



## **IRAN GETS SENIOR SEAT ON UN NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE**



*October 3, 2013* The Jerusalem Post reported: "Hours after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu railed against Iran's nuclear program from the UN General Assembly's stage on Tuesday, member states elected Iran to be the rapporteur for the Disarmament and International Security Committee.

Iran's representative will replace Norwegian diplomat Knut Langeland. The position's duties include relaying information and reports on disarmament and armament activities between the committee and the General Assembly.



The First Committee on Disarmament and International Security, which is comprised of all 193 member states, 'considers all disarmament and international security matters' and 'seeks out solutions to the challenges in the international security regime.'

One of its main functions is to draft resolutions that are later debated by the General Assembly; the committee has no power to pass resolutions.

Iran applied for the position on July 30. Israeli Ambassador to the UN Ron Prosor said then that if Iran were to assume such a post, it would be like 'inviting Assad, the Syrian dictator responsible for the death of 100,000 of his own people, to be the head of the population census bureau.'

On Wednesday, the American Jewish Committee condemned the UN's decision, saying it was 'appalled' at the election..."

## **CALIFORNIA GRANTS DRIVER'S LICENSES TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS**

*October 3, 2013* The Washington Times reported: "California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill Thursday granting illegal immigrants driver's licenses, in a decision immigrant rights groups hailed as a major step forward for their movement. The country's largest state becomes the latest to reverse course and grant legal driving privileges to illegal immigrants.

Mr. Brown, a Democrat, still has several other major immigration bills pending on his desk that he must sign or reject by Oct. 13, including one that would let local police ignore immigration authorities who ask that dangerous criminals be held for transfer to the federal government.

The new California licenses will have special markings that show they aren't supposed to be used as identification for federal purposes, but they will allow illegal immigrants to drive legally and, advocates said, to own cars..."

## **EGYPT HAS PLAN TO STRIKE GAZA**

*October 3, 2013* Israel National News reported: "If attacks on Egyptian soldiers in the Sinai Peninsula continue, Egypt may carry out airstrikes in Gaza, senior Egyptian officers have warned.

Egyptian officers told the Bethlehem-based Maan news that Egyptian planes had entered Gaza airspace to study potential targets in Rafah and Khan Younis, near the southern border. They said the military would also consider targeting vehicles bringing goods across the border. 'All options are open,' they warned.

Egyptian commanders say some of the attacks in Sinai are being carried out by terrorist groups based in Gaza. Among the groups they named is Ansar al-Sunna, which has ties to Hamas..."

## **ISRAEL PM CALLS IRAN LEADER 'WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING'**

*October 2, 2013* BBC News reported: "Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned against working with the Iranian government.

In a speech to the UN General Assembly, he described President Hassan Rouhani as a 'wolf in sheep's clothing'. He said Israel would not allow Iran to develop nuclear weapons, even if it had to stand alone on the issue.

Iran replied that it had no intention of developing nuclear weapons, and called Mr. Netanyahu's comments 'extremely inflammatory'...

In his address to the UN, Mr. Netanyahu said Israel's future was threatened by a 'nuclear-armed' Iran, and urged other nations to keep up sanctions against the country. He accused Mr. Rouhani of having the same goal as his more hard-line predecessor, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

'Ahmadinejad was a wolf in wolf's clothing. Rouhani is a wolf in sheep's clothing,' Mr. Netanyahu said..."

## **ISRAEL READY TO TACKLE NUCLEAR IRAN 'ALONE': NETANYAHU**

*October 1, 2013* SpaceDaily.com reported: "Israel is ready to act alone to stop Iran making a nuclear bomb, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday, in a warning against rushing into deals with Tehran's new leaders.

"Israel will not allow Iran to get nuclear weapons. If Israel is forced to stand alone, Israel will stand alone," Netanyahu told a UN summit, in an attack on overtures made by Iran's President Hassan Rouhani.

Netanyahu linked Rouhani, who held a landmark conversation with US President Barack Obama while in New York last week, to past attacks blamed on Iran.

"He fooled the world once. Now he thinks he can fool it again. You see, Rouhani thinks he can have his yellow cake and eat it too," Netanyahu said, demanding sanctions pressure be maintained. Last year Netanyahu used a cartoon drawing of a bomb to illustrate his warning at the UN that Iran was close to the nuclear bomb threshold -- symbolized by a red line he scrawled on the diagram.

There were no similar theatrics this time, but Iran immediately warned Netanyahu against making a "miscalculation" by launching an attack. It also renewed its denial that it seeks a nuclear bomb.

"I wish I could believe Rouhani. But I don't," Netanyahu said. "Iran wants to be in a position to rush forward to build nuclear bombs before the international community can detect it and much less prevent it," he alleged."..."

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### **IRAN UNHAPPY WITH OBAMA'S WORDS TO NETANYAHU**

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*October 1, 2013* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Iran's Foreign Ministry expressed displeasure Tuesday with the statement by US President Barack Obama to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, according to which the 'military option' still existed regarding Iran.

'We expect the US government to deal with Iran based on a realistic policy and talk to the great Iranian nation with [a language of] respect,' Ministry Spokesperson Marziyeh Afkham during her weekly press conference in the Iranian capital. She made the remark in response to a question about President Obama's latest comment repeating the threat of military force against Iran.

A report on official PressTV explained that she was referring to a statement by Obama in his Monday meeting with Netanyahu in Washington, that the US would not take any options, 'including [the] military option,' off the table, in its dealings with Iran.

'The American president's comments came despite recently improved prospects for Iran and the US to settle the Western dispute over the Islamic Republic's nuclear energy program,' said the official Iranian news outlet. PressTV added that Obama and Iran's President Hassan spoke on the phone and 'stressed Tehran and Washington's political will to swiftly resolve the dispute over Iran's nuclear energy program, which the United States, Israel and some of their allies falsely claim to include non-civilian components.'..."

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### **CANADA'S FM: WE'RE NOT NEUTRAL ON ISRAEL'S SECURITY**

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*September 30, 2013* Arutz Sheva 7 reported: "Canada's Foreign Minister, John Baird, reiterated on Monday his country's commitment to Israel's security. In a speech to the United Nations General Assembly, Baird also warned against Iran's recent conciliatory remarks, saying that they must be followed up by actions.

'Some observers see encouraging signs, but sound bites do not remove threats to global security. Kind words, a smile and a charm offensive are not a substitute for real action,' said Baird.

'We will welcome and acknowledge reform, if and when it comes. By this we will know when genuine reform has occurred: Has there been real, measurable, material improvement in the lives of the Iranian people and in the security of the world?'

'Not yet! We will judge the regime on the basis of its action and results,' he declared. "The P5+1 [the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany] has had five rounds of formal negotiations with Iran in the past two years," Baird noted. "While everyone says the meetings have been 'productive,' the fact remains we haven't seen any change in Iran's actions."..."

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### **FORMER ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO THE UN CALLS IT "THE CITADEL OF HYPOCRISY"**

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*October 1, 2013* The Jerusalem Post reported: "Dan Gillerman, a former Israel ambassador to the United Nations refers to that institution as 'The Citadel of Hypocrisy.' Gillerman used the expression twice on Monday night in the course of an address in Herzliya Pituh to ESRA (The English Speaking Residents Association) at a fund raising dinner to benefit ESRA projects on behalf of the Ethiopian community in Netanya.

Gillerman, who was only the second Israeli after Abba Eban to serve as vice president of the UN General Assembly, said the UN has three standards -- one for democracy, one for totalitarian states and another for Israel. Reviewing developments in the region, Gillerman said that 'Israel today is in one of its most precarious situations and maybe even the most dangerous existentially ever in a dramatically changing world and neighborhood.'

The world has become so crazy, said Gillerman, that Russian President Vladimir Putin can be compared with the Pope, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani with Mother Theresa and Syrian President Bashar Assad with the head of the Red Cross..."

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