## Arab Spring Run Amok: 'Brotherhood' Starts Crucifixions

## **Opponents of Egypt's Muslim president executed 'naked on trees'**



The Arab Spring takeover of Egypt by the Muslim Brotherhood has run amok, with reports from several different media agencies that the radical Muslims have begun crucifying opponents of newly installed President Mohammed Morsi.

Middle East media confirm that during a recent rampage, Muslim

<u>Brotherhood operatives</u> "crucified those opposing Egyptian President Muhammad Morsi naked on trees in front of the presidential palace while abusing others."

<u>Raymond Ibrahim</u>, a fellow with the Middle East Forum and the Investigative Project on Terrorism, said the crucifixions are the product of who the Middle Eastern media call "partisans."

"Arabic media call them 'supporters,' 'followers' and 'partisans' of the Muslim Brotherhood," Ibraham said.

Ibrahim also says the victims can be anyone, including Egyptian Christians.

"It's anyone who is resisting the new government," Ibrahim said. "In this particular case, the people attacked and crucified were secular protesters upset because of Morsi's hostile campaign against the media, especially of Tawfik Okasha, who was constantly exposing him on his station, until Morsi shut him down."

Ibrahim said extra brutality is reserved for Christians, but the crucifixions are because of Islamic doctrine and are required by the Quran. The time and other details about the crucifixions were not readily available.

Center for Security Policy <u>Senior Fellow Clare Lopez</u> cited chapter and verse from the Quran to explain that crucifixions are not simply normal for Islam, they're demanded.

"Crucifixion is a *hadd* punishment, stipulated in the Quran, Sura 5:33, and therefore an obligatory part of Shariah," Lopez said. "It's been a traditional punishment within Islam since the beginning, even though it's not exclusively Islamic. The Romans used it too.

"So, the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood haven't the option to *not* include crucifixion within their legal code. It's obligatory to comply with Shariah. And yes, it's for shock value also to be sure," Lopez said.

Lopez includes a warning for Egypt's Christians and compares the coming treatment of the Christians to the Jews in Germany...

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