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REPORT: AL-BAGHDADI TO ISLAMIC STATE: ‘FLEE AND HIDE’ OR ‘BLOW YOURSELVES UP’

March 2, 2017 Breitbart.com reported: “Islamic State chief Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, in a recent ‘farewell speech,’ admits defeat and tells his Iraqi fighters in the battlefield to ‘flee and hide’ or ‘blow themselves up when surrounded by Iraqi forces,’ reports a local Iraqi news outlet.

The speech comes as the commander of Iraq’s Federal Police revealed that leaders from the Islamic State, also known as ISIS and ISIL, are in fact ‘running away’ from Mosul, which is expected to fall into the hands of U.S.-backed Iraqi troops and their allies.

Citing an anonymous source, the Arabic-language al-Sumaria News, notes that Baghdadi specifically directed the terrorists to flee besieged Mosul, ISIS’s last major stronghold in Iraq.

According to the Iraqi news outlet, the text of the speech was disseminated among other ISIS speakers to deliver to fighters at different locations in Mosul.

Furthermore, the speech ‘included a recognition of the group’s defeat in recent fighting and directed its combatants to ‘disguise and escape’ to the mountainous areas’ of Iraq and Syria, reports al-Sumaria, quoting the source.

Baghdadi’s ‘sermon also included instructions to the members of the organization telling them to blow themselves up when surrounded by Iraqi forces,’ the unnamed source told al-Sumaria...”

SWEDEN INSTITUTES MILITARY DRAFT FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN

March 2, 2017 The Associated Press reported: “Sweden’s left-leaning government instituted a military draft for both men and women...because of what its defense minister called a deteriorating security environment in Europe and around Sweden.



Sweden abolished compulsory military service for men in 2010 because there were enough volunteers to meet its military needs. It has never had a military draft for women.

The government said "the all-volunteer recruitment hasn't provided the Armed Forces with enough trained personnel. The re-activating of conscription is needed for military readiness."



In September, non-NATO-member Sweden stationed permanent troops on the Baltic Sea island of Gotland. Defense Minister Peter Hultqvist described the move as sending a signal after Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea and its "increasing pressure" on the neighboring Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

There have also been reports of airspace violations by Russia's military aircraft in the Baltics and a military buildup in the Russian exclave of Kaliningrad, which sits across the Baltic Sea from Sweden.

About 20,000 people now work for the Swedish armed forces, 84 percent of them men and 16 percent women, according to the forces' website. But the armed forces lack 1,000 active troops as well as 7,000 reservists, according to Sweden's coalition government of Social Democrats and Greens.”...”

ISLAMIC STATE URGES JIHADIS TO ‘DRESS UP LIKE JEWS’ AND CARRY OUT TERROR ATTACKS

March 2, 2017 Breitbart.com reports: “Islamic State radicals are urging Western supporters to carry out terror attacks against Jewish communities by dressing up as Jews and using bombs, knives and – in the ultimate irony – the Israeli martial art of Krav Maga.

‘IF YOU’RE STILL IN THE WEST! Dress up like a Jew! Go to your nearest Jewish area! Make sure you have plenty of weapons under your coat! Then unleash the pain of the Muslims upon these A.P.E.S!!!’ a message on the ISIS-linked Telegram channel ‘Lone Mujahid’ reportedly reads.

The chat room aims to help budding terrorists carry out ‘lone-wolf’ attacks by providing PDFs and instructional videos on everything from the correct way to stab somebody to instructions for how to build a bomb. Incredibly, and without any apparent intention at satire, there are even full-length tutorials on Krav Maga, a martial art invented by Israelis that is based on Israeli military training.

Another post on the channel contains a list of Jewish communities in the UK accompanied by a photo of Amedy Coulibaly, the terrorist responsible for killing a policewoman in Paris along with four hostages at the Hyper Cacher kosher supermarket.

Late last year, Lone Mujahid posted a call urging fanatics to launch attacks on Christmas, Hanukkah and the New Year...”

US, SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN LOOK TO TURN SCREW ON PYONGYANG

February 28, 2017 SpaceDaily.com reported: “Senior US, South Korean and Japanese officials met on Monday to discuss how better to enforce international sanctions against North Korea’s nuclear weapon and ballistic missile programs.

The Washington talks came shortly after United Nations experts warned that Pyongyang has been flouting existing sanctions, and just as China’s top diplomat held talks at the White House.

US special representative for North Korea policy Joseph Yun met senior Japanese diplomat Kenji Kanasugi and South Korea’s special representative Kim Hong-kyun at the State Department.

In a statement, they condemned the North’s ‘flagrant disregard for multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions prohibiting its ballistic missile and nuclear programs.’

This, they argued, ‘requires strong international pressure on the regime’ and they called on other countries to ‘fully and effectively implement their obligations’ under UN resolutions...”

ISLAMIC STATE SUPPORTERS BOAST DRONE SQUADRON “STUNNING” THE ‘ENEMIES OF ALLAH’

February 28, 2017 Breitbart.com reported: “Islamic State militants and supporters claim to be energized in their fight against the Iraqi army in the IS stronghold of Mosul, according to messages contained in the organization’s internal communications obtained by Breitbart Jerusalem.

In correspondence posted in a closed chat group that utilizes the encrypted Telegram messaging service, the boastful exchanges displayed high morale among the jihadists and no signs of surrender, which may be unsurprising among IS fighters. Some of the messages referred to the stepped-up use of drones in the Mosul battle. The chat group serves as an internal Twitter of sorts for IS jihadists and sympathizers, and has been used in the past to issue IS communications.

‘Salam Aleikum brothers, thank Allah for our brothers the mujahedeen who implemented our new tactic – a war of attrition that would deliver death blows to the Iraqi and American forces, and foiled many strikes and launched many attacks,’ the user Abu Ali Almusuly wrote. ‘They have the upper hand.’

‘Our real war of attrition started with air raids,’ Abdelhamid Almusuli wrote, referring to the organization’s reported use of drones in the Mosul battle. ‘Allah blessed the suicide bombers, our beloved, the mujahedeen. Allah blessed our brothers with a drone squadron that has turned on the enemies of Allah and stunned them. The drones are a tool in the war of attrition that our mujahedeen started. Allah bless the believers.’...”

ISLAM SET TO OVERTAKE CHRISTIANITY AS MOST POPULAR RELIGION

February 28, 2017 ibtimes.com reported: “Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world and will overtake Christianity as the most popular before the end of this century, according to an analysis of religious surveys published Tuesday by the Pew Research Center.

With 1.6 billion, Muslims made up 23 percent of the world’s population, according to a 2010 Pew estimate. That figure was still some way short of the 2.2 billion Christians which comprised 31 percent of the population. However, by 2050 there could be near parity between the numbers of adherents of the two religions for the first time in history. The reasons for this rapid growth are thought to be the greater number of children Muslims have compared to other religious groups and the comparatively young age of Muslims.”...”

PA OFFICIAL HOPES IRAN WILL PRODUCE 1,000 NUKES

February 27, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “The Palestinian Authority’s (PA) envoy to Iran recently expressed hope that Iran would ‘produce 1,000 nuclear bombs’. The comments by Salah Zawawi were made in a February 20 interview on Hezbollah’s Al-Manar TV and were translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). He further warned that the Arabs’ war was not only with the ‘Zionist enemy’ but with a ‘100-year-old Western enterprise’.

The goal of this ‘Western enterprise’, according to Zawawi, is ‘to establish the Greater Israel, which would control disintegrated Arab and Islamic countries, and indeed, this is happening today in our Islamic world.’

‘When they talk about the signing of the nuclear agreement and whatever,’ he continued, ‘they are truly terrified. If Iran produces a nuclear bomb – and I pray to Allah that Iran will produce 1,000 nuclear bombs – it will not be directed against any Arab or Islamic country. It will be used to defend, at the very least, the Islamic Republic and its principles.’...”

TERROR THREAT: BRITS WARNED TO EXPECT ‘INDISCRIMINATE ATTACKS ON INNOCENT CIVILIANS’

February 26, 2017 Breitbart.com reported: “Britain’s new terrorism watchdog Max Hill has expressed ‘enormous concern’ about returning jihadis, warning that Islamic terrorists have UK cities in their sights for future attacks. Mr. Hill, who was unveiled last week as the new independent reviewer of terrorism legislation, told the Sunday Telegraph that there was an ‘enormous ongoing risk which none of us can ignore’.

One of Britain’s leading prosecutors, he said the risk of terror in Britain is at its highest since the 1970s. He cautioned that ‘it would be wrong to draw a simple comparison between Irish republicanism and the ideology of so-called Islamic State.

‘But in terms of the threat that’s represented, I think the intensity and the potential frequency of serious plot planning – with a view to indiscriminate attacks on innocent civilians of whatever race or colour in metropolitan areas – represents an enormous on-going risk that none of us can ignore.’

Mr. Hill, whose appointment follows a 30-year legal career, also expressed concern over the imminent return to Britain of hundreds of jihadis who have been fighting with Islamic State in Iraq and Syria...”

IRAN HOLDS NAVAL WAR GAMES AMID RISING TENSIONS WITH U.S.

February 26, 2017 Reuters reported: “Iran launched naval drills at the mouth of the Gulf and the Indian Ocean on Sunday, a naval commander said, as tensions with the United States escalated after U.S President Donald Trump put Tehran ‘on notice’.



Since taking office last month, Trump has pledged to get tough with Iran, warning the Islamic Republic after its ballistic missile test on Jan. 29 that it was playing with fire and all U.S. options were on the table.

Iran’s annual exercises will be held in the Strait of Hormuz, the Gulf of Oman, the Bab el-Mandab and northern parts of the Indian Ocean, to train in the fight against terrorism and piracy, Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari said, according to state media.

Millions of barrels of oil are transported daily to Europe, the United States and Asia through the Bab el-Mandab and the Strait of Hormuz, waterways that run along the coasts of Yemen and Iran.

Navy ships, submarines and helicopters will take part in the drills across an area of about 2 million square kilometers (772,000 square miles) and marines will showcase their skills along Iran’s southeastern coast, the state news agency IRNA said...”

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