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AFGHANISTAN'S DWINDLING SIKH, HINDU COMMUNITIES FLEE NEW ABUSES

June 23, 2016 Reuters reported: "On a bright day in downtown Kabul, Jagtar Singh Laghmani was in his traditional herb shop when a man turned up, drew a knife and told him to convert to Islam or he would cut his throat. Only bystanders and other shopkeepers saved his life. The incident earlier this month was the latest attack on a dwindling community of Sikhs and Hindus in Afghanistan, a deeply conservative Muslim country struggling with growing insecurity caused by an Islamist insurgency and economic challenges.

Once a thriving minority, only a handful of Sikh and Hindu families remain. Many have chosen to flee the country of their birth, blaming growing discrimination and intolerance.

'This is how we begin our day – with fear and isolation. If you are not a Muslim, you are not a human in their eyes,' said Jagtar Singh, speaking in his tiny shop in the bustling center of Kabul. 'I don't know what to do or where to go.'

For centuries, Hindu and Sikh communities played a prominent role in merchant trade and money lending in Afghanistan, although today they are known more for medicinal herb shops.

According to Avtar Singh, chairman of the national council of Hindus and Sikhs, the community now numbers fewer than 220 families, compared with around 220,000 members before the collapse of the Kabul government in 1992..."

NORTH KOREA TRUMPETS SUCCESSFUL MIDRANGE MISSILE LAUNCH

June 22, 2016 The AP reported: "The North Korean leader Kim Jong Un trumpeted the success of a powerful new midrange ballistic missile test that state media said Thursday propelled one of the weapons more than 1,400 kilometers (870 miles) high, saying it would allow strikes on U.S. forces throughout the region.

That ability would back up years of threats and boasts from North Korea and has long been a worry for the United States and its allies, Tokyo and Seoul. It explains in part North Korea's tenacious testing of the Musudan missile, which was only a success after five failures in about two months. The missile's potential 3,500-kilometer (2,180-mile) range puts much of Asia and the Pacific within reach.

After observing the launch, Kim said it gives his country the "sure capability to attack in an overall and practical way the Americans in the Pacific operation theatre," according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

Other governments said North Korea fired two Musduan missiles on Wednesday, after suffering four previous launch failures since April."..."

REPORT: 'SEISMIC STRAIN': LAND AROUND SAN ANDREAS FAULT IS RISING AND SINKING NEW RESEARCH SHOWS'

June 22, 2016 latimes.com reported: "For the first time, scientists have produced a computer image showing huge sections of California rising and sinking around the San Andreas fault. The vertical movement is the result of seismic strain that will be ultimately released in a large earthquake.

The San Andreas fault is California's longest earthquake fault, and one of the state's most dangerous. Scientists have long expected that parts of California are rising — and other parts sinking — around the fault in a way that is ongoing, very subtle and extremely slow.

Such vertical movement makes a lot of sense. California sits on the border of two gigantic tectonic plates — the Pacific and North American — that are constantly grinding past each other. But actually observing how California's landscape is rising and falling from seismic strain has been an elusive goal, until now.

In a study published in the journal Nature Geoscience on Monday, scientists found that much of the Los Angeles Basin, Orange County, San Diego County and the Bakersfield area are sinking 2 to 3 millimeters a year — a couple of penny-widths annually. By contrast, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties, and a large portion of San Bernardino County, are rising at the same rate.

The areas closest to the San Andreas fault, however, remain locked in place. When the next big earthquake strikes, the different parts of Southern California will lurch back to the same level.

"Once there is a major event, all of that energy gets released," said Sam Howell, a doctoral candidate in geophysics at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the lead author of the report.

The region of the San Andreas fault between Monterey County and Imperial County hasn't moved in a significant way in more than 150 years, and other parts of the fault have been accumulating stress for more than 300 years.

The last big earthquake on the southern San Andreas fault, a magnitude 7.9 temblor, ruptured from Monterey County through Los Angeles County in 1857. Further south, the section of the San Andreas between San Bernardino County and Imperial County hasn't ruptured in a major way since about 1690.

Howell said the time span for a large rupture on the southern San Andreas is, on average, once every 150 years or so. But the actual interval can vary over the centuries, and that's why it's hard to say exactly when the next big one will hit."..."

VETERAN FORCIBLY DRAGGED FROM AIR FORCE CEREMONY FOR MENTIONING GOD

June 21, 2016 Breitbart.com reports: "When a veteran started offering traditional remarks at a military flag-folding ceremony, several uniformed airmen assaulted him, dragging him out of the room because his remarks mentioned God. Now First Liberty Institute lawyers representing retired Senior Master Sergeant Oscar Rodriguez are



demanding that the U.S. Air Force apologize and punish those responsible or face a federal civil-rights lawsuit.

For countless years, service members have given the 'flag-folding speech' at military and civic events, including retirement ceremonies. Traditionally, this speech explains the colors, symbols, and history of the flag.

The flag-folding speech also contains several religious references, including, 'Let us pray that God will reflect with admiration the willingness of one nation in her attempts to rid the world of tyranny, oppression, and misery. It is this one nation under God that we call, with honor, the United States of America.'

The speech closes with, 'God bless our flag. God bless our troops. God bless America.'

In 2005, the Pentagon changed the speech to remove all references to the divine, substituting additional historical facts such as Neil Armstrong's planting of an American flag on the moon in 1969. But many service members prefer the traditional speech and desire that version given at their own retirement celebrations..."

ARCHITECT: DEMOLISH CHURCHES, REPLACE WITH MOSQUES TO INTEGRATE MIGRANTS

June 21, 2016 Breitbart.com reported: "A prominent German architect has said that in order to better integrate migrants, churches should be demolished and very 'visible' mosques be built in their place.

Interviewed in Die Tageszeitung, Joaquim Reinig said he believes Hamburg needs to build more mosques. He said mosques 'actively integrate' migrants who the authorities can't reach.

The newspaper asked the architect if he really thought mosques would help migrants integrate rather than just 'perpetuate their ancestral way of life'. He replied that in order to properly integrate people in a foreign country, migrants must 'have no fear'. This should be done, Mr. Reinig thinks, by building very 'visible' mosques.

'The visible minaret in modern architecture is a message to the migrants: Do not fear having to lose your identity in this society,' he said..."

LORETTA LYNCH: 'ISLAM,' 'ISIS' TO BE SCRUBBED FROM ORLANDO 911 TAPES

June 20, 2016 Breitbart.com reported: "U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch revealed Sunday that the government will release the transcripts of the 911 calls made by the Orlando terrorist during the attack last Sunday — scrubbed of any references to Islam or the Islamic State (ISIS).



She told Chuck Todd on NBC News' Meet the Press that the 'FBI is releasing a partial [printed] transcript of the killer's calls with law enforcement, from inside the club,' but added: 'What we're not going to do is further proclaim this man's pledges of allegiance to terrorist groups, and further his propaganda.'

Todd responded, incredulously: 'We're not going to hear him talk about those things?'

Lynch added: 'We will hear him talk about some of those things, but we are not going to hear him make his assertions of allegiance and that.'

It is widely known that the terrorist, Omar Mateen, pledged allegiance to the Islamic State — also known as the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS — during the attack. CNN reported last Sunday, citing a U.S. official: 'Mateen called [911] dispatchers about 20 minutes into the attack, pledging allegiance to ISIS and mentioning the Boston Marathon bombers.'

Last week, the Washington Post reported that Mateen had called a local news station and said: 'I did it for ISIS' and 'I did it for the Islamic State.'..."

HERZOG SIGNED SECRET AGREEMENT TO DIVIDE JERUSALEM

June 19, 2016 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Opposition leader and Zionist Union chief Isaac Herzog agreed to far reaching concessions on the eve of the 2015 election, a report by Channel 10 on Sunday revealed. Herzog, who prior to the election was seen as a viable candidate for Prime Minister, signed a secret letter of understanding with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, agreeing to a number of long-standing Arab demands.

Among the subjects covered in the letter are the division of Jerusalem, the future disposition of Judea and Samaria, and the so-called 'right of return' for Arabs who left the country in 1948.

According to the agreement, Herzog conceded all of Judea and Samaria and accepted the partition of Jerusalem, surrendering portions of the capital to a new Palestinian state. In addition, Herzog agreed to accept Palestinian 'refugees' into Israel under the framework of a 'right of return'..."

HALF OF TURKS IN GERMANY REGARD ISLAMIC LAW AS SUPREME

June 17, 2016 Breitbart.com reported: "A shocking new university study reveals that half of the Turks in Germany regard Islamic law above German law and the youth are the most devout.

The study, commissioned by the University of Munster, surveyed 1,201 respondents of Turkish ethnicity on a range of issues and found that many hold extremely conservative views when it comes to the role of Islam in their lives.

The survey is designed to reflect the societal opinions of the 2.6 million Turkish residents in Germany and shows that 47 per cent believe that "following the tenets of [their] religion is more important to [them] than the laws of the land in which [they] live," Spiegel reports.

First generation migrants tend to be the most conservative with 57 per cent of those polled believing that Islam is more important than state laws, and falls to just over one third by the second and third generations. The total number of people of Turkish descent that believe Islamic law trumps German law is therefore over one million..."