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<p>Alpha</p> <p>Joined: 06 Jan 2003 Posts: 41218</p>	<p data-bbox="369 672 2043 699">Posted: Thu Nov 23, 2006 8:56 am Post subject: Another way to get war going with Syria and Iran for Israel reply</p> <p data-bbox="369 743 2043 841">This is another way that a war with Iran can take place.. Going after Syria and Iran via Hezbollah in Lebanon.. Read pages 261-269/321 about the 'A Clean Break' war for Israel/agenda from esteemed US intelligence author/writer James Bamford's 'A Pretext for War' book via the following URL:</p> <p data-bbox="369 886 1146 914">http://www.warwithoutend.co.uk/zone0/viewtopic.php?t=28769</p> <p data-bbox="369 959 653 987">Jeffrey Blankfort wrote:</p> <p data-bbox="369 1032 2043 1450">It seems that everyone, at least who is quoted, is afraid to name the most obvious country responsible for Gemayel's killing and the only one that benefits unequivocally, namely, Israel. At the very moment that Syrian representatives are meeting in Damascus and Jamal Talabani is on his way to Iran, at the very time when it has become apparent that the US will be seeking the help of both Syria and Iran to help extricate itself from Iraq, the last thing that Syria would need is to be accused of another killing. Israel, either directly, or through intermediaries, many of whom may not have been aware who they were working for, has been assassinating people in the region for years and may have killed Hariri as well and made it look like it was done by Syria. The big question that no one seems to have raised in any of the media that I have seen is "Why was the murder of Hariri so important as to have resulted in UN sponsored international investigation while the more obvious murders of foreign heads of state (which Hariri was not) by the US over the past five decades and assassinations carried out by Israel have been ignored. The answer, I believe, is that Syria, beginning with the neocons Perle, Feith and Wurmser's Clean Break in 1996 was targeted for destruction by Israel, a position advanced by the American Jewish Lobby. and formulated in the Lebanese Restoration and Syrian Accountability Act, crafted by AIPAC, and overwhelmingly approved by the lobby's trained seals in Congress.</p> <p data-bbox="369 1531 1146 1559">http://www.guardian.co.uk/print/0,,329640756-111416,00.html</p>

Who benefits? Rival theories over the murder of Gemayel

Clancy Chassay

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Guardian

There are two competing theories in Beirut for who killed Pierre Gemayel. They reflect Lebanon's deep cleavage since Syrian forces withdrew amid popular demonstrations after the assassination of Rafik Hariri in February 2005.

The US-backed government and its supporters accuse Syria and, in some cases, its ally Hizbullah. They say Syria wants to scupper an international tribunal to try those accused of killing Mr Hariri. A UN report links Lebanese and Syrian security services to the Lebanese prime minister's death, but Damascus denies involvement.

"Bottom line, there is one less minister in a government Syria and its allies want to bring down," said Michael Young, editor of the Lebanese Daily Star of Mr Gemayel's killing.

The theory suggests that, after six cabinet ministers resigned this month and the killing, Syria's agents in Lebanon need kill only two more and they will achieve a collapse of the government, because it will be constitutionally inoperative. A fresh government will block the tribunal, and Damascus will avoid the embarrassment of standing trial over Mr Hariri.

Other related theories suggest rogue elements in Syrian security acting outside President Bashar al-Assad's knowledge, seeking to intimidate Lebanese MPs in the run-up to ratification of the UN tribunal.

The other main theory accuses the US or its allies in Lebanon of killing Mr Gemayel to stop the opposition, led by Hizbullah, from bringing down the government and curtailing American influence. It also suggests an attempt to isolate Syria once again, just as the west wants to re-engage Damascus over possible help in Iraq. "The killing of Gemayel gave the embattled government a bit of breathing space and reinvigorated the pro-government forces' withering anti-Syrian cause, which has been primarily fuelled by the assassination of its leaders," said Amal Saad Ghorayeb of Beirut's Carnegie Middle East Centre.

Proponents of this theory believe the killing only makes it harder for Lebanese opponents of the tribunal in its current form to vote against, for fear of being associated with a pro-Syrian agenda. "If anything this assassination has expedited the decision in the UN to pass the resolution," said Mr Ghorayeb, referring to security council members Russia and Qatar, who had reservations, but came on board hours after Mr Gemayel's killing.

MSNBC 'Hardball' host Chris Matthews was too cowardly to address the Mearsheimer/Walt paper

(http://www.lrb.co.uk/v28/n06/mear01_.html) on the power/influence of the pro-Israel lobby (AIPAC and similar) when he was given a copy of the Mearsheimer/Walt paper at USC in Los Angeles earlier this year, but he must have at least read such for its mention of the 'A Clean Break'/war for Israel agenda co-authored by Jewish JINSA/PNAC (war for Israel) Neocons Richard Perle, Douglas Feith and David Wurmser because Matthews went after Wurmser (who is in Dick Cheney's office) hard and mentioned the 'A Clean Break' agenda and PNAC in the process during his broadcast yesterday:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/15830514/>

Chris Matthews (host of MSNBC's 'Hardball' program) was given a print-out of the Mearsheimer/Walt study on the power/influence of the

pro-Israel lobby when he was at USC in Los Angeles recently (see the last few sentences of the following article) and is yet to address such on 'Hardball' - shows the power/influence of the lobby is alive and well still:

<http://www.dailytrojan.com/media/storage/paper679/news/2006/04/12/News/Msnbcs.hardball.Films.Live.Segment.On.Campus-1845603.shtml?noreferrer=200611220358&sourcedomain=www.dailytrojan.com>

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<http://baltimore.indymedia.org/newswire/display/12448/index.php>

Scroll down to the 'Pro-Israel lobby under attack' UPI article at the following URL:

<http://www.warwithoutend.co.uk/zone0/viewtopic.php?t=49800>

Pro-Israel (AIPAC) lobby pushing hard for US to attack Iran:

<http://www.itszone.co.uk/zone0/viewtopic.php?t=54004>

Cheney and the Neo-Cons Plotting More War for Israel:

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U.S. Retreat from Iraq? The Secret Story

By Tom Hayden
Special to the Huffington Post

11/22/06 "HP" -- - - According to credible Iraqi sources in London and Amman, a secret story of America's diplomatic exit strategy from Iraq is rapidly unfolding. The key events include:

First, James Baker told one of Saddam Hussein's lawyers that Tariq Aziz, former deputy prime minister, would be released from detention by the end of this year, in hope that he will negotiate with the US on behalf of the Baath Party leadership. The discussion recently took place in Amman, according to the Iraqi paper al-Quds al-Arabi.

Second, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice personally appealed to the Gulf Cooperation Council in October to serve as intermediaries between the US and armed Sunni resistance groups [not including al Qaeda], communicating a US willingness to negotiate with them at any time or place. Speaking in early October, Rice joked that if then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld “heard me now, he would wage a war on me fiercer and hotter than he waged on Iraq”, according to an Arab diplomat privy to the closed session.

Third, there was an “unprecedented” secret meeting of high-level Americans and representatives of “a primary component of the Iraqi resistance” two weeks ago, lasting for three days. As a result, the Iraqis agreed to return to the talks in the next two weeks with a response for the American side, according to Jordanian press leaks and al-Quds al-Arabi.

Fourth, detailed email transmissions dated November 16 reveal an active American effort behind the scenes to broker a peace agreement with Iraqi resistance leaders, a plot that could include a political coup against Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki.

Fifth, Bush security adviser Stephen Hadley carried a six-point message for Iraqi officials on his recent trip to Baghdad: include Iraqi resistance and opposition leaders in any initiative towards national reconciliation; general amnesty for the armed resistance fighters; dissolve the Iraqi commission charged with banning the Baath Party; start the disbanding of militias and death squads; cancel any federalism proposal to divide Iraq into three regions, and combine central authority for the central government with greater self-rule for local governors; distribute oil revenues in a fair manner to all Iraqis, including the Sunnis whose regions lack the resource.

Prime Minister Al-Maliki was unable to accept the American proposals because of his institutional allegiance to Shiite parties who believe their historic moment has arrived after one thousand years of Sunni domination. That Shiite refusal has accelerated secret American efforts to pressure, re-organize, or remove the elected al-Maliki regime from power.

The Back Story

Underlying these developments are three American concerns: first, the deepening quagmire and sectarian strife on the battlefield; second, the mid-year American elections in which voters repudiated the war; and third, the strategic concern that the new Iraq has slipped into the orbit of Iran. It remains to be seen if Iran will exercise influence on its Shiite allies in Iraq [the Grand Ayatollah Sistani was born in Iraq, and the main Shiite bloc was created in Iran by Iraqi exiles]. But that is the direction being taken by Baker's Iraq Study Group and former CIA director John Deutch in a New York Times editorial. The principal US track, in addition to a declared withdrawal plan, should be to work towards a hands-off policy by Iran, at least for an interval, according to Deutch.

This possible endgame has been in the making for some time. Even two years ago, US officials were probing contacts with Iraqi resistance groups distinct from al-Qaeda. Recent polls indicate sixty percent Iraqi support for armed resistance against the United States, while approximately eighty percent of Iraqis support some timetable for withdrawal, an indispensable indicator for Iraqi insurgents laying down some arms.

Even before the 2003 US invasion, peace groups like Global Exchange and the newly-forming Code Pink sent delegations to create people-to-people relations with Iraqi opponents of the occupation and members of civil society. This writer met with Iraqi exiles in London, who suggested further meetings in Amman. Those contacts were facilitated in 2005 by a former Jordanian diplomat, Munther Haddadin, who supported open-ended discussions with Iraqis in exile, Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan, and with intermediaries from the insurgency who made the dangerous 15-hour drive from Baghdad to Amman on more than one occasion. A reporter for the San Francisco

Chronicle, Rob Collier, also interviewed Iraqi insurgents and was helpful in providing contacts. Earlier this year, an American peace delegation, including Cindy Sheehan, found themselves in two days of meetings with Iraqis of every political stripe. US Congressman Jim McDermott [D-Washington] was crucial in making these contracts possible. Dal Lamagna, a self-described "frustrated peacemaker" made both trips to Amman, and provided this writer with videos and transcripts of the interviews on which this article is based.

It must be emphasized that there is no reason to believe that these US gestures are anything more than probes, in the historic spirit of divide-and-conquer, before escalating the Iraq war in a Baghdad offensive. Denial plausibility – aka Machiavellian secrecy – remains American security policy, for understandable if undemocratic reasons.

Yet Americans who voted in the November election because of a deep belief that a change of government in Washington might end the war have a right to know that their votes counted. The US has not abandoned its entire strategy in Iraq, but is offering significant concessions without its own citizens knowing. #

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