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## US, Israel finalise Iran strike plan

Submitted by Canada IFP on Wed, 2007-06-20 01:33. [Americas](#) | [Asia](#) | [Iran](#) | [Israel](#) | [United States](#) | [News](#)

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert visited Washington yesterday and met with US President George W. Bush to finalise plans for a joint US-Israel strike on Iran's nuclear facilities.

President Bush hinted that actions against Iran will form the core of their discussion.

"I'm sure that we will find some time, also, to discuss other measures, such as the danger of Iran and the threats that come from the President of Iran, who talks time and again about the liquidation of the state of Israel, something that is totally intolerable and unacceptable," he said. "And we have to continue the measures taken in order to stop the Iranian efforts to establish unconventional weapons."

Talking to reporters at a joint press conference Bush once again re-iterated his position on military strikes against Iran by saying "I will tell you this, that my position hasn't changed, and that is all options are on the table."

"And I fully understand the concerns of any Israeli when they hear the voice of the man in Iran saying, on the one hand, we want to acquire the technologies and know-how to build a -- enrich uranium, which could then be converted into a nuclear weapon, and on the other hand, we want to destroy Israel," he added. "Look, if I were an Israeli citizen I would view that as a serious threat to my security. And as a strong ally of Israel, I view that as a serious threat to its security -- not only the security of Israel, but the security of the Middle East."

Olmert also [met](#) with Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to obtain their broad support for military action against Iran.

Pelosi's comments welcoming the Prime Minister indicate that he is likely to get the backing he is seeking from the Congress.

"With the Republican and Democratic leaders gathered here, you see how strong the bipartisanship is for a great U.S.-Israel relationship," Pelosi said.

Meanwhile, Iran has formally complained to the United Nations about the planned strike by US and Israel.

"I wish to inform you that, emboldened by the absence of any action by the Security Council, various Israeli officials have unabatedly continued to publicly and contemptuously make unlawful and dangerous threats of resorting to force against the Islamic Republic of Iran," Iran's UN ambassador Javad Zarif wrote in a letter to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, dated June 11.

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Iran has also accused the US of carrying out covert operations aimed at destabilising the country.

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[What about the Israel-US military exercises?](#)

Submitted by Masher (not verified) on Wed, 2007-06-20 10:03.

I am surprised your reporter failed to mention the join military exercises they carried out last week.

*Israeli and American air forces yesterday started a joint exercise at Al Naqab Desert, south of Israel, in preparation for what many Israeli press reports said a potential military strike against Iran's nuclear facilities.*

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[our tearless leader](#)

Submitted by Todd (not verified) on Wed, 2007-06-20 16:39.

our tearless leader is at it again, with Israel's tearless leader. The American people overwhelmingly voted in a democratic controlled congress to stop this man, and here is what HAS, and HAS NOT happened so far.

1-the war in Iraq rages on, they gave the crazy man the money to fund the war with no deadline.

2-No Impeachment proceedings, although some have talked about it, so far they have only passed wind.

3-they're bringing back habeas corpus. although they have not brought back the rest of our constitutional protections stolen by THIS president and congress/senate.

this president will go down in history with his name added to a long list of tyrants responsible for the deaths of countless innocent

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people.

Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Benito Mussolini, chairman Mao, George Bush,.....

The Democrats have failed us, the republicans have failed us, WE NEED A THIRD PARTY THAT REPRESENTS AMERICAN VALUES! WAR is NOT an American value.

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[Re: our tearless leader](#)

Submitted by Robert M. (not verified) on Wed, 2007-06-20 18:51.

The Libertarian Party would be a great third party option... except that third parties have ZERO chance of winning national scale elections. The leaves Ron Paul as the best choice, IMO. He has consistently spoken out against our insane foreign policy and consistently stood up for the Constitution on a broad range of other issues, unlike everyone else in Washington.

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["GREAT US-ISRAEL RELATIONSHIP"](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Wed, 2007-06-20 18:31.

In what way is the "great relationship with Israel" great for the US?. All Israel does is spy on us, parasite billions in cash and weapons. They have actually increased our fuel prices due to our relationship w/them (resentful Arab suppliers). WE GET NOTHING BUT GRIEF FROM THAT COUNTRY! It's time to get the Israeli's out of our congress, off of our backs and out of our pockets!

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[You are an ignorant idiot.](#)

Submitted by j suykerbuy (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 13:38.

You are an ignorant idiot.

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[WAR is NOT an American value.](#)

Submitted by pontified (not verified) on Wed, 2007-06-20 18:54.

What the...? I hate to say it, but war is our most cherished value in America. We have not fought one single defensive war in nearly 200 years. Yet, we are all told and convinced to support our troops, who have only participated in acts of aggression. Go ahead, tell me you didn't just feel offended by what I just said. Despite the fact that every war or conflict we've ever participated in, we had no business being in and could have opted out, we gleefully jumped into and escalated the destruction beyond where it would have gone had we butted out. Every time you support someone's decision to enter the military, you are encouraging them to help out in the raping and pilaging of some innocent country. Just look at some of the slogans of our men in uniform, "kill them all, let got sot'em out" and " shoot first, make excuses later. " They defend their deadly mistakes by saying, "I thought my life was in danger, " or " It's not my fault I got stuck in this god forsaken place. " Well, what did they think when they joined up? They'd be sent to French riviera? When they do debasing acts, like raping or pilaging of the local populace, they blame the government for putting them in harm's way. They say, " the stress of war made me do it." Did they join military, get weapons training for three months and not expect to be submitted to the stress of war? Everyone should be familiar with the horror stories of Vietnam, the robbing of boats by rivulets, the indiscriminant slaughter of civilians, the burning of peasant homes. These things

are embedded in the American psyche. At some point, it must enter into the minds of American soldiers that they will have the opportunity to do such things. And I'm sure, the more overzealous a prospective recruit is in wanting to kill the "enemy," the more the military wants him. The numerous stories we have in our culture of people picking up weapons and fighting, whether it's tyranny, corruption, or revenge, whatever... Committing violent acts are considered heroic. How many people cheer when the hero kills the villain in the end of any story? Passive aggression is seen as weak and useless. In our society, criminals are glorified as heroes. How about the American ninja series? Ninjas were thieves, assassins, and saboteurs. They hid their faces because what they were doing was anything but noble. It was the same as the modern day cat burglar who wears a ski mask as he raids your home. Yet, countless films here in America portray these men as heroes and never as the villains they really were. Now, how about the latest Pirates series? How many people hissed as the English governor tried to rid the Caribbean of thieving, murderous pirates while cheering for the brigands to get away? That's our military/industrial complex. A band of merry pillaging pirates, raiding country after country and getting us to hiss at entities like the UN that try and rid the world of brigands like them. We are taught that any interference in our ability to rape and pillage is infringement on our freedoms just like poor Jack Sparrow being oppressed by the evil Brits. Let's all cry as we see the little pirate boy being led to the gallows, how evil could these Brits be? Here in America, up is down. Violence is good, passivism is bad. Those who steal are heroes and those who'd try to stop the thieves are oppressors. Those who peddle weapons and flesh are morally righteous while those who faithfully adhere to religious doctrine are vile and depraved. Those that run our nation into a hopeless quagmire that propagates the sale of arms and turns people into slaves and prostitutes are the true Americans. Anyone who objects to this are unpatriotic traitors.

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#### [Iran's threats and clandestine programs justify action](#)

Submitted by Simon Gunson, Wellington NZ (not verified) on Wed, 2007-06-20 19:37.

If Iran had been straight up about its nuclear intentions from the start. Had they not funded Hezbollah, developed ballistic missiles and threatened to obliterate USA, Israel, NATO allies and half a dozen Arab neighbours in the past decade the world would accept their nuclear projects much like the world has come to live with Pakistan and India having nukes. Thing is that Iran has consistently refused to participate in a civil society.

In October 2003 IAEA caught Iran precipitating Plutonium from spent nuclear fuel. Iran has imported tributylphosphate from China for this very purpose. Iran has uranium reserves in Yazd province of just 5,000 tonnes. Only enough to fuel one reactor for 6.5 years, so why do they want to build 7 reactors ?

In my view Israel if not USA are perfectly justified in a first strike against nuclear targets in Iran. All nations have a right to go to war in self defence.

Incidentally I have never supported the invasion of Iraq.

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#### [number of countries Iran has](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Wed, 2007-06-20 20:18.

number of countries Iran has attacked since WWII: 0. Should we even try to count the number of countries the US has attacked in

that period? And we never announced our intention to start a nuclear program or attack Japan with them. Funny how we won't allow any other country to do as we do. Hipocrites! Need I remind you that we declared our intent to invade Iran when we attacked another "axis of evil" country unprovoked. Even the school bully tells his victims to put up their dukes. We demand of the enemies we're about to attack to disarm before we attack them. Maybe we'll go through the same sham of making the Iranians verify they no longer have any weapons before we attack like we did with Iraq.

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[You are an ignorant idiot.](#)

Submitted by J Suykerbuyk (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 13:41.

You are an ignorant idiot.

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[This coming from a man who](#)

Submitted by pontified (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 21:31.

This coming from a man who could not come up with one word to counter anything I said.

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Submitted by Simon Gunson (not verified) on Fri, 2007-06-22 02:55.

Anon said:

"Need I remind you that we declared our intent to invade Iran when we attacked another "axis of evil" country unprovoked. Even the school bully tells his victims to put up their dukes."

The Islamic world declared it's intent on 9/11 and I don't recall those bullies ever warned the victims on those planes, or in the buildings.

Iran showed it's true colours in the Iran-Iraq war when 546 tankers of neutral countries in the straits of Hormuz were targeted and some 400+ merchant seamen from non combattant countries were murdered by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard.

What is a declaration of war. How about supplying Kytusha and Shehab-3 missiles to Hezbollah which they fired into Isreal in 2006?

How about the subsequent threats by Iran to attack all US allies ?

Is this what you call "unprovoked?"

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["Perfectly Justified"????](#)

Submitted by jgmurphyj@yahoo.com (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 00:38.

BULLSH\*T! Genocide is NEVER justified! Iran ahs not done anything to anyone. They are perfectly entitled to develop nuclear power if they want to---haven't the French? Hasn't the US? Hasn't ISRAEL?????

Why are these countries privileged characters and Iran must be kept crippled? Especially since the US and UK have shown such incredible aggression in their region, it is understandable that it has upped the arms race in the neighboring countries. This was one of the prime risks of the invasion all along, and the US knew it.

BTW if you're so concerned with Iran's nukes, ask that sob Dick Cheney why Halliburton developed them.

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#### [American values must change](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Wed, 2007-06-20 20:07.

Our violence ridden society must change. Hollywood must show the cop that shoots the bad guy as the killer he is. He must go thru an IA investigation and sent to prison. Soldiers who kill in a war must be shown to come home and suffer from their conscience. Ninjas, pirates, and the like must be depicted as the vilians they were. Heroes should be able to subdue a violent adversary with minimal or no violence. If Hollywood seriously toned down violence and destruction, I'm sure there would be no public outcry complaining. America is greatly influenced by what they see on TV. I'm sure it was somebody's scheme to make us indifferent to violent atrocities we witness our military commit on a daily basis. Things must change. We should be appalled when our air force bombs a mosque or our army shoots out a 1000 year old piece of stained glass or our troops shoot blindly into a crowd of people. They're arab, they're muslim. It does not make them any less human. When we mow them down by the dozen to get at one "terrorist" it makes us less human, not them.

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#### [the world has a jewish](#)

Submitted by cuthean (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 02:46.

the world has a jewish problem and needs a final solution

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#### [Jesus was a jew. I suppose](#)

Submitted by J Suykerbuyk (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 13:43.

Jesus was a jew. I suppose you want hitler back? You are hated as much as you hate.

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#### [I am confused. Who are we](#)

Submitted by pontified (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 21:35.

I am confused. Who are we supposed to root for? The people who want to eliminate the Muslims or the people who want to eliminate the Jews?

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#### [Incapacious Imbeciles](#)

Submitted by [rhb](#) (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 03:27.

It would not surprise me to see the end of 95% of all life on earth within a decade or two. The way people behave. Really. I thought that when I grew up I would be sharing the planet with other adults. Instead, most people behave like spoiled children. The rest are imbeciles. Only a very insignificant proportion constitute the exception.

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["Number of countries Iran](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 04:14.

"Number of countries Iran has attacked since WWII: 0. Should we even try to count the number of countries the US has attacked in that period? And we never announced our intention to start a nuclear program or attack Japan with them. Funny how we won't allow any other country to do as we do. Hipocrites!"

"BULLSH\*T! ... Iran has not done anything to anyone. They are perfectly entitled to develop nuclear power if they want to---haven't the French? Hasn't the US? Hasn't ISRAEL?????"

I think they said the same thing of Germany before WW2. "They won't do anything, they are a new country now, they have no need or want to invade." Guess what? By the time everyone realized the war machine that Germany had become, it was too late.

The proliferation of nuclear technology is looked at very suspiciously is this day and age. Even less acceptable is secretive development of nuclear technology.

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[I am tired of this constant](#)

Submitted by pontified (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 21:24.

I am tired of this constant comparison of everyone we don't like to Hitler. The only country that has shown the will and ability to invade numerous countries and start another world war is the US. The only country to have used a nuclear weapon has been the US. Russia, Britian, France, China, India, Pakistan all developed nuclear weapons and not one of them ever used one. Why in the world would there be this suspicion? The US simply doesn't want any more countries having the bomb because it means fewer countries we can safely invade. I remind everyone each of the four branches of our armed forces has at least 1.2 million members. That makes at least 5 million in total. There are 140,000 service members in Iraq, another 70,000 in Afghanistan. That makes about 5%, and there are many national gaurd units that make up that number, so the percentage of active military is even less. Yet, talking heads and political pundits say we're stretched too thin. What the hell are the other 95% doing?!? And, how come noone else is telling us this? What I'm guessing is, the media is only telling us about 5% of all the wars we are currently fighting in. God knows what's happening in SE asia, South America, and Africa. Whatever is, it can't be good if the media doesn't feel fit to even hint at it.

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[Our Foreign Policy](#)

Submitted by [The Opinion of a Citizen](#) (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 09:15.

It is appearant that the U.S. has some vague Guidelines as to when and how we may assist the world in times of trouble. Whether we may help the Flood-Victims or assist another Nation to protect itself against a possible Tyrant, where are the Guidelines, or do we choose to keep moving the Boundaries. I see it as a Political Game, in which we as well as others keep changing the Rules. Where and when will it end?

When we finally enyolate ourselves? So, the question is , How do "we" stop this Nonesense.

It has been my Experiance, that all Nations can get along with one another, IF THEY CHOOSE TO.

Yes, it takes an Effort, many choose the easy way out, however, ALL

of the People must participate.

We cannot have these wild obsessive Extemists in the World, irrigardless of they are individuals or a Group.

So, what do we do in order to stop these Extremist Type Situations?

If I had the Answer, well I would probably be the most liked person in the world.

Oh, coincidentally, my initials are A.H.

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[Oh good god. How fucking](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 16:41.

Oh good god. How fucking stupid are we as americans to put up with this shit. If we nuke Iran that's it for Israel, and that's it for any hope of being "safe" for the remainder of our existence. The war on terror gets to go on until we are a 3rd world nation = cool!

The only reason we care about Iran is their oil and the opportunity for more war profiteering. I can't believe how many americans can't see this. But then it was pretty obvious the need for an Iraq War was complete bullshit back in late '02. Americans are idiots.

But hey, I'm glad we're not worried about North Korea!

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[Sorry, a military strike now is not the answer](#)

Submitted by Anonymous (not verified) on Thu, 2007-06-21 21:20.

The U.S. and Israeli intelligence agencies are capable enough to know if Iran is actually planning to launch a nuke at Israel or other "enemy." They do not need to carry out a preemptive strike against Iran until then, if ever. The Iranians are not stupid; they know they would be incinerated (and quickly) if they were to launch a nuclear missile at Israel. However, we will be lied to about that as well, so the neocons and Israelis figure "Vat the khell, ve nuke dem anyvays and lie about it, vats dey goink to do anyvay? Tough kookies, bubbula!" However, if the bu\$h administration is smart, (but they're not) they will simply let Israel bomb and take the "credit". Either way, it's going to happen sooner or later, most likely sooner.

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