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FINGERPRINTS REQUIRED IN NEW EU PASSPORTS

October 27, 2004 EUobserver reporter: AEU citizens will be obliged to have their fingerprints in their passports in the future. Member states on Tuesday (26 October) agreed at a meeting in Luxembourg that a second biometric identifier, fingerprints, must be included in all new passports and other travel documents.

This follows a decision in June where member states decided that EU passports must include facial images. The aim is to make passports and other travel documents more secure and establish a more reliable link between them and the holder.

The biometric data gathered will be stored on a "chip" embedded in the new passports, Personal details and the biometric data will be held on national databases and on a EU-wide database of European Register for issued passports...according to Statewatch.

While fingerprints will be obligatory in new passports 3 years after the technical specifications are in place, facial images will be required 18 months after adoption of the regulation. The UK, Denmark and Ireland have a "legal exemption" in the EU treaties regarding this area of judicial co-operation and are not bound to follow the regulation.

Denmark B together with Germany - has however indicated that it intends to start issuing biometrically enhanced passports from the end of 2005 in order to comply with the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and the requirements of the US Visa Waiver legislation. Finland and Austria have tabled technical reservations to the regulation, but the problems are expected to be overcome.

The five biggest EU countries said in a statement at the end of talks earlier this month that they hoped to introduce fingerprint measures for passports issued in their countries from 2006.

The US has said it will start demanding visas from 27 countries - mostly European states - from 26 October 2005 if they do not have biometric data on their passports.≡

CIA ANALYZES VIDEO OF ATTACK THREAT

October 27, 2004 Reuters reported: ABC News has asked U.S. security officials to examine a videotape it obtained in Pakistan of an English-speaking man threatening a massive attack on the United States, the network says.

Sources familiar with the tape -- the authenticity of which U.S. intelligence officials have not been able to verify -- said the man, who claims to be a U.S. native and al Qaeda supporter, warns that the "streets will run with blood."

The video appears to have been made as recently as late summer because the speaker discusses the Darfur conflict in Sudan, makes a reference to the Massachusetts same-sex marriage legislation and mentions the September 11 Commission, one U.S. intelligence official told Reuters on Wednesday.

ABC News vice president Jeffrey Schneider said the network has not shown the video because its authenticity has not been verified by either independent analysts or government experts. "We have worked with the CIA and the FBI, neither of whom have authenticated the tape," he told Reuters. "Obviously, it would be beyond irresponsible to broadcast this tape without first authenticating it."

The first disclosure of the tape by Internet columnist Matt Drudge prompted ABC to publicly acknowledge the video's existence before knowing whether it was real or fake. Schneider said the tape was obtained from a source in Pakistan over the weekend and arrived in New York on Monday, where it was first viewed by network officials.

A source familiar with the tape told Reuters the hourlong video features a man, whose face is concealed by a headdress, warning that a coming attack on the United States would dwarf the September 11, 2001 attacks, which killed nearly 3,000 people.

According to the source, the man says, "The streets will run with blood" and says the United States has brought this on itself for electing a president who has declared war on Islam by attacking the former Taliban rulers in Afghanistan and waging war against al Qaeda.

The source said linguistic experts believe the man, who identifies himself as "Assam the American," learned English at a young age but is not a native English speaker.

A U.S. intelligence official said the man claims to be originally from America and speaks fluent English with a slight accent. "We don't have a positive ID of the speaker, who was shrouded and wearing dark glasses," the official said. "The

intelligence community does not have information linking the video to a specific threat."...≡

AIDE: ARAFAT TO ENTER PARIS HOSPITAL

October 28, 2004 CNN reported: Ailing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has agreed to his doctors' recommendation and will go to Paris, France, for treatment, an aide said Thursday. Abbas Zaki, a member of the Fatah Central Committee, said Arafat will be taken Friday to Jordan by helicopter, where he will be placed aboard a French aircraft for the flight to Paris.

It will be Arafat's first excursion from his Ramallah compound since 2002 when Israel confined him to his West Bank quarters. Earlier, Arafat expressed reluctance about leaving his home. Senior aide Nabil Abu Rudeineh said Arafat is exhausted, weak, and has been unable to keep down any food for the last 15 days. He is receiving fluids intravenously.

The Israeli government said Thursday it would not bar Arafat from returning to his compound after receiving medical treatment...≡

DEVIL WORSHIP OK ABOARD NAVY SHIPS

October 24, 2004 WorldNetDaily.com reported: AWith headlines conjuring up "the devil and the deep blue sea," a non-commissioned officer in the Royal Navy has become the first registered Satanist in the British armed forces, leaving some veterans and politicians stunned.

Chris Cranmer, 24, from Edinburgh, Scotland, has been officially recognized as a Satanist by the captain of the HMS Cumberland, according to the London Telegraph. The designation gives him permission to perform Satanic rituals aboard, and have a funeral carried out by the Church of Satan if he's killed in action...

Founded in San Francisco in 1966 by Anton LaVey, author of the Satanic Bible, the Church of Satan has its followers live by the Nine Satanic Statements, including "Satan represents vengeance, instead of turning the other cheek," "Satan represents all of the so-called sins, as they lead to physical, mental or emotional gratification," and "Satan represents indulgence, instead of abstinence."

The idea of putting a ship into devil worship is raising some red flags among Britain's war veterans...The decision is sparking political outrage as well...≡

'DIRTY BOMB= MATERIAL FOUND AT TIP

October 21, 2004 NEWS.com.au reported: ARussian security forces have seized two containers full of highly radioactive uranium-238 after a group of homeless people tried to sell them to a scrap dealer. The containers were found at a waste dump in the central Russian town of Saratov, which lies on the River Volga.

Radiation levels at the dump were 358 times higher than normal, officials said.

Depleted uranium, where uranium-238 is usually found, can be used to make nuclear "dirty bombs". The find will renew fears that radioactive material at dozens of poorly-guarded sites around Russia might fall into the hands of terrorists.

The US and other countries have been pressing Russia, which has the world's second biggest nuclear arsenal, to do more to protect its atomic sites since the September 11 attacks on New York and Washington in 2001.≡

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