

**PRESS STATEMENT - ISRAEL MUST BE STOPPED FROM COMMITTING FURTHER
WAR CRIMES**

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The barbaric and wanton massacre of the Palestinians in Gaza which started some days ago and is now still continuing is yet another example of the blatant war crimes committed by Zionist Israel since its establishment in 1948.

Supported and encouraged by the United States and Britain, Israel has ignored international condemnation and insists that she has the unfettered right to murder innocent men, women and children on account of some rocket attacks by Palestinians who were retaliating against the blockade of Gaza. The blockade over the last 9 months has brought starvation and untold suffering to the Palestinians. The heroic Palestinian people have every right to take action in self-defence to break this inhuman siege.

The United Nations has condemned this attempt to starve and deny the medical needs of the Palestinians in order to force them into submission, but as usual, Israel backed by the United States has ignored international opinion and international law.

The peace loving peoples of the world must not just sympathise with the Palestinians but must take concrete action to bring the war criminals to justice.

For various reasons Governments will not do anything to put a stop to Israeli intransigence. It remains for the people to take positive action individually or through their Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO).

We propose that the peoples of the world boycott Israeli products and stop all trade with Israel.

Secondly we call upon the international community to abandon the use of the US Dollar in international trade, and to stop buying United States' bonds. Such purchases have enabled the United States to grant substantial aid to Israel and to supply it with the weapons now being used against the people in Gaza and elsewhere. The concerned peace loving peoples of the world must not, even if it is in a small way, be the participants and financiers in the massacre of the Palestinians, the Iraqis and the Afghans.

Finally we call upon the United Nations General Assembly to condemn Israel the same way that the Security Council condemns Darfur, Rwanda and Burundi and to set up a Tribunal to try Israeli war criminals.

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28 Comments

By khattabAuthor Profile Page on January 2, 2009 7:21 PM

Assalamualaikum!

Alhamdulillah, I'm happy to see Malaysian brother strongly against Israel invaders, I ask all of the Muslim nations united for against Israel and to her invaders to Muslims and unfree people, plz visit the link, and concern the situations of your forgotten Muslim country East Turkestan and Muslims brothers in East Turkestan,

for example, on last november 2007 .In East Turkestan a Muslim woman named Arzugul faced, she was pregnant since 7 months!. at last she released by calling from international community..

<http://www.rfa.org/english/news/forced%20abortion-11132008173803.html>

its only one of the lucky woman in East Turkestan, since 1990 the beginning Birth control in East Turkestan by Chinese communist government, countless our Muslim (babies) generations killed before they come to this world, and countless Muslim sisters got kinds of bad diseases by Birth control operations and other treatment against birth, ..insha ALLAH, since today I will release last and current situations in East Turkestan...

By Oumono on January 2, 2009 7:23 PM

Boikot Israel!!

Sapa yang ada list barangan Israel sila bantu bagi list supaya kita dapat boikot barangan Israel.

Hidup Tun!Boikot Israel!

Hazman Abu Bakar

By pakpandir08 on January 2, 2009 7:39 PM

to gain supports from all kinds of human in the world, we need to be neutral and fair ...

when we issue statements to protest about Israel for killing the innocent, we should also issue statements to protest bombing of hotel in Mumbai sometimes ago ... but did we?

this is the main reason why other countries only verbally protest, but not willing to take drastic actions ... because from the past, we only show our concern from POLITICAL and RELIGIOUS point of view, but not because the reason INNOCENT HUMAN are killed ...

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on January 2, 2009 7:44 PM

Dear Tun,

Your initiative is very good indeed. But does your initiative carry weight especially when we know the Arab leaders are too divided among themselves. Behind the curtain these Arabs are really hypocrite people. I am very sure you have made so many contacts with the Arab leaders and the Arab monarchs and I am sure you are able to assess their attitude and their seriousness in trying to resolve the conflict. Personally, I don't think the Arab leaders care a damn about this conflict happening in front of their doors for years. They dare not venture to point fingers at the American and western leaders to stop the conflict and reprimand the Israelis because their positions are at stake. They are in a weak position, They have no "balls".

By jurublogAuthor Profile Page on January 2, 2009 7:53 PM

Tun,

We are indeed sad but not surprise with the non-reaction in the part of United States and Britain on the barbaric acts by the Israelis against the Palestinians.

The international media, controlled by the Jews, has been potraying as if the Palestinians were the ones who wanted to restart the war.

The Security Council is paralysed. UNGA has no power to do anything.

<http://www.jurublog.blogspot.com>
By owlz on January 2, 2009 8:35 PM

Salam alaik Tun...

According to Jewish tradition, the history of Judaism begins with the Covenant between God and Abraham (in Quran, pronounced as Ibrahim), who is considered a Hebrew... Ancient Hebrew and Arab people are generally classified as Semitic peoples... Those closest to them in culture and language were generally deemed to be descended from their forefather Shem, one of the sons of Noah (in Quran, pronounced as Nuh)... Everybody live in PEACE...

But suddenly there was emerging the movement of Zionism - international political movement that originally supported the reestablishment of a homeland for the Jewish People in Palestine, they call this home as Eretz Yisra'el (means the Land of Israel)... And they use the RELIGION as a reason to kill muslims Palestinian. Is it funny same species killing each other? EERRRGHH!!!

p/s: Tun, salam from the supporters of Tun from University of Malaya...

2nd p/s: Abraham is a muslim!!!! What is Judaism suddenly??!!! Macam-macam sifat manusia ini. Keseronokannya cuma membunuh menyerupai kejahatan yang ditanam oleh syaitan.
By PembelaAuthor Profile Page on January 2, 2009 8:57 PM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA a.k.a AMERICAVE - THE TOP WAR CRIMINAL

AND THE WAR GOES ON.....

1. At first done nothing to stop the killings of Jews by the Nazi. But later join forces in WW II (WW: World War) as a long term investment to create more business a.k.a. wars .
2. Killings of Japanese civilian in WW II.
3. Killings of German and allied civilian in WW II.
4. Killings of Iraqis civilian in WWMD I (WWMD: War Against Weapon Of Mass Destruction)
5. "Killings Indirectly" the North Korean civilian in WWMD II
6. "Killings In Proposal" the Iranian in WWMD III.
7. Killings of Palestinian, Somalian, Libyan, Ugandan, Afghans, Pakistani, etc...etc (the list goes on) in WAT I. (WAT: War Against Terrorist).

TOTAL KILLINGS(incl:- direct/indirect/coming soon): Approx 10 million

January 15
- Childcraft (c) 1982

Pictures are worth a 1000 words. Look for them at <http://whywhywhy888.blogspot.com>
By samuraimelayuAuthor Profile Page on January 3, 2009 3:01 AM

SALAM AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
IZINKAN,

WE PRAY AND HOPE FOR PEACE AND LOVE TO THE WORLD.
PERHAPS, SOMEDAY, SOMEWHERE AND SOMEHOW, THERE'S A PLACE IN THE SUN FOR
EVERYBODY ON THIS GREEN PLANET..

ALFATIHAAH, AMIN.
By khairi ali on January 3, 2009 11:15 AM

Salam Tun, I've been reading this line of calls for so many many times... and Israel is still Israel. They are still on with their visions of having their land as stipulated in the Bible.

As far as war is concerned, it is a mean for human survival, which means war is unstoppable... no matter how human tried... including decreeing war as a crime. Unless we have a new understanding, a new perspective, on wars... some thing like coming into agreement on the right to war! Well as a part of human rights too!

Sound crazy? After all we do have laws on war, so much so that we tried people for war criminals!
By HouseWife™ on January 3, 2009 12:19 PM

Assalamualaukum Tun,

It was really heart-breaking upon reading news on the cruelties of the Israelis towards the people of Palestine. Their human rights to LIVE peacefully, and to smile and be happy with their families have been taken away so cruelly. Children and babies are being killed alongside their mothers and fathers, old men and women are being killed alongside their sons and daughters, young boys and girls are being killed alongside their brothers and sisters. Therefore, what is there being left of the Palestinian people, FEAR, ANGER, SADNESS, HARSHIPS, REVENGE, but one thing for sure their believe in ALLAH will not diminish.

Tun I am a peace loving person but sometimes I can't help feeling the utmost hatred towards these war-mongers and cold-blooded people (can they be called people?). Sometimes I wish that the rockets and missiles are aimed towards them and feel the pain and sorrow as how the Palestinians feel. When anger has over-powered your heart and mind that is how you feel and revenge comes to mind.

Tun why are they so power-hunger? Why do they want to see the extinct of Palestine or the Muslim people? What made them feel that Palestine and Islam have done such great wrong to them, that made them take this barbaric actions? Have the Palestinians dropped atomic bombs, nuclear bombs, clutter bombs, aim rockets and missiles at America and G.Britain or their allies? No?...then why such great destructions to the Palestinian people? Where can they stay and live and hide? In the dense tropical forests? Silly Israel! Of course the Palestine people have to live near their homes and families to protect their land and their people. You! Israel!..you bombed the buildings they go to work like you, you bombed the schools the children go to learn like your children go to, you bombed the mosques they go to pray like you go to your worship place, you bombed the universities the young boys and girls and the learned go to like your young boys and girls and the learned go to. What else do you want to destroy?
AND ALSO TO DEAR AMERICA AND THE GREAT BRITAIN AND THE ALLIES OF THIS
WAR-HUNGER COUNTRIES, WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT TO DESTROY WITH YOUR MODERN
SOFISTICATED WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION??

Tun many people around the world have sent their message of anger, dissatisfactions, disappointments towards the oppressions done by Israel and her allies but do they listen, Tun? Do they hear the thunder and roar of the Muslims around the world, Tun?

I hope and pray and wish that they will hear and listen to your roar Tun and the thunder of KLFC.

I wish you the very best of luck in your cause for justice and peace. May Allah Look Upon You Always.

By CaptAuthor Profile Page on January 3, 2009 12:58 PM

Ask not what the World can do about it, but what you can do ?. In your case by voicing it out and in my case, will educate everyone that would listen to me. ,,,,,,That war all criminals should be brought to court and face justice.

,,,,,,and Mr Bush should be charged accordingly too together with the Israelis.

In fact, the Israelis were the one that dragged the US into all the troubles in the Middle East. They conned Mr Bush into it.

KapasPirateKing

By Abdul Hadi AliasAuthor Profile Page on January 3, 2009 1:09 PM

Malaysia need to give a firmer statement regarding the issue and shows support to palestine.

By CaptAuthor Profile Page on January 3, 2009 1:24 PM

"People will evaluate what happened ... and they will either think that radical politics are only bringing destruction and killing and move to a more moderate view, or Hamas and Hezbollah will have strengthened support and there will be more radicalism."

Unfortunately, I guess there will be more radicalism from now onwards.

Just bring these Israelis war criminal to court and that's the answer !. Another War with them won't be of any good to anyone.

The World needs this justice done for the record and human history.

Capt

By dalAuthor Profile Page on January 3, 2009 1:36 PM

Some of what is said of the Israelis in the Qur-an (17:4-8). Translation by Yusuf Ali.

4) And We gave (clear) warning to the Children of Israel in the Book, that twice would they do mischief on the earth and be elated with mighty arrogance (and twice would they be punished)!

(5) When the first of the warnings came to pass, We sent against you Our servants given to terrible warfare: they entered the very inmost parts of your homes; and it was a warning (completely) fulfilled.

(6) Then did We grant you the Return as against them: We gave you increase in resources and sons, and made you the more numerous in manpower.

(7) If ye did well ye did well for yourselves; if ye did evil, (ye did it) against yourselves; so when the second of the warnings came to pass (We permitted your enemies) to disfigure your faces, and to enter your Temple as they had entered if before and to visit with destruction all that fell into their power.

(8) It may be that your Lord may (yet) show Mercy unto you; but if ye revert (to your sins), We shall revert (to Our punishments): and We have made Hell a prison for those who reject (all Faith).

>>>>> of which some have come to pass, some have not >>>>>>

By nuralya on January 3, 2009 2:56 PM

Salam Tun,

Saya berbesar hati kerana mempunyai pemimpin yang berani menyuarakan pandangan terhadap kekejaman Israel seperti Tun walaupun Tun tidak lagi menerajui Malaysia sebagai Perdana Menteri bukan seperti pemimpin2 Malaysia kita yang ada sekarang yang kecut perut hendak suarakan pandangan walaupun kepada negara jiran terdekat seperti Singapura , inikan pula kepada negara2 angkuh seperti Amerika Syarikat , Britain dan negara2 barat yang lain yang menyokong Israel yang biadap tu secara terang2.

Kenapalah pula negara2 arab yang kaya raya pula membisu dan tidak bersungguh2 berusaha bangun bersatu dan menentang secara aggresive terhadap Israel. Israel cuma kecil diantara bumi arab keseluruhannya tetapi negara2 arab ini kecut perut untuk bertindak.

Pedulikan sokongan Amerika Syarikat terhadap Israel. Saya fikir andai semua negara2 arab bersatu menentang Israel secara ketenteraan, Amerika Syarikat dan negara2 barat yang lain mungkin kecut perut untuk lawan semua negara2 arab.

Negara arab2 ini nampaknya hanya mementingkan kekayaan dunia tanpa mengambil kira penderitaan rakyat Palestine saban hari.

Jika Israel menyerang Palestine, apa yang mereka buat ialah perjumpaan tergempar dan keluarkan resolusi2.

Saya betul2 menyampah membaca resolusi demi resolusi di keluarkan oleh negara2 arab ini dan juga PBB sebab itu memang betul PBB tu ialah PERSATUAN BERCAKAP BANYAK dan NATO pula 2 x 5 , NO ACTION TALK ONLY.

Kelmarin saya sedekah sekadar mampu kepada tabung pembelaan rakyat Palestine dan sebagai seorang Islam, saya hanya mampu berdoa kepada Allah agar Allah membalas setimpalnya kepada sesiapa jua atau kepada negara2 mana yang kecut perut yang tidak bertindak membantu penderitaan rakyat palestine .

Amin..

By suppie kugrimo on January 3, 2009 3:19 PM

dearest unreplaceable Tun,

i have some info's on slowing internet connection that i've pickup from a fellow friend while he was searching up for the problem. i strongly believed that this article placed a wide scope on the israelli's attack recently. internet is a global threat to them as well. maybe this will make us more aware that we're on the right track, but the below article does matters!

Connecting The Many Undersea Cut Cable Dots

by Richard Sauder

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4 February 2008

The last week has seen a spate of unexplained, cut, undersea communications cables that has severely disrupted communications in many countries in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia. As I shall show, the total numbers of cut cables remain in question, but likely number as many as eight, and maybe nine or more.

The trouble began on 30 January 2008 with CNN reports that two cables were cut off the Egyptian Mediterranean coast, initially severely disrupting Internet and telephone traffic from Egypt to India and many points in between. According to CNN the two cut cables "account for as much as three-quarters of the international communications between Europe and the Middle East." CNN reported that the two cut cables off the Egyptian coast were "FLAG Telecom's FLAG Europe-Asia cable and SeaMeWe-4, a cable owned by a consortium of more than a dozen telecommunications companies".(10) Other reports placed one of the cut cables, SeaMeWe-4, off the coast of France, near Marseille.(9)(12) However, many news organizations reported two cables cut off the Egyptian coast, including the SeaMeWe-4 cable connecting Europe with the Middle East. The possibilities are thus three, based on the reporting in the news media: 1) the SeaMeWe-4 cable was cut off the coast of France, and mistakenly reported as being cut off the coast of Egypt, because it runs from France to Egypt; 2) the SeaMeWe-4 cable was cut off the Egyptian coast and mistakenly reported as being cut off the coast of France, because it runs from France to Egypt; or 3) the SeaMeWe-4 cable was cut both off the Egyptian and the French coasts, nearly simultaneously, leading to confusion in the reporting. I am not sure what to think, because most reports, such as this one from the International Herald Tribune, refer to two cut cables off the Egyptian coast, one of the two being the SeaMeWe4 cable,(11) while other reports also refer to a cut cable off the coast of France.(9)(12) It thus appears that the same cable may have suffered two cuts, both off the French and the Egyptian coasts. So there were likely actually three undersea cables cut in the Mediterranean on 30 January 2008.

In the case of the cables cut off the Egyptian coast, the news media initially advanced the explanation that the cables had been cut by ships' anchors.(10)(13) But on 3 February the Egyptian Ministry of Communications and Information Technology said that a review of video footage of the coastal waters where the two cables passed revealed that the area had been devoid of ship traffic for the 12 hours preceding and the 12 hours following the time of the cable cuts.(5)(11) So the cable cuts cannot have been caused by ship anchors, in view of the fact that there were no ships there.

The cable cutting was just getting started. Two days later an undersea cable was reported cut in the Persian Gulf, 55 kilometers off of Dubai.(11) The cable off of Dubai was reported by CNN to be a FLAG Falcon cable.(10) And then on 3 February came reports of yet another damaged undersea cable, this time between Qatar and the UAE (United Arab Emirates).(6)(7)(11)

The confusion was compounded by another report on 1 February 2008 of a cut undersea cable running through the Suez to Sri Lanka.(19) If the report is accurate this would represent a sixth cut cable. The same article mentions the cut cable off of Dubai in the Persian Gulf, but seeing as the Suez is on the other side of the Arabian peninsula from the Persian Gulf, the article logically appears to be describing two separate cable cutting incidents.

These reports were followed on 4 February 2008 with a report of even more cut undersea cables. The Khaleej Times reported a total of five damaged undersea cables: two off of Egypt and the cable near Dubai, all of which have already been mentioned in this report. But then the Khaleej Times mentions two that have not been mentioned elsewhere, to my knowledge: 1) a cable in the Persian Gulf near Bandar Abbas, Iran, and 2) the SeaMeWe4 undersea cable near Penang, Malaysia.(3) The one near Penang, Malaysia appears to represent a new incident. The one near Bandar Abbas is reported separately from the one off Dubai and is evidently not the same incident, since the report says, "FLAG near the Dubai coast" and "FALCON near Bandar Abbas in Iran" were both cut. Bandar Abbas is on the other side of the Persian Gulf from Qatar and the UAE, and so presumably the cut cable near Bandar Abbas is not the one in that incident either. Interestingly, the report also states that, "The first cut in the undersea Internet cable occurred on January 23, in the Flag Telcoms FALCON submarine cable which was not reported.(3) This news article deals primarily with the outage in the UAE, so it raises the question as to whether this is a reference to yet a ninth cut cable that has not hit the mainstream news cycle in the United States.

By my count, we are probably dealing with as many as eight, maybe even nine, unexplained cut or damaged undersea cables within the last week, and not the mere three or four that most mainstream news media outlets in the United States are presently reporting. Given all this cable-cutting mayhem in the last several days, who knows but what there may possibly be other cut and/or damaged cables that

have not made it into the news cycle, because they are lost in the general cable-cutting noise by this point. Nevertheless, let me enumerate what I can, and keep in mind, I am not pulling these out of a hat; all of the sources are referenced at the conclusion of the article; you can click through and look at all the evidence that I have. It's there if you care to read through it all.

- 1) one off of Marseille, France
- 2) two off of Alexandria, Egypt
- 3) one off of Dubai, in the Persian Gulf
- 4) one off of Bandar Abbas, Iran in the Persian Gulf
- 5) one between Qatar and the UAE, in the Persian Gulf
- 6) one in the Suez, Egypt
- 7) one near Penang, Malaysia

Cool initially unreported cable cut on 23 January 2008 (Persian Gulf?)

Three things stand out about these incidents:

- 1) all of them, save one, have occurred in waters near predominantly Muslim nations, causing disruption in those countries;
- 2) all but two of the cut/damaged cables are in Middle Eastern waters;
- 3) so many like incidents in such a short period of time suggests that they are not accidents, but are in fact deliberate acts, i.e., sabotage.

The evidence therefore suggests that we are looking at a coordinated program of undersea cable sabotage by an actor, or actors, on the international stage with an anti-Muslim bias, as well as a proclivity for destructive violence in the Middle Eastern region.

The question then becomes: are there any actors on the international stage who exhibit a strong, anti-Muslim bias in their foreign relations, who have the technical capability to carry out clandestine sabotage operations on the sea floor, and who have exhibited a pattern of violently destructive policies towards Muslim peoples and nations, especially in the Middle East region?

The answer is yes, there are two: Israel and the United States of America.

In recent years, Israel has bombed and invaded Lebanon, bombed Syria, and placed the Palestinian Territories under a pitiless and ruthless blockade/occupation/quarantine/assault. During the same time frame the United States of America has militarily invaded and occupied Iraq and Afghanistan, and American forces remain in both countries at present, continuing to carry out aggressive military operations. Simultaneous with these Israeli and American war crimes against countries in the region, both Israel and the United States have made many thinly veiled threats of war against Iran, and the United States openly seeks to increase its military presence in Pakistan's so-called "tribal areas".⁽¹⁵⁾ Israel and the United States both have a technically sophisticated military operations capability. Moreover, the United States Navy has a documented history of carrying out espionage activities on the sea floor. The U.S. Navy has long had special operations teams that can go out on submarines and deploy undersea, on the seabed itself, specifically for this sort of operation. This has all been thoroughly documented in the excellent book, *Blind Man's Bluff: The Untold Story of American Submarine Espionage*, by Sherry Sontag and Christopher Drew (New York: Public Affairs, 1998). The classic example is Operation Ivy Bells, which took place during the Cold War, in the waters off the Soviet Union. In a joint, U.S. Navy-NSA operation,

U.S. Navy divers repeatedly tapped an underwater cable in the Kuril Islands, by swimming out undersea, to and from U.S. Navy submarines.(14)

This sort of activity is like something straight out of a spy novel thriller, but the U.S. Navy really does have special submarines and deep diving, special operations personnel who specialize in precisely this sort of operation. So cutting undersea cables is well within the operational capabilities of the United States Navy.

Couple this little known, but very important fact, with the reality that for years now we have seen more and more ham-handed interference with the global communications grid by the American alphabet soup agencies (NSA, CIA, FBI, HoSec) and major telecommunication companies. Would the telecommunication companies and the American military and alphabet soup agencies collude on an operation that had as its aim to sabotage the communications network across a wide region of the planet? Would they perhaps collude with Israeli military and intelligence agencies to do this? The honest answer has to be: sure, maybe so. The hard reality is that we are now living in a world of irrational and violent policies enacted against the civilian population by multinational corporations, and military and espionage agencies the world over. We see the evidence for this on every hand. Only the most myopic among us remain oblivious to that reality.

In light of the American Navy's demonstrated sea-floor capabilities and espionage activities, the heavy American Navy presence in the region, the many, thinly veiled threats against Iran by both the Americans and the Israelis, and their repeated, illegal, military aggression against other nations in the region, suspicion quite naturally falls on both Israel and the United States of America. It may be that this is what the beginning of a war against Iran looks like, or perhaps it is part of a more general, larger assault against Muslim and/or Arab interests across a very wide region. Whatever the case, this is no small operation, seeing as the cables that have been cut are among the largest communication pipes in the region, and clearly represent major strategic targets.

Very clearly, we are not looking at business as usual. On the contrary, it is obvious that we are looking at distinctly unusual business.

The explanations being put forth in the mainstream news media for these many cut, undersea communications cables absolutely do not pass the smell test. And by the way, the same operators who cut undersea cables in the Persian Gulf, Mediterranean Sea, Malaysia and possibly the Suez as well, presumably can also cut underwater cables in the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, the Chesapeake Bay and Puget Sound. This could be a multipurpose operation, in part a test run for isolating a country or region from the international communications grid. The Middle East today, the USA tomorrow?

What's that you say? I don't understand how the world works? That kind of thing can't happen here?

In any event, if the cables have been intentionally cut, then that is an aggressive act of war. I'm sure everyone in the region has gotten that message. I'm looking at the same telegram as they are, and I know that it's clear as a "bell" to me.(14)

It is little known by the American people, but nevertheless true, that Iran intends to open its own Oil Bourse this month (February 2008) that will trade in "non-dollar currencies".(16) This has massive geo-political-economic implications for the United States and the American economy, since the American dollar is at present still (if not for much longer) the dominant reserve currency internationally, particularly for petroleum transactions. However, due to the mind-boggling scale of the structural weaknesses in the American economy, which have been well discussed in the financial press in recent weeks and months, the American dollar is increasingly shunned by corporate, banking and governmental actors the world over. No one wants to be stuck with vaults full of rapidly depreciating dollars as the American economy hurtles towards the basement. And so an operational Iranian Oil Bourse, actively trading supertankers full of petroleum in non-dollar currencies, poses a great threat to the American dollar's continued dominance as the international reserve currency.

The American fear and unease of this development can only be increased by the knowledge that, "Oil-rich

Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE have set 2010 as the target date for adopting a monetary union and single currency."(2) The American government's fear must have ratcheted up another notch when Kuwait "dropped its dollar peg" in May "and adopted a basket of currencies", arousing "speculation that the UAE and Qatar would follow suit or revalue their currencies."(2) Although all the GCC members, with the exception of Kuwait, agreed at their annual meeting in December 2007 to continue to peg their currencies to the American dollar,(2) the hand writing is surely on the wall. As the dollar plummets, their American currency holdings will be worth less and less. At some point, they will likely decide to cut their losses and decouple the value of their currencies from that of the dollar. That point may be in 2010, when they establish the new GCC currency, maybe even sooner than that. If Iran succeeds in opening its own Oil Bourse it is hard to imagine that the GCC would not trade on the Iranian Oil Bourse, given the extremely close geographic proximity. And it is hard to believe that they would not trade their own oil in their own currency. Otherwise, why have a currency of their own? Clearly they intend to use it. And just as clearly, the three cut or damaged undersea communications cables in the Persian Gulf over the last week deliver a clear message. The United States may be a senescent dinosaur, and it is, but it is also a violent, heavily armed, very angry senescent dinosaur. In the end, it will do what all aged dinosaurs do: perish. But not before it first does a great deal of wild roaring and violent lashing and thrashing about.

There can be no doubt that Iran, and the other Gulf States, were intended recipients of this rather pointed cable cutting telegram, for all of the reasons mentioned here; and additionally, in the case of Iran, probably also as a waning for its perceived insults of Israel and dogged pursuit of its nuclear program in contravention of NeoCon-Zionist dogma that Iran may not have a nuclear program, though other nations in the region, Pakistan and Israel, do.

I must mention that one of my e-mail correspondents has pointed out that another possibility is that once the cables are cut, special operations divers could hypothetically come in and attach surveillance devices to the cables without being detected, because the cables are inoperable until they are repaired and start functioning again. In this way, other interests who wanted to spy on Middle Eastern communications, let's say on banking and trading data going to and from the Iranian Oil Bourse, or other nations in the Middle East, could tap into the communications network under cover of an unexplained cable "break". Who knows? -- this idea may have merit.

It is noteworthy that two of the cables that were cut lie off the Egyptian Mediterranean coast, and another passes through the Suez. During the height of the disruption, some 70 percent of the Egyptian Internet was down. (13) This is a heavy blow in a day when everything from airlines, to banks, to universities, to newspapers, to hospitals, to telephone and shipping companies, and much more, uses the Internet. So Egypt was hit very hard. An astute observer who carefully reads the international press could not fail to notice that in recent days there has been a report in the Egyptian press that "Egypt rejected an Israeli-American proposal to resettle 800,000 Palestinians in Sinai." This has evidently greatly upset the Zionist-NeoCon power block holding sway in Tel Aviv and Washington, DC with the result that Israel has reportedly threatened to have American aid to Egypt reduced if Egypt does not consent to the resettlement of the Palestinians in Egyptian territory.(17) This NeoCon-Zionist tantrum comes hard on the heels of the Israeli desire to cut ties with Gaza, as a consequence of the massive breach of the Gaza-Egypt border by hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in January 2008. (1Cool

What are NeoCon-Zionist tyrants to do when their diplomatic hissy fits and anti-Arab tirades no longer carry the day in Cairo? Or in Qatar and the UAE? Maybe they get out the underwater cable cutters and deploy some special operations submarines and divers in the waters off of Alexandria and in the Suez and in the Persian Gulf.

This would be completely in line with articulated American military doctrine, which frankly views the Internet as something to be fought. American Freedom Of Information researchers at George Washington University obtained a Department of Defense (Pentagon) document in 2006, entitled "Information Operation Roadmap", which says forthrightly and explicitly that "the Department must be prepared to 'fight the net'".(20) This is a direct quote. It goes on to say that, "We Must Improve Network and Electro-Magnetic Attack Capability. To prevail in an information-centric fight, it is increasingly important

that our forces dominate the electromagnetic spectrum with attack capabilities." (20) It also makes reference to the importance of employing a "robust offensive suite of capabilities to include full-range electronic and computer network attack."(Cool(20)

So now we can add to our list of data points the professed intent of the American military to "fight the net", using a "robust offensive suite of capabilities" in a " full-range electronic and computer network attack."

Maybe this sudden spate of cut communications cables is what it looks like when the American military uses a "robust offensive suite of capabilities" and mounts an "electronic and computer network attack" in order to "fight the net" in one region of the world. They have the means, and the opportunity, I've amply demonstrated that in this article. And now we also have the motive, in their own words, from their own policy statement. The plain translation is that the American military now regards the Internet, that means the hardware such as computers, cables, modems, servers and routers, and presumably also the content it contains, and the people who communicate that content, as an adversary, as something to be fought.

Oh yes, just a couple of more dots to connect before you fall asleep tonight:

1) The USS San Jacinto, an anti-missile AEGIS cruiser, was scheduled to dock in Haifa, Israel on 1 February 2008. The Jerusalem Post reported that this ship's anti-missile system "could be deployed in the region in the event of an Iranian missile attack against Israel."(1) Are we to expect another "false flag" attack, like the inside job on 9-11 perhaps? -- an attack that will be made to appear that it comes from Iran, and that is then used as a pretext to strike Iran, maybe with nuclear weapons? And when Iran retaliates with its own missiles, then the Americans and Israelis will unleash further hell on Iran? Is that the Zionist-NeoCon plan, or something generally along those lines?

2) I have to wonder because just this past Saturday, there was a report in the news that, "Retired senior officers told Israelis ... to prepare 'rocket rooms' as protection against a rain of missiles expected to be fired at the Jewish State in any future conflict." Retired General Udi Shani reportedly said, "The next war will see a massive use of ballistic weapons against the whole of Israeli territory."(4)

Now that we know the Israeli military establishment's thinking, and now that we have a view into the American military mindset, we ought to be looking at international events across the board with a very critical, analytical eye, especially as they relate to possible events that either are playing out right now, or may potentially play out in the relatively near future, say in the time frame of the next one month to five years. These people are violent and devious; they have forewarned us, and we should take them at their word, given their murderous record on the international stage.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on January 3, 2009 4:38 PM

Dear Tun,

PETALING JAYA: Pakatan Rakyat should only embark on capturing the Federal and state governments during the next general election, and not seize power via the crossovers of Barisan Nasional MPs.

DAP chairman Karpal Singh said the people's choice during the election should be honoured, and the people would feel cheated if MPs or assemblymen hop over to another party.

comment:

What does Karpal's statement show? It is a reflection of Anwar's crazy for power by applying whatever means as long as he achieves his ultimate ambition to become a Prime Minister. Actually, politically Anwar is a "lalang" with ZERO principle. Only naive, gullible and fanatic people support him. His credibility is ground zero. He is only good being a "great" orator but with no substance. He resembles like Pak Pandir and Mat Jenin !!! kah, kah, kah !!!

By defeAuthor Profile Page on January 3, 2009 4:52 PM

salam...

maybe...world financial experts and intelligence should think the other way rather than 'create a war peak point' to increase the oil prices...

By twocents02 on January 3, 2009 5:25 PM

Dearest Tun

Could someone provide the list of Israeli-owned businesses as a guide.

By Chris on January 3, 2009 5:25 PM

Sir,

If the UN sanctions Israel then the western nations will not fund it. So, Arab and Muslim nations should come together to make up the shortfall in funds for the UN. If they can prove that they are united in a consistent fund raising effort then only will the UN act. The rest of the Islamic world should show unity in the face of Israeli aggression. Otherwise no amount of chest thumping and empty rhetoric will help the hapless Palestinians.

By zahar on January 3, 2009 6:38 PM

we are not doing enough! we are just showing our anger but no action! we are complaining now....only now...only now! i am so sad?

By rumpelstiltskin on January 3, 2009 7:30 PM

Tun, I shed tears reading this report from New York Times. If only we Muslims have an organization like CARE that gives us opportunity to adopt (provide support) to children in these countries.

I quote NYT report :

"But there were several children in another intensive care unit on Tuesday. Among them was Ismael Hamdan, 8, who had severe brain damage as well as two broken legs, according to a doctor there. Earlier that day, two of his sisters, Lama, 5, and Hayya, 12, were killed.

"I prepared them breakfast that day in the garden," said their mother, Ayda, 36. "They had the tea, bread and thyme. Lama wanted a second pita, but we all teased her saying, 'Keep it for lunch.' She told us, 'Don't worry, God will provide us with bread.'

"She made all of us laugh," the mother said. "I cleaned after them and collected the garbage. Ismael volunteered to dump the garbage, but Hayya and Lama joined him. The garbage can is in front of the house, a five-minute walk away. All of a sudden I heard the news from a neighbor, and I ran barefoot to the hospital. A relative collected the bodies of Lama and Hayya on a donkey cart.

"The neighbors ran trying to save Ismael, who was the only one breathing," she said. "They say my kids flew 40 meters before hitting the ground."

By Metal Militia on January 3, 2009 8:17 PM

Semoga di akhirat esok, Tun akan mendapat balasan dari Yang Maha Esa atas usaha Tun ke atas masyarakat sejagat. InsyaAllah..

By antubiul on January 3, 2009 9:18 PM

Dear Tun,

Palestine war was never about religion. Its about the right of the Palestine people to have their own independence states. Its about the right of Palestine people to live the same class as the Jews. Its about the rights of the Palestine children to have the same rights as what the Jewish children is enjoying. Its the right to have what the Jews people are having now 'FREEDOM'.

It time for the world especially the muslim people to pray to Allah to:-

-Lembutkan hati Ehud Olmert dan kaum Yahudi

-Sifat mengasehani kepada Ehud Olmert dan kaum Yahudi untuk mengasihani insan Palestine

- Sifat menghormati hak asasi manusia kepada Ehud Olmert dan kaum yahudi
- Terangkanlah hati Ehud Olmert dan kaum Yahudi dan juga Obama
- Tunjukkanlah jalan yang lurus kepada Ehud Olmert dan kaum Yahudi dan juga Obama

Mungkin dengan mendoa yang baik baik akan di mahbulkan daripada mendoakan kemusnahan Israel and America. Wallhualam

By zul on January 4, 2009 12:37 AM

asalamualaikum Tun...saya sokong pendapat tun 100%. memang bangsa Yahudi ini tak boleh kasi peluang langsung. dlm Al Quran kita pun dah tau mereka ni macamana. dengar cerita dari sumber yg boleh dipercayai, 'Starbuck' coffee bean tu, 'big boss'nya orang yahudi. Jom semua rakyat Malaysia, kosongkan seluruh restoran starbuck di seluruh Malaysia.....boikot semua produk yahudi!!!!

By S..Tan on January 4, 2009 12:59 AM

Dear Tun, salam mesra moga sihat sejahtera. Minta izin...

.....RETALIATION, 'JUSTIFIED KILLINGS?'

Your famous opinionated view and biasness is reflected again. Obviously you dominated or bulldozed the statement in typical Mahathirism.

Israel's actions are inhuman, wrong but you downplay, even 'justify' Palestinian killing of Israeli civilians as 'rightful' retaliation. This is pure Mahathirism!

Both parties are guilty of killing civilians, war crimes regardless its 10 lives or 1000 lives, using stones or bombs. Killing non combatants is barbaric and unjustifiable.

.....BOYCOTT

If decades of sanctions (some supported by military blockade) cannot cow Cuba, S. Korea, Iraq, what good is a puny boycott. The leaks that will occur is exceeded by the leaks at M'sian govt buildings built by Umno cronies. Re packaging, third country import, backdoor entry, smuggling, cheating are options. The options are more than Israel's exports.

It will 'extend' suffering to innocent traders and those along the chain whose families depend on the income. They will be subject to abuse, discrimination and bullying of the type you accuse US. Your supporters may take the 'you are with us or against us' approach and widen the conflict to innocent livelihoods.

.....US VENDETTA

Your anti US vendetta peaked during Al Gore period and is expected you will relish the opportunity to swipe back. Your crusade against US dollar triggered by 'reformasi' headache and PRU 1999 Malay vote backlash?

It is not wrong to call for the dollar and bond boycott but again hopefully overzealous supporters dont use 'you are with us or against us' approach.

.....TRIBUNAL?

Its fat hopes and mentioned for popularity stance rather than realistic chance. Can we press for tribunal

against Umno leaders for economic crimes? The Malay saying says 'wait for the cat to grow horns!'

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