

## **OUR WORLD: IRAN'S GLOBAL REACH**

BY CAROLINE GLICK

May 18/09. US President Barack Obama underestimates the threat Iran poses to global security. Were this not the case, he would not have sent CIA Director Leon Panetta to Israel ahead of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's visit to the White House.

Panetta was reportedly dispatched here to read the government the riot act. Israel, he reportedly told his interlocutors, must not attack Iran without first receiving permission from Washington. Moreover, Israel should keep its mouth shut about attacking Iran.

Over the past several weeks, we have learned that the administration has made its peace with Iran's nuclear aspirations.

IRAN POSES a direct threat to US national security through its alliances and military, intelligence and terrorist presence in South and Central America. Today Iranian Revolutionary Guards, Iran's Hizb'ullah terror cells, and other Iranian agencies operate in open collaboration with anti-US governments throughout the Western Hemisphere. The South American lynchpin of this new and growing Iranian-centered alliance system is Hugo Chavez's regime in Venezuela.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said last week, the Bush administration's policy of "isolating leaders who have led the opposition to US policies in Central and Latin America has failed and marginalized Washington's interests."

CLINTON'S STATEMENT makes clear the basic and disturbing consistency of the administration's failure to understand that there are regimes that are inherently hostile to the US and will remain irreconcilably hostile to the US regardless of what it does or who sits in the White House. Just as the administration cannot get its arms around the fact that the Iranian regime can only justify its existence by maintaining its hostility towards America, so it cannot countenance the fact that Chavez is only able to justify his existence through his hatred for Uncle Sam. It has no way of explaining for instance the fact that Iran and Venezuela responded to Obama's attempts last month to extend an open hand to both countries by signing a memorandum upgrading their military alliance.

What people - and particularly Americans - could have expected is that the administration would take seriously the threat that Iran poses to the US in the Western Hemisphere. Depressingly however, the administration's apparent decision to abdicate America's position and responsibilities as the sole global superpower has led it to also abdicate its position and responsibilities as the most powerful nation in the Western Hemisphere. Indeed, what the administration's refusal to acknowledge the threat that a nuclear-armed Iran - rich with proxies and allies at America's doorstep - poses to America demonstrates is that in its haste to blame its predecessor for the fact that the US has real enemies, the administration is abdicating its responsibility to defend America itself.

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## **SENATORS URGE OBAMA TO SEE ISRAEL'S POINT OF VIEW!**

BY DR. DAVID HOCKING

May 20/09. Seventy-six out of 100 US senators this week signed a letter urging President Barack Obama to carefully weigh the risks to Israel's security before pushing his new Middle East peace initiative.

The letter was sent to the President one day after his meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, during which Obama pressed his guest to grasp hold of the "historic opportunity" to make peace by surrendering his people's ancient lands.

In their letter, the senators appeared to side with Netanyahu's view that Israel cannot even consider a Palestinian state until the Palestinians honour their commitments to halt all terrorism against the Jewish state.

"We must also continue to insist on the absolute Palestinian commitment to ending terrorist violence," they wrote. "The more capable and responsible Palestinian forces become, the more they demonstrate the ability to govern and to maintain security, the easier it will be for them to reach an accord with Israel."

According to reports in the US media, Obama is determined to push forward with the creation of a Palestinian Arab state at the earliest possible date, and will try to mitigate the risk to Israel by calling for that Palestinian state to be demilitarized.

There was no mention of what the consequences would be if and when the Palestinians rejected or violated that condition.

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## ISRAEL ALONE

BY NATHAN JONES

May 20/09. With the May 18, 2009, Netanyahu-Obama meeting behind them, Jews around the world have begun to realize that they are now very much alone.

That's not to say that Israel doesn't have sympathy from countries like Germany and the Czech Republic. Since Israel became a nation again in 1948, it has had at least one true, friend with teeth in the United States. After the presidential meeting, it would appear that friends have parted ways.

Where past U.S. administrations stood by Israel while trying to appease Israel's hostile Arab neighbors, the Obama administration has made it clear it will stand by Israel's hostile Arab neighbors while trying to appease Israel.

"After decades of tacit agreement that the US would remain silent about Israel's nuclear capability, a State Department official publicly suggested that Israel sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, as if, on the eve of Iran's going nuclear and with Pakistani weapons in danger of falling into the hands of the Taliban, Israel's nuclear arsenal is the world's most serious concern."

The *Israel Today* Tuesday, May 19, 2009, article titled "Netanyahu holds fast against patronizing Obama" reports on the **discordant tone** in the meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and U.S. President Barack Obama. "The White House talks were expected to be tense, as both leaders came in with divergent views regarding the creation of a Palestinian state, how to deal with the Iran nuclear crisis, and the linkage between the two issues ... Political spin doctors in both Washington and Jerusalem immediately went to work painting the meeting as a relaxed and friendly encounter, though the substance of what the two leaders told the press bespoke a far different reality beneath the surface."

While "Netanyahu maintained his refusal to publicly endorse the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state," Obama told "reporters that his government will push hard for the birth of 'Palestine,' urging Netanyahu to grasp hold of this 'historic opportunity.'"

Obama then went on to strong-arm Israel to create a Palestinian state or get no help from the U.S. on dealing with Iran's President Ahmadinejad's mad desire to build a nuclear weapon to "wipe Israel off the map." Obama said, "To the extent that we can make peace with the Palestinians — between the Palestinians and the Israelis — then I actually think it strengthens our hand in the international community in dealing with the potential Iranian threat."

"A new message is afloat — Israel is the problem, and the US has had enough."

And so, Israel stands alone. The United States has now joined sides with Israel's enemies in their desire to see Israel give up half their land, land no larger than the size of the state of New Jersey.

The hostile Muslim world will never, ever, ever agree to recognize Israel as a state or even their right to exist. No matter how much Israel gave up, nothing short of total **national suicide** would appease Hamas and the Muslim world. And sadly, that would be the only action that would appease the rest of the world as well.

The United States has now sided with the enemies of God. Prophetically, we have instead sealed our own nation's demise.

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## **OBAMA TO SAY IT IS TIME TO DIVIDE JERUSALEM**

BY JOEL ROSENBERG

May 20/09. I'm horrified by [reports](#) this morning that in his June 4th speech in Cairo, [President Obama will say it is time to divide Jerusalem and make the holy city the capital of a Palestinian state.](#)

No, Mr. President, it is not!

Jerusalem is and should be the eternal, undivided capital of the Jewish people and the Jewish state. Dividing Jerusalem will not make peace. Rather, it would send a message to every Radical Islamic jihadist around the world that Israel is weak, that the Jews won't even defend the sovereignty of their own capital, that there is "blood in the water," and that it is time to strike Israel and wipe her off the map.

Dividing Jerusalem would trigger an apocalyptic war in the Middle East the likes of which the region has never seen. Already, the Radicals believe Israel is doomed to destruction. Hearing that the American President is now ready to apply intense pressure against the Israelis to divide their capital will only embolden the Radicals and convince them further that Allah is on their side, the wind is at their back, and they will soon triumph over the Jews and Christians.

While I am not surprised by where the President is headed, I am horrified nonetheless. Right at the moment when the U.S. and Israel need to be working with Arab states in unity against the Iranian nuclear threat, this White House is systematically turning against Israel. Despite all the smiles and boilerplate rhetoric from senior administration officials over the last few days that Prime Minister Netanyahu has been in town — promising to stand with Israel and maintain her security — what the administration is actually advancing in terms of policy is dangerous and destabilizing. They are playing with fire ...

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## **A TWO-STATE PEACE IS NOT THE ARAB GOAL**

- BY JEFF JACOBY

May 20/09. Who favors a two-state solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict?

President Obama does, of course, as he made clear in welcoming Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the White House on Monday. So does former President George W. Bush, who began advocating Palestinian statehood in 2002 and continued until his final days in office. The Democratic Party's national platform endorses a two-state solution; the Republican platform does, too. The UN Security Council unanimously reaffirmed its support a few days ago. The European Union is strongly in favor as well — so strongly that the EU's foreign-policy chief, Javier Solana, has been warning Israel that its relations with Europe "will be very, very different" if it drops the two-state ball.

Pope Benedict XVI called for a Palestinian state during his recent visit to the Holy Land, thereby aligning himself — on this issue, at least — with the editorial boards of The New York Times, The Boston Globe, The Washington Post, and The Los Angeles Times. And, for that matter, with most Israelis. A new poll shows 58 percent of the Israeli public backing a two-state solution; prominent supporters include Netanyahu's three predecessors — former prime ministers Ehud Olmert, Ariel Sharon, and Ehud Barak — as well as president Shimon Peres.

The consensus, it would seem, is overwhelming. As Henri Guaino, a senior adviser to French President Nicolas Sarkozy, put it in speaking to reporters on Sunday: "Everyone wants peace. The whole world wants a Palestinian state."

It isn't going to happen. ....

To this day, the charters of Hamas and Fatah, the two main Palestinian factions, call for Israel's liquidation. "The whole world" may want peace and a Palestinian state, but the Palestinians want something very different. Until that changes, there is no two-state solution.

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