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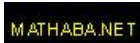
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The Build Up To World War III Begins in Shanghai!

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The build up of opposing strategic alliances continues to present similarities with the build up to World War 1. War-games, arms sales, technological advances and advanced weaponry testing are creating the powder keg ready to erupt into World War 3.

By Liam Bailey

The growth of the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation), particularly the new applications for full membership are creating worldwide tensions similar to the standoff before the First World War.

The presidents of the six permanent member countries of the SCO - China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan - met in Shanghai on the 15th of June, along with ministers from the recently invited observer countries: India's minister of petroleum and natural gas, and the presidents of Pakistan, Mongolia, Iran and Afghanistan.

Iran's observer status at the meeting attracted more attention from the world community than the meeting itself, particularly because of the current tension over its expanding nuclear programme. The latest statements from Iran's president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and foreign minister Manouchehr Mottaki sound increasingly agreeable to the latest incentive package offered by Britain, France, Germany, Russia, China and the United States. Including transfer of peaceful nuclear technology and support for Iranian membership to the World Trade Organisation, although both are careful always to state that the Iranian government has not yet reached a decision. The cause of my fears is responses to the offer from other prominent members of the Iranian government, particularly threats of UN sanctions if Iran continues its uranium enrichment programme. Most notably the response of Iran's supreme leader and staunch U.S. enemy Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, quoted by state media as saying: "The Islamic Republic of Iran will not succumb to these pressures."

These mixed signals coming from Iran, and first the U.S. precondition of Iranian enrichment cessation to bring the U.S into the first direct discussions in 27 years, which, abandoned will now allow Iran some nuclear enrichment capabilities providing it suspends its enrichment activities before and during the talks, Condoleezza Rice giving them weeks to make a decision. Which brought the response from the Iranians that a response would be giving by August 22nd, all giving me the impression that both sides are being seen to favour a diplomatic solution, but neither is willing to sufficiently compromise for such a solution, leading to some analysts including ex C.I.A and Presidential adviser Ray McGovern predicting military action from the U.S. as early as July or as late as October. Personally, I think the possible consequences of military action against Iran are too politically suicidal for even Bush to contemplate seriously. but as I

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