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IN 2010 GOLDMAN SACHS WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT FINANCING OF THE TERRORISM

Following the request to check the calendar electronic Breuer, official US Department of Justice, has shown that he and some managers of the Goldman Sachs met on March 5th, 2010 the Public prosecutors . David N. Lawrence was there as well as the Chief of the business intelligence division of Goldman. The meeting was not about the destabilizing role played by the company on the stock market by entering "toxic" assets, but extended to the financing of the terrorism and money laundering, the purpose lied in sharing and developing an effective system of money laundering prevention.

SOURCE : www.nytimes.com

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POLICE SUSPECT SMUGGLING FROM TERRORIST GROUPS IN LYBIA

Alessandro Pansa the Italian Chief of Police told the Committee of Constitutional Affairs about the possible links between terrorist organizations and human trafficking. "Terrorist organizations in Libya are involved in the management of human smuggling. But we have no evidence to say that the terrorists are boarded "

SOURCE: www.internazionale.it

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AGENCY DOUBLES REPORTED INCIDENTS OF POSSIBLE TERROR FINANCING

Canada's financial intelligence unit has reported an increase in suspected terrorist financing cases, partly due to the growing number of investigations into Canadians planning to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant overseas.

SOURCE: www.thestarphoenix.com

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EU MUST PREVENT TAX FRAUD FROM FINANCING TERRORISM

Two US citizens of Somali origin were recently prosecuted for using their federal student loans to fund trips to the Middle East in order to join Isis. They used their financial aid to 'invest' in travelling to Europe, from where they headed to Syria via transitional points like Turkey and Greece.

SOURCE: www.theparliamentmagazine.eu

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DOES FEAR OF TERROR – FINANCE CASES DRIVE BIG BANKS FROM RISKY REGIONS?

Big banks believe that lawsuits alleging that they are financing terrorism cause "de-risking," and the banks are warning that this is a bad development. What are they talking about?

SOURCE: www.bloomberg.com

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LIBERIA: GIABA LAUDS MONEY LAUNDERING FIGHT, TERRORIST FINANCING

Liberia scored high marks at the just ended Giaba plenary in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast from May 18-23 by commending its significant steps in the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing in the country. Giaba is the inter-governmental action group against money laundering and terrorist financing in West Africa.

SOURCE www.allafrica.com

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ISLAMIC STATE CAN BE DEFEATED ONLY BLOCKING ITS MAIN FUNDINGS SOURCES.

Sputnik N. GHIGUERAS, journalist and in ASIA and Middle East affairs specialist affirms that the Islamic State can be only defeated blocking its main fundings sources. Saudi Arabia is one of these.

SOURCE : www.mundo.sputniknews.com

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TEEN PLEADS GUILTY TO HELPING FRIEND JOIN ISLAMIC STATE

A 17-year-old pleaded guilty to terrorism charges for helping another teen travel to Syria to join the Islamic State. Ali Shukri Amin of Manassas (Virginia) pleaded guilty to conspiring to provide material support to terrorists in federal court in Alexandria. Amin used a blog on twitter to provide instructions on how to use the virtual currency Bitcoin to send funds to jihadists. Before his arrest, Amin was an honor student at Osbourn Park High School.

SOURCE: www.lufkindailynews.com

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REPORT: UK'S TELEGRAPH TARGETED QATAR OVER HOTELS.

A London based news website has reported the Britain's Telegraph's owners are caught in a conflict of interest about the newspaper campaign accusing Qatar of financing terrorism. The Middle East Eye website, claim that the "Stop financing terrorism" campaign coincided with the efforts of his owners to buy some five-stars hotels that even the Qatar Investment Authority want to but. Qatar reject the accusation of financing terrorism while the Telegraph has denied the claim of Middle East Eye.

SOURCE: www.aljazeera.com

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UNITED STATES: TREASURY DEPARTMENT ISSUES COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF US MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORIST FINANCING RIS

On June 12th, For the first time in a decade, the U.S. Treasury Department has released its own money laundering and terrorist financing Risk Assessments, which may both set a strategic framework for future AML regulatory developments and establish a baseline expectation for financial institutions' own AML risk assessments.

SOURCE: www.mondaq.com

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NEW JERSEY MAN IS CHARGED WITH PLANNING TO AID ISIS

A 21-year-old New Jersey man was charged on Thursday with planning to travel overseas to support the Islamic State, the latest in a string of arrests targeting young men in the New York City region who are suspected of sympathizing with the terrorist group. The man, Samuel Rahamin Topaz, of Fort Lee, was being held without bail after appearing in Federal District Court in Newark on charges that he conspired "to provide material support and resources" to the Islamic State.

SOURCE: www.nytimes.com

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ISIS-IMPOSED FUEL EMBARGO THREATENS SYRIA'S MEDICAL CENTERS

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Islamic State fighters are preventing fuel shipments from reaching rebel-held parts of northern Syria, causing severe shortages that are grounding ambulances, paralyzing medical centers and shutting down bakeries, according to antigovernment activists and aid workers. Adding to the misery, international aid groups said, the forces of Syria's president, Bashar al-Assad, are targeting medical centers in opposition areas, killing some workers and forcing facilities to shut down. The fuel shortages highlight how more than four years of war in Syria have ravaged the economy and allowed the warring parties to use the country's scarce resources as a vise to squeeze their enemies. Since the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, seized oil-rich regions in Syria's north and east, it has used the output to finance its efforts to build an Islamic caliphate that straddles the Syria-Iraq border.

SOURCE: www.nytimes.com

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WHO ARE YOU CALLING ROGUE?

Despite the efforts of international community to contrast the terrorism financing and the money laundering phenomenon, many "rogue states" are reacting in the legal way to fight their inclusion in the infamous "blacklists" all across the world. Sometimes they are also winning their battle.

SOURCE: www.economist.com

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IRAN STILL SUPPORTING TERRORISM, STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS

In Friday 20th the State Department has published its annual report on terrorism. Despite the distension in the bilateral relations between US and Iran, thanks to the diplomatic efforts on the Teheran nuclear issue, the State Department has accused Iran to continue his “terrorist related” activities especially in the Iraqi-Syrian area.

SOURCE: www.nytimes.com

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EU TO LAUNCH COUNTER – TERRORISM TRAINING PROGRAMME ACROSS EAST AFRICA

The European Union said it will offer counter-terrorism training to help east African security agencies improve cross-border investigations and prosecutions in a region hit by deadly raids carried out by Islamist militants. The new programme, to be implemented later this year or early 2016 across Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda and Yemen, will cost 11 million euros (\$12 million) over five years, an EU official said on Wednesday.

SOURCE: www.uk.reuters.com

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GERMANY FILES TERROR CHARGES AGAINST 4 PEOPLE FOR SUPPORTING SYRUAN REBEL GROUP AHRAR AL – SHAM

German federal prosecutors say they have filed terrorism charges against four men on allegations they supported an ultraconservative Syrian rebel organization, Ahrar al-Sham. Prosecutors said Thursday that Lebanese nationals Kassem El R., 32 and Hassan A.S., 29, German Nuran B., 49, and Ali F., 30, who has dual Lebanese-German citizenship, have been charged with supporting a foreign terrorist organization.

SOURCE: www.foxnews.com

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IS TERROR FUNDED BY ARCHEOMAFIAS

The West would finance the Isis with the trade of archaeological heritage. The alarm is launched by scholars and experts of cultural heritage that have reconstructed the traffic of works starting from the destruction of which the same terrorist organization makes propaganda through videos launched on the net.

SOURCE: www.video.corriere.it

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**IS WASHINGTON FINANCING TERRORISM? ISLAMIC STATE (ISIS)
MERCENARY ADMITS GETTING FUNDS FROM US**

The Express Tribune, an affiliate of the New York Times, recently reported in an article titled, “Startling revelations: IS operative confesses to getting funds via US,” that another “coincidence” appears to be contributing to the so-called “Islamic State’s” (ISIS) resilience and vast resources. A recent investigation being conducted by Pakistani security forces involving a captured ISIS fighter has revealed that he and many fighters alongside him, received funds that were routed through the US.

SOURCE: www.armandoalejandro.blogspot.it

