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## **ISIS Group That Threatened Bioattacks Vows Holiday 'Era of Surprises' After Strasbourg**

*December 13, 2018* PJMedia.com reported: "An ISIS-supporting media group that just days ago issued a threat bearing symbols of a biological attack quickly seized on the Strasbourg, France, Christmas market attack to warn of more holiday assaults..."

Two weeks ago, the al-Taqwa Media Foundation issued a threat poster online showing a sweatshirt-hooded jihadist holding a bloody cleaver looking down a Champs-Élysées clogged with emergency personnel and smoke rising from near the Arc de Triomphe.

'Wait what's coming to enemies of Allah in France,' said the text on the image.

Days after that, the ISIS-supporting media group distributed an image depicting a capitol building — not the U.S. Capitol — in flames with a calamitous street scene including abandoned military vehicles and civilian cars, as the ISIS flag is raised and a quintet of armed, camouflage-clad jihadists stand before the building. In the image are four biohazard warning symbols: one on a nearby building, and three on concrete barricades separating the jihadists from their target..."

## **Pompeo urges UN to get tough on Iran missiles**

*December 13, 2018* spacedaily.com reported: "US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Wednesday urged the United Nations to tighten restrictions on Iran's missiles, which he warned could strike US allies, but other powers called instead for dialogue.

Pompeo headed to New York for a Security Council meeting on Iran, which recently confirmed a medium-range ballistic missile test, arguing it is legal and necessary for its defense.

"We risk the security of our people if Iran continues stocking up on ballistic missiles," Pompeo told the Security Council.

"We risk escalation of conflict in the region if we fail to restore deterrence. And we convey to all other malign actors that they too can defy the Security Council with impunity if we do nothing," he said."..."

## **Iran: French riots signal 'Islamic awakening'**

*December 12, 2018* World Net Daily reported: "The protests and riots in France are part of an 'Islamic awakening' foreseen by Iran's supreme leader, the Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, declared the head of the Islamic Republic Judiciary.

The judiciary chief, Ayatollah Sadegh Amoli Larijani, noted Khamenei had predicted years ago that an Islamic awakening would go beyond Muslim countries and reach Europe, the Iranian Mizan news agency, according to Radio Farda.

Larijani did not explain how the protests are related to Islam. But working-class young people among France's Muslim minority have engaged in numerous violent protests over the past decade. And in Egypt, media affiliated with the regime of Egyptian President 'Abd Al-Fattah Al-Sisi are claiming the Muslim Brotherhood is involved in the French protests.

Reports in Egyptian newspapers and on television assert covert Muslim Brotherhood activists have infiltrated the ranks of the French protesters, fanning violence, looting and vandalism across the country, according to the Middle East Media Research Institute..."



## **Koreas verify removal of frontline bunkers**

*December 12, 2018* SpaceDaily.com reported: "Soldiers from North and South Korea are set to verify the dismantlement of guard posts in the demilitarised zone Wednesday, Seoul said, after crossing into each other's territory peacefully for the first time.

The removal of 20 posts along the heavily-fortified frontier was one of the steps agreed at a September summit between the South's President Moon Jae-in and the North's leader Kim Jong Un in Pyongyang, part of a rapid reconciliation drive on the peninsula.

In November, North Korea blew up the 10 facilities while the South tore down 10 on its own side using excavators.

Seoul's defence ministry said early Wednesday that South Korean inspectors will visit each of the guard posts on the North's side to verify their dismantlement and to ensure that all firearms and troops have been removed. North Korean inspectors will carry out the same process at the South's bunkers, it added..."

## **Electric grid 'prime target' of terrorists, says DHS**

*December 11, 2018* World Net Daily reported: "Warning that the electric grid is the 'prime target' of terrorists, the Department of Homeland Security is urging Americans to prepare for the up to six months without electricity, transportation, fuel, money and health care, the Washington Examiner reports.

The report, issued to President Trump by the President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council, concludes people 'no longer keep enough essentials within their homes, reducing their ability to sustain themselves during an extended, prolonged outage.'

'We need to improve individual preparedness,' says the report, titled 'Surviving a Catastrophic Power Outage.'

The Examiner notes it's the second report in a month to warn of a 'profound threat' to the electric grid from terrorism and naturally occurring events such as a solar storm or flare. The prior report was issued by federal agencies and the military. The new one, with a similar warning, was prepared by industry and governmental leaders.

The advisory council said the 'profound risk' of an extended power outage 'requires a new national focus.'..."

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### **Australia to recognize Jerusalem as Israeli capital, delay embassy move**

*December 11, 2018* timesofisrael.com reported: “The Australian government is reportedly set to formally recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel on Wednesday, but will likely delay moving its embassy there from Tel Aviv due to cost concerns.

Senior government sources told The Australian newspaper that Prime Minister Scott Morrison’s cabinet approved the policy change at a national security meeting Tuesday night following extensive discussions on the matter.

Cabinet ministers agreed that moving the embassy to Jerusalem would take place at a later stage, the report said, due to the estimated \$200 million it would cost to relocate the diplomatic mission...”

### **Arab League warns Brazil against embassy relocation**

*December 11, 2018* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “The Arab League has told Brazil’s President-elect Jair Bolsonaro that moving his country’s embassy in Israel to Jerusalem would be a setback for relations with Arab countries, Reuters reported Monday, citing a letter sent by the Arab League to Bolsonaro.

The letter to Bolsonaro from the league’s Secretary General Ahmed Aboul Gheit and delivered to Brazil’s foreign ministry said the decision on where to locate an embassy was the sovereign decision of any country.

‘However, the situation of Israel is not normal, seeing that it is a country that has been occupying Palestinian territories by force – among them East Jerusalem,’ the letter said, according to Reuters. Moving the embassy to Jerusalem would be considered a violation of international law and the United National Security Council resolutions, Aboul Gheit said...”

### **100 Christians snatched in overnight raids on underground Chinese church**

*December 10, 2018* The South China Morning Post reports: “About 100 worshippers at an unofficial church in southwestern China were snatched from their homes or from the streets in coordinated raids which began on Sunday evening.

Chinese authorities targeted members of the Early Rain Covenant Church across various districts of Chengdu, the provincial capital of Sichuan, in what appears to be an effort to close down one of the country’s most prominent Protestant house churches.



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### **ANALYSIS: ISIS preparing for radioactive and biological attacks**

*December 10, 2018* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: “A year after the ‘defeat’ of the Islamic State Jihadist organization the group is witnessing a revival, according to the U.S. Department of Defense.

The organization succeeded in maintaining a significant force of 30,000 armed terrorists who are in control of less than one percent of the territory of the self-proclaimed Caliphate in both Syria and Iraq, but it is ‘re-emerging as a guerilla force that is returning to its insurgent roots’ the Pentagon warns.

This weekend, ISIS terrorists in eastern Syria managed to stave off an offensive by the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) against the town of Hajin, the group’s last stronghold in the eastern Syrian Desert near Deir Ez-Zur and re-capture parts of the town.

The SDF offensive against ISIS’ last strongholds in eastern Syria has been going on for three months and has caused most of the civilian population of Hajin to flee via safe passage corridors created by the Kurdish-dominated militia.

The US-led coalition against Islamic State has already carried out 1000 airstrikes on Hajin, but the Jihadists are not willing to surrender and have vowed to fight to the death...”

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### **Trans radicals threaten life of prof upholding basic biology**

*December 7, 2018* World Net Daily reported: “Supporters of ‘transgender rights’ are threatening the life of a professor in England whose offense is to believe that sex is determined at birth.

BBC News reported Professor Rossa Freedman of the University of Reading fears for her safety after she discussed a government program to help people who want to change their gender. She’s faced online abuse, telephone threats in the middle of the night and her office door was ‘covered in urine.’

‘The human rights lawyer had raised concerns on how the changes might affect women’s rights,’ the BBC said.

She expressed opposition to self-identification, the concept that people can choose their gender. Freedman also has attended debates on the nation’s Gender Recognition Act, which supports ‘gender identity.’

She’s been called a ‘Nazi’ and been told she ‘should be raped.’...”

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