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BUSH TO DEMOCRATS: 'WE ARE AT WAR'

November 1, 2007 The Associated Press reported: "President Bush compared Congress' Democratic leaders Thursday with people who ignored the rise of Lenin and Hitler early in the last century, saying "the world paid a terrible price" then and risks similar consequences for inaction today.

Bush accused Congress of stalling important pieces of the fight to prevent new terrorist attacks by: dragging out and possibly jeopardizing confirmation of Michael Mukasey as attorney general, a key part of his national security team; failing to act on a bill governing eavesdropping on terrorist suspects; and moving too slowly to approve spending measures for the Iraq war, Pentagon and veterans programs.

"Unfortunately, on too many issues, some in Congress are behaving as if America is not at war," Bush said during a speech at the Heritage Foundation. "This is no time for Congress to weaken the Department of Justice by denying it a strong and effective leader. ... It's no time for Congress to weaken our ability to intercept information from terrorists about potential attacks on the United States of America. And this is no time for Congress to hold back vital funding for our troops as they fight al-Qaida terrorists and radicals in Afghanistan and Iraq."...

He argued that the current debate over the Iraq war and the Bush administration's anti-terror methods harkens back to debates decades ago in Washington when Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin first talked about launching a communist revolution, when Adolf Hitler began moves to establish an "Aryan superstate" in Germany, and when some argued that Cold War accommodation of the Soviet Union was wiser than competition."..."

RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MEETS IRANIAN PRESIDENT IN TEHRAN

October 30, 2007 VOA News reported: "Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Tehran on Tuesday, as differences mount between Moscow and the West about Iran's nuclear program.

Prior to the talks, Russian media quoted a Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying topics would include Tehran's nuclear ambitions and bilateral issues.

Also Tuesday, China rejected a call from Israel for further sanctions against Iran for refusing to stop sensitive nuclear activities. Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni urged the additional sanctions during a three-day visit to Beijing, which concluded Tuesday. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said countries are seeking dialogue with Tehran to resolve the issue and sanctions should be avoided to prevent further complications.

China and Russia, both veto-wielding members of the U.N. Security Council, have been reluctant to support a third U.N. sanctions resolution against Iran."..."

EU-RUSSIA HAIL 'CONSTRUCTIVE' SUMMIT TALKS

October 27, 2007 VOA News reported: "Russian President Vladimir Putin and European Union leaders have hailed as "constructive," Friday's Summit in the town of Mafra, outside Lisbon.

No major breakthroughs were reported on key issues, such as the future status of Serbia's breakaway Kosovo province or Iran's nuclear program. But European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso did express confidence that Russia will soon enter the World Trade Organization. Mr. Putin also expressed hope for an agreement on a new European Union-Russian partnership accord.

EU-member Poland is blocking talks on the agreement in response to a Russian ban on imports of Polish meat. But a Russian spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, later said Poland had agreed to accept Russian inspectors at its meat-processing facilities in a move that could lead Russia to lift its ban.

During the last EU-Russia summit, earlier this year, President Putin and EU leaders were at considerable odds over the state of democracy in Russia. Friday, Mr. Putin unveiled a proposal for a joint Russian-European Union institute to monitor observance of human rights in Europe.

The Russian president has often criticized Western governments of using rights as a pretext to try to interfere in Russia's internal affairs. EU governments and human rights groups accuse Mr. Putin's government of efforts to limit democracy and restrict freedom of speech."

MUHAMMAD DEIF: WE'LL STRIKE IN HEART OF ISRAEL

October 30, 2007 VOA News reported: "Muhammad Deif, the commander of Hamas' military wing, has said that the movement will strike in the heart of Israel in the near future, a senior Hamas member said Tuesday. The man, Sheikh Ahmed Hamdan from the southern Gaza Strip town of Khan Younis, said that he recently met with Deif in his hiding place, and heard from him that Hamas will soon replace its defensive fighting policy with an offensive one.

According to Hamdan, "The Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, Hamas' military wing, plans to begin its attack against the Israeli occupation

in the coming weeks, and will not settle for the defensive policy."

Hamdan spoke as he visited the family of a Hamas gunman killed Monday morning in clashes with the IDF in the southern Gaza Strip. An Israeli soldier was also killed in the incident.

"Deif promised me that the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades will hit the Zionist enemy hard. The organization has completed its preparations and is only waiting for orders," he said.

Deif is responsible for the deaths of dozens of Israelis in suicide bombings he planned. In 1992, he went into hiding and escaped at least two assassination attempts. In one of the incidents, in which a missile was fired at him, Deif reportedly lost one of his eyes.

Deif inherited the command on Hamas' military wing from Yehya Ayash, known as "the engineer," who was assassinated in 1996. He was behind a series of severe terror attacks which were carried out in revenge for Ayash's assassination.

He was responsible for sending terrorists to carry out suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Ashkelon, and was behind the groups that kidnapped and murdered IDF soldiers Nachson Waxman and Shahar Simani.

Deif, who knew he was being targeted by Israel, did everything to escape and slip away. At the end of 1996, he apparently escaped to Egypt, but he later returned to plan terror attacks. The more prominent terror activists were assassinated by Israel over the year, the more Deif became involved in planning attacks, including the West Bank and the Gaza Strip."..."

EGYPT LAUNCHES NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMME

October 29, 2007 SpaceWar.com reported: "President Hosni Mubarak said on Monday that Egypt is to build several nuclear power stations, relaunching a nuclear programme frozen more than 20 years ago. Mubarak said during the inauguration of a Cairo power station that a decree would be issued in a few days' time to establish a higher council for the peaceful use of nuclear energy, the official MENA news agency reported.

Mubarak said the programme will be developed in cooperation with the United Nations' International Atomic Energy Agency..."within a framework of transparency and respect of commitments to the nuclear non-proliferation system."

Egypt initiated a nuclear energy programme in the 1970s but abandoned it in 1986 after the Chernobyl nuclear catastrophe. Mubarak's regime recently outlined plans to revive it.

"Egypt will go through with the nuclear energy project in the belief that energy security is a basic element in building the future of the homeland and part and parcel of Egypt's national security system," Mubarak said.

The 79-year-old president did not say which countries would cooperate in the construction of the power stations, nor how many were planned, but last year he discussed nuclear cooperation during visits to Russia and China."..."

Egypt announced last year that it would begin studying the possibility of building a nuclear power station by 2020. Egyptian Electricity Minister Hassan Younes said at the time that Egypt wanted to build a 1,000-megawatt nuclear plant at Dabaa on the Mediterranean coast to the east of Alexandria. He said that the plant would cost 1.5 billion dollars (1.17 billion euros) and would require foreign investment.

Egypt has sought to reassure the international community by insisting that it will not import enriched uranium, amid tensions over the nuclear programmes of Iran and North Korea.

Analysts have argued that a nuclear alliance between Egypt and China -- and possibly including Russia -- could rile the United States, Egypt's traditional ally."..."

Egypt and Syria in September urged the IAEA to pass a resolution condemning Israel for possessing nuclear weapons. Israel is widely regarded as the Middle East's sole if undeclared nuclear power. Egypt and other Muslim countries see Israel as the main nuclear threat in the region, while the West views Iran as the greatest threat to peace."

TENNESSEE TOWN HAS RUN OUT OF WATER

November 1, 2007 The Charlotte Observer reported: "As twilight falls over this Tennessee town, Mayor Tony Reames drives up a dusty dirt road to the community's towering water tank and begins his nightly ritual in front of a rusty metal valve.

With a twist of the wrist, he releases the tank's meager water supply, and suddenly this sleepy town is alive with activity. Washing machines whirl, kitchen sinks fill and showers run.

About three hours later, Reames will return and reverse the process, cutting off water to the town's 145 residents. The severe drought tightening like a vise across the Southeast has threatened the water supply of cities large and small, sending politicians scrambling for solutions. But Orme, about 40 miles west of Chattanooga and 150 miles northwest of Atlanta, is a town where the worst-case scenario has already come to pass: The water has run out."..."

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