DEFENSE INCOMPETENCE JUST KEEPS ON COMING – U.S. “FREEDOM FIGHTERS” VANISH IN SYRIA

July 30, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org – It was an idiotic idea to start with, believing that this WH had the expertise to train “moderate” Muslims to fight for U.S. interests in Syria, whatever they may be.

Mr. Obama is a bit unclear as to purpose here.

Nonetheless, the audaciously moronic plan not only got two-thumbs-up from DoD Secty. Ashton B. Carter...John Boehner, Mitch McConnell and the RINO herd thought it such a sexy program that they allotted $500M to make it happen.

Fact: To date far less than 100 “rebels” have been trained, with the actual figure pegged at approximately 50, making the training cost of each man $10M.

“The first graduates of the course in Turkey, about 50 recruits, rolled into Syria two weeks ago in four wheel drive pickup trucks. But they haven’t been heard from since. The U.S. goal was to train at least 5,000 fighters against the Islamic State this year alone.” [source, Burhan Ozbilici, Turkey vows to strike anyone killing civilians in planned free zone, AP via McClatchyDC]

So not only was the expenditure profligate, it has apparently been entirely wasted given the mysterious disappearance of our supposed mercenaries, allegedly captured by al-Qaeda's Al-Nusra Front.

In DC world, half-a-billion is pocket change, but to most Americans it represents an almost unfathomable amount of money.

Equipment necessary to the defense of the U.S. is expensive, it has always been so. But let’s look at what economists call the “opportunity cost,” or what the half-a-billion might have bought:

DoD could have purchased another 75 main battle tanks, the M1 Abrams instead and gotten change!

Incredibly, that same $500M is enough to equip over 20,000 U.S. soldiers.

This is a sobering reality, especially an atmosphere where Congress has entirely abdicated its role in apportioning defense funding to the extent that it was recently announced that another 40,000 positions in the U.S. military will be eliminated because
of the cowardly sequestration deal. [see for example, Leo Shane III, DoD's sequestration warnings fall flat in Congress.]

There are several lessons to be learned from this fiasco which might, in a sane environment, provide teachable moments:

1. Nothing in the Middle East is actually, in the Western sense, for sale…nothing. Short-term rental, no strings attached, no warranty expressed or implied? No problem, step right up.

2. Wars can’t be fought in a piecemeal manner, you are either all in from the beginning or you will have lost while still in the starting gate - the reason why America has lost every war in which it was involved since World War II.

3. Though incompetent beyond measure, Team O’s performance in the ME isn’t evidence thereof. The president simply isn’t at all serious about national security issues. Above all he is risk-adverse to a paranoid degree - a trait he shares with Bill Clinton in such matters.

As a result Team O runs a hand-puppet show. The administration simply throws some money around, makes a speech or two or three about it, stirs the pot a bit and serves up horse shit pie, a commodity for which the great unwashed apparently have an insatiable appetite.
10,000 PLUS ATTEND ANTI-IRAN DEMONSTRATION IN TIMES SQUARE, MEDIA LARGELY SILENT


The boisterous crowd was protesting the recently concluded agreement between the P5+1 countries and the Ayatollahocracy and was primarily directed at Marxist New York Senator Schumer and his Congressional cohorts, whose mumble mouth “support” of Israel is now on the line given a looming vote over the deal.

As the Washington Post reports:

“Groups lobbying against the deal are zeroing in on Democrats like New York Sen. Charles Schumer, as well as Sens. Chris Coons (D-Del.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Ben Cardin (D-Md.). They’re also focused on Reps. Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Brad Sherman (D-Calif.), Ted Lieu (D-Calif.), Grace Meng (D-N.Y.), Juan Vargas (D-Calif.) and Ted Deutch (D-Fla.).”

The issue advocacy website – No Bomb For Iran – crystallized the reasons why this treaty/not-a-treaty [as per standard MO, this administration is playing political games with the definition of the word “treaty”] should be rejected as being:

“The most dangerous deal in history...this deal gives Iran a nuclear bomb. And Iran is the world’s biggest sponsor of terror...The deal’s other details are...terrifying:

Iran is free to continue sponsoring terror groups.

No nuclear infrastructure will be dismantled.

Verification is impossible since Iran is not forced to open military sites for anytime, anywhere inspections

Sanctions relief will give Iran tens of billions of dollars to spend on terror”

Searching for news about the public rage being expressed in the center of the world’s media capital regarding the threat posed by a nuclear Iran, is largely unproductive in that though some members of the legacy MSM are carrying journo on the event, it’s almost entirely a boilerplate recitation of the single AP story we could locate.

True to form, there’s by no means the level of media interest and deference which would be shown had those in the streets been 10 or 20 socialist vegans protesting the cost of tofu.
MATERIAL AID TO THE ENEMY: SUICIDAL NATURE OF U.S. – IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

July 20, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org – The text of the recently negotiated accord between the United States and Iran spans 159 pages, much of it laden with complex jargon dense enough to be impenetrable. One gets the feeling that is by design, not coincidence.

Though essentially unconfirmable, we are aware of persistent rumors that there is a secret codicil to the agreement, the terms of which contain goodness knows what. Given the duplicity of this administration and its known back-channel communication with Ayatollah Khamenei we find the speculation to be entirely believable.

Though we have on numerous occasions observed that the document represents a calculatedly unverifiable sham agreement, encouraging rather than impeding Iran’s mad pursuit of nuclear weaponry and the platforms upon which they can be delivered, there is one section appearing near the end of the agreement which is so harmful as to be considered genuinely suicidal.

Contained in Annex III - Civil Nuclear Cooperation is the following language:

10. Nuclear Security

E3/EU+3 parties, and possibly other states, as appropriate, are prepared to cooperate with Iran on the implementation of nuclear security guidelines and best practices. Cooperation in the following areas can be envisaged:

10. Co-operation in the form of training courses and workshops to strengthen Iran's ability to prevent, protect and respond to nuclear security threats to nuclear facilities and systems as well as to enable effective and sustainable nuclear security and physical protection systems;

10. Co-operation through training and workshops to strengthen Iran’s ability to protect against, and respond to nuclear security threats, including sabotage, as well as to enable effective and sustainable nuclear security and physical protection systems.” [source, http://justsecurity.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/271545626-Iran-Deal-Text.pdf, Annex, section 10, page 142]

If this section – arguable the most harmful to ever have been negotiated in the history of United States diplomacy – means what seems to be unambigously clear, the Obama administration might as well simply transfer American nuclear weapons directly to Iran
because the annex commits the entire weight of the United States military as well as its scientific infrastructure to protect and assist the rogue regime’s nuclear warfare program against any effort to halt it.
UK DAILY MAIL IDIOCY: “WHY? THE MOTIVES BEHIND ABDULAZEEZ'S ATTACK ARE NOT YET KNOWN”

By WILLIAM MAYER

July 17, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org
– In a very long piece published today by the UK Daily Mail, the writers puzzle over the motivation of a 24 year old Muslim assassin, Mohammed Youssef Abdulazeez, who yesterday shot and killed 4 defenseless Marines in Chattanooga, Tennessee. [see, Ashley Collman and Wills Robinson, Pictured: the four Marines ruthlessly shot dead on home soil by Kuwaiti-born gunman Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez in Chattanooga terror attack, For Dailymail.com and Associated Press and Reuters]

Of course this is all a sad game.

Islam is a sacralized political ideology, masquerading as a cultish religion. It’s spread by jihad - both kinetic, as was the case in the Chattanooga violence, as well as the stealth variant. It finds its inspiration within Islam’s sacred texts, the Qur’an and Hadith [the way of the Prophet] from which are derived Shari’a, Islamic law.

The central motivation of Islam is to establish Muslim hegemony – within a totalitarian governmental structure known as a caliphate and operating under the strictures of the Shari’a.- over the entire planet.

Abdulazeez’ behavior therefore was not murderous, it was warfare and fully justified within the bounds of the contemporary/normative interpretation of Islam.

The shooter is neither an outlier nor is he a “lone wolf.” Abdulazeez is a mujaheed and his actions should be of no surprise despite the media’s transparent perplexity over his motivation. He was fighting “in the way of Allah.”

Unfortunately, because of the subversion of Western culture, yesterday’s horrific attacks will not be the last.
NEW REPORT: MILITARY THINK TANK PREDICTS UNOPPOSED ISIS EXPANSION

July 15, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org – A chilling new study has just been published demonstrating that ISIS is poised to make major advances absent a significant pushback from the United States.

The report - ISIS’ Global Strategy: A Wargame – was prepared by the highly respected Institute for the Study of War [ISW] a DC based national security policy house.

ISW’s leadership [specifically General [Ret] Jack Keane] who was instrumental in effecting the surge strategy in Iraq that defeated al-Qaeda, that is before president Obama disastrously - ignoring the advice of the JCS as well as all his field commanders - failed to secure a Status of Forces agreement with the Iraqi government and abruptly withdrew American troops, establishing the conditions for the rise if ISIS, the blood of which is splattered across the breadth of the Obama administration.

ISW makes several key points as part of the document’s executive summary, primarily that unless the United States becomes serious about defeating the largest terrorist army outside of Iran, ISIS will rapidly expand to fill the current power vacuum.

While this takes place, a certainty since it’s obvious that Team O has no stomach for actually confronting the enemies of the West [witness the recent “partnership” agreement between Obama and Iran] the options available to the next president are, consequently, narrowing.

This is understandable in that as ISIS grows in strength, complexity and sophistication it will eventually present a threat which is truly existential and far beyond the ability of the U.S. to deal with in any manner other than a full scale war of attrition and the costs of thousands of American lives.

More key take-ways, including the effect of Obama’s ignorance in hollowing out the Armed Forces of the United States [see, Rowan Scarborough, Military warns cuts would create ‘hollow force’ akin to 1970s, Washington Times]:

“The military planners in the simulation perceived that the United States does not have enough armed forces to undertake a multi-theater campaign to degrade and defeat ISIS on its own. The U.S. therefore must choose between increasing its armed forces, relying on coalition partners to achieve the defined mission, or changing the defined mission against ISIS.
ISIS has an asymmetric advantage because it can project force from disparate regions, potentially exploiting fissures between multiple international organizations and U.S. combatant commands.

ISIS’s global campaign likely will increase policymakers’ tolerance of frequent, high-level, and widespread violent events, creating opportunities for the United States’ adversaries.”

There is a very real possibility that by his dereliction of duty in national security matters, this traitorous CIC is setting the table for World War III.
Iran’s President Rouhani Demonstrates Fraudulent Nature of Nuke Deal

*Total Defeat For The West: No Military Site Inspections, Period*

July 13, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org – Further reiterating what honest observers have long known, Team Obama’s apparently incipient nuke deal with the world’s leading source of terrorism – Iran – is a toothless sham. True to form, on Sunday president Rouhani again stressed that any agreement between it and the so-called P5+1 countries would be unverifiable since inspections of military nuclear installations will not be tolerated.

According to Fars News, the main preconditions are:

1. The full and total removal of sanctions should be stated in the text of any agreement and should be implemented on the same day that Iran will start doing its undertakings.

2. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is allowed to make routine and usual visits to the nuclear sites, while *access to the military, security and sensitive non-nuclear places is forbidden*; the approvals of the Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) should be respected.

3. No limitation is accepted in achieving the know-how of the peaceful nuclear technology and Research and Development (R&D) and the approvals of the SNSC should be respected.” [source, Rouhani Communicates Bill on Protection of Iran’s N. Rights in Talks with Powers]

So rather than curbing Iran’s obvious intention to produce nuclear weapons, if the treaty is subject to these demands then there will be no impediment left between the bomb and Iran’s murderous theocracy.

Actually, if the full letter of these conditions is incorporated in “the deal,” then not only will Iran be seen within the framework of international law as entitled to research and create the weapons of mass destruction, the specter of which it has used to threaten the destruction of both Israel as well as “The Great Satan,” the United States. Also the immediate lifting of sanctions, such as they are, will provide more than enough instant cash to fund the operation many times over.
All that is missing is the presence of the ever petulant Obama telling the American people in a national address that “we believe that peace is at hand.”

Fade to black…
BY WILLIAM MAYER

July 13, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org – Pope Francis, who assumed the Chair of St. Peter on March 13, 2013 - amidst curious circumstances, the abrupt, some say forced retirement of Pope Benedict XVI - has in two short years stunned traditional Catholics, issuing a series of pronouncements which seem to indicate that he is not only heterodox but a Marxist.

The fact that he has had to deny it so many times reminds one of Shakespeare’s classic line on self-incrimination, that “he doth protest too much.”

Over the last two weeks Francis has undertaken a tour of South America, visiting Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay. The trip took place immediately after his issuance of the controversial Papal Encyclical Laudate, Si - On Care For Our Common Home, which deals with the supposed negative environmental impact caused by capitalism.

Throughout the tour, Francis has spoken in the street language of Marxism

“Do we realize that something is wrong in a world where there are so many farmworkers without land, so many families without a home, so many laborers without rights, so many persons whose dignity is not respected?...Do we realize something is wrong when the soil, water, air and living creatures of our world are under constant threat?.. let us not be afraid to say it: we want change, real change, structural change. This system is by now intolerable: farmworkers find it intolerable, laborers find it intolerable, communities find it intolerable, peoples find it intolerable … The earth itself – our sister, Mother Earth, as Saint Francis would say – also finds it intolerable.”

Francis’ call for communitarianism was also in evidence.

“Many people are hoping for a change capable of releasing them from the bondage of individualism and the despondency it spawns.”

More perplexity here, individualism is a basic tenet of Christian theology, for without the right to freely choose one’s path how then could an individual be held responsible for his
sins? The Pope's use of language elevating group rights over those of the individual is another demonstration of his affinity for Marxist doctrine.

Though Catholic laity should be used to it by now, the Pope once more skewered capitalism – in particularly graphic terms - as being evil:

“Time, my brothers and sisters, seems to be running out; we are not yet tearing one another apart, but we are tearing apart our common home. Today, the scientific community realizes what the poor have long told us: harm, perhaps irreversible harm, is being done to the ecosystem. The earth, entire peoples and individual persons are being brutally punished. And behind all this pain, death and destruction there is the stench of what Basil of Caesarea called “the dung of the devil”. An unfettered pursuit of money rules. The service of the common good is left behind. Once capital becomes an idol and guides people’s decisions, once greed for money presides over the entire socioeconomic system, it ruins society, it condemns and enslaves men and women, it destroys human fraternity, it sets people against one another and, as we clearly see, it even puts at risk our common home.”

Upon closer examination, despite what one may think of Francis’ crass rabble-rousing activism, it’s not difficult to detect - in what to this writer sees as perhaps the most problematic aspect of his South American broadside – an unethical and deliberately misleading use of holy scripture in support of his assertions.

Looking at just one example we see no attempt whatsoever made by Francis to hew to any semblance of authentic exegesis, when his scholarship above all should be beyond reproach:

“This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she “groans in travail” (Rom 8:22).”

The problem here is that the complete verse and the context within which it appears makes clear that the “groans” refer to the pain caused by the expectation of redemption which is far off – a yearning.

22: “We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”

23: “Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.”

As judged by the literal text it has nothing to do with literally causing the Earth pain and grave injury, a clear demonstration of the Pope materially misrepresenting the meaning of text with which he is thoroughly familiar. Though it should go without saying, it’s also unsettling to read the Holy See using the pagan and therefore unseemly representation of
the Earth as Gaia, as if it were the godhead itself instead of a ball of dirt cast adrift in space.

We use the term “deliberate” here with great precision, after all he is the Pope and unless this pastoral letter was ghostwritten [perhaps by the Holy Spirit?] he should have some idea of the meaning of the Biblical text he is using to make his case.

The Encyclical is replete with similar examples.

There is one aspect of the Papal letter in which Francis acquits himself honorably, that being though he is particularly bold in his teachings regarding “economic and social justice,” it was his predecessors who set the tone of the current party line. Such precedents certainly aren’t established just over the span of one or two Pontificates. The point being that though Francis is certainly at least a cultural Christo-Marxist, his theology is derivative and based upon an irreducible foundation of previous teachings in this area.

The takeaway is that the Church has been in trouble for quite some time.

What marks Francis’ short pontificate is his directness, not the linkage which he constructs between “environmentalism,” “social justice” and “economic theory,” and dogma, the combination of which has been percolating through Catholic theology for at 40 years, as Francis states, 1971 during the reign of Pope Paul VI.

We would and have argued [see, William Mayer, Bitter Harvest – How Marxist “Progressives” Have Infiltrated the American Catholic Church, The Religious Left Exposed] that the leftist rot started with Leo XVIII in the now pivotal Encyclical Rerum Novarum, On Capital and Labor which was issued in the closing days of the 19th century, a clear attempt to reconcile the Church with the revolutionary critique of Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin.

Understood in this light, Francis is not unique - though his energy and messianic nature make him appear larger than life – his predecessors certainly set a fine table for his theological/ideological meandering.

This is the aspect of his Papacy which is so genuinely threatening.

As leader of over 1B Catholics, the impact of his actions and pronouncements are beyond comprehension. Additionally, since the West was built on capitalism - still the fairest and most equitable method for distributing goods and services yet devised - having a religious leader of this stature engaging it in a never-ending Inquisition, attacks the liberty initiative - which defines the West - at a time when it is already under serious attack not only by Muslim fanatics but their fellow allies in the “Unholy Alliance,” the Marxist/Progressives hints at fifth-columnism.
If the Pope insists on continuing his political witch hunt he better get comfortable with attendance at Mass continuing to plummet in the one nation upon which his desire to actually feed and clothe the poor and hungry ultimately depends.

The alternative, and certainly not a lasting one, would be for the Pope to sell the Vatican and its precious artifacts at auction to help sustain the needy, thereby providing some sense that he is actually authentic in his increasingly bothersome anti-Western invective.

Francis’ revisionism of traditional Catholic dogma aside, we come to the obscenely bizarre spectacle of Bolivia’s Marxist Comandante Morales presenting him with a hammer and cycle crucifix. While there is quite a bit a controversy as to what the Pope said as he was handed the twisted cross, there can be no doubt that Morales thought Francis enough of a kindred spirit that such a gesture wouldn’t be out-of-line.

If Morales had tried that kind of stunt with John Paul II, the last virulently anti-Communist Pope, the Bolivian dictator would probably still be at his proctologist undergoing a crucifix-ectomy.

Final, final…lastly we can’t afford not to deal with an aspect of the Bolivian trip about which few are showing much interest. While in Bolivia the hipster Pope actually drank a couple cups of cocaine laced coca leaf tea [with his host, Morales] the custom of some native Bolivians to ward off the effect of hard work at high altitudes.

Yes you read that correctly – Pope Francis drinks coca leaf tea on South American tour.

Now there are numerous and effective legal drugs to combat altitude sickness, the most common of which is Diamox, and the taking of that pharmaceutical would have been entirely appropriate.

However the idea of the ingesting [in the understatement of the year Francis said the tea made him “feel good”] one of the most dangerous street drugs on the planet – cocaine – is the Vatican equivalent of pouring napalm on what is already a conflagration, the use of highly addictive illegal narcotics.

It’s difficult to watch the leader of the most numerous sect of the largest religion on earth being manipulated like some sawdust-for-brains marionette by a genuinely evil man, Bolivian president Evo Morales, who unsurprisingly is also the leader of the global “cocalero” movement, the Bolivian coca growers “union.”

The harm Francis is doing to Catholicism – turning it into a secular joke – may prove fatal. What is of more concern however is the fundamental damage this gravely flawed individual is doing to Western Civilization as his slash and burn campaign against its founding precepts continues unabated.
**NO, CARDINAL MCCARRICK, AMERICA DOES NOT “NEED ISLAM***”

July 10, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org – As part of the Islamic Society of North America’s [ISNA] continuing da’wa/stealth jihad campaign, its most recent newsletter touted the organization’s “Shoulder to Shoulder Initiative,” an transparently absurd “faith sharing” effort intended to de-link Islam and its ideology - which is contained in the Shari’a - from Islamic terrorism.

In the PR release ISNA stated:

“So powerful is this initiative that Cardinal Theodore McCarrick (former Archbishop of the Catholic Church of Washington) said, in addressing an interfaith gathering, "America needs Islam." He was stressing the point that a loss of Muslim civil liberties is a loss for all Americans civil liberties.”

At this point we note that ISNA was named as an unindicted co-conspirator/joint venturer in the United States’ largest and most successful terror financing prosecution in history, U.S. v. Holy Land Foundation

Cardinal McCarrick and dozens of other soft-headed Jewish and Christian religious leaders have signed on to the Should to Shoulder campaign, too stupid to realize they are being taken advantage of, in a so far successful, effort to grant the HAMAS linked group undeserved legitimacy.

Among the “luminaries” who have become signatories to Sharing Arms are the usual suspects in addition to the addled McCarrick:

David Friedman, Bishop Neil L. Irons, Fr. James Massa, Rabbi David Saperstein, etc. [source ISNA’s Shoulder to Shoulder initiative]

*We find it unsurprising that ISNA would claim that McCarrick at some point in the past said that, “America needs Islam,” and despite our best efforts, finding the source of the alleged statement has been fruitless.

Regardless, McCarrick has said far worse in fully sourced statements, some of these are so radically out-of-step with the faith that they border on apostasy. For example in a 2005
address at Catholic University, where he addressed then Saudi King Abdullah who was in attendance, Cardinal McCarrick blasphemously prayed as if he were a Muslim convert:

“A few months ago, when I was privileged to pray for you on another occasion in this capital city, I asked Allah, the compassionate and merciful Lord of all the world, to bless you and to help you make your country a bridge across which all nations might…Your thoughtful leadership is a stirring invitation to all of us, especially to the people of the Book, the family of Abraham, who share so much and who are called to be brothers and sisters in God’s one human family…Your Majesty’s call and that of the Holy Father are in so many ways the same. *May Allah, the merciful and compassionate, continue to guide your steps along this noble path.* May He guide and protect you, your family and your beloved country and may peace and justice come to all lands and all peoples through your efforts, your vision and your courage… *In the name of Allah, the merciful and compassionate God, we pray.* Amen.” [source, http://www.restore-dc-catholicism.com/Cardinal%20invokes%20allah.htm, September 13, 2005, Catholic University Press Release]

Starting almost immediately after the terrorist attacks of September 11, ISNA, CAIR and other scheming Muslim groups have had a grand old time advancing the canard of Islamophobia despite empirical data which proves it doesn’t exist.

The resultant “faith sharing” events and programs are really a kind of protection money extortion racket in which delusional members of “infidel” religions pay-in-kind to avoid the charge of bigotry and being socially ostracized.

Having operated in this field for going on 16 years now, we’ve adopted a different tack from the line that we formerly took, which was direct communication with these groups, attempting to bring them to their senses.

Now, however with both formal Christianity - especially Catholicism, headed by a Pope who is clearly Marxist and heterodox - as well as Reform Judaism seeing their moral authority crumble, we feel these people are reaping what they have sown and who are we to do anything to reverse that process.
BREAKING: GOWDY RELEASES CLINTON SUBPOENA

By WILLIAM MAYER

July 8, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org – We understand that being told that Hillary Clinton is a serial liar isn’t exactly news, but during her Tuesday interview on CNN - during which she is roundly considered to have further embarrassed herself – the Democrat presidential candidate was particularly mendacious, claiming that she had never been subpoenaed by Congressman Gowdy as part of his Select Committee’s investigation of the Benghazi terrorist attack.

In the last few minutes we have been provided with the document in question, via email, from one of House Speaker Boehner’s media relations people, Kevin Smith, thus catching the assumed Democrat standard bearer in an outrageous lie about a matter that was really already common knowledge.

The subpoena, dated March 13 and naming Clinton, clearly states:

‘You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the - Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi – of the House of Representatives of the United States.”

Our take away from this is as follows:

1. Fabricating under such circumstances by Clinton, knowing that the tape was rolling, suggests that she has serious issues, at best speaking to her lack of veracity and judgment, but more darkly suggesting that the rumors swirling around DC that Clinton is suffering from permanent brain damage as a result of her 2012 concussion, the cause of which is still unexplained, might indeed be accurate.

2. Speaker Boehner in quickly moving to provide the smoking gun, as far as Clinton’s lie is concerned, is perhaps signaling that the GOP is no longer afraid of the Clinton Inc., or then again it might simply be a stunt intended to shift the emphasis away from the dull witted Boehner’s failed leadership, to a juicer matter.

In either case this event could prove to be a game changer, especially with the candidacies of Bernie Sanders, Clinton’s only real challenger, as well as Donald Trump, who has confounded the GOP establishment with his meteoric rise in popularity, surging.
FIRST AMENDMENT APPARENTLY ON VACATION IN CLEVELAND

By WILLIAM MAYER


Concerning the former - if as the UK Independent is reporting [see Justin Carissimo, Cleveland police officer under investigation after promoting 'racist and anti-Muslim' messages on Twitter] a member of Cleveland, OH law enforcement, officer Frank Woyma, is now under “investigation” for posting “anti-Muslim,” ‘racist” material on the social media website Twitter - the troubled city’s thin blue line is operating within the straight jacket of a First Amendment free zone.

“Jennifer Ciaccia, Detective and Public Information Officer for Cleveland PD, told The Independent that officer Frank Woyma is currently under an internal investigation by the Bureau of Integrity Control. Ms Ciaccia could not confirm how long the investigation could take but said that it should be finished sooner rather than later.”

The dimensions of this breaking controversy are vast, striking at the heart of what is certainly protected political speech as well as Article 6, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution, commonly referred to as the Supremacy Clause, that section of the Constitution which establishes the document as the sole, exclusive and authoritative law of the United States.

For those late to the chase, Shari’a is an alien set of legal codes established by the sacralized ideology known as Islam, and if what the Independent is reporting is indeed the case - and at this point it is also being carried by other news sources – it’s now not only controversial, but potentially legally actionable to suggest that the American Constitution is supreme over all other legal systems including that of the Shari’a.

Though possibly redundant for many it should be noted that burning the American flag as well as images depicting a crucifix immersed in a jar of urine have been ruled by the U.S. Supreme Court as protected political speech but apparently a man on a horsie is so offensive that the director of the Cleveland outpost of the Council of American Islamic Relations [CAIR] Julia Shearson has her panties in a bunch…we can still say that, right? We would certainly hope that isn’t considered Islamophobic.

In traditional America, pus-bag organizations such as the Council on American Islamic Relations would be under constant surveillance by the FBI, in modern Amerika however CAIR is apparently the go-to arbiter of what is legal expression and what is not.
Might it be considered intemperate to suggest that allowing an Islamic front group – established in Federal court proceedings to be associated with the terrorist group HAMAS - to set the rules is the very definition of Shari’a enforcement?

No need to Google the aforementioned reference, as always we’ve done the heavy lifting:

"The government has produced ample evidence to establish the associations of CAIR, ISNA, NAIT, with NAIT, the Islamic Association for Palestine, and with Hamas," U.S. District Court Judge Jorge Solis said in the July 1, 2009, ruling. [source, Federal Judge Agrees: CAIR Tied to Hamas, Investigative Project on Terrorism]

If one is really looking for something genuinely controversial in this matter then the issue of allowing the CAIR’s of the world and toadies like Ms. Shearson to function as a Gestapo-like thought police bears some reflection.
DR. HAROLD RHODE ON TEAM OBAMA’S WEAKNESS IN THE FACE OF IRANIAN AGGRESSION

July 6, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org – Harold Rhode, PhD, former member of the DOD and now a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the Gatestone Institute has been stirring a pot a bit while on a speaking tour of the U.S.

His criticism of the Obama administration is pointed and narrowly focused, stating that the Middle East’s jihadism – especially that of ISIS - is a huge and growing threat and that due to Team Obama’s policies, America’s moral authority throughout the world is quickly eroding, leaving our historic allies confounded and losing hope.

A selected abstract of a recent Q & A [see Eliran Aharon, Israel on its own when it comes to Obama with the Israeli news source Arutz Sheva:

Why ISIS is important?

“ISIS is a very big threat that can be taken care of with boots on the ground…it has to be eliminated…Because otherwise it is attracting more and more people not just from the Middle east but outsiders, Muslims who come…it touches something very deep in the consciousness of the Muslim mind in that is that they should all live in one state, ruled by a caliph under Shari’a…that is what the issue stands for and that’s what it’s selling to the world.”

Would an agreement with Iran be good for the world?

“The agreement with Iran is bad for not only Israel and gets worse and worse day but it’s bad for the entire world because people see America giving in and getting nothing in return. America therefore appears weak.

When America, which for better or worse used to be and should be seen as the policeman of the world…if it’s not prepared to fill that role and stand up for the poor and the downtrodden and its allies especially, everybody is going to run from America. This is a bad deal and getting worse.”

Should Israel trust United States government?

“I think that the American people are very pro Israeli…What the American government is doing vis-à-vis Iran is terrible, it is dangerous for the world, dangerous very much for Israel…Israel must take care of itself…the American people are very much with Israel, the American people’s love for Israel and admiration for Israel is very strong and only getting more so. They, by and large do not agree with this agreement with Iran
The American people understand the world very simply, and I mean that in a positive way. They understand that governments like Iran want to destroy not only Israel...they can also destroy America in the long run.”

On the decreasing stability of the Middle East and the scape-goating of Israel

“You could say that there are two standards, there is the standard for Jews and the standard for everybody else...the American’s don’t seem to be protecting Israel...I don’t know where President Obama is getting his advice...Israel is on its own when it comes to this administration [but the American public] will be with Israel irrespective of what President Obama says...I don’t think there is a crisis between America and Israel, I think that the administration is trying to provoke one for whatever reasons...”

Not to belabor the point but to any serious observer, when it comes to Team Obama there is a sense of hostility which is unprecedented in the history of U.S.-Israeli relations. This, we feel, is largely brought about by the president’s Muslim sympathies, especially his Muslim upbringing and early advisors such as Rashid Khalidi as well as his detached world-view which is one of seeing America from the perspective of an outsider.
HAPPY 239TH BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

July 4, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org – All of us who are blessed beyond measure to call America home, might well take a bit of time amidst all the fun associated with the 4th of July to remember the sacrifice made by our ancestors who risked everything to create then protect the most significant nation ever to exist, the United States of America.

Our Founding Fathers dedicated their "lives fortunes and sacred honor," as they took upon themselves the monumental task of forging a new nation, "conceived in liberty and the proposition that all men are created equal," words which Abraham Lincoln later spoke over the blood-soaked battlefield of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Though our republic is facing a new set of challenges today, we remain hopeful and confident that, as a nation we can rise above them as we have during some very bleak times in the past.

So have a wonderful and safe 4th but please keep in mind that our system of government, based upon informed consent of the people - though the most powerful and morally responsible on the planet - is remarkably delicate, as our numerous enemies, both foreign and domestic know.

With the increased national security concerns prompted by ISIS, similarly motivated Islamic jihadist groups and individuals, along with our home-grown Marxist cultural terrorists – some of whom we have allowed to occupy positions of great political power – keep your eyes open.

With that said, a very sincere and heartfelt - **Happy Birthday America!** - from the publisher and writers of [PipeLineNews.org LLC](http://www.PipeLineNews.org). 

Long may the Stars and Stripes fly over this hallowed land.
“HATRED MUST NOT SPILL OVER INTO OUR STREETS” - THE TERROR THREAT POSED BY THE ISLAMIC STATE

By EMERSON VERMAAT

July 2, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org - ISIS (ISIL or IS) is proud of the war crimes committed by its jihadists. The more brutal the atrocities...the better. Beheading of hostages or prisoners is one of those war crimes. Between August 19, 2014, and January 31, 2015, ISIS beheaded the following Western and Japanese hostages: James Foley, Steven Sotloff, David Haines, Alan Henning, Peter Kassig, Haruna Yukawa and Kenji Goto. Captured Jordanian F-16-pilot Moaz Al-Kasasbeh was burned alive in a cage early January 2015. ISIS terrorists also beheaded Coptic Christians in Libya. Moreover, ISIS jihadists raped numerous teen-age girls and women selling them as sex-slaves. This too is a war crime. ISIS represents dark and diabolical forces, just like Adolf Hitler, Heinrich Himmler and the Nazis between 1933 and 1945.

In a speech from the throne on September 16, 2014, Dutch King Willem-Alexander, referring to what was happening in Northern Iraq, Syria and Gaza, said that it had led to tensions, feelings of powerlessness and insecurity in the Netherlands, warning that:

“Hatred bringing ruin upon people living elsewhere in the world must not spill over into our streets.”

Jews in Holland and Europe have been harassed by militant Muslim immigrants. One of those singled out was Dutch Chief Rabbi Binyomin Jacobs. In July 2014, three bricks were hurled through his home window. On more than one occasion, Muslim youths lashed out against him, calling him “dirty Jew.” “This never happened twenty years ago,” the rabbi told this writer.

Due to the rapidly increasing number of Muslim immigrants, Europe is importing the conflicts, the hatred and the anti-Semitism of the immigrants’ home countries. This is also happening in North America and Australia. Migrant trafficking is a serious threat to Western security.

Too many second-generation Muslim immigrants and converts to Islam are susceptible to the call of jihad. By early 2015, over three thousand young European Muslims had joined ruthless terrorist groups in Syria and Iraq. Erich Fromm’s book *Escape from Freedom* is
still very topical today. He writes about “the attraction to what is harmful in life which more than any other deserves the name of a pathological perversion.”

Though Fromm was writing about Nazis and Fascists, today’s Islamists and Muslim terrorists do not behave very differently. They glorify death and “martyrdom.” The Nazi Einsatzgruppen were involved in mass executions, the color of the Swastika, the SS uniforms and SS flag is black. The terrorists from the so-called Islamic State or IS are also conducting mass executions and their flag and uniforms are black as well. Just like the Nazis and the Nazi SS, today’s IS jihadists excel in cruelties.

In September 2014, Muslim clerics and theologians wrote an Open Letter to IS-leader Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi. “You have made children engage in war and killing. Some are taking up arms and others are playing with the severed heads of your victims,” the Open Letter says.

Young women and girls are frequently subjected to rape before they are killed. There is even an IS-pamphlet justifying enslavement and child rape, CNN reported in December 2014. “Capturing non-Muslim women and having sex with them is permissible.”

I still remember from my visit to Algeria back in 1998 how Muslim terrorists raped countless women and then slit their throats.

Closer to home, Somali, Pakistani and Iraqi gangs in Britain have raped thousands of young British women, and one must remember that when the Navy Seals killed Osama bin Laden in 2011, they discovered an extensive collection of pornographic films.

ISIS/IS has also threatened that they will send fighters disguised as asylum seekers to Europe. In February 2015, an IS-jihadist announced from Libya that: “We will conquer Rome.” He pointed in the direction of the Mediterranean Sea with his knife. Security services have long been taking into account that radical Muslims can be found in the midst of hundreds of thousands of boat refugees from the Islamic world and Africa.

Back in April 2001 the Dutch Internal Security Service (BVD) warned against “Islamic war veterans” (jihadists) posing as people who “are looking for asylum or illegal migrants who seek refuge in Western countries who will attempt to continue the fight or support it.”

In March 1996 a conference on fighting terrorism took place in the Egyptian resort of Sharm Al-Sheikh. The Egyptian government was worried about radical Muslims who had been granted asylum in England. Around November 1995 this was about one thousand militants. A number of them were involved in the preparation of terror attacks. The then British Prime Minister John Major announced that he would make the rules for granting asylum stricter, but nothing was done.
A notorious hate cleric from Syria, Omar Bakri Mohammed, arrived in England in January 1986. He played a key role in recruiting radical Muslims and openly admired Osama bin Laden. Some Syrian immigrants in Spain and Germany were Al-Qaida operatives.

Norway granted asylum to Mullah Krekar, a hate cleric from Northern Iraq. Not very few Somali asylum seekers in Europe and the United States joined dangerous terrorist movements after their application for asylum had been granted.

Many asylum seekers or migrants from the Muslim world come from countries where there is widespread anti-Semitism. In his book *The Devil that never dies*, a study about anti-Semitism, Daniel Jonah Goldhagen writes about “an immense reservoir of anti-Semites – among the peoples of Arab and Islamic countries, and now Arab and Islamic immigrants and their descendants living abroad.”

ISIS/IS is the richest terrorist organization. Millions of dollars in cash have been hand-carried by couriers who travel from Turkey to Syria. Corrupt Turkish border guards or officials have been bribed. The Syrian-Turkish border is extremely porous. ISIS also earns a lot of money from oil revenues, demanding protection tax from residents or ransom for the release of hostages. There are also some rich sheikhs in the Middle East who support ISIS – under the guise of donations to charities. Moreover, ISIS earns a lot of money from selling looted antiquities from Syria and Iraq.

ISIS is also interested in nuclear technology. In December 2014, ISIS claimed that a radioactive device was now in Europe. They were referring to a so-called “dirty bomb.” They claim they seized nuclear material from Mosul university in Northern Iraq. And in January 2015 an ISIS Tweet threatened to poison people with Cesium-131 “in the streets and at train stations in Russia, Boston, Dallas, Virginia and Amsterdam.”

In the past Al-Qaida and the Taliban also managed to build a dirty bomb. Former CIA chief Leon Panetta writes that in the summer of 2009 the CIA had reason to believe that a dangerous Pakistani terrorist had a dirty bomb. “If so, no one doubted whether he would use it.” The CIA had to kill this man before he would be able to strike.

Secular France is an important target for Muslim terrorists. One of the French jihadists who traveled to Syria was Maxime Hauchard, a convert to Islam. He was involved in war crimes and beheadings. By January 2015, there were about 1200 French Muslim radicals who joined the jihadists in Syria en Iraq or who planned to do so. A substantial number of terror plots have been thwarted, but some terrorists could not be stopped in time. Bertrand Nzohabonayo, a Muslim convert from Burundi who was a French national as well, targeted French policemen in December 2014. None of the policemen were killed, though. The ISIS/IS flag had previously been displayed on Nzohabonayo’s website.

Another successful terror attack was carried out by Saïd and Chérif Kouachi, two French-Algerian brothers, on January 7, 2015. With Kalashnikovs they entered the editorial
office of the French satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo. The weekly was targeted because it published several “offensive” cartoons of the Muslim prophet Mohammed. Editor-in-chief Stéphane Charbonnier (“Charb”) was on Al-Qaida’s death list. His was killed by the Kouachi brothers, together with eleven others. After they left the building, they also killed a policeman – Ahmed Merabet. The perpetrators said several times that they were acting on behalf of Al-Qaida in Yemen. Said visited Yemen in 2009, Chérif did so in 2011. They may have met Anwar Al-Awlaki, the local Al-Qaida leader who published Al-Qaida’s death list shortly before his death in 2011. (He died in Yemen on September 30, 2011, after a U.S. drone attack.)

On January 9, 2015, Amedy Coulibaly, a radicalized French-Malian citizen, entered the Jewish supermarket Hyper Cacher and killed four people. Others were taken hostage. A number of customers was saved just in time by Lassana Bathily, a courageous Muslim employee from Mali, who managed to hide them in the basement.

The anti-terror police killed Coulibaly and the Kouachi brothers on January 9, 2015. Coulibaly had previously sworn allegiance to ISIS-leader Al-Baghdadi. His French-Algerian girlfriend Hayat Boumedienne is believed to be in Syria now. She was in touch with the wife of one of the Kouachi brothers who were part of the terrorist sleeper cell. The three perpetrators were very well prepared and armed. The Grand Synagogue of Paris was closed for the first time since the Nazi occupation of France during World War II.

A number of plots have been thwarted in Spain. Arrests were made in Melilla and Ceuta, the two Spanish enclaves in Northern Morocco where Muslim radicalism and crime are rampant. In June 2014 an ISIS-terror cell was dismantled in Madrid. They were responsible for recruiting and sending jihadists from Spain to Syria. The leader of this terror cell was a Moroccan immigrant named Lahcen Ikassrien. He had been detained at Guantanamo Bay (GITMO), but returned to terrorism after his release. He was certainly not the only former GITMO detainee to do so.

Spain is used by criminal migrant traffickers and terrorists as a transit route to other European countries. Jihadists use Spain as a safe haven.

Many terror plots have also been thwarted in the United Kingdom. By early 2015, some 600 British jihadists had traveled to Syria and Iraq. The Security Service and the police cannot cope anymore with this problem. Some British jihadists were involved in suicide attacks. The first one to do so was British Pakistani Abdul Waheed Majeed. He had previously been radicalized by the hate cleric Omar Bakri Mohammed. Anjem Choudary, who succeeded Bakri Mohammed in 2005, also played a leading role in recruiting jihadists. Bakri Mohammed left Britain 2005 and settled in Lebanon.

Mohommod and Hamza Nawaz, two British Pakistani brothers, were detained after they returned from Syria in September 2013 where they had visited a terrorist training camp. They joined Junud Al-Sham, a partially Chechen group whose leader Muslim Al-Shishani
pledged allegiance to ISIS-leader Al-Baghdadi in December 2013. The two brothers were convicted by a British court in November 2014 – but the sentences were relatively mild, maybe because their period of stay in Syria had been fairly short.

In December 2014, another British court convicted Mohammed Nahim Ahmed and Yusuf Zubair Sarwar. They traveled to Syria in May 2013 and joined Kaitab Al-Muhajireen (KAM). Both men were “deeply committed to violent extremism,” the judge said.

Another group of jihadists came from Portsmouth. One of them was Mashudur Choudhury. When he appeared in a British court he lamely claimed that he had merely been involved in humanitarian assistance. The judge ruled in December 2014 that there was “no clear evidence as to what exactly you did do in Syria, but I have no doubt (…) that you either attended a training camp or prepared to do so.”

By May 2015, nearly 200 Dutch jihadists had left for Syria or Iraq. Most of them were Dutch-Moroccans. A number of these jihadists were killed, others returned to the Netherlands. At least four Dutch jihadists died in suicide attacks in Syria or Iraq, according to reliable information from January 2015. One of those suicide bombers was Abdessamad Berzel, a young Turkish Muslim from the southern city of Maastricht. His target was a Baghdad police station in November 2014.

Rob Bertholee, the Director of the Dutch General Security and Intelligence Service (AIVD) addressed a meeting at the Washington Institute of Near East Policy in December 2014. He indicated that the service was surprised at the sudden rise of jihadists travelling to Syria. “Some thirty Dutch fighters have so far returned.” “The AIVD is unable to follow all of them all the time,” Bertholee warned.

There are a number of so-called “jihad cities” in the Netherlands – cities from where relatively many jihadists left for Syria or Iraq. There are also Somali jihadists with Dutch passports. Ismail Musa Ahmed Guled and Lula Ahmed Dahir, for example, committed a suicide attack in Mogadishu in February 2015. These former asylum seekers in Holland joined the notorious and ruthless terror group of Al-Shabaab and returned to Somalia.

The Hague and Utrecht are good examples of so-called jihad cities. By March 2015, some 46 jihadists had left The Hague for Syria. There were two pro-ISIS demonstrations in the so-called “Schilderswijk,” a multicultural neighbourhood. Anti-Semitic slogans were chanted. Lofti S. participated in one of those demonstrations (in July 2015). He died as an ISIS-suicide bomber in Fallujah, Iraq, in February 2015. Azzedine Choukoud, a prominent ISIS-follower, participated in both demonstrations.

Zaid K. lived in Utrecht. He, too, joined ISIS in Syria. His passport was found in one of the houses of an ISIS-terror cell in Verviers, Belgium. One of the terrorists used this look-alike passport as he returned to Belgium.
Huizen is a nice former fishing village in Holland. Until the mid-1980s Huizen was a conservative Christian village, now it is one of the jihad cities. The mayor of Huizen took measures to prevent a number of Muslims from leaving Huizen for Syria. But some young Muslims did leave Huizen.

Jermaine Walters from Amersfoort also joined ISIS in Syria – together with his wife and children. He is the brother of convicted Hofstadgroup member Jason Walters.

The city of Arnhem is another jihad city. Many Dutch-Moroccan jihadists from Arnhem joined the Al-Nusra Front in Syria. One of them was Abdelkarim el Atrach. On several occasions he issued terror threats against the Netherlands. His brother Mohammed el Atrach wanted to join him in Syria, but he was arrested in Germany together with Hakim B. They were on their way to Syria. They possessed a lot of money and also combat clothing, Walkie-Talkies, a special watch and other suspicious equipment.

In February 2015, the Arnhem court lamely ruled that that there was no evidence of “a terrorist intention.” So both terror suspects were acquitted.

This ruling clearly contradicted UN Security Council Resolution 2170 of August 15, 2014, which demanded to refrain from providing any form of passive or active support, including financial support, to terror groups in Syria.

Maher H. and Shukri F. returned from Syria to the Netherlands. When they appeared in court, Maher H. and his Dutch-Somali girlfriend Shukri F. denied allegations of terrorism. So did Imad el O., who abducted a 16-year- old Kurdish girl from the Hague but was arrested at Brussels airport as he and the girl tried to board a plane for Egypt. Prosecutors believed Shukri F. played a nefarious role as a recruiter of jihadists. She admired Osama bin Laden, posted Sharia4Belgium films on the internet and urged others to marry jihadists in Syria. In Syria she became pregnant – jihadist Maher H. was the father. Maher H.’s SMS Messages to his mother clearly showed that he had participated in the violent jihad. “Last night, we withdrew for tactical reasons.” “Should I die in the jihad, so be it.”

The judge in The Hague convicted Maher H. and Imad el O., but acquitted Shukri F. Her acquittal was also a violation of UN Security Council Resolution 2170. Dutch radicalization expert Ibrahim Wijbenga said the judge failed to recognize that women from Holland play a nefarious role in the Syrian jihad. “They are not just baking cakes over there.”

On May 24, 2014, Mehdi Nemmouche, a French-Algerian terrorist, entered the Jewish Museum in Brussels and killed three people over there. It was the first terror attack committed by a Syrian returnee. Nemmouche was arrested about one week later in Marseille. He planned other attacks and was an ISIS-jihadist.
Belgian “jihad cities” are, for example, Molenbeek, Verviers, Antwerp, Kortrijk, Vilvoorde, Mechelen and Maaseik. Bart de Wever, mayor of Antwerp, said in a television interview in March 2015 that Moroccan Berbers in Belgium are the most problematic group of immigrants. “We allowed the wrong kind of immigrants,” he said. De Wever was subsequently accused of racism, but criminological research in the Netherlands and Belgium by Frank van Gemert and Marion van San show that De Wever’s remarks were based on facts.

By November 2014, the number of Belgian jihadists who had left for Syria had risen to 313. Most of them were Belgian-Moroccans. Hussein and Hakim Eloussaki, two Belgian-Moroccan brothers from Vilvoorde, arrived in Syria in 2102. They joined Al-Nusra, the local Al-Qaeda branch. “Brother, we beheaded someone,” Hussein boasted in a phone conversation with Abdel, another brother of his. He also said they had raped thirty women.

Verviers is another Belgian jihad city. By January 2015, about ten jihadists from Verviers had left for Syria. There was also an ISIS terror cell in Verviers which plotted attacks on the police and police stations. The cell consisted of two Syrian returnees, Sofiane Amghar and Khalid Ben Larbi. Both of them were Belgian-Moroccans who were originally from Sint-Jans-Molenbeek, a problematic multicultural part of Brussels. They rented two small houses in Verviers. The police were aware of the plot and attacked one of their hideouts on January 15, 2015. The well armed terrorists resisted and were eventually killed.

ISIS threatened to attack targets in Belgium. A Belgian newspaper received a threat letter early February, saying: “What happened in France, will also happen in Belgium. This referred to previous terror attacks on the Parisian satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo and the Jewish supermarket. In January 2015, ISIS also threatened to attack police officers in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland. “If you see a police officer, kill him. Kill all of them.”

In November 2014, an ISIS propaganda film showed the beheading of Peter Kassig, a Western hostage, together with a number of Syrian prisoners who were also beheaded. Kassig was beheaded by Mohammed Emwazi (“jihadi John”), a jihadist from Britain. The Syrians were beheaded by other ISIS jihadists, among them Abdelmajid Gharmaoui, a Belgian-Moroccan from Vilvoorde who was a member of the banned terror group Sharia4Belgium.

The trial against Sharia4Belgium began at the end of September 2014. Many of those who were on trial were still in Syria, others had died or returned to Belgium. The verdict took place on February 11, 2015. Fouad Belkacem, the leader and founder of Sharia4Belgium, received a sentence of 12 years. The court ruled that Sharia4Belgium was a terrorist organization which played an important role in recruiting Belgian Muslims for the jihad in Syria. Many of these jihadists joined Al-Nusra, a group responsible for war crimes, suicide attacks and hostage-taking.
Sharia4Belgium leaders glorify Osama bin Laden and Al-Qaida. Two members of the group, Brahim Bali and Azdine Tahiri, traveled to Yemen with a view to joining Al-Qaida in the Arab Peninsula (AQAP). They were expelled from Yemen, though. One or two members of Sharia4Belgium were also in touch with Omar Bakri Mohammed, a hate cleric in Lebanon.

One former member of Sharia4Belgium testified against Belkacem and his followers. Muslim convert Jejoen Bontinck distanced himself from the group. He had been with ISIS in Syria, but got disappointed and was thrown inside an ISIS jail cell. After some time, though, he was released. Not everything he said after his return to Belgium is reliable.

Sharia4Belgium member Hicham Chaib also joined ISIS and is still in Syria. He received a sentence of 15 years. Sharia4Belgium further recruited two Dutch-Moroccan men, Redouan Adkim and Yassine el Karouni. They traveled to Syria, too.

Muslim convert Brian de Mulder married a Dutch-Moroccan girl in Syria where he is still fighting as a jihadist in the ranks of ISIS. Ozana Rodriguez Viana, his Belgian-Brazilian mother, lashed out against Fouad Belkacem during the trial in Antwerp blaming him for recruiting her son. Magomed Sarapolev, a Belgian-Chechen boy from Vilvoorde, traveled to Syria at the end of September 2012. Bontinck claimed Magomed participated in beheadings. So did Sharia4Belgium member Tarek Taketloune, according to the prosecutors.

Michael Delefortrie, a Muslim convert from Merksem and a Syrian returnee, did not show any regrets during the trial in Antwerp. He was given a an extremely mild suspended sentence of three years.

Ali and Said el Morabit, two Belgian-Moroccans who joined ISIS in Syria were sentenced to five years. Bilal Elhamdaoui, Sharia4Belgium’s cameraman who became an ISIS-propagandist in Syria, was also convicted.

By October 2014, about 450 radical Muslims had left Germany to join terrorist organizations in Syria and Iraq. By early 2015, the number had risen to 550.

ISIS supporters in Germany even broke into churches and robbed offertory boxes and precious objects. With this stolen money they supported the violent jihad in Syria. They also founded Muslim “charities” with a view to raising additional money for the jihad. Kurdish Yazidis living in Germany were attacked by ISIS fanatics. Most of these fanatics were Chechen immigrants. Thus, hatred was spilling over into the streets of Germany.

Muslim convert Denis Mamadou Gerhar Cuspert (Ghanese father, German mother) was born in the problematic multicultural Berlin neighbourhood Kreuzberg. He became known as rapper “Deso Dogg.” He radicalized after his conversion to Islam. His most important mentor was Moha(m)med Mahmoud who had links to Al-Qaida. They founded
the jihadist organization Millatu Ibrahim. The most important ideologue of the movement was Abu Mohammed (Muhammad) Al-Maqdisi.

Denis Cuspert and a number of his followers traveled to Egypt in 2012. Via Libya and Turkey they traveled to Syria where they first joined Al-Nusra. They pledged allegiance to ISIS leader Al-Baghdadi in March/April 2013.

Cuspert would soon be an important propaganda asset for ISIS. He was also involved in war crimes such as the beheading of hostages or prisoners. An ISIS execution video shows how Cuspert picks up a severed head and puts it on the body. Erich Fromm would describe such behavior as a manifestation of necrophilia: “This desire to tear apart what is alive finds its clearest expression in a craving to dismember bodies.” (See The Anatomy of Human Destructiveness, p. 329.)

On February 9, 2015, the U.S. Justice Department designated German citizen Denis Cuspert as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist. “Cuspert has been a willing pitchman for ISIL (=ISIS) atrocities.”

Another German convert to Islam who joined ISIS was Philipp Bergner. On Facebook he put film footage of his German-Turkish friend Mustafa Kalayci who ostentatiously showed the severed heads of Kurdish fighters. Bergner committed a suicide attack near Mosul, Iraq, in August 2014. The first German jihadist to commit a suicide attack was Muslim convert Robert Baum. This attack occurred near Homs, Syria, in June 2014.

Canada is an important target for Muslim terrorists. On October 20, 2014, Martin Couture-Rouleau, a Muslim convert, drove his car into two soldiers one of whom was killed. Rouleau was subsequently shot dead. This attack occurred in Ottawa. Two days later, Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, another Muslim convert and an ISIS sympathizer as well, shot corporal Nathan Cirillo in the back and killed him. Cirillo had stood guard at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. Zehaf-Bibeau subsequently entered the nearby parliament. He opened fire first before he was shot dead and he failed to kill others.

Former CIA officer Robert Baer as well as senators Anne Feinstein and Lindsey Graham claim there are ISIS sleeper cells in the United States. On October 24, 2014, Muslim convert Zale H. Thompson, a supporter of Al-Shabaab and ISIS, attacked four police officers in New York with a hatchet. He was shot dead. ISIS is also conducting cyber warfare against the United States.

Australia’s strict asylum policy has been criticized by advocates for open borders and the Arab TV channel Al-Jazeera, yet the Australians do not want to accept too many immigrants from risk countries, and rightly so. Most terror attacks against Australian targets were perpetrated by radical Muslims. Radicalized Muslim immigrants were involved in most thwarted terrors plots. Moreover, the Australians have not forgotten how Australian teenage girls were raped by Lebanese youth gangs in Sydney.
Many radicalized Muslims in Australia want to join ISIS, others have already done so. One of them is Khaled Sharrouf. In August 2014, photos were posted on Sharrouf’s Twitter account showing his seven-year-old son holding a soldier’s severed head, a very serious war crime.

In September 2014, Australian police arrested Afghan Australian Omarjan Azari who had made suspicious phone calls to ISIS operative Mohammed Ali Bayarlei. The latter traveled to Syria in April 2013 and joined ISIS. A (failed) plot was hatched to behead Australian citizens in Brisbane and Sydney.

In July 2014, an Australian ISIS jihadist blew himself up in Baghdad.

In September 2014, Abdul Numan Haider, an Afghan immigrant, wounded two Australian policemen with a knife. It was a copycat attack. The perpetrator was killed. In February 2015, police arrested two ISIS operatives, Omar Al-Kutobi and Mohammed Kiad. These so-called “soldiers of the caliphate” planned to behead Australians. One of them had previously used false identity documents to enter the country. (ISIS terrorists in Europe, in Belgium for example, did the same.)

At the end of September 2014, ISIS operative Hassan el Sabsabi was arrested in Melbourne. He had transferred 12,000 Australian dollars to a radical Muslim in the United States who planned to join the jihadists in Syria.

The Australians granted asylum to Man Haron Monis in 1996. He was from Iran. He married Noleen Hayson Pal, an Australian woman, but there were strong suspicions that he was an accessory to murder of his former wife. Other women accused him of having raped them. Although a Shia Muslim he converted to Sunni Islam.

On December 15, 2014, Man Haron Monis took seventeen persons hostage in the Lindt Chocolate Cafe in Sydney. Two persons would be killed by him before the Australian anti-terror police shot him dead the next day. Steven Emerson from the Investigative Project on Terrorism discovered that this Iranian immigrant had previously sworn allegiance to “the Caliph of the Muslims” (=ISIS leader Al-Baghdadi).

ISIS also plans another Holocaust. Just like the Palestinian terrorist organization Hamas these terrorists believe that all the Jews will eventually be killed by the victorious Muslims. This is based on a religious text or Islamic tradition (Hadith), saying: “The last Hour would not come unless the Muslims will fight against the Jews and the Muslims would kill them.”

“We are coming to kill you, o Jews,” an ISIS Twitter announced in December 2014. Rome and Jerusalem will be conquered and Jews and “crusaders” (=Christians) will be killed, an article in the online ISIS magazine Dabiq announced.
Back in 2004 I wrote a lengthy Dutch study on *Crime, Migration and Culture*. In those days leading political parties in the Netherlands were in favor of Turkish membership in the European Union. I was strongly opposed to this idea. I warned that “the external borders of the European Union should not be expanded in such a way that the instable Middle East is within reach.” “We will then import even more crime and terrorism from that region,” I wrote in my book.

European governments are unable to cope with the powerful Turkish migrant trafficking mafias and terrorists are entering Europe via Turkey. The borders between Turkey and Syria are very porous indeed and corrupt Turkish officials do not stop the terrorists. Lots of terrorists from Europe are also entering Syria or Iraq via Turkey. As *Newsweek* reported in November 2014: “ISIS commanders in Raqqa openly talked about the best foreign jihadists crossing into Syria from Turkey.”

Recep Tayyib Erdogan - from the Islamist Party for Justice and Development (AKP) - became Prime Minister of Turkey in 2003. He broke with the secular tradition of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of modern Turkey who abolished the Ottoman caliphate in 1924. The totalitarian-minded Erdogan became president of Turkey in 2014. He cracks down on press freedom and sides with the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas. Burak Bekdil, a columnist for the Turkish daily *Hürriyet* and a fellow at the Middle East Forum, criticized Erdogan’s “constant Israel-bashing and deep hatred of the Jewish State.” “For most of Turkey’s Islamists there is no difference between the words ‘Israel,’ ‘Israeli government, ‘Jew,’ and ‘Turkish Jew.’ ‘They are all the same.’”
IRANIAN NUKE TALKS: THE ENDLESS CHARADE

With another “deadline” having passed [apparently a movable feast, this one, June 30] the Kabuki of the P5+1 negotiations on Iran’s nuclear program continues, apparently without end.

With the talks dragging on - absent any progress towards a reasonable protocol capable of stopping Iran from its headlong rush towards the deployment of nuclear weapons – it becomes ever clearer that the process is designed around legacy issues for the president with no thought given to containing the increasing threat. Hence the understanding by Khamenei’s government [correct] that Team Obama desperately wants some shred of tangible achievement at any cost, thus removing whatever leverage the U.S. might have had.

As the shuffling continues, the administration’s position steadily weakens, especially regarding the critical issue of verification and inspection, without which any agreement is DOA.

“The official, who spoke on background, was asked the question after telling reporters Monday that the Iranians will not be expected to allow International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors access to “every military site” since that would not be “appropriate,” and the United States would never agree to such access to every military site in the U.S.” [source, Patrick Goodenough, As Deadline Passes, U.S. Backs Away From ‘Anytime, Anywhere’ Access to Iran’s Military Sites, CNS News]

There are so many levels involved in this ruse - a public embarrassment - that realists have already concluded that under this CIC, Iran will remain not only unconstrained but enabled, the country being the beneficiary of previously impounded funds which will serve to both pump the economy as well as the theocracy’s “peaceful” nuclear R&D program.

While the diplomats enjoy the luxury of historic Vienna’s top drawer hotels and dozens of Michelin rated restaurants while occasionally sitting down to play a game in which the outcome is predetermined, once person alone controls the process, Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Khamenei has been perfectly clear that regardless of the wording of any accord, the country’s compliance will never be ascertainable.

In a May 20 piece published in the New York Times, verification has already been ruled out.
“Iran's supreme leader vowed Wednesday he will not allow international inspection of Iran's military sites or access to Iranian scientists under any nuclear agreement with world powers.” [source, AP via NYT, Iran’s Supreme Leader Rejects Access to Military Sites]

So what are these people actually engaged in doing?

Call it classic diplomacy – a tasteless gavotte, carried out by self-important fops serving a silly populace.

The Obama/Kerry travelling minstrel show is at most a ludicrous spectacle, one fully in accord with T. Roosevelt’s classic statement:

“Diplomacy is utterly useless when there is no force behind it. The diplomat is the servant, not the master, of the soldier. There are higher things in this life than the soft and easy enjoyment of material comfort. It is through strife, or the readiness for strife, that a nation must win greatness.”

Only a fool would expect more from this bunch in DC.
TEAM OBAMA AWARDS IRAN WITH 13 TONS OF GOLD - $370M VALUE

July 1, 2015 – San Francisco, CA – PipeLineNews.org – According to the state run Iranian news site Fars, yesterday the country took possession of 13 tons of gold [current value approximately $370M] which, until Team Obama’s team of “negotiators” [read, facilitators] permitted the transfer – sans agreement – had been quarantined in a South African bank for 2 years.

"A sum of 13 tons of gold that had been purchased before and was deposited in South Africa in the past two years and could not be transferred to Iran due to the sanctions … was delivered to the Central Bank of Iran's treasury last night," [see, CBI Governor: 13 Tons of Iran's Frozen Gold Consignments Back Home, Fars]

With U.S. media obsessed about the horse-race aspect of the matter - whether or not a nuke deal will be consummated, assuming they are covering the issue at all - it's ignoring the cold reality that many of the sanctions, which had been responsible for the Iranian economy’s ill health, have already been lifted.

What we find especially alarming about this development is the potential impact it will have on the Shia theocracy’s nuclear program.

A little known fact is that for just about any moderate to large nation the cost of developing a nuclear processing plant is not all that constraining [approximately $3B, see Geoffrey Rothwell, Chaim Braun, The Cost Structure of International Uranium Enrichment Service Supply, MIT University], nor is the cost of the individual centrifuges themselves:

““The cost of a program would also be modest. The first German version of the Soviet-type centrifuge, built by a firm named DEGUSSA in 1959, had about the same performance as Iran’s IR-1 centrifuge (possibly slightly better).23 This centrifuge was offered for sale for a small-batch cost of US$235 per centrifuge, about US$1800 per centrifuge in 2012 currency. Assuming the DEGUSSA price reflected the actual cost of production, the centrifuge portion of the plant might be built for less than US$10 million in 2012 currency.” [source, R. Scott Kemp, PhD, Centrifuges, a new era of nuclear proliferation, Non-Proliferation Policy Center]

It’s impossible to justify the insanity of throwing a life-jacket of this magnitude to a regime, which though it has given up nothing in the talks, continues to develop nuclear
weapons, threatens the annihilation of Israel and the United States and remains the world’s primary funder and fomenter of terrorism.

That’s quite a legacy, one which this administration has earned many times over.