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ISIS VOWS 'JIHAD VOLCANO' AFTER ISLAMIST FIGHTER EXECUTED IN EGYPT

December 15, 2016 Haaretz.com reported: "Egypt executed prominent Islamist fighter Adel Habara on Thursday, state media said, days after a top court rejected his final appeal and in defiance of militant threats to ignite 'a volcano of jihad' across the country. Habara, 40, was sentenced to death in 2014 for killing 25 army conscripts in North Sinai in August 2013. He was hanged early on Thursday after President Abdel Fattah al-Sissi signed off on the death sentence, state news agency MENA said.

Sissi has launched a fierce crackdown on Islamists since, as Egypt's then-military chief, he overthrew the country's democratically elected president, Mohamed Mursi of the Muslim Brotherhood, in July 2013. He is battling a raging insurgency in North Sinai, led by Sinai Province, the Egyptian affiliate of ISIS. The militant group has killed hundreds of soldiers and police in regular attacks that have intensified since Sissi took power.

After Habara's appeal was rejected by the Court of Cassation on Saturday, ISIS supporters issued warnings to Sissi online not to carry out the execution.

'To the tyrant Sissi, if you dare to execute Sheikh Adel Habara then, by God, you will have ignited a volcano of jihad all over the country and opened the doors of hell on your soldiers and dogs and institutions,' read a message on the Lone Wolves account run by ISIS supporters on Telegram..."

HAMAS SAYS IT NOW HAS 'REAL ARMY' TO FIGHT ISRAEL, IS 'LEADING' MISSILE-MAKER IN ARAB WORLD

December 14, 2016 timesofisrael.com reported: "A senior Hamas official said that the terror group has built a so-called 'real army' to fight Israel and that it has become the leading manufacturer of missiles in the Arab world.

Fathi Hammad, a member of the group's political bureau and a former interior minister in Gaza, said Hamas 'has made a resolute decision to remain steadfast and wage jihad, as the only means to liberate Palestine,' according to the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) which picked up a media interview he gave on Al-Aqsa TV on December 8. Hammad called Israel's 2005 Disengagement from the Gaza Strip a liberation 'under the watch of Hamas,' thanks to its 'Jihad [holy war].'

Two years after Israel's withdrawal, the Islamist group carried out a violent coup to seize power from Mahmoud Abbas's Palestinian Authority and has tightly controlled the Palestinian enclave since. Israel and Egypt maintain a security blockade on Gaza in an effort to prevent Hamas, which has fought three recent wars against Israel, from importing weaponry. The blockade has affected the Gazan economy and the Strip maintains one of the highest unemployment and poverty rates in the world, according to the World Bank..."

IRAN EYES NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIPS AFTER US SANCTIONS MOVE

December 13, 2016 SpaceDaily.com reported: "Iran's President Hassan Rouhani on Tuesday ordered the country's scientists to start work on nuclear-powered ships in response to the expected renewal of sanctions by the United States.

In letters read out on state television, Rouhani criticised the US move as a breach of last year's nuclear accord and told Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation to start work on "planning the design and production of nuclear fuel and reactors for maritime transport."



The president said he had also ordered the foreign ministry to prepare a legal complaint to the international committee that oversees the nuclear accord. Under the deal signed in July 2015, world powers agreed to lift international sanctions in exchange for curbs to Iran's nuclear programme. But US lawmakers recently voted to renew 10-year-old sanctions legislation against Iran related not just to nuclear issues, but also ballistic missile-testing and human rights.

President Barack Obama is expected to sign the measure into law in the coming days, saying it makes no difference to last year's agreement because the White House will continue to suspend all the sanctions linked to Iran's nuclear programme.

Iranian lawmakers had raised the prospect of building nuclear-powered ships and submarines back in 2012 at the height of tensions with the international community over the nuclear programme.

International analysts said the announcement was likely just a bluff, since it would be an extremely costly effort for little strategic gain. Then nuclear chief Fereydoon Abbasi Davani said that Iran had the capacity to design nuclear reactors for ships but no plans to do so. He also said that nuclear-powered ships did not require the sort of highly enriched uranium which could also be used for weapons."..."

BEIJING WARNS TRUMP OVER ONE CHINA POLICY

December 12, 2016 spacewar.com reported: "Beijing issued its first clear warning Monday over Donald Trump's fiery rhetoric, as state media said the Asian giant could back "forces hostile to the US" if the president-elect follows through with threats to drop Washington's One China policy.

It was the strongest signal yet from Chinese authorities that abandoning the One China policy, which guides relations with self-ruling Taiwan, would upset decades of carefully managed Sino-US relations and end cooperation between the world's top two economies.

Beijing has not controlled Taiwan for more than 60 years but foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said it considered the island a "core interest" that affected China's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The One China policy was the "political bedrock" for relations with the US, he added, and if it was "compromised or disrupted", sound and steady growth in China-US relations and cooperation in major fields would be "out of the question", he told reporters.

The comments came in response to Trump's remarks in an interview Sunday that he did not see why Washington must "be bound by a One China policy unless we make a deal with China having to do with other things, including trade".

He vehemently defended taking a call earlier this month from Tsai Ing-wen, the democratically elected president of Taiwan, which Beijing regards as a rogue province awaiting unification.

Although the United States is Taiwan's main ally and arms supplier, Washington has not had official diplomatic relations with Taipei since 1979, when it switched recognition to Beijing. Trump's decision to take the call broke with protocol, and seemed to catch China's Communist Party leadership by surprise.”...”

IRAN WARNS: 'ZIONIST REGIME' WOULD BE DESTROYED IN A WAR

December 12, 2016 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Iran’s defense minister on Sunday warned that if U.S. President-elect Donald Trump’s policies lead to a war in the Middle East, it would result in the destruction of Israel.

‘Even though a businessman, the assistants that ... (Trump) has chosen may map a different path for him, and this has led to unease, particularly among Persian Gulf countries,’ Defense Minister Hossein Dehghan was quoted by Reuters as having told a security conference in Tehran.

At the same time, claimed the Iranian minister, ‘Considering Trump’s character and that he measures the cost of everything in dollars, it does not seem likely that he would take strong action against our country.’

‘Enemies may want to impose a war on us based on false calculations and only taking into consideration their material capabilities. Such a war would mean the destruction of the Zionist regime (Israel) ... and will engulf the whole region and could lead to a world war,’ Dehghan warned, according to Reuters.

‘Among other consequences of the war, would be the destruction of the city-states on the southern shore of the Persian Gulf, because they lack popular support,’ he added, referring to small Western-allied Gulf states such as the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Qatar...”

BERLIN’S NEW SECRETARY OF STATE IS PRO-SHARIA LAW CONSERVATIVE MUSLIM

December 12, 2016 Breitbart.com reported: “The daughter of Palestinian immigrants is to be the Berlin senate’s secretary of state for coordinating federal and state affairs, but attention has focused on her recent remarks in support of Sharia law.

Berlin state senate member, former deputy speaker for foreign affairs and Muslim rising star of German politics Sawsan Chebli is to get a new cabinet post. The appointment by the Red-Red-Green coalition government has caused concern after a recent interview in which she expressed her view that Sharia law was perfectly compatible with secular German society.

Speaking back in August alongside Berlin Social Democrat party Mayor Michael Muller, she not only defended Sharia law against suspicion by many Germans who she accused of not understanding what it meant, but she also went on the attack too. Criticising members of anti-mass migration party Alternative for German (AfD), she said their views towards foreigners made them fundamentally un-German.

Speaking to the Franzfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, she said: ‘My father is a pious Muslim, hardly speaks German, can neither read nor write, but he is more integrated than many functionaries of the AfD who question our constitution’.

Germany’s newspaper of record and the nation’s most widely-read broadsheet Welt reported Sunday that while the politician attempted to portray the image of the perfect ‘successful migrant’ who despite being born to illiterate, stateless parents was able to succeed in education and enter politics, there are ‘cracks’ displayed by her support of Sharia...”

GERMAN CITY SUBMITS TO SHARIA LAW

December 11, 2016 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “A German court has ruled that a vigilante patrol of Islamists enforcing Sharia law on the streets of a German city did not break German law, and that its members were simply exercising their right to free speech.

The seven Muslim men often walk the streets of the western German city of Wuppertal wearing orange vests emblazoned with the words ‘Sharia Police.’ They were charged with wearing uniforms of a political nature at public rallies. This is forbidden in Germany by virtue of a law that was originally designed to prevent neo-Nazi groups from parading in public.

This past Nov. 21, the Wuppertal District Court ruled that the vests were technically not uniforms and did not pose a threat or intimidation. The court ruled that prosecuting the seven Salafi Islamists would infringe on their freedom of expression. Though it may be appealed, the decision authorizes the ‘Sharia Police’ to continue enforcing Islamic law in German cities, encouraging them in their bid to replace German law with Islamic Sharia.

Salafism is a virulently anti-Western ideology that openly seeks to replace Western democracy with an Islamic government based on Sharia law. It has long been feared that the Salafists have made major encroachments into the German legal system...”

CHINA SLAMS JAPAN AFTER JETS TARGETED WITH 'DECOY FLARES'

December 11, 2016 spacewar.com reported: “China has slammed Tokyo for targeting its military aircraft with "decoy flares" over a waterway near Japan December 11, calling the actions "dangerous and unprofessional".



Two Japanese F-15s fired the projectiles as the Chinese planes passed through the Miyako Strait between Japan's Miyako and Okinawa Islands, the defence ministry said in a statement on its website Saturday.

The incident took place Saturday morning as the Chinese planes carried out "routine far seas training", the statement said, adding the aircraft were in international airspace when the encounter occurred.

"The actions of the Japanese fighters was dangerous and unprofessional and smashed the freedoms of navigation and overflight provided by international law," it said. The statement gave no details about the Chinese aircraft. Contacted by AFP, neither the Japanese defence ministry nor the prime minister's office could confirm the incident. In September, China sent more than 40 military planes -- including fighters and bombers -- through the air space.”...”