

# Eye on the World

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### Compiled by Jeanine Case

France 24 ran an article by News Wires on April 1, 2010, titled "Government Moves to Tighten Immigration Laws."

On Wednesday minister Eric Besson unveiled a bill meant "to toughen immigration rules and impose strict penalties on anyone employing foreigners without work permits, raising howls of protest from human-rights groups."

This makes it the sixth time that France has tightened its immigration laws since 2002. Critics claimed that President Nicolas Sarkozy pandered to far-right extremists after he started a debate on the national identity crisis.

Mr. Besson had recently supported requests for a French ban on the wearing of burqas.

One of the measures included an increase from 32 to 45 days as the amount of time illegal immigrants can be held in detention. Included is the postponement of the moment that a judge reviews their case. This means that an administrative official will get to "make the first call on their detention."

According to the article, the changes were made after 124 immigrants, mainly Kurds, were freed swiftly by judges.

Mr. Sarkozy has given Mr. Besson a goal to expel 30,000 illegal immigrants this year from French soil.



On April 1, 2010, the BBC posted an article titled "US Navy Seizes Suspected Pirates."

"A US warship has seized five suspected pirates after an exchange of fire in the Indian Ocean west of the Seychelles, the US Navy says."

According to the article, suspected pirates opened fire on the warship. The event occurred at 12:27 p.m. local time.

One skiff was sunk by the U.S.S. *Nicholas*, and a suspected mother ship was captured. The event took place in international waters.

A total of five suspected pirates were seized from the two vessels. They are to remain on the Navy ship "until a determination is made regarding their disposition," the statement said.



Aljazeera.net ran an updated article on April 1, 2010, titled "Medvedev Vows to Destroy Bombers."

"Dmitry Medvedev, the Russian president, has said his country must destroy those behind a series of suicide bombings that killed 51 people this week."

"We must deal sharp dagger blows to the terrorists, destroy them and their lairs," Mr. Medvedev was quoted as saying in Makhachkala, Dagestan's capital.

Twelve people had been killed the day before in that area by bombers. Three days earlier 39 people had been killed in Moscow.

A Chechen separatist leader, Doku Umarov, had claimed in an earlier video posting that the Moscow attacks were ordered by him as "revenge for Russia's policies in the mainly Muslim North Caucasus."



WorldNetDaily.com ran an article on March 31, 2010, titled "Posters: Destroy Mosque, Build 3rd Temple Now! Brazen Demands on Jerusalem Buses Deliver In-Your-Face-Message." The article was written by Drew Zahn.

"Jewish activists in Jerusalem are using buses to deliver an in-your-face message to Muslims by calling for the immediate destruction of the Al Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock on the city's disputed Temple Mount.

"The bulldozing of the Muslim holy sites, say leaders of Our Land of Israel, will pave the way for construction of the Third [Jewish] Temple."

" 'The Arabs and President Obama know that the Temple will be built on the Temple Mount,' said Rabbi Shalom Dov Volpo, the group's founder, 'instead of the temporary buildings that are there today.' "

The article went on to say that *The Jerusalem Post* claims 200 buses are carrying posters. The posters have pictures of the Third Temple sitting on top of the Temple Mount. The Third Temple is pictured as being alone. There are no Muslim buildings pictured.

Organizers of the campaign are hanging mostly routed in the predominantly Arab neighborhoods of East Jerusalem.

"We're representing the truth, in front of everyone, and saying out loud what every Jew believes," said Our Land of Israel activist Baruch Marzel, "that the Third Temple needs to be built immediately on the Temple Mount and that the mosque should not be there."

In response to being asked about upsetting Muslims, Mr. Marzel told the *Post*: "It upsets them that we're alive, and that we're living here."

He explained to the *Post* the traditions and prayers that have long called for construction of the Third Temple.

"When we reach the end of the Pessah Seder tomorrow night we'll say, 'Next year in a rebuilt Jerusalem.' What does rebuilt mean? It means with the third Temple intact."



### Compiled by Dave Havir

An article titled "Satan Behind Media Attacks on the Pope, Asserts Italian Exorcist" appeared March 31, 2010, at catholicnewsagency.com.

The article said: "Noted Italian exorcist Father Gabriele Amorth commented this week that the recent defamatory reporting on Pope Benedict XVI, especially by *The New York Times*, was 'prompted by the devil.' "



An article by Bill Carter titled "Ratings Fall on Newscasts at 2 Networks" appeared at nytimes.com (Web site of *The New York Times*) on April 1, 2010.

"With buyouts and layoffs in progress, the mood at ABC News cannot be good. It was probably not enhanced by the ratings report for the first quarter of the year showing that the network's evening newscast, 'World News,' had sunk to the lowest numbers the program has had in a first quarter since the People Meter was introduced by Nielson in 1987.

"The same situation prevailed at CBS, where the 'Evening News' also hit a new low for the months of January through March."



On March 29, 2010, Tom Leonard posted an article titled "FBI Make Christian Militia Arrests" at Telegraph.co.uk on March 29, 2010.

The subtitle read: "The FBI has carried out a series of raids on Christian militia across America after they feared the groups were about to launch a bombing campaign in anticipation of Armageddon."

The article began: "Nine members of a Christian militia group in the American Midwest were charged on Monday with plotting to kill a police officer and then blow up mourners at his funeral."



An article by A. Mohit titled "Bill O'Reilly Covers Legal Fees for Father of Fallen Soldier" was posted at Technorati.com on April 1, 2010.

"When Marine lance corporal Matthew Snyder died in 2006 in an automobile accident in Iraq, over 1,500 members of Westboro Baptist Church demonstrated at his funeral. The Church believes that God is punishing the United States for its acceptance of gay people. Their members were waving signs and protesting in view of TV cameras and the whole episode was broadcast on live TV until someone wised up and switched cameras."

Matthew's father, Albert Snyder, filed a lawsuit against the church, and a jury awarded him nearly \$11 million in civil and punitive damages. The church appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals, where the verdict was overturned and the court ordered Mr. Snyder to reimburse \$16,000 to the church for their legal expenses.

That's where Mr. O'Reilly entered the picture.

"On Tuesday [March 30], cable news host Bill O'Reilly said that he would write a check for \$16,500 to Albert Snyder to help him pay for the fine."

Mr. Snyder has expressed his intention to appeal to the Supreme Court.



In an editorial posted at associatedcontent.com, Kim Linton posted an article on April 1, 2010, titled "Why Progressive Liberals Hate the Tea Party Movement."

In the article Ms. Linton asked the question, "Are Tea Party members racist bigots?"

She answered her question this way: "Tea Party members are often called racists, terrorists, bigots, hate-mongers, uneducated, stupid, ignorant, and are regularly accused of inciting violence. However, when compared to the protests of Bill Ayers' Weather Underground group, Tea Party gatherings look like a church picnic."

Later she continued: "To make matters worse, instead of celebrities, actors and talk show hosts, Tea Party members look like old Aunt Edna, the bald guy who coaches little league, fat Jackson who owns the hardware store, and, last but not least, angry voters who may change the face of upcoming elections."