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Sanctions: Another Step in the Shock and Awe of Iran

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John Bolton, the "interim," that is to say installed, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, has announced there is no doubt Iran plans to build nuclear bombs. Although there is no evidence of this, it of course makes perfect sense for Iran to hanker after nukes, as nations with nukes, or believed to have nukes, such as North Korea, are not invaded by the United States.

Iran fully understands what the U.S. under the rule of the perfidious neocons plans to do—all they need do is look west toward Iraq.

It should be obvious what the neocons have in mind for Iran—and all Muslim nations in the Middle East—complete social and cultural destruction, a process well underway in the hell hole of Iraq, at one time a first world country with a modern health care and educational system, now a smoldering wreck on par with ruined states in Africa.

Iran understands well this is the plan for them, as the Muslim hating neocons will not rest until Israel's enemies are diseased, malnourished, without electricity or clean water, and wracked by tribal and ethnic violence.

Ahmadinejad understands the threat—for now comprised of sanctions against Iran—and told a large crowd in Tehran that "the Iranian nation will not accept for one moment any bullying, invasion and violation of its rights," according to the Associated Press. Ahmadinejad knows the CIA, Pentagon, and Israeli military intelligence are at work in his country, stirring up trouble, as they did in Iraq prior to the invasion. "He also said enemies of the country were trying to stir up differences among the Iranian people."

In Russia, Mikhail Margelov, chairman of the upper house of parliament's committee for international affairs, released a statement declaring sanctions against Iran would be futile. "Margelov said sanctions against the Islamic Republic would not necessarily cause a change of power within the country, which is what proponents of sanctions are hoping for.... The stick, which has already been used against Iran, doesn't seem to have frightened anyone there. The size of a carrot capable of outweighing Iran's ambition to become a regional leader is hard to imagine," said Margelov.

Of course, the neocons are not interested in sanctions—they intend to use the stick extravagantly, want full tilt shock and awe and sanctions are but one step in that direction, a curtain of legitimacy draped over their true and manifestly murderous intentions.

It is a slow process, as reluctant Europeans call "for more dialogue with Iran before any talk of sanctions," according to Reuters.

"For the EU, diplomacy remains the Number One way forward," declared Finnish Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja. "The time is always for diplomacy. We need patience, we need a lot of patience, and we need clarity," Austrian Foreign Minister Ursula Plassnik told reporters. "German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said it was too soon to talk of sanctions, which was up to the U.N. Security Council, but there was no contradiction in talking to Iran while working to build consensus at the United Nations." Said EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana, "I am the person who is going to talk to Iran soon, so I don't want to put myself in a position of failure."

It would seem these bureaucrats never learn. Javier Solana will eventually fail—and miserably, as the neocons will settle for nothing less than a massive shock and awe campaign against Iran, sooner before later, but certainly before Bush leaves office, that is if he ever leaves office, as it would be much easier if this was a dictatorship.

"The power structure is obviously divided on the Iran issue, if not as deeply as one might hope," writes Gary Leupp. "Democratic Party leaders have indeed competed with the Bush administration to embrace a hard line on Iran. The president's recent visit to the Hoover Institution to talk with foreign policy wonks who favor an attack suggests the plan's still on track. But recently there's been a trend towards advocating negotiations. I would just suggest those doing so note that such negotiations might have begun three years ago—had Cheney and his neocon acolytes (still dangerously occupying key positions) not sabotaged any diplomatic initiatives standing in the way of their imperial ambitions."

"I smell an expanded war in the Middle East and pray that I'm wrong." Ron Paul of



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