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## INTERNATIONAL

**RFC SHIPS MORE SUPPLIES TO IRAQI CHRISTIAN REFUGEES** – This month the RFC sent a new shipment of medical supplies to Amman, Jordan for use in clinics that assist Iraqi Christian refugees. The shipment went to our ministry associates in Jordan for distribution to the clinics. This month's shipment has a value of \$14,000 and includes antibiotics, antihistamines, analgesics, antipyretics, anti-infectives, anthelmintics, antitussives and anti-inflammatory drugs. There are also GI medications such as Famotidine and local anesthetics such as Lidocaine. The shipment also contains general supplies such as latex gloves, bandages and gauze.

The standard shipment contains some vitamins, but not enough. Our ministry associate in Amman requested 10,000 more tablets of multivitamins for adults as well as 10,000 chewable animal shaped tablets for children. 10,000 tablets are enough for 333 people for 30 days. The extra vitamin tablets were added to the shipment. We were able to purchase the additional vitamins for just \$14.00 per 1,000 tablets; that is just 1.4 cents each!

At wholesale prices \$14,000 buys a lot of medical supplies, particularly when they are packaged in bulk. For example pills are packaged in bottles of 1,000 and some drugs are in powder form to be mixed with water by the doctors so that patients can take them in liquid form by the spoonful.

Thanks to the generosity of the supporters of the Religious Freedom Coalition, the drugs and the shipping costs were paid for in full in advance. In addition we supplied the funds to our ministry partner in Jordan for food distribution to Iraqi Christian families during April as well.

**CLINTON PETITION DRIVE** – The secular media has been reporting that Iraqi refugees are returning home and that security in Iraq has improved. That may well be true for Muslims, but it is not true for Christians. Most of the Christian homes in Bagdad were taken over by Muslim extremists during the six years of the war. Christians have no homes to return to. Churches still have barricades around them and the pastors still must hide during the week, and the pews are mostly empty during the Sunday services.

The single biggest problem for Christians is the refusal of the government of the United States to have a policy for religious minorities in Iraq. Just as the Bush Administration did before, the Obama Administration is pretending that Iraq has a normal democracy. How bizarre, when the Constitution of that nation allows for discrimination against Christians and others. If the U.S. government has no policy regarding persecuted Christians, the Iraqi government will do nothing to help them.

This is why the Religious Freedom Coalition began a petition program two years ago directed at then Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. When Senator Hillary Clinton took over as Secretary of State under Barack Obama, we suspended the petition campaign to give her a chance to do the right thing by Iraqi Christians. I delivered letters in person to Senator Clinton asking for her help with Iraqi Christian refugees, even before she was confirmed as Secretary of State. Several congressmen and Senators also wrote to her both before and after her confirmation. Secretary Clinton has failed to respond to our letters and to the letters of congressmen and Senators. The United States still has no official policy regarding the persecution of Iraqi Christians.

In March we began the petition campaign again, this time targeting Secretary Hillary Clinton. We have issued both a paper and an Internet version of the petition drive asking Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to formulate a policy to stop the persecution of Christians in Iraq and to aid those Iraqi Christians who have been forced to flee. More than 100,000 paper copies of the petition have been distributed.

You can really help with the petition drive by sending the online version to your friends. Just go to [www.iraqichristianrefugees.org](http://www.iraqichristianrefugees.org) and then use your Internet browser to forward the copy of the petition to others. We need a lot more signatures than we have. All of the petitions to former Secretary of State Rice were delivered. This means we need to start over again. I think a lot of people think they signed the petition once and that is all that is needed. That is not the case! With Secretary of State Clinton we are starting over again from signature number one.

## THE PRESIDENCY

**WHO IS THE ENEMY?** – There seems to be some confusion in Obama’s Administration as to who the enemies of the United States are. During a stop in Turkey after the G20 meetings in Europe, President Obama made the statement that he and America had "respect" for Islam. Unfortunately, the Islamic nations have no respect for America, for democracy, or for Obama. One example is our ally Saudi Arabia. Saudi cleric Khaled Al-Khlewi believes that Mohammad set a good example by killing Jews, and teaches children they should hate Jews also. These are the teachings of our "Saudi allies." Below is part of a transcript of a TV show the “cleric” did with young children:

**Khaled Al-Khlewi:** How old are you, Omar?

**Omar:** Eight years old.

**Khaled Al-Khlewi:** Do you like the Jews?

**Omar:** No.

**Khaled Al-Khlewi:** You hate them. Why do you hate them? What did the Jews do?

**Omar:** They wanted to kill the Prophet Muhammad.

**Khaled Al-Khlewi:** Well done. They wanted to kill the Prophet Muhammad. And what are they doing to our Muslim brothers now? They are killing them. When you curse them, what do you say? “Oh God...”?

**Omar:** Oh God, destroy the Jews.

**Khaled Al-Khlewi:** Well done. “And support...”?

**Omar:** The Muslims.

**Khaled Al-Khlewi:** The Muslims. Well done, my dear. Do you want to come with me to Saudi Arabia? I have a son like you, called Abdallah. You can play with him. Will you come with me? Will you give me this nice jacket you are wearing? Let me give you some water... May Allah protect you. I will give you this book and some water. Goodbye, my dear.

**THE ENEMY IS US?** – More than 90% of the mosques in the United States are funded in some way by the Saudis and use their “teaching” materials. In the Saudi Academy just outside Washington, DC children are taught that democracy is an apostate religion that must be destroyed and replaced with strict Sharia law.

Yet the liberals who are now in charge of Homeland Security believe that those who favor traditional marriage and protection of the unborn are a threat -- not those who teach radical Islam. The new chief of Homeland Security has no concerns about Islamberg in New York, which is one of dozens of Muslim-only communities with gun ranges. But she sees you and me as a threat!

I am sure you have read from numerous sources about the new report by the Office of Intelligence and Analysis at the Department of Homeland Security on “rightwing extremism.” When President George W. Bush conceived the idea of a Department of Homeland Security after the 9-11 Jihad attack on the United States, many of us had concerns about the centralized control of so many law enforcement agencies. I and others had fears of what would happen if such a powerful department fell into the hands of a radical Administration. Now, our fears have been realized. Homeland Security is in the hands of leftists who believe conservative Americans are a greater danger to America than Islamic extremists.

Not even 100 days into the Obama Administration, Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano issued a directive to state and local law enforcement agencies nationwide to watch for "rightwing extremists" and then defined these "rightwing extremists" as people concerned with illegal immigration, abortion, increasing federal power and restrictions on firearms.

The nine page report used the term “rightwing extremists” thirty-five times. None of us were supposed to know about this warning issued to law enforcement agencies. At the bottom of the title page was the statement, “not to be released to the public, the media, or other personnel who do not have a need to know.” If this document was meant to be kept secret, why do we all know about it? Because about 85% of the sheriffs in the United States are “rightwing extremists” as that term is defined in the report. In all but a handful of states, the majority of counties went to McCain in the last election. While Barack Obama won the most heavily populated counties, it is conservatives who still control the great majority of counties in the United States. Even in California the majority of counties have Republican sheriffs, almost all of whom are very conservative. Sheriffs all over the nation were so infuriated by the report, which actually painted them as “rightwing extremists,” that they released it to the media almost immediately after they received it.

Still, the fact that the Department of Homeland Security is more concerned with “veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan” than with imams teaching hatred in isolated all-Muslim towns, should be of great concern to everyone. If the Department of Homeland Security is going to spend its resources spying on me because I am a “rightwing extremist,” then they are necessarily going to be spending less resources on individuals who are genuine threats.

## **THE CONGRESS**

**CONGRESSIONAL RECESS** – For a two week period that included Passover, Good Friday and Easter, Congress was in recess. But, there was no mention of "Easter Recess" at Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Internet site. There was also no mention at all of any kind of recess at the Internet sites of the Majority Leader nor the Majority Whip. Congress, according to the majority leaders, was just sort of not on Capitol Hill for two weeks, with no reason given at all. The majority Whip site did not even have a return date on the calendar posted there. Not even the Republican leaders used the term Easter. At Eric Cantor's Minority Whip site the two week absence was described as a "District Work Period; however, it did show the Passover and Easter dates. The recess ended on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **COURTS AND CULTURE**

**COLLEGE PUNISHES STUDENTS FOR PRAYING** - A California college has been sued by two students because they were threatened with suspension when one prayed and the other happened to be there with her. The College of Alameda made it clear to both students that no prayers were allowed on campus, not even by students on their free time. A lawsuit has been filed in the case.

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND PORN** - A triple X- rated porn film, Pirates II: Stagnetti's Revenge, was scheduled to show on Easter Weekend this year on the University of Maryland campus as part of an officially approved event. University officials had no problem with the hard core porn movie, which among other things showed abuse of women, until a state Senator intervened.

When Maryland state Senator Andrew Harris learned of the porn showing which included varying degrees of rape, group sex and violence, he took action. He introduced an amendment to a spending bill that would cut off funds to any public institution that allowed the showing of hard core porn. This changed the mind of University of Maryland officials, who then canceled the film.

All of this occurred during the week or so preceding Easter, and the showing of the porn was to have been on Easter weekend. The University of Maryland will not allow any public displays of "religious materials" during "Spring break."

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND PRAYER** – Same school, different issue. The student Senate of the University of Maryland voted to ban any prayer at the commencement service this year. The decision was made, perhaps, because those who prefer porn films on campus may have their feelings hurt by prayer. Once the news of the cancellation of a commencement prayer got out, the University's president, C. D. Mote, Jr., was forced to overrule the Senate because of the adverse publicity for the school.

**WHITE HOUSE EASTER EGG HUNT --** Did homosexual and lesbian parents participate with their children in Easter egg hunts at the White House during the Bush Administration? The answer is yes. The number of "gays" who may have brought children to the Bush White House is unknown because no one asked; there was no requirement for a parent to reveal sexual "orientation" in order to bring a child.

But President Barack Obama set an actual quota system that denied some children entrance into the annual Easter egg hunt at the White House because their parents are not homosexuals or lesbians. This is what liberals do not understand: setting quotas to assure representation of members of one certain group, denies access to members of other groups. By setting aside a block of slots just for the children of homosexuals and lesbians, President Barack Obama has made it clear that their group is more important than all other groups of people such as Catholics, Jews, Chinese, or whatever.

**A FINAL EASTER ITEM** - Just after the politically correct egg hunt, the White House admitted they had ordered religious symbols to be covered during an Obama teleprompter event at Georgetown University. President Obama read from teleprompters at the Catholic school a few days after Easter. It was obvious that tarps had been placed to hide something in the background behind President Obama. University spokesman Andy Pino said, "In coordinating the logistical arrangements for the event, Georgetown honored the White House staff's request to cover all of the Georgetown University signage and symbols behind the Gaston Hall stage." The White House has been forced to confirm the University's account of events.

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