

WILL THE U.S. STRIKE



THIS is the burning question! The Iran issue is heating up. Tension in the Gulf region has raised fears that an attack on Iran is becoming increasingly likely - before President George W. Bush leaves office.

Not only is Washington disputing Iran's nuclear programme, senior US officials are accusing Tehran of supplying weapons to Shia insurgents in Iraq. President Bush's rhetoric on Iranian activity in Iraq, in particular, is causing concern and inflaming fears that a strike against Iran is in the making.

The new US Defence Secretary Robert Gates says the US is **not** planning a strike. "I don't know how many times the President, Secretary of State, and I have had to repeat that we have no intention of attacking Iran," he said. But many informed observers no longer put much credence on what comes out of Washington.

According to the *Jerusalem Post*, (Feb 10, 07), the London-based *Guardian*, quoting American intelligence sources, reported that "preparations for a US strike against Iranian nuclear sites are in 'advanced' stages - despite repeated denials by the US administration."

The strike could come early, but most likely it will take place next year, the *Guardian* suggested.

THE MILITARY BUILD-UP IN THE GULF



USS JOHN C STENNIS

The US has been building up its naval fleet – aircraft carriers, mine-sweepers etc, in the Gulf of Oman and Persian Gulf over the past year.

But the Bush administration says the build-up is aimed at “containing Iran” and forcing it into diplomatic concessions and into the giving up of its efforts to become a nuclear state. A nuclear armed Iran, the US believes, would upset the fragile balance of powers in the volatile region.

Iran continues to deny it is building nuclear weapons. But Israel, for one, remains convinced Iran’s belligerent leader President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is seeking a nuclear device to make good on in his vision of “wiping the Jewish nation off the face of the map.”

The Guardian quoted Vincent Cannistraro, a Washington-based intelligence analyst, who maintains: “Planning (for the strike) is going on, in spite of public disavowals by Gates. Targets have been selected, for a bombing campaign against nuclear sites; it is quite advanced. The military assets to carry this out are being put in place. We are planning for war. It is incredibly dangerous.”

A second US navy aircraft carrier strike group led by the *USS John C Stennis* arrived in the Gulf of Oman in February, doubling the US presence in the region.

PUTIN ADDS FUEL TO WAR EXPECTATIONS

President Vladimir Putin’s attack on the US at the recent Munich Conference for its “almost uncontained hyper use of force in international relations - a force that is plunging the world into an abyss of permanent conflicts,” has raised the stakes, as it becomes evident that Russia will oppose any strong US action on Iran.

A report in *whatdoesitmean.com*, Feb 13, had this alarming headline ...

**“PUTIN ORDERS RUSSIAN FORCES TO
ATTACK U.S. FORCES DURING IRAN
INVASION”**

The article by Sorcha Faal says that according to Russian military analysts, President Putin has issued orders to the Russian Interior Ministry to dispatch Special Force troops to Iran to protect Russian assets, including the Bushehr Nuclear power plant.

Analysts believe the orders to take action *“against any and all hostile forces,”* is “a direct threat to US and Israeli Forces currently massing for their planned attack and invasion of Iran.”

It is clear from Ezekiel’s prophecy (Ezekiel 38 and 39), that Russia will be allied with Iran and many other nations in “the end times,” and that the great northern confederation will invade Israel and the Middle East. This is an indication that Iran will not be wiped out before the world war. But there could be an attack from which it recovers, or a failed attack which will leave Iran intact, and thus able to fulfil its role in the prophesied world war.

IRAN IGNORES LATEST ULTIMATUM

Feb 26. 07. Iran ignored a February UN deadline to suspend its uranium enrichment program. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad compared Iran’s atomic drive to a “train with no brake or reverse gear.” (Maybe the run-away train needs to be derailed!)

US, British, French, German, Chinese and Russian officials began meetings in London today to discuss additional penalties against Iran. But UN diplomats cautioned that further measures would take weeks to reach agreement, and it would be mild at best.

Prophetically, there’s more in Scripture about Iran than about the US. Iran (Persia) is listed as a main Russian ally in the Tribulation world war. The USA is not mentioned anywhere!

Many prophecy teachers believe the US could be bankrupted soon, and will no longer be a superpower.

A big part of Europe will make up the Revived Roman Empire (The Beast) which will fight against The North, The South and The East in the Tribulation.

U.S. DEMOCRATS WARN BUSH ON IRAN

FEB 16, 07. Top Democrats in the US Congress have warned President Bush that he does not have the authority to go to war with Iran. The Democrats now control both houses of parliament.

The Democrat Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, acknowledged that Mr Bush has said he wants a diplomatic solution to the rift with Iran. “I take him at his word,” she said. But she also said that Congress should assert itself “and make it very clear that there is no previous authority for the president, any president, to go into Iran.” “There should be no more blank cheques” issued by Congress.

Republican House Minority Leader John Boehner criticised the Democrats’ attempts to derail Mr Bush’s plans for Iraq. “While American troops are fighting radical Islamic terrorists thousands of miles away,” he said, “it is unthinkable that the US

Congress would move to discredit their mission, cut off their reinforcements and deny them the resources they need to succeed and return home safely.”

5 GENERALS THREATEN TO RESIGN

Up to five US generals and admirals are reportedly willing to resign rather than approve what they consider would be a reckless attack (on Iran).

A generals’ revolt on such a scale would be unprecedented. “American generals usually stay and fight until they get fired,” said a Pentagon source.

The threat of a wave of resignations coincided with a warning by Vice-President Dick Cheney while visiting Australia, that all options, including military action, remained on the table. Mr Cheney was responding to a comment by British leader Tony Blair that it would not “be right to take military action.”

OR WILL ISRAEL GO IT ALONE?

This is the other question that’s in the air. If the US does not take action against Iran’s nuclear ambitions, will Israel, which is totally convinced that Mahmoud means what he says - that ‘Israel should be wiped off the planet’ - take action before it is too late?

‘PALESTINIANS’ PREPARE TO DEFEND IRAN

Feb 26, 07. Palestinian Arab terror bosses say they are actively preparing to unleash a major wave of violence against Israel and US interests in the Middle East in defense of their allies in Iran.

Speaking to *WorldNetDaily*, a senior *Islamic Jihad* commander said Tehran has ordered his group to “wreak havoc” on the Jewish state and any Americans within its reach should Israel or the US attack Iran’s nuclear facilities.

According to the terrorist leader, the attacks would come in the form of “suicide” bombings and massive rocket barrages from both the Gaza Strip and Judea-Samaria. If that scenario unfolds, Israel will likely find itself dealing with a major escalation of “Palestinian” terrorism as well as an all-out conventional assault by Syria, Hizb’allah and Iran.

These are the fruits of the “Oslo” peace process that transformed the “Palestinians” from a hostile but ill-equipped body of people into a conglomerate of heavily-armed, well-trained paramilitary terror groups.

“AHMADINEJAD IS WINNING”

JAN 26, 07. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is an evil man. But he is not a stupid man. Indeed, he is smart and fastidious. He understands power and how to get it. And he understands that the purpose of a nation’s foreign policy is to sell ideas and messages and to build coalitions that enable a state to achieve its national aims. Due to his understanding and his abilities, Ahmadinejad has achieved significant

success in advancing his policy aims of defeating the US, destroying Israel, and acquiring nuclear weapons.

The source of his frenetic motivation for destruction is his deep-seated and fanatical desire to hearken the arrival of the Shi'ite messiah — the twelfth imam or the Mahdi. Ahmadinejad promises that the arrival of the Mahdi will signal the enduring defeat of liberal democracy and the notion of human freedom and the eradication of Christianity and Judaism. All will be replaced by the “pure” Islam of the Mahdi, of Ahmadinejad and of the late Ayatollah Khomeini.

Over the past week evidence of Ahmadinejad's success was very evident. In late January, London's *Daily Telegraph* reported that Iranian-North Korean nuclear collaboration has reached new heights. Not only were Iranian scientists present at North Korea's nuclear test last October, according to the *Telegraph*, North Korean nuclear scientists are in Iran today assisting their Iranian counterparts in preparing a nuclear test that could take place by the end of the year.

This new information means that the timeline for Iranian acquisition of nuclear bombs has been shortened dramatically. If just months ago US intelligence officials claimed that Iran would not acquire nuclear weapons until 2011, and if just six weeks ago Mossad chief Meir Dagan told the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee that Iran needed 2 years to acquire the bomb, the report that Iran could test a nuclear weapon by the end of 2007 means that there's reason to fear Iran will have the means to launch a nuclear attack against Israel next year.

Moreover, recently there have been several reports that all Iran's nuclear facilities are working at full strength to increase uranium enrichment.

Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki's announcement Monday that 38 predominantly Western UN nuclear inspectors would be barred from returning to the country is yet another sign that Iran's nuclear efforts are being stepped up. As well, Iran's acquisition last month of advanced Russian Tor M-1 anti-aircraft missiles demonstrates that with Russian assistance, Iran is preparing seriously for war.

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