

Ariel Sharon gave “initial authorization” for an attack on Iran

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America's corporate media, once again, have sunk to new lows in collaborating with the neo-conservatives in the White House. Their latest conjuration is the allegation that Iran's president-elect, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was one of the hostage-takers in 1979. What they conveniently forget to mention, however, is that it was, in fact the Republicans in Ronald Reagan's campaign that struck a deal with the conservatives in the Islamic Republic regime to keep the hostages until after President Carter was defeated, a scam that came to be known as the October Surprise.

ISRAEL has drawn up secret plans for a combined air and ground attack on targets in Iran. The inner cabinet of Ariel Sharon, the Israeli prime minister, gave “initial authorization” for an attack at a private meeting last month on his ranch in the Negev desert.

Israeli forces have used a mock-up of Iran's Natanz uranium enrichment plant in the desert to practise destroying it. Their tactics include raids by Israel's elite Shaldag (Kingfisher) commando unit and airstrikes by F-15 jets from 69 Squadron, using bunker-busting bombs to penetrate underground facilities.

The plans have been discussed with American officials who are said to have indicated provisionally that they would not stand in Israel's way.

Earlier, the Atlantic Monthly had revealed the Pentagon held simulations of a U.S. military strike on Iranian bases and nuclear facilities. The war games also included a ground invasion.

IACUS strongly condemns the neo-conservatives' war moves against Iran. In particular, we condemn the US corporate media's full collaboration (see our open letter to Reporters Without Borders and the US Committee to Protect Journalists below) in this illegal and immoral effort.

In particular we condemn the mercenary actions of the Organization of Mojahedin Khalq and a section of the Iranian left that, like their Iraqi counterparts, are selling out the future of the Iranian people to the neo-conservative US administration of George W Bush.

Also, in a region dominated by the most horrific dictatorship (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) and one with the most weapons of mass destruction, including a nuclear arsenal (i.e. the government of Israel), we condemn any attempts on the part of the Bush regime to interfere in Iran's affairs under bogus nuclear excuses.

Portuguese Nobel Literature laureate Jose Saramago has stated that Israeli repression in occupied territories is similar to Nazi practices during the Holocaust. With a delegation in Ramallah of the International Writers Parliament, Saramago called Israeli repression of the Palestinian people "the most perverse form of apartheid."

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