

Venezuela: Chavez, The Strong Man



America's Old Imperial Vision of South America

Chavez is not alone in his evaluation of the present administration's policy towards Latin America. Brazil's outgoing President Lula da Silva recently stated that Obama's policy reflects the old "imperial" vision.

And that despite the fact that in the early days of Obama's presidency, there was much hope that the relations between Latin America and its northern neighbor would improve, and Barack Obama even hailed Lula da Silva as "the most popular politician on earth".

"I would like the relationship of the United States with Latin America to be different to what it is today," said Lula da Silva.

"In the United States they should understand the importance of Latin America. The Americans don't have an optimistic vision of Latin America. They have always related as an empire to poor countries. This vision needs to change."

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The Venezuelan President has accused the US of whipping up tensions between Colombia and Venezuela. Chavez also accused the U.S. of unsing the Netherlands Islands in the Pacific as a 'hoarding' zone for its military hardware used in war 'logistics' against Caracas.

Chavez's claims are not unfounded despite denials by both Columbia's political elite and the American administration. Facts on the ground has proven that

Venezuela has all the right to be weary of Washington's move in the region. The U.S. virtual 'enslavement' of Columbia with its so called 'drug war' is also at a tipping point with the Pentagon and the CIA probably pondering on using it as a tool for enlarging the war zone in Southern America.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has plans for Venezuela. Backed by the American administration and with concrete support from the Pentagon, the agency is fermenting more plots to bring down the man who dared call George W. Bush, the former US President 'the devil in person' in one of the most memorable speeches at the United Nations (UN).

The US, with the Pentagon in charge of its military strategies, has laid a plan to 'trap' Chavez.

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Mindanao: Another Story of U.S. Meddling

Nato Expansion Poses Danger



Within the last 9 years, Nato has succeeded to boost its membership adding nations that were formerly under the USSR, thus increasing the western influence in regions that were once unthinkable and impossible for the West to penetrate. The US and Nato has also extended their reach to Vietnam and Cambodia, until recently known as and thought to be pro-China at least or anti-American at best. P9

The Philippine Army (AFP) is creating more tensions in the Mindanao region in Southern Philippines. It has urged the new Philippine President Akino to stall all peace talks with the Muslims while it consolidates its positions in the province.

In the meantime, the Philippine regime has set the ball rolling for fresh talks with the Communist forces of the NPC in a bid to throw the stick at the Moro Islamic Liberation Force (MILF) while it hands the carrot over to the Communists. With this strategy, the GRP will have to deal with only one military force instead of two if the Communist accepted the GRP peace talks deal.

While Manilla is playing this dirty game, a faction of the MILF is said to have created a new 'Mujahideen' force that will prepare for battle against any attempts by the GRP to abandon the peace talks and to 'throw' Malaysia out as the 'facilitator' to the talks between the MILF and the GRP. This is an interesting development as it shows the frustration that has gripped the Muslim forces in the Moro land since the Philippine regime under former President Arroyo Macapagal dissolved the treaty reached on 'ancestral lands' in Mindanao.

Nonetheless, the facts on the terrain once again reveals the U.S. has taken control of much of the land area in Mindanao. It is claiming that is hunting down 'terror' suspects and blocking possible 'routes' used by 'suspects' in their interaction with 'terror cells' in Indonesia and possibly Sabah and Sarawak in Malaysia.

Hence the U.S. meddling goes on.



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Julian Assange - Hero or Israeli Agent?

The Internet is buzzing with rumors that Julian Assange, the WikiLeaks founder is an Israeli 'hero' and not a warrior fighting for the freedom of the press. The Arab world in particular fully believe that Assange is an enemy of the Arabs and that he has been bought over by the 'Zionists'. The reason for this sudden attack against Assange has roots in the simple fact that not much has been 'leaked' about Israel and its deadly attack against a group of civilian-activists on the MV Marmara - the Turkish ship - on its way to Gaza. Assange, interviewed by Al-Jazeera television promised he will reveal more about Israel in the coming weeks. He also said the Western media was to blame for not revealing more on Israel in the earlier 'leaks'. Many in the Arab world still doubt him though. And as legitimate as it can be, the detractors of Assange has the right to ask for more on Israel in order to set the ball of truth rolling. One theory is that Assange sold the 'Israel' leaks to the Zionist regime. It is up to Assange to prove the contrary!



Wikileaks Cables: Exposing U.S. Diplomatic Indiscretions

The WikiLeaks Cable releases has not spared the U.S.

Wikileaks has exposed the way 'International Affairs' are conducted by U.S. diplomats, shedding light on what the American foreign attache's and diplomats think of foreign dignitaries. While the effects of these leaks are not seen by the general public, observers across the world now has an insight on the way U.S. diplomats sees their countries, their leaders and even their cultures.

It has to be said that the readings from the 'leaked cables' offers a rare view of the minds that runs the American Diplomatic outposts in foreign nations. While most of the comments and analysis on the 'leaks' were centred on the secret exchanges between American diplomats and foreign dignitaries and foreign diplomats, the real issue has albeit remained the veracity of the sources. In the diplomatic circles as well as in the expectations of international observers, any denials by the foreign diplomats or foreign leaders is indication of the 'veracity' of the 'leaks'. If a foreign diplomat made statements that were leaked by WikiLeaks, the fact of the matter is whether the statement is true. To confirm the truth behind these statements, one has to wait for 'denials' or 'explanations' by the Foreign Ministry's involved or by the officials named in the leaks. So far, we have heard of statements from Chinese officials as well as Singaporean officials and Turkish officials. Most of their statements



on WikiLeaks website.

Singapore too announced that its tally of records with the releases on WikiLeaks were not corresponding, thus representing a form of 'denial' of the statements attributed to its diplomats. Nevertheless, the most important aspect of the leaked cables remains - in the end - the sources of some of the most sensitive statements made by the foreign officials. Here, WikiLeaks is not to be blamed at all for releasing the information. Any truly 'independent' organization, media or otherwise an online website, would not stop itself from publishing and releasing the 'leaked cables'. Yet the leaked materials regarding the sodomy 2 affair in Malaysia

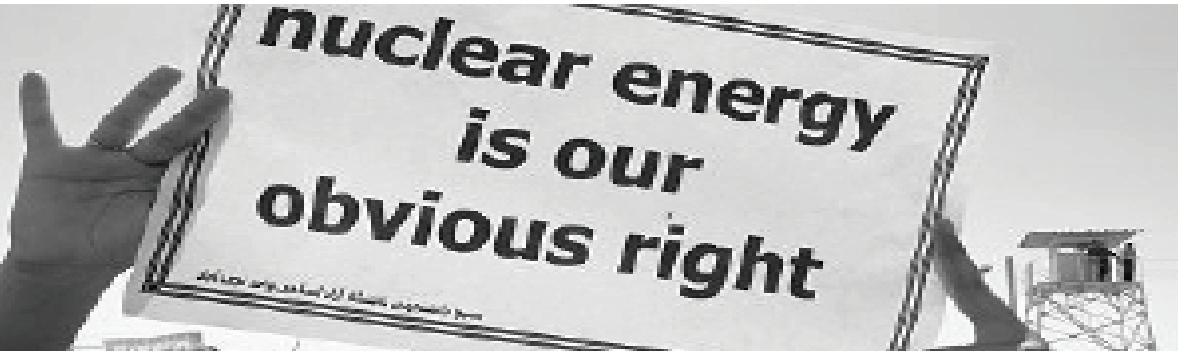
calls for attention. While it looks damaging to the Malaysian opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, fact remains that the Singaporean authorities did not have any means to prove the allegations.

It is also pretty obvious that they depended on 'sources' that did not serve the interests of the opposition leader and this puts into question the veracity of the 'diplomatic' exchanges between the U.S. and its allies.

It is the authenticity of the 'sources' that informed the Singaporean authorities of the 'sodomy case' that is important and since this information will most probably never be released to the public, it tarnishes the Singaporean authorities and no one else.

The same logic applies to the 'leaks' regarding the reference to the Altatunya affair in Malaysia. The murder of the Mongolian beauty turned translator is a closed case in Malaysia with the court judgement rendered against two police officers. The WikiLeaks cables reference to the affair altogether exposes the way Singapore sees its neighbors. Once again, the comments are damaging to the Singaporean diplomats while it reveals nothing about the Altatunya affair. Those who blushed in this episode are surely the Singaporean diplomats!

And it shows what type of information the U.S. diplomats are interested to collect, perhaps for their government's assessment of the region.



Iran's Nuclear Ambitions sends tremors in the Saudi Heartlands

The Middle East is gearing for the possibility of Iran building nuclear weapons. The idea of this happening has sent tremors into the Saudi Arabian royal courts to the extent that King Abdullah called on the U.S. to attack Iran once and for all!

On 31st December, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made a very disturbing announcement - as it shocks Israel and Saudi Arabia - that his country is now a Nuclear state since it has fully developed its nuclear energy programme.

With the Saudi's worrying about Iran's potential to build nuclear weapons, the statement by Ahmadinejad will send more tremors in the Saudi courts. There will surely be more intense diplomatic exchanges between the U.S. and the Saudi Arabian Foreign Ministry but alas we may never know what is transpiring in these exchanges since the U.S. has taken additional steps to 'encrypt' its diplomatic exchanges.

Nevertheless, the ball is not in the Iranian camp anymore. They have played their role well and they have succeeded in building their nuclear power plants. They are near to capacity to build nuclear weapons and that should be ignored. But what the 'Sunni' world done about the Iranian nuclear push? Instead of engaging in developing their own 'nuclear' strategies, the Arab world turned its eyes to the United States for

help. WikiLeaks did reveal how the Saudi King Abdullah urged the U.S. to attack Iran in the wake of Iran's nuclear power development. While this could be a solution, it is altogether a very destabilizing one as attacking Iran in the current geopolitical situation in the Middle East would mean 'losing' Iraq for good.

WikiLeaks has also revealed that the Saudi King has indeed slapped the U.S. for its conquest of Iraq and the dethroning of Saddam Hussein. The King is said to have commented that the Americans have literally delivered Iraq into Iran's palms. And there is nothing more eloquent than that with the American barbaric war against the Iraqi people and its even more colonial attitude in Iraq today.

The U.S. has imposed a 'puppet' regime in Iraq but Washington knows it does not have 'total' control of the puppet show in Baghdad. Iran has a greater wielding power but has not showed this power so far. Iran has no reasons to take over Iraq at this stage when Iraq is still a 'deficit' for the U.S. and remains a negative issue in its deadly foreign policy. Iraq in the current state is altogether a danger zone for the Sunni world which lost its influence in the oil rich nation after the American invasion and has now totally lost all hopes of getting back the old 'wielding' powers it had in Babylon.

Nevertheless, the Saudi King's

statement leaked by WikiLeaks says it all: The Saudi regime and the Sunni world did not support the American brutal invasion of Iraq. They could not stop it and there is no evidence of any attempts to criticize it either. This allowed the freaks in the Bush regime in the U.S. to carry out their machiavelic plans.

Then came Iran's rapid paced nuclear power implementation programme. Once again, the Sunni world failed to understand the viral effect of Iran's ambitions. Instead of focussing on their own nuclear plans, they allowed the Americans to talk them into staying away from any nuclear programmes.

It is only after Iran proved that it will not back down on its nuke plans against any type of pressure that the Saudi's and the Arab world realized they missed the nuclear train. Israel, the arch enemy of the Arab and the Muslim world has been assisted by France and the USA - according to documents published on the FAS website - to develop its own nuclear stations and rumors are rife that Israel has more than 200 nuclear bombs.

With Iran adding itself as a potential nuclear bomb making state and its alliance with Syria possibly aiding Damascus to have nukes too, the rest of the Arab world will be left behind and as pawns in the deadly nuclear arms race between Iran and Israel!

Israel and the Islamic Nukes?

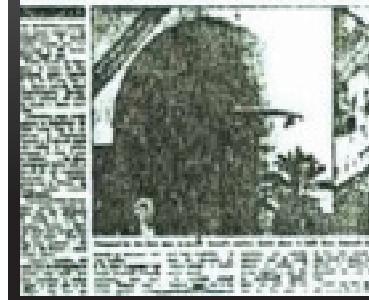
When Pakistan tested its first Atomic bomb, the Muslim world called it the 'Islamic Bomb'. Today the world is on the verge of seeing yet another 'Islamic' bomb in the form of the 'Islamic Nukes'.

Whether it is Iran or Syria or Egypt and even Saudi Arabia, the first Muslim nation that will get the Nuclear weapons in the Middle East will surely cause Israel to 'tremble'.

Though Israel is already seen as a nuclear armed state, Iran's nuclear strides did not leave the Zionist politicians idle. WikiLeaks is yet to reveal what the Israeli state diplomats 'chit chatted' with the American diplomats on Iran's nuclear intent or on how Israel would attack Iran without consent from the U.S. While this may change soon based on the promises made by Julian Assange to Al-Jazeera (He said he will leak more on Israel), there is no doubt that Israel already has plans to cripple Iran's nuclear sites or even cripple Iran completely - that is militarily. And we maintain our view that France will be the one EU state that will back Israel anytime anyday the Zionists decides to attack Iran!

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Israel's nuclear**



North Korea's Nuke Plans: A Timeline

Mid-1980s: First signs of North Korea nuclear program detected by US intelligence.

1991: U.S. begins talks with North Korea to end to nuclear program.

1993: North Korea announces it will leave nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty; U.S. prepares to attack nuclear sites.

1994: Clinton Administration reaches Agreed Framework, North Korea freezes nuclear production for the next eight years.

April 2003: North Korea withdraws from the Non-Proliferation Treaty; soon thereafter, they restart their reactor.

April 2005: North Korea appears to unload nuclear reactor with up to another 15 kg of weapons-grade plutonium.

September 19, 2005: In six-party talks North Korea agrees to abandon its nuclear program in exchange for incentives package.

October 3, 2006: Kim Jong Il announces North Korea plans to test nuclear weapons.

October 4, 2006: North Korea asserts that nuclear test is a measure to "bolstering its nuclear deterrent as a self-defense measure."

Mid-2008: If North Korea unloads another batch of fuel, it may have enough nuclear material for 8 to 17 nuclear bombs.

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NORTH KOREA

A 'Nobel' delusion?

"times," says Marcia Hofmann, a senior staff attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. "This is the moment when we will see whether publishers can continue to freely distribute truthful political information online." (5) The Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin may have summed up the debate on 'free speech' when he was quoted as saying: "As they say in the countryside, some people's cows can moo, but yours should keep quiet."

Putin, often criticized for infringements on free speech and a free press in his own country, is among those challenging the U.S. government for its criticism of Assange and WikiLeaks.

And Putin would not support any Nobel prize handed over to a 'dissident' in his own country in what would be seen as 'foreign' intervention in the internal affairs of Russia.

Sources: scotsman.com (1,2), Museum (3), Huffingtonpost.com (4) and Npr.org (5)

Ignoring Hamas: No Peace!



The proclamation of a Palestinian state with Gaza and the West Bank as part of this new UN sponsored state supported by the Quartet will dissolve the need for 'resistance' as an 'option'.

And guess what will happen if Hamas rejects the Israeli options? War and ravages in Gaza....

The world cannot afford to see such devastations again while Israel continues to walk free!

Myanmar: Aung San Su Kyi differs with West's opinion of China, Freedom



In an exclusive interview granted to the BBC television at her party head quarters right after her release from house arrest, Aung San Suu Kyi refused to blame China or any other nations that are dealing with the military junta in power in Myanmar. The National League for Democracy (NLD) leader, released barely 3 days ago from a long detention under house arrest, made it clear that Myanmar's regime was responsible for whatever deals the country had with foreign nations.

She said it clearly to the BBC interviewer that 'one must look at our own country first' suggesting the military junta in power was to blame for any 'cheap' deals from which China was benefiting. The BBC interviewer could have expected a different response, perhaps with the opposition leader ticking off the Chinese or other countries that have ties with the Generals in power, but it did not happen as well as any excess of 'thankfullness' towards the 'Western regimes' for their so called 'help' in her release.

Besides these remarks she did not mention the US or British government's but said she felt for the

'people' of the United States and other western nations like Germany and France who gave their total and unflinching support to her movement while she was in detention.

She did not give credit for her release from detention to the US or the UK or any specific countries as she insisted the army did not have any reason to keep her under house arrest after defaulting on her release

by 18 months.

Indeed she called for a non-violent 'revolution' but she altogether mentioned that by revolution she also meant that she did not want the junta to fall or the country going to the dogs and in chaos as it was in 1998.

Her refusal to blame any of the nations dealing with the Myanmar regime could become a landmark policy for her party the NLD as it is now coming out that countries like China, India and Russia, which are trade partners with Myanmar did not stop from urging the military regime to release the democracy leader from house arrest.

Though the British and Americans believe China in particular has no say in the way the military runs the country, it is certain that they pressured the regime to adopt new steps and one of them indeed is the freeing of Aung San Suu Kyi. Nevertheless, it is also clear that Aung San Suu Kyi will play a major role in the opposition to the regime but her role will be more towards securing more basic freedom and better security (financial and educational) for the masses.



Jerusalem: Israel's Secret Plans for the Holy City

US President Barack Obama on Tuesday criticised Israel's decision to build 1,300 new settler homes in east Jerusalem, warning it risked wrecking an already frail peace process with the Palestinians. "This kind of activity is never helpful when it comes to peace negotiations," Obama told reporters during a trip to Indonesia. "I'm concerned that we're not seeing each side make the extra effort involved to get a breakthrough," he said.

Maybe Obama is not aware of the plans by the EU and the UN to give away most of Jerusalem as an Israeli capital city while the Golden Mosque will remain under Muslim control. Such plans are being discussed in secret within the EU as a 'permanent' solution to the Middle East crisis. The Israelis has made it clear with its EU counterparts that there will be no peace deal if Jerusalem is not recognized as the Jewish state capital!

Well, where can you find this type of information which is not published in either Jewish or EU or even US press let alone pro-Zionist presses? The UK is very aware of this solution and is pressuring the EU and the UN to accept the fact that Israel will not agree to any peace proposal unless it include Jerusalem as an Israeli capital city! Lets keep the ball rolling to see how the Israelis will inform the world that this is the

ultimate concession they want the Palestinians to make in order to grant them a 'free state'.

Ignoring Hamas?

The Kuna news agency reported from Damascus that the Hamas has vowed to secure reconciliation with the Fatah in a bid to ensure the success of both the upcoming conciliatory talks and surely that of the 'peace talks' with Israel. Though everybody in the world is 'forcing' such a reconciliation, the end result of this deal will be the breaking away of Jerusalem from the grip of the Muslims.

It is under the disguise of 'peace'

and of achieving results that the

Israeli state is working under-

ground with the Americans and

Tony Blair the war criminal pack-

aged as a 'peacemaker' by the

'Quartet', to get the ultimate prize

in the end: The official recogni-

tion of Jerusalem as the Israeli

capital!

Indeed, there will be no peace treaty in the Middle East between Israel and the Arab-Muslim world if the Hamas is ignored - as it is being ignored now by the Quartet, Israel, Fatah and the rest of the world - and to break this deadlock, the Israelis brandished two options. The first was to push for the elimination of the freeze on Israeli 'settlements'. The second is to bring the Fatah to pull the Hamas into the 'peace treaty'. The Israelis used the Hamas as the

component that would 'shatter' the peace talks that were 're-started' by President Barack Obama two months ago. How did they do that? They allowed the Hamas to carry out its 'rocket' firing - which was in protest of not being included in the peace talks - which then 'obliged' the Israeli regime to defreeze the 'settlements'. This brought the peace talks to its current halt.

With Obama pressing harder on Israel - Obama is said to be the most 'anti-Israeli' of all US presidents since the illicit inception of Israel - for peace talks to resume, the Israelis are working in silence and in the dark to woo Russia and the EU into accepting the following:- A return of the Hamas in the peace talks (under the yoke of the Fatah indeed) and a compromised 'Palestinian' state to be created by the UN! With it will come the de-facto proclamation of Jerusalem as an Israeli entity!

Khaled Meshaal said Hamas would seek, during a prospected meeting with the other mainstream Palestinian movement, Fatah, due in Damascus, to seize the moment to accomplish the national Palestinian conciliation, on the basis of the 2006 national charter, restoring the resistance option and adhering to the rights of the Palestinian people. Meshaal said the Palestinians should not depend on the Israelis or the Americans to attain their rights. (to page 10)

In the next issue of Foreign Affairs:

Can Iran fight back?

In the event of a U.S.

or Israeli strike on

Iran's nuclear

facilities, can the Tehran

lead an assault against its

aggressors or will it end

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North Korea's Nukes:



Jean-Luc Godard: A Friend of Palestine

Jean-Luc Godard, who's getting an honorary Oscar on Nov. 13, is suddenly back in the news, although not with the sort of media attention likely to burnish his image. Last month, the Jewish Journal put Godard on its cover, asking the provocative question: "Is Jean-Luc Godard an Anti-Semite?"

And now, Tuesday's New York Times has a front page story examining the controversial honorary Oscar, describing what it calls "a simmering debate over whether Mr. Godard, an avowed anti-Zionist and advocate for Palestinian rights, is also anti-Jewish."

For me, the most fascinating part of the Times story, penned by Michael Cieply, was what wasn't in it. For all the supposed hubbub, there wasn't a complaint about the award from anyone in Hollywood. Even producer Mike Medavoy, who took issue with Godard's "narrow mind" toward Jews, said he was "fine with" Godard getting an award. Read the story on: *latimesblog.latimes.com*

Asia is at the centre of yet another dramatic arms race in the Korean peninsular. Fifty five years after the truce between the North and the South, the Koreans are again at dagger's drawn and this time it is the North that has taken a definite lead. It has tested its first nukes and this has shattered not only the South Koreans but also the Americans and the Japanese nations to the point that Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions has become a 'national' threat to the U.S. and its allies.

The world has too many hot spots where unconventional warfare are being fought by nations against various groups and it does not need another war zone at this stage. The North Korean nuclear issue and the fact that South Korea threatened to use military force against Pyongyang is indeed a worry some factor.

Regional experts recently revealed to the WFOL.tv website that the growing tension in the Korean peninsular is among the most significant and acute problems the Asia Pacific region faces today. It affects badly the security issues and the stability of the whole region, they told WFOL. They added that the situation is made more difficult especially after the mechanism of the Six-Party Talks

on Korean Nuclear issues was put to a halt as a result of the incident around the sinking of the South Korean corvette 'Cheonan'.

A South Korean navy ship was struck by an explosive device in the Yellow Sea waters on March 26 this year leaving scores of sailors missing and several reportedly dead. While the incident is said to have taken place following an apparent explosion as it patrolled the disputed sea border with the North, there are no concrete evidence on the role played by the North against the South owned military vessel. According to a report put together by a commission of South Korean military and certain experts from the USA, Canada, Great Britain and Sweden, it was revealed that the

denied was a North Korean torpedo but was in fact an old mine that went astray in the waters and did not belong to Pyongyang, North Korea vowed not to dismantle its nuclear program -- not even in exchange for economic aid. It cited the United States continued "hostile policy" as well the US support to South Korea in the boat incident and the Seoul's threats to use military force to avenge the death of its sailors as the reason for its refusal to pursue the 6 party talks.

"It was none other than the U.S. that pushed [North Korea] to acquiring nuclear deterrence and it is, therefore, wholly to blame for the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula," the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said before the North announced it wanted to pull out of the talks.

North Korea will never abandon its nuclear program, "even if the earth is broken to pieces unless the hostile policy towards [North Korea] is rolled back and the nuclear threat to it removed," the agency added.

This state of affairs is not in the interest of the US or of that of Japan and not at all in the interest of the SEA states, which are to be left unsafe and would suffer if the North was forced to use its nuclear weapons to defend itself against any fear of being attacked.

First and foremost, the United States, which is a party in the 6 party talks should not play the role of the police in Asia by taking sides with the South despite the 'Cheonan' incident. The North is blaming the US for being a 'friend' of the South and for taking its side, which Pyongyang said reinforced Seoul's decision to threaten the North with economic

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Offending China with a 'Nobel' delusion?

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She said: "We are not changing because of interference by a few clowns and we will not change our path."

In the not so distant past, empty chairs (see photograph), invented by Communists as a propaganda machine to deride their opponents, is being turned into a farce by Nobel organizers.

In early September, the League of Women Voters had determined that Independent candidate John Anderson enjoyed enough public support to justify his inclusion in the three scheduled debates of 1980, the first of which was set to take place on September 21. Worried that Anderson's candidacy threatened to his campaign more than Reagan's, President Carter insisted on first debating Reagan one-on-one before any three-way debate. The LWV indicated that should Carter not attend the first debate, as he ultimately did not, an empty chair on the debate platform would signify his absence. In the end, however, the LWV decided against the empty chair, which by September 21 had become the topic of jokes and political cartoons. (3)

Shaking-Up China

Now many people will say that the 'peace prize' was intended to shake up the Chinese regime or it was an act of 'salvation' of one jailed so called dissident. The arguments will also run high that the prize was to establish the need for 'freedom of expression' in Communist China. (4)

In Europe, Julian Assange, the WikiLeaks founder is fighting for the freedom of information and is jailed in the UK in what has been called a politically motivated attempt at silencing WikiLeaks. Assange's arrest has established a parallel with China's arrest of Liu Xiaobo. Both cases are about the rights of the individual to express freely but the Nobel prize committee decided to focus on Xiaobo, which is an isolated case in a country known for its political restrictions. The Nobel committee has also closed an eye on what is happening within its own backyard in the Western world with clear attempts at clamping down on free speech. Assange's case is one such example affecting the Western world directly.

"This is the biggest free speech battle of our life
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Former Malaysian MP Fan Yew Teng Dies

Malaysia lost a rare foreign policy expert in Mr Fan Yew Teng, former MP who died of cancer in 2010.

WFOL.tv pays tribute to the former MP and salute his courage and accomplishments. This is also a personal tribute to the eloquent writer who is one of the very rare Malaysians to comment on the work done by World Future Online. He wrote an article in Harakah, the opposition bi-monthly, on our foreign policy analysis and on our stance against the American imperial policies.

Tributes for the DAP's former Menglembu MP Fan Yew Teng, who died on Tuesday, continue. Former Damansara Utama assemblyman DAP Kota Melaka MP Sim Tong Him described Fan as a simple and unique man who never budged from his ideals.

The 68-year-old Fan, who had cancer, died at the Bumrungrad International Hospital in Bangkok. Fan, who hailed from Kampar, became MP for Kampar in 1969 under a DAP ticket and then contested in Menglembu in 1974, winning the seat from S.P. Seenivasagam of the People's Progressive Party. He also served as national organising secretary of the DAP, which he left in 1978. Source: The Star, wfoltv

A political move says some, an economic one says China: Beijing's curtailing on the export of the much sought after Rare Earth has displeased many in the Western world and in Japan! The fact remains that the West and the U.S. tried to pressure China on the 'rare earth' issue but they failed to prevent Beijing from imposing limits on exports.

The unraveling of the story behind this tells us how the Western world is rapidly mixing 'economy with Foreign Policy' thus following the steps of countries like Singapore, Malaysia or Thailand.

Iran Nuke Disinformation?

A 5.0 earthquake that happened north of Straits of Hormuz in Iran this past Saturday night was actually an underground nuclear bomb test, reports Israel Insider. Quoting an unnamed nuclear scientist working on the project, the nuclear test was the second in a week. The first test reportedly occurred only 5 kilometers away from the second one.

The Israel Insider report also says Iran, with help from China and North Korea, has two nuclear missiles ready and plans to use them in the next few months.

This report was published in 2008 and Iran still do not have a nuclear bomb. in 2011...Report was published on: www.therightperspective.org

The SCO opposed to Nato in Asia?

and even Nepal:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stopnato/message/26268>

Nations as diverse as Azerbaijan, Belarus and Turkmenistan have also expressed interest in the SCO.

The SCO signed a pact with ASEAN and is now an observer member of the United Nations General Assembly.

In late 2007 the SCO signed a memorandum of understanding with the Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO) comprised of ex-Soviet, current Commonwealth of Independent States nations Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan,

Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Greater cooperation between the SCO and CSTO could lead to an anti-NATO security and (genuine) defense bloc from the South China Sea to the Baltic Sea.

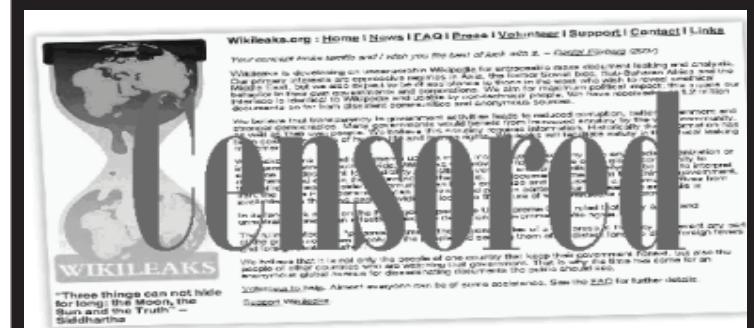
And that would only be the start.

It would be of major historical importance for world peace if Indonesia and Malaysia would announce their intention to affiliate with the SCO and plan to attend this year's summit.

If they did much of the rest of Southeast Asia (Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam) could follow.

And if then Turkey, perhaps initially before pulling out of NATO, affiliated with the SCO, then the world would be transformed away from Western unipolarity to a real democratic community of nations not threatened by what calls itself the "international community" (NATO states plus Australia and New Zealand) but in fact only accounts for 10% of humanity and dictates to the other 90% its politics, economics, legal system, culture, human rights, and many other spheres of interest.

Wikileaks' Israel Files Lacks Drama



The WikiLeaks cables on Israel is not dramatic at all as most of the topics touched in the 'cables' were widely published in American and Israeli newspapers in the past. The world is however waiting for more leaks on how Israel handled 'operation Cast Lead' against the citizens of Gaza and the massacre on the MV Marmara.

In one of the most revealing 'leaks' on Israel the world has come to know that 'Iran' has missiles that can reach Israel in 12 minutes, according to cables released by WikiLeaks. But the world also knows that Israel too can reach Iran within the same time and that the Zionist nation can also easily strike back notwithstanding prepare itself within the 12 minutes time in limiting damages during such attacks.

What the world want to know is how the Israelis coordinated the operation Cast Lead that killed 1400

activists on board the Marmara, the world want to know what did the Americans say to the Zionists on the attack.

Another much awaited 'leaks' would be on the Lebanon war launched by Israel, a war which the Israelis clearly lost since they totally failed to 'exterminate' the Hezbollah. The 'cables' on this Israeli defeat would consolidate the beliefs across the world that Israel is not 'invincible'.

Did the G. W. Bush regime support such attacks (which they would have done) and did the Barack Obama 'team' comment to Israeli diplomats on the matter and if yes, what could they have said? These are the 'leaks' that the entire world is waiting and definitely getting bored waiting indeed.

In a Press statement right after the New Year, Julian Assange is said to have insisted that soon he will reveal what transpired during the Gaza attacks by the Israeli army. He did not however say whether he will reveal the secret diplomatic cables on the MV Marmara and other ships that tried to send food and medical supplies to Gaza.

Another very important set of cables would be the ones on Rachel Corrie who was murdered by Israeli bulldozers while protesting the uprooting of Palestinian owned olive plantations.

Destabilising Asia?



de-nuclearization of the Korean peninsular will become a near impossible and could worsen the situation on the whole Asia Pacific region, much to the detriment of the US itself.

Russia, for example, is regarded as an active and responsible partner within the Six-Party Talks on the Korean Nuclear Issue. This country firmly and sequentially stood for the reduction of tension as well as for the stability and de-nuclearization of the Korean peninsular. It is Moscow that has always remained supportive of the arrangements achieved through the negotiations process and urges other countries to coordinate their agenda as to make the talks acceptable for all the parties involved. China and the US should follow Moscow's resolve on the issue in order to bring a peaceful solution to the problem posed by North Korea's growing Nuclear power.

On October 9, 2006, the North Korean government issued an announcement that it had successfully conducted a nuclear test for the first time. Both the United States Geological Survey and Japanese seismological authorities detected an earthquake with a preliminary estimated magnitude of 4.2 in North Korea, corroborating some aspects of the North Korean claims.

The US did claim then that the North had failed in its nuclear weapons programme as the test was insufficient and too small to be from a nuclear bomb.

Other sources then informed WFOL.tv that the North had eventually developed its own 'mobile' nuclear bomb, which would be devastating since a nuclear bomb that can be carried around does not offer an guarantee of control to the West or the

rest of the world.

In April 2009, reports surfaced that North Korea has become a "fully fledged nuclear power", an opinion shared by former IAEA Director General Mohamed ElBaradei. On May 25, 2009, North Korea conducted another nuclear test, which is believed to have been the cause of a magnitude 4.7 seismic event. Although there is no official information about the test's location, it is believed that it happened in the north-eastern region near Kilju, the site of North Korea's first nuclear test.

On October 21, 1994, the United States and North Korea signed an agreement-the Agreed Framework-calling upon Pyongyang to freeze operation and construction of nuclear reactors suspected of being part of a covert nuclear weapons program in exchange for two proliferation-resistant nuclear power reactors. After a series of exchanges with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), IAEA inspectors left the country December 31 after Pyongyang expelled them. North Korea announced on January 10, 2003 that it was withdrawing from the NPT, effective the next day. Pyongyang's official status with the treaty remains ambiguous. (armscontrol.org)

Unlike other states, Russia does not use the Korean confrontation and Six-Party Talks for its national gains. An observer told WFOL.tv that Russia is worried only about the security issues in the Korean peninsular and the Asian region in whole.

Being the chairman of the working group of the Six-Party Talks Russia plays first fiddle in elaborating mechanisms of security in North-Eastern Asia and demonstrates its reasonable and balanced approach.

Executive Board before the expiration of the suspension period.

'But a Department of State spokesperson said several days earlier that there is *æno* future for the project.'

The most recent nuclear crisis began when Washington announced that Pyongyang admitted during an October 4, 2002 bilateral meeting to possessing a uranium-enrichment program, which could be used to build nuclear weapons and would violate North Korea's commitment to forgo the acquisition of such weapons. North Korea has denied that it said this. In response to the reported admission, KEDO suspended oil shipments to North Korea the next month. North Korea reacted December 12 by announcing that it would restart the nuclear facilities governed by the Agreed Framework. After a series of exchanges with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), IAEA inspectors left the country December 31 after Pyongyang expelled them. North Korea announced on January 10, 2003 that it was withdrawing from the NPT, effective the next day. Pyongyang's official status with the treaty remains ambiguous. (armscontrol.org)

KEDO further stated that the project's future *æwill be assessed and decided by [its]*

The broader implications of a US-NATO Israel attack on Iran are far-reaching. The war and the economic crisis are intimately related. The war economy is financed by Wall Street, which stands as the creditor of the US administration. The US weapons producers are the recipients of the US Department of Defense multibillion dollar procurement contracts for advanced weapons systems. In turn, "the battle for oil" in the Middle East and Central Asia directly serves the interests of the Anglo-American oil giants.

The US and its allies are "beating the drums of war" at the height of a Worldwide economic depression, not to mention the most serious environmental catastrophe in World history. In a bitter twist, one of the major players (BP) on the Middle East Central Asia geopolitical chessboard, formerly known as the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, is the instigator of the ecological disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

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Malaysia and the Russian Far East

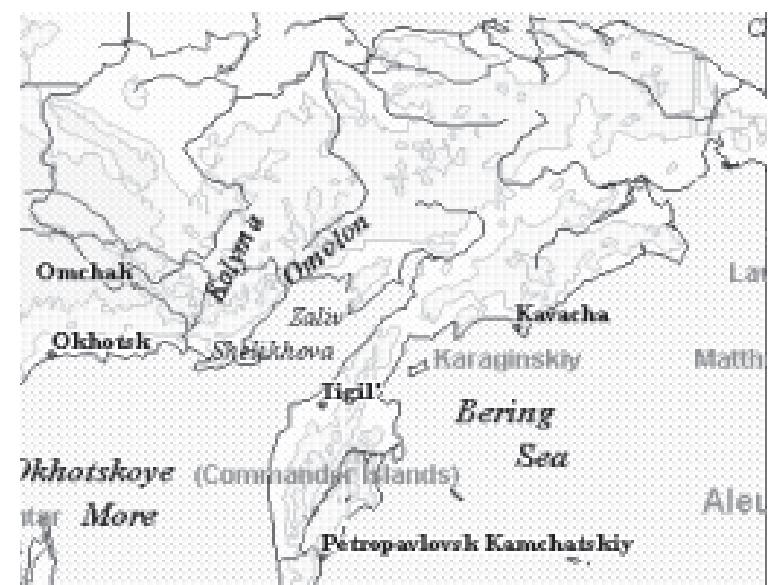
Malaysia can benefit from the current rush towards the Russian Far East, the single largest region of Russia which occupies an area of 6.2 million square kilometers or 36.4 percent of the country.

The unprecedented measures taken recently by the Russian government in order to develop the infrastructural component and the social sphere of the economics of the region open up immense possibilities for Malaysia.

Considering the fact that foreign as well as Russian private investors are taking increasing interest in investing in the Russian Far East, it has to be said that one of the major attraction is in the industrial clusters which is undoubtedly mining and smelting cluster.

Among the most attractive projects that could be very profitable for Malaysia at the same time are the following.

- Cooperation in military and commercial aviation sphere;
- Cooperation in space technologies (i.e. satellite navigation system, satellite construction and launching, etc.);
- Cooperation in energy industry: construction of the first Malaysian nuclear plant; Malaysian involvement in Sakhalin oil and gas projects; creation of new coal plants in Sakhalin region; sale of electric power; export of chemical



Malaysia's favor.

One of the main reasons for the rush towards the Russian Far East is its close proximity to the Asia-Pacific region. One of the major industrial clusters is undoubtedly mining and smelting cluster in the Amur region boasting \$2.2 billion private investments.

The Russian Far East is the single largest region of Russia, occupying an area of 6.2 million square kilometers, or 36.4 percent of the country. Furthermore, the Far East occupies a unique geographic position in Russia and in the Asian-Pacific region. It has long

and petrochemical products from joint enterprises raised in Yakutsk, Sakhalin and Amur regions.

Coal and Oil are salient for Malaysia's economic future. Exploring for the two vital elements could simply aid Malaysia in its push to become a fully developed nation in the next 10 to 15 years. The idea of developing chemical and petrochemical products from the region to export globally could also play in

borders on the Arctic and Pacific oceans connects the region and Russia to the US, Japan, China and Korea.

The Far Eastern region has traditionally been considered an area rich in natural resources. Although its full potential is yet to be studied and explored, the presently known reserves of natural resources unquestionably sustain such an opinion says an economic brochure on the region.

Malaysia's competitors, being several Asia-Pacific region states, have already started cooperation with the Russian Far East.

The Northeastern regions of China are taking part in nine projects worth \$5.8 billion. The checklist of various regional investment projects is being actively discussed

and shaped between Russia and the Republic of Korea. Seoul for instance already invested \$200 million in the building of shipyards in Russian Maritime Territory of Primorye.

Foreign analysts note that there's growing interest of Japanese investors to cooperate with Moscow keeping in mind Russian Far East vehicular and electricity infrastructure. Tokyo is also looking for cooperation with Russia to launch commercial production of flat glass, the project that needs \$240 million of investment.

Role of the SCO as an opposition to NATO in Asia

Rick Rozoff - StopNATO, Chicago, USA



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This is one of the responses to our 2009 conference on NATO as a Global Army and its potential domination of the world. It comes from the US based stopnato group.

"Having read the press release for the conference several times now, I'm increasingly impressed with the farsightedness and maturity of its authors and the planners of the conference.

Coming as it does less than three months before the sixtieth anniversary NATO summit, it puts to shame what is left of the so-called peace and disarmament movements in Europe and North America which have never lifted a finger to stop this bloc expanding its tentacles worldwide.

I sincerely hope that in the discussions preceding the conference and at the conference itself

attention is given to the role of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) as a potential counterweight to NATO in Eurasia and internationally.

At the 2005 SCO summit in Kazakhstan when India, Iran, Mongolia and Pakistan joined China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan as observer states in the SCO, Kazakh president Nursultan Nazarbayev said that he saw assembled in Astana the representatives of "half of humanity."

See:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stopnato/message/6641>

The next year Turkey did so:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stopnato/message/2459>
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stopnato/message/2543>

[The treacherous and shameless CPI/UPA leadership in India has threatened this dynamic since

then by becoming little better than a US and NATO junior partner, but the rest of Asia is bigger than Delhi.)

It's my firm conviction that Iran joining as an observer and playing an increasingly more active role in subsequent summits in large part has thwarted US and Israeli plans to attack the country.

Later in 2005 Malaysia expressed its interest in affiliating with the SCO:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stopnato/message/6641>

The next year Turkey did so:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stopnato/message/11615>

And later Bangladesh:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stopnato/message/23229>

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We have a correspondent in Mauritius, the tiny Island in the Indian Ocean and soon we will have stories or analyses on the militarization of the Indian Ocean.

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