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US Army Confirms Israeli Nukes; Israeli Aid At Stake



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The Army has let slip one of the worst-kept secrets in the world — that Israel has the bomb.

Officially, the United States has a policy of “ambiguity” regarding Israel’s nuclear capability. Essentially, it has played a game by which it neither acknowledges nor denies that Israel is a nuclear power.

But [a Defense Department study](#) [<http://www.jfcom.mil/newslink/storyarchive/2008/JOE2008.pdf>] completed last year offers what may be the first time in a unclassified report that Israel is a nuclear power. On page 37 of the U.S. Joint Forces Command report, the Army includes Israel within “a growing arc of nuclear powers running from Israel in the west through an emerging Iran to Pakistan, India, and on to China, North Korea, and Russia in the east.”

The single reference is far more than the U.S. usually would state publicly about Israel, even though the world knew Israel to be a nuclear power years before former nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu went public with facts on its weapons program in 1986.

Several years later investigative reporter Seymour Hersh published “The Samson Option,” detailing Israel’s strategy of massive nuclear retaliation against Arab states in the event it felt its very existence was threatened. Israel’s nuclear arsenal has been estimated to range from 200 to 400 warheads.

Yet Israel has refused to confirm or deny it’s nuclear capabilities, and the U.S. has gone along with the charade.

As recently as Feb. 9 President Barack Obama ducked the question when asked pointedly by White House correspondent Helen Thomas whether he knew of any country in the Middle East that has nuclear weapons. Keeping the blinders on is necessary politically in order to avoid a policy confrontation with Israel.

By law, the U.S. would have to cease providing billions of dollars in foreign aid to Israel if it determined the country had a nuclear weapons program. That’s because the so-called Symington Amendment, passed in 1976, bars assistance to countries developing technology for nuclear weapons proliferation.

Given the U.S.’s long history of selective blindness when it comes to Israeli nukes, it’s unlikely that the Joint Operating Environment 2008 report compiled by the Army amount to much more than a minor faux pas.

The Israeli newspaper Haaretz, in a March 8 article on the report, observed: “It is virtually unheard of for a senior military commander, while in office, to refer to Israel’s nuclear status. In December 2006, during his confirmation hearings as Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates referred to Israel as one of the powers seen by Iran as surrounding it with nuclear weapons. But once in office, Gates refused to repeat this allusion to Israel, noting that when he used it he was ‘a private citizen.’ ”

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If I was the leader of an arab country knowing that an enemy such as Israel had nukes why wouldn't I try to get them too? Just like the USSR did after the US invented the first working A-bomb. It's stupid to think that since Israel has nukes no one else who is threatened by them should have them.

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Israel really doesnt threaten anyone... they get kicked around like the little runt of the middle east till they get pissed off and kick their older siblings arse into a pulp (multiple times)... So the lesson is... dont piss the israeli's off and they wont be threatening to you... pretty simple..

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The Zionist mad dog called by themselves State of Israel (on stolen Land) is a criminal terrorist entity which we must get rid of sooner or later. Better sooner.
The Jewish murderers will continue.

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i agree with bob

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Since Israeli/Jewish scientists basically invented the bomb would it not be fitting for them to have them also? Israel has 0 option.