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KHAMENEI SAYS US, ISRAEL SEEK TO DIVIDE MUSLIMS

October 25, 2012 The Jerusalem Post reports: "Iran's most powerful authority, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on Thursday accused the United States and Israel of fomenting divisions among Muslims to undermine 'Islamic uprisings' across the Middle East.

'By exploiting inattention ... corrupt American, NATO and Zionist agents are trying to divert the deluge-like movement of Muslim youth and bring them into confrontation with one another in the name of Islam,' he said in an annual message to Iranians who have gone to Saudi Arabia for the haj pilgrimage.

'They are trying to turn the jihad against colonialism and Zionism into blind terrorism in the streets ... so that Muslims shed each others' blood.'

Officials in Shi'ite Muslim Iran often describe the 'Arab Spring' uprisings as an 'Islamic Awakening'. Some of those uprisings have brought Islamists to power, while others, notably in Syria and Bahrain, have pitted Sunnis against Shi'ites or Alawites, members of an offshoot of Shi'ite Islam..."



SUDAN TO UN: CONDEMN ISRAEL

October 25, 2012 Israel National News reports: "Sudan on Wednesday demanded that the UN Security Council condemn Israel after it accused the Jewish State of carrying out an air attack on a Sudanese weapons factory, AFP reported. According to the report, Sudan's UN envoy, Daffa-Alla Elhag Ali Osman, also accused Israel of involvement in the Darfur conflict. Sudan claimed that four Israeli aircraft fired missiles that hit a military factory and killed two people in Khartoum. Israel has not reacted to the allegations.

The explosion at the military factory in Sudan's capital before dawn Wednesday sent detonating ammunition flying through the air, causing panic among residents, the official news agency and local media reports said.

'Four Israeli aircraft invaded our airspace and perpetrated this heinous attack,' Osman was quoted by AFP as having told a UN Security Council meeting on the Darfur conflict. 'We reject such aggression and expect your esteemed council to condemn this attack because it is a blatant violation of the concept of peace and security' and the UN charter, the ambassador added. Israel was 'jeopardizing peace and security in the entire region,' he added..."

MUSLIM LEADER: MUSLIMS NEED TO 'LIBERATE' JERUSALEM

October 24, 2012 Israel National News reported "Sheikh Raed Salah, leader of the northern branch of the Islamic Movement in Israel, has once again urged the Muslim world to unite and work toward the liberation of Jerusalem from 'the Israeli occupation.'

Salah, who is currently in Saudi Arabia for the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, said that the message from 'Palestine' to Muslim pilgrims from around the world highlights the importance of unifying the lines so that the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds (the Arab name for Jerusalem) can be released from 'the Israeli occupation' and returned to the fold of Islam.

Salah also said that it is obligatory for every Muslim to love Palestine, the Al-Aqsa Mosque and Al-Quds, and said that the goal of the pilgrims who come from the Palestinian Authority is to raise awareness of the danger of the so-called 'Judaization policies' applied by Israel in Jerusalem.

'I expect that Muslims will visit Al-Aqsa and Al-Quds after the occupation disappears and we get rid of the last occupation that still exists in the world,' said Salah, in a speech translated by Arab affairs expert Dalit Halevi.

'This can only be achieved if all Muslims stand shoulder to shoulder and unite in extracting Al-Aqsa and Al-Quds from the despicable claws of the occupation,' he added..."

TEHRAN, BEIJING TO START JOINT VENTURES

October 23, 2012 The Fars News Agency reported: "Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Iran's Central Alborz province and China's Council to Promote International Trade inked an agreement on Tuesday to further boost implementation of joint venture projects by the two sides.

The agreement stressed expansion of mutual cooperation in economic and industrial areas. According to the agreement, the parties are to encourage local organizations from both countries to carry out joint investments and projects.

Encouraging bilateral trade cooperation as well as facilitating commercial, industrial and scientific cooperation between Iranian and Chinese private sectors were among major objectives of the agreement...

China, like Russia, has consistently opposed the US pressures on Iran and the West's economic sanctions imposed on the Iranian financial sector and petroleum products. China has refused to comply with US requests to decrease oil imports from Iran and instead has increased its trade with the country..."

IRAN, RUSSIA REITERATE POLITICAL SOLUTION TO SYRIA CRISIS

October 22, 2012 The Fars News Agency reported: "Senior Iranian and Russian foreign ministry officials renewed Tehran and Moscow's opposition to military intervention in Syria, and underlined the necessity for finding a political solution to the current crisis in the Arab country.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hossein Amir Abdollahian and Mikhail Bogdanov, the Russian deputy foreign minister for Middle-East, discussed the latest developments in Syria. During the meeting, Abdollahian said that Iran and Russia are reaching a closer view on Syria, and added, "The two sides have concluded that they should focus on a political solution to Syria."

The Iranian diplomat also called on all parties in Syria to help the implementation of truce in the crisis-hit country. Bagdanov, for his part, praised Iran's positive role in Syria and underlined that there is "no military solution" to the current crisis in Syria.

He underscored that continuation of the current trend in Syria would harm the interests of the regional countries and will cause the Syrian crisis to spill into the region. Bogdanov, heading a delegation, arrived in Tehran this morning upon an invitation by Amir Abdollahian.

Iran and Russia share almost the same views on Syria as both countries have repeatedly emphasized on the necessity to settle the Syrian crisis through diplomatic channels. Tehran and Moscow have recently doubled their efforts to settle the problems in Syria which has been experiencing unrest since March 2011 with organized attacks by well-armed gangs against Syrian police forces and border guards being reported across the country."

US HAS 'ZERO' INFLUENCE OVER ISRAEL, PALESTINIANS

October 22, 2012 SpaceWar.com reported: Former US president Jimmy Carter said on Monday that Washington had "zero" influence over Israel and the Palestinians to resolve their decades-long conflict, and its sway had dropped to the lowest level in 45 years.

Speaking on a tour of east Jerusalem with a group of former world leaders known as "The Elders," Carter said he was not optimistic that the United States could reassert its influence, and suggested that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had given up on the two-state solution.

"A major change lately has been the withdrawal of American influence" in the Israeli-Palestinian arena, Carter said, estimating it was the first time since the 1967 Six-Day War that Washington had not "played a major role" in trying to resolve the conflict.

"This is the first time that we've seen since 1967 that an American government hasn't played a major role," he said. "America now has... zero influence on either side and in fact has withdrawn our commitment to be the major negotiator" between the two sides, he said.

OBAMA TO ISRAEL: IRAN IS PILING UP FISSILE MATERIAL FOR 4-6 BOMBS - IN NATANZ TOO

October 19, 2012 Debka.com reported: "Barack Obama this week clued Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in on the latest US intelligence input confirming that Iran will have enough enriched uranium for 4-6 bombs by March 2013, debkafile reports from its Washington and intelligence sources. His update, which took place in the framework of quiet US-Israeli intelligence-sharing on the state of Iran's nuclear program, was Obama's first acknowledgment that sanctions and diplomatic pressure are not having any effect..."

It is now clear to his administration that Iran's leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei will press on toward a nuclear weapon capacity at any price - even if faced with a military threat. No pause is to be expected in Iran's drive to accumulate enough enriched uranium to fuel a nuclear bomb arsenal, while advancing at the same time along a second track toward a plutonium bomb.

This updated US intelligence included three more data:

1. Most of the enriched uranium for the 4-6 nuclear bombs is scattered in 20-percent grade form among different caches. When vice-presidential candidate Paul Ryan revealed Iran's possession of enough fissile material for five nuclear bombs during his debate with VP Joe Biden on Oct. 10, Biden waved the revelation away with contempt.

It is now confirmed by his boss, the president.

2. After completing the transfer of advanced centrifuges to the fortified underground site at Fordo, Iran is now ready to expand uranium enrichment at Natanz by doubling the number of centrifuges working there to 6,000. The new annex to house them, on which building began in March 2011, is almost finished.

3. The technological infrastructure for the rapid conversion of 20-percent enriched uranium to the 90-percent weapons grade is now in place. It is estimated in Washington that no more than two to three weeks will elapse between a Khamenei order for the conversion to begin, to the production of enough weapons-grade material for Iran to build its first nuclear bombs.

The US intelligence experts keeping track of Iran's program are sure they will know when that order is given.



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