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## Rep. Ron Paul Stands Alone (defying AIPAC) in Voting Against



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<p><b>Alpha</b></p> <p>Joined: 06 Jan 2003 Posts: 52606</p>	<p>Posted: Fri Mar 07, 2008 11:44 pm Post subject: Rep. Ron Paul Stands Alone (defying AIPAC) in Voting Against </p> <p><b>Rep. Ron Paul Stands Alone (defying AIPAC) in Voting Against Gaza Bill</b> (see the latest CNI send about Dr. Paul's courage which is included below after the following):</p> <p>'Going after Syria and Iran would be right in accordance with the rest of the 'A Clean Break'/war for Israel agenda as discussed by James Bamford (who is the most respected intelligence author/writer in America) in his 'A Pretext for War' book (see the 'A Clean Break' link at the top of <a href="http://NEOCONZIONISTTHREAT.BLOGSPOT.COM">http://NEOCONZIONISTTHREAT.BLOGSPOT.COM</a> as the following is the direct link for it):</p> <p><b>'A Clean Break':</b></p> <p><a href="http://neoconzionistthreat.blogspot.com/2008/02/clean-break.html">http://neoconzionistthreat.blogspot.com/2008/02/clean-break.html</a></p> <hr/> <p><b>Rep. Ron Paul Stands Alone (defying AIPAC) in Voting Against Gaza Bill:</b></p> <p>On Wednesday, March 5, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 951, which condemns the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians, holding both Iran and Syria responsible for "sponsoring terror attacks." Additionally, the resolution claims that "those responsible for launching rocket attacks against Israel routinely embed their production facilities and launch sites amongst the Palestinian civilian population, utilizing them as human shields ...". For the full text of House Resolution 951, please click here:</p> <p><a href="http://cnifoundation.org/images/stories/HR_951.pdf">http://cnifoundation.org/images/stories/HR_951.pdf</a></p> <p>This resolution problematically includes a strong defense of the recent Israeli incursions in</p>

Gaza. The following is one such exert: "Whereas the inadvertent inflicting of civilian casualties as a result of defensive military operations aimed at military targets, while deeply regrettable, is not at all morally equivalent to the deliberate targeting of civilian populations as practiced by Hamas and other Gaza-based terrorist groups..."

The resolution passed the House with an unequivocal majority of 404 to 1 with four representatives voting present and nineteen abstaining. Who was the lone Member of Congress to stand up to the Israel Lobby? Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX) not only voted against HR 951, but also made a very strong statement explaining why he opposed such a biased pro-Israel statement.

Below is Rep. Paul's statement he gave to the House before the vote:

Mr. Speaker I rise in opposition to H. Res. 951, a resolution to condemn Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians. As one who is consistently against war and violence, I obviously do not support the firing of rockets indiscriminately into civilian populations. I believe it is appalling that Palestinians are firing rockets that harm innocent Israelis, just as I believe it is appalling that Israel fires missiles into Palestinian areas where children and other non-combatants are killed and injured.

Unfortunately, legislation such as this is more likely to perpetuate violence in the Middle East than contribute to its abatement. It is our continued involvement and intervention - particularly when it appears to be one-sided - that reduces the incentive for opposing sides to reach a lasting peace agreement.

Additionally, this bill will continue the march toward war with Iran and Syria, as it contains provocative language targeting these countries. The legislation oversimplifies the Israel/Palestine conflict and the larger unrest in the Middle East by simply pointing the finger at Iran and Syria. This is another piece in a steady series of legislation passed in the House that intensifies enmity between the United States and Iran and Syria. My colleagues will recall that we saw a similar steady stream of provocative legislation against Iraq in the years before the US attack on that country.

I strongly believe that we must cease making proclamations involving conflicts that have nothing to do with the United States. We incur the wrath of those who feel slighted while doing very little to slow or stop the violence.

The Council for the National Interest denounces H.R. 951 and encourages our members to call their Representative to let them know that this approval of Israeli aggression and flagrant human rights abuses is unacceptable. To find out how your Representative voted, please click [here](#).

In addition, please thank Rep. Paul for his brave actions on Wednesday. Contact his office today and express your gratitude by calling (202) 225-2831.

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**Fallon 'may lose job over Iran war'**

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<http://www.presstv.com/detail.aspx?id=46317&ionid=3510203>

Adm. William Fallon, the head of the US Central Command, may lose his job for opposing President Bush's plans to wage war against Iran.

According to a new Esquire article by Thomas Barnett; Admiral Fallon may be prematurely 'relieved of his command' as soon as this summer to be replaced with a more 'pliable' commander.

"If that were to happen, it may well mean that the president and vice-president intend to take military action against Iran before the end of this year and don't want a commander standing in their way," says the article which will be published on March 12.

Admiral Fallon, who has been named as 'one of the best strategic thinkers in uniform today' by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, opposed the troops surge in Iraq and has consistently battled with President George W. Bush to avert confrontation with Iran.

The Navy admiral has vowed that an attack on Iran would 'not happen on his watch', calling the White House warmongering echelons 'not helpful'.

Washington and its allies are at loggerheads with the Islamic Republic over the country's nuclear standoff with the West.

The Bush administration accuses Iran of pursuing nuclear weaponry, while Tehran maintains its uranium enrichment will only provide fuel for the country's under-construction nuclear power plants.

President Bush insists the military option against Iran remains on the table, while his top military experts, including Admiral Fallon, urge the White House to choose a diplomatic approach towards Tehran.

In a Thursday White House press briefing, spokeswoman Dana Perino was asked about the Esquire piece and refused to confirm whether Fallon's position is secure until the end of his tenure.

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**Unreconstructed Neocon Wurmser Decants 'Regime Change,' Holy War, and 'Goodbye to 2-State Solution' to a Thin Crowd:**

<http://www.philipweiss.org/mondoweiss/2008/03/when-i-signed-u.html>

Wurmser is also mentioned in the 'A Clean Break' discussion by Bamford on pages 261-269/321 of his 'A Pretext for War' book (can read such via the 'A Clean Break' link at the top of <http://NEOCONZIONISTTHREAT.BLOGSPOT.COM> ).

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**Nutjob Pastor John Hagee endorses McCain, McCain returns compliment:**

<http://www.itszone.co.uk/zone0/viewtopic.php?t=85521>

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Looks like Israel and Hezbollah are going to go at it again which would be right in accordance with the rest of the 'A Clean Break'/war for Israel agenda (see the 'A Clean Break' link at the top of <http://NEOCONZIONISTTHREAT.BLOGSPOT.COM>):

Subject: **Israel, Hezbollah: Gearing Up for Another War?**

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**ISRAEL, HEZBOLLAH: GEARING UP FOR ANOTHER WAR?**

Summary

A number of indications suggest that Israel and Hezbollah could be readying themselves for a military confrontation in Lebanon in the near future. Israel's operations in Gaza could be an attempt to ensure it only has to fight on one front, and Stratfor sources report Hezbollah is gearing up for a battle.

Analysis

With Palestinian rocket barrages continuing and Israel threatening to reoccupy the Gaza Strip, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is visiting Cairo, Ramallah and Jerusalem on March 4 with the ill-fated goal of reviving Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. While the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is bound to flare up every now and then, there appears to be a bigger issue in play. Israel's current focus on degrading the Palestinians' rocket-launching ability could in fact be tied to possible Israeli intentions to wage war against Hezbollah in the near future.

Israel launched a major offensive into the Gaza Strip on Feb. 29 after Palestinian militants lobbed around 20 Soviet-designed Grad rockets (a step up from the usual homemade Qassam rockets) into the coastal Israeli city of Ashkelon, 11 miles north of Gaza. These rockets are more disruptive than deadly, but they inflict a heavy psychological toll on Israel. The Israeli government came under heavy pressure to respond in

force, particularly after a Qassam attack killed a civilian in the southern Israeli town of Sderot.

Despite international condemnation, Israel has made clear that its operations in Gaza are not over. Haaretz reported March 4 that Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak said this is not a quick operation, but rather a long process that will involve more intense offensives. Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni even threatened that Israel would reoccupy the Gaza Strip if necessary.

Israel's big push on Gaza might be driven by concerns larger than just its conflict with the Palestinians, however. There are a number of indications that Israel could be readying itself for a military confrontation with Hezbollah in Lebanon in the summer. The Israelis have been extending unusual carrot and stick offers to Syria as a warning to stay out of their fight with Hezbollah; U.S. warships are sitting off the coast of Lebanon, signaling possible U.S. intervention; and Hezbollah -- along with its Syrian and Iranian patrons -- appears to be making preparations for a coming war.

According to a Stratfor source in Lebanon, a large contingent of Iranian foreign intelligence officers, military officials and security experts have recently arrived in Beirut. Iranian missile and tactical support experts are allegedly in control of several military operations rooms recently set up by Hezbollah in the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiye and the Bekaa Valley towns of Mashghara and Al Hirmil. Stratfor has discussed before the Iranian intent to secure its grip over Hezbollah ahead of any major confrontation with Israel.

Hezbollah, according to a Stratfor source, also is transporting a large number of Zelzal missiles to the heights of the West Bekaa valley. These unguided rockets are large and difficult to transport or hide. They did not make an appearance in the 2006 conflict; however, if Hezbollah has managed to acquire several Zelzals, these long-range rockets could send a large warhead deep into Israeli territory. And Hezbollah is digging out tunnels and underground shelters, reorganizing its command structure in the western Bekaa Valley and training under Iranian military commanders in Tehran. Moreover, Stratfor has received reports that Hezbollah is installing explosive devices in Iranian-built Mohajer unmanned aerial vehicles and has acquired new antitank guided missiles.

While Hezbollah appears to be digging in for a fight, Israel is focusing on diminishing the threat it faces on the Palestinian front. Embedded in a section on manpower requirements and reserve mobilization in the final Winograd report on Israel's performance in the 2006 conflict, several points were made on the difficulties Israel faced due to slow decision-making in fighting Hezbollah in Lebanon while simultaneously conducting operations against Hamas in the Gaza Strip. The difficulty during that conflict was not in fighting the Palestinians per se, but in having enough manpower to cover both fronts. If Israel can manage to degrade a fair amount of Hamas' rocket-launching capability in Gaza ahead of a military confrontation with Hezbollah, it can clear its plate a bit and focus more intently on the issue of allocating enough forces to impose a military defeat on Hezbollah.

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## **LEBANON: ISRAEL SENDS A SIGNAL TO HEZBOLLAH**

### Summary

Israeli warplanes flew over the Lebanese capital of Beirut on March 7, a day after a Palestinian gunman attacked a yeshiva in Jerusalem, killing eight students. While Israel has conducted several overflights into southern Lebanon since the 2006 conflict with Hezbollah, it is unusual for such flights to go as far north as Beirut. The March 7 overflight is a warning to Hezbollah.

### Analysis

Israel air force (IAF) warplanes flew over the Lebanese capital of Beirut on March 7, a day after a Palestinian gunman attacked a yeshiva in Jerusalem and killed eight students. Ever since the 2006 summer conflict between Israel and Hezbollah, the IAF has conducted a number of overflights into southern Lebanon. It is far more unusual, however, for these overflights to extend as far north as Beirut.

This latest overflight represents a direct signal to Hezbollah. The March 6 yeshiva shooting was claimed by a shadowy organization calling itself the "Galilee Freedom Battalions--The Martyrs of Imad Mughniyah." The claim of responsibility flashed across the screen on Hezbollah's Al Manar television station shortly after the attack. A day later, a Hamas official told Reuters it is taking "full responsibility for the Jerusalem operation" and promised to release more details at a later stage. The claim raises suspicions over why Hamas did not just go ahead and take credit for the shooting when it issued a statement "blessing" the shooting the day of the attack. Adding even more confusion to the situation, Hamas retracted its claim of responsibility for the attack shortly after the initial claim.

Though Israel has been bracing for a Hezbollah retaliatory attack after the Feb. 12 assassination of the group's top commander Imad Mughniyah, the March 6 yeshiva shooting appeared too amateurish to bear the hallmarks of Hezbollah. That said, Hezbollah could be playing it safe as it sees a military confrontation with Israel approaching. Hezbollah is likely aware that Israel's performance in a war against Hezbollah this time around would be far superior to what it was in 2006, making it suicidal for the group to give Israel an excuse to wage war in Lebanon. At the same time, Hezbollah still has a need to retaliate for the Mughniyah assassination, and it would want to create as much obfuscation as possible regarding the responsibility for and execution of the attack. If there is indeed a Hezbollah link to the attack -- no matter how murky -- a larger militant campaign against Jewish targets with the

potential to extend beyond Israel could be in store.

Regardless of whom the perpetrator of the yeshiva attack was, Israel still has an excuse to link the shooting to Hezbollah and justify military intervention in Lebanon against the group. The Israeli government has been eerily calm following the attack, quickly announcing that the shooting would not derail peace talks with the Palestinians. But actions can sometimes speak louder than words, and Israel's unusual behavior could just be the calm before the storm. The IAF flight over Beirut looks to be a warning to Hezbollah that trouble is coming its way.

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### Israeli forces cross boarder line in south Lebanon

[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-03/06/content\\_7733391.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2008-03/06/content_7733391.htm)

### Is the Middle East about to blow?:

<http://lataan.blogspot.com/2008/03/is-middle-east-about-to-blow.html>

### 'A Clean Break'/war for Israel:

<http://neoconzionistthreat.blogspot.com/2008/02/clean-break.html>

**Blood-thirsty ISRAEL seeks "clean break" to ensnare Iran/Syria into the war after "shoah" attacks on Gaza & Lebanon** (be sure to take a look at the comments at the bottom of the following URL)

<http://www.wakeupfromyourslumber.com/node/5890>

See the additional posts on both pages of the following URL:

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### Latest on coming war with Iran:

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