

Eye on the World

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An article by Jana Winter titled “Alert Issued for 17 Afghan Military Members AWOL From U.S. Air Force Base” was posted at foxnews.com on June 17, 2010.

It said: “A nationwide alert has been issued for 17 members of the Afghan military who have gone AWOL from an Air Force base in Texas where foreign military officers who are training to become pilots are taught English, FoxNews.com has learned.

“The Afghan officers and enlisted men have security badges that give them access to secure U.S. defense installations.”



An article by Diane Macedo titled “Radical Islamist Group Is Returning to Chicago for Major Recruitment Drive” was posted at foxnews.com on June 16, 2010.

It said: “They’re back. A radical Islamist group critics say has links to Al Qaeda is gearing up to host its second annual U.S. recruiting event.

“The group, Hizb ut-Tahrir America, which is committed to establishing a caliphate, or international Islamic empire, kicked up controversy in Chicago last year with its first U.S. conference, ‘Fall of Capitalism & Rise of Islam.’ ”



An article by James Blitz in London titled “UN Warns of Gangs’ Global Muscle” was posted at ft.com (*Financial Times*) on June 17, 2010.

It said: “International crime networks now enjoy such an extensive reach that the gangs behind them must be regarded as a significant economic power, says a United Nations report.”



An article titled “Saudi Airspace Open for Iran Attack” was posted at jpost.com (*The Jerusalem Post*) on June 12, 2010.

It said: "Saudi Arabia will allow Israeli jets to use its airspace to bomb Iran's nuclear facilities, reported *The Times* of London on Saturday."



An article by James Hider and David Charter titled "Gaza Crossing Points Opened as Israel Bows to International Pressure" was posted at timesonline.co.uk on June 5, 2010.

It said: "Israel bowed to international pressure yesterday when it agreed to reopen crossing points into Gaza for everyday goods.

"The decision was prompted by criticism of its bloody interception of an aid flotilla two weeks ago and condemnation of the Gaza blockade by the Red Cross.

"Tony Blair, Middle East peace envoy, hailed the move as significant after the Israeli Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, agreed in principle to relax restrictions on goods entering Gaza. It will replace the current narrow list of permitted items with a list of specifically prohibited goods."



An article titled "Israeli Ultra-Orthodox Jews in Jail After Demo" was posted at Breitbart.com on June 18, 2010.

It said: "Dozens of Israeli men were in jail on Friday a day after ultra-Orthodox Jews staged their largest protest in 10 years in support of parents who defied a supreme court ruling on school integration."

Later it said: "Around 100,000 angry ultra-Orthodox Jews rallied in Jerusalem on Thursday in protest at the court's decision to jail a group of parents of European origin, or Ashkenazis, for refusing to send their daughters to a school with Jewish girls whose families originate from Arab countries, known as Sephardis.

"It was the biggest demonstration by the ultra-Orthodox since February 1999 when at least 250,000 protesters declared their opposition to supreme court rulings challenging the Orthodox establishment's monopoly on marriage, divorce and other religious and social issues."



An article titled "Uptick in Violence Forces Closing of Parkland Along Mexico Border to Americans" was posted at FoxNews.com on June 16, 2010.

It said: "About 3,500 acres of southern Arizona along the Mexican border is closed to U.S. citizens due to increased violence in the region."



An article by Lyubov Pronina and Lucian Kim titled "Russia Will Lead Effort to Found 'New World Economic Order,' Medvedev Says" was posted at bloomberg.com on June 18, 2010.

It said: "Russia will help lead efforts to recast the global economic hierarchy as the world emerges from the financial crisis, President Dmitry Medvedev said."

It later said: "Russia will use tax incentives and other free-market economic policies to turn the country into a destination for innovators from around the world."



An article titled "Putin Boasts New Jet Fighter Better Than U.S. Plane" was posted at reuters.com on June 17, 2010.

It said: "Prime Minister Vladimir Putin climbed into the cockpit of Russia's newest fighter jet on Thursday and said it would trump a U.S.-built rival, the F-22 Raptor."



An article by Bianca Bosker titled "Electronic Armageddon: How an EMP Bomb Would Be a Deathblow to Life as We Know It" was posted at huffingtonpost.com on June 17, 2010.

The article quoted *National Geographic* explaining that an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) bomb is "designed to go above the atmosphere and release huge amounts of energy." Such a bomb is said to be capable of knocking out all electronic devices on the planet but without killing anyone.

National Geographic said: "In less than a billionth of a second, the electrical intensity on Earth's surface would become so hot that microchips would fry, power lines would overload and the electric grid would collapse. Everything with microelectronics in it would stop: your car, your computer, the subway. There would be no electricity."



An article by Jacob Greber titled "Greenspan Says U.S. May Soon Reach Borrowing Limit" was posted at bloomberg.com on June 17, 2010.

It said: "Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said the U.S. may soon face higher borrowing costs on its swelling debt and called for a 'tectonic shift' in fiscal policy to contain borrowing."

The article later quoted Greenspan as saying: "Incremental change will not be adequate."



An Associated Article article by Alan Zibel titled "New Jobless Claims Up Sharply as Layoffs Persist" was posted at yahoo.com on June 17, 2010.

It said: "The number of people filing new claims for jobless benefits jumped last week after three straight declines, another sign that the pace of layoffs has not slowed."



An article by Coulter King and Marianne de Padua titled "Mohegan Sun Casino Owners Received \$54 Million in Stimulus Money" was posted at abcnews.com on June 17, 2010.

It said: "With the support of Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., the federal government has awarded \$54 million to Connecticut's politically well-connected Mohegan Indian tribe, which operates one of the highest grossing casinos in the U.S."



An article by Gardiner Harris titled "Panel Recommends Approval of After-Sex Pill to Prevent Pregnancy" was posted at nytimes.com on June 17, 2010.

It said: "A federal advisory panel voted unanimously Thursday that federal drug regulators should approve a medicine that could help prevent pregnancy if taken as late as five days after unprotected sex.

"The pill, called ella, sprang from government labs and appears to be more effective than Plan B, a morning-after pill now available over the counter to women 18 and older that gradually loses efficacy after intercourse and can be taken at least three days after sex. Ella, by contrast, works just as well on the fifth day as the first after sex."



An editorial by Burt Prelutsky titled "Arguing Politics" was posted at burtprelutsky.com on June 7, 2010.

Early in the article he wrote: "In this day and age, I feel no qualms about judging another person's character, values and patriotism, by the politics he espouses."

He continued later in the article: "We've been constantly reminded that the Koran justifies Muslims lying with impunity to nonbelievers so long as it's done to further the cause of Islam. How is that any different from the belief system of left-wingers?"

"Whether it's insisting that global warming is going to raise ocean levels by 20 feet; that heterosexual AIDS is a major health concern; that law-abiding

Americans can't be trusted with guns; that every nation and every culture is superior to our own; that illegal aliens and Islamic jihadists are entitled to all the rights and privileges of U.S. citizens; that providing 31 million additional people with health insurance will save us billions of dollars; that Supreme Court justices should essentially be social workers who get to wear their robes to work; that drilling for oil and digging for coal are evil endeavors; that windmills and sunbeams can supply all the energy a modern industrial nation needs; that Christian symbols should be eliminated from the national landscape; and that the redistribution of personal wealth is a moral imperative; liberals display an arrogant disdain for traditional American virtues, not to mention logic and common sense."

Later he said: "People should understand that, when I or anyone else on the right complains about the evils of liberalism, we're not pretending to have interviewed every single idiot who opted for Hope and Change in 2008. We are referring to the leaders who speak for them, nincompoops like Obama, Reid, Pelosi, Napolitano, Waxman, Schumer, Kerry and Barney Frank, who pay lip service to democracy, but then label millions of their fellow Americans who happen to be engaged in the Tea Party movement—which, by the way, is a far more demonstrably democratic group than the House or Senate—as thugs, racists and brainless rabble.

"Liberals call conservatives intolerant, but their own tolerance never seems to extend to those who disagree with their plan to radically transform America."



An editorial by Burt Prelutsky titled "Parsing Liberalism" was posted at burt-prelutsky.com on June 10, 2010.

He said: "The folks who mystify me are liberals. For instance, consider the way they speak. Without even blushing, they refer to the 'peace process' whenever they're slapping down Israel. No matter what that tiny country does—be it defending itself against missile attacks and suicide bombers or building houses in Jerusalem—the lunkheads on the left will insist the Jews are jeopardizing the peace process.

"And just what exactly is the peace process to which Arabs, Muslims and just about every U.S. president since Carter pay lip service? When you get past the P.R. spin, it's the extinction of Israel!"

Mr. Prelutsky discussed the term "international community" and his opinion of the United Nations.

He mentioned how politicians use the term "misspeak" when they have told a lie. He mentioned Richard Blumenthal claimed to misspeak when he claimed he'd served in Vietnam. Mr. Prelutsky commented: "It seems he'd never even been there for a vacation, let alone a war."

Later in the article, Mr. Prelutsky discussed the politicians who criticized the Arizona immigration bill without ever reading it.

He said: "I mean, as lies go, this one probably isn't quite as egregious as Blumenthal's. Besides, it was so darn blatant it actually made me laugh. I mean, did anybody in America really believe that the attorney general, the head of homeland security and the assistant secretary of state, couldn't spare five minutes to read a bill that was just slightly longer than a menu before attacking it with pitchforks?"

"The really embarrassing thing about this particular lie is that it highlights just how contemptuously these airheads regard those of us who aren't Obama's acolytes.

"Otherwise, wouldn't Holder, Napolitano or Crowley at least have said, 'I took it home, fully intending to read the bill, but my dog ate it' "?



An editorial by Burt Prelutsky titled "Surveying the American Scene" was posted at burtprelutsky.com on June 13, 2010.

He said: "I noticed recently that Barack Obama was holding out an olive branch to the Taliban. He claimed to recognize that some of them were not as radical as others. I find it odd, though, that he can somehow spot nuances in terrorists 7,000 miles away, but every member of the Tea Party looks like a thug and a racist to him."

Later he wrote: "If you have ever wondered if the MSM [mainstream media] is really as biased as people like Bernard Goldberg and I claim, you merely have to compare the way they covered the flooding of New Orleans in 2005 and the way they, not to mention Obama, ignored the flooding of Nashville this year. Aside from the fact that the earlier disaster affected a city with a population that was 61 percent black and the Nashville flood affected a city in which only a quarter of the population was black, one would be hard-pressed to explain why the one in Louisiana was treated as if it were a tragedy of biblical proportions while the deluge in Tennessee's capital received the equivalent of a TV weatherman's remarking that humidity had reached 100 percent in Nashville.

"The first time I heard that a huge mosque was going to be erected on the site of Ground Zero, I remember waiting for the punch line. The next few times I heard the news I assumed I was having a nightmare and would soon be awake. Now I can only shake my head at the insanity. What's next? A statue of Osama bin Laden on Capitol Hill? As I understand it, it's supposed to be a tribute of some sort of decent Muslims. My question is, how many times are we going to honor Islam?"

Later he wrote: "I suppose 2010 is no time to be asking for a reality check. After all, three of the people who were most directly responsible for the economic meltdown—Obama, Christopher Dodd and Barney Frank—are the same three mugs who insist they're going to safeguard the American economy by making sure there are no restrictions on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac!"