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FOOTAGE CAPTURES MAN ACCUSED OF BUILDING CHEMICAL WEAPON INSIDE WALMART STORE

July 20, 2016 losangeloslocalcbs.com reported: "Dramatic video has been released of a man who police say stands accused of building a chemical weapon inside a Walmart store in Oxnard. The man wearing all black is initially seen in the security footage from June 18 blending in like any other shopper. But, authorities say, he didn't come to the store to shop, but to build a chemical weapon.

"This is a very bizarre case," said Eric Sonstegard, the Oxnard assistant police chief.

Detectives identified the suspect as Martin Reyes. They say he went to the store after conducting research online on how to build a deadly chemical weapon. Once inside the store, police said the man assembled all of the ingredients from store shelves, which included some kind of electronic appliance. Police said he used a socket near the stationary section to plug in the appliance, which was then designed to set the chemical weapon off.

"This device could have caused a lot of harm," Sonstegard said. Store employees noticed Reyes, and the weapon and called 911. Everyone inside the store was evacuated. Customers who are just now learning about the incident are shaken.

"It's scary. This is only my second time at this Walmart. And with what's happening today, it's scary," said Yvonne Railey, a shopper. '...'"

ISLAMIC STATE CONFLICT: US ALLIES AGREE ON 'FINAL PUSH'

July 21, 2016 BBC News reported: "The US and its allies in the coalition against so-called Islamic State (IS) have agreed on a strategy to defeat the group, US Defence Secretary Ash Carter has said. They will corner the militants in their bastions of Raqqa, in Syria, and Mosul, in Iraq, he added.

But he warned this would not eliminate their violent ideology or ability to spring attacks elsewhere. Countries have also discussed plans to stabilise areas after IS is defeated.

The jihadist group has lost significant parts of its territory but still controls large swathes of both Syria and Iraq. After retaking Falluja, Iraqi forces are preparing to force IS out of Mosul, the country's second largest city and the group's stronghold in Iraq..."

FEDERAL DEBT TOPS \$19,400,000,000,000

July 20, 2016 cnsnews.com reported: "The federal debt moved above \$19,400,000,000,000 for the first time as of the close of business on Tuesday, according to the data released today by the U.S. Treasury.

At the close of business on Monday, July 18, the total federal debt was \$19,391,094,247,028.26, according to the Treasury. By the close of business on Tuesday, July 19, it had risen to \$19,402,361,890,929.46.

On Friday, Oct. 30, 2015, Congress passed the "Bipartisan Budget Act," which suspended the legal debt limit until March 15, 2017. President Obama signed that bill into law on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015

At the close of business on Oct. 30, the federal debt stood at \$18,152,981,685,747.52. In the less than nine months since then, the federal debt has increased by \$1,249,380,205,181.94"..."

IRAN SPEAKER: US UNDERMINING NUCLEAR DEAL, FAILING AGAINST ISIS

July 20, 2016 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iran's influential parliament speaker hit out at Washington Wednesday, accusing it of disrupting implementation of last year's landmark nuclear deal and failing in the fight against ISIS.

Ali Larijani, a conservative who helped the nuclear deal pass in parliament last year, warned that Washington risked forcing Tehran into a path of renewed confrontation by putting obstacles in the way of its promised readmittance to the world economy.

"With great sadness, parliament... warns the US administration, House of Representatives and Senate that the efforts to undermine the nuclear agreement have reached a point that leaves no option for Iran but confrontation," he said.

Larijani said the West had failed to give Iran sufficient recognition for its contribution to the fight against ISIS and hit out at the United Nations for continuing sanctions against its foreign operations commander.

Larijani said Western governments should be 'thankful to Iran and (its elite Revolutionary Guard foreign operations unit) the Quds Force who have helped Iraq against the bestial terrorists' of ISIS.

"You, who neither have the courage to confront Daesh (ISIS), nor know how to fight it, as they carry out bloody attacks in three European countries... how dare you call the admirable Quds Force's fight a violation?" he asked..."

TURKEY COUP ATTEMPT: CHARGES LAID AGAINST 99 GENERALS AND ADMIRALS

July 20, 2016 BBC News reports: "Turkey has formally charged 99 generals and admirals in connection with the weekend's thwarted coup attempt – a significant chunk of the country's military top brass.

President Erdogan is meeting with loyal commanders and his cabinet in Ankara.

Authorities have banned all academics from travelling abroad, as the purge of state employees suspected of being connected to the failed coup continues. More than 50,000 people have been rounded up, sacked or suspended. So far about 1,577 university deans (faculty heads) have been asked to resign in addition to 21,000 teachers and 15,000 education ministry officials..."



IRAN DEFENDS SECRET DOCUMENT EASING NUKE PROGRAM RESTRICTIONS

July 19, 2016 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Iran’s foreign minister on Tuesday defended a nuclear deal provision that allows Tehran to begin ramping up its nuclear program after 10 years, a day after the secret document was revealed, leading to concerns over the effectiveness of the landmark nuclear deal.

Mohammad Javad Zarif said the document, submitted by Iran to the International Atomic Energy Agency and outlining plans to expand Iran’s uranium enrichment program, was a ‘matter of pride.’

He said it was created by Iran’s ‘negotiators and experts.’

Zarif’s remarks, carried by the semi-official Fars news agency on Tuesday, followed revelations the day before of the confidential document — an add-on agreement to the nuclear deal signed last year with world powers — that Iran gave the IAEA.

The document, obtained by The Associated Press in Vienna, outlines Tehran’s plans to expand its uranium enrichment program after the first 10 years of the nuclear deal, essentially allowing it to get within six months or less of building a nuclear weapon well before the deal’s 15-year expiration date...”

TINY HARD DRIVE USES SINGLE ATOMS TO STORE DATA

July 18, 2016 wsj.com reported: “By manipulating the interactions between individual atoms, scientists report they have created a device that can pack hundreds of times more information per square inch than the best currently available data-storage technologies.

The working prototype is part of a decades-long attempt to shrink electronics down to the atomic level, a feat scientists believe would allow them to store information much more efficiently, in less space and more cheaply. By comparison, tech companies today build warehouse-sized data centers to store the billions of photos, videos and posts consumers upload to the internet daily. Corporations including International Business Machines Corp. and Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co. also have explored research to reduce such space needs.

The so-called atomic-scale memory, described in a paper published on Monday in the scientific journal Nature Nanotechnology, can hold one kilobyte, the equivalent of roughly a paragraph of text.

It may not sound “very impressive,” said Franz Himpfel, a professor emeritus of physics at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, who wasn’t involved in the study. But “I would call it a breakthrough.”

Most previous attempts at encoding information with atoms, including his own, managed roughly one byte, Dr. Himpfel said. And data could be stored only once. To store new information, the “disk” had to be re-formatted, like CD-Rs popular in the ’90s.

With the new device, “we can rewrite it as often as we like,” said Sander Otte, an experimental physicist at Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands and the lead author on the new paper.

The researchers first stored a portion of Charles Darwin’s “On the Origin of Species” on the device. They then replaced that with 160 words from a 1959 lecture by physicist Richard Feynman in which he imagined a world powered by devices running on atomic-scale memory.”...”

STATE DOUBLES DOWN, WANTS TO DEFINE WHAT’S RELIGIOUS

July 18, 2016 World Net Daily reported: “A church sued over Iowa’s state transgender policy when officials asserted they had authority to control the content of pastor’s sermons.

Now the church has filed a request for an immediate protective order in response to the state’s claim of authority to define what is religious.

The case is over the aggressive actions by the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, which has published guidelines for handling transgender issues in church gatherings that are ‘open to the public.’

The lawsuit filed by the Alliance Defending Freedom on behalf of Fort Des Moines Church of Christ aims ‘to stop the commissioners and the executive director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, the Iowa attorney general, and the city of Des Moines from compelling an Iowa church to communicate government messages to which it objects and from forcing the church to use its building in violation of its religious beliefs.’

It explained the commission believes its interpretation of state law allows it ‘to force churches to allow individuals access to church restrooms, shower facilities, and changing rooms based on his or her gender identity, irrespective of biological sex.’...”

US PREPARING FOR ISLAMIC STATE’S ‘TERRORIST DIASPORA’

July 17, 2016 voanews.com reported: “Top U.S. counterterrorism and law enforcement officials are offering grim warnings about what awaits once the Islamic State terror group’s self-declared caliphate ultimately collapses.

Much of the U.S. and coalition strategy against IS has been predicated on the idea that without the ability to hold territory in Iraq and Syria, the terror group will falter, unable to make good on its promise of a utopian society. Yet as the fall of the IS caliphate looks to draw nearer, U.S. officials are increasingly cautious, saying the group will remain a dynamic and formidable threat for some time to come.

‘We all know there will be a terrorist diaspora out of the caliphate,’ FBI Director James Comey told the House Homeland Security Committee on Thursday.

‘Those thousands of fighters are going to go someplace,’ he said. ‘Our job is to spot them and stop them before they come to the United States to harm innocent people.’...”

