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## **DEPRESSING RESPONSE FROM RIYADH, RAMALLAH & DAMASCUS**

Aug 2/09. Following intensive efforts by US Mideast envoy George Mitchell to re-launch a diplomatic process in the region that would lead to a comprehensive peace process, the Arab world says NO!

President Bashar Assad said there would be no compromise on the Golan Heights, and that the return of the region was "non-negotiable."

Fatah rejects Binyamin Netanyahu's call for a Palestinian recognition of Israel as a Jewish state.

Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal said Israel could forget about getting any gestures, or confidence-building measures, from Saudi Arabia.

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## **GAZAN AND WEST BANK 'LEADERS' COME CLEAN, BUT OBAMA IS STILL PLAYING DEAF**

By Caroline B. Glick

A central pillar of the Obama administration's Middle East policy paradigm was shattered at the Fatah conference in Bethlehem — but don't expect the White House to notice.

At the conference, Fatah's supposedly feuding old guard and young guard were united in their refusal to reach an accommodation with Israel. Both old and young endorsed the use of terrorism against Israel. Both embraced the Aksa Martyrs Brigade terror group as a full-fledged Fatah organization.

Both demanded that all Jews be expelled from Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem ahead of the establishment of a Jew-free Palestinian state.

Both claimed that any settlement with Israel be preceded by an Israeli withdrawal to the indefensible 1949 armistice lines and by Israel's destruction as a Jewish state through its acceptance of millions of foreign-born hostile Arabs as immigrants within its truncated borders.

Both demanded that all terrorists be released from Israeli prisons as a precondition for "peace" talks with Israel.

Both accused Israel of murdering Yassir Arafat.

Both approved building a strategic alliance with Iran.

In staking out these extremist positions, both Fatah's old guard and its younger generation of leaders demonstrated that Fatah's goal today is the same as it has been since its founding in 1959: Liberating Palestine (from the river to the sea) by wiping Israel off the map.

Fatah leader Mahmoud Abbas's decision to remove both his own mask and that of his organization should cause the Netanyahu government to reassess its current policies towards the group. For the past four months, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his government have quietly barred all Jewish construction in eastern, northern and southern Jerusalem neighborhoods as well as in Judea and Samaria. The government's unofficial policy has been implemented in the hopes of pleasing the Obama administration which argues that by barring Jewish building, Israel will encourage the Fatah-controlled Palestinian Authority to moderate its policies and so engender an atmosphere conducive to a peaceful settlement of the Palestinian conflict with Israel. The Fatah conference put paid that fiction.

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## **BLAIR IS BRITISH CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT OF EUROPE**

July 16/09. Tony Blair has been named for the first time as the Government's candidate for President of the European Council.

Confirming that Britain is pushing Mr Blair's case for a dramatic return to frontline politics, Baroness Kinnock, the Europe Minister, said that Mr Blair's "strength of character" made him the ideal person for the job created under the Lisbon Treaty.  
<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/>

## **RUSSIA WARNS OF WAR WITHIN A DECADE OVER ARCTIC OIL AND GAS RICHES**

May 14/09. Russia raised the prospect of war in the Arctic as nations struggle for control of the world's dwindling energy reserves.

The country's new national security strategy identified the intensifying battle for ownership of vast untapped oil and gas fields around its borders as a source of potential military conflict between Russia and several neighboring nations within a decade.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/environment/article6283130.ece>

## **TURKEY AND FOUR EU COUNTRIES SIGN GAS PIPELINE DEAL**

In an attempt to reduce Europe's reliance on Russian gas, Turkey, Austria, Bulgaria, Romania and Hungary signed a deal to allow a new pipeline to cross their countries, linking Europe to gas resources in Central Asia and the Middle East.

Iraq, Egypt, Syria, Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan are the likely contributors of gas to the new project. - AP July 13/09