

## A New Hieromartyr in Syria



Abducted by Western-armed Islamist terrorists, the body of an Orthodox priest, Fr Fadi Jamil Haddad, was found on 25 October in Jaramana, a suburb to the north of Damascus. He had been scalped and his eyes gouged out, making it clear that the most atrocious torture had preceded his death.

He had been priest at St Elias Church at Qatana, not far from where he had been abducted on 19 October. It appears that his kidnappers had demanded a ransom of 50 million Syrian pounds, nearly £500,000, for the priest before they martyred him. It was impossible to find such a huge sum. The Orthodox Church (Patriarchate of Antioch, which is headquartered in Damascus) is by far the biggest Christian Church in Syria with some 500,000 members. It is mainly to be found in Damascus and the west of the country.

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According to new reports, the CIA is now weekly shipping into Syria large quantities of arms from stocks in Libya as well as transporting Islamic terrorists from Saudi Arabia and Qatar of many nationalities, including Libyans, Saudis, Yemenis, Iraqis, Afghans, Kosovars and Chechens. Many of these terrorists are being trained by Western Special Forces in a camp in NATO-controlled Turkey. Recently, however, a Western-supplied mortar was fired by these same Islamic terrorists into Turkey, killing civilians. Some say that the American ambassador to Libya was also killed by Western explosives on 12 September. In this way Western policies may backfire, just as they did when the CIA armed and trained anti-Soviet Afghans, then called 'freedom-fighters, now called 'insurgents', thus founding Al-Qaida.

The Turkish government now fears an uprising from its own millions of Kurds, who have received great power in Iraq since the killing of Saddam Hussein. Many Kurds also live on the Syrian side of the border. The destabilisation of the Middle East and the virtual civil wars in progress in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and now in Syria, with the possibility that the conflagration will spread to countries as diverse as the Lebanon, Tunisia, Egypt, Mali and Iran, are now concentrating the minds of the peacemakers. Arab conspiracy theorists blame US- and EU-backed Israel which is, they say, trying to divide and rule the Middle East. They also point to the fact that Mormonism, the religion of the Republican Presidential candidate Romney, considers that Mormons are a lost tribe of Israel and are great friends of Zionism.

Meanwhile Metropolitan Hilarion of Volokolamsk, leaving the historic Conference of bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia in London (18-22 October), has been speaking at the United Nations in New York, stressing the urgency of the situation. He recalled that over 90% of Christians in Iraq had been massacred or had been forced to flee Iraq since the Western Invasion and Occupation nine years ago. He said that the situation for Christians throughout the Middle East, virtually unreported by the Western media, was now very grave.