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## NEW YORK WILL FACE BUS BOMBS, MTA SECURITY CZAR IS WARNING

*Oct 23, 2002 The New York Sun* reports: "Israel-style" suicide bus bombings are headed to New York. That's the word of Metropolitan Transportation Authority security chief Louis Anemone and Port Authority police chief Joseph Morris who made their assessments after a five-day trip to Israel.

'This stuff is going to be imported over here,' Mr. Anemone said. 'It already has, and I want people to sit up and take notice.'

The two chiefs had gone to Israel to learn about that country's counter-terrorism programs. Their comments were originally reported in the *Jerusalem Post*.

The MTA declined to make Mr. Anemone available for further discussion and the Port Authority cited 'security concerns' when it chose not to make Mr. Morris available to discuss his comments...

A senior law enforcement official said that while some problems have been corrected — more communication between the police and fire departments, for instance — there's only so much that can be done.

'There are only so many people we can keep our eyes on, only so many cars and trucks we can check,' this official said. 'It really is not a question of if but of when.' The official went on to say that the recent attack in Bali just adds to the concern. 'We've always looked beyond the obvious targets like Wall Street,' the official said. 'But what this attack did was remind us that we need to look at places like Lincoln Center and Broadway as possible targets.'

A federal law enforcement official agreed. 'It's not like softer targets like entertainment centers were being ignored,' the official said. 'But the attack in Bali reminded everyone that anything is possible, so you have to be prepared.'..."



## ISRAELIS, PALESTINIANS DISCUSS DIVIDING JERUSALEM

*Oct 23, 2002 The Jerusalem Post* reports: "Israeli left wing activists and Palestinian officials met in Turkey over the weekend for a conference discussing ways of sharing Jerusalem. The meeting was organized by the Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information.

The three-day conference, held in Antalia, was attended by two Meretz members of the Jerusalem Municipal Council, Meir Margalit and Peppe Alalo. Other Israeli participants included Dr. Menahem Klein of Bar-Ilan University, a former member of the human rights organization B'tzelem, and lawyer Dany Zeidman, who has defended Palestinians in Israeli courts.

On the Palestinian side, the most prominent participant was Dr. Sari Nusseibeh, the PLO's man in Jerusalem, and several other Palestinian activists and Palestinian Authority officials.

*The Jerusalem Post* has learned that the Foreign and Defense Ministries barred their representatives from attending the conference. IPCRI had invited Israeli government officials to the conference, which discussed the possibility of dividing Jerusalem between Israel and a future Palestinian state.

There was a consensus at the conference on the need to divide the capital and hand over the Arab neighborhoods to the PA. They said this was the only way to achieve a just and everlasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians..."

## PIGS CREATED THAT CARRY HUMAN GENES

*Oct 22, 2002 The Associated Press* reports: "By manipulating swine sperm, Italian researchers have made a strain of pigs that carry human genes in their hearts, livers and kidneys, an advance that could lead to creating herds of pigs that could provide organs for transplanting into humans.

In a study appearing Tuesday in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, researchers at the University of Milan report they mixed swine sperm with human DNA to transfer a gene called decay accelerating factor, or DAF. The

modified sperm was then used to fertilize pig eggs and produce litters of pigs carrying the human gene.

'What we obtain at high efficiency and low cost is genetically modified pigs expressing the human protein,' said Dr. Marialuisa Lavitrano, a University of Milan researcher and first author of the study.

Lavitrano said 205 piglets in 20 litters were produced using the modified sperm technique and the human genes were present in 20 percent to 50 percent of the young. Tests showed that the human genes were present in the animals' central organs and that the human genes would be passed along to later generations of pigs.

Organs from the test animals are not ready for transplantation into humans because there are still pig genes that would cause the organs to be quickly rejected, Lavitrano said. But she added that the technique shows that by adding human genes to pig sperm it is possible to develop animals with organs that will not be rejected by the human immune system.

'They could be the starting point for new transgenesis (gene transfer) experiments,' she said..."

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## AL-QAEDA GLOBALIZES ITS JIHAD

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*Oct 21, 2002 Agency France-Presse* reports: "Al-Qaeda, the terror network whose followers are blamed for a fresh flurry of attacks in Yemen, Kuwait and Indonesia, is engaged in a 'global confrontation' with the United States, the strategy so dear to its chief Osama bin Laden, pundits said.

'Following the 1991 Gulf War, bin Laden declared jihad (holy war) against the United States, accusing it of occupying his native Saudi Arabia by deploying troops' in the kingdom after Iraq invaded Kuwait the previous year, said London-based Saudi dissident Saad al-Faqih. In a bid to galvanize his troops, bin Laden took a leaf out of the Hadeeth (sayings) of (Islam's) Prophet Mohammad, who from his deathbed called on the faithful to 'expel the infidels from the Arabian Peninsula,' said former Kuwaiti Islamist MP Abdullah al-Nafisi...

'When Americans did not take bin Laden's call for the departure of infidels from the Arabian Peninsula seriously, he went on to declare all-out war against America toward the end of 1997,' Faqih, who heads the Movement for Islamic Reform, told AFP...

'This all-out confrontation, which goes well beyond the initial goal of driving infidels from the Arabian Peninsula, is designed to mobilize the whole Islamic world against America and deal a blow to its image as a superpower,' Faqih explained.

Al-Qaeda's attacks have come against a backdrop of occasional statements attributed to bin Laden or his lieutenants denouncing the West's 'crusade' against Islam and threatening to strike at vital sectors of the US economy..."

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## CLERIC DEMANDS DEATH FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS

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*Oct 18, 2002 Charisma News Service* reports: "A high-ranking Iranian Muslim cleric has called for the death of three U.S. Christian leaders for insulting the prophet Muhammad. An Abrar, Iran newspaper reported that last Friday during a prayer sermon, Ayatollah Mohsen Mujtahed Shabestari called for the killing of Baptist preacher Jerry Falwell, evangelist Franklin Graham and Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson.

'U.S. leaders want to repeat the crusades,' Shabestari reportedly said, only referring to the three as 'the Israeli mercenaries' who needed to be 'separated from other Christians.' Meanwhile according to 'The Washington Post,' experts believe a recent series of disparaging remarks about Islam by Falwell, Graham and Robertson have sparked riots in India, helped religious parties win elections in Pakistan and undermined public sympathy in Islamic countries for the U.S. war on terrorism.

Falwell recently apologized for calling Muhammad, the founder of Islam, a 'terrorist' during a '60 Minutes' broadcast last month. But according to academic specialists, the damage has been done. 'Jerry Falwell makes a statement, he pleases his constituents, then he says he's sorry and apparently thinks that's the end of it,' said Akbar Ahmed, chairman of Islamic studies at American University, the 'Post' reported. 'What Americans don't realize is that remarks like this are flashed all over the Muslim world, and they are doing very serious damage to U.S. interests.'..."

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