US officer arrested for mass murder plot

Hasson is being held on drug charges and for unlawfully possessing firearms and ammunition

Washington, United States

US Coast Guard officer who espoused white supremacist views and drafted a target list of Democratic politicians and prominent media figures has been arrested on firearms and drug charges.

Christopher Paul Hasson, an admirer of Norwegian mass murderer Anders Breivik, was trial arrested last week and a pow-

"The defendant intends to ernmental conduct," Hur said. murder innocent civilians on a scale rarely seen in this coun- charges and for unlawfully pos- himself as a White Nationalist sentence for the July 2011 mastry," US District Attorney Robert sessing firearms and ammuni-Hur said in a motion seeking tion. that Hasson be detained until



This undated image released by the US Attorney's Office shows weapons seized at the Silver Spring, Maryland, home of US Coast Guard officer Christopher Paul

erful arsenal seized from his terrorist, bent on committing covered from Hasson's aparthome, according to court docu- acts dangerous to human life ment in Silver Spring, Maryments unsealed on Wednesday. that are intended to affect gov-

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said 15 firearms and over 1,000 "The defendant is a domestic rounds of ammunition were reland, along with illegal drugs.

In documents seized by the authorities, Hasson "identified The US Attorney's office establish a white homeland," the youth camp.

US Attorney's office said.

Hasson routinely perused portions of the "Breivik manifesto" on amassing firearms and compiling a list of targets,

Among those listed as targets were Democratic House speaker Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Senate minority leader Chuck Schumer and other Democrats in the House and Senate.

Media personalities included CNN's Don Lemon and Chris

Hasson, a lieutenant in the US Coast Guard working at US Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, is a former US Marine who also spent two years in the US Army National Guard.

Hasson was remanded in custody and is to appear in court before a court in Greenbelt, Maryland.

Breivik is serving a 21-year for over 30 years and advocated sacre of 77 people, most of them for 'focused violence' in order to teenagers who were attending a

Trump bars US-born woman who joined IS from returning



Hoda Muthana, a 24-year-old woman from Alabama with her son. (Courtesy of Guardian)

Washington, United States

President Donald Trump is about. We have one of the greatest legal systems in the ring a US-born former Islamic State propagandist from by it." returning home, making the highly unusual case that she is not a US citizen.

24-year-old Hoda Muthana said she was brainwashed by Europeans to repatriate their own Islamic State fighters and will likely face legal challenges, with US citizenship extremely difficult to lose.

has "instructed" Secretary of State Mike Pompeo "not to an American one. allow Hoda Muthana back into the country" -- a break with usual US protocol not to comment on individuals' immigration issues.

US citizen and will not be admitted into the United States," Pompeo said in a terse statement.

"She does not have any legal to travel to the United States,"

its soil and the Alabama-raised I would cause my country Muthana is believed to have would be hard for me to really

But a US official said a later h e investigation showed that she had not been entitled to her passport, adding: "Ms. Muthana's citizenship has not been revoked because she was never a citizen." Officials declined further

comment but in a loophole that could boost the government case, Muthana's father had been a diplomat from Yemen -- and children of diplomats are not automatically given citizenship. Muthana's lawyer, Hassan

Shilby, showed a birth certificate that demonstrated she was born in New Jersey in 1994 and said her father had ceased being a diplomat "months and months" before her birth. "She is a US citizen.

She had a valid passport. She may have broken the law and, if she has, she's willing to pay the price," Shilby told AFP at his office in Tampa.

He said Muthana wanted due process and was willing to go to prison if convicted.

"We cannot get to a point where we simply strip citizen-

world, and we have to abide **US-born and radicalized**

Muthana, raised in a strict Trump's refusal to admit household in Hoover, Alabama, comes just as he is pressing social media messages and headed to Syria without her parents' knowledge in 2014.

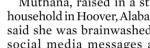
ship from those who break the law. That's not what America

herself and three other women Trump said on Twitter he who appeared to torch their Western passports, including

She went on to post vivid calls on social media to kill Americans, glorifying the ruthless extremist group notorious for its beheadings that "Ms. Hoda Muthana is not a for a time ruled vast swathes of Syria and Iraq.

But with the Islamic State group down to its last stretch of land, Muthana said she has renounced extremism and basis, no valid US passport, no wants to return home with right to a passport, nor any visa her toddler son, born to one

The US generally grants cit-words, any pain that I caused izenship to everyone born on my family and any concerns traveled to Syria on a US pass- express properly," she said in a handwritten note to



Shortly afterward, Muthana posted on Twitter a picture of

of her three jihadist husbands. "To say that I regret my past



11 wounded in central China knife attack

Beijing, China

ple with a knife after attacking and students. Victims were re- passers-by. random pedestrians in central ceiving medical treatment and China, local authorities said an investigation was underway, ing man motivated by personal yesterday.

The suspect, a 33-year-old central Jiangxi province.

Citing Guo's family, local au-

While none of the injuries stabbing his girlfriend and her said local police.

Earlier this month a man who injured 12 others in a busy Beiman named Guo Kaibin, is suspected his wife of commitalready in police custody, acting adultery stabbed eight peocording to a social media notice ple to death and injured seven liced capital. posted by police in Ji'an, a city in others in a village in the northwest province of Gansu.

thorities said that the attacker killed after a man went on a security around schools. had a history of mental illness. rampage in southern China,

man with a history of men- were life-threatening, those at- relatives before ramming a car A man with a history of men-were me-unreatening, those at least solution and attacking tacked included auxiliary police into pedestrians and attacking

And in February a knife-wieldgrievances killed a woman and jing shopping mall -- a rare act of violence in the heavily po-

Attacks have also targeted schoolchildren in the past, Last August six people were forcing authorities to increase man killed nine middle school



Representative picture

children and injured at least 10 In April, a knife-wielding others in northern China.

Lantern festival



People jumping over a bonfire during an event to celebrate the Lantern Festival, which marks the end of Lunar New Year celebrations, in Haikou in China's

southern Hainan province.