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## PERETZ: IAF TO CONTINUE LEBANON OVERFLIGHTS UNTIL TROOPS FREED

*October 26, 2006* Haaretz reported: "Defense Minister Amir Peretz told the European Union's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, on Thursday that IAF overflights will continue in Lebanon as long as the UN cease-fire resolution has not been fully implemented. Peretz told the visiting Solana during their meeting in Tel Aviv that the implementation of UN Resolution 1701 must include the release of captured soldiers Udi Goldwasser and Eldad Regev.

Peretz also emphasized the importance of full international monitoring along the Syria-Lebanon border in order to prevent arms smuggling to Hezbollah, as called for in the resolution. Israel must evacuate all illegal West Bank outposts and do its part to advance the internationally-backed road map for peace, the European Union's foreign policy chief told Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni on Thursday.

Javier Solana told Livni during talks in Tel Aviv that despite the prevailing chaos with the Palestinian Authority, the road map was still an existing plan in dire need of immediate implementation, Army Radio reported.

He implored Livni to remember Israel's obligations to the plan, adding he was concerned by a comment he had heard a day before by a "cabinet member" intimating that Israel has no plans to remove West Bank settlements or outposts. Solana on Wednesday held introductory talks with incoming minister on strategic threats, MK Avigdor Lieberman.

Solana said he hoped the crucial Rafah border crossing between Gaza and the outside world, which has been closed by Israel for most of the past four months, would be reopened on a regular basis soon. European Union officials who monitor the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt have threatened to abandon their mission if Israel keeps closing the passage for what it says are security reasons.

"We hope to have in a few days or weeks - we hope days - a response on a renewal of our presence in Rafah," Solana told reporters.

Livni said in response to Solana's request, "we are going to negotiate with the Europeans on the future terms... But we are very positive about the role of Europe in monitoring the Rafah passage."

## RICE URGES UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO IMPOSE IRAN SANCTIONS NOW

*October 26, 2006* The Voice of America reported: "U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is urging the U.N. Security Council to impose sanctions on Iran immediately, saying the Tehran government must be held accountable for its defiance regarding the nation's nuclear program. Secretary Rice says Iran is closely watching the world's reaction to North Korea's recent nuclear test, and says weapons programs in both countries will never bring them prestige or more security.

Secretary Rice says it is time for action on Iran's nuclear program. "The United Nations Security Council is now working on an Iran sanctions resolution. For the international community to be credible, it must pass a resolution now that holds Iran accountable for its defiance," she said. Secretary Rice made the remarks in a speech at the Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy institute.

She says Iran should pay close attention to the wide-ranging sanctions being imposed on North Korea since it carried out its first test of a nuclear weapon earlier this month.

"The greatest challenge to the non-proliferation regime comes from countries that violate their responsibilities under the Non-Proliferation Treaty," she added. "The North Korean government has been one such case, so is Iran. The Iranian regime is watching how the world responds to North Korea's behavior and it can now see the international community will confront this threat. Iran can see that the path North Korea is choosing is not leading to more prestige and more prosperity or more security. It is leading to just the opposite."..."

## SOUTH KOREA SUCCESSFULLY TESTS LONGER-RANGE CRUISE MISSILE

*October 25, 2006* SpaceWar.com reported: "South Korea has successfully tested a new longer-range cruise missile which has not only North Korea but also parts of China and Japan within range, a news report said Tuesday. The Munhwa Ilbo newspaper, quoting unnamed senior government officials, said the country had succeeded in test-firing a cruise missile with a 1,000 kilometer (620-mile) range.

"The missile precisely hit the targeted zone, five meters in diameter, during the test launch," an unnamed official was quoted as saying. The missile had to shuttle 25 times between a launch site and a target around 40 kilometers away before hitting it to replicate the long distance range, another official told the paper. Defense ministry officials refused to confirm the report.

South Korea has vowed to step up efforts to develop missiles that can launch surgical attacks on missile launching sites deep inside North Korea since its declared nuclear test on October 9. The new missile can reach all of North Korea as well as Beijing and Tokyo. The unnamed official said Seoul was also developing cruise missile with a range of 1,500 kilometers.



South Korea's media reported last month the country had successfully developed its first cruise missile with a 500-kilometer range. Seoul's defense officials declined to confirm the reports.

The new missile, tentatively named "Cheon Ryong" or Sky Dragon and similar to the US-made Tomahawk, will be deployed for operations by the end of the year, Yonhap news agency said Tuesday.

A US-South Korean defence accord imposes a maximum range of 300 kilometers for Seoul's missiles, in compliance with international arms control efforts. But South Korean officials believe the agreement applies only to ballistic and not cruise missiles, according to media reports.

The North deploys Scuds and Rodongs with a range of 1,300 kilometres, capable of hitting anywhere in the South, and is developing a Taepodong missile with an expected final range of up to 6,000 kilometres."..."

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## TALIBAN LEADER WARNS OF CARNAGE

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*October 22, 2006* CNN reported: "A message from elusive Taliban leader Mullah Muhammad Omar, released at the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, warns there will be a surge in violence in Afghanistan "at a surprising level," and advised militants fighting U.S. and NATO troops to stay united.

"By the will of Allah, the fight will intensify in the coming few months," the statement attributed to Omar said. "Our predictions about the war have proved right in the past. I am confident that our fight will gain a strong foothold in the near future."

The statement came from Omar and was released Saturday in the hours before Eid al-Fitr a three-day festive period marking the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, a Taliban spokesman told CNN. Eid al-Fitr begins Sunday or Monday, depending on when the crescent moon is sighted.

Omar congratulated Muslims on the occasion of the festival, which celebrates the end of fasting, noting "that it is the fifth Eid al-Fitr and our country is still running under the control of the crusader army."

"But I also congratulate you on another victory -- the defeat of the crusaders," he said, referring to American forces.

Omar denounced Pakistan for supporting "American propaganda," said Afghanistan's "puppet" government under President Hamid Karzai will have to face an Islamic court of justice, and urged NATO forces -- who are commanding most of the foreign troops -- to "leave Afghanistan at the earliest."

Omar heads the religious militia in Afghanistan, where Taliban militants have made a dramatic resurgence. The United States has been searching for the leader, and is offering a reward of up to \$10 million for information leading to his capture.

He was last seen in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, which he fled in December 2001 as U.S. forces closed in on the city.

The elusive Taliban leader is believed to be in or near Quetta, Pakistan, a city of 1 million in southwestern Pakistan, a U.S. intelligence source said in September. However, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf disputes this."

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## PERES: ISRAEL HAS NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING IRAN

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*October 21, 2006* Ha`aretz reported: "Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Saturday that Israel has no aggressive intentions towards Iran, and cautioned against any pre-emptive strike on the Islamic Republic. Peres also said Israel should regard Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as it would Hitler, and urged the formation of a global coalition against Iran.

"We must never consider such a thing," Peres told Channel Two television when asked if he would support an independent Israeli military strike against Iran if other nations failed to curb its uranium enrichment program.

"Israel has never shown aggressive intentions (towards Iran) - it has none. I don't think we have to, or can, deal with this issue," he said, cautioning that Israel could face international isolation if it attacked Iran.

Israel has said repeatedly it wants the United States and other countries to take the lead in dealing with Iran over a nuclear program that has raised international concern that it could build atomic weapons.

Iran this month rejected demands that it suspend uranium enrichment, prompting United Nations Security Council to consider sanctions. It says it wants nuclear power only to generate electricity.

The issue was high on the agenda of talks Prime Minister Ehud Olmert held this week in Moscow with Russian President Vladimir Putin, whose country, a UN Security Council member with veto power, has been reluctant to support sanctions.

"The Iranians should be afraid - they must understand if they object to every compromise there will be a price to pay," Olmert, who has said a nuclear Iran would pose a threat to Israel's existence, told reporters on Thursday.

He did not elaborate. But his comments were described in the Israeli media as the strongest warning yet by an Israeli leader to Iran that Israel might consider a pre-emptive strike to try to ensure Tehran cannot build an atomic bomb."..."

