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Returning ISIS Militants May Plan Terror Attacks on Caribbean Tourists, Officials Warn

October 26, 2017 PJMedia.com reported: “Western tourists spending their vacation on Caribbean islands may be targeted by returning Islamic State (ISIS) militants, officials warned. A vast majority of Westerners fighting with ISIS hail from Trinidad and Tobago, and the country has struggled with radical Islam in the past. As ISIS loses ground in the Middle East, threats across the world are expected to increase.

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) is taking measures to prevent fighters from returning to the islands, but the threat may be impossible to check.

When asked about the risk of ISIS members returning to Trinidad and Tobago, Maj. Gen. (Ret’d) Edmund Dillon, minister of national security for that country, said, ‘It is not a matter of yes but when.’...”

Israel-Hezbollah war is inevitable, sure to be devastating — defense experts

October 26, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “A war between Israel and the Iran-backed Hezbollah terrorist group is inevitable, though not necessarily imminent, and will be unavoidably bloody for both sides, according to an assessment by a number of former generals from around the world, known collectively as the High Level Military Group.

In an extensive report, published Wednesday, the organization details both the IDF’s and Hezbollah’s reorganization in the 11 years following the Second Lebanon War, the last time the sides engaged in all-out combat with one another. The High Level Military Group (HLMG) also describes the strategies each side will use in the apparently approaching war, as well as the potential pratfalls of those plans...”

Nepal Criminalizes Christian Conversion and Evangelism

October 26, 2017 Christianity Today reported: “Last week, Nepal enacted a law to curb evangelism by criminalizing religious conversion, joining neighboring countries like India and Pakistan, where the region’s small-but-growing Christian minority faces government threats to their faith.

The ‘Nepali government [has] taken a regressive step as this law severely restricts our freedom of expression and our freedom of religion or belief,’ said Tanka Subedi, chair of the national Religious Liberty Forum, to Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW). The pastor is 1 of an estimated 375,000 Christians living in the former Hindu kingdom...”

Hamas leader: Our differences with Iran are history

October 25, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Salah al-Aruri, the deputy head of Hamas’s political bureau and a sanctioned terrorist, stressed on Tuesday that the group and Iran have agreed to set aside their past differences.

Aruri is currently in Tehran, where he is leading a high-ranking Hamas delegation discussing the Hamas-Fatah reconciliation deal with Iranian leaders.

‘We have come (to Iran) to show that differences are now history. We have made a major agreement not to allow the differences leave negative impact on our bilateral ties in a bid to enable ourselves to leave obstacles behind,’ Aruri said in an interview with the Iranian media on Tuesday, as quoted by the semiofficial Iranian Fars news agency.

‘Our relations with Iran don’t harm any other governments, including Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and others,’ he added.

‘We will welcome any of these nations or governments which supports our cause and our nation,’ stressed Aruri...”

Buoyed by Iran and Russia, Assad Gains Confidence to Test Israel

October 25, 2017 Haaretz reported: “Recent developments on the northern front are not encouraging. Last week, Syria shot an SA-5 anti-aircraft missile at an Israeli Air Force plane on a routine reconnaissance flight over Lebanon. The air force responded by bombing the anti-aircraft battery’s radar. Then, on Saturday, rockets were fired from Syria at the Golan Heights.

When added to the fact that Syria and Iran have been trading threats with Israel, these incidents might indicate an attempt by the Syrian government and its allies to dictate new rules of the game to Israel in the north.

Since the Syrian civil war began in 2011, Israel has been the one who generally dictated the rules to Damascus and Hezbollah. It set red lines – preventing the smuggling of sophisticated arms to Lebanon and responding to all fire at Israel from Syrian territory – and generally enforced them.

The Syrian government usually absorbed these blows, pretending the spit was rain. Either it completely ignored Israeli attacks on arms convoys in its territory, or it made do with uttering empty threats. Hezbollah, in contrast, managed to set its own red lines by responding to an attack on an arms convoy that had already entered Lebanon (in 2014) and to assassinations of Hezbollah officials which it attributed to Israel.

But, the circumstances have changed over the past few months. Syria’s Assad regime has recovered some of its self-confidence thanks to its military victories against the Syrian rebels, achieved with massive help from Russia, Iran and Hezbollah...”



North Korea threats at ‘unprecedented, critical’ level, Japan official says

October 24, 2017 FoxNews.com reports: “The threat of nuclear war posed by North Korea has grown to an ‘unprecedented’ level amid escalating tensions with the rogue regime and now requires the U.S., Japan and South Korea to demonstrate ‘different responses’ to the threat, a Japanese official said Monday.

Speaking with the U.S. and South Korean counterparts at a meeting of Asian defense chiefs in the Philippines, Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera said ‘(The) threat posed by North Korea has grown to the unprecedented, critical and imminent level,’ according to a Reuters report. ‘Therefore, we have to take calibrated and different responses to meet with that level of threat.’

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis had similar remarks, noting that North Korea’s ongoing intimidations ‘threaten regional and global security.’ ‘North Korea’s provocative behavior is becoming worse and worse,’ South Korean Defense Minister Song Young-Moo added...”

‘Iran-led Shiite axis is Israel’s biggest enemy’

October 23, 2017 Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “Prof. Moshe Maoz, an expert on Syria and Hezbollah from the Political Science Department at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, said on Sunday he believes four rockets from Syria which exploded in the Golan Heights on Saturday were accidental spillover from the Syrian civil war.

‘This firing, I estimate, happened accidentally. Syria has no interest in provoking us because we will respond with force,’ Maoz told Arutz Sheva, though he added that ‘in strategic terms, the great danger is from Syria as an important link of the Shiite axis that is being led by Iran, and this is Israel’s greatest enemy.’

‘This axis potentially includes Iraq, Lebanon-Hezbollah and Yemen. This is the danger and the Iranians may provoke us in the future, and they have already expressed this, but this firing does not seem to me to be more than accidental fire that happens from time to time,’ he continued...”

US Preparing to Put Nuclear Bombers Back on 24-Hour Alert

October 23, 2017 DefenseOne.com reported: “The U.S. Air Force is preparing to put nuclear-armed bombers back on 24-hour ready alert, a status not seen since the Cold War ended in 1991.

That means the long-dormant concrete pads at the ends of this base’s 11,000-foot runway — dubbed the ‘Christmas tree’ for their angular markings — could once again find several B-52s parked on them, laden with nuclear weapons and set to take off at a moment’s notice.

‘This is yet one more step in ensuring that we’re prepared,’ Gen. David Goldfein, Air Force chief of staff, said in an interview during his six-day tour of Barksdale and other U.S. Air Force bases that support the nuclear mission. ‘I look at it more as not planning for any specific event, but more for the reality of the global situation we find ourselves in and how we ensure we’re prepared going forward.’...”

North Korea Threatens ‘Unimaginable Strike at an Unimaginable Time’ on U.S.

October 22, 2017 Breitbart.com reports: “North Korea threatened to deliver an ‘unimaginable strike’ on the United States amid strained relations between Pyongyang and Washington over the rogue regime’s nuclear and missile programs.

‘The U.S. is running amok by introducing under our nose the targets we have set as primary ones. The U.S. should expect that it would face unimaginable strike [sic] at an unimaginable time,’ warned an unnamed North Korean agency in a statement reportedly published by the Pyongyang-controlled Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) on Thursday.

Reuters, citing the Russian-controlled RIA Novosti news agency the following day, reported that a North Korean diplomat indicated that dictator Kim Jong-un does not intend to conduct any discussions with the United States over its nuclear program, claiming that having nukes is a ‘matter of life and death for us.’...”

Europe’s officialdom erasing Christianity

October 20, 2017 WND.com reported: “A new report from the Gatestone Institute documents how Europe is changing its official history to erase the influences of Christianity – and instead add credits to Islam, says a report in Joseph Farah’s G2 Bulletin.

‘The official European establishment has turned its back on Christianity,’ says the report from Giulio Meotti, the cultural editor for Il Foglio.

‘The establishment appear unaware of the extent to which the continent and its people still depend on the moral guidance of its humanitarian values, especially at a time when radical Islam has launched a civilization challenge to the West.’...”

US: North Korea Months Away From Being Able to Hit US with Nuclear Missile

October 20, 2017 Voice of America News reported: “North Korea is likely just months away from being capable of striking the United States with a nuclear missile, according to two top U.S. officials.

CIA Director Mike Pompeo told a forum in Washington on Thursday he is ‘deeply worried’ about the advancing threat from North Korea and the possibility it could spark a nuclear arms race across East Asia.

‘We ought to behave as if we are on the cusp of them achieving that objective,’ Pompeo said when asked about Pyongyang’s pursuit of missile technology that could launch a warhead to targets in the U.S....”

