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## EX-MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF ZE'EVY WARNS OF IMPENDING WORLD JIHAD 'TSUNAMI'

*May 15, 2006* Haaretz.com reported: "Former Military Intelligence chief Aharon Ze'evi warned Monday morning of an impending world jihad "tsunami" that he said may soon descend on the entire Middle East. Ze'evi, speaking at a Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies conference in Tel Aviv University, said that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has been overheard promising the "end of history in two or three years."

Ze'evi recommended that the Iranian threats be taken seriously, saying that Tehran will soon have nuclear warhead compatible surface-to-surface missiles with a range of 5,000 kilometers, putting Europe within striking distance. Ze'evi also warned that Israel should not rule out the possibility of a conventional war against Islamic militants. Ze'evi said he foresees this war breaking out on Israel's northern frontier, against Syria and Hezbollah.

Emphasizing the radicalization of Islamic militancy, Ze'evi cited recent changes in the objectives of major militant organizations, which have recently begun targeting sites in Arab countries. "We are seeing attacks carried out in Amman, Dahab and Sharm el-Sheikh," said Ze'evi.

He cited the increased accessibility of Internet in the Arab world as facilitating the process, saying, "Today, anyone who is interested can learn how to blow up a bomb."

Major General (Res.) Ze'evi stepped down as chief of Military Intelligence about four months ago, and was replaced by Major General Amos Yadlin."

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## MUBARAK DENIES ACCESS TO U.S. LEADERS

*May 18, 2006* The Middle East Newline reported: "President Mubarak has been steadily denying access to U.S. leaders. Western diplomatic sources said Mubarak has refused to respond to requests by U.S. leaders to discuss their concerns. The sources said the Egyptian president has been angered by constant U.S. criticism of his regime.

"Mubarak is ailing and has less patience to deal with criticism," a diplomatic source said.

Since 2003, Mubarak has refused to visit Washington, a departure from a 25-year tradition of annual trips to the United States. The sources said Mubarak concluded that he did not want to face criticism by Congress over Egypt's human rights record. Egypt receives \$1.3 billion in annual U.S. military aid, the largest such assistance after Israel..."

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## JIHAD PREPARES ROCKET FOR MASS PRODUCTION

*May 18, 2006* The Middle East Newline reported: "Palestinian insurgents have been testing indigenous versions of a Russian-origin short-range rocket in preparation for mass production.

Israeli military sources said Islamic Jihad has been test-firing indigenous version of the BM-21 Grad rocket from the northern Gaza Strip. The sources said the Grad was being tested for range and accuracy.

"We believe Islamic Jihad, probably with Hamas, has been developing and producing prototypes of the Grad," a military source said. "We know they have the expertise and the equipment to produce the rocket."

So far, the Grad rocket has been fired three times from the northern Gaza Strip into Israel. The last time was on Tuesday, when the rocket landed in a chicken coop in an Israeli kibbutz along the border with the Gaza Strip. Nobody was injured..."

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## FIVE INDONESIAIS DIE OF BIRD FLU

*May 17, 2006* BBC News reported: "Five more people have died from bird flu in Indonesia, the World Health Organization has confirmed. The deaths of the five brings Indonesia's bird flu death toll to 30.

Four of the people who died lived in northern Sumatra and were from the same family. The WHO has sent a team to the area to investigate.

An Indonesian health ministry official told Reuters news agency there was no evidence of human-to-human transmission in the latest cases of the H5N1 virus.

In the cluster of cases in northern Sumatra, up to eight members of a family in Kubu Simbelang village, about 50km (30 miles) south of Medan, could be involved. Tests are still being carried out to see whether sick relatives also have bird flu. Scientists are

investigating the cause of the outbreak.

"The spread was through risk factors from poultry or other animals. There is no proof of human-to-human," a health ministry official, Nyoman Kandun, told Reuters. But the agency also quoted an Indonesian agriculture official who said that possibility could still not be ruled out.

"There is a big question mark. Blood samples from all kinds of animals from chickens, ducks, geese, birds, pigs, cats and dogs turned out negative so far. Manure has also been checked. The result is negative," he said.

The outbreak is worrying for officials because it occurred on the island of Sumatra, whereas most cases so far have been recorded in Java."..."

### **IRAN: EU OFFER 'WALNUTS FOR GOLD'**

**May 17, 2006** CNN reported: "Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has rejected a possible European offer for incentives, including a light-water nuclear reactor, in return for giving up uranium-enrichment program.

"We don't need incentives," Ahmadinejad said on state-run TV. "They cannot stop our progress by offering us incentives."

"Do you think you are dealing with a 4-year-old child to whom you can give some walnuts and chocolates and get gold from him?" Ahmadinejad added, according to The Associated Press.

The Iranian leader's comments came in the midst of reports that Britain, France and Germany were putting together a tentative incentives package that would include a light-water nuclear reactor in exchange for Tehran giving up uranium enrichment.

Light-water reactors are more difficult to use in the development of weapons than are heavy-water plants that produce more nuclear material.

Iran has ignored a U.N. Security Council demand that it stop enrichment activities or face possible sanctions.

On Tuesday, Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said Iran was open to any proposal to resolve the nuclear issue as long as it acknowledges its legal and inalienable right to pursue nuclear energy under the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), according to the state-run Islamic Republic News Agency."..."

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### **ISRAEL TO DISCUSS GAZA INVASION WITH BUSH**

**May 12, 2006** The Middle East Newline reported: "Prime Minister Ehud Olmert plans to present President George Bush with a military proposal that calls for the Israeli invasion of the Gaza Strip.

Officials said the military's General Staff has been drafting Israeli contingencies to Palestinian missile fire from the Gaza Strip for discussion in the United States over the next two weeks. They said the proposals would be presented during the visit by Olmert to Washington in late May, where he was scheduled to meet Bush and senior administration officials.

"The most burning and critical problem is 'Hamastan' in the Gaza Strip," Amos Gilad, the director of the Defense Ministry's political-military division, said.

Gilad was referring to the Israeli assessment that Hamas has established in the Gaza Strip what officials term an Islamic terrorist regime similar to that of Afghanistan in the 1990s. Officials said such a Palestinian entity would endanger the interests of the United States as well as such regional allies as Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia..."

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### **CHINA DENIES HAVING WEAPONS AGENTS IN US**

**May 18, 2006** Reuters reported: "China has no covert agents in the United States trying to buy military gear on its behalf, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Thursday.

"The so-called allegations that China is conducting intelligence collection on military or science and technology in the United States are purely fictitious," spokesman Liu Jianchao told a regular news conference. "Chinese military trading enterprises will never buy any military products from clients who cannot provide legal and effective documents," he said.

A Taiwanese man who worked as a sales representative for the Pentagon's biggest supplier pleaded guilty on Wednesday to plotting to ship to China advanced U.S. weapons, including an F-16 fighter engine and nuclear-capable cruise missiles.

Ko-Suen Moo, 58, represented Bethesda, Maryland-based Lockheed Martin Corp., the industry-leading U.S. defense contractor, in Taiwan for more than 10 years, the company said.

He also pleaded guilty in federal court in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to being a covert agent for China, U.S. law enforcement officials said.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Defense Department singled out China as having the greatest potential among major and emerging powers to compete militarily with the United States over coming decades."