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SHEIKH: ALL MUST CONVERT TO ISLAM

September 28, 2006 YnetNews.com reported: "Pope Benedict XVI's meeting this week with a delegation of Muslim leaders and his calls for interfaith dialogue following earlier remarks about Islam are really "Crusader conspiracies" to subjugate the Islamic faith and force "Christian-Zionist" worldviews upon Muslims, a prominent Gaza Strip preacher told WorldNetDaily in an interview.

Sheikh Abu Saqer, leader of Gaza's Jihadia Salafiya Islamic outreach movement, which seeks to make secular Muslims more religious, called the pope a "puppet" for "that Crusader George Bush."

The Gaza imam said the only Christian-Muslim dialogue that is acceptable is one in which "all religions agree to convert to Islam."

"The call for so-called dialogue by this little racist pope is a Trojan horse with the main goal of reaching a new system in which the ideals (of Christianity) are a new ideology that will rule relations between nations and people. The dialogue he wants is dangerous," said Abu Saqer, speaking to WND from the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis.

"The pope is the spiritual and religious wing of the Crusader ideology," Abu Saqer said. "He is totally coordinated with Bush. Through this dialogue he hopes to break the lines of unity between Muslims and polarize the Muslim world, which has some partisans who will accept this new dialogue. But true believers know Islam must rule all relations. The only dialogue we will accept is when all other religions agree to convert to Islam."..."



IRAN BLASTS RUSSIAN HANDLING OF BUSHEHR

September 27, 2006 The Middle East Newline reported: "Amid unprecedented criticism, Iran has sought to draft a timetable for the completion of the Bushehr nuclear reactor. Iranian Vice President Gholam-Reza Aqazadeh has been meeting senior Russian officials in Moscow to set a deadline for Bushehr, so far five years behind schedule. Aqazadeh, also director of the Iranian Atomic Energy Organization, held talks with his Russian counterpart, Sergei Kiriyenko, in what the Iranian hinted could be Moscow's last chance to complete the project.

"In the event that the Russian contractor proves incapable of completing the Bushehr project, Iran is ready to finish it itself," Aqazadeh said on Monday. "From our point of view, we can complete the power station within six months."

In a briefing to Iranian reporters, Aqazadeh said 93 percent of Bushehr has been completed. He acknowledged numerous delays by prime contractor Atomstroieexport, which repeatedly revised the design of the nuclear facility."..."

US OFFERS ONE-ON-ONE TALKS IF NORTH KOREA COMMITS TO NUCLEAR DIPLOMACY

September 26, 2006 The Voice of America News reported: "A U.S. official says North Korea could have the high-level, one-on-one conversation with the United States that it has long requested. The offer is being described as a new approach to dealing with Pyongyang - but comes attached to a long-standing demand that the North fulfill its nuclear disarmament pledges.

The U.S. ambassador to South Korea says Washington is ready to send Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill to North Korea - if Pyongyang makes the right decision. Hill is the chief U.S. delegate to six-nation talks aimed at eliminating North Korea's nuclear weapons capabilities. Ambassador Alexander Vershbow on Tuesday told South Korean officials that Hill would meet one-on-one with his North Korean counterpart if Pyongyang agrees to return to the nuclear talks.

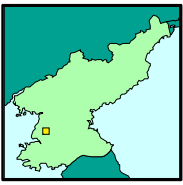
In the past, the U.S. had said it would hold a bilateral meeting only after North Korea had returned to the nuclear talks. Last year North Korea promised South Korea, the United States, Japan, China, and Russia it would end its nuclear programs. Pyongyang has since boycotted the six-nation talks in protest of U.S. sanctions related to alleged North Korean money laundering and counterfeiting.

A former top U.S. diplomat who was in Seoul Tuesday says he is pessimistic about the talks reconvening anytime soon. Richard Armitage, who until last year was deputy secretary of state, told reporters here he thinks Pyongyang will bide its time.

"I think the North Koreans are of the opinion that we are mired down in Iraq and Afghanistan and Iran, that we can't be very innovative and flexible with them. I think they are likely to wait it out until the next administration, " he said. The next U.S. presidential election is in 2008, and the next president will not take office until January 2009."..."

NORTH KOREA REJECTS NUCLEAR TALKS, BLAMES US

September 27, 2006 The Voice of America reported: "A top North Korean official has ruled out a return to six-party talks on its nuclear program, and accused the United States of trying to rule the world. The verbal broadside came during North Korea's annual address to the U.N. General Assembly.



North Korea's deputy foreign minister, Choe Su Hon, blamed what he called the "vicious, hostile policies" of the United States for what he called "touch and go critical tension on the Korean peninsula." Referring to his country by its initials DPRK, Choe said Washington is purposely stoking tensions in a strategy aimed at world domination. "The United States aims to strengthen its armed forces in this region, and thus contain the ever-growing-strong DPRK and neighboring countries within its world supremacy strategy. This is what the real intention of the United States is," he said.

He accused the United States of imposing unjustified financial sanctions on Pyongyang, and said under such conditions, North Korea would not return to the stalled six-party talks on its nuclear program. "It is quite preposterous that the DPRK, under the groundless U.S. sanctions, takes part in the talks of discussing its own nuclear abandonment. This is the matter of principle which cannot tolerate even the slightest concession," he said.

Earlier in the day, the U.S. ambassador to South Korea, Alexander Vershbow, said Washington is prepared to have high-level one-on-one talks with North Korea if Pyongyang returns to the six-party talks. He offered to send Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill to Pyongyang for the meeting.

EGYPT PLANS 3 NUKE REACTORS

September 26, 2006 The Middle East Newline reported: "Egypt plans to construct three nuclear reactors to generate electricity.

The Egyptian Electricity Ministry has drafted a plan to establish three nuclear power plants in the country over the next 20 years. Under the plan, Egypt would acquire or assemble light-water nuclear reactors with help from foreign suppliers.

Electricity Minister Hassan Yunis said the first nuclear energy reactor would be constructed by 2016. Yunis told the state-owned Egyptian daily Al Ahram that the reactor would generate 1,000 megawatts of power and cost \$1.5 billion.

Yunis said Egypt suspended its nuclear energy program in the late 1980s in the aftermath of the accident at the Chernobyl reactor in Ukraine. The minister said Egypt would benefit from new safety technology developed for nuclear energy facilities."..."

U.S. DEVELOPS RESPECT FOR IRANIAN MILITARY

September 26, 2006 The Middle East Newline reported: "The United States has developed a grudging respect for Iran's military. Officials said the Defense Department and Joint Chiefs of Staff have assessed that Iran's military was the second most powerful in the Middle East. They said that unlike Iraq, Iran was capable of sustaining a long war against the United States.

"Right now Iran is the most powerful military force in the region, except for the United States of America," U.S. Central Command chief Gen. John Abizaid said.

Abizaid said he was referring only to those countries in Central Command. The command contains such Arab countries as Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Israel is located in U.S. European Command."..."

HIZBULLAH CLAIMS 20,000 ROCKETS IN LEBANON

September 26, 2006 Hizbullah claims an arsenal of more than 20,000 rockets in Lebanon.

Hizbullah secretary-general Hassan Nasrallah said his Iranian-sponsored militia has deployed more than 20,000 rockets in southern Lebanon. Nasrallah, in his first appearance since the 34-day war with Israel ended on Aug. 14, did not identify the rockets.

"Today we celebrate a great divine, historic and strategic victory," Nasrallah said during a so-called victory rally on Sept. 22. Nasrallah's assertion marked the highest number of rockets claimed by Hizbullah. In July, the Hizbullah chief said his organization had more than 12,000 rockets."..."

ISRAELI INTEL: ASSAD FAVORS ANOTHER WAR

September 26, 2006 The Middle East Newline reported: "Syria, buoyed by Hizbullah's success against Israel, has ordered his military to prepare for a regional war with the Jewish state.

Israeli intelligence sources said Syrian President Bashar Assad has ordered a series of measures meant to bolster the preparedness of his military. The sources cited increased training, exercises, procurement as well as an examination of Israeli ground and air battles in Lebanon in July and August.

"We see signs of a new strategy in the Syrian military based on the lessons from the Hizbullah war," an intelligence source said. "It could take months until the picture becomes clearer."

The sources said the Intelligence Corps has detected Syrian activities in the Golan Heights that could mark preparations for another war. They said Syria appeared to be planning to bring people to the Golan to serve as a human shield during any conflict with Israel."

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