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Somalia's Islamists yesterday declared war on Ethiopia after its troops attacked and briefly held a strategic hilltop town. Leading figures in the Union of Islamic Courts (UIC) called for an uprising against forces from neighbouring Ethiopia (The Independent). Western governments fear foreign jihadis will use Somalia as a battleground for Islam against the West (The Daily Telegraph). The Ethiopian government has so far denied having any military presence inside Somalia. (The Independent).

The United Nations High Commission for Human Rights office has called for an independent inquiry after it found up to 1,000 'Arab' militia mounted assaults on 45 villages and killed "hundreds" of black Africans near Buram in south Darfur in late August and early September (The Daily Telegraph). The UN is urging Khartoum to institute an independent national enquiry into the Buram attacks. UN investigators concluded that the Sudanese government almost certainly had prior knowledge of militia attacks (The Guardian)

Iraqi prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, has ordered an inquiry after an Iraqi police unit was reported to have been poisoned yesterday (The Daily Telegraph). Up to 400 officers were affected at the army and police training camp of Numaniyah, south of Baghdad (The Times). A military spokesman said that "internal sabotage" involving tampering with the food was the most likely cause and the four cooks who made the meal had been arrested (The Daily Telegraph).

Gunmen wearing military uniforms assassinated the brother of Iraq's Sunni Arab Vice President, Tariq al-Hashimi, in his home yesterday (The Guardian) The murder of Lieutenant-General Amr al-Hashemi was the third deadly attack on the Sunni family. Shia Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's condemned the killing as an "ugly, terrorist crime" (The Independent).

A new row erupted over after the airing on of a video showing young members of the anti-immigrant Danish Peoples' Party (DPP) holding a contest to draw images ridiculing the prophet (The Guardian) Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen condemned the DPP youth wing, saying "their tasteless behaviour in no way represents the way the Danish people or young Danish people view Muslims or Islam" (The Independent).

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The Daily Telegraph

News

Call for jihad as Ethiopian troops go into Somalia  
 Mike Pflanz

"Radical Muslims controlling much of southern Somalia yesterday declared jihad, or holy war, on Ethiopia after accusing its troops of capturing a town taken by the fundamentalists last month. The 750 Ethiopians were among forces loyal to the Somalia's weak, transitional president, Abdullahi Yusuf. They seized Buur Hakaba without firing a shot early yesterday. The Islamic Courts Union responded by stepping up their long-running threats to wage war with Ethiopia, which stands accused of sending thousands of troops into Somalia to defend Mr Yusuf's

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toothless administration."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/10/10/wsomalia10.xml>

Hundreds feared dead after gunmen attack Darfur villages

David Blair

"The scale of the latest fighting in Darfur was laid bare yesterday when the United Nations found that gunmen allied to Sudan's regime raided 45 villages and killed "hundreds" of black Africans in the space of a few days.

The attacks were a small part of a new offensive by Khartoum's Arab-dominated regime against Darfur's black African rebels in late August.

The onslaught in the Buram area of Southern Darfur province was documented by the UN's High Commission for Human Rights. It found that up to 1,000 gunmen from the Arab Habbania tribe struck the villages and forced 10,000 people to flee."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/10/10/wdarfur10.xml>

Cooks held in prison after poison in food leaves 400 Iraqi police in agony

Oliver Poole

"An Iraqi police unit was reported to have been poisoned yesterday.

Up to 400 officers suffered breathing difficulties and severe pain in their limbs after eating their evening meal.

Although the case is still being investigated, the four cooks who made the meal were arrested."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/10/10/wiraq10.xml>

Mystic's mission: find kidnapped Israeli soldier

Tim Butcher

"The Israeli armed forces have resorted to using a medium to try to locate the corporal who was spirited into Gaza by Palestinian militants on June 25 and who has not been heard from since.

Despite covering every inch of the Gaza Strip with surveillance drones and having an extensive informer network, Israeli intelligence has failed to yield the whereabouts of 20-year-old Cpl Gilad Shalit."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/10/10/wisrael10.xml>

Comment

Why I wore a veil when I met John Paul II

Christina Odone

"...You shouldn't wear the veil, [Jack Straw] told the Muslim woman constituent who came to see him with her concerns. She had come to petition her representative, but received instead a sartorial diktat. The Leader of the House couldn't help her as she was, he explained: her veil made for crossed wires and bad communication; it separated her from people like him.

How she must have gawped under her veil. Every day she comes across obese folk whose protruding naked stomachs and builder's bums make her avert her eyes; youths with multiply-pierced ears, noses and belly buttons; sinister gangs sporting hoodies, shaved heads, offensive tattoos. Is communication with these citizens really easier?..."

[http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?xml=/opinion/2006/10/10/do1003.xml&sSheet=/opinion/2006/10/10/ixopinion.html)

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Letters

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The Financial Times

News

## Boycott of Israel will fail, lecturers warned

Jon Boone

"A boycott by UK lecturers of universities in Israel will succeed only in isolating academics who are critical of their government's policies towards the Palestinians, the Israeli education minister warned yesterday.

The comment from Yuli Tamir, who is visiting London, comes as Israel attempts to counter a growing boycott movement by academics around the world."

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/11deeb30-57fb-11db-be9f-0000779e2340.html>

## Fierce satire and hijab lead to clashes over Ramadan soap operas

Heba Saleh

(This article requires a subscription to view)

"...The Saudi satirical series Tash Ma Tash, a Ramadan staple for 14 seasons, has this year angered conservatives by taking on the religious police who tour the kingdom's public spaces ensuring that women are adequately covered, the sexes do not mix, and shops shut down for prayers..."

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/3b9e4d1c-57fb-11db-be9f-0000779e2340.html>

## Gulf oil producers set to keep purchasing dollar assets

Richard Dean

"Gulf oil producers will continue buying dollar-based assets with their windfall revenues, but not all the money will flow into the US, according to Mohsin Khan, director of the IMF's Middle East and Central Asia department.

Gulf oil producers including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates will record current account surpluses of \$239bn (EUR190bn, £128bn) this year, rising to \$259bn in 2007, a new IMF report says."

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/d10d5ea8-57ae-11db-be9f-0000779e2340.html>

## Darfur attacks spark UN call for inquiry

Frances Williams

"The United Nations human rights office on Monday called for an independent enquiry into a series of attacks in late August by armed militia supported by the Sudanese government that may have left hundreds dead in south Darfur.

The call followed a report by the human rights office putting the death toll far higher than the 38 it originally estimated."

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/fc2c3cc0-57aa-11db-be9f-0000779e2340.html>

## Editorial Comment

No veil on debate - Constructive discussion of multiculturalism is welcome

"...In the light of "home grown" Islamic terrorism in Europe, and evidence that some immigrants feel alienated by western society, academics and politicians are rightly thinking how to adjust the compromise on which a multicultural society is based.

That compromise means neither forcing immigrants to abandon their culture nor the acceptance of separate communities living in the same land. It must be built instead on universal acceptance of some basic principles: democracy, the rejection of violence, and equality of gender, sexuality, race and religion. But multiculturalism also needs trust, and that requires different communities to meet each other and communicate..."

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0626611e-57fc-11db-be9f-0000779e2340.html>

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The Guardian

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## Muslims angry at new Danish cartoons scandal

-World body complains of rising intolerance in west

- Video shows youth group ridiculing Muhammad

Brian Whitaker and agencies

"The world's largest international Muslim body complained of shrinking tolerance in the west yesterday as a new row erupted over Danish cartoons mocking the prophet Muhammad. The 57-nation Organisation of the Islamic Conference said in a statement: "Muslims have noted with concern that the values of tolerance are eroding and there is now shrinking space for others' religious, social and cultural values in the west.""

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/cartoonprotests/story/0,,1891649,00.html>

Sunnis change names to avoid Shia death squads

Peter Beaumont and Mohammed al-Ubeidy

"Lurking in the small ads on page 10 of Al Taakhi newspaper was an announcement that Umar Salman wished henceforth to be known as Samir Salman. It was among many similar notices of submissions to the office of national identity requesting name changes.

The reason is not fashion or whim; it is because in Iraq these days your name can bring death. How dangerous a name Umar has become was revealed in April when Baghdad police discovered 14 corpses of young men, killed and dumped by the death squads. All were Sunnis shot with a single bullet to the head and left on a garbage heap.

One other thing united them in life as in death: their first names were Umar. And now other Umars are fearful."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,,1891560,00.html>

Vice-president's brother killed by Iraqi gunmen

Sinan Salaheddin

"Gunmen wearing military uniforms shot dead the brother of Iraq's vice president, Tariq al-Hashimi, yesterday - the third sibling the Sunni Arab has lost to violence this year.

Lieutenant General Amir al-Hashimi, a defence ministry adviser, was killed at his home in north Baghdad, the ministry said. His death came five months after the vice president's sister and another brother were shot dead within two weeks of each other in the capital."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,,1891558,00.html>

UN official: Khartoum knew of Darfur militia raid

Jonathan Steele

"The Sudanese government almost certainly had prior knowledge of militia attacks in Buram, south Darfur, in which several hundred people may have died, Louise Arbour, the UN human rights commissioner, said yesterday. The attacks, described in a 15-page report as "massive in scale and carried out over a few days", started in late August.

Scores of families were separated in the panic to escape, and many children are missing. The raids emptied some 47 villages and were carried out by between 300 and 1,000 armed men from the Habbania tribe of camel herders, from three African groups, the report says."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,,1891572,00.html>

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The Independent

News

Anti-Muslim video sparks new outrage against Denmark

Stephen Castle

"Danes have been warned against travelling to a number of Muslim countries after the release of a video showing young members of an anti-immigrant party mocking the Prophet Mohamed.

Images drawn by members of the youth wing of the Danish People's Party, and shown on television and the internet, were condemned by Islamic leaders in Egypt and Indonesia, threatening to reawaken the furore over cartoons published last year in Denmark."

<http://news.independent.co.uk/europe/article1826296.ece>

## Gunmen assassinate Iraqi Vice-President's brother

Sinan Salaheddin

"Gunmen wearing military uniforms assassinated the brother of Iraq's Sunni Arab Vice-President in his home yesterday - the third sibling the official has lost this year to the country's violence.

Also yesterday, a car bomb ripped through a market in a Shia district of Baghdad, killing 10 people and wounding 26. Eleven Iraqi soldiers were kidnapped in an attack on a checkpoint in Sadr City, another Shia district."

[http://news.independent.co.uk/world/middle\\_east/article1826309.ece](http://news.independent.co.uk/world/middle_east/article1826309.ece)

## Somali Islamists accuse Ethiopia of invasion

Daniel Howden

"Somalia's Islamists have declared war on Ethiopia and accused the country of launching a full-scale invasion after its troops attacked and briefly held a strategic hilltop town yesterday, according to witnesses.

Leading figures in the Union of Islamic Courts (UIC), a loose-knit alliance that now holds sway over much of the war-torn east African country, called for an uprising against forces from neighbouring Ethiopia, after troops arrived in the town of Bur Haqaba."

<http://news.independent.co.uk/world/africa/article1826283.ece>

## Letters

### Uneasy meetings with veiled women

<http://comment.independent.co.uk/letters/article1826308.ece>

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## The Times

### News

#### Race attack on Muslim after July 7 ceremony

Steve Bird

"A WHITE Muslim convert was spat on and racially abused in front of her young children as they travelled home after attending a commemoration of the victims of the July 7 terror bombings.

Michelle Idrees, dressed in a traditional burkha, was targeted by a father and his two sons as she travelled on a Thameslink train travelling out of London. She was returning to her home in Luton, Bedfordshire, when Charles Adams called her a "Muslim bitch" before spitting on her face."

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,22989-2396423.html>

#### General is third of Sunni leader's siblings shot dead

James Hider

"GUNMEN stormed the home of the Iraqi Vice-President's brother yesterday, killing him and several of his guards and abducting his son.

The murder of Lieutenant-General Amr al-Hashemi was the third deadly attack on the Sunni family. Tariq alHashemi's sister, Maysoun, was killed in April in a drive-by shooting; his brother, Mahmoud, was shot dead two weeks earlier."

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,7374-2396075,00.html>

#### Hundreds of police are poisoned by bad meat

James Hider

"HUNDREDS of Iraqi policemen were poisoned and up to seven were reported dead yesterday after eating rotten meat at their base's mess hall.

The defence ministry said that about 400 were affected at the army and police training camp of Numaniyah, near the town of Kut, south of Baghdad. Officers at the base said, however, that about

1,300 fell ill soon after eating a meal on Monday night to break their daily Ramadan fast."

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,7374-2396073,00.html>

#### Comments

Let's draw a veil over Mr Straw

Rajnaara Akhtar

"WITH ONE ARTICLE in a local newspaper, Jack Straw has built up the walls of ignorance and division ever higher.

A Muslim community that has been on the defensive for years is now finding itself facing a barrage of criticism about the way it chooses to express its faith; jeopardising its basic right of religious freedom."

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,6-2396039,00.html>

Tehran's secret war against its own people

Peter Tatchell

"The persecution of Ahwazi Arabs and the takeover of their land has led to accusations of 'ethnic cleansing'

"NEVER AGAIN" is, I fear, a phrase that we may hear again all too soon - but too late to warn people, let alone save lives. Under the cover of secrecy the fundamentalist regime in Tehran is waging a sustained, bloody campaign of intimidation and persecution against its Arab minority. These Arabs believe that they are victims of "ethnic cleansing" by Iran's Persian majority."

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,6-2395978,00.html>

#### Letters

Lifting the veil on intolerance and oppression

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,59-2395869,00.html>

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<http://www.caabu.org/index.asp?>

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