



## **THE PAKISTANI TIME BOMB**

By Hal Lindsey

Feb 27/09. So far, the United States has given the government of Pakistan more than \$12.3 billion in military and economic aid. Vice President Joe Biden proposed last summer that we throw another \$7.5 billion in non-military aid Pakistan's way over the next five years.

But that isn't enough to keep Pakistan from failing as a state, says the Atlantic Council. The Council's report says that "we (presumably America) are running out of time to help Pakistan change its present course toward increasing economic and political instability, and even **ultimate failure**."

The Council is concerned that Pakistan is unable to curtail al-Qaida, which operates openly in many parts of Pakistan, and the Taliban, which recently took over Swat, a region the size of Delaware. About 3,000 Taliban managed to fight off 12,000 Pakistani troops, forcing Islamabad into a truce.

The Pakistani government agreed to a very dangerous compromise that allows the region to be governed according to Shariah law. In effect, this was a capitulation to the Taliban that greatly increased their stature among the militant tribes along the Afghanistan/Pakistan border. This now puts the U.S. military at greater risk along their vulnerable eastern flank and endangers their supply route that must go through part of that territory from the Khyber Pass. It has also left a safe haven for the leaders of al-Qaida.

Under the terms of the accord, the chief minister of the province, Amir Haider Khan Hoti, said that Pakistani troops would now go on "reactive mode" and fight only in retaliation for an attack. In effect, these regions are now mini-states controlled by al-Qaida and the Taliban.

All of the above issues pale into insignificance compared to the danger of Pakistan's government failing and being taken over by the large number of Islamic Fundamentalists there.

If these Islamic fanatics take control of Pakistan's nuclear missiles, it will immediately be a much greater threat to the world than that posed by Iran, Afghanistan and Iraq put together.

Pakistan's nuclear arsenal is estimated to contain as many as 100 warheads. They have intermediate-range ballistic missiles to deliver them.

So, what does it all mean? The big fear is that Pakistan's government will fall and be taken over by forces loyal to the Taliban and al-Qaida. Can you imagine what it would mean should Pakistan's considerable nuclear arsenal fall into the hands of al-Qaida?

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**US: HAMAS MUST RECOGNISE ISRAEL!**

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**U.S. URGES MORE AID INTO GAZA STRIP**

March 1/09. US officials are urging that more assistance reach Palestinians in Gaza ahead of US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's first trip to the region this weekend.

A *Voice of America* radio report quoted Clinton as saying "I believe that it's important, if there is some reconciliation and a move toward a unified authority, that it's very clear that Hamas knows the conditions that have been set forth by the Quartet, by the Arab summit."

"They must renounce violence, recognize Israel, and abide by previous commitments, she said of Hamas, "otherwise, I don't think it will result in the kind of positive step forward either for the Palestinian people or as a vehicle for a reinvigorated effort to obtain peace that leads to a Palestinian state."

However, while Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said Saturday that a national unity government with Hamas must support a two-state solution, a Hamas official said it would "never agree to sit in a government that recognizes Israel."

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**BENJAMIN NETANYAHU**

### **'PALESTINIANS SHOULD GOVERN THEIR LIVES'**

Jerusalem Post

March 1/09. The Palestinians should have the right to govern themselves, but not to threaten Israel, Prime Minister-designate Binyamin Netanyahu said in his first interview with the foreign media since President Shimon Peres gave him the nod to form a government a little over a week ago.

Netanyahu's comments about the two states is in line with what he has been telling international leaders for months about his overall diplomatic vision: that the Palestinians should have all the powers to govern themselves, but not the handful of powers that could endanger Israel's security.

The powers that Netanyahu wants to exclude from a future Palestinian state are:

- The right to build an army. Netanyahu wants to ensure that a future Palestinian state be demilitarized and only have police and internal security forces of limited scope and armaments.
- The right to make treaties with any country it wants. Netanyahu wants to prevent a situation where a Palestinian state could make a defensive pact with a country such as Iran.
- The right to control its air space. Among Netanyahu's concerns is that if an airliner flying into Ben-Gurion Airport flies a few hundred meters into Palestinian airspace, the new state could feel it within its right to take down the plane
- The right to control the water supply. Since Israel's water supply is to a large extent under the Palestinian territories, Netanyahu does not want to yield complete control over the water to a Palestinian state.
- The right to control the electromagnetic spectrum, which refers to radio, television and microwave transmissions, over which Netanyahu believes Israel must, for security reasons, retain some control.

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## **DIFFICULT TIMES AHEAD FOR NETANYAHU**

### **ENTRAPPING NETANYAHU**

Excellent analysis by Caroline B. Glick

Feb 27/09. Negotiations between Likud and its coalition partners towards the formation of Israel's next government have only just begun. But the campaign to undermine the government-in-information's ability to determine Israel's future course is already well underway. Incoming Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu must understand the traps being set for him and their sources. And as he builds his government, he must appoint ministers capable of working with him to extricate Israel from those traps and discredit their sources.

<http://jewishworldreview.com/0209/glick022709.php3>

## **THE IRAN-ISRAEL NUCLEAR ENDGAME IS NOW MUCH CLOSER**

Feb 26/09. In recent days, four key developments have clicked in to edge Iran and Israel much closer to a military denouement with profound consequences for American oil that the nation is not prepared to meet.

First, Iran has proven it can successfully launch a satellite into outer space as it did on February 2.

Second, the International Atomic Energy Agency last week admitted that it had underestimated Iran's nuclear stockpile by about one-third.

Third, Iran has ramped up its enrichment program with thousands of new homegrown, highly advanced centrifuges.

Fourth, Binyamin Netanyahu has just become prime minister-designate of Israel. He is determined to take action before - not after - Iran achieves its nuclear potential.

The Obama administration, like the Bush administration before it, has developed no plan or contingency legislation for an oil interruption,

The question of when and how this endgame will play out is not known by anyone. Israeli leaders wish to avoid military preemption at all costs if possible. But many feel the military moment must come; and when that moment does come, it will be swift, highly technologic and in the twinkling of an eye. But as one informed official quipped, "Those who know, don't talk. Those who talk, don't know."

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## **BARAK: ISRAEL WILL 'STOP AT NOTHING' TO DENY IRAN NUKES**

Feb 27/09. Outgoing Defense Minister Ehud Barak sounded an urgent tone regarding Iran's development of nuclear weapons in a speech he delivered in Netanya Wednesday evening.

"Time is running out fast and oozing between our fingers," Barak said. "Robust and resolute sanctions against the Iranian regime are needed," Barak said. "If these do not succeed in blocking the development, the necessary matters must be considered," he added.

Barak said Israel will "stop at nothing" to block the Iranian threat against it. "We see the continuation of the Iranian nuclear project as a potential existential threat against the State of Israel. We are taking no option off the table, and we recommend that others do the same," he added. "We mean what we say," Barak intoned.

Barak also said that Russia could make use of its cooperation with Iran in order to block Tehran's nuclear efforts. "The Russians, who today are partners in operating the [nuclear] reactor, have a central role in stopping Iran," he explained. "Unless the Russians are intimately involved in the sanctions, it is difficult to envision international sanctions denying Iran its nuclear program," he added.

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