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- House Speaker Paul Ryan accused Clinton of 'fear mongering'
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'They are saying, 'Please Allah. Make Trump president of America,' she said in excerpts of an interview with Israeli Channel 2 today.

The Democratic nominee took aim at Trump's critical comments about Muslims, saying he has played into the hands of ISIS supporters.

She referred to an essay written by Matt Olsen, the former National Counterterrorism Center director, who has argued that by making the Muslim religion a campaign issue, Trump has given jihadists a great gift.



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House Speaker Paul Ryan accused Clinton of 'fear mongering.' Clinton defended herself Thursday morning at a news conference

'So, I am not interested in giving aid and comfort to their evil ambitions,' Clinton said in the interview, vowing to defeat the extremist group. 'I don't want them to feel as if though they can be getting more recruits because of our politics.'

House Speaker Paul Ryan accused Clinton of 'fear mongering.'

'That's demagogic scare tactics. I don't even know how you can credibly make the claim to begin with,' the Wisconsin Republican said during an interview on 'The Hugh Hewitt Show,' a conservative talk radio program.

Clinton said Thursday morning at a news conference that, 'Republicans are just in a terrible dilemma trying support a totally unqualified nominee.

'I have no sympathy for them. It's their nominee. But I'm not gonna tolerate them continuing to make misleading, inaccurate accusations and putting out misinformation about me,' she said.

The Democratic candidate invoked Olsen, who she said is a 'distinguished counterterrorism expert' and said the extremists 'hope that Allah delivers America to Trump.

'The have said that they hope that he is the president because it would give even more motivation to every jihadi,' Clinton contended.

Olsen 'knows more about this,' she said, 'than the Republicans trying to somehow muddy the waters.'

The interview, set to air Thursday night on Israeli Channel 2 TV, comes as both candidates worked to tout their national security credentials just two months ahead of the election. Clinton also defended President Barack Obama's nuclear deal with Iran as one that is good for the Jewish state.

Clinton has said in the past that the ISIS terrorist group has used footage of Trump in its recruitment efforts. Trump has previously said Clinton and President Barack Obama were 'founders' of ISIS.'

After seven years of rocky relations between Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Clinton took the opportunity to reach out to the Israeli public. She said the US-led international nuclear deal with Iran will serve to ensure Israel's safety.

Netanyahu bitterly opposed the deal, even traveling to Washington to lobby Congress to oppose it. He says it leaves too much of Iran's nuclear program intact and will pave the way for the Islamic Republic to develop the capability to make a nuclear bomb in the coming years.

Trump has vowed to 'dismantle' the deal.

'I believe with all my heart that putting a lid on Iran's nuclear weapons program has made Israel safer; has made the region safer; prevented a nuclear arms race,' Clinton said.



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The Democratic White House candidate said the deal 'does not in any way' excuse Iranian behavior, such as its support for militant groups like Hezbollah and Hamas and development of long-range ballistic missiles.

'But we are in a stronger position than we would have been to deal with this other malicious behavior because of the nuclear agreement,' she said.

Clinton also took a jab at Trump, who has said she doesn't look presidential.

'He looks at a judge and doesn't see a distinguished federal judge, but the son of Mexican immigrants,' she said. 'He looks at an anchor woman and thinks 'bimbo'. He looks at a reporter with a disability and mocks him. So, the only person he thinks looks presidential is the person he sees in the mirror every day.'

She expressed concerns that his rhetoric could encourage violence.

'But, I'm also not going to be bullied or intimidated by the kind of rhetoric and demagoguery coming from the Trump campaign,' she said.



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