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## **REPORT: U.S., ISRAEL CAN'T COUNT ON ARAB SUPPORT FOR IRAN STRIKE**

*November 1, 2012* Israel National News reported: "A report in the Guardian Thursday said that senior American military officials have warned Israel that if Jerusalem carries out an attack on Iran, it should not expect any help from Arab countries in the Middle East. According to the report, the U.S. was recently told by several of its allies in the Middle East that they would refuse to get involved in the conflict, not even providing passive assistance, and even if the U.S. was involved – because of fear of the 'Arab street' that would probably look unkindly on such assistance, and concern that if the strike was unsuccessful, or only partially successful, Iran would seek vengeance against them.

The thinking in Israel had been, according to many experts, that conservative Arab countries like Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States were themselves afraid of Iran's influence in the Middle East, and would welcome an Israeli attack on Tehran's nuclear facilities, to eliminate the threat of a 'Shi'ite bomb' that Iran could use to blackmail them into surrendering them into Tehran's sphere of influence.

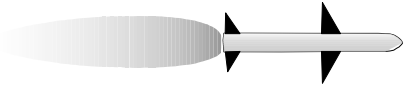
Several Israeli scenarios included the possibility of a direct flyover and even secret refueling in Arab countries, at U.S. bases. However, the new information puts those plans into jeopardy, as the governments in question would probably not even allow a flyover, much less a refueling, of planes on a bombing mission to Iran.

Quoting a serious U.S. military official, the report laid out the dilemma faced by Arab countries – and by extension, the U.S. and Israel. 'The Gulf states' one great fear is Iran going nuclear. The other is a regional war that would destabilize them,' the official said. 'They might support a massive war against Iran, but they know they are not going to get that, and they know a limited strike is not worth it, as it will not destroy the program and only make Iran angrier.'..."

## **COMMANDER: IRANIAN MISSILES ABLE TO PENETRATE ISRAEL'S IRON DOME**

*November 1, 2012* The Fars News Agency reported: "Deputy Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces for Cultural Affairs and Defense Publicity Brigadier General Massoud Jazayeri played down the power of the Zionist regime's so-called Iron Dome, and stressed that no missile shield in the world can withstand Iranian missiles.

"There is no iron dome in the world that we cannot pierce through. What is said about this dome (Iron Dome, Israel's defensive solution to short-range rocket threats) is mostly psychological warfare and propaganda,' Jazayeri said on Thursday. He also downplayed Israeli threats to launch an attack against Iran as psychological warfare, and said the Tel Aviv regime lacks the military capability to attack the Islamic Republic.



He said that Israel had serious vulnerabilities, and added any miscalculations by the Tel Aviv regime in case of a possible attack against Iran could lead to the annihilation of that regime. Earlier, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) announced that a drone's penetration into the Israeli anti-aircraft and radar systems in a region near its important Dimona nuclear reactor displayed inefficiency of Israel's Iron Dome and missile shields..."

## **'GIVING UP THE GOLAN WOULD BE NATIONAL SUICIDE'**

*October 30, 2011* Israel National News reported: Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman visited the Golan region on Tuesday. During his visit, Lieberman noted Syria's attempts to regain control of the strategic area via a peace deal.

"Unfortunately, in recent years we've seen several attempts to negotiate over the Golan," Lieberman recalled. "The Golan is an indivisible part of Israel, and I think recent events have proved it."

"Whoever considers giving it up – that means suicide," he added.

"Al-Qaeda, which is within arm's reach from here... would sit on the shores of the Kinneret and on the hills, and every kibbutz and town would be under constant, daily threat from all of the most radical groups in the Muslim world," Lieberman said."..."

## **NEW SUPERCOMPUTER COULD BE WORLD'S FASTEST**

*October 31, 2012* VOA News reported: "Scientists at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in the U.S. state of Tennessee have unveiled what could be the world's fastest supercomputer.

The new computer, named Titan, is capable of making more than 20,000 trillion calculations each second (20 petaflops), according to officials at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). That is roughly equivalent to each of the world's seven billion people being able to carry out three million calculations per second, according to ORNL. Titan also has more than 700 terabytes of memory.

"The numbers just end up so big that I struggle to come up with a way to explain it,' said Buddy Bland, the project director of ORNL's Leadership Computing Facility. 'It's unimaginable. Twenty petaflops is [the number] 20 followed by 15 zeros.'

Titan is actually an upgrade to ORNL's previous world's best supercomputer, Jaguar. According to Bland, The new unit is roughly the

same size as Jaguar, but is 10 times more powerful. Its components occupy a space about the area of a basketball court and are about two and a half meters high.

Titan, which cost \$100 million, according to ORNL officials, is expected to be useful for researchers in numerous fields.”...”

‘Titan will allow scientists to simulate physical systems more realistically and in far greater detail,’ said James Hack, director of ORNL's National Center for Computational Sciences...”...”

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### **ESTIMATED COST OF SANDY'S DESTRUCTION INTO THE BILLIONS**

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*October 30, 2012* Voice of America News reported: “The economic toll from the vast storm Sandy on the U.S. East Coast is expected to be massive, with billions of dollars in damages. One catastrophe assessment company, Eceqat, predicted the toll could hit \$20 billion, with perhaps half of that amount covered by insurance. Sandy spawned widespread flooding and wind damage - especially in the northeastern state of New Jersey and New York City - before moving inland and weakening on Tuesday.

Large industrial manufacturers and oil refiners shut their operations all along the country's eastern seaboard. Hundreds of small businesses are inundated with floodwaters.”...”

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### **TONY BLAIR: THE EU NEEDS A PRESIDENT**

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*October 29, 2012* The London Telegraph reported: “In a move interpreted by some as a job application, the former prime minister said the EU could do with a strong leader approved by the people. He also warned that too deep a political divide between Britain and the core eurozone countries could lead towards a break-up.

“Out of this European crisis can come the opportunity finally to achieve a model of European integration that is sustainable,” said Mr Blair. “A Europe-wide election for the presidency... is the most direct way to involve the public.”

Europe's millions of residents might feel “alienated” unless they have a direct say in who is governing them, Mr Blair told the Nicolas Berggruen Institute on Governance.

“An election for a big post held by one person - this people can understand,” he said. “The problem with the European Parliament is that though clearly democratically elected, my experience is people don't feel close to their MEPs.”

Speaking in Berlin, he said the EU must not allow too big a divide to grow up between Britain, which wants to claw back powers from Europe, and countries like France and Germany opting for more political union.

“I would give a stark warning: if eurozone structures end up with a Europe that is fundamentally divided politically as well as economically; rather than a Europe with one political settlement that accommodates different levels of integration within it, the EU as we know it will be on a path to break up,” he said.

In a thinly veiled warning to David Cameron, he said playing “short-term politics” is not in Britain's interest and urged the UK to take “a constructive role in shaping this new union”...”



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### **SAUDI KING URGES UN ACTION AGAINST RELIGIOUS INSULTS**

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*October 29, 2012* Agence France-Presse reported: ““Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz on Saturday demanded a UN resolution condemning insults on monotheistic religions after a low-budget film produced in the US sparked deadly protests last month.

‘I demand a UN resolution that condemns any country or group that insults religions and prophets,’ he said during a meeting at his palace with religious figures and heads of hajj delegations in the Mina valley where pilgrims were performing final rituals of hajj.

‘It is our duty and that of every Muslim to protect Islam and defend the prophets.’

A low-budget film produced in the US, Innocence of Muslims, triggered a wave of deadly anti-American violence last month across the Muslim world targeting US symbols ranging from embassies and schools to fast food chains.

Saudi Arabia had threatened to block YouTube in the kingdom if Google did not respond to a request to deny access to the video footage of the film. YouTube then extended its restrictions on the video to Saudi Arabia.

The king also called on Saturday for the ‘unity of the Islamic nation (and) rejecting division to face the nation's enemies’ as he urged for dialogue among Muslims.

‘Dialogue strengthens moderation and ends reasons of conflict and extremism,’ he said...”

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