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Will Netanyahu fire the first shot of thermonuclear WWII?

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu is claiming Obama's go-ahead to strike Iran at any moment, but his action could trigger the annihilation of the Israeli people, and most of the world.

Following Netanyahu's return to Israel from his trip to the U.S. to address the AIPAC conference on the "nuclear duck"—delivered in a bizarre, almost cocky tone and certainly not with the seriousness of a sincere justification of war—leading Israeli journalist Aluf Benn revealed in a special editorial in the March 15 *Ha'aretz* newspaper that Netanyahu is telling Israelis that Obama has given him the green light.

"Netanyahu is hinting," Benn wrote, "that in his Washington visit, he received Obama's tacit approval for an Israeli attack against Iran—under the guise of opposition. Obama will speak out against it but act for it, just as the past U.S. administrations speak against the settlements in the territories but allow their expansion."

Benn entitled his editorial, *Netanyahu is Preparing Israeli Public Opinion for a War on Iran*, and wrote, "Netanyahu is attempting to convince the Israeli public that the Iranian threat is a tangible and existential one, and that there is only one effective way to stop it and prevent a 'second Holocaust'; an Israeli military attack on Iran's nuclear infrastructure, which is buried deep underground."

U.S. statesman Lyndon LaRouche, who is leading a global fight against the war drive, responded sharply to the Benn report: "The second holocaust will be the launching of nuclear weapons against the world by Obama," LaRouche stated. "It's all clear; it's clear as Hell. And Obama, the President of the United States, is a liar."

LaRouche, one of the world's leading strategic analysts, added that Netanyahu's dash to war must be seen against the background of British Prime Minister David Cameron's just-concluded trip to Obama in Washington. It is London which gives Obama his orders. The reason for the British push for war lies in the fact that the London-centred financial system that governs the entire trans-Atlantic world, is hopelessly bankrupt. This British monetarist empire—the system of "globalisation"—is currently pushing the world to the very edge of the nuclear abyss, in order to force Russia and China to their knees, to make them abandon their sovereignty and their high technology-oriented economic policies. The British fear that when their trans-Atlantic, Green-pivoted monetarist system collapses, then Russia, China, India and other parts of Asia will be left as the "last men standing".

Netanyahu's 'nuclear duck' is as real as Bush's WMDs

The following statements by leading experts contradict the Netanyahu claims that Iran presents a nuclear threat:

According to the March 19 *Russia Today*, "Israel's intelligence service Mossad has acknowledged, just like their American counterparts, there is no proof Tehran is carrying out a nuclear weapons program, a source in U.S. intelligence told the *New York Times*." The *New York Times* article referred to by *Russia*



The March 15 *Haaretz* exposed Obama's support for Israel to strike Iran.

Today reports that "Mossad, Israel's intelligence service, agrees with the American intelligence assessments, even while Israeli political leaders have been pushing for quick, aggressive action to block Iran from becoming what they describe as an existential threat to the Jewish state. 'Their people ask very hard questions, but Mossad does not disagree with the U.S. on the weapons program,' said one former senior American intelligence official, who, like others for this article, would speak only on the condition of anonymity about classified information. 'There is not a lot of dispute between the U.S. and Israeli intelligence communities on the facts.'"

Ex-Mossad chief Meir Dagan told the March 11 U.S. *60 Minutes*, "I think 'Ahmadinejad' is rational." The Iranians "are considering all the implications of their actions.... They will have to pay dearly ... and I think the Iranians at this point in time are ... very careful on the project... They are not running it...."

Former IAEA Chief Inspector Robert Kelley: "When a country goes to war, as the U.S. did in 2003 with disastrous results, there should be some lessons learned on the table. It would appear there are no lessons learned being used in the current hysteria. The most important is peer review. The accusations levelled against Iraq in the nuclear area in 2003 were largely from the mouth of one single low-level analyst in the U.S. He got far outside his competence and made accusations that were shredded in peer reviews by far more competent people, yet his view bubbled to the top because the peers were muzzled and his scary message was more welcome in high circles. The November 2011 IAEA Board Report [on Iran] looks like déjà vu.... I think the Board of Governors should demand an investigation of the report and an independent review, line by line, of where that information was coming from, and why it was spun so heavily to one side."

Testifying before the U.S. Senate Budget Committee on Feb. 28, U.S. Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey defended his Feb. 17 comment, much attacked since from British-inspired quarters, that Iran is a rational actor. As reported by *The Hill*, Dempsey said that he doesn't mistake Iran's rhetoric for a lack of reason, and that even Iran's actions that are unacceptable to the United States fit the country's pattern over the past 30 years. "We can't afford to underestimate our potential adversaries by writing them off as irrational," Dempsey said.

Mr. President: Say No to War of Choice with Iran

"It's not prudent at this point to decide to attack Iran...I think it would be premature to exclusively decide that the time for a military option was upon us...A strike at this time would be destabilizing and wouldn't achieve [Israel's] long-term objectives."

-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Martin Dempsey

"...the United States would obviously be blamed and we could possibly be the target of retaliation from Iran, striking our ships, striking our military bases.... I think that the consequence could be that we would have an escalation that would take place that would not only involve many lives, but I think could consume the Middle East in a confrontation and a conflict that we would regret."

-Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta

"A military solution, as far as I am concerned...it will bring together a divided nation. It will make them absolutely committed to obtaining nuclear weapons. And they will just go deeper and more covert. The only long-term solution in avoiding an Iranian nuclear weapons capability is for the Iranians to decide it is not in their interest. Everything else is a short-term solution."

-Former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates

"...what happens if another preemptive attack by the West, the U.S. and Israel, they fire up the streets and now we got problems. Just tell me how to deal with all that, okay? ... Because, eventually, if you follow this all the way down, eventually I'm putting boots on the ground somewhere. And like I tell my friends, if you like Iraq and Afghanistan, you'll love Iran."

-Former CENTCOM Commander General Anthony Zinni (ret.)

"No strike, however effective, will be in and of itself decisive. ... We haven't had a contact with Iran since 1979. Even in the darkest days of the Cold War, we had links to the Soviet Union. We are not talking to Iran so we don't understand each other. If something happens it's virtually assured that we won't get it right - that there will be miscalculations - which would be extremely dangerous in that part of the world."

-Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen (ret.)

Dear Mr. President,

The U.S. military is the most formidable military force on earth. But not every challenge has a military solution.

Unless we or an ally is attacked, war should be the option of last resort. Our brave servicemen and women expect you to exhaust all diplomatic and peaceful options before you send them into harm's way.

Preventing a nuclear armed Iran is rightfully your priority and your red line. Fortunately, diplomacy has not been exhausted and peaceful solutions are still possible.

Military action at this stage is not only unnecessary, it is dangerous -- for the United States and for Israel. We urge you to resist the pressure for a war of choice with Iran.

Sincerely,

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