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Fast-food-Islam: How Wahhabism feeds our intellectual retardation



This is a place where the burgers arrive as frozen patties injected with artificial beef-flavoring which are later rolled through an oven press for mass-consumption, a place where cheap toys are fiercely marketed to excited and bewildered children who drag in their naive and bewildered parents for a quick and simple “all-American meal.” The gimmicks of attracting children and exploiting their undeveloped discriminative faculties were brought to near mastery by the early nineties. It was the wave of the future, and even though a journal of health recently stated that 80% of the country’s health problems were directly related to the American diet, the burgers were still walking out the doors, and those super-sized fries

continued to disappear into the stomachs of hungry consumers. In Islam a similar occurrence has emerged. A sort of fast-food-Islam, mimicking the Western phenomenon, began to emerge in the seventies shortly after the Saudis started raking in billions in petro-dollars.

Visit the *MWU Muslim Wake Up* web site for this and other insightful reporting:

<http://www.muslimwakeup.com/mainarchive/000192.php>

Hackers recruiting army for cyber war

Update that anti-virus software. Don’t you know there’s a war on? Yes, some experts are claiming that we are in the midst of the world’s first-ever cyber-war, an online combat whose weapons are the intrusive computer worms that have proliferated on the Internet recently. Criminal hackers are battling it out for online bragging rights, and perhaps more. Computer security firms have documented three groups at the center of the battling: The author or authors of MyDoom, which first appeared in January; the authors of Bagle, which also appeared in January, and the authors of Netsky, which appeared in February.

Full story: http://www.rochesterdandc.com/news/0405693QSC7_news.shtml

Japanese targeted in Sawt Al-Jihad

With the capture of three Japanese civilians in Iraq by a group calling itself the “Mujahideen Brigades”, the thirteenth issue of al-Qaeda’s online publication, Sawt Al-Jihad, takes on new relevance. In the following translation of one of the articles in the magazine, an individual calling himself Mohmmad Bin Ahmad Salem notifying the mujahideen of the Japanese military presence in Kuwait, and exhorting them to “Fight for God, and be mobilized for the Jihad, individually as well as in groups.” The full translation of the article is below.

Full article: <http://www.siteinstitute.org/exposing.asp?id=213>

"Terror" groups cashing in on fake goods - Interpol

World governments must tackle trade in counterfeit goods more aggressively amid mounting evidence that "terrorists" are benefiting from the proceeds, the head of Interpol said on Tuesday. Ronald Noble, secretary general of the international police body based in Lyon, France, told American and European legislators meeting in Dublin about the potential danger to the public from the trade in fake car parts. He gave as an example the interception in Beirut last year of counterfeit brake pads and shock absorbers valued at one million euros (\$1.2 million) and purportedly from a German car producer. "Subsequent enquiries revealed that profits from these consignments, had they not been intercepted, were destined for supporters of (Lebanese guerrilla group) Hizbollah," he said. "Linking the Hizbollah to counterfeit brake parts shows not only the link between terrorist financing and intellectual property but also how intellectual property crime is not a victimless crime -- the potential danger to the public...is too serious for governments and law enforcers to ignore."

Full story:

http://www.reuters.com/locales/newsArticle.jsp?type=businessNews&locale=en_IN&storyID=4766763

Attack has police on high alert

Firebombed school gets offers of help. Cops to patrol intensively for next few weeks around Jewish and Muslim schools, places of worship; tip line set up

With Montrealers still reeling from the firebombing of a Jewish school in St. Laurent, police remained on high alert yesterday, the National Assembly unanimously condemned the attack as an anti-Semitic hate crime - and offers of help began coming in. One such offer was from a leading children's-book publisher. Shocked by the attack on the United Talmud Torahs school - whose library books and computers suffered heavy damage - the Toronto-based company offered to send new books.

Full story: <http://www.canada.com/montreal/montrealgazette/story.asp?id=0FAA291E-6CD0-454A-831E-B0C54B9267A6>

Vancouver a 'haven' for terrorism, says police chief

Vancouver Police Chief Jamie Graham calls the city a "haven" for terrorist activity – and says he needs more money to fight terrorist threats. Graham raised the issue during an interview on a Vancouver radio station Wednesday, calling it a top priority for police here. And he also said if the public knew what police intelligence has uncovered, there would be a lot of sleepless nights.

Full story: http://vancouver.cbc.ca/regional/servlet/View?filename=bc_graham20040407

President declares jihad against drugs



At a press conference in Kabul on April 6, President Hamid Karzai called for a *jihad* (holy war) against the Afghanistan drug industry, which threatens Afghanistan's economy, agriculture and government. The government has begun eradication efforts in some southern provinces, where most of the country's opium poppies are grown. Opium poppy farmers are protesting the government initiative to eradicate their crops.

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Afghanistan, the world's biggest producer of opiates, supplies the opium base for heroin to several countries. According to the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, the poppy crop last year generated about USD 2.5 billion for Afghan farmers and drug traffickers.

Related reporting: http://www.poppiesinternational.com/opium_poppy/opium_poppy.html

Man wanted in US on gun charges back in custody after release



A participant in a 1990 coup attempt in Trinidad who is wanted in the United States on charges of running guns from Florida was taken back into custody after he was briefly released from jail Wednesday, officials said. About 15 police and soldiers blocked the street while waiting for Clive Lancelot Small, 69, to be released from the Port-of-Spain Prison in the capital. Immediately after he walked out, police led him to a waiting car as members of the black Muslim group that attempted the coup chanted "God is Great!" in Arabic. It was not clear when he would appear in court.

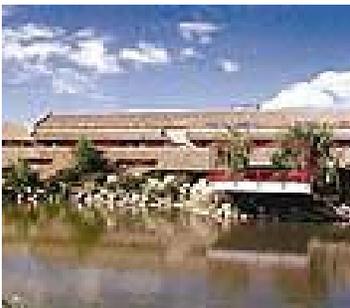
Full story: <http://www.bradenton.com/mld/bradenton/news/8379529.htm>

See also ATAC Newsletter dated 3/10/04 US General talks of Latin America, Caribbean terror threat. And ATAC Newsletter dated 4/7/04 Colombian arrested in deal to buy arms.

Spain shopping mall was terror target

Suspected terrorists who blew themselves up last weekend as police moved in to arrest them over the March 11 bombings had been plotting an attack on a shopping center outside Madrid, a newspaper reported Thursday. Police searching the apartment found maps of Parquesur, a retail and leisure complex, at least two backpacks and a belt, all packed with dynamite and wired to detonators, El Mundo said, quoting police. Interior Ministry officials were not available to comment on the report. A court official said Wednesday that the suspects had planned another major attack in Madrid, possibly during this week's Easter celebrations, but did not give more details.

Full story: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,116518,00.html>



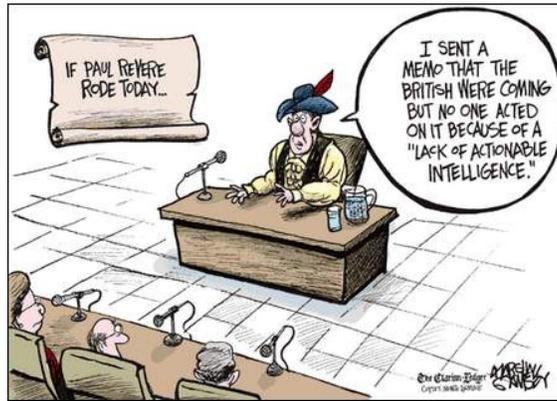
The Parquesur Hotel is located in Leganes just 10km south of the Madrid City Centre, Leganes in the centre of the Southern Industrial Area of Madrid. This hotel is integrated in the Parquesur Shopping Mall where you can find the largest Department Store in Spain, El Corte Ingles, as well as every type of shop you can imagine.



Justice, FBI seek easier Internet wiretaps, at customers' expense

The Justice Department wants to significantly expand the government's ability to monitor online traffic, proposing that providers of high-speed Internet service should be forced to grant easier access for FBI wiretaps and other electronic surveillance, according to documents and government officials. Law enforcement agencies have been increasingly concerned that fast-growing telephone service over the Internet could be a way for terrorists and criminals to evade surveillance.

Full story: <http://www.detnews.com/2004/technology/0403/13/politics-90769.htm>



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BreakTheChain.org

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<http://www.breakthechain.org/about.html>