

Israel News Desk

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Israel's Prime Minister has condemned the nuclear agreement with Iran as "*a stunning historical mistake*" & said that his country is not bound by the deal, strongly hinting that military action remains an option. He went on to say that conciliatory statements by both the USA & Iranian leaders did nothing to change his sentiment. He told reporters in Jerusalem that the agreement to lift sanctions against Iran, bringing in a much needed influx of funds would do nothing to prevent it from developing the capacity to develop nuclear weapons.

The deal, of course, does nothing to address Iran's support for anti- Israeli groups such as Hezbollah & Hamas, nor does it address the frequent references to Israel's destruction. The Iranian President Hassan Rouhani last week took part in a parade where American & Israeli flags were burned. A similar deal was signed with North Korea which did not prevent them from developing nuclear weapons!

Mr Netanyahu said, "*we will always defend ourselves.*"

The US Congress has 60 days to review the agreement before sanctions can be eased, but Mr Obama has threatened to veto any resolutions from Congress to undermine the deal. Opponents would have to muster a 2/3 majority to override the any veto. Israel's Deputy foreign minister Tzipi Hotovely said, "*Israel will employ all diplomatic means to prevent confirmation of the agreement.*"

Naftali Bennett, Israel's Education Minister said, "*July 14th will be remembered as a dark day for the free world.*"

Cabinet Minister Miri Regev said the agreement gave Iran a "*licence to kill.*"

In a contentious phone call Mr Netanyahu told Mr Obama that he had 2 major objections to the deal:-

1. The agreement allows Iran to develop extensive capability to build a nuclear weapon.
2. It will release billions of dollars to Iran's terror machine.

Saudi Arabia also shares Israel's fears for the whole region. Is the stage being set for nuclear war in the tribulation period 2 Peter 3v10? Undoubtedly by any interpretation the Lord's return for His Church must be imminent!

Michael Oren has written a personal memoir of his tenure from 2009 – 2013 at the office of Israel's Ambassador to Washington. He has been viciously attacked for the contents of his book which states that Mr Obama "*reversed a masterpiece of diplomacy, the April 2004 memorandum from George W Bush to Premier Ariel Sharon encapsulating the 1967 plus formula that in any peace deal between Israel & the Palestinians strategic settlement blocks & Jewish Jerusalem neighbourhoods would remain part of Israel.*"

He also called in question Obama's commencing nuclear talks with Iran behind Israel's back & said Obama is naive in calculating that Iran could be a "*rational nuclear power.*" he recalled his childhood hiding with his father in their homes cellar from anti Semitic bullies. He wrote "*we had an album of photo's of concentration camps showing piles of corpses & sniggering Nazis.*" His father said, "*This is why we need Israel.*" Mr Oran describes Mr Obama's views on Israel, Iran & the Palestinians as "*just plain wrong*"!

Jordan Israel had announced it will build along part of the border with Jordan. The fence will span 19 miles of the border north east of Timna (where biblical copper mines were). It will be built on Israel's land so as not to infringe on Jordan's sovereignty & with agreement with Jordan.

Flotilla The Swedish fishing boat, Marianne av Goteborg, seeking to break the Gaza blockade was peacefully towed into Ashdod port after the crew sabotaged its engine. Israel pointed out that it allows 800 trucks into Gaza every day & further humanitarian aid was not required. Since Operation Protective Edge, the last Gaza war, it has allowed 1.6 million tons of cement & building supplies to enter. An Israeli spokesman said, "*If anyone wants to send aid they can send it through the crossings where we check to ensure weapons are not smuggled in*"

Ramalah Has seen numerous attacks on Israelis & the Islamic State sent out a flyer threatening Jerusalem's Christian Arabs that if they did not leave Jerusalem by the end of Ramadan they would be slaughtered. No Christian Arab was willing to comment or go to the police. They fear for their lives.

Gaza Israel's warplanes hit Gaza in response to a rocket launched into Southern Israel. IS claimed responsibility for the rocket.

Mount of Olives Israel's President Reuven Rivlin pleaded, "*we must find a way to stop it*" after 62 graves were vandalised on the Mount. The cemetery there has been used for 3000 years & holds about 150 000 graves.

Britain There is wide concern in the Jewish community at the possibility that Jeremy Corbyn might become Labour's new leader. Recently he apologised for the issuing of the Balfour Declaration. He is a long standing supporter of the Palestinian Solidarity Campaign & substantially different to the old left wing of the Labour Party. Barbara Castle described Kibbutz as "*true Biblical Communism.*" Aneurin Bevan, founder of the NHS was a passionate Zionist.

Mr Corbyn describes Hezbollah & Hamas as friends & labelling them terrorist organisations a mistake.

Lord Weidenfeld, A Jewish Peer is funding a rescue mission for 150 Syrian Christians. He says he owes his survival to the Plymouth Brethren who helped him escape from Vienna to Britain in 1938. America has said it doesn't want them! Other countries in Europe are also unwilling to accept refugees who say are not representative of Muslim – Christian & indeed not “*selected*”. How tragic. If they were Muslim they would almost certainly be accepted.

Our own government, of course, is only concerned with political correctness & all things inclusive!

General Election Candidates in the recent election with ties to anti Semitic extremists & terror groups are standing for important political positions.

As detailed earlier in my article Jeremy Corbyn is standing for leadership of the Labour Party.

George Galloway is standing for Major Of London!

Both appeared on Iranian TV where Galloway described Israel as a “*terrorist gangster, miscreant, law breaking, rogue, war launching, occupying state*”.

Corbyn called for sanctions against Israel.

Galloway in 2013 tabled a motion in Parliament to commemorate the death of Venezuela dictator Hugo Chavez, seconded by Corbyn! In 2011 Corbyn invited Palestinian Islamist pleader Raed Salah to speak in Parliament. This was a man who said “*the children of Europe had their blood mixed in the dough of Jewish holy bread.*” There is much more.

Palestinian State France proposes to submit a resolution for a vote during the UN General Assembly commencing on 15th September. This would be to the Security Council & would propose a date by which a State must be agreed. However, they say, they will only make the proposal if they are certain it will not be vetoed. They would propose Security Council recognition for a state with a divided Jerusalem as its capital. It would also establish the 1967 borders basically prior to the 1967 war, in other words 1949 borders!! Indications are that unlike in the past America might not veto it. The big fear is that it might establish a specific date for implementation, with all that implies.

Tzipi Hotovely Israel's Deputy foreign minister called a phone a phone conference of Israel's world wide Ambassadors & instructed them to impress on the countries they serve in that the Bible's Genesis 15 should be read & it should be noticed that here are the title deeds to the land, it belongs to Israel, given by God. Amen – Hallelujah, give thanks for Tzipi Hotovely!

Yair Lapid Israel's former Finance Minister said he likes Britain where he spent 3 years but says that Israel suffers from our national trait of support for underdogs. He said we take the view that because they are weak, they must be right. Israel, he said has the bad luck to be strong. This support for the underdog is translated into boycotts & people don't understand the distorted vision of Islam behind all this. It is now time for Britain to act accordingly to the British tradition – Fairplay.

Turkey President Recep Erdogan & Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu spoke of their desire to conquer Jerusalem & re-establish the Ottoman Empire.

Erdogan proclaimed himself the reincarnation of Saladin. Jerusalem, he said is for Muslims, not Israel.

Avi Lipkin Jewish author Lipkin warns that all churches in America have spies in them purporting to be muslim converts, but are really looking to provide intelligence to radical Muslims when jihad is ordered on the US.

Almost all I have written is illustrating the fact that God is working out His purposes. The nations are lining up as per the Bible (Ezekiel 37-39, Psalm 83) & world conditions, apostasy, & the signs of the times are all in place as per God's word.

Lets be sure we are ready, are truly saved & seeking the lost whilst we can. Lets also give what support we can, certainly in prayer, to our persecuted brethren & to the Jewish people suffering ant Semitism world wide.

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