

Trump at War against Islam. America Needs Enemies...

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On Tuesday, Trump tweeted "(b)ig day planned on NATIONAL SECURITY tomorrow. Among other things, we will build the wall."

He also temporarily (likely indefinitely) banned Muslim immigration from seven countries: Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen on the phony pretext of preventing Islamic terrorist attacks – Judeo/Christian immigration from these countries permitted, clear state-sponsored racism.

No terrorist attacks occurred on US soil in modern memory. Ones attributed to Muslims were state-sponsored false flags, including 9/11.

America needs enemies to justify its imperial agenda. None exist, so they're invented. Muslim Arabs are the nation's enemy of choice, wrongfully portrayed as stereotypically violent, fanatical and dangerous.

Trump's actions on border security and immigration enforcement wrongfully states undocumented "aliens...present a significant threat to national security and public safety."

Separately, he said it's not a blanket Muslim ban, falsely claiming "(y)ou're looking at people that come in many cases with evil intentions. I don't want that."

"They're ISIS. They're coming in under false pretense. I don't want that...We are excluding certain countries but for others (including Afghanistan) we'll have extreme vetting."

"I'll absolutely do safe zones in Syria," he said – with little further elaboration. Anything interfering with Russian and Syrian operations against terrorists risks direct confrontation between the world's two dominant nuclear powers.

Saying he'll create "a plan to provide safe areas in Syria and in the surrounding regions in which Syrian nationals displaced from their homeland can await firm settlement, such as repatriation or potential third country resettlement" sounds ominously like what Hillary Clinton proposed, along with instituting a no-fly zone, an illegal scheme Russia won't tolerate.

Commenting on Trump's actions, Council on American-Islamic Relations executive director Nihad Awad minced no words, saying "(t)hese orders are a disturbing confirmation of Islamophobic and un-American policy proposals made during the presidential election campaign."

"Never before in our country's history have we purposely, as a matter of policy, imposed a ban on immigrants or refugees on the basis of religion."

Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights president Wade Henderson explained "(a)ctions to build a wall around us, criminalize a religion, and to strike fear in the heart of immigrants make Trump's America look more like a police state than (a) republic..."

Washington created and supports ISIS, al-Nusra and other terrorist groups, using their fighters as imperial foot soldiers. It's unknown if Trump intends continuing what his predecessors began or going another way as his campaign rhetoric suggested.

In December 2015, he called for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States," maintaining a ban "until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on," adding:

"Until we are able to determine and understand this problem and the dangerous threat it poses, our country cannot be the victims of horrendous attacks by people that believe only in Jihad, and have no sense of reason or respect for human life."

There's no mystery about what's going on. As long as Washington and its rogue allies support these groups, violence will rage where they're located.

Candidate Trump pledged to wage war on terrorism. Ending support for this scourge is the best way to do it. Otherwise, expect phony war and lots of it.

Separately, AP News said his administration is reviewing how it'll wage war on terrorism, including using CIA black site torture prisons abroad – "according to a draft executive order obtained by the Associated Press."

It orders "the Pentagon to send newly captured 'enemy combatants' to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, instead of closing the detention facility..."

It could continue Bush/Cheney/Obama administration horrors. It "instructs top national security officers to 'recommend to the president whether to reinitiate a program of interrogation of high-value alien terrorists to be operated outside the United States and whether such program should include the use of detention facilities operated by the Central Intelligence Agency."

It says US laws should be obeyed and rejects "torture." CIA black sites aren't known for kinder, gentler treatment. Torture and other forms of ill-treatment accomplish nothing. Victims say anything to stop pain.

While campaigning, Trump said he'd authorize waterboarding (torture) and a "hell of a lot worse." If AP's report is accurate, cruel and inhuman treatment may be part of his agenda – strictly prohibited by international law, automatically US law under the Constitution's Supremacy Clause (Article VI, Clause 2).

The draft document AP obtained said Guantanamo remains "a critical tool in the fight against international jihadist terrorist groups who are engaged in armed conflict with the United States, its allies and its coalition partners."

Candidate Trump promised to "load it up with some bad dudes." His agenda is slowly

unfolding. Targeting Muslims unfairly is a very disturbing sign, a policy vital to oppose.

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