECTED

April 28, 2016 wsj.com reported: "Ana Gabriela do Prado Paschoal sat at a desk in a small medical exam room and began a familiar, heartbreaking ritual. Your baby's head is smaller than normal, Dr. Paschoal told the anxious mother, who had contracted the Zika virus while pregnant.

The 3-month-old girl, Maria Luiza, also had lesions on her brain. Her muscles were stiffer than normal, a sign of brain damage. Maria Luiza would take longer to walk and talk, Dr. Paschoal told the mother, a 24-year-old farmworker. More serious complications were likely, but the doctor decided that was enough news for one day.

The scale and severity of prenatal damage by the Zika virus are far worse than past birth defects associated with microcephaly, a condition characterized by a small head and brain abnormalities. Scans, imaging and autopsies show that Zika eats away at the fetal brain. It shrinks or destroys lobes that control thought, vision and other basic functions. It prevents parts of the brain not yet formed from developing."..."

REPORT: MUSLIM TERRORISTS SNEAK INTO U.S. WITH HELP OF DRUG CARTELS

April 27, 2016 WND.com reported: "Drug cartels are helping Muslim terrorists – including at least one ISIS militant – sneak across the U.S.-Mexico border to scope out the targets for terror attacks, according to a Tuesday report from Washington watchdog group Judicial Watch.

'Among the jihadists that travel back and forth through the porous southern border is a Kuwaiti named Shaykh Mahmood Omar Khabir, an ISIS operative who lives in the Mexican state of Chihuahua not far from El Paso, Texas,' the group reported. 'Khabir trained hundreds of Al Qaeda fighters in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen and has lived in Mexico for more than a year,' according to information provided to Judicial Watch by a source identified only as 'a high-ranking Homeland security official in a border state.'

According to the intelligence, Khabir now provides training to thousands of jihadis – mostly from Syria and Yemen – at a base in near Ciudad Juarez, which is located just across the border from El Paso, Texas.

'Staking out U.S. targets is not difficult, and Khabir actually brags in an Italian newspaper article published last week that the border region is so open that he 'could get in with a handful of men, and kill thousands of people in Texas or in Arizona in the space of a few hours,' Judicial Watch noted..."

FEDS PUSH ISLAM IN CLASS TO STOP 'BULLYING' OF MUSLIMS

April 27, 2016 World Net Daily reported: "The U.S. Department of Education has posted instructions to educators on its website imploring them to be aware of their responsibilities to protect Muslim students from 'bullying.'

The DOE post urged teachers to 'be sure to include Islam' in classroom discussions during 'social studies, current events, children's literature.'

The post is seen as so inflammatory by some Christian groups that a Change.org petition drive has been launched demanding the DOE 'halt its efforts to Islamize school children.'

Virginia-based Christian Action Network announced it is collecting petitions to present to U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr. Without providing any scientific data that bullying of Muslims is a problem in public schools or defining what type of behavior it would consider to be 'bullying,' the DOE post says Muslim students face more bullying than at any time since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001..."

INDIA TO TEST REUSABLE LAUNCH VEHICLE IN JUNE

April 26, 2016 SpaceDaily.com reported: "India is set to flight test, in June, a home-grown reusable launch vehicle to demonstrate its capability to re-enter the atmosphere and return to earth for more space missions, a top official said on Saturday.

"The winged vehicle, in the shape of an aircraft, is on way to Sriharikota for the maiden flight test in June from our spaceport there," Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) chairman A.S. Kiran Kumar said at an Indian Air Force event Bengaluru. Sriharikota in coastal Andhra Pradesh, is about 80km northeast of Chennai.

As the cost of access to space exploration and utilisation is expensive, the space agency has developed the two-stage-to-orbit reusable vehicle (RLV-TD) for reducing the cost of launching its future satellites.

It has completed various tests, including acoustics at the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) here to act as a flying test bed to evaluate its technologies such as hypersonic flight, autonomous landing, and powered cruise flight, using air-breathing propulsion.

"The vehicle will be flown up to 70 km and released for its re-entry into the atmosphere. It has to withstand the atmospheric pressure and heat friction while re-entering into the atmosphere," Kiran Kumar said at the ninth annual Air Chief Marshal L.M. Khatre lecture."..."

JAPAN WARSHIP VISITS PHILIPPINES AS CHINA SEA ROW FESTERS

April 26, 2016 SpaceDaily.com reported: "A Japanese warship sailed into a Philippine port near disputed South China Sea waters on Tuesday in another sign of deepening security ties between the World War II foes to counter Beijing.



Tensions in the South China Sea -- through which one-third of the world's oil passes -- have mounted in recent years since China transformed contested reefs into artificial islands capable of supporting military facilities.

The Japanese destroyer Ise docked in Subic Bay while on a "navigational training" mission, the ship's captain said. It marked the second time in just over three weeks that Japanese naval vessels visited Subic, a former major US naval base that lies around 200 kilometres (125 miles) from a Chinese-controlled shoal.

"We want to deepen the relationship with the Philippines," Ise Captain Masaki Takada told reporters, who were given a tour of the vessel."

EUROPE WILL 'SOON HAVE MORE MUSLIMS THAN CHRISTIANS'

April 26, 2016 thesun.co.uk reported: "Muslims will soon outnumber Christians in Europe, a Belgian minister has claimed. Speaking at a hearing into the Brussels attacks, Koen Geens said the European Community may not realise it "but this is the reality". His comments were followed by Belgian deputy prime minister Jan Jambon warning against Europeans "making an enemy of Islam" describing it as "the worst thing we can do".

Speaking at the EU Parliament, Mr Geens said: "In Europe, very shortly we're soon going to have more practising Muslims than practising Christians."

"That is not because there are too many Muslims, it is because Christians are generally less practising; Europe does not realise this, but this is the reality....We have 600,000 to 700,000 Muslims in Belgium and the overwhelming majority of those people share our values. To make an enemy of all of those people, we really will be creating problems."..."

PREACHER ON PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY TV LEADS FRIDAY PRAYER CALLING FOR GENOCIDE OF JEWS, ATHEISTS

April 26, 2016 Breitbart.com reported: "A preacher on official Palestinian television gave a sermon on Friday in which he called on Allah to punish the 'wicked Jews' and kill the enemies of Islam until 'the last one,' including the atheists who help the Jews..."

Below is the text as translated by the watchdog NGO, Palestinian Media Watch:

Allah, punish Your enemies, the enemies of religion, count their numbers and kill them to the last one, and bring them a black day. Allah, punish the wicked Jews, and those among the atheists who help them. Allah, we ask that You bestow upon us respect and honor by enabling us to repel them, and we ask You to save us from their evil.

In the past, Friday sermons calling for Muslims to exterminate Israelis and Jews were common"..."

IRAN: U.S. 'INCAPABLE' OF ATTACKING US

April 24, 2016 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "The Iranian Navy Commander on Sunday said that the United States, which possesses the most powerful military in the world, doesn't have the 'capability' to attack Iran, in the latest escalation of hostility from Tehran since the controversial nuclear deal last July. Rear Admiral Ali Fadavi, Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Navy, was quoted by the Iranian Fars News Agency making the bombastic statement at a ceremony in the central Iranian city of Yazd.

'The US doesn't have the capability to launch a military attack against Iran and knows that in such a case, the damage and blows that it will have to sustain will be way beyond its merits and gains,' claimed Fadavi.

Referencing the Iran-Iraq War from 1980 to 1988, he said, 'now, 26 years after the Iraqi-imposed war, the US is aware that it cannot launch an offensive against the Islamic Iran and is sure that the Iranians enjoy very high power and capability to confront it.'

Fadavi's remarks were not the lone comments of a naval commander, but rather echoed the statements of Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei from last Wednesday.

Addressing the Iranian Students' Islamic Association in Tehran, Khamenei said, 'sometimes, they (the US) threaten us with war and bombing, but these statements are nonsense overstatement since they aren't prepared and don't dare to do so and if, possibly, they embark on such an act, they will receive a slap in the face and a crushing response.'..."

N. KOREA'S KIM HAILS 'SUCCESSFUL' SUBMARINE MISSILE TEST

April 24, 2016 SpaceDaily.com reported: "North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un hailed a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) test as an "eye-opening success", state media said Sunday, declaring Pyongyang has the ability to strike Seoul and the US whenever it pleases. Saturday's launch came amid growing concern that Pyongyang is preparing a fifth nuclear test.

But it was followed just hours later by a North Korean offer to impose a unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing if the United States suspends annual military drills with South Korea. The US and Britain denounced the SLBM test as a violation of UN Security Council resolutions and called on the North to refrain from further moves that could destabilise the region.

The North's state-run KCNA news agency said the test, personally monitored by Kim, confirmed the reliability of the country's underwater launching system. It also cited the young leader as saying Pyongyang was now capable of "hitting the heads of the South Korean puppet forces and the US imperialists anytime as it pleases."..."

