

Impending Holocaust Watch – Ahmadinejad, The Genocidal Realist

Mark Steyn is in fine form, summarising the present situation: Iran is simultaneously acquiring nuclear weapons and pushing the envelope of how far genocidal antisemitism may be publicly advocated before any consequences set in. They are succeeding in both efforts: both the rhetoric of genocide and the physical preparations for it are becoming accepted in civilised circles as a routine and inevitable part of the international landscape.

[President Ahmadinejad] figures that half the world likes his Jew proposals and the rest isn't prepared to do more than offer a few objections phrased in the usual thin diplo-pabulum.

We assume, as Neville Chamberlain, Lord Halifax and other civilized men did 70 years ago, that these chaps may be a little excitable, but come on, old boy, they can't possibly mean it, can they? Wrong. They mean it but they can't quite do it yet. Like Hitler, when they can do it, they will – or at the very least the weedy diplo-speak tells them they can force the world into big concessions on the fear that they can.

The ultimate target of this international blackmail, the United States, which is also the nation that is, as usual, going to have to bear the cost of **setting the world to rights** again after that catastrophe, is for various reasons unable to act in advance to prevent it. Hence Israel is being forced into its well-accustomed stance of unilateral self-defence. Of course it would be perfectly justified in using military force to disarm Iran, as it did Iraq in 1981. Unfortunately, this seems to be impractical, since Iran has learned from Saddam's failure, and has had decades to disperse, conceal and protect its nuclear technology. An editorial by **Saul Singer** in the Jerusalem Post muses on the problem. He points out that the current international consensus of appeasement, led by the Europeans, is, as usual, bringing about precisely the events that it is intended to prevent.

He also points out that international pre-emptive action is not only permitted but mandated by the UN Charter:

If Europe, through the UN and in partnership with the

US, simply followed the UN Charter, we would be living in a very different world today. That Charter (Ch. 1, Art. 1, Para. 1, first sentence) states the UN's purpose: "To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the **prevention and removal of threats** to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace...". [Our emphasis.]

Does this ring any bells? Is there a state that is a greater threat to international peace than Iran? How much terrorism does a state have to sponsor, how many member states does it have to threaten with destruction, and how far does it have to get in obtaining the ultimate means to carry out such threats before the collective obligations of free nations under the Charter are remembered?

And he concludes with an appeal to the world, and to Europe in particular:

Join us and defend yourselves. We are not your hired hitmen; don't depend on us to save you. Take your beloved international law seriously and throw the book at Iran.

It may not be too late, with common will, to force Iran to back down without firing a shot. And if it is too late for peaceful means, that shot should be fired together, legally, in the name of international peace and security.

Indeed a united world – even just the civilised world, united – would probably be able to end the Iranian threat peacefully. But we also know, as Singer undoubtedly knows too, that the civilised world is not sufficiently civilised to do this.

Absent that fantasy solution, there is still some hope. It lies in the creative thought of three groups of people. One is the military planners of the IDF. The second is the US Administration and their strategic advisers. And the third – neglected in many analyses of this crisis – is the Iranian people. They have more to lose by failing, and more to gain by liberating themselves – now – than anyone else.

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Indeed

I completely agree, and as an Iranian appreciate the stance you take in this post. Indeed if such **public displays of evil**, as those of Mr. Ahmadinejad's recent and repeated ones, pass without due international action (not words) we should all be fearful of the status of our future well-being.

by Babak on Mon, 12/12/2005 - 20:27 | [reply](#)

Iran threats

It's such a tendency for us to search for solutions based on surface appearances. The Holy Spirit on The Christian Prophet blog advocates a more spiritual solution.

by **A Christian Prophet** on Tue, 12/13/2005 - 02:07 | [reply](#)

Do not underestimate him

Ahmadinejad's diatribes against Israel seem stupid, but they are also very subtle, as an Iranian dissident-analyst Farhad Ja'fari has pointed out:

He is winning a lot of Muslim support for himself and the regime, this way directing the Islamic world's public opinion to perceive any possible Western retaliation against Iranian nuclear sites as solely a defence of Israel. This way they are effectively raising the costs of a possible Western action.

At the same time they are shifting the main issue from the Nuclear weapons to anti-semitism in the world public opinion which is unfortunately very prone to disregarding anti-semitism in action (despite all the rhetoric) in contrast to the nuclear issue.

Finally they also play with the Christian anti-semitism and the preponderant conspiracy theories about the influence of Israel in American and Western policy decisions in the West itself.

Of course, just like the Nazis, they are shrewd but also mad and stupid in their own fashion. After all the real smart policy would be that of adopting free liberal society, the one thing they completely shun. This is ultimately their ruin, sooner or later. The main question is, as you mentioned, what would be the cost?

by AIS on Thu, 12/15/2005 - 05:44 | [reply](#)

Re: Do Not Underestimate Him

Those are very good points. Thank you.

by **Editor** on Thu, 12/15/2005 - 05:57 | [reply](#)

...An Important Petition

Also please take the time to read this:

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Any effort to isolate the regime is a step in the right direction.

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