## THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN WINS THE DAY: 'PEACE IN OUR TIME'... WHILE THE CENTRIFUGES CONTINUE TO CHURN

## Has President Obama Been Transformed Into A Wimp?

US President Barack Hussein Obama may be living in his little dreamworld if he expects that there will be an easy final agreement between <u>Iran</u> and the United Nations.

Certainly, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is of the opinion that, with the best intentions in the world, President Obama has been duped – and that President Hasan Fereidun Ruhani has won a huge victory for Iran.

The likelihood exists that, come next April, there will be further negotiations between the United Nations and Iran – because the Iranians will make the claim that they could not see eye to eye with President Obama's team, during the previous six months of deliberations.

An announcement is likely to be made by Iran that it requires another period of time, say another six months or more, in order to thrash out what the Islamic State sees as required amendments to its draft proposal for a final agreement, leading to nuclear rapprochement between Iran and the United Nation.

It is ironic that it was – and still is – Iran that has been funding, in part at least, the horrible civil war in Syria, a war that has displaced not less than two million, Syrian non-combatants and has killed not less than 100,000 civilians of the country.

And the killing continues for all to view. And there is no end in sight to the slaughter.

When Syria's President Bashar al-Asad, who has held power since July 17, 2000, crossed what President Barack Hussein Obama claimed was 'the red line' with the Syrian dogs of war, given licence to use chemical weapons against the country's innocent citizens on the outskirts of Damascus, the Capital City of Syria, President Obama threatened to take military force against the country.

But, then, he, suddenly, backtracked and, instead of putting the US military on the highest level of alert, applauded Syria's agreement with the United Nations to destroy its chemical weapons arsenal – after hundreds of Syrian civilians, including many infants, had been gassed to death by sarin.

It was – and still is – well known that Iran has been the eminence grise behind the military killing machine of Present Bashar al-Asad.

Iran has been funding (in part), training and equipping Syria as well as the terrorist group, Hezbollah, in Lebanon, with hundreds of Hezbollah fighters, joining the Syrian Arab Army when asked or when needs were such.

Many people, today, are prone to regard President Barack Hussein Obama as something of a wimp instead of the required, strong leader of the most-powerful country that the world has ever seen.

Certainly, Israelis are sadly disappointed in the leadership of the US and they are not in the least afraid to

state this, openly.

The influence of the US in many parts of the world has been eroded by the accord, signed between Iran and the P5+1, last Sunday in Geneva, Switzerland.

The United Nations agreed, on Sunday, November 23, 2013, to release to Iran the sum of \$US7 billion as the price for the accord between the Iran and the P5+1 – the United States of America; the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, the French Republic, the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany.

On September 30, 1938, Britain's Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain returned to London and, in his speech with regard to the Munich Agreement and the Anglo-German Declaration, declared: 'Peace in Our Time'.

One year later, the invasion of Poland by German armed forces ushered in World War II.

## That Will Be \$US7 Billion, If You Please

For the Islamic Republic of Iran, it has won the day with the securing of a nuclear agreement with the P5+1.

Last Sunday, Iran agreed to restrain a portion of its nuclear activities upon a payment of about \$US7 billion.

The key points to the agreement were:

- 1. Iran will stop enriching uranium beyond the level of five percent purity;
- 2. Iran will neutralise its stocks of uranium that have, already, been enriched beyond the level of five percent purity; and,
- 3. Iran's further development at its Arak City plant will cease, forthwith.

In return, it was agreed by the delegates of the P5+1 that:

- 1. There shall be no further, nuclear-related sanctions as long as Iran does not violate the terms and spirit of the agreement; and,
- 2. Iran shall receive about \$US7 billion in sanctions relief.

As soon as it became known that Iran had agreed to this accord with the P5+1, the price of crude oil on international markets dropped.

Iran is the world's fourth-largest, oil producer. It can, now, sell oil to whomsoever wants it.

When the Iranian negotiators returned to Tehran, they were met with crowds of joyous citizens, welcoming home their heroes.

Mr Mohammed Javad Zarif, Iran's Foreign Minister, went on television, last Sunday, stating, among other things:

'All measures that we will take, the confidence-building measures, are reversible, and they can be reversed, fast. Of course, we hope we don't have to do this.'

If it is not the intention of the Islamic State of Iran to reverse 'the confidence-building measures', then, for what reason did Foreign Ministers Zarif even make mention of it?

President Hasan Fereidun Ruhani, who took office on August 3, 2013, went on Iranian television, stating:

'No matter what interpretations are given (in respect of the agreement), Iran's right to (uranium) enrichment has been recognised.'

There never has been a question as to the country's right to the enrichment of uranium, only to the extent of enrichment of uranium to a weapons-grade purity whereby it can be used to manufacture weapons of mass destruction.

The world, and especially Israel, fears that Iran wants to build up a nuclear arsenal of weapons of mass destructions. There is good and valid reason for this belief, according to recent historical events.

Iran, vehemently, has stated, over and over, that it only wants to master nuclear technology for peaceful purposes – for power stations, water purification plants and the like.

For its part, the State of Israel is livid that the P5+1 has made such an agreement with Iran.

The Islamic state has gone on record, on numerous occasions, claiming that it wants to eradicate Israel from the face of the earth.

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel is not bound by the agreement of last Sunday:

'We (Israel) cannot and will not allow a regime that calls for the destruction of Israel to obtain the means to achieve this goal.'

The accord of last Sunday is only valid for six months and, between now and April 2014 (or thereabouts), a new, permanent agreement between the United Nations and Iran is supposed to be on the table.

In this medium's opinion, a permanent agreement between Iran and the United Nations is going to be a very tough nut to crack.

It may never materialise, at least not in the form that the Obama Administration would consider acceptable.

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