

Iran: Get It, Before It Gets You

Here are two articles for people who, like ourselves, need to learn more about Iran. The first, **Who Rules Iran?**, is about how Iran is governed:

Westerners often meet with assorted officials who, they are led to believe, run Islamist Iran. They don't.

The second article, **The Next Threat**, is about the historic catastrophe that Iran is about to bring about, if we – and particularly the US government – can't find a way to stop them:

The Shahab-4 missile, developed with the kind assistance of North Korea, could carry a plutonium-core nuclear bomb from Iran to Central Europe. Even the mullahs aren't crazy enough to do that, but just the existence of that capability may well affect European decision makers when they next discuss immigration, or headscarves, or the middle east conflict, or cooperation with the United States. But the critical issues are not those. They are: the survival of Israel, and the threat of an untraceable nuclear attack on America.

Taken together, the implication of these two articles is this: the present evil oligarchy that rules Iran is speeding down the road to hell – for them, their people, and for the rest of the world. Yet they will not voluntarily change course. The only way of avoiding this hell is for the people of Iran to change their government.

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Pakistan could also be "The next threat"

In my eyes, Pakistan represents just as great a threat as Iran. General Musharraf's grip on power is weak and the country is swarming with Islamofacists who would grasp any chance to topple him. And the recent battle with al-Qaeda members in the border region of Waziristan will only have underscored Musharraf's weakness and emboldened the Islamofacists.

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only way? what about the people of somewhere else changing it for them?

-- Elliot Temple
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by **Elliot Temple** on Wed, 03/31/2004 - 05:20 | [reply](#)

The proposed solution is horrific

The proposed solution in the second article mentioned seems at least strange.

First of all, I don't get this: "destroying the Zionist entity is worth the retaliation". It assumes that Iran could potentially bear the consequences of a "one or few nuclear detonations" caused by Israel. Well, everyone is ignorant in some ways. So, we can assume they are nuts, i.e. Israel nuclear program wouldn't stop them. Then American one wouldn't do either.

Second, the author then suggests to threaten them. American society is very good at threatening their criminals with a capital punishment and prisons - do they have less criminals or prisoners per 1000 of population? Another question is - are you really going to wipe out the whole state if a new terrorist attacks happens brought by unidentified terrorist group or it is just a threat that suppose to restrain them well?

Reminding you again Osirak campaign in 1981 I could suggest a better way of dealing with them. If Israel cannot accomplish a similar task with now several Iranian targets, then US probably can (without starting a full-fledged war). International community will swear hard on US, but, as the author asserted on account of this, who cares?

Not far apart from this topic, an interesting fundamental question arises - shell a nuclear submarin soldier launch an attack knowing that his own state has been already wiped out? If he does so - there will be no chances of hosting a human life on Earth for another 4 billion years, if not - there is still a certain possibility that at least one continent will survive (of course, with evil regime). What's your answer?

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Joint effort

Elliot,
...or a combination of the two?

-An Iranian Student (AIS)

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The Iran hype-machine has beg

The Iran hype-machine has begun. Are we looking for the action to begin in June? Remember, Americans have a very short attention span.

The fear and panic this propaganda is supposed to initiate cannot be sustained for a lengthy period and must be used within several months or it will be squandered.

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Re: The Iran hype-machine has beg

It's *almost* funny that the anonymous reader from Towson, Maryland posted such a comment on an article over a year old.

Only *almost*, because the anonymous reader arrived here via a Google search: [iran wipe out the zionist entity israel](#).

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