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IRAQ'S CHRISTIANS CONSUMED BY FEAR

January 26, 2011 The Asia Times Online reports: "Each day before she leaves for work, Ekhlal Elia Bawood covers her head with the traditional hijab. She does this not because she is a Muslim, but because she lives in fear. Christians in Iraq are increasingly targeted for their beliefs. A lifelong resident of Mosul, the most dangerous city in Iraq, Bawood said Christian homes in her neighborhood are attacked by bomb explosions at least two or three times each week. With dwindling numbers and little support, the few remaining Christians living in Mosul are careful to conceal their faith."...

The escalating violence against Christians has called religious leaders to act. A Copenhagen summit discussing these attacks was headed by the High Council of Religious Leaders in Iraq and attended by Iraq's most influential Sunni, Shi'ite and Christian leaders. The result was a fatwa, or religious edict, calling all Iraqi Muslims to end the violence.

The fatwa, which was announced in mosques across the country, 'prohibits any assault on believers of religions that co-exist in Muslim countries, whether by killing, displacement, bloodshed or violation of the sanctity of homes and assets.'

Even so, Sunni mullah Tahir Bamoky of the Omar Bin Khatab mosque in Halabja said many Sunnis, particularly in central Iraq, have rejected the fatwa issued by their religious leaders..."

PALESTINIANS PROPOSED GIVING TEMPLE MOUNT TO THE POPE

January 24, 2011 ivarfjeld.wordpress.com reported: "Wikileaks have done it again. Displayed double standards, and the true motives of the "peace makers" in the Middle East.

The battle is not for justice and democracy. The battle is for the control of Mount Zion, the very site of the two Jewish temples in Jerusalem. The man who soon will sit there will be worshiped as God, the Father Jesus addressed as the "Holy Father". But the man on the Temple Mount, will be a fake, and a very powerful deceiver. Millions will worship this man of lawlessness.

This is what the Israeli Daily Haaretz wrote on the latest cache of "secret documents".

The documents also reveal that the Palestinian negotiators, in an effort to move forward on the hyper-sensitive issue of the holy sites in the Old City of Jerusalem, proposed a joint committee to administer the Temple Mount.

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The PA In Ramallah is on the payroll of the US and the Papacy. They are not interested in grabbing land in East Jerusalem, for any other purpose than bringing the head of the One World religion back to his former throne in East Jerusalem. The Bishop of Rome ruled in Jerusalem from 1090 A.D to 1291. A.D.

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January 24, 2011 Haaretz.com reported: "Palestinian negotiators secretly agreed to concede almost all Jewish areas of East Jerusalem to Israel, the Guardian newspaper and Al-Jazeera TV reported on Saturday. As many as 1,600 Palestinian documents on peace talks with Israel, obtained by Al Jazeera TV and given to the Guardian, covering more than a decade of exchanges, provide a unique look into the breakdown of the peace process.

The biggest leak of confidential documents in the history of the conflict has revealed that Palestinian negotiators secretly agreed to accept Israel's annexation of all but one of the neighborhoods, Har Homa, built in East Jerusalem.

This was one in a series of concessions made to Israel by Palestinian negotiators in an effort to move closer to independent statehood. The documents give the impression of a weakened Palestinian Authority and growing desperation among its leaders because of impasses in talks and the growing strength of Hamas.

Israeli negotiators come across in the minutes as confident while U.S. politicians seem dismissive toward Palestinian representatives, according to the Guardian.

PA leadership may have difficulty explaining the revelations to a public not ready to offer the same concessions. The documents cover sensitive issues like the right of return of Palestinian refugees, the close cooperation between Israel and Palestinian Authority Security forces, land swaps in East Jerusalem and the West Bank, and of Israeli warnings to the PA of the imminent invasion of the Gaza Strip in 2008-09.

Al-Jazeera TV reported that the Palestinian Authority offered Israel all settlements in Jerusalem except Har Homa on June 15, 2008.

Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator, also proposed in an October 2009 meeting that Jerusalem's Old City be divided, ceding Israel control over the Jewish Quarter and part of the Armenian Quarter.

Further details reveal a Palestinian agreement to the return of only 100,000 Palestinian refugees into Israel, and that Erekat agreed to the Israeli demand of recognizing Israel as a Jewish state.

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UNDERGROUND YELLOWSTONE 'SUPERVOLCANO' CAUSING EARTH TO RISE IN SOME SPOTS

January 25, 2011 News.yahoo.com reported: "It's like something one of those disaster movie trailers with a basso profundo voiceover: Man, or perhaps woman, on a family vacation takes in the breathtaking scope of nature found in Yellowstone National Park--only to see the earth beneath their feet violently explode. Will our hero and his or her family be swallowed in the molten horror of -- "Supervolcano"?"

But this scenario isn't the stuff of Hollywood fantasy--scientists caution that there's a chance that Yellowstone could blow. One day, anyway.

Yes, there apparently exists an underground volcano whose past eruptions -- the last one estimated at some 640,000 years ago -- have been, according to National Geographic, "a thousand times more powerful than Mount St. Helens's 1980 eruption." The supervolcano lurks a few miles underground and spreads out across an area roughly the size of Los Angeles. But here's the best part: It's taking deep "breaths," as the magazine puts it, causing miles of ground around it to rise dramatically. Since 2004, researchers say that the ground above the supervolcano rose as much as 2.8 inches per year.

So is the "swelling magma reservoir" ready to blow? Well, scientists say it will eventually--and when it does it could spew ash as high as 25 miles into the air, rendering an estimated two-thirds of the country inhabitable."..."

CHINA PUSHING FOR YUAN TO BE GLOBAL CURRENCY

January 24, 2011 Voice of America News reports: "Business leaders have mixed views about how soon the Chinese currency might replace the dollar as the world's dominant currency as Beijing promotes greater use of the Yuan. Some say Beijing must carry out more reforms for that to happen.

Even as the United States and other countries complain that China's Yuan is deliberately undervalued, Beijing is pushing to make its currency more internationally accepted, commensurate with its growing economic influence.

Chinese officials say they want to make the Yuan a global currency like the dollar. And President Hu Jintao told the Wall Street Journal this month, that the global financial system dominated by the dollar is a 'a thing of the past'.

'It's one of the first times that a country has actively tried to promote its own currency as an international currency, most other currencies like that have had that role thrust upon it,' said Robert Mundell, an economics professor at Columbia University in New York.

But while many business leaders agree that the Yuan, also called the renminbi, will eventually reach global stature, they say it is unlikely to replace the dollar anytime soon.

'I don't see in the short term the renminbi replacing the dollar,' said John Peace, chairman of the British bank Standard Chartered. 'What I do see the renminbi becoming as important as the dollar. But I don't think this necessarily is measured in centuries, I think this can happen quite quickly.'..."

EGYPTIAN PROTESTS INTENSIFY, AS CLASHES SPREAD ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST

January 27, 2011 The Telegraph reported: "Security forces shot dead a Bedouin protester in Egypt's Sinai region on Thursday, bringing the death in the three days of protests to five. Police in Suez fired rubber bullets, water cannon and tear gas at hundreds of demonstrators calling for an end to the 30-year-old rule of Hosni Mubarak, the Egyptian president. Protesters chucked rocks and petrol bombs at police lines. In Ismailia, hundreds of protesters clashed with police, who dispersed the crowds with tear gas.

Like in many other countries in the region, protesters in Egypt complain about surging prices, unemployment and the authorities' reliance on heavy-handed security to keep dissenting voices quiet. The protests are inspired by Tunisia, where a democratic movement recently overthrew the government.

Egyptian Nobel laureate Mohamed ElBaradei announced on Thursday he was returning to Egypt to join the protests.

"Tomorrow is going to be, I think, a major demonstration all over Egypt and I will be there with them," he said. Mr Baradei, who won the Nobel peace prize for his work as head of the UN's nuclear agency, called on Mr Mubarak to leave office, saying "he has served the country for 30 years and it is about time for him to retire."

His arrival could spur protesters who have no figurehead, although many activists resent his absences in recent months."..."



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