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FOLLOW GOD OR VANISH, AHMADINEJAD TELLS WEST

December 6, 2006 SpaceWar.com reported: "Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad Wednesday warned Western leaders to follow the path of God or "vanish from the face of the earth", the semi-official news agency Mehr reported. "These oppressive countries are angry with us ... a nation that on the other side of the globe has risen up and proved the shallowness of their power," Ahmadinejad said in a speech in the northern town of Ramsar.

"They are angry with our nation. But we tell them 'so be it and die from this anger'. Rest assured that if you do not respond to the divine call, you will die soon and vanish from the face of the earth," he said.

The outspoken president also maintained Iran's defiance over its controversial nuclear programme, saying it was on course to fully master nuclear technology. "Thanks to God's help, we have gone all the way and are only one step away from the zenith.

"We hope to have the big nuclear celebration by the end of the year (March 2007)," Ahmadinejad said, echoing comments he has made on numerous occasions in recent months.

A defiant Iran has refused to suspend its uranium enrichment work, a process that the West fears could be extended to make nuclear weapons. Iran however insists its nuclear programme is solely aimed at generating energy."..."



IRAN TO RULE: WAS THERE A HOLOCAUST?

December 6, 2006 YnetNews.com reported: "Iran will host an international conference next week on the Holocaust, with the central question being whether or not it actually took place. At the conclusion of the conference, the Iranians will decide on the answer.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mohammadi convened a press conference Tuesday to elaborate on the event. If Iran is indeed convinced that the Holocaust took place, the next question will be how many Jews were murdered and why the Palestinians need to suffer because of an event that took place in Europe 60 years ago.

Mohammadi stated that the idea for such a conference on the Holocaust was the brain child of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. There are those in Iran who deny the Holocaust. In February, Ahmadinejad himself referred to it as a 'myth', provoking a wave of outrage in Israel and the world at large.

Mohammadi, deputy foreign minister for education and research, announced that the conference, which will begin Monday, will last two days and will be attended by 67 participants from 30 nations such as Britain, France, Australia, and Canada.

Also represented will be Russia, Austria, Turkey, Bahrain, Tajikistan, Syria, and Algeria. The minister refrained from revealing the identity of the experts, out of concern "that their governments will take their passports and prevent them from coming to the conference."

The Iranian government stated that the conference will host Jews, including rabbis. It is unclear whether Holocaust survivors will participate in the conference, but it is known that any Israeli attempt to participate in the conference was rejected."..."

US PLANS FOR MOON BASE

December 5, 2006 BBC News reported: "US space agency Nasa says it is planning to start work on a base on the Moon after astronauts begin flying back there in 2020..."

Nasa scientists say the best approach is to develop a solar-powered moon base and to locate it near one of the poles of the moon - such as the Shackleton Crater near the South Pole.

The poles offer moderate temperatures, high percentage of sunlight which means greater potential for solar power and more opportunities to launch. Nasa says they are also exciting options as they are not as well known as other areas and offer "unique, cold dark craters".

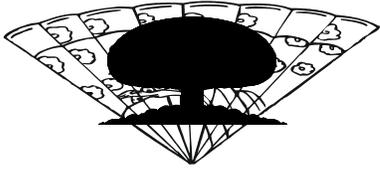
Nasa wants to have returned to the moon by 2020, with 30-day residential missions by 2024, increasing to six months by the end of that year. Nasa says the global space community has identified six key aims for lunar exploration:

- to extend human presence to the Moon to enable eventual settlement.
- to pursue scientific activities that address fundamental questions about the history of Earth, the Solar System and the Universe.
- to test technologies, systems, flight operations and exploration techniques to reduce the risks and increase the productivity of future missions to Mars and beyond.
- to provide a challenging, shared and peaceful activity that unites nations in pursuit of common objectives.
- to expand Earth's economic sphere, and conduct lunar activities with benefits to life on the home planet.
- to use a vibrant space exploration program to engage the public, encourage students and help develop the high-tech workforce that will be required to address the challenges of tomorrow.

By 2025, Nasa hopes to have developed the capabilities required to enable further steps into space - possibly expanding lunar exploration and/or manned missions to Mars."

NUCLEAR-ARMED JAPAN WOULD BE "TERRIBLE MISTAKE"

December 5, 2006 SpaceWar.com reported: "Mohamed ElBaradei, the head of the UN nuclear watchdog, warned Sunday that it would be a "terrible mistake" for Japan to develop nuclear weapons in the wake of North Korea's atomic test. "I think it would be a terrible mistake for any country now to move to nuclear arms because there is a domino effect," the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency told a seminar at Kyoto University in western Japan.



"If Japan were to go for nuclear weapons we would have to look at South Korea, Taiwan and eventually everybody in the region" also possibly acquiring atomic arms, he added.

"I always look at Japan as a torch holder for nuclear disarmament," ElBaradei said, adding that Japan's history as the only country to have been attacked with nuclear weapons meant it had a "moral responsibility".

ElBaradei added, however, that he had been assured by Japanese government officials that Tokyo had no intention of abandoning its long standing policy against nuclear weapons.

On Thursday ElBaradei met with Foreign Minister Taro Aso, who last week said Japan was able to produce nuclear weapons if it chose to do so. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has ruled out even discussing building nuclear weapons, but the issue has caused concern in neighboring countries haunted by Japan's past aggression.

Japan is the only country to have suffered a nuclear attack. US nuclear bombs obliterated the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the closing days of World War II, killing more than 210,000 people."

AHMADINEJAD: ANY DECISION AGAINST NUKES 'HOSTILITY'

December 5, 2006 YnetNews.com reported: "Officials from six world powers meet in Paris on Tuesday seeking progress towards ending a deadlock that has held up agreement over a sanctions resolution on Iran's nuclear program.

Hours before they were to meet, Tehran struck a defiant note with nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani saying Iran would not bow to pressure to cede its right to atomic technology and the president warning European states not to block Iran.

"Our path to reach the nuclear summit is in the final phase, and no more than one more step is needed," Mahmoud Ahmadinejad told a rally in north Iran.

"Iran possesses the nuclear fuel cycle completely and by God's will it will undertake necessary measures to produce nuclear fuel for all of its nuclear power stations."

Political directors from UN Security Council permanent members Russia, China, France, Britain and the United States, plus Germany will attend the latest round of talks, which have been stuck for months. EU foreign policy Chief Javier Solana will also take part.

The West suspects Iran is using its civilian nuclear program as cover to build an atomic bomb but Tehran says its work is peaceful.

Ahmadinejad criticized three European states—an apparent reference to France, Britain and Germany—for seeking to deny Iran what he called its nuclear rights.

"If you insist on your path against the Iranian nation's right, the Iranian nation will count it as enmity against the Iranian nation and the Iranian nation will reconsider its relation to you," he said, without giving details.

"I'm telling you in plain language that as of now, if you try, whether through propaganda or international organizations, to take steps against the rights of the Iranian nation, the Iranian nation will consider it an act of hostility."..."

GCC FEARS RISING IRANIAN PRESENCE

December 7, 2006 The Middle East Newline: "When Ali Larijani entered the conference hall of Arab World Strategy 2006, the Arab audience parted like the Red Sea. The Iranian national security adviser was treated as visiting royalty and his message at the Dubai seminar greeted with utmost respect.

Larijani's message left little to the imagination. In perhaps the harshest Iranian demand yet, he called on Gulf Cooperation Council states to expel the U.S. military from the region. After that, he said, Gulf Arab states must form an alliance with Iran.

"The security and stability of the region needs to be attained and we should do it inside the region, not through bringing in foreign forces," Larijani said on Tuesday. "We should stand on our own feet."

GCC states have been watching with increasing worry the Iranian military buildup in the Gulf. But in expectation of a U.S. withdrawal from Iraq as well as reconciliation gestures toward Teheran, Gulf Arab regimes have remained silent."..."

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