

THE CASE AGAINST IRAN

With tensions rising between the US and Iran on a variety of issues, it is perhaps good to step back and take a look at the true nature of the situation. Back in January 2002, following the attacks of 9/11, President Bush named Iran as a member of the Axis of Evil, along with Iraq and North Korea. These nations were indicted for their actions of sponsoring terror and seeking to build weapons of mass destruction. American and Allied troops have dealt with the situation in Iraq. In North Korea and Iran, those twin goals remain paramount.

In fact if anything Tehran has become bolder and more dangerous in the last several years, - especially so since Mahmoud Ahmadinejad ascended to the Presidency. In fact it is lining up just as the Scriptures said. Ezekiel tells us of a great invasion to come **“from the far north with...many nations”**. It is the invasion by the ruler **“Gog of the land of Magog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal”**. (Ezekiel 38:6, 2) The scholars that study such things tell us that these ancient names represent the peoples of present day Russia or as I believe Turkey, - it may be true that both are involved. Significantly they are joined by **“Persia”**, (Ezekiel 38:5) today's Iran.

In the event, Iran currently poses a danger on five distinct fronts.

1. **The Conventional Military Threat** – Through cooperation with North Korea in missile technology, - through the infusion of state-of-the-art Russian anti-ballistic missiles, - through the expansion and addition in so many technological military and naval areas Iran has transformed itself into the major regional power. With its newfound religious fervor, it is ready and willing to make sacrifices to project that power.
2. **The Political Threat** – Tehran is committed to leading the crusade for the two great Islamic causes; - Chasing the West, (especially America), from the region; - and destroying the state of Israel.
3. **The Economic Threat** – Iran already controls its own very significant oil reserves. Should the US leave Iraq in defeat, it will likely gain control of a major portion of Iraqi oil too. So much of the world's oil moves through the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, and the Iranians are ready to choke that flow for at least a time. Such a move would have a devastating effect on Western economies. This could even be a blow that could send the markets spinning into a world wide depression.
4. **The Nuclear Threat** – This is more real than many even suspect. It is Iran's professed willingness to use the bomb against Israel that makes its existence such a severe threat. Iranian officials have suggested that they may be willing to take the brunt of Israeli retaliation in order to fulfill the Islamic dream of claiming Palestine for Allah. This calculation, - if not just bluff, - is a gamble that Iran would survive such a nuclear exchange while Israel would not. In addition, President Ahmadinejad has said that he is ready to create the chaos that will bring the return of the Islamic Messiah, the Mahdi. Then there is this: It is likely that Iran already has a limited number of nuclear weapons acquired on the black market. In June of 2002, Stratfor Intelligence reported the words of Russian Deputy Chief of Staff Gen. Yuri Baluyevsky. While speaking of the threat posed by Iran's Shihab-3 intermediate range missile program, General Baluyevsky said, “Iran does have nuclear weapons. Of course these are non-strategic nuclear weapons”, going on to explain that they could not threaten the United States.¹ Former CIA Director Porter Goss is of the same opinion, confirming in 2005 that Iran did then possess nuclear weapons.² Around that time, DEBKA was reporting that Iran had acquired a dozen cruise missiles with about a 2,000 mile range, capable of carrying

a 200 kiloton nuclear warhead. The missile technology had made its way to Iran via the Ukraine.³ Recent estimates are that Iran could have an inter-continental nuclear capability within eight years.⁴

5. **The Terror Threat** –Iran’s involvement in terror activities is both rooted in history and ongoing; - both wide-ranging and in depth. Here’s an overview.

- Iran was behind the 1983 Hezbollah attacks on the barracks of both US Marines and French soldiers in Beirut, Lebanon. 241 Americans and 58 French lost their lives in those attacks.
- Saudi investigators believe that top Iranian intelligence officers were behind the 1996 Khobar Towers attacks against American personnel.
- Pulled the strings again in the 1996 terror attack against a US Air Force facility in Dahran, Saudi Arabia. That took 19 American lives.
- The Shiite Iraqis have taken common cause against the West in Sunni Muslim areas such as Bosnia, Chechnya and Kosovo.
- Provided safe haven for al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters after the collapse of Afghanistan.
- Many believe they are responsible for the destruction of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland in 1988.
- Iranian intelligence is now working with both Cuba and Venezuela, jeopardizing American interests in the Western hemisphere.
- Iranian intelligence has targeted “more than 450” Iranian dissidents for assassination while on foreign soil.
- The elite Al-Quds wing of the Revolutionary Guards has assisted Hezbollah to establish armed terror / insurgent groups in Lebanon, Jordan, Northern Iraq, Sudan and Palestine and other terror groups in Egypt, Turkey, Kosovo and elsewhere.⁵
- And here’s a big one: The Deputy Chief of Hezbollah, Sheikh Naim Qassem admitted in an interview just last week that Hezbollah takes all its operational orders from the ultimate head honcho of Iran, Supreme Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. When it comes to even the launching of rockets, he described Khamenei as “the one who allows and the one who prohibits”.⁶
- Hezbollah has a proven American presence; - terror cells in North Carolina.⁷
- Iranian backed Hezbollah has now established a terror presence in South America. The militia cells are concentrated in the area where Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay meet. According to NBCJ reports, they are dedicated to striking at the United States. The CIA believes the porous Mexican border has already served as a conduit for these Arab expatriates, - now living South of the Border, to enter the US.⁸

The upshot of all of this is that Iran has set out to claim for itself the role of champion of the Islamic world. Through their ruling theocracy and zealot President, they seek to set in motion the Islamic End Times events that culminate, according to their scriptures with a conquering and ruling of the entire globe, - with the Mahdi and a sidekick Issa (the returned Islamic Jesus), - ruling from Jerusalem. [How eerily that mirrors the roles that the Bible assigns to the Antichrist and the False Prophet in the Book of Revelation!]

Tehran has on numerous occasions declared itself dedicated to the destruction of Israel and even America; - to Islam’s eventual triumph in a war of civilizations. To those who doubt their sincerity, I say: Only look at their track record, - the terror they have set in motion, - their preparations for offensive war. And then look at history and remember another such man who made similar statements about the fate of the Jews and conquering Europe back between the 1st & 2nd World Wars. That man was Adolph Hitler. The difference now is that Iran may now have or soon acquire nuclear weapons. So when Ahmadinejad makes those threats against Israel and America and the West: I believe we must take him at his word.

A TERROR CLOSE TO HOME

Canada Free Press recently published an article by terror expert, Dr Paul L Williams, detailing the existence of numerous Islamic terror training camps operating somewhat openly in the United States. The piece featured one called Islamberg, on the edge of the Catskill Mountains just outside of Hancock, NY. The camp at Islamberg in upstate New York was recently infiltrated by Doug Hageman of Northeast Intelligence. The entrance boasts a guard post where the traditionally garbed turns away the curious with the words “Our community is not open to visitors”. Hageman found a small village with a community center and an improvised “International Quranic Open University”. Hageman found military training facilities complete with obstacle courses and a well-used firing range. Neighbors report regular gunfire and the “bang of small explosives”.

The terror group operates numerous other sites; - in Maryland, Georgia, 2 in Virginia, in South Carolina, 2 in California, one in Talihina Oklahoma, another in Buena Vista Colorado, another in Washington and one being built in Sherman, PA. All are organized under the aegis of a Muslim cleric from Pakistan, Sheikh Mubarak Ali Gilani; himself linked to Jamaat ul-Fuqra, a group dedicated to purifying Islam through violence. They are organized under the name of Muslims of America Inc. The groups are primarily composed of former inmates who converted to a violent strain of Black Muslim Islam while in prison.⁹

Members of the group have been involved in terrorist acts across the US beginning in the 1980’s. Shiekh has direct ties to both Hamas and Hezbollah.¹⁰ His followers have been convicted or are suspects in dozens of murders, attempted assassinations, fire bombings and arms smuggling activities over the last 25 years. Federal investigators have tied both John Allen Muhammed the ‘DC Sniper’, and ‘Shoe Bomber’, Richard Reid with to Sheikh Gilani’s Jamaat ul-Fuqra. Inexplicably, despite running numerous domestic terror training camps, the group is not currently on the official US Terror Watch List.¹¹

The Illegal / Terror Connection

What’s possibly even more alarming is the growing relationship between the influx of illegal aliens and terrorists dedicated to doing the country harm. Let’s start with some statistics. According to the LAPD, over 95% of “outstanding homicide warrants” and two-thirds of felony warrants are for illegal aliens. About 60% of Los Angeles gang members are illegals. Many gang members in California and increasingly across the country are members of the MS-13 Gang, which formed after the Central American civil wars of the 1980’s. The ultra-violent MS-13 now boasts anywhere from 20,000¹² to 36,000 members in the United States alone. The group now operates in 13 states and the District of Columbia.¹³

But there is something even more dangerous and sinister: They are intimately connected to Islamic terror. Their only allegiance has been to the American dollar, and it has been for sale to such figures as al-Qaeda’s El Shukrijumah, a top lieutenant working on organizing a catastrophic attack on the US mainland. Western intelligence sources believe that Shukrijumah was in Canada last year attempting to locate material for a “dirty bomb”.¹⁴ It is interesting to note that self-proclaimed US enemy President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela recently threatened to activate agents already operating within American borders. They may have cells in over 3,000 US cities.¹⁵ Lebanese expatriate Brigitte Gabrielle reports that MS-13 has aided al-Qaeda & Hamas & Hezbollah in smuggling terror operatives across the US borders.¹⁶ And MSNBC even reports that the Central American gang has moved nukes into the country at the behest of al-Qaeda.¹⁷ Several sources have long maintained that nuclear devices are already in the United States and that Islamists are preparing a multi-city attack to humble US.¹⁸ Perhaps not curiously, al-Qaeda warned Muslims back in 2006 to leave American cities.¹⁹ Is it any coincidence that just last month, Vice President Dick Cheney described the threat of a nuclear attack against US cities as a “very real threat”. He went on to call it the “greatest threat we face”.^{20 21}

I do believe it's time for some Psalm 91! **“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust’. Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and the perilous pestilence.... You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.”** (Psalm 91:1-3, 5-8)

A SOLUTION FROM THE ENVIRO-NUTS

This could be viewed as ludicrous if it were not already part of a pattern that should make every thinking person at least somewhat afraid. The London Times reported that the environmental group Optimum Population Trust has called children “bad for the planet”. Giving birth to large families should be deemed an “environmental misdemeanor”. Here's one nugget from their most recent paper: Families with “two children instead of three ...could cut their family's carbon dioxide output by the equivalent of 620 return flights a year between London and New York”. One professor at the University College London is quoted as saying “The greatest thing anyone in Britain could do to help the future of the planet would be to have one less child”.²²

Another environmental group, the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, is warning that humanity “is acting like a virus” and destroying Mother Earth. Their President, Paul Watson, is calling for the Earth's population to be reduced from its current level of over 6.4 billion to less than 1 billion. Last year, fellow scientist Dr Eric Pianka offered an idea on just how to do that during a speech to the Texas Academy of Science. The good doctor suggested eliminating as much as 90% of human population using the airborne Ebola virus.²³ Do not think such thinking is limited to a lone nut job. There are plenty of nut jobs, - and in fact an entire religious philosophy, - where that line of thinking comes from.

The prophets of the New Age are seeking such radical reductions in human population. To many in that movement; the earth is a sentient being, - we are no different than animals, and we must do all we can, - even at the cost of hundreds of millions of human lives. They want to take the earth's population back to the 1930's levels of about 2 billion people. One UN publication stated that “we must eliminate 350,000 people per day”.²⁴ In her book *Herald of the New Age*, Ruth Montgomery calls the human race a “failed experiment” and writes of cleansing a full half of the world's people.²⁵ To the gurus of the New Age this is all but part of a necessary process to usher in the New Order of One World Government under the New Age Christ. To New Age Saint Alice Bailey, the work of Hitler, Lenin and Stalin were just the “collective birth pains” that will ultimately result in the rule of “the priest-kings of “Sodom, Egypt and Babylon”.²⁶ Quite the goal have they!

COMING SOON...THE GREAT STATE OF AL QAEDA

American intelligence analysts now believe that al-Qaeda is just waiting for what they believe is the inevitable US troop withdrawal to seize the Iraqi heartland and set up a state of their own. This sub-nation / terror enclave would include Baghdad and the provinces of Anbar, Diyala, Salah al-Din, Nineveh and parts of Babil. Such a creation would pose an immediate threat to Saudi Arabia and Jordan.²⁷ Last Saturday, an attack by al-Qaeda's self-named “Islamic State” left four Americans dead and resulted in the capture of three others.²⁸

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