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US State Department Sponsored Training of ISIL Terrorist

Washington (Dispatches) – The US State Department has confirmed that an ISIL terrorist who calls for terrorist attacks against the United States in a new online video was trained on American soil by Blackwater.

Officials told CNN on Saturday that Colonel Gulmurod Khalimov, a former head of Tajikistan's special forces, took part in counterterrorism courses as part of a program sponsored by the State Department.

Blackwater Worldwide, which is now known as Academi and is based in McLean, Virginia, is the most notorious private security firm that had operated in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In his online video, Khalimov appears in black ISIL clothing with a sniper rifle and a bandolier of ammunition, claiming that he attended programs on American soil three times.

State Department spokeswoman Pooja Jhunjhunwala confirmed his claims.

“From 2003-2014 Colonel Khalimov participated in five counterterrorism training courses in the United States and in Tajikistan, through the Department of State's Diplomatic Security/Anti-Terrorism Assistance program,” said Jhunjhunwala.

The program trains candidates from participating countries in the counterterrorism techniques, so they can fight terrorists.

The terrorist was trained in crisis response, tactical management of special events, tactical leadership training and other related issues, according to a State Department official.

Khalimov says in the video that what he witnessed during his training in the US turned him against Washington.

“Listen, you American pigs: I've been to America three times. I saw how you train soldiers to kill Muslims,” he says in Russian. “You taught your soldiers how to surround and attack, in order to exter-



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minate Islam and Muslims.”

The ISIL terrorists, who were initially trained by the CIA in Jordan in 2012 to destabilize the Syrian government, now control large parts of Iraq and Syria.

Since last year, the US and some of its allies have been carrying out airstrikes against ISIL inside Iraq

and Syria.

On February 19, the United States and Turkey inked an agreement to train and arm what they call “moderate” terrorist in Syria.

The Pentagon has deployed hundreds of Special Forces to the Middle East to train “moderate” terrorists to fight ISIL terrorists.

‘Saudi Arabia, ISIL Plotting to Kill Prisoners in Eastern Province’

RIYADH (FNA) – The Saudi security forces have told prisoners' families in Eastern province that ISIL has threatened to kill the prisoners held in Al-Sharqiya prison in an operation in the near future and “they can't do anything about it”.

Prisoners' families said the security officers have claimed in a meeting with them in Al-Sharqiya (Eastern) province that they do not have sufficient power to prevent or stand against any such operation by the ISIL.

Asked why they do not protect the Saudi prisons against ISIL's threat, the security sources have responded that “we want to, but we cannot because of ISIL's power”.

“The officers' tone suggested very clearly that they intend to kill a large number of dissident prisoners with the help of the ISIL,” the families said.

One of the most famous prisoners of the Al Saud is prominent Shiite Cleric Sheikh al-Nimr Baqer al-Nimr who is facing execution amidst domestic and international opposition.

The Al Saud regime has engaged in large-scale arrests to defy popular demands in the mostly Shiite-populated al-Sharqiya region.

Nimr was attacked and arrested in the Qatif region in July 2012. His arrest sparked widespread protests in the kingdom, leaving

several people dead.

There have been numerous demonstrations in Saudi Arabia's oil-rich Eastern Province since 2011, with the protestors calling for political reform and an end to widespread discrimination. Several people have been killed and many others have been injured or arrested during the demonstrations.

The Persian Gulf monarchy has come under fire from international human rights organizations, which have criticized it for failing to address the rights situation in the kingdom. Critics say the country shows zero-tolerance toward dissent.

In January, Joe Stork, the deputy director of the Middle East and

North Africa division for Human Rights Watch, slammed Saudi Arabia's crackdown on activists in the kingdom.

“Saudi Arabia should free imprisoned activists and take other concrete, visible steps to show the government is willing to improve its abysmal rights record,” Stork said.

Stork also questioned the election of Saudi Arabia as a member of the Human Rights Council in November last year, saying that Riyadh has a record of repression and its membership is not warranted.

Saudi Arabia is an absolute monarchy that does not allow any election.

Syrian Army Continues Fight Against Terrorists in Aleppo

DAMASCUS (FNA) – Informed sources in the Northern battlefields confirmed that the Syrian Army has staged fresh rounds of operations against the terrorists' gatherings in Aleppo city and its countryside.

The sources told the FNA that concentration centers of the ISIL Takfiri terrorists in the surrounding areas of the Air Force Academy on Raqqa highway were raided by the army men, who forced the fighters to retreat from the battlefield.

Takfiri terrorists' hideouts in al-Shakif area and Haritan town and Anadan city were massively targeted by the army, said the sources, adding that several terrorists were killed in the operations.

In Aleppo city, the army attacked the terrorist gatherings in the neighborhoods of al-Sheikh Lutfi, al-Marjeh, al-Salhiyeh, Al-Lararamoun, the old city of Aleppo, Hanano, Bustan al-Bacha, al-Halk, al-Jandoul and Be'din.

On Saturday, the Syrian army thwarted a massive attack by the ISIL terrorists to take control of several strategic towns and townships in Northern Syria.

The Takfiri terrorists attacked a number of towns in the vicinity of the strategic city of Souran in Aleppo, but were repelled by the army.

Over 20 ISIL terrorists were killed by the army on the outskirts of Souran and nearby towns and townships as they were trying to enter

the city.

The Syrian forces also attacked the ISIL's positions in Tal Maled village near the same city.

Syria has been grappling with a deadly crisis since March 2011. The violence fuelled by Takfiri groups has so far claimed the lives of over 210,000 people, according to reports. New figures show that over 76,000 people, including thousands of children, lost their lives in Syria last year.

Gaza-Bound Humanitarian Aid Vessel to Arrive in Spain

MADRID (Dispatches) – A vessel carrying much-needed goods for the people in the Gaza Strip is set to arrive in Galicia, Spain, on its way to the besieged Palestinian territory in an attempt to break the Zionist blockade.

Marianne, which is part of Freedom Flotilla III and is transporting a limited cargo of solar panels and medical equipment for the people in Gaza, is expected to dock in the municipality of Bueu on Saturday, Palestinian Ma'an news agency reported.

The Scandinavian trawler that set sail from Sweden on May 10 will make a stop in Spain on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the brutal Zionist assault on the Freedom Flotilla.

The Zionist troops attacked the flotilla in high seas in the Mediterranean Sea on May 31, 2010, killing nine Turkish citizens, including a teenager with Turkish-American citizenship, and injuring about 50 other people who were part of the team on the six-ship flotilla. A 10th individual died after four years in a coma.

Marianne will join other ships heading to Gaza in “a peaceful, nonviolent action to break the illegal and inhumane blockade of the Gaza Strip,” the Freedom Flotilla Coalition (FFC) said in a statement.

The statement added that the boat would carry a crew of five people as well as “up to eight delegates as passengers in each section of the route,” with the delegates to be announced along the way.

The Palestinian news agency, meanwhile, said Ana Maria Miranda Paz, a member of the European Parliament, is expected to be one of the passengers when Marianne leaves Galicia for Portugal.

Moncef al-Marzouki, the former president of Tunisia, is also expected to take part in the third Freedom Flotilla.

Over 2,140 Palestinians, mostly civilians, including women, children and the elderly, were killed in the Israeli onslaught on Gaza. Around 11,000 others were injured. Meanwhile, Palestinian media reports said that the Spanish government will provide no assistance to the mission, and it only receives aid from human rights groups in a show of solidarity with the Palestinians.

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power to the fugitive former Yemeni president, Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi, who is a close ally of the Riyadh regime.

Referring to a final nuclear agreement between Tehran and the six global powers, Shamkhani said Iran would not sacrifice the content of a possible deal in order to just meet a June-end deadline.

Shamkhani questioned the calls to inspect Iran's military sites, saying they are just desperate attempts to justify the unlawful sanctions placed against Iran.

Negotiators from Iran and the P5+1 group of countries – the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia plus Germany – are seeking to finalize a comprehensive deal on Tehran's nuclear program. The two sides have set July 30 as the deadline for the final deal.

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due to gravel along the pass. But U.S. officials said there was no gravel on the road where the accident occurred. According to the newspaper, some Haute Savoie officials were with Kerry at the time, including the head of the region.

Kerry's regular plane was returning to the United States carrying much of his staff and reporters who accompanied on the trip.

The secretary of state planned to fly back late Sunday aboard a plane with special medical equipment “to ensure he remains comfortable and stable throughout the flight,” Kirby said. “Its use is nothing more than a prudent medical step on the advice of physicians.”

Kerry's cycling rides have become a regular occurrence on his trips. He often takes his bike with him on the plane and was riding that bicycle Sunday.

During discussions in late March and early April between world powers and Iran, Kerry took several bike trips during breaks. Those talks were in Lausanne, Switzerland, and led to a framework agreement.

Kerry had been in Geneva for six hours of meetings with Iranian Foreign Minister Muhammad Javad Zarif on Saturday as the sides now work to seal a comprehensive accord by June 30.

The prospect of a lengthy rehabilitation could hamper the nuclear talks and other diplomatic endeavors. Even if Kerry does not need surgery, it was not immediately known when he could fly again after returning to the United States.

Kerry has been the lead negotiator

in several marathon sessions with Iran going back to 2013. The injury could affect other potential trips, such as one to the Cuban capital to raise the flag at a restored U.S. Embassy.

As for the current trip, Kerry had planned to travel to Madrid on Sunday for meetings with Spain's king and prime minister, before spending two days in Paris for an international gathering to combat IS.

He will participate in the Paris conference remotely, Kirby said.

Kerry decided to seek treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital because the fracture is near the site of his earlier hip surgery, Kirby said.

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the city from the northeast, in an operation its commanders claim to be planning and leading. Meanwhile, a push to flank Ramadi from the south-east is dominated by Kitaeb Hezbollah.

At the Iraqi army base in Habbaniyah, about 20 miles from Ramadi, Maj. Gen. Qasim al-Muhammadi, the head of Anbar Operations Command, explained that the Iraqi army and the militias are fighting “side by side”. Outside, Kitaeb Hezbollah flags flew just feet from his office.

Although army commanders in Anbar say they are still leading the fight, militiamen contend otherwise. Tribal forces in the area are also being armed, with 800 fighters attending an enrollment ceremony in Habbaniyah last week. But they complain that the process has been slow.

“We liberated this area five days ago, and now the army is helping us hold the ground,” said Zaid Ali Sudani, a turbaned Kitaeb Hezbollah fighter from Basra in southern Iraq, who was guarding a defense line last week near the village of Ankour, south of Ramadi. “We wish the army could be at the same level as the (popular mobilization units),” he said. “In reality, they are much weaker.”

The fall of Ramadi has damaged Iraqis' confidence in the United States.

Disillusionment with the U.S. government is evident in Habbaniyah. Falih al-Essawi, deputy head of Anbar's provincial council, was waiting to meet the army chief Thursday. He was still seething about the fall of the city.

“I was the first ally of the United States in Anbar,” he railed. “But the big man lied and said Ramadi wouldn't fall.”

Anbar had two choices on an ally, he said — the United States or Iran.

“We chose America, we chose a strong country, but we were wrong,” Essawi said.

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me out of Your magnanimity and relieve me of my misdeeds with Your forbearance and pardon! Enfold me this night in Your abounding magnanimity and appoint me therein among Your protégés, Whom You have chosen for Your obedience and elected for Your worship, making them Your dedicated servants and elect! O Allah, appoint me to be among those whose efforts prosper, whose share of good deeds is plentiful, and appoint me among the blameless and the blessed, the triumphant and the felicitous. Save me from the evil of my past conduct, and preserve me from advancing in deeds of disobedience to You! Endear me to Your obedience and what brings me near to You and enables me to draw close to You! My Master, those who flee take refuge in You and those who are seekers entreat You, and those who repent from their sins trust Your magnanimity! You have educated Your servants by honouring them, and You are the most munificent of the munificent! You have commanded Your servants to pardon, and You are the All-forgiving and the All-Merciful! O Allah, do not deprive me of my hope in Your magnanimity; do not disappoint my hope in Your abounding blessings; do not disappoint me from Your generous dispensations in this night meant for those who obey You, and shield me from the evil ones from amongst Your creatures! My Lord, if I am not worthy of that, You are surely magnanimous and worthy to pardon and forgive! Be generous to me by virtue of that which is worthy of You, not for reason of what I deserve! I certainly have a good opinion of You, a convinced hope in You, and my soul clings to Your magnanimity, for indeed You are the Most Merciful of the merciful and the Most Munificent of the munificent! O Allah, assign to me a handsome share of Your munificence! I seek protection in Your pardon from Your punishment. Forgive me the sins that make me wretched and tighten my provision, so that I may be able to earn the best of Your approval, be blessed with the plenty of Your gifts, and prosper with Your abounding blessings. For indeed I have taken refuge in Your sanctuary, presented myself for Your munificence, sought protection in Your pardon from Your punishment, and in Your forbearance from Your wrath! So grant me generously what I have asked You and give what I have requested You! I beseech You by You, and there is nothing greater than You!”

“Then bow down in prostration and say “Ya Rabb” 20 times, “Ya Allah” 7 times, “la hawla wa la quwwata illah-billah” 7 times, “Masha’ Allah” 10 times, and “la quwwata illah-billah” 10 times. Then invoke “Salawat” or blessings on the Prophet and his Progeny. Then make your petition. By God, should you make petitions as numerous as the drops of rain, God, Almighty and Glorious, will answer them by virtue of this observance out of His boundless Grace and Munificence!”