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BUSH UNVEILS NEW CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN

June 1, 2007 The Agence France-Presse reported: "US President George W. Bush said Thursday he would urge major industrialized nations at a summit next week to join a new global framework for fighting climate change after the Kyoto Protocol lapses.

"The United States will work with other nations to establish a new framework on greenhouse gas emissions for when the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012," he said in a speech laying out his agenda for the June 6-8 G8 summit in Germany.

"My proposal is this: By the end of next year, America and other nations will set a long-term global goal for reducing greenhouse gases" in consultation with major greenhouse gas-producing nations, including fast-growing India and China, and industry leaders, over the next 18 months, Bush said.

Countries would also set "mid-term national targets and programs" depending on "their own mix of energy sources and future energy needs," he said, adding that there would be a "strong and transparent" method to assess progress.

"It's important to assure that we get results," said Bush, who made the initiative a key goal of his talks next week with leaders from Europe, where critics have accused Washington of dragging its feet on climate change.

The US president said he would push G8 leaders to boost investment in research and development of environment-friendly technologies and help poor countries acquire such cutting-edge science.

"We're also going to work to conclude talks with other nations on eliminating tariffs and other barriers to clean energy technologies and services by the end of this year," he said.

"If you're truly committed to helping the environment, nations need to get rid of their tariffs, need to get rid of those barriers that prevent new technologies from coming into their countries," he said.

"We'll help the world's poorest nations reduce emissions by giving them government-developed technologies at low cost or in some case no cost at all," said Bush.

The US proposal risks worsening a row with Germany, the current G8 president, which is seeking a strong resolution on fighting climate change at the summit and wants to bring as many nations as possible to the table."..."

ISRAEL TO READY PUBLIC FOR 'ALL-OUT WAR'

May 31, 2007 The Jerusalem Post reported: "With Iran racing toward nuclear power and IDF preparations for the possibility of a conflict with Syria and Hizbullah in high gear, the Home Front Command plans to launch a publicity campaign to prepare the public for war. Within a few weeks it intends to inform the public about what people need to do in the event of attack.

The campaign was not connected to a specific event or threat but was meant to brace the public for war in general, senior IDF officers said.

"Our job is to prepare for an all-out war," Col. Hilik Sofer, head of the Home Front Command Population Division, told The Jerusalem Post Wednesday. "We prepare for a wide range of possibilities since it doesn't make a difference where the threat comes from."

Several weeks ago, the Home Front Command distributed pamphlets in Netivot and Ashkelon explaining how to behave during a Kassam attack. Both cities are within 15 kilometers of the Gaza Strip.

The IDF has deployed early warning systems outside Netivot and Ashkelon. They have not been activated, pending government approval. Next week, Sofer will meet with heads of government offices and local councils to discuss ways to improve service to the public at a time of emergency.

"We know that the Palestinians have Kassams that can reach 12-kilometer distances and even farther," Sofer said. "And even though Kassams have yet to fall there, we'd best be prepared."

In March, the Home Front Command, the Israel Police, Magen David Adom, the Fire and Rescue Services and other emergency services held a two-day exercise throughout the country that dealt with extreme scenarios, including mega-terrorist attacks and nonconventional missile attacks. The drill was the country's largest ever and implemented lessons from the Second Lebanon War last summer."..."



HAMAS DOUBLES WARHEAD SIZE

May 31, 2007 The Middle East Newline reported: "The ruling Hamas movement has doubled the size of the warhead of its Kassam-class, short-range missile. Israeli officials said Hamas doubled the amount of explosives in the Kassam warhead since 2005. They said the conventional explosive warhead was increased from three to six kilograms. "The new warheads are clearly more lethal, and kill or maim people in a larger radius," an official said.

On Tuesday, Israel's High Court ordered the immediate protection of residents of Sderot and surrounding communities. The order stipulated

full protection for schools and other public buildings in the area adjacent to the Gaza Strip.”...”

GCC RECEIVES U.S. WITHDRAWAL MESSAGE

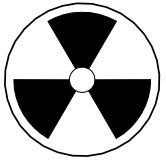
May 30, 2007 The Middle East Newslite reported: “The Bush administration has indicated that the United States would leave Iraq and most of the Gulf region by 2009. Middle East diplomatic sources said administration envoys have repeatedly hinted that Washington plans to withdraw from Iraq and most of the Gulf region. The sources said several of the U.S. envoys advised Gulf Cooperation Council and other states to prepare for this eventuality.

“No such words were spoken, but Arab and Israeli leaders have understood that within two years, the United States will no longer be in Iraq or in the Middle East,” a diplomatic source said.

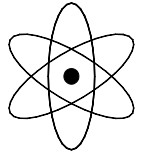
The administration's strongest message of a U.S. military withdrawal took place during the Middle East tour by Defense Secretary Robert Gates in April. Gates visited Egypt, Israel and Saudi Arabia and discussed arms sales with all three countries.”...”

BUSHEHR COULD RAPIDLY ADVANCE IRAN'S NUKES

May 31, 2007 The Middle East Newslite reported: “The operation of Iran's first nuclear reactor could rapidly advance the Islamic regime's campaign for nuclear weapons.



Western analysts said the Bushehr nuclear reactor could produce nuclear fuel that would then be quickly transformed into weapons-grade uranium. They said the 1,000 megawatt reactor could be used to enrich uranium to a point where the weapons processing would be accessible.



Nuclear fuel requires an enrichment of 3.5 percent. Weapons-grade Uranium 235 requires an enrichment of 90 percent.

If they do deliver this fuel -- 3.5-percent-enriched uranium 235 -- for a nuclear weapon, you need 90-percent-enriched uranium,” British nuclear consultant Frank Barnaby said. “If you've got 3.5-percent-enriched uranium, that's a long way towards the 90 percent.”...”

ISRAEL'S MILITARY DEMORALIZED

May 31, 2007 The Middle East Newslite reported: “Israel's military was reported to have been demoralized by the government's refusal to order a ground invasion of the Gaza Strip. Military sources said mid- and senior commanders have expressed frustration over the failure to halt intensive missile strikes from the Gaza Strip. The sources said the government's refusal to order a ground operation has encouraged the ruling Hamas movement to expand targets in Israel.

“We may have no choice but to take Gaza again,” former Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Moshe Ya'alon said. “I'm not talking about ruling the city, but if we don't go in now, when their firing at Sderot, we'll find ourselves with rockets in Ashdod.”

The sources said Ya'alon has been expressing the sentiment of many mid- and senior officers responsible for defending southern Israel from Palestinian missile gunners. They said the military was hurt by a confused government, particularly Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Defense Minister Amir Peretz.”...”

PUTIN ISSUES SHARP WARNING TO US, VOWS TO COUNTER ‘IMPERIALISM’

May 31, 2007 Agence France-Presse reported: “President Vladimir Putin issued an acerbic warning Thursday to the United States, saying the recent test of a new Russian missile was a direct response to US actions and condemning “imperialism” in world affairs.

“Our American partners have quit the ABM Treaty,” Putin told reporters after meeting his Greek counterpart, referring to the landmark 1972 US-Soviet treaty limiting the missile defenses of the Cold War superpower foes.

“We warned them then that we would come out with a response to maintain the strategic balance in the world. Yesterday we conducted a test of a new strategic ballistic missile with multiple warheads, and of a new cruise missile, and will continue to improve our resources.”

The United States informed Russia in 2001 that it was exercising its option to withdraw unilaterally from the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) pact. It has since stepped up controversial plans, fiercely opposed by Russia, to deploy a missile defence shield in eastern Europe.

Putin warned Wednesday that the US missile defense plan would turn Europe into a “powder keg” and he repeated on Thursday previous assertions that the planned deployments would ignite a new Cold War-style arms buildup.

“We are not the initiators of this new round of the arms race,” Putin said.”...”