

NETANYAHU BACKS DEMILITARIZED PALESTINIAN STATE

June 14/09. In his highly anticipated foreign policy speech, PM Benjamin Netanyahu has called on Palestinian leaders to restart Middle East peace negotiations without preconditions.

"I call on you, our Palestinian neighbors, and to the leadership of the Palestinian Authority: Let us begin peace negotiations immediately, without preconditions," he said. "Israel is committed to international agreements and expects all the other parties to fulfill their obligations as well."

In an apparent reversal of Israeli policy, Netanyahu also declared that he was prepared to see the creation of a Palestinian state, so long as the international community can guarantee that **it not have any military capabilities**.

"Israel cannot agree to a Palestinian state unless it gets guarantees it is demilitarized," Netanyahu said. He also said that Jerusalem must remain the unified capital of Israel. During the speech, Netanyahu vowed that Israel would not build any new settlements and would refrain from expanding existing Israeli communities in the West Bank. Still, he said the government **must be allowed** to accommodate **natural growth in these settlements**.

The prime minister said he was prepared to meet with the leaders of neighboring Arab countries at any time, to promote regional peace and to gain their contribution to the Palestinian economy.

Netanyahu reiterated that Israel has no desire to control the Palestinian people, and declared that both nations should be able to live side by side in peace. "We want both Israeli and Palestinian children to live without war," Netanyahu said, but added: "We must ask ourselves - why has peace not yet arrived after 60 years?"

Israel would not accept any situation in which it was forced to exist beside a terrorist state. Every withdrawal from settlement territories would contribute to such terror, said Netanyahu.

The prime minister also said that Palestinians must accept Israel as a Jewish state, and cited the root of the regional conflict to "even moderate" Palestinian elements' refusal to do so. "When Palestinians are ready to recognize Israel as a Jewish state, we will be ready for a true final settlement," the prime minister said.

He emphasized that the Jewish people have been linked to the land of Israel for over 3,000 years and ruled out the option of granting Palestinians refugees the right to settle within Israeli borders.

<http://www.haaretz.com/hasen/spages/1092710.html>

WHERE NETANYAHU'S SPEECH FAILED

Binyamin Netanyahu laid out his vision to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In brief, it's a fine speech, making many needed points, but it fails on the critical point of prematurely accepting a Palestinian state.

Here are some of the high points, important statements eloquently articulated:

- "The greatest danger confronting Israel, the Middle East, the entire world and human race, is the nexus between radical Islam and nuclear weapons."
- "the root of the conflict was, and remains, the refusal to recognize the right of the Jewish people to a state of their own, in their historic homeland."
- "The closer we get to an agreement with [the Palestinians], the further they retreat and raise demands that are inconsistent with a true desire to end the conflict."

- "The claim that territorial withdrawals will bring peace with the Palestinians, or at least advance peace, has up till now not stood the test of reality."
- "Palestinian moderates are not yet ready to say the simple words: Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people, and it will stay that way."
- "a fundamental prerequisite for ending the conflict is a public, binding and unequivocal Palestinian recognition of Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people."
- "there must also be a clear understanding that the Palestinian refugee problem will be resolved outside Israel's borders."
- The principles that guide his government's policy: "Palestinians must clearly and unambiguously recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people" and "The territory under Palestinian control must be demilitarized with ironclad security provisions for Israel."

The problematic section concerns the acceptance of the two-state solution. The Israeli government should also require, at the least:

1. A complete overhaul of messages coming from textbooks, classrooms, media, sermons, political rhetoric, and the other areas of public Palestinian discourse, eliminating the anti-Semitism, the anti-Zionism, and the incitement while condemning terrorism and other acts of "resistance."
2. A protracted era in which Palestinians do not engage in violence against Israelis.
3. Normal relations in such areas as trade, tourism, sports, and scholarly exchanges.
4. A good-neighborly foreign policy.

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NETANYAHU'S SPEECH SUFFERED FROM TWO FLAWS

OBAMA'S LOSING STREAK AND ISRAEL

- BY CAROLINE B. GLICK

June 16/09. NETANYAHU'S SPEECH was a much-needed strong defense. But it was not a perfect defense. It suffered from two flaws that may come back to haunt the premier in the years to come. First, his demand that the US lead the international community in guaranteeing that the Palestinian state is demilitarized provided the Obama administration with a new means to trick Israel into making suicidal concessions.

The other problem with Netanyahu's speech is that by accepting the idea of a Palestinian state, and embracing Obama's fantasy that it is possible to reach a deal with the Palestinian Authority, Netanyahu blocked the possibility that Israel will be able to forge a new policy that will move it to a more advantageous status quo in the coming years. That is, Netanyahu's conditional acceptance of Obama's false and ideologically motivated two-state paradigm damns Israel to the position of foot dragger in relation to someone else's policy rather than trailblazer for its own policy.

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PALESTINIAN/ARAB RESPONSE

PA: "Netanyahu Sabotaging Talks"

A spokesman for Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas accused Netanyahu of harming Israel-PA talks by insisting that Jerusalem remain the undivided capital of Israel and that millions of foreign Arabs claiming the right to live in Israel be settled elsewhere.

"Netanyahu's remarks have sabotaged all initiatives, paralysed all efforts being made and challenges the Palestinian, Arab and American positions," said spokesman Nabil Abu Rdainah.

The PA secretary, Yassir Abed Rabo, called Netanyahu's speech "worthless," and insulted the PM personally, calling him "a fraud, a cheat and a liar." Senior PA negotiator Saeb Erekat said that "Netanyahu will have to wait a thousand years before he finds a Palestinian who agrees to his suggestions. He has unilaterally eliminated all of the final status subjects like Jerusalem, refugees and security."

"Netanyahu not partner for peace"



PA officials condemned Netanyahu's policy speech as a "plan for war and a continuation of conflict" rather than the proposal for peace he repeatedly declared it was.

PA legislator Dr. Mustafa Barghouti, a medical doctor trained in the former Soviet Union and Jerusalem, gave the prime minister low marks, saying Netanyahu had proved "once again" that he is "not a partner for peace," and that Netanyahu created "nothing but obstacles"

The PA legislator said he was "absolutely disappointed." He said he had been "hoping we would hear some real flexibility." Netanyahu "did not commit himself to freezing settlements" as Obama and other world leaders have demanded, he pointed out. Nor did Netanyahu express willingness to negotiate on any part of Jerusalem.

Barghouti especially slammed Netanyahu's unwillingness to absorb the immigration of five million Arab refugees, one of the issues the PA lawmaker named as the "core of the problem."

But he saved his greatest contempt for the prime minister's proposal that the PA accept a demilitarized state, saying it would leave the PA "unable to control its own borders" -- a situation he deemed entirely untenable. "If you put all the elements together," Barghouti said, "what you have is nothing but a plan to continue an apartheid system. He did not speak about a state. He spoke about a ghetto."

Barghouti said that ultimately, Netanyahu's plan would leave PA Arabs with no hope for a final status agreement with Israel, which he said would lead the next generation back to "the struggle." Source: A7News / Arutz Sheva

OBAMA TO CALL FOR NEW FINANCIAL REGULATOR, STRONGER FEDERAL RESERVE

Jun. 16/09. The Obama administration is proposing the broadest changes in financial regulation since the Great Depression, calling for the elimination of some bank regulators and giving the Treasury Department and Federal Reserve vast new authority.

"We are going to put forward a very strong set of regulatory measures we think can prevent this kind of crisis from happening again," said President Barack Obama.

<http://www.worthynews.com/top/sacbee-com-inauguration-story-1952600-html/>

WHITE HOUSE PROPOSALS AIMED AT RESTRICTING ECONOMIC AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

BY BILL WILSON

The United States has always served as a roadblock to the one world order. Its fierce heritage of rugged individualism, entrepreneurship, and private enterprise has been a stalwart bulwark against the types of dictatorships necessary to foment a one world order. Presidents such as Jimmy Carter, George HW Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W Bush have all enacted policies that inched America closer to the one world order - they involve control of energy, banks, business regulation, free trade agreements and the list goes on and on. But no Administration has gone so far, so fast as the current one in preparing America for the one world order.

The White House and Congress are sprinting toward integrating America's businesses and finances into a worldwide network. Using the economic crisis as an excuse, the first action was to take ownership of key American industries - banking, mortgage, insurance and auto. They did so by amassing debt which forces citizens to participate because the ultimate responsibility for the debt lies with the taxpayers. This clever scheme allowed the Federal government to not only take ownership of companies and property through stock and mortgages, it also took ownership of the citizenry through debt.

<http://bible-prophecy-today.blogspot.com/2009/06/new-white-house-proposals-aimed-at.html>

EU TO REVIVE MEDITERRANEAN UNION

June 17/09. The French Foreign Ministry has announced that the Union for the Mediterranean, a project aimed at boosting ties between the European Union and Mediterranean states, is to be formally revived at the end of this month. The announcement follows a meeting of French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit, who jointly hold the presidency of the new bloc.

The project, which was first proposed by then EU President Nicolas Sarkozy and [came into being](#) this time last year, has been fraught with difficulties. Northern European countries disliked the idea of EU funds being spent on a grandiose scheme that would show favoritism to southern members of the union. So membership was increased to accommodate the entire European Union.

Arab nations also signalled their [unwillingness](#) to join the union due to Israel's inclusion in the group, fearing their participation might lend legitimacy to Israel's right to exist. But Arab opposition to the project was overcome when the EU offered the Arab League observer status within the new organization. The EU also sweetened the deal for Israel, increasing its representation within the group. Libya refused to join the union over Israel's inclusion, and instead was granted observer status until [Gaddafi](#) changes his mind.

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And it seems that the recent [thaw](#) in relations between Libya and Italy may pave the way for Libyan membership in the Mediterranean Union. [Operation Cast Lead](#), launched against Hamas in the Gaza Strip last year, was used as an excuse by Arab nations not to participate in the EU project, even though it was the breaking of the Hamas [ceasefire](#) that precipitated the fighting.

But now with a new American administration in power that is seeking to repair its reputation in the Muslim world, the EU is aiming to [revive](#) its Mediterranean project with a goal to kick-starting the peace process and expanding its sphere of influence over the region.

By [Chris Perver / Full article](#)> <http://bible-prophecy-today.blogspot.com/2009/06/eu-to-revive-mediterranean-union.html>

AHMADINEJAD IN MOSCOW

MEETS LEADERS OF SHANGAI COOPERATION ORGANISATION IRAN WANTS TO BE FULL MEMBER OF THE SCO

BY JOEL C ROSENBERG

June 17/09. Students of Bible prophecy should keep a close eye on events unfolding in Iran and the epicenter, and keep praying for the Lord to have mercy on that country. With upwards of a million young, pro-democracy Reformers on the streets of Iran demanding an end to the Radicals' regime, Iranian security forces have murdered as many as [two dozen](#) protesters. [Iranian leaders are now threatening the Reformers with the death penalty](#).

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad — freshly anointed by the Supreme Leader to stay as the face and voice of the regime's apocalyptic agenda — couldn't care less. [Ahmadinejad headed straight for Moscow yesterday](#). There, he met with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and leaders of the [Shanghai Cooperation Organization \(SCO\)](#) to continue building a political and military alliance between Russia, China, Iran and Islamic countries in Central Asia.

Currently, Iran has "observer" status in the SCO, but has requested full member status. The SCO alliance is evocative of the eastern-portion of the biblical alliance foretold in [Ezekiel 38-39](#) that will come against Israel and seek to destroy the Jewish people in what the Bible calls the "last days" of history.

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ISRAEL'S RARE OPPORTUNITY

WHY THE JEWISH STATE MUST ASSERT ITSELF IN IRAN'S AFFAIRS

BY CAROLINE B. GLICK

June 19/09. Israel today finds itself in unfamiliar territory. The revolutionary atmosphere building in Iran presents Israel with a prospect it has rarely confronted: a safe bet. With the Obama administration refusing to back the anti-regime protesters, and the European Union similarly hemming and hawing, millions of Iranians who are on the streets, risking their lives to protest a stolen election and a tyrannical regime have been cast adrift by those they thought would support them. To date, Israel has joined the US and Europe in rejecting the protesters. This should change.

Whether he realized it or not, Mousavi was transformed last Friday night. When Khamenei embraced the obviously falsified official election results as a "divine victory" for Ahmadinejad, Mousavi was widely expected by Western observers to accept the dictator's verdict. When instead Mousavi sided with his own supporters who took to the streets to oppose their disenfranchisement, Mousavi became

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a revolutionary. Whether he had planned to do so or not, a week ago Mousavi became an enemy of the regime.

The significance of Mousavi's decision could not be more profound. Last Friday night Mousavi tied his personal survival to the success of the protesters — and pitted his life against Khamenei's. In Ledeen's words, "Both Khamenei and Mousavi — the two opposed icons of the moment, at least — know that they will either win or die."

For their part, by the end of this week, the protesters themselves had been transformed. If last week they were simply angry that they had been ignored, by Thursday they had become a revolutionary force apparently dedicated to the overthrow of the regime. This was made clear by a list of demands circulating among the protesters on Wednesday.

As Pepe Escobar reported in Thursday's Asia Times, the protesters demands include Khamenei's removal from power, the dissolution of the secret police, the reform of the constitution under anti-regime Ayatollah Hossein Montazeri who has been living under house arrest for the past twelve years, and the installation of Mousavi as president. These demands make clear where the protesters are leading. They are leading to the overthrow of one of the most heinous regimes on the face of the earth and its replacement by a liberal democracy.

As far as Israel is concerned, this is a win-win situation. If the protesters successfully overthrow the regime, they will have neutralized the greatest security threat facing the Jewish state. And if they fail, Israel will still probably be better off than it is today. For if the mullahs violently repress the pro-democracy dissidents, the Obama administration will be hard-pressed to legitimize their blood bath by embracing them as negotiating partners.

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A NEW HITLER RISING IN THE EAST

By JOEL ROSENBERG

June 19/09. President Obama says he refuses to "meddle" in Iran. Why not? He is clearly "meddling" in Israel, pressuring the Jewish people not to defend themselves from a new Hitler rising in the East. He is clearly "meddling" by pressuring Israelis not to continue developing and expanding their own neighbors in Jerusalem, their capital city? He is happy to "meddle" in pressuring the Israelis to divide Jerusalem, give away the West Bank and allow Islamic Radicals to establish a sovereign state in "Palestine." Remind me why, then, President Obama is willing to "meddle" in the affairs of a truly democratic country such as Israel, and refuses to speak out with moral courage and clarity with regards to a tyrannical dictatorship in Iran beating, arresting, and killing innocent civilians.

To misunderstand the nature and threat of evil is to risk being blindsided by it. The U.S. was blindsided by Hitler's move on Europe in 1939. We were blindsided by Pearl Harbor in 1941. By the Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Revolution in Iran in 1979. By Saddam's invasion of Kuwait in 1990. By the 9/11 attacks just a few years ago. I believe we are increasingly in danger of being blindsided again. And the stakes couldn't be higher.

How can the White House — and the Western alliance — not see the evil that is running Iran today? The Ayatollah Khamenei has called for Israel to be wiped off the map. He selected Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to be the president of Iran in 2005. He just re-anointed Ahmadinejad to serve another four years by rigging the recent elections. He and Ahmadinejad are fully committed to acquiring nuclear weapons, long-range ballistic missiles, destroying the U.S. and Israel, and bringing about the End of Days. They speak of it openly, as I document in my new book and will present in the documentary film we're finalizing for release on 9/11 (see <http://www.insidetherevolution.org/>). Yet

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top officials in Washington refuse to truly and effectively confront Khamenei and Ahmadinejad. Rather, they keep pressuring Prime Minister Netanyahu to make dangerous concessions to Israel's avowed enemies.

Meanwhile, Khamenei is threatening an even more bloody crackdown on the young Reformers crying out for freedom and justice. Ahmadinejad has been in Moscow building political and military alliances with Russia, China and the Islamic powers of Central Asia. And Iran's chief Asian ally — North Korea — is threatening to conduct new nuclear weapons tests and may be preparing to test launch an ICBM into the Pacific next month that could threaten Hawaii.

Now, more than ever we need to pray for our leaders, that their hearts would be changed, that their eyes would be opened, that they would “do justice, and love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 5:8) We need to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. “Behold, He who keeps Israel neither will slumber nor sleep.” (Psalm 121:8) And we need to pray for the Lord to show His great love to all the people of the epicenter. “I will set My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed and My hand which I have laid on them. And the house of Israel will know that I am the Lord their God from that day onward....I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Lord.” (Ezekiel 39:21,22,29)

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