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Former Vice President Dick Cheney criticized presidential aspirant Sarah Palin recently for irresponsibly engaging in war-mongering with respect to Iran. He took issue with Palin's suggestion that President Obama could help himself politically if he declared war on Iran.

"I don't think a president can make a judgment like that on the basis of politics," Cheney said. "The stakes are too high, the consequences too significant to be treating those as simple political calculations. When you begin to talk about war, talk about crossing international borders, you talk about committing American men and women to combat, that takes place on a plane clear above any political consideration." [2]

Regrettably, the Wall Street Journal did exactly the same thing as Palin, in an editorial entitled, "Obama and Iran." [3] Its editors fell into the trap of carrying water for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is possibly the most dangerous and irresponsible leader that Israel has ever had.

When Israel engages in targeted killings in Dubai and elsewhere [4], and adopts "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth" approach, its enemies around the world are emboldened to respond in kind or worse. In turn, this puts innocent Israelis at risk whenever they travel outside of Israel; and it potentially begets violence against innocent Jews everywhere in the world. It is so senseless, yet it garners headlines for

Mossad—Israel’s national intelligence agency—and makes some Israelis and other Jews feel good and proud.

Clearly, Netanyahu has no qualms about using these tactics. He was hated by former Israeli Prime Ministers Ariel Sharon and Yitzhak Rabin—and especially by Rabin’s wife Leah, who blamed Netanyahu for her husband’s assassination. She saw “only doom for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process” with Netanyahu at Israel’s helm^[5]; and her views were prescient.

Nothing has changed since Leah Rabin’s death, except Netanyahu is once again Israel’s Prime Minister—despite the fact that Tzipi Livni and her Kadima party won the most seats in the Israeli Knesset. Indeed, it was the first time in Israel’s history that the party with the most seats was not asked to govern.^[6] Quite predictably, the Israeli-Palestinian peace process is going nowhere, which is likely until Netanyahu leaves office. In the interim, the United States must not be drawn into hostilities with Iran, or another war that the American people oppose vehemently.

To those who would argue that getting rid of Netanyahu changes nothing, except possibly to get rid of an ally who is willing to fight back, the answer is that Netanyahu is not an ally of the United States. He never has been, and he never will be. He is a narcissistic impediment to peace in the Middle East, and always has been. He is a moral midget and a pygmy when compared with Sharon and Yitzhak Rabin, who were both courageous and remarkable men and had the credentials to prove it. Again, Leah Rabin was right in seeing “only doom for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process” with Netanyahu at Israel’s helm. The sooner he is gone, the better.

Fortunately—like Sharon, Yitzhak Rabin and other world leaders before him—it appears that Barack Obama learned early on that Netanyahu is dishonest and cannot be trusted. Also, Obama seems determined not to be manipulated by Netanyahu, which bodes well with respect to American policies vis-à-vis Iran and Israel, at least for now. The Wall Street Journal’s editorial is irresponsible when it describes “Iran as the single biggest threat to . . . U.S. security.”^[7] This is utter nonsense.

American hearts go out to the advocates of democracy in Iran, many of whom have been arrested, tortured and killed recently. These opponents of the country’s brutal theocracy deserve U.S. support whenever, wherever and however possible. Regrettably, Obama did not support them. Like the courageous peoples of Eastern Europe who have become our partners in NATO^[8], this seems to have been an opportunity that was lost at least for now, but not forever.

Regarding those who irresponsibly advocate that the United States should go to war with Iran, we have not gone to war to free the oppressed peoples of North Korea, Cuba or other totalitarian-controlled countries; and an exception for Iran is not warranted. Surely—with our ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan—neither the Wall Street Journal nor any other responsible media organization is advocating that America embark on a third war without end, against Iran, much less as Israel’s “sponsor” or at Netanyahu’s behest. That is lunacy.

One of the greatest concerns today involves the possibility of an EMP Attack against America—by al-Qaeda, North Korea, Iran, or by China, Russia or their surrogates. Our only real protection is a reliable, broad-based missile defense system, which Obama has been taking steps to weaken.^[9] Similarly, as the Washington Post’s Charles Krauthammer has written:

[T]he Obama 2011 budget kills [the U.S. Space Shuttle’s replacement,] Constellation. Instead, we shall have nothing. For the first time since John Glenn flew in 1962, the United

States will have no access of its own for humans into space—and no prospect of getting there in the foreseeable future.^[10]

This has serious strategic ramifications too, aside from the peaceful exploration of space.

Lastly, what are America's alternatives to the use of force against Iran? Aside from supporting democratic movements within the country, as we did in the case of Eastern Europe, the Wall Street Journal's editorial outlines steps that can be taken now, which should have been implemented ages ago to put the screws to Iran.^[11] More "dithering" is not an option, but neither is war.^[12]

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[2] See <http://abcnews.go.com/print?id=9821035>

[3] See <http://www.naegele.com/documents/ObamaandIran.pdf>

[4] See, e.g., http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article7028123.ece and http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article7025821.ece; see also <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1251581/Terror-innocent-Britons-named-Mossad-assassins.html> and http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/world/middle_east/article7029553.ece and http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703444804575071561636104090.html?mod=WSJ_hps_MIDDLEThirdNews

[5] See, e.g., <http://www.jweekly.com/article/full/7367/leah-rabin-calls-netanyahu-all-political-manipulation/> and <http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/9605/29/israel.leah.rabin/index.html>

[6] Some of the tactics used *against* Israeli government officials include arrest warrants issued in other countries, such as against Livni. See, e.g., http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tzipi_Livni#UK_arrest_warrant

[7] See <http://www.naegele.com/documents/ObamaandIran.pdf>

[8] See http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/nato_countries.htm

[9] See, e.g., <http://naegeleblog.wordpress.com/2010/01/19/emp-attack-only-30-million-americans-survive/>

[10] See <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/02/11/AR2010021103484.html>

[11] See <http://www.naegele.com/documents/ObamaandIran.pdf>

[12] See also <http://www.naegele.com/documents/NukeIranToSaveIsrael.pdf>

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Israel's Shills

Obviously, the Netanyahu regime in Israel sends out shills to defend its policies. There is no better

example of this than a Wall Street Journal article entitled, “Israel and the Dubai Murder Mystery.”

See <http://www.naegele.com/documents/RonenBergman-IsraelandtheDubaiMurderMystery.pdf>

The author of this propaganda piece has it mostly wrong. There is nothing circumstantial nor is there a “mystery” about it. This is the way Netanyahu operates, and he is proud of it. He has always operated this way; and he does not fathom that it constitutes sheer stupidity, which points straight to him. Surely he rejoices, and believes he has achieved enormous success.

The fact that it has turned into a diplomatic nightmare for Israel does not register with Netanyahu. Only when such insanity is fully exposed will it cease. Only when *all* of the participants are brought to justice, jailed, and their actions disclosed in minute detail to the world will Netanyahu be exposed for what he is.

The author is correct when he states: “In the case of Israel, such operations require the explicit approval of the prime minister . . . and he made a serious miscalculation.” This is obvious to everyone except Netanyahu. He should be brought to justice for his complicity in such actions. The author adds that “the circumstantial evidence is strong,” which is an understatement.

Also, he states: “[M]isjudging the ability of the Dubai authorities [to integrate all the evidence at their disposal into one clear picture and do so with remarkable speed] so spectacularly is evidence of a serious intelligence failure on the part of the organization that sent out the squad.” Of course it is. A colossal blunder, with respect to which heads should fall . . . all the way to the top.

Lastly, what the author totally misses—which is why his Israeli “puff piece” is not worthy of being printed on the pages of the Journal—is that the Dubai actions put innocent Israelis at risk whenever they travel outside of Israel; and such actions potentially beget violence against other innocent Jews everywhere in the world. The author does not understand this, and of course Netanyahu never has.

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Israel’s Drones And “Flawed” Missile Defense System

Israel has announced a new class of drone aircraft.

See <http://apnews.myway.com/article/20100221/D9E0PR5G0.html>

However, because Israel does not have bunker-buster bombs that are capable of destroying Iran’s underground, fortified nuclear facilities, its threats seem to be mere blustering and saber rattling by Netanyahu’s government.

Also, many Israelis question the effectiveness and cost of a new anti-rocket defense system. As a Los Angeles Times’ article indicates:

“It’s no silver bullet,” said Yiftah Shapir, head of the military balance project at Israel’s Institute for National Security Studies. “In fact, it’s not going to solve any of

our problems.”

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Some critics say such technology will not work against short-range rockets, which can strike in 15 seconds or less and at distances of less than two miles.

See <http://www.latimes.com/news/nation-and-world/la-fg-iron-dome24-2010feb24,0,6909029,full.story>

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