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US: IRAN ANNOUNCEMENT WAKEUP CALL FOR DOUBTERS

November 15, 2006 YnetNews.com reported: "UN nuclear inspectors have found new traces of plutonium, a possible weapons material, in Iran, the UN atomic agency said in a confidential report that was unable to confirm that Tehran's nuclear program is peaceful. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report, obtained by AFP, also detailed how Iran is pressing ahead with research levels of uranium enrichment -- a process the West fears could be diverted to make a nuclear bomb.

Despite the threat of UN sanctions over Tehran's refusal to hold back its nuclear program, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced Tuesday that Iran eventually planned to install tens of thousands of uranium-enriching centrifuges to produce nuclear fuel.

The IAEA report said the agency is investigating traces of plutonium found in containers at a waste storage site at Karaj in Iran. Iran has been "requested to provide further clarification" of highly enriched uranium as well as plutonium particles found at Karaj and responded to this request on Tuesday, the report said.

A senior UN official told reporters that the Iranian response had come too late to be analyzed before an IAEA meeting next week in Vienna that will review the Iranian nuclear program. The official said an overall problem remains in getting full and timely Iranian cooperation with the IAEA investigation into its atomic program that began in February 2003.

Iran needs "to do more" to clear up "the ambiguities particular to some of the alleged military aspects of the program," the official said. According to the report, progress in this regard "is a prerequisite for the agency to be able to confirm the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear program."

Ahmadinejad announced Tuesday that the ultimate aim of Iran's atomic drive was to install some 60,000 uranium-enriching centrifuges to produce nuclear fuel.

In Washington, US State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the announcement was a "cold jolt" to doubters of Tehran's nuclear arms ambitions."..."

OLMERT URGES ARAB MODERATES TO UNITE AGAINST IRAN

November 15, 2006 YnetNews.com reported: "Prime Minister Ehud Olmert called on Tuesday for moderate Arab countries to unite against Iran and said the world must not wait any longer to thwart its nuclear ambitions. "We have reached the pivotal moment of truth regarding Iran," Olmert said in an address to American Jewish groups.

"If Iran achieves the ability to produce nuclear weapons, as we know it is seeking to do, we will enter a new era of instability unlike any the world has ever seen," he said. "We cannot afford to wait."

He said Israel "cannot tolerate those who challenge" its right to exist while actively seeking to develop "catastrophic weapons." But the Israeli leader stopped short of warning of any military moves against the Islamic Republic.

Olmert made the comments to the General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities of North America a day after White House talks with President George W. Bush in which both men took a tough line against Iran's nuclear program.

"A coalition of moderate Arab countries can and must unite their common interest in preventing Iran from undermining stability in the Middle East," he said, without naming those states.

"This coalition must struggle against the dangers of radical Islam that manipulate the very source of Islam itself."

Olmert praised Bush for taking the lead in "preventing Iran's nuclearization" and said he spoke with the president on the issue at length."..."

IRAN, SYRIA SEEK INTEROPERABILITY

November 15, 2006 The Middle East Newsline reported: "Iran and Syria have launched an effort to ensure military interoperability. Western intelligence sources said the effort was meant to ensure that the two militaries could coordinate attacks, share information and launch joint ground and missile operations. They said the effort began in 2005 and was formalized in a defense cooperation accord signed last November.

"The effort is being financed by Iran and is meant to ensure that a U.S. attack on Iran would be countered by attacks on the U.S. military presence in Iraq from both east and west," a source said.

The sources said Damascus and Teheran have invested in efforts to make their missile batteries interoperable. Iran and Syria operate medium-range Scud-class ballistic missiles, with weapons jointly produced."..."

AL-QAIDA PLOTTING NUCLEAR ATTACK ON UK, OFFICIALS WARN

November 14, 2006 The Guardian.co.uk reported: "British intelligence officials believe that al-Qaida is determined to attack the UK with a nuclear weapon, it emerged yesterday. The announcement, from an officially organised Foreign Office counter-terrorism briefing for the media, was the latest in a series of bleak assessments by senior officials and ministers about the terrorist threat facing Britain.

UK officials have detected "an awful lot of chatter" on jihadi websites expressing the desire to acquire chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear weapons. Asked whether there was any doubt that al-Qaida was trying to gain the technology to attack the west, including the UK, with a nuclear weapon, a senior Foreign Office counter-terrorism official said: "No doubt at all."

The official explained: "We know the aspiration is there, we know the attempt to get material is there, we know the attempt to get technology is there."

The warning comes after a speech last week by the foreign secretary, Margaret Beckett, on the terrorist threat facing the UK, and a rare public outing for Dame Eliza Manningham-Buller, the head of MI5, who warned that there were at least 30 active plots to attack Britain.

With new counter-terrorism measures to be unveiled in tomorrow's Queen's speech, the weekend saw Gordon Brown back an extension to the time for which terrorism suspects can be held without charge, beyond the current 28 days... For al-Qaida and jihadis, a devastating nuclear attack on Britain, not just the use of a "dirty bomb", would be part of the desire and agenda to cripple the west, sources said."..."

CHINESE SUBMARINE STALKS US CARRIER

November 14, 2006 SpaceWar.com reported: "A Chinese submarine approached a US aircraft carrier in the Pacific Ocean last month and surfaced within firing range of its torpedoes and missiles before being detected, The Washington Times reported Monday. The newspaper said the encounter highlighted China's continuing efforts to prepare for a possible future conflict with the United States despite the administration's efforts to try to boost relations with the Chinese military.

The submarine encounter with the USS Kitty Hawk and its battle group also is an embarrassment to the commander of US forces in the Pacific, Admiral William Fallon, who is engaged in an ambitious military exchange program with China, the report said.

Citing unnamed defense officials, the paper said the Chinese Song-class diesel-powered attack submarine shadowed the Kitty Hawk undetected and surfaced within five miles of the carrier on October 26...The surfaced submarine was spotted by a routine surveillance flight by one of the carrier group's planes, The Times said..."..."

NETANYAHU: IT'S 1938 AND IRAN IS GERMANY; AHMADINEJAD IS PREPARING ANOTHER HOLOCAUST

November 14, 2006 Haaretz News reported: "Drawing a direct analogy between Iran and Nazi Germany, Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu asserted Monday that the Iranian nuclear program posed a threat not only to Israel, but to the entire western world. There was "still time," however, to prevent Tehran from acquiring nuclear weapons, he said.

"It's 1938 and Iran is Germany. And Iran is racing to arm itself with atomic bombs," Netanyahu told delegates to the annual United Jewish Communities General Assembly, repeating the line several times, like a chorus, during his address. "Believe him and stop him," the opposition leader said of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. "This is what we must do. Everything else pales before this."



While the Iranian president "denies the Holocaust," Netanyahu said, "he is preparing another Holocaust for the Jewish state."

Speaking on Army Radio on Tuesday, Netanyahu hinted that Israel possesses the military capabilities necessary for curbing by itself the Iranian nuclear threat, declining to specify what these entail.

The Likud chairman said "I don't want to analyze the capability required to eliminate [the Iranian] threat, but this capability exists," when told by host Razi Barkai that Israel lacks the ability to eliminate Tehran's nuclear program by military means.

"This capability is eroded over time, and if we wait years then obviously this capability would not exist anymore ... but right now I disagree with the claim that nothing can be done against Iran," he added.

When asked if Bush could afford embarking on another "military adventure" after Iraq, Netanyahu said acting on the Iranian nuclear program would not be adventurous but necessary.

"... Israel would certainly be the first stop on Iran's tour of destruction, but at the planned production rate of 25 nuclear bombs a year ... [the arsenal] will be directed against 'the big Satan,' the U.S., and the 'moderate Satan,' Europe," Netanyahu said."..."

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