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Rajavi Congratulates Peace Accord

NCR Secretariat in Paris, Sept. 28 - On behalf of the Iranian people and their just Resistance for peace and democracy, Mr. Massoud Rajavi, President of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, congratulated the people of Palestine, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the people and Government of Israel, as well as the activists and supporters of peace in the Middle East on the signing of the second stage of the accord for the Middle East peace process.

Mr. Rajavi expressed hope that with the full restitution of the rights of the people of Palestine and all the countries in the region, comprehensive and lasting peace be established in the region. Experience has shown that the religious terrorist dictatorship ruling Iran, as the prime source of hostility and opposition to peace, is the only party harmed by the establishment of peace and coexistence in the region.

Calling them Traitors

Agence France Presse, Sept. 25 - In its first official position on the Taba accord, Tehran announced, "Arafat has become more distanced from the aspirations of Palestine." Iran rejected the Middle East peace process and described as "traitors" all the countries which signed a peace accord with Israel.

Destabilizing Algeria

Paris, Sept. 24 (Reuters) - Algeria lashed out at Iran saying on Sunday it had nothing but scorn for an Iranian proposal for dialogue between Algiers's army-backed government and its Moslem militant enemies.

"Algeria brings up its all-out scorn for the talks (proposal) which underlines once again the propensity of Iran's rulers to meddle in others' affairs," the Algerian state-run radio said on Sunday in a commentary.

Islamic Terror Plots in Norway

Verdens Gang, Sept. 26 - The dreadful Islamic organization, GIA, has created cells in Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Head of secret police confirms that Islamic fundamentalists in Norway are under surveillance. "I am aware of elements in Norway who back Islamic fundamentalists. They stay in Norway both legally and illegally."

U.S. Reemphasizing Sanctions on Iran

New York, Sept. 25 (Reuters) - The United States on Monday singled out Iran as the foremost state sponsor of terrorism, calling on governments to prevent Tehran from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, addressing the opening session of the General Assembly, said "terrorists should be treated as criminals and there must be no place where they can hide from the consequences of their acts."

He said states sponsoring terrorists should feel the full weight of sanctions imposed by the international community.

"Let us not deceive ourselves: Every dollar that goes into the government coffers of a state sponsor of terrorism such as Iran helps pay for a terrorist's bullets or bombs," Christopher said.

Rifkind rejects meeting Velayati

Agence France Presse, Sept. 29, New York - Britain's Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, announced that he will not meet with his Iranian counterpart in the United Nations' General Assembly for reasons which include Iran's lack of change in position regarding Salman Rushdie. The United Kingdom and Iran usually meet and hold talks every year on bilateral relations.

China: Aiding Mullahs to Make the Bomb

Reuters, Sept. 23 - China has sold Iran uranium processing equipment needed to build nuclear bombs, The Sunday Telegraph said.

The Century's Greatest Threat

NTB, Norway's news agency, Sept. 26 - The National Council of Resistance of Iran says Iran's plan to build a nuclear bomb is this century's most serious threat, and Iran is doing this with the aid of Russia, Germany, China and Sweden.

Sources cooperating with the NCR say that 1,500 Russian specialists will go to the suburb of Bushehr to begin working with the reactors.

It is a dangerous time. Islamic fundamentalism is spreading in Europe and there is no guarantee Iran would make good on its promises.

Nuclear Deal Off

Reuters, Sept. 29, New York - Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said on Friday that China had "suspended for the time being" its sale of two nuclear reactors to Iran.

Domestic

New School Year

NCR Secretariat in Paris, Sept. 23 - In a message broadcast into Iran by the Resistance's radio and television, Mrs. Maryam Rajavi congratulated the beginning of the new school year to the Iranian students, teachers and professors.

Her message referred to the emigration of hundreds of thousands of the country's best specialists and professors, the shortage of more than 120,000 teachers and 280,000 classrooms, five-shift schools, crowded classes of over 50 students, and the shocking and unacceptable situation of health and immunity in schools.

"The mullahs have either plundered the country's oil revenues and foreign currency reserves or spent them on suppression of the public, exportation of terrorism, and procurement of nuclear arms and weapons of mass destruction, while the schools and universities have lost the limited facilities they enjoyed in the past," the Resistance's President-elect said in her message.

Cannon Fodder

IRTV, Khomeini regime television, Sept. 24 - Over 1 million students are members of the *Bassij* (para-military troops). The number of freed POWs and disabled students is 137,000 and the number of students who have lost their fathers in the war is 92,000.

Under-aged Human Waves to Boost Defense

Jomhuri Islami, Sept. 27 - Population growth is a pillar of the Islamic State's defense structure... The larger the population, the stronger is the power to defend and protect the survival of the Islamic country. If the Islamic Iran did not have such a large population, how could it fulfill the need for human force during the eight-year war?

Once Again, Razing Homes of the Poor

Reuters, Tehran, Sept. 28 - Municipality workers have already demolished 100 of about 900 houses built by squatters on land they do not own near the city's railway station, the daily *Akhbar* said.

Officials are offering up to 8.5 million rials (\$2,800 at the official exchange rate) to each household to move out... But many of the slum dwellers said the offer was too low to find housing elsewhere in Tehran, it said.

Benz Khavar Strike

NCR secretariat in Paris, Sept. 19 - Workers of the Benz Khavar Assembly Plant have staged a strike since Sunday, September 17. They are protesting non-payment of their wages and systematic dismissals. From Khavar's 5,000 workers, 1,400 are left and the rest have been fired.

Voice of Mojahedin radio, Sept. 24 - Workers at Isfahan's Baresh Textile Manufacturer (central Iran) staged a strike to protest non-payment of their monthly salary. This is the third time the workers are halting the factory operations.

A Ridiculous Show Out of Desperation

Agence France Presse, Sept. 25, Tehran - Tehran's revolutionary court will announce this week the verdicts of the three women accused of murdering two Protestant priests and attempting to commit other crimes...

The trial will allow the Iranian officials to portray the Mojahedin as the main sponsors of these murders and assassinations, and demand from the European countries a halt to their support for this group.

Mojahedin's press release, Sept. 27 - The showcase trial of three women in Tehran, indicates the mullahs' utmost desperation and is a futile, orchestrated effort on their behalf to overshadow the Iranian Resistance's extensive credibility in Iran and abroad, a Mojahedin's press spokesman said.

Since the time the Christian pastors were murdered in Iran, the Parliamentary Human Rights Group of Britain detailed the contradictions found in the "confessions" and other accounts published by the mullahs' regime. At the same time, the British Christian human rights group, the Jubilee Campaign, says it does have evidence that the three Iranian Christian leaders were killed on the orders of the Iranian government.

Expansion to Adapt to New Advancement

NCR secretariat in Paris, Sept. 29 - The National Council of Resistance of Iran held its interim session on September 23 to 25. The session examined many of the new applications for membership and started the process of taking votes on them. The results will be publicly announced in the order ratified.

In a message to this session, Mr. Massoud Rajavi congratulated the Council's decision to expand the NCR. "The Council's structure will thus adapt to the comprehensive advancements of the sole independent and democratic alternative during the two years following the election of Maryam Rajavi."

The NCR President also described the participation of the Resistance's 14-member delegation in the Women's Fourth World Conference in Beijing as a "priceless victory." Mr. Rajavi emphasized, "Iran was the single unique case where the country was practically represented by two delegations (one from the regime and the other from the Resistance)."

Feature

What do the mullahs fear?

Since September 22, the mullahs' regime has staged a series of ceremonies and events on the anniversary of the Iran-Iraq war, 1980-88. This repetitious annual event is an excuse for the regime to maintain a wartime atmosphere, establish a reign of terror, and strengthen its grips on the populace.

This year, however, there was a "minor" difference. The war anniversary maneuvers began three months earlier across the country and in notable dimensions. In the *capital*, and in the *northwestern and western* provinces, on land and sea, on ground and in air, the regime staged some of its largest maneuvers, ever. In one instance, it deployed 57,000 troops, 17,000 in another, 23,000 in the other. The latest maneuver in the war anniversary week was carried out by 30,000 Guards Corps *Bassij* forces who staged a major exercise in Tehran, and supported by the Air Corps helicopters which transferred reinforcement troops.

Despite official exaggeration in numbers, the regime's constant occupation with this affair is noteworthy. What is it afraid of? There are some keywords in the news which give a clue.

First, the objectives of the maneuvers: "TO CONTROL" the main thoroughfares in the cities, "TO encounter STATES OF EMERGENCY and DEFEND the country," to "provide SECURITY for Tehran," etc.

Second are the types of troops involved: The Ashura Battalions, whose complete name is accompanied by the adjective "anti-riot". They were first formed in 1993, after

several bloody riots broke out in some major Iranian cities. Third, is the fact that most of the maneuvers are urban. And the word "helicopter", itself, rings a bell for those who remember the regime's resort to helicopter gunships to contain the riot which last broke out in South Tehran's Islamshahr.

There are also some complementary pieces of information around. Just recently, in the "week of war", one army commander revealed that in the "reconstruction era", the Organization of Military Industry has manufactured all of the light and heavy parts needed by the army. Of course, the general was trying to pretend "self-sufficiency." But for millions of still-wandering war refugee families who have

not been able to go back to their "reconstructed" towns and cities, this is a hint where their share of the budget was spent.

While the country's factories and industries are going bankrupt, putting thousands upon thousands of workers out of work, we hear of the opening of new factories for the military industry. And the people are gravely upset at their illegitimate rulers who still spend their bread money on arms and on military maneuvers, seven years after the war.

With a furious populace running out of patience, and the Resistance Army waiting in the wings, the mullahs are rightly sensing danger.