

While the World Burns, the Road Map to War with Iran Continues

IAEA's Resolution Calls For "Excessive Demands" On Old Iranian Nuclear Sites

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Let's face it, the long prediction held by many all agree on one thing, the US empire is on the way into the dustbins of history, but not without a fight to the end. Geopolitically speaking, the US military-industrial complex is still occupying Afghanistan and Iraq and is seeking to increase tensions with China, Iran and Venezuela. It will cost the US taxpayers trillions of dollars more on top of the trillions already spent on war, covert actions involving intelligence gathering, targeted assassinations and regime change operations. There is also the fact that several major powers including Russia, China, Iran and several others are dumping US dollars to reduce their exposure to sanctions constantly imposed by Washington.

Meanwhile, in the land of democracy and freedom, protests have escalated into violence, vandalism and looting by various interests over racism and police brutality. Interestingly, organized groups backed by special interests such as Black Lives Matter and others who seem to made up of many white liberals from Democrat-run blue states who are still pissed off about Hillary losing to Trump along with other criminal elements that are instigating most of the violence. Then there is a rise in violent crimes, in particular the murder rates in US major cities like Chicago that continue to outpace those in third world cities while protesters are calling for mayors and governors to "defund" the police. With that said, the US is facing a bigger problem overall with an uncertain economic future. To be clear, the US economy was in collapse mode way before the Corona virus pandemic took place. The U.S. is currently experiencing one of the highest-unemployment rates in its recorded history with more than 46 million people out of work leading to a rise in poverty that is increasing by the day. It is estimated that half of US small businesses will go out of business by 2021. Major retailers and restaurant chains have filed for bankruptcy and liquidation shedding more jobs in the process. Mortgage delinquencies are on the rise coupled with an increase of homelessness, a rise in credit card debt has been a major problem along with student loan debts that are not being paid and the list goes on.

The economic downturn and the ongoing protests along with the corona virus pandemic has crippled the entire US population with fear, anxiety and the unknown. So what will happen to the US if it cannot meet the demands of its own citizens when the economy collapses and social unrest begins to spread? There will be social unrest and the foreign powers who rely on US military and financial support are taking no chances, one of them is Israel. Netanyahu is pushing Trump into another war that it cannot afford with Iran. Netanyahu and Israel understand very well that they alone cannot take on its Middle Eastern neighbors especially Iran without US support which includes military and financial aid. Israeli Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu is realizing that Trump winning a second-term may be difficult given what is going on in the US.

As of now, it seems that Netanyahu and Trump have influenced France, Germany and the UK to adopt a new resolution to inspect two of Iran's old nuclear facilities that were shut down since 2003. Headlines by Western and Israeli media including *The Jerusalem Post and Reuters 'Netanyahu: World is Realizing What We Said About Iran Nuclear Threat'* reported that the *International Atomic Energy Agency* (IAEA) is apparently saying that "Iran is lying about its nuclear ambitions." Netanyahu spoke before a cabinet meeting last Sunday claiming that "Iran continues to lie to the international community in order to attain nuclear weapons, Netanyahu Warned. "Today, the IAEA understands...what we have said for years." The runner up to Israel's leadership, Benny Gantz declared that "Iran is first of all a problem for the world, then a regional problem, undermining the stability of the whole Middle East, and it is also a challenge for Israel" yet Israel's history since their creation has caused nothing but problems including major wars with practically all of its Arab neighbors. The report mentioned China's opposition to the resolution while the three European nations that the US still has under its thumb which are France, Germany and the UK had submitted the new IAEA resolution demanding Iran's full cooperation:

The IAEA resolution, adopted by its 35-nation Board of Governors on Friday in a vote called after China expressed opposition to it, raised pressure on Iran to let inspectors into the sites mentioned in two International Atomic Energy Agency reports because they could still host undeclared nuclear material or traces of it.

The text of the resolution submitted by France, Britain and Germany and obtained by Reuters said the board "calls on Iran to fully cooperate with the Agency and satisfy the Agency's requests without any further delay, including by providing prompt access to the locations specified by the Agency"

US President Donald Trump withdrew from the 2015 Iran Nuclear Deal citing that the US got a raw deal and had to give back \$150 billion to the Iranian government. "Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with major powers drew a line under what the IAEA and US intelligence services believe was a covert, coordinated atomic weapons program halted in 2003" the report also mentioned "Israel's 2018 seizure of an archive of Iran's past work appears to have yielded new clues on old activities." Iran's response to the new accusations that the IAEA is depended on Israeli information as "inadmissible" and that the agency's file in Iran's activities at its old sites has been closed. The Jerusalem Post said that the IAEA suspected Iran of developing nuclear weapons in the early 2000s. Iran's online news source Press TVreported what the response was from the Iranian Parliament concerning the IAEA's demands and criticized the claims made by European powers and the US-Israel Alliance in a recent posting 'Iran parliament: IAEA resolution proof of structural discrimination within UN nuclear watchdog' stating the following:

The majority of lawmakers at the Iranian parliament have denounced an anti-Iran resolution recently passed by the International Atomic Energy Agency's Board of Governors, saying the document is another indication of "structural discrimination" within the UN atomic watchdog.

In a statement read out on Sunday by Ali Karimi Firouzjaee, a member of the parliament's presiding board, 240 MPs argued that the IAEA resolution — introduced by the three European signatories to a 2015 nuclear deal with Iran,

namely France, Germany, and Britain — explicitly demonstrated the trio's "excessive demands"

France, Germany and the UK usually follow their marching orders from Washington and Israel, so they are under pressure to make such demands on the Iranian Republic:

"Iran's parliament strongly condemns the IAEA Board of Governors' resolution, which was adopted against Iran's national interests based on a proposal by three European countries, Britain, France and Germany, under pressure from the US regime and the fake Zionist regime on June 19, 2020," the statement read, adding that the resolution was "another sign of structural discrimination within the IAEA."

The Iranian lawmakers also expressed their gratitude to China and Russia for voicing their opposition to the biased resolution, which they called "an obvious attempt at political extortion."

"In addition to expressing gratitude to the states that did not support the move, the parliament considers the non-binding resolution another sign of the culture dominating the IAEA, which allows nuclear-armed member states not honoring their own NPT commitments to block other states' access to peaceful nuclear technology"

This past January, Netanyahu gave a holocaust memorial speech at the Yad Vashem memorial institute in Jerusalem comparing Nazi Germany to Iran saying that the Islamic Republic is "the most anti-Semitic regime on the planet" and that "Israel will do whatever it must do to defend our state, defend our people, and defend the Jewish future," Netanyahu said "there will not be another Holocaust." Trump's vice-President Mike Pence attended the Holocaust Memorial speech and said that "In that same spirit, we must also stand strong against the leading state purveyor of anti-Semitism, against the one government in the world that denies the Holocaust as a matter of state policy and threatens to wipe Israel off the map. The world must stand strong against the Islamic Republic of Iran." With that type of rhetoric, peace will never be established.

Israel Cannot Survive a Middle East War and an Economic Downturn Without US Aid

There is an agenda, and that is a calculated war with the oil-rich Iranian nation basically for the security of Israel. A war on Iran will be lead by the US while Israel will have to face their old arch-enemies, Syria and Hezbollah in Southern Lebanon dragging in all of their Arab neighbors into a bloody battle that can last years, even decades. We must also consider the fact that Israel might impose their Annexation plans in the West Bank and that will create another conflict between both Israelis and the Palestinians. Whoever wins the US Presidential election come this November, war is on the table because Israel and the US have an 'unbreakable alliance and the same common enemy since 1948. In this time of uncertainty, the US and Israel must come to a conclusion that Iran will not fold to their demands, and that means war, a war that can spin out of control. sinking the world's economy and destabilizing the entire Middle East with US troops stationed all around Iran making them prime targets of retaliation. Peace is the only solution that can stabilize the Middle East, not another war that will be the mother of all wars. With a pandemic that seems to be here for the long-term, ongoing protests against racism and police brutality and an economy that is on the verge of collapse with a dollar that is slowly losing its reserve status means trouble for the US, but also means trouble for Israel. After all, who will provide

Israel with the necessary funds and weaponry to continue its fight against all of their Arab neighbors while attempting to expand its territory in efforts to create their long-term dream of a Greater Israel? Despite the fact that Israel does have one of the top economies in the world with several key sectors with high-technology and industrial manufacturing as their leading economic sectors, they need the US for military and to an extent financial support. There are a number of US multi-national corporations operating in Israel such as Google, Cisco Systems and Facebook among several others who have opened research and development (R&D) facilities and offices.

Israel is also one of the world's top diamond exporters. In an interesting note, the diamond sector accounts for over 23% of their exports. Israel is known for cutting, polishing and exporting the precious stone since 1937, when Edmond Rothschild, the founder of the first diamond factory in the Petah Tikva settlement in Palestine was established. In 2009, the United Nations has called Israel's diamond trade in Africa especially in the Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone and the Congo a "bloody diamond trade." The UN and a panel of experts accused Israel of being involved in the illegal import of diamonds from Africa in exchange for Israeli made weapons that were used in civil wars that claimed tens of thousands of African lives. Israel is also one of the world's major exporters of military equipment and policing know-how like those used by the US police forces that rakes in billions per year.

Despite Israel's economic success, a major war against its neighbors that can go nuclear since Israel has an illegal nuclear weapons arsenal will crash its economy in a matter of weeks, the million dollar question is who will be willing to invest in Israel that will be tied down in a major confrontation with practically all of its Arab neighbors? The US can't afford to sustain Israel once its economy collapses, so what will Israel do?

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