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MISSISSIPPI FLOODS FORCE EVACUATIONS NEAR MEMPHIS

May 5, 2011 Reuters reported: "The rising Mississippi river lapped over downtown Memphis streets on Thursday as a massive wall of water threatened to unleash near record flooding all the way to the Gulf of Mexico.

Water lapped over Riverside Drive and onto Beale Street in Memphis, and threatened some homes on Mud Island, a community of about 5,000 residents with a river theme park. The island connects to downtown Memphis by a bridge and causeway. Emergency officials in Millington near Memphis were "going door-to-door, asking people to leave," according to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

Large amounts of rain and melt from the winter snow has caused a chain reaction of flooding from Canada and the Dakotas through Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas and Tennessee. It is expected to soon hit Mississippi and Louisiana at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

"The flood is rolling down, it is breaking records as it moves down and it is one of those wait-and-see type of things as to how massive it is going to be when it's all said and done," said Charles Camillo, historian for the Mississippi River Commission and the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project.

In Arkansas, westbound traffic on a section of one of the nation's major trucking arteries, Interstate 40, was closed for a second day due to flooding. The White River was expected to crest at its highest ever level of 40 feet at Des Arc, Arkansas on Thursday night, breaking a 1949 record.

A levee overflowed near the White River, forcing a mandatory evacuation of the town of Cotton Plant, the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management said. Officials at the Shelby County Office of Preparedness, that includes Memphis, predicted that the flood could affect 2,832 properties if it crests at 48 feet this coming weekend.

A crest of 48 feet would be the river's highest level since 1937, according to the National Weather Service. The service currently puts the river level at Memphis at 45.21 feet, with an expected rise to 47.6 feet by Monday morning."..."

SUPREME LEADER: EUROPE TO EXPERIENCE ISLAMIC AWAKENING SOON

May 5, 2011 Fars News Agency reported: "Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei stressed on Wednesday that popular uprisings and revolutions sweeping the Middle-East and North of Africa at present will soon spread to the European continent.

Addressing a large number of Iranian teachers and university professors here in Tehran on Wednesday, Ayatollah Khamenei reiterated that the growing wave of Islamic awakening in the Middle-East, North Africa and other parts of the Muslim world has been inspired by Iran's Islamic Revolution, and said this awakening will definitely spread to the European countries.

"This awakening move will certainly advance to the very heart of the Europe and the European nations will rise against their politicians and rulers who have fully surrendered to the US and the Zionists' cultural and economic policies," he said.

"The current awakening shows the profoundness of the Iranian nation's great move and if we want it to continue with the same speed and power, we should activate talents, breed resistant people, strengthen faith, insight, awareness and knowledge and further consolidate unity and integrity," Ayatollah Khamenei added.

In relevant remarks earlier this year, a prominent American analyst had said that the wave of Erhal revolutions in the Middle-East and North Africa is now growing to the European continent, stressing that the popular uprisings in the Arab states serve as a role model for the European people who have just started protests against their corrupt leaders.

"Due to the financial corruption dominating most of the European governments and the pervasive bottlenecks and crises that have arisen in the western countries these days, it is predicted that the growing trend of such discontents will soon turn into a series of revolutions known as the Erhal Revolutions" in the Middle-East and North Africa, Dr. James Anderson said late March.

He said the European countries have not witnessed a major development and political leap after the Renaissance, the World War II, the Cold War and formation of the European Union (EU), but now the time is ripe for the European people to get ready for political revolutions and change in their ruling structures."..."



U.S. OFFICIALS WARN TERRORISM THREAT REMAINS POST-BIN LADEN

May 4, 2011 Voice of America News reports: "As Americans reacted to the news of Osama bin Laden's killing by U.S. commandos, officials warned that the al-Qaida leader's death in a firefight in Pakistan does not remove the threat of terrorist attacks. Bin Laden's killing by American elite forces closes a chapter in the war on terrorism, but officials say the battle against al-Qaida and other terrorist groups will

continue.

The successful raid in the Pakistan city, Abbottabad in the early hours Monday led President Obama to declare that 'justice has been done.' United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called it a 'watershed moment.' But French President Nicolas Sarkozy cautioned that this is not the end of al-Qaida and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the fight will not end with bin Laden's death.

'Continued cooperation will be just as important in the days ahead, because even as we mark this milestone, we should not forget that the battle to stop al-Qaida and its syndicate of terror will not end with the death of bin Laden,' Clinton said..."

JERUSALEM IMAN VOWS REVENGE FOR OSAMA DEATH

May 4, 2011 YnetNews.com reports: "An imam from the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem vowed to take revenge over 'the western dogs' for killing Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in Pakistan on Sunday.

In a YouTube video uploaded by the imam he said: 'The western dogs are rejoicing after killing one of our Islamic lions. From Al-Aqsa Mosque, where the future caliphate will originate with the help of God, we say to them – the dogs will not rejoice too much for killing the lions. The dogs will remain dogs and the lion, even if he is dead, will remain a lion.'

The imam then verbally attacked US President Barack Obama saying: 'You personally instructed to kill Muslims...'

'We are a nation of billions, a good nation. We'll teach you about politics and military ways very soon, with god's help,' he vowed..."

IT'S A BIRD, A PLANE -- IT'S SUPERMAN'S CITIZENSHIP!

May 3, 2011 AFP reported: "Superman the ultimate American? Perhaps not any more. The superhero is embroiled in battle with prominent Republicans and others furious at his decision in a new issue of Action Comics to renounce his US citizenship. The red-caped avenger, long mythologized as the embodiment of American strength and values, shocks readers in the comic's 900th issue by telling a White House official that he's changing allegiance.

"Which is why I intend to speak before the United Nations tomorrow and inform them that I am renouncing my US citizenship," he says. "Truth, justice and the American way' -- it's not enough anymore."

The super spat -- sparked in the comic by Superman's disillusionment at reactions to his support for democracy protestors in Iran -- has spilled far beyond the pages and speech bubbles. Republican potential presidential candidate Mike Huckabee weighed in over the weekend, saying Superman's threat is no laughing matter.

"It is a comic book, but you know it's disturbing that Superman who has always been an American icon is now saying, 'I'm not going to be an American citizen,'" Huckabee said in a Fox News television interview.

"It's part of a bigger trend of Americans almost apologizing for being Americans."..."



GIANT ASTEROID HEADING CLOSE TO EARTH

May 5, 2011 The Telegraph reported: "The rock, which is quarter of a mile across, will pass between our planet and the moon in November and will be visible with small telescopes. Robin Scagell of the Society for Popular Astronomy said: "It's rare we get the chance to see an asteroid up close."

If it were to hit the earth, the asteroid, named YU55, would have an impact equivalent to 65,000 atom bombs and would leave a crater more than six miles wide and 2,000ft deep. Passing by at a distance of just 201,000 miles, the asteroid will be the largest object ever to approach the earth so close.

Nasa has officially labelled it a Potentially Hazardous Object, but have stressed there is no danger of impact while on its current course. YU55 orbits the sun every 14 years and last passed the earth in April 2010 at a distance of 1.5 million years.

There are currently 874 near earth asteroids which are considered to be potentially dangerous. They are closely monitored and the list is being constantly added to as astronomers discover new objects in near space. Scientists estimate that there is usually one large collision with earth every few hundred thousand years."

PAKISTANIS BURN U.S. FLAGS AS BACKLASH OVER BIN LADEN'S DEATH GROWS

May 4, 2011 DailyMail.co.uk reported: "These were the angry scenes across Pakistan today as Muslims staged protests against the killing of Al Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden.

Hundreds of people marched through Multan, burning U.S. flags and waving placards as they warned the terrorist's death could produce many more radical figures to take his place. It comes after crowds of weeping mourners were pictured offering funeral prayers for the Al Qaeda mastermind widely blamed for thousands of deaths at 9/11.

They will heap further pressure on the British government to justify the £650million aid package sent to a country where so many appear to hate us."...David Cameron has insisted it is in Britain's national interest to continue to co-operate with Pakistan in the fight against terrorism as debate intensified over a £650m aid package handed the country just weeks ago.

The Prime Minister said there were 'searching questions' for the Pakistani government to answer after U.S. special forces tracked down the Al Qaeda leader to a large villa complex close to the country's leading military academy."

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