

with two (soon to be three) aircraft carrier battlegroups on the South in the Persian Gulf.

The Bush administration has announced that all military options are on the table to attack Iran, including nuclear weapons.

This administration feigns diplomatic efforts in order to further lure well intentioned persons into a state of complicity.

The Israel lobby in Washington, DC falsely promotes Iran as enemy number one.

Seventy million Iranians, 70% of whom are under 30 years of age, struggle for freedom and democracy on their own terms. Any attack by the US or another country would derail their effort.

Meanwhile, the mainstream media beats the war drum incessantly as it did in preparation for the invasion of Iraq, an invasion which has cost the lives of over 1 million Iraqis, over 4,000 US forces and over \$1.3 Trillion desperately needed to compensate Iraq and for life sustaining programs in the US.

The world holds its breath awaiting the unleashing of yet another crime of cataclysmic proportions, a crime which will raise oil prices disastrously and disrupt economies worldwide, further destabilize the Middle East, deepen the rift between Eastern and Western cultures, and poison the air and destroy the land of another ancient culture.

In conscience, we hold ourselves responsible for this crime about to be committed in our name. We will not remain silent. We will resist this machinery of aggression and terror and rally others to do everything possible to stop any attack against Iran.

We call upon all people of good will to join us

in this commitment.

SIGNATORIES:

To date, the No War on Iran Coalition has enlisted the following people in support:

Judge R. Eugene Pincham

former judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, and justice of the Appellate Court of Illinois

Rev. Taigen Dan Leighton,

Zen Buddhist priest and Dharma teacher in the Suzuki Roshi lineage

Leadership Team of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana:

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WHY YOU SHOULD SIGN THE STATEMENT OF CONSCIENCE ON IRAN

Dick Cheney visited Saudi Arabia on Friday, March 22, 2008 for high-level meetings with the Saudi king and his ministers. The next day, one of the kingdom's leading newspapers, Okaz, reported that the Saudi Shura Council -- the elite group that implements the decisions of the autocratic inner circle -- is preparing "**national plans to deal with any sudden nuclear and radioactive hazards that may affect the kingdom following experts' warnings of possible attacks on Iran's Bushehr nuclear reactors.**"

Saudis Prepare for "Sudden Nuclear Hazards" After Cheney Visit

No one knows exactly what was said at those meetings -- but something convinced the Saudis that urgent action is needed to brace for the lethal overspill from a strike on Iran.

The Saudi response is just the latest sign that the US is preparing an attack against Iran. Another indicator is the recent resig-nation of Admiral William Fallon, head of the US Central Command and responsible for the overall military strategy in the Middle East. Fallon is noted for saying an attack on Iran will not happen "on my watch." For further indicators of this attack, see "6 Signs the U.S. May Be Headed for War in Iran" at www.usnews.com/blogs/news-desk/2008/3/11/6-signs-the-us-may-be-headed-for-war-in-iran.html

HOW IT WILL HAPPEN

A U.S. attack on Iran will come suddenly, and if it is indeed aimed at destroying Iran's nuclear capabilities -- a "threat" being talked up again with new urgency by both Cheney and Bush lately -- it has the potential for unimaginable consequences.

Twelve hours. One circuit of the sun from horizon to horizon, one course of the moon from dusk to dawn. What was once a natural measurement for the daily round of human life is now a doom-laden interval between the voicing of an autocrat's brutal whim and the infliction of mass annihilation halfway around the world.

Twelve hours is the maximum time necessary for American bombers to gear up and launch an unprovoked sneak attack – a Pearl Harbor in reverse – against Iran, the Washington Post reports....And when this attack comes – either as a stand-alone "knock-out blow" or else as the precursor to a full-scale, regime-changing invasion, like the earlier aggression in Iraq – there will be no warning, no declaration of war, no hearings, no public debate.

The already issued orders governing the operation put the decision solely in the hands of the president: he picks up the phone, he says, "Go" – and in twelve hours' time, up to a million Iranians could be dead.

And then the war will escalate as Iran responds to this illegal, immoral war of aggression: further Iranian and US casualties, major economic dislocations, and a much wider and more disastrous war in the Middle East

ACTIONS

1. Sign the Statement of Conscience below. Send an email or call Bob Bossie at bob_bossie@claret.org 312-641-5151 x 102 with your name and, if you wish, the way you want to be identified.
2. Share this information with your family, friends, coworkers and your faith community. Ask them to sign the Statement of Conscience.
3. Make a contribution to the No War on Iran coalition for the publication / distribution of this statement. Write "Statement" on the check and send it to *No War on Iran Coalition, 2204 Green Bay Rd., Evanston, IL 60201-3027*

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NO ATTACK ON IRAN: A STATEMENT OF CONSCIENCE

The Bush administration is moving toward an illegal and immoral attack against Iran using the same game of deception, lies and half truths that it used to gain support for its illegal and immoral invasion and occupation of Iraq.

This administration promotes totally unsubstantiated claims that Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons. On October 28, 2007, chief UN atomic watchdog Mohamed ElBaradei said he had no evidence Iran was building nuclear weapons and accused US leaders of adding fuel to the fire" with recent bellicose rhetoric.

This administration, and numerous members of the US Congress, play the victim of of Iran's alleged aggression in Iraq which covers up US war crimes against Iraq and prepares public opinion for a "defensive" attack against Iran.

On October 25, 2007, this administration imposed new unilateral sanctions against Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps charging it as a proliferator of weapons of mass destruction, and it designated the Guard's Quds forces as a supporter of terrorism. These new sanctions financially isolate part of Iran's military and anyone inside or outside Iran who does business with it.

This administration's has surrounded Iran with military forces: in Azerbaijan on the North, Afghanistan on the East, Iraq on the West, and

