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AL-QAEDA'S RESURGENCE: READY TO TAKE ON THE WORLD

March 1, 2007 The Asia Times Online reported: "Al-Qaeda will this year significantly step up its global operations after centralizing its leadership and reviving its financial lifelines. Crucially, al-Qaeda has developed missile and rocket technology with the capability of carrying chemical, biological and nuclear warheads, according to an al-Qaeda insider who spoke to Asia Times Online.

While al-Qaeda will continue to operate in Afghanistan and Iraq, it will broaden its global perspective to include Europe and hostile Muslim states, Asia Times Online has learned. For the first time since its attacks on the US on September 11, 2001, this could be al-Qaeda's year on the offensive.

According to the contact, "The time has come for a message to be communicated to Europe." Asked what kind of message this would be, the contact simply smiled. Nevertheless, he stated that with Western forces trapped in Afghanistan and Iraq, it was time to open up new fronts in Somalia, Algeria, Egypt, Palestine and other places.

"In each place, al-Qaeda has its own command and control apparatus, including Palestine, and all those fronts will be opened up very soon," the contact said."..."

'TITANIC' ATTACK ON RESURRECTION

February 26, 2007 WorldNetDaily reported: "The Oscar-winning director of "Titanic" is expected to announce in a news conference tomorrow that his next film project is a documentary suggesting Jesus wasn't resurrected, was married to Mary Magdalene and had a son.

James Cameron is producing "The Lost Tomb of Jesus," claiming the discovery of 10 stone coffins in a Jerusalem suburb in 1980 is actually the family crypt of Jesus of Nazareth. The 90-minute film will be shown on the Discovery Channel at a later date. The film makes the case that Jesus had a son named Judah with Mary Magdalene.

Prominent Jerusalem archaeologist Amos Kloner is disputing the claims, saying, "It makes a great story for a TV film. But it's impossible. It's nonsense."

Cameron and his director, Simcha Jacobovici, claim also to have DNA evidence to back their story. Jacobovici is trying not to alienate the faithful, by suggesting the ascension into heaven by Jesus could still have occurred spiritually if not physically. "People who believe in a physical ascension – that he took his body to heaven – those people will say, 'Wait a minute,'" warns the director.

The news comes a year after the release of "The Da Vinci Code" movie, based on the best-selling novel of 2004 by Dan Brown, both of which also claimed Mary Magdalene was the wife of Jesus.

James Tabor, chairman of the religious studies department at the University of North Carolina who is interviewed throughout the documentary, says it will not be so easy to dismiss this work.

"This is archaeology," he claims. "We've got the casket. We've got the bones. I think we can say, in all probability, Jesus had this son, Judah, presumably through Mary Magdalene."

The coffins reportedly carried the names of Jesua, son of Joseph, Mary, Mary, Mathew, Jofa and Judah, son of Jesua. Some archaeologists who studied the find point out those were common names in Israel 2,000 years ago.

A statistician is brought into the documentary to suggest finding that combination of names in a first century crypt at 600 to 1."..."

U.S. SEEKS EXPANDED USE OF TURKISH BASE

February 27, 2007 The Middle East Newslite reported: "The U.S. military has sought to significantly expand operations at a key Turkish air base.



Officials said the Defense Department has been negotiating for an increase in U.S. air operations at the Incirlik air force base in southern Turkey. They said Incirlik would be used for operations in northern Iraq as well as reconnaissance in neighboring Iran.

"I wouldn't say that we have to [use] Incirlik to conduct operations in Iraq," U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Moseley said. "I would say we are honored to be able to operate from Incirlik with our NATO partners because it makes all operations easier and it maintains that strategic partnership that we all value so much."

At a briefing on Feb. 20, Moseley said Incirlik has been a key asset for Central Command. He said Incirlik could facilitate U.S. operations throughout the Middle East, Persian Gulf and South Asia."..."

'DEVASTATING RESPONSE' IF IRAN NUKES ATTACKED

February 26, 2007 WorldNetDaily reported: "Iran is anticipating a U.S. or Israeli military strike on its nuclear facilities and has been providing Palestinian terrorists and other regional allies with contingency plans for attacks against the Jewish state and American regional interests in the event of war, according to Palestinian terrorist leaders.

A senior leader of the Islamic Jihad terror group, which Israel says is backed by Iran, told WND Tehran is expecting to be attacked, but he didn't provide a time frame in which Iran anticipates a strike. He claimed during any attack his organization has been directed by Iran to "wreak havoc" on Israel with suicide bombings, rocket attacks and "special surprises." He said rocket attacks would be launched from both the Gaza Strip and from the West Bank, which borders Jerusalem.

He threatened his terror group will target American interests in the Middle East whether any purported strike against Tehran is carried out by Israel or the U.S.

"The Zionists and the Americans are coordinated 100 percent. It doesn't matter who attacks Iran, we are planning to hit them both," said the Islamic Jihad leader, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he said the topic was "very sensitive."

He said overall Islamic Jihad leader Ramadan Shallah has been coordinating war plans with Iran, Syria and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah Lebanese militia. Shallah resides in Damascus and travels frequently to Tehran.

Abu Ahmed, the northern West Bank chief of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades terror organization, told WND all major Palestinian militant organizations are preparing to work together in the event Iran is attacked.

"Our strategy is not to leave the Islamic alliance (Iran) alone against the enemy. All Palestinian organizations will work together in shooting rockets, suicide bomb attacks and other steps and actions decided closely.

The Brigades is the declared military wing of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah Party. Together with Islamic Jihad, the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades has taken responsibility for every suicide bombing in Israel the last two years, including a bombing last month in Eilat and an attack in Tel Aviv last April that killed eight Israelis and American teenager Daniel Wultz.

Israel says major Brigades cells in the Gaza Strip and West Bank receive Iranian funding through contacts with Hezbollah.

Abu Ahmed said in his terror group's estimation Iran will indeed be attacked. "It's not a question of if, but when. The campaign now in the American media is just like the campaign before the invasion of Iraq," he charged.

A senior leader of the Popular Resistance Committees terror group, speaking on condition of anonymity, told WND his group has also been preparing for what he called "the upcoming war."..."

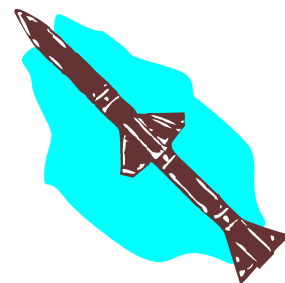
REPORT: IRAN LAUNCHES SPACE MISSILE

February 25, 2007 YnetNews.com reported: "Iran has launched a home-made missile capable of reaching space, Iran's state television Web site reported on Sunday, quoting an Iranian aerospace official.

The comments came a day after Defense Minister Mostafa Mohammad Najjar said the Islamic Republic was planning to build a satellite and launcher. Iran launched its Sina-1 satellite into orbit from a Russian rocket on 2005 and has previously said it planned to modify its Shahab-3 missile to launch satellites.

"Iran has successfully launched its first space missile made by Iranian scientists," the head of Iran's aerospace research center, named only as Dr Bahrami, was quoted as saying.

He said the missile was built by the aerospace center with the cooperation of the Defense and Science Ministries, but gave no further details. The defense minister was quoted as saying by a newspaper as saying: "Building a satellite and satellite launcher, as well as (previously) launching the first Iranian satellite called Sina with Russian cooperation, and becoming a member of the space club, are part of the Defense Ministry's plans."



PAKISTAN HOLDS KEY TO IRAN'S NUKES

March 1, 2007 The Middle East Newline reported: "Pakistan was said to hold the key to the U.S. intelligence effort against Iran's nuclear weapons program. A report said Pakistani nuclear scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan was more knowledgeable than U.S. intelligence on Iran's nuclear weapons program. The report, by former Indian Cabinet secretary B. Rahman, said Khan was a key consultant in uranium enrichment and other elements of Iran's nuclear program.

Iran has established a uranium enrichment facility at Natanz and a uranium conversion plant at Isfahan. Raman said Khan could have intimate knowledge of both facilities. "It is likely that A.Q. Khan, the Pakistani nuclear scientist, who clandestinely collaborated with Iran with the approval of the Pakistan Army and supplied the centrifuges, is a storehouse of information on Natanz -- if not on Isfahan," Raman said in a report entitled "The Man Who Knows More About Natanz Than CIA." "It is very important that the U.S. gets hold of him and interrogates him thoroughly before finalizing its options."

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