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JUST DAYS AFTER BREXIT, EU RELEASES PLAN FOR FURTHER EXPANSION, AN EU ARMY, AND TURKISH MEMBERSHIP

June 30, 2016 Breitbart.com reported: "The European Union (EU) is going through an 'existential crisis' that can only be solved through more military integration, Turkish accession and the creation of a 'true union', EU chiefs have said.

In a document on the political union's foreign policy objectives in light of the UK's vote to leave, EU officials call for a 'stronger Europe' that draws on 'the combined weight of a true union'.

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini points out in the foreword that 'the European Union currently deploys seventeen military and civilian operations, with thousands of men and women serving under the European flag for peace and security' before calling for further integration.

The document adds that the EU needs 'full spectrum defence capabilities', and although it claims member states will 'remain sovereign' in decisions of defence, it goes on to say: 'To acquire and maintain many of these capabilities, defence cooperation must become the norm.'..."

ISTANBUL AIRPORT BLASTS: AT LEAST 41 KILLED

June 29, 2016 Sky News reported: "At least 41 people have been killed after three suicide bombers opened fire before blowing themselves up at Istanbul's main airport. Officials said the number of dead is likely to rise to 50, while Turkey's prime minister said Islamic State militants appeared to have carried out the attack, which left around 239 people injured.

Witnesses said one attacker opened fire in the departures hall with an automatic rifle, sending passengers diving for cover, before all three blew themselves up in or around the arrivals hall a floor below.

Dead bodies could be seen scattered in the road just outside the terminal building, while video emerged showing a police officer shooting one of the attackers, then fleeing moments before they detonated their suicide vests.

Foreign Office officials said they were "urgently seeking further information" after Turkey said the majority of those killed were Turkish, but 13 foreigners were also among the victims - three of whom were dual nationals."..."



MOSCOW: US DESTROYER CAME 'DANGEROUSLY CLOSE' TO RUSSIAN SHIP

June 29, 2016 timesofisrael.com reported: "Russia's Defense Ministry on Tuesday accused an American destroyer of coming dangerously close to a Russian frigate in the Mediterranean Sea, calling the incident a "gross violation" of international agreements.

"On June 17, in the east of the Mediterranean Sea, the American destroyer USS Gravelly came dangerously close to a Russian warship, 60 to 70 meters from the left side, and crossed the path of frigate Yaroslav Mudry at the dangerous distance of 180 meters from the bow," the ministry said in a statement.

At the time of the incident, the Russian frigate was in international waters and was not "conducting dangerous maneuvers" in respect to the American destroyer, the statement said.

The ministry added that the crew aboard the USS Gravelly had committed a "gross violation of international rules on the prevention of collisions at sea" and violated a maritime agreement signed in 1972 by US and then Soviet authorities.

The Pentagon has reported a number of recent cases of Russian jets buzzing US planes and ships in the Baltic Sea in recent months with tensions between the two sides at their highest point since the Cold War over the Ukraine crisis."..."

MUSLIM IN EASTERN UGANDA BURNS 9-YEAR OLD SON FOR ACCEPTING CHRIST, SOURCES SAY

June 28, 2016 MorningStarNews.org reported: "The Muslim father of a 9-year-old boy in eastern Uganda who put his faith in Christ this month tied his son to a tree and burned him, sources said.

Nassif Malagara of the Kakira Parish area, Kisozi Sub-County, Kamuli District decided to become a Christian after a neighbor took him to visit a church in another village, undisclosed for security reasons, on June 5.

'At the end of the service, Nassif remained behind and then followed me to the church's pastry room and requested that he wanted to receive Jesus as his personal savior,' the pastor of the church told Morning Star News. 'I was a bit hesitant, but after his continuous press, I then prayed with him, and he left.'

Nassif subsequently declined to participate in any Muslim activities, including attending a madrassa (Islamic school), the pastor said. His father, 36-year-old Abubakar Malagara, and stepmother, Madina Namwaje, 35, became furious when they learned he had converted to Christianity, the pastor said..."

TURKEY, ISRAEL NORMALIZE TIES

June 27, 2016 VOAnews.com reported: "Israel and Turkey have reached a deal to normalize ties, ending a six-year rift. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday in Rome a maritime security blockade on the Gaza Strip will remain in place, but humanitarian aid could reach Gaza through Israeli ports. The Israeli leader met Sunday with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in Rome before the announcement.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said Monday in Ankara the agreement largely lifts the blockade.

Ties between the two countries broke down in 2010 over Israel's interception of a Turkish aid ship bound for Gaza, which was under a blockade because of the Hamas militant group's leadership there. Ten Turkish activists were killed in the incident and Turkey demanded compensation and an

end to the blockade of the Palestinian territory...”

EUROPEAN SUPERSTATE TO BE UNVEILED: EU NATIONS 'TO BE MORPHED INTO ONE' POST-BREXIT

June 27, 2016 express.co.uk reported: The foreign ministers of France and Germany are due to reveal a blueprint to effectively do away with individual member states in what is being described as an “ultimatum”.

Under the radical proposals EU countries will lose the right to have their own army, criminal law, taxation system or central bank, with all those powers being transferred to Brussels.

Controversially member states would also lose what few controls they have left over their own borders, including the procedure for admitting and relocating refugees.

The plot has sparked fury and panic in Poland - a traditional ally of Britain in the fight against federalism - after being leaked to Polish news channel TVP Info.

The public broadcaster reports that the bombshell proposal will be presented to a meeting of the Visegrad group of countries - made up of Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia - by German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier later today.



Excerpts of the nine-page report were published today as the leaders of Germany, France and Italy met in Berlin for Brexit crisis talks.

In the preamble to the text the two ministers write: "Our countries share a common destiny and a common set of values that give rise to an even closer union between our citizens. We will therefore strive for a political union in Europe and invite the next Europeans to participate in this venture."

The revelations come just days after Britain shook the Brussels establishment by voting to leave the European Union in a move some have predicted could lead to the break-up of the EU.

A number of member states are deeply unhappy about the creeping federalism of the European project with anti-EU sentiments running high in eastern Europe, Scandinavia and France...”

A few weeks before the Brexit vote European Council president Donald Tusk warned that European citizens did not share the enthusiasm of some of their leaders for “a utopia of Europe without conflicting interests and ambitions, a utopia of Europe imposing its own values on the external world, a utopia of Euro-Asian unity”.

He added: “Increasingly louder are those who question the very principle of a united Europe. The spectre of a break-up is haunting Europe and a vision of a federation doesn’t seem to me to be the best answer to it.”

His view was backed up by the leader of the eurozone countries, Dutch politician Jerome Dijsselbloem, who added: “In the eurozone some are pushing for a completion of the monetary union by creating a full political union, a euro area economic government or even a euro budget... to me it is obvious.

“We need to strengthen what we have and finish it, but let’s not build more extensions to the European house while it is so unstable.”...”

EU FOREIGN AFFAIRS CHIEF: EUROPE NEEDS AN EU ARMY

June 27, 2016 Breitbart.com reported: “ “Soon after Britain voted to leave the European Union (EU), its foreign affairs chief, Elmar Brok, urged the economic and political bloc to go ahead with plans to create an army.

The German politician told Die Welt that EU countries need to cooperate more closely on issues of defence, and suggested the EU needs a military headquarters. He said:

“We need a common (military) headquarters and a coalition (of EU countries) acting in accordance with the permanent structural cooperation of the EU Treaty. From such a group an EU army could eventually arise.’...”

UK-US SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP SHAKY FOLLOWING BREXIT VOTE

June 26, 2016 FT.com reported: “As one special relationship falters, another may beckon. The British vote to leave the EU could hasten a changing of the guard among Washington’s European allies, with Germany replacing the UK as its most important partner.

In the immediate aftermath of the Brexit vote, the White House has gone out of its way to emphasise the enduring links that will remain between the US and the UK. “One thing that will not change is the special relationship that exists between our two nations,” US President Barack Obama said on Friday.

But Mr Obama has less than seven months left in office and much will depend on the attitude of his successor. The reality is also that even before the British referendum on June 23, the US had increasingly been looking to Germany, and to a lesser extent France, as its go-to ally in Europe — and that process is likely to accelerate as London’s influence in the region diminishes.

“Henry Kissinger’s famous question about ‘Who do I call in Europe?’ has now been settled. The answer is that we call the German chancellor’s office. That means we have to invest in the relationship with Germany,” said Nicholas Burns, a former senior State Department official in the George W Bush administration, who is now advising Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign.

“Britain introduced us to the EU and introduced the EU to us, playing a pragmatic role. But much of that will be gone,” he added.”...”