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## US: HEZBOLLAH HAS MORE MISSILES THAN MOST STATES

*May 25, 2011* YnetNews.com reports: "Hezbollah is armed with more missiles and rockets than most states, according to outgoing US Defense Secretary Robert Gates. In a speech to the American Enterprise Institute, Gates warned against the Shiite group's arming methods and the possibility that it owns chemical and biological weapons, CNN reported Wednesday.

The US official made similar statements last year, but did not back them up with proof. 'Hezbollah cruise missiles could threaten US ships with anti-ship missiles with a range of 65 miles,' he added.



Two months ago, an Israeli security official provided the Washington Post with a map detailing no less than 550 bunkers, 300 surveillance sites and 100 other facilities the Jewish state believes belong to Hezbollah terrorists in Lebanon..."

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Repeating that the obstacle to peace is not the creation of a Palestinian State to which six successive Israeli Prime Ministers agreed, but the Palestinian acceptance of the existence of a Jewish State, Netanyahu called to Abbas to tell Palestinians clearly that Israel has a right to exist. Meanwhile, he said, incitement continues in PA school curricula, squares are named after terrorists and the only reward Israel got for leaving Lebanon and Gaza was 12,000 rockets fired at its children.

'Imagine a siren sounding and giving you 60 seconds to find shelter before a missile strikes. You couldn't live with that. No one can live with that,' he said emphatically, adding, 'Israel is not what is wrong in the Middle East. Israel is the only thing that is right in the Middle East.'..."

## HAMAS: OBAMA WILL FAIL IN FORCING US TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL

*May 23, 2011* Haaretz reports: " Hamas condemned U.S. President Barack Obama's speech to AIPAC on Sunday, saying it will not recognize Israel despite U.S. demands. In his second Mideast speech, Obama reaffirmed U.S. support for Israel and called on the Gaza-rulers to recognize Israel's right to exist, as well as free abducted Israel Defense Forces soldier Gilad Shalit. He also condemned the recent Fatah-Hamas reconciliation agreement.

Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri was quoted by Ma'an news agency as saying that Obama's speech showed the U.S. government will continue 'to support the occupation at the expense of the freedom of the Palestinian people.'

Moreover, Abu Zuhri emphasized that the U.S. 'will fail' in forcing Hamas 'to recognize the occupation.'..."

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The Prime Minister did not change any of his policies, and put paid to rumors that he was going to announce new concessions. He expressed his policies in down-to-earth and homey language that clearly enthused the legislators. U.S. Vice President Joe Biden was on the podium to receive him. U.S. President Barack Obama was on his way back to the United States from a visit to Ireland."...

Prime Minister Netanyahu remarked that the length of the Washington Beltway is larger than the width of the Israel that the Palestinian Authority demands, which would be only 9 miles, hardly "strategic depth"..

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The president has called for "land swaps," a concept that Prime Minister Netanyahu did not mention and one which has little chance of getting off the ground because Israeli Arabs have little interest in giving up their freedom and economic security as Israeli citizens.

The vast majority of Jews living beyond the 1949-1967 borders live in greater Jerusalem and greater Tel Aviv," the Prime Minister said in his address. "These areas and other places of historic, strategic and national importance will be incorporated into the final borders of Israel," he asserted."..."

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## **PUTIN DECIDES TO RETAKE PRESIDENCY**

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*May 23, 2011* The Australian reports: "Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has decided to run for the presidency next year, raising the possibility of a power struggle with his protégé Dmitry Medvedev, the incumbent Kremlin leader, say highly placed sources.

The once-close relationship between Mr. Putin, the tough-talking former KGB officer who has inspired a personality cult, and Mr. Medvedev, a softly spoken Twitter enthusiast, has become increasingly fractious amid speculation in Moscow that the younger man wishes to stand again. Insiders familiar with both leaders said Mr. Putin, who served eight years as president before becoming Prime Minister three years ago, had begun to lose confidence in Mr. Medvedev's loyalty.

Under the constitution, Mr. Putin's move to reclaim the presidency could see him rule for two consecutive six-year terms until 2024, when he will be 72. If so, he would have served as prime minister or president for 24 years in all.

The sources said recent criticism by Mr. Medvedev had made Mr. Putin suspicious. 'Putin will run for president. He's made up his mind for good. Rumours that he's still weighing his options are false,' said one source.

'There's mounting tension between Medvedev and Putin. The view in Putin's camp is that Medvedev has started behaving with too much arrogance and wants to challenge him. Putin is starting to doubt his loyalty.'

The Russian constitution allows the president to serve no more than two consecutive terms. Mr. Putin stepped down in 2008 and handed the reins to Medvedev on the tacit understanding that he could come back next year if he wished."..."

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## **PAKISTAN OFFICERS TAUGHT ANTI-US COURSES: LEAKED CABLE**

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*May 25, 2011* SpaceWar.com reported: "A leaked US diplomatic cable says that senior Pakistani military officers are taught anti-American courses at a prestigious defence university in the heart of the capital.

The cable, published in Dawn newspaper on Wednesday and obtained by WikiLeaks, is likely to fan concerns about loyalties within the military after Osama bin Laden was found living in a garrison city, possibly for years. Then US ambassador to Islamabad, Anne Patterson, wrote the cable in late 2008 in reference to the National Defence University in Islamabad.

Pakistan officially allied with the United States after the September 11, 2001 attacks in its war on the Taliban and Al-Qaeda, but has long been accused of playing a double game in supporting Islamist militant networks.

"Lecturers often 'teach' their students information that is heavily biased against the United States," she wrote. Instructors, she said, "often had misperceptions about US policies and culture and infused their lectures with these suspicions"... In contrast, "students and instructors were adamant in their approval of all things Chinese," she wrote.

Cash-strapped Pakistan has relied on \$18 billion from the United States since the September 11, 2001 attacks, when Pakistan officially ended support for Afghanistan's Taliban and agreed to work with Washington."..."



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