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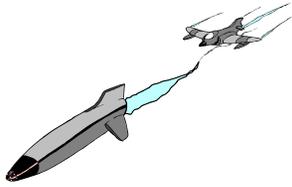
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RUSSIA TELLS US THAT IRAN POSES NO MISSILE THREAT

June 21, 2007 SpaceWar.com reported: "Russia on Wednesday bluntly told the United States it saw no threat from Iran's ballistic missiles and was perplexed how Washington could use this to justify a planned US defence system in Europe. "We do not see any kind of threat from Iran," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told reporters after a meeting in Tehran of foreign ministers from Caspian Sea states.



"Thus, we do not understand why in order to justify the installation of a US anti-ballistic missile system in Europe you have to bring up the pretext of a genuine Iranian threat," he added.

The United States plans to locate a powerful missile-tracking radar in the Czech Republic as well interceptor missiles in Poland to combat what it says are threats to global security. Russia vehemently opposes either location for the planned US system.

"On many occasions we have mentioned professional opinions, expertise and analyses about the absence of such a threat," said Lavrov.

Two weeks ago, Russian President Vladimir Putin proposed that the United States locate part of the system at the Russian-leased radar station at Gabala in the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan.

"If, on the American side, there is a suspicion of such a threat, then Putin offered that such a suspicion could easily be removed through the information collected through the radar station at Gabala," said Lavrov.

The United States has said that it is examining Putin's counter proposal for a joint Russian-US radar in Azerbaijan but US Defence Secretary Robert Gates has already made clear this would be no substitute for the Czech-based radar."..."

BRITISH GUNS BLAZING AS EU SUMMIT OPENS

June 21, 2007 The EUobserver.com reported: "British prime minister Tony Blair walked into the EU summit on Thursday (21 June) saying he must see "significant changes" in the draft EU treaty if there is to be any deal. The Polish president said nothing, amid speculation on the kind of compromise package Warsaw might accept.

"This is going to be a very tough negotiation. We've set out four areas on which we need to see significant change. We have to see that change," Mr Blair said. "Of course we want to see Europe working effectively, but on the four areas we've set out, we need to be satisfied."

"We want a treaty but it has to be the right one," his foreign minister, Margaret Beckett, said.

The British demands are to weaken the mandate of a future EU "foreign minister;" to not give the Charter of Fundamental Rights legal force; to not give away the national veto on justice matters and to not give the "EU" a legal personality.

Speaking earlier at a socialist party congress in Brussels, German foreign minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said "I've received a declaration from Tony Blair. It's a preparation for the British position at the council. I hope this is not the final position," with other EU states seeing the UK's "areas" as potential deal-breakers.

Austrian chancellor Alfred Gusenbauer underlined that "to have one person responsible for foreign policy is essential," adding that the EU's human rights-oriented foreign policy could become a laughing stock if the rights charter is stripped of force.

"Think of the American complaint, when they ask 'Who should we phone in Europe, if there is a foreign policy problem?'" the Austrian said. "Imagine us at the next summit with Russia, imagine that typical smile of Putin if Europe has not been able to adopt its own charter."..."

ISRAEL LAUNCHES TANK AND AIR STRIKES ON GAZA

June 20, 2007 The Guardian Unlimited reported: "Israeli troops today killed four Palestinian fighters as Israel launched its first major attacks in Gaza since Hamas took over the territory last week. Aircraft also struck launch sites in northern Gaza after militants fired at least one makeshift rocket at the town of Sderot, a frequent target of missile fire.

An Israeli army spokeswoman said the launchers were loaded with rockets when they were hit. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Israeli officials said two Hamas fighters and two other militants were killed in a clash near the Kissufim border crossing in Gaza after Israeli tanks and troops had pushed into the coastal enclave in a search for wanted Palestinian gunmen. In the larger Palestinian territory of the West Bank, where Fatah is dominant, two more Palestinian gunmen were killed after an hour-long shootout with Israeli undercover police forces in Kafr Dan, a village near Jenin.



As Israeli forces clashed with Hamas Islamists, the Israeli defence minister, Ehud Barak, eased restrictions on some of the hundreds of people trapped at the border waiting to enter Israel since Hamas seized control of Gaza. Those in need of urgent medical treatment would be allowed into Israel. Israelis also allowed all foreign nationals, including 140 Russians, to cross over to Israel.

Separately, Israel's supreme court was hearing a petition by a human rights group, demanding that Israeli authorities offer immediate medical treatment to 26 critically ill Palestinians hospitalised in Gaza.

The latest violence came amid fresh moves to prop up the Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, following the rupture between his Fatah group and Hamas Islamists.”...”

EGYPT QUIETLY SUPPORTS HAMAS TAKEOVER

June 20, 2007 The Middle East Newline reported: “Egypt has quietly supported the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip.

Western intelligence sources said Egypt cooperated with Hamas in allowing shipments of weapons, munitions and explosives that facilitated the Islamic takeover of the Gaza Strip last week. The sources said Egypt concluded that a Hamas takeover would halt or reduce insurgency infiltration in the Sinai Peninsula.

“The Egyptians were in the picture as early as several weeks ago,” an intelligence source said. “[Hamas leader Khaled] Masha'al discussed the Fatah strategic threat and said Hamas would stop [Fatah security chief Mohammed] Dahlan at any cost.”

In a recent telephone conversation with Egyptian intelligence chief Gen. Omar Suleiman, Masha'al said Dahlan and his allies were working with Al Qaida-aligned groups to undermine Hamas in the Gaza Strip. The sources quoted Masha'al as saying that Fatah was allowing Al Qaida to infiltrate the Sinai Peninsula to facilitate attacks on the regime of President Hosni Mubarak.”...”

REPORT: AL QAIDA NETWORK PLANNING UK PLOT OF 'HIROSHIMA' CALIBER

June 19, 2007 The World Tribune reported: “A British intelligence report stated that recent planned terrorist attacks in Britain, including the July 2005 suicide attacks in London, were linked to “core Al Qaida leaders.”

“Networks linked to AQ Core pose the greatest threat to the UK,” stated the report by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Center at Britain’s MI-5 headquarters and obtained by the Daily Telegraph.

The report said there is a potential threat from Al Qaida in Iraq. “A member of this network is reportedly involved in an operation which he believes requires AQ Core authorization,” the report said.

“He claims the operation will be on 'a par with Hiroshima and Nagasaki' and will 'shake the Roman throne'.

“We assess that this operation is most likely to be a large-scale, mass casualty attack against the West,” stated the report, noting that Al Qaida networks are active in Britain.”

CHRISTIANS WARNED: ACCEPT ISLAMIC LAW

June 19, 2007 WorldNetDaily reported: “Christians can continue living safely in the Gaza Strip only if they accept Islamic law, including a ban on alcohol and on women roaming publicly without proper head coverings, an Islamist militant leader in Gaza told WND in an exclusive interview.



The militant leader said Christians in Gaza who engage in "missionary activity" will be "dealt with harshly."

The threats come two days after a church and Christian school in Gaza was attacked following the seizure of power in the territory by the Hamas terror group.

"I expect our Christian neighbors to understand the new Hamas rule means real changes. They must be ready for Islamic rule if they want to live in peace in Gaza," said Sheik Abu Saqer, leader of Jihadia Salafiya, an Islamic outreach movement that recently announced the opening of a "military wing" to enforce Muslim law in Gaza.

"The situation has now changed 180 degrees in Gaza," said Abu Saqer, speaking from Gaza yesterday.

"Jihadia Salafiya and other Islamic movements will ensure Christian schools and institutions show publicly what they are teaching to be sure they are not carrying out missionary activity. No more alcohol on the streets. All women, including non-Muslims, need to understand they must be covered at all times while in public," Abu Saqer told WND.

"Also the activities of Internet cafes, pool halls and bars must be stopped," he said. "If it goes on, we'll attack these things very harshly."

Abu Saqer accused the leadership of the Gaza Christian community of "proselytizing and trying to convert Muslims with funding from American evangelicals."

"This missionary activity is endangering the entire Christian community in Gaza," he said.”...”

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