THE ISLAMIC IRAN REPUBLIC OF IRAN: JINGOISM AND BELLICOSITY ARE NOT THE WAY TO PEACE AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE

While the world waits to learn whether or not, by November 24, 2014, <u>The Islamic Republic of Iran</u> is willing to abide by its undertakings and previous, broken promises in respect of its nuclear programme, proving, definitively, that its present nuclear ambitions are for peaceful purposes, only, Iran's elite The Revolutionary Guard Corps is vowing revenge against The State of Israel for its military incursion into The Gaza Strip.

The Deputy Commander of The Revolutionary Guard Corps, Brigadier General Hossein Salami, on or about July 26, 2014, is reported to have stated, publicly, among other things:

You (Israelis) are trees without any roots that were planted in the Islamic lands by the British ... We will chase you house-to-house and will take revenge for every drop of blood of our martyrs in Palestine; and, this is the beginning point of Islamic nations awakening for your defeat.'

This statement is strongly suggestive that Iran has sent some of its '*people*' to The Gaza Strip – '*blood of our martyrs*' – to assist Gazans in their fight against Israel.

Only last Wednesday, August 20, 2014, the Commander of The Revolution Guards Corps's Aerospace Division, Brigadier General Amir-Ali Hajizadeh, stated that Israel was quite incapable to launching an attack on Iran.

He said:

'The Zionist regime's officials have time and time again threatened Iran, but they know full well that the cost of any attack on Iran and our response to that will be so severe that it would be a deadly nightmare for them to even imagine it.

'The Zionist regime may have it in mind to attack Iran, but after evaluating the repercussions of that and given the Islamic Republic of Iran's very severe response, it will definitely come to the conclusion that it has made an immature decision.'

The Revolutionary Guard Corps number somewhere in the region of 200,000, well-equipped men and women. This elite army includes the 90,000-strong, paramilitary Basij militia.

In late July, The Revolutionary Guard Corps announced that it had perfected the '*Hormouz 1*', its first, antiradar ballistic missile that has the ability, it is claimed, to penetrate and to destroy missile defense systems, including Israel's so-called '*Iron Dome Missile Defense System*', in addition to the Patriot Missile Defense System that the Jewish State is known to possess.

While Iran is making jingoistic statements, threatening Israel and its entire population of nearly eight million people with the fires of hell, Jewish hard-liners are criticising the Obama Administration for the way in which it is permitting Iran to procrastinate over what should have been a relatively easy protocol in respect of Iran's nuclear ambitions.

All that the Western World wants of Iran is assurance that it will not produce weapons of mass destruction, making use of its admitted cache of enriched uranium that has the ability to become an itegral component in the manufacture of nuclear weaponry.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has long concerned itself with regard to Iran's possible (if not probable) development of nuclear warheads, using the term in correspondence, '*Possible Military Dimensions*', in IAEA's reports in respect of the enriched uranium, held by the theocratic Government of Iran.

The goal of The Joint Plan of Action of January 20, 2014, according to the US State Department, was to negotiate a comprehensive agreement that prevents Iran from obtaining the ability to manufacture nuclear weaponry.

Looking Back

On January 15, 2014, contained in **TARGET** Intelligence Report, Volume XVI, Number 10, this medium stated that the Interim Nuclear Accord, signed between Iran and the P5+1 – Great Britain, France, German, Russia and China plus the US – had been finalised, clearing the way to freeze some parts of Iran's nuclear programme in exchange for a limited amount of relief from financial sanctions that had been put in place by the United Nations.

The Administration of US President Barack Hussein Obama was, on January 20, of the opinion that there was a 50-50 chance of Iran, agreeing to a final, comprehensive agreement that would remove the threat to the world of Iran, being in a position to become a nuclear power.

Israel has long held the belief that Iran wants to be a nuclear power and that, if it achieves that goal, it is a potential threat to world peace.

The Government of Israel has gone on record, stating that it would not tolerate a nuclear-armed Iran.

Hard-liners in Israel have gone on record, stating that Israel would be well advised to be proactive and to nip the Iranian bud before it has a chance to bloom.

For its part, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Hoseini-Khamenei has gone on record, stating that Iran wants to eradicate Israel and its peoples from the face of the earth, once and for all times.

This medium ended its **TARGET** Intelligence Report of January 15, headlined, '*HAS THE SUPREME LEADER LAID THE FOUNDATIONS IN ORDER TO SCUTTLE A PERMANENT ACCORD?*', with the following statement in respect of the probability of Iran and the United Nations, signing a comprehensive and binding agreement:

'In this medium's view, a political solution is just not on the cards – at least not in today's world, and, certainly, not with the current Supreme Leader of Iran, who does not hesititate to label the US as "Satan".'

The deadline for a permanent accord between the P5+1 and Iran had been set for July 20, 2014, but it was determined, at the Vienna meeting, that Iran should be given an extra four months' extention with regard to a long-term agreement on Iran's nuclear programme.

This goes along with **TARGET**'s opinion of the second week of January – sadly.

As for the November 21-something deadline, it is likely to come ... and then go, with little accomplished other than an agreement that both sides to the talks do not see eye-to-eye on fundamental questions.

The decade-long dispute over Iran's real intent in respect of its nuclear programme would be unresolved, with both sides, blaming the other for the impasse.

A thorny issue for the West is that Iran maintains that it has an inalienable right to develop a nuclear energy programme. This programme includes, necessarily, the production of atomic fuel.

The West maintains that such a situation, if permitted, could, very easily, lead to the production of nuclear weaponry.

In short, the West does not trust Iran – and with good and valid reason.

Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif has gone on record, stating that Iran would be willing to delay the development of an industrial-scale uranium programme for up to seven years and to keep the 19,000 centrifuges that it has installed for this purpose.

The United States has gone on record, stating that there is no way that the US would permit Iran to keep all of its 19,000 centrifuges.

This statement was uttered by US Secretary of State John Kerry on July 19 and thus, in the fullness of time, it might not mean very much in the same way that many of the other utterances of Secretary John Kerry have not come to mean very much.

The West is holding out for Iran to accept restrictions on its nuclear programme for at least a decade.

Iran is unlikely to agree to such demands because it would see such demands as being another attempt at provocation from the Satan of the West.

While Iran plays the 1790 nursery rhyme, '*Ring-a-ring o' roses, A pocket full of posies, A-tishoo! A-tishoo! We all fall down,*' fighters of Hamas and Israel continue to try to kill each other in The Gaza Strip.

Ironically, it is well known that Iran has been assisting Hamas with weapons, money and training Hamas fighters in the past (and, most likely, is continuing so to do, today) in order to permit a continuation of the fight in the hope of causing the world to come to the conclusion that the Jewish State and all who live in it are without any heart, at all.

Ergo: They deserve to be killed.

And, while Israel bombards The Gaza Strip, rockets, based on Iranian designs with some, known to have been produced in Iranian munition factories, are fired into Israel in the hope of killing as many Israelis as possible in what is claimed to be the righteous battle of the Palestinians for freedom from Israeli oppression.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said, very clearly:

'Hamas and Islamic Jihad are being financed, armed and trained by Iran ... This Iran cannot be allowed the ability to produce fissile material for nuclear weapons. If this happens, the things we are seeing around us and the things that are happening in the Middle East will be far worse.'

For the United States of America, as long as Iran determines to supply weapons of war to be pointed at the main ally of the US in the Middle East – Israel – it is difficult to believe that the current impasse between Iran, the US and the United Nations can be breached, very easily, if at all.

In the event that Iran should try to suggest that it is not an agent provocateur with regard to Hamas, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu need only present the world with the indisputable proof from an intercepted shipment in The Red Sea of Iranian-made rockets, arms and amunition, all of which were headed for The Gaza Strip.

It was in early March, this year, that the Panamanian-registered, civilian vessel, 'The *KLOS-C*', was intercepted by Israeli naval commandoes while it was enroute to Sudan.

The Israeli Defense Force (IDF) admitted, openly, that it had been tracking the journey of the weapons for many months.

These weapons were discovered on The KLOS-C after the trip from Damascus, Syria, to Tehran, Iran, and, then, taken to a port in southern Iran.

This vessel was forcibly brought to the Israeli port of Eilat where the weapons were unloaded.

The IDF has gone on record, stating that this was not the first such incident, but it was 'distinguished by the lethality and the quality of its cargo'.

Photographs were taken of the M-302 surface-to-surface missiles, found in the hold of The KLOS-C.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, at the time, that Israel intelligence had come to the conclusion that the shipment was a '*clandestine operation*' by Iran; and, that the weapons would have been used against Israel.

The M-302 missile is, also, known as The Khaibar-1. This 302-millimeter rocket is known to have a range of about 100 kilometres. It has a far-longer range than the Katyusha-type of rockets, used by Lebanon's Hezbollah and Hamas.

The Future

That Israel has prepared for an attack on Iran is unquestionable, but the consequences of an Israeli attack on the theocratic government of this Muslim country is quite likely to spark dire consequences.

The IDF, no doubt, is weighing the odds for and against such an attack.

But Israel may well come to the conclusion that it has no other option than to take proactive military measures against a foe that has gone on record as stating that it is the sworn enemy of the Jewish State and that it is desirous of obliterating it and its peoples from the face of the earth.

At all reasonable costs, Israel must try to forestall such an eventuality lest it lead to a religious war, with Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Hoseini-Khamenei, calling for the Muslim faithful, around the world, to join in against the forces of evil: The State of Israel; and, perhaps, The United States of America.

The US Government has failed, miserably, in trying to bring peace in the ongoing struggle between Israel and The Gaza Strip and The West Bank.

US Secretary of State John Kerry, as is his wont, can log up another of his mounting political failures in his attempts to play the peacemaker between Hamas and Israel.

All that he has managed to accomplish, thus far, in the Gaza killing fields, is to alienate both sides – Hamas and Israel.

The problem with Secretary John Kerry, for all of his stated best intentions as he parades, round the world, brandishing the sword of peace, is that he is, in the vernacular of Americans, mighty ignorant.

He, really, should bone up on the principal subject(s) of his adventurous actions that run counter to approved or conventional conduct, prior to putting his foot in his mouth.

To quote from The Bible, at 1 Corinthians 1:20:

'Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?'

Secretary John Kerry failed to realise, inter alia, that Hamas had, with the financial assistance from a number of Arab friends and neighbours, including but not limited to Iran, built an extensive tunnel system under The Gaza Strip, a tunnel system from which it could attack Israel with impunity.

Had Israel agreed to a premature ceasefire, as Secretary John Kerry had attempted to orchestrate, then Hamas would have been delighted – because it could, then, build more tunnels from which to attack Israel.

The ignorance of the US State Department with regard to the real problems, confronting Israel, boggles the imagination.

It is hardly any wonder that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has lost faith in the utterances of those well-meaning, high-ranking US officials who have only a superficial, piecemeal knowledge of the many problems, confronting Israel in respect of Hamas and that terrorist organisation's Iranian-trained fighters.

As for the idea of a permanent accord between the P5+1 and Iran with regard to Iran's nuclear programme, at this point, it would appear that Iran has the upper hand due to the fact that the failure of the US Government in respect of the Gaza situation has left the door ajar for Ayatollah Ali Hoseini-Khamenei to play hardball.

Ayatollah Ali Hoseini-Khamenei must feel that it has little to fear from the mighty United States of America since he must see President Barack Hussein Obama as willing to accept peace at just about any price.

One is reminded of the date, September 30, 1938, when Mr Neville Chamberlain, the then Prime Minister of Great Britain, on his return to London, uttered the phrase: '*Peace for our time*.'

The Prime Minister was referring to the signing of the Munich Agreement and the Anglo-German Declaration.

He thought that he had scored a victory over Chancellor Adolf Hitler.

About one year later, Germany attacked Poland ... and Europe was engulfed in World War II, an international conflict that resulted in the deaths of upward of 50 million, men, women and children.

For a lasting peace between men, it cannot be sustained by force, only by achieving enduring understanding.



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