

ISIS Declares Inauguration Day Will Be 'Bloody Friday'

While campaigning earlier this year, President-elect Donald Trump said he would, immediately after taking office, call on his generals to put together a plan to destroy ISIS "within 30 days" of his inauguration.

The radical Islamist group offered its own threat over the weekend, declaring Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, will be "Bloody Friday" in the U.S. *The Express* newspaper in the U.K. is now reporting that U.S. special forces are on alert and the intelligence community is investigating the claims:

And the Islamic terror organization is reported to have recruited a number of new English-speaking operatives in recent months in a major bid to communicate messages ahead of the event.

U.S. special forces will be on high alert when Mr. Trump takes over as 45th president of the United States on Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, in Washington.

But security analysts have been following communications between members of the group who are planning large-scale attacks on that day, it has been claimed.

According to reports, ISIS has expanded production of special editions of official videos with English subtitles in recent weeks and with a view to reinforcing targets on U.S. soil.

And their ISIS-linked Amaq Agency Telegram channels have resumed posting on social networks after they went temporarily offline following a terror attack in the U.S. last Monday.

The Express doesn't provide any information about its sources. The U.S. is currently involved in the fight to take back the northern Iraqi city of Mosul from ISIS fighters. The organization had claimed the city as the capital of the Islamist state. {eo}