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Sources expose covert Israel war on Iran

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The Israeli intelligence agency Mossad has launched covert operations to sabotage Iran's nuclear program, US intelligence sources reveal.

Israel has commenced a clandestine war against Iran as an alternative to direct military strikes against Tehran's nuclear program, *The Daily Telegraph* cited US intelligence officials as saying on Monday.

According to the report, Mossad has been using hitmen, sabotage, front companies and double agents in a bid to delay Iran's nuclear research as much as possible.

"Disruption is designed to slow progress on the program, done in such a way that they don't realize what's happening," an unnamed former CIA officer on Iran told the daily.

"The goal is delay, delay, delay until you can come up with some other solution or approach," the official added.

The report also reveals that Mossad operations are not confined to Iran's nuclear program; the agency claims to have collected information on the country's missile sites.

The CIA and Mossad have, according to the ex-official, obtained confidential information, including photographs of Iran's nuclear and military sites, from European companies working in the country.

"It was a real company that operated from time to time in Iran and in the nature of their legitimate business came across information on various suspect Iranian facilities," the ex-official was quoted as saying.

The source claimed that Israel also uses "front companies" to supply Tehran with legitimate material to win Tehran's trust but have delivered faulty or defective items to "poison" the country's atomic activities.

Iranian security officials have made high-profile arrests of a number of Israeli operatives in the country in recent months.

The Iranian intelligence service in late November disbanded a Mossad subset that was spying on the country's military organizations.

The spy cell, which was tasked with gathering classified information and taking photographs of pre-selected locations, sent sensitive information to their superiors through advanced spy-ware and satellite equipments.

Another key objective of current Israeli operations is to assassinate the country's nuclear scientists, Reva Bhalla told the newspaper.

Bhalla is a senior analyst with Stratfor -- a private US intelligence company with strong government security connections.

"With co-operation from the United States, Israeli covert operations have focused both on eliminating key human assets involved in the nuclear program and in sabotaging the Iranian nuclear supply chain," she said.

Former CIA counter-terrorism chief Vince Canastraro has, however, expressed doubt that the operations can change Iran's nuclear research program.

"You cannot carry out foreign policy objectives via covert operations, you can't get rid of a couple of people and hope to affect Iran's nuclear capability," he added.

In 2007, Mossad was connected to the death of award-winning Iranian nuclear scientist, Ardeshir Hassanpour.

Iranian media at the time reported that fumes from a faulty gas fire had killed the 44-year-old in his sleep.

A radio funded by the US State Department claimed, however, that there was "very strong intelligence" to suggest that Hassanpour had been assassinated by the Israelis.

Iran has denied the claims, saying that the Israeli intelligence agency is basically incapable of running such assassination operations inside Iran.



Israeli "hits" are meant to deprive Tehran of key technical skills at the heart of the nuclear program, sources say.



Ali Ashtari, a trader of electronic devices, was arrested in Iran for relaying sensitive information on military, defense and research centers to Mossad.

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"If Mossad were capable of doing great things, it should have solved the domestic crisis of Israel," a source familiar with the issue told Fars news at the time.

Media reports nevertheless continue to report the incident as one caused by the Mossad.

The recent intensification of Israeli efforts against Iran coincides with US efforts to engage in dialogue with Tehran. Israel has not welcomed US President Barack Obama's announcement that he would seek possible diplomatic openings with Iran in the months ahead where both sides "can start sitting across the table, face to face."

Israeli officials feel that the offer to extend Tehran a hand of peace puts any direct military action beyond reach for now.

Under former US president George W. Bush, Washington pursued a carrot-and-stick policy toward Tehran over its nuclear program. By setting the precondition of halting enrichment, it snubbed Ahmadinejad's calls for talks on the long-standing dispute.

In June, world powers offered political and economic incentives to Iran in return for the suspension of its enrichment program.

The Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the final say in all matters of state, has declared that Iran would never back down on its rights to uranium enrichment.

On the possibility of US talks, Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani has said that Tehran is waiting for a concrete request for face-to-face meetings from Washington.

President Obama, who is reportedly mulling over a response to a congratulatory letter from Iran's president on his victory in the US presidential race, has been urged to address any overture with Ayatollah Khamenei.

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Another holocaust in US, soon.

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Tue, 17 Feb 2009 17:47:44 GMT

Jews can move no more-- unless-- juiced sort of--

Mark

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 17:42:05 GMT

LOL JEWS ARE THE CHOSEN PEOPLE BY GOD AND WHO EVER PROMISED U VICTORY MUST OF BEEN ON

DRUGS

Major News

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 17:41:23 GMT

The vast majority of Israeli Arabs would not want to live in a future Palestinian state, a poll found. According to a survey published over the weekend in the Arab A-Sinara newspaper, 78 percent of Israeli Arabs do not want to be part of a future Palestine, while 18 percent do the reasons is very obvious Isreal is a democratic country while all other arab countries are either dictators or autocratic places .

Ahmed gurey

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 17:16:52 GMT

Jewish ppl are enemy of GOD and there time is coming,let them enjoy for there time,they may not have

more time left.

Hussain

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 16:42:13 GMT

Double standards in your face!! If one country has nuclear weapons then all countries should possess nuclear weapons. This is sounding like a broken record now!! Inhumane agencies like mossad & cia can plan as much as they want, however Allah the Almighty is the best of planners. Muslims have been promised

victory over the oppressors!

Bahor

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 16:21:15 GMT
Happy ending is not for the Israel (I do not want to call it Israel because in fact that place is Palestine). The evil force is a loser. It is fact.

AVIV GOLDSMITH

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 15:30:50 GMT
American - OR SHOULD I SAY MUSLIM- Israeli people are the most peaceful people ever- israel will just not having it anymore- if anyone attacks israel again, is all family will suffer, god is with israel, not with terrorists using is name when they kill!!!

ISRAEL IS A HOLY LAND

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 14:55:21 GMT
FULL OF HOLY PEOPLE- ANYONE TRY 2 FIGHT ISRAEL WILL SUFFER BY THE HANDS OF GOD!

Falesteeni

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 14:46:36 GMT
Israhell is a NATION AGAINST GOD,and any NATION that stands by ISRAHELL is DOOMED as WELL! DEATH TO ISRAHELL.

omid

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 14:39:35 GMT
Iran: be careful ! The western world are controlled by Jew. I am Iranian living in Europe. Few days ago I saw a wellknown anti Iranian JEW whi is "journalist" coming back after visiting Iran! Ok, I understand they are "European and we have connection to Europe and we give them permission to come to Iran. But These worms have only European pass and name, but in reality working for Israel.

alex

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 14:17:02 GMT
why is this entire world so totally brainwashed and lethargic to allow happening of such despicable crimes by the jews?!!

israel is a peaceful country

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 14:14:40 GMT
that wont take anymore shhh of Iran

Jaffer Jordan

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 13:29:11 GMT
Israel thinks it owns world interfering in every country on earth ,Its high time someone to teach them a lesson,this crist murderers are real curse to mankind.

Turk

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 13:20:57 GMT
death to zionist terrorist baby killer israeli regime !

ISRAEL IS FULL OF BABY KILLERS

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 12:26:38 GMT

ikeman

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 12:25:16 GMT
too much talking. attack iran already

Talib

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 11:50:30 GMT
In the war zone, it is advantageous to know the capacity of your enemy. To know their strength and weaknesses. That is a standard operating procedure. . .

Go Iran Go

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 11:36:59 GMT
Israel is a terrorist state and it shud be Wipe off the map ASAP for peace sake. . .

expose'

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 11:13:39 GMT
yes the zionists may adapt reasonably well BUT the name changing etc are now well known, zionist spotting is a phenomenon reborn

Aya


Tue, 17 Feb 2009 10:58:10 GMT
For last 60 years Israel fighting with bare people of Plastain and he couls not reach to his goal.If israel start war against Iran for sure they can not survive for more than another 10 years.They will be vanish from the map.

stranger

Tue, 17 Feb 2009 10:47:09 GMT
the zionist jews are clever, thee kikeroaches adopt to country and work for talmudic interest, the zionist kikeroaches adopt to counties culture, they change their name according to the local religion, i.e many zionist jew live in india, they change their name to hindu names, in west, they change their name to christian names, in muslim nation they change their name to muslim names, this wil keep them "stealth" and they can work for talmudic goal without being recognised. . .

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