WARS COMMENCED ARE DIFFICULT TO STOP. LET US JOIN TOGETHER TO PREVENT THE ATTACK ON IRAN.

RITTER CONDEMNS US PLANS TO ATTACK IRAN

Scott Ritter, author of *Target Iran* (and former UN weapons inspector in Iraq; see his Frontier Justice) was interviewed by Seymour Hersh (*Chain of Command*) in a program sponsored by the Nation Institute and shown 12-21 on “Democracy Now.” Ritter said the Bush Admin. had been preparing to attack, and would attack Iran. A strong denunciation of US imperial aggression.

Dear Folks, I received the following email about the increasing likelihood that the US military will attack Iran. To read more about the evidence for this, go to [http://www.buzzflash.com/articles/contributors/461](http://www.buzzflash.com/articles/contributors/461) (from Chris D)

US NAVAL BUILDUP OFFSHORE OF IRAN, SIGN PETITION

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“The American Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group joins US build-up opposite Iran” October 20, 2006, 12:37 PM (GMT+02:00)

Tuesday, Oct. 17, the Iwo Jima Expeditionary Strike Group steamed into the Persian Gulf to join the US naval, air and marine concentration piling up opposite Iran's shores. It consists of the amphibious transport dock USS Nashville, the guided-missile destroyers USS Cole and USS Bulkeley, the guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea, the attack submarine USS Albuquerque, and the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island.

The Iwo Jima group is now cruising 60 km from Kuwait off Iran's coast. As DEBKAfile and DEBKA-Net-Weekly reported exclusively two weeks ago, three US naval task forces will be in place opposite Iran in the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea by October 21. The other two are the USS Eisenhower Carrier Strike Group and the USS Enterprise Strike Group.

Please sign the petition:
[http://www.dontattackiran.org](http://www.dontattackiran.org)

Encourage Congress to assert its Constitutional right to decide whether or not the United States goes to war. Congressman Peter DeFazio’s H. Con. Res. 391 expresses “the sense of Congress that the President should not initiate military action against Iran with respect to its nuclear program without first obtaining authorization from Congress.” This bill is rapidly picking up cosponsors, but needs more. Ask your Congress Member to sign on today. Ask your Senators to take the same step in the Senate.

[http://democrats.com/peoplesemailnetwork/80](http://democrats.com/peoplesemailnetwork/80)

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And if all others accepted the lie which the Party imposed -- if all records told the same tale -- then the lie passed into history and became the truth. "Who controls the past," ran the Party slogan, "controls the future: who controls the present controls the past." George Orwell, 1984

WHAT ABOUT AHMADINEJAD?


[http://members.aol.com/bblum6/aer40.htm](http://members.aol.com/bblum6/aer40.htm)

Designer monsters

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is a man seemingly custom-made for the White House in its endless quest for enemies with whom to scare Congress, the American people, and the world, in order to justify the unseemly behavior of the empire. The Iranian president has declared that he wants to "wipe Israel off the map". He's said that "the Holocaust is a myth". He recently held a conference in Iran for "Holocaust deniers". And his government passed a new law requiring Jews to wear a yellow insignia, à la the Nazis. On top of all that, he's aiming to build nuclear bombs, one of which would surely be aimed at Israel. What right-thinking person would not be scared by such a man? However, like with all such designer monsters made bigger than life during the Cold War and since by Washington, the truth about Ahmadinejad is a bit more complicated. According to people who know Farsi, the Iranian leader has never said anything about "wiping Israel off the map". In his October 29, 2005 speech, when he reportedly first made the remark, the word "map" does not even appear. According to the translation of Juan Cole, American professor of Modern Middle East and South Asian History, Ahmadinejad said that "the regime occupying Jerusalem must vanish from the page of time." His remark, said Cole, "does not imply military action or killing anyone at all," which presumably is what would make the remark threatening.[1] Readers are advised that the next time they come across such an Ahmadinejad citation to note whether a complete sentence is being quoted, and not just "wipe Israel off the map.

At the conference in Teheran ("Review of the Holocaust: Global Vision"), the Iranian president said: "The Zionist regime will be wiped out soon, the same way the Soviet Union was, and humanity will achieve freedom."[2] Obviously, the man is not calling for any kind of
The conference gave a platform to various points of view, including six members of Jews United Against Zionism, at least two of whom were rabbis. One was Ahron Cohen, from London, who declared: "There is no doubt whatsoever, that during World War 2 there developed a terrible and catastrophic policy and action of genocide perpetrated by Nazi Germany against the Jewish People." He also said that "the Zionists make a great issue of the Holocaust in order to further their illegitimate philosophy and aims," indicating as well that the figure of six million Jewish victims is debatable. The other rabbi was Moshe David Weiss, who told the delegates: "We don't want to deny the killing of Jews in World War II, but Zionists have given much higher figures for how many people were killed. They have used the Holocaust as a device to justify their oppression." His group rejects the creation of Israel on the grounds that it violates Jewish religious law in that a Jewish state can't exist until the return of the Messiah.

Another speaker was Shiraz Dossa, professor of political science at St. Francis Xavier University in Canada. In an interview after the conference, he described himself as an anti-imperialist and an admirer of Noam Chomsky, and said that he "was invited because of my expertise as a scholar in the German-Jewish area, as well as my studies in the Holocaust. ... I have nothing to do with Holocaust denial, not at all." His talk was "about the war on terrorism, and how the Holocaust plays into it. Other people [at the conference] have their own points of view, but that [Holocaust denial] is not my point of view. ... There was no pressure at all to say anything, and people there had different views."[4]

Clearly, the conference -- which the White House called "an affront to the entire civilized world"[5] -- was not set up to be simply a forum for people to deny that the Holocaust, to any significant degree, literally never took place at all.

As to the yellow star story of this past May -- that was a complete fabrication by a prominent Iranian-American neo-conservative, Amir Taheri. There are as well other egregious examples of Ahmadinejad's policies and words being twisted out of shape in the Western media, making him look like a danger to all that's holy and decent. Political science professor Virginia Tilley has written a good account of this. "Why is Mr. Ahmadinejad being so systematically misquoted and demonized?" Tilley asks. "Need we ask? If the world believes that Iran is preparing to attack Israel, then the US or Israel can claim justification in attacking Iran first. On that agenda, the disinformation campaign about Mr. Ahmadinejad's statements has been bonded at the hip to a second set of lies: promoting Iran's (nonexistent) nuclear weapon programme."[6]

Ahmadinejad, however, is partly to blame for this "disinformation". I heard him in an interview while he was at the UN in September being asked directly about "the map" and the reality of the Holocaust, and he refused to give explicit answers of "yes" or "no", which I interpret as his prideful refusal to accede to the wishes of what he regarded as a hostile Western interviewer asking hostile questions. In an interview with the German news magazine, Der Spiegel (May 31 2006), Ahmadinejad states: "We don't want to confirm or deny the Holocaust." The Iranian president is also in the habit of prefacing certain remarks with "Even if the Holocaust happened ... ", a rhetorical device we all use in argument and discussion, but one which can not help but reinforce the doubts people have about his views.

It may already be too late. The conventional wisdom about what Ahmadinejad has said and meant may already be set in marble. Ban I Moon, at a news conference on December 14, after being sworn in as the new secretary-general of the United Nations, was asked by an Israeli reporter whether the United Nations was going to address the issue of Holocaust deniers. Ban replied: "Denying historical facts, especially on such an important subject as the Holocaust is just not acceptable. Nor is it acceptable to call for the elimination of any state or people."[7] Let's hope that this is not very indicative of the independence of mind that we can expect from the new secretary-general. Myths die so hard. Time magazine has just foregone its usual selection of "Person of the Year" and instead chosen "You", the Internet user. Managing editor Richard Stengel said that if it came down to one individual it probably would have been Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, but that "It just felt to me a little off selecting him."[8] In previous years Time's "Person of the Year" has included Joseph Stalin and Adolf Hitler.

Hi Dick,

For nearly 26 years now, the U.S. has had no formal diplomatic dialogue with Iran. Key governmental bodies in Iran are eager to talk though, and the time has never been better. A peaceful solution to the standoff over Iran's nuclear program can still be found - and opening lines of communication with Iran is the only way to facilitate a non-nuclear resolution.

Tell President Bush to take a diplomatic approach with Iranian leaders!

The Bush Administration is saying, "Everything is on the table." Everything, that is, except direct talks! This "no negotiation" approach to Iran has not been successful. There is no crisis yet, so let's avoid one by not using inflammatory rhetoric or military threats. Sign the petition

For over two decades, the U.S. has had no formal diplomatic dialogue with Iran. But this approach is not working.

Opening the lines of communication with Iran is the only way to facilitate a non-nuclear resolution.
We are now seeing the unfortunate results of refusing to talk directly to North Korea. But we still have time to change our course with Iran by openly communicating with those who want to negotiate.

Military action cannot be an option. Such a move would kill large numbers of innocent people, dramatically increase the instability in this already war-torn region, and foster even more hatred and international condemnation of the United States.

If we raise our voices together, we can avoid another nuclear crisis before it starts. Thank you for making a difference today!

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SPEAK OUT NOW AGAINST AN ATTACK ON IRAN WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME
Call your members of Congress at their local district offices!
In her new Lie/Die TV spot, you can hear congressional candidate Jeeni Criscenzo speaking about the scary parallel between the lies they told us about Iraq, and the new ones about Iran.

SPECIAL LOCAL DISTRICT PHONE/FAX LOOKUP PAGE: http://www.peaceteam.net/pnum536.php

As splendidly as the endless occupation of Iraq and the blitzkrieg on Lebanon have turned mess up big time? As a result of Bush's saber rattling, North Korea took the U.N. seal.

Where are our members of Congress on this? They need to be giving campaign speeches stating that a U.S. attack on Iran is a real possibility, and that Congress has the constitutional right to decide whether or not the USA goes to war.

ACTION PAGE: http://www.peaceteam.net/pnum536.php

The best way for us to stop yet another disastrous war of aggression is for us to remind our congressional candidates that the U.S. military occupation of Iraq is a true disaster, and that a U.S. attack on Iran is a real possibility.

These Lie/Die TV spots are calling the Bush administration out on their deliberate deception.

LIE/DIE TV SPOT DONATIONS: http://www.peaceteam.net/donations.php?cv=criscenzo

CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION:
Dear Friends,
A U.S. attack on Iran is, I believe, a real possibility. Congress can prevent it, but only by asserting its constitutional right to decide whether or not the USA goes to war.
Here's a petition that urges Congress to do this: http://democrats.com/peopleemailnetwork/80.

Try to include a brief personal note to Rep. Boozman, even if it's only a few words. It helps. My comment was that we're already in a mess in Iraq, and we should not go to war again without the full and active cooperation of our allies. Another possible comment: We shouldn't go to war without a full debate in Congress.

You might want to "uncheck" the two boxes just above "Submit," to prevent email from the sponsoring group. Cheers - Art

ACCIDENTAL NUCLEAR WAR
The original article can be found on SFGate.com here:
Experts warn of an accidental atomic war/Nuclear missile modified for conventional attack on Iran could set off alarm in Russia Eric Rosenberg, Hearst Newspapers

A Pentagon project to modify its deadliest nuclear missile for use as a conventional weapon against targets such as North Korea and Iran could unwittingly spark an atomic war, two weapons experts warned Thursday.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/12/20/AR2006122001511.html

Dire straits
The US military build-up in the Gulf is a preamble to President Bush's rejection of a key recommendation of the Iraq Study Group.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/12/19/AR2006121900534.html

US looks at Gulf fleet increase

Pentagon Mulling Show of Force to Iran
http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/12/20/AR2006122001511.html

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