

GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS SPARKS UNREST

Feb 2/09. Here are some details of protests and developments as a result of the global financial crisis: in ... France, Russia, Madagascar, Iceland, Davos, Britain, Greece, Guadeloupe, Bulgaria, Latvia, and Lithuania.

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GERMANY SUGGESTS CREATION OF UN ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Jan 31/09. Calling for a shake-up of the global financial order, Germany's chancellor suggested at the World Economic Forum in Davos that a UN Economic Council may be needed to tackle global economic problems.

Pointing out that cooperation among international financial institutions has failed to protect the world against the worst financial crisis in decades, German Chancellor Angela Merkel called for the forging of a new charter.

"This may even lead to a UN Economic Council, just as the Security Council was created after World War II," she told the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Switzerland.

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BIBI WANTS BARAK, LIEBERMAN IN HIS GOVERNMENT

Feb 4/09. Likud Chairman, Benjamin Netanyahu (Bibi), tells close associates he wants Labor, Yisrael Beiteinu to join his government should he win elections. Earlier, Bibi praises Barak over Gaza war, and says Israel has no choice but to uproot Hamas from Strip

Netanyahu told his close associates that he will aim to bring both Ehud Barak and Avigdor Lieberman into his government should he win the upcoming elections.

Netanyahu, however, did not hold back on criticism of the government for "stopping the operation too soon", saying "It did not allow IDF soldiers to finish the job."

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NETANYAHU PROMISES TO TOPPLE HAMAS REGIME IF ELECTED

Feb 3/09. Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu on Tuesday promised that a government under his leadership would topple the Hamas regime in the Gaza Strip.

"[Kadima leader] Tzipi Livni and the people of Kadima scoffed at the predictions regarding rocket fire. A government under my leadership will overthrow the Hamas rule in Gaza and bring about a cessation of rocket fire," Netanyahu said during a tour of Ashkelon following the first Grad rocket attack since the conclusion of Operation Cast Lead some two weeks ago.

"The policy of blindness followed in the past years has brought us to this situation," Netanyahu continued. "Residents can no longer count on miracles and Kadima policy." More>

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