

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS?? FOLLOW THE MONEY??

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There is an old adage that says, Politics makes strange bedfellows. I contend Money makes strange bedfellows, or should I say, The money of politics makes strange bedfellows.

As most people know, the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, recently made a speech to a joint session of Congress at the invitation of House Speaker John Boehner which President Obama opposed, and now Moveon.org is pushing for Boehner to face a criminal indictment for violating the Logan Act of 1799.

Netanyahu's speech was very well delivered by a master politician pleading his case to America and the Free World to oppose any kind of provision of nuclear power to Iran. There is no doubt that given the ability to destroy Israel by any means, nuclear or other, that Iran would do so and would be cheered by all other Arab nations, even those currently at odds with each other as well as Iran. This is in keeping with the predictions of God, our Creator. All Arabs are descendants of Abram (later changed to Abraham) through Abram's wife's maidservant, Hagar, and then through her son, Ishmael (the name given to him by God Himself.) (See Genesis chapter 16) There, God tells Hagar that Ishmael's descendants will be too numerous to count (verse 10) but also that he (and therefore his descendants) will be warring Bedouins that will live in hostility toward all his brothers. (Verse 12, which undoubtedly includes both Jews [descendants of Isaac) and Arabs his natural brothers, as has been proven through the centuries.)

With respect to Netanyahu's speech before Congress, *the algemeiner* (a Jewish Newspaper in America) reported the following:

Leading Arab opinion makers weighed in on the controversy surrounding Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address to Congress on Tuesday and expressed strong support for his stance on the Iranian nuclear threat.

In an op-ed for the Saudi Arabian daily *Al-Jazirah* on Monday, columnist Dr. Ahmad Al-Faraj asserted that Netanyahu is justified in his campaign against the proposed nuclear deal with Iran, according to [The Middle East Media Research Institute](#). Al-Faraj said Netanyahu's effort to prevent the signing of the agreement is in the interests of the Gulf States, and that the prime minister is right to insist on addressing Congress about the nuclear deal.

I am very glad of Netanyahu's firm stance and [his decision] to speak against the nuclear agreement at the American Congress despite the Obama administration's danger and fury, Al-Faraj wrote. I believe that Netanyahu's conduct will serve our interests, the people of the Gulf, much more than the foolish behavior of one of the worst American presidents.

The Editor-in-Chief of *Al Arabiya English*, Faisal J. Abbas, published a column on Tuesday in which he asked Obama to take notes from Netanyahu on the extent of the Iranian threat. In the piece, titled "President Obama, Listen to Netanyahu on Iran," Abbas said, "One must admit, Bibi did get it right, at least when it came to dealing with Iran."

Abbas noted that Netanyahu hit the nail right on the head when he said at a recent event in Tel Aviv that "Middle Eastern countries are collapsing and that terrorism organizations, mostly backed by Iran, are filling in the vacuum." In his remarks, Netanyahu managed to accurately summarize a clear and present danger, not just to Israel (which obviously is his concern), but to other US allies in the region, Abbas wrote.

What is absurd, however, Abbas continued, is that despite this being perhaps the only thing that brings together Arabs and Israelis (as it threatens them all), the only stakeholder that seems not to realize the danger of the situation is President Obama, who is now infamous for being the latest pen-pal of the Supreme Leader of the World's biggest terrorist regime: Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

So, does it not seem strange to you that the Saudi Arabian Arabs would support the Jewish Netanyahu on his stance against Iran, claiming that *Netanyahu's conduct will serve our interests*?

Just what are the interests of Saudi Arabia with respect to Iran and its nuclear capability? Are they really afraid of Iran wiping Israel off the face of the earth? Are they afraid that Iran will use the bomb against Saudi Arabia, a devout Muslim nation that would not even let American troops carry personal Bibles with them when serving in the U.S. military, defending other Arab nations against the invasion of Saddam Hussein? (In light of this article, why did Saddam Hussein invade Kuwait?) Same answer to both questions FOLLOW THE MONEY!

For the moment, consider that Iran is after nuclear power generation for their electrical energy needs and not the bomb. Why? FOLLOW THE MONEY! A probable explanation was provided to me a few weeks ago by a knowledgeable source (see accompanying article by LTC

Joe Rawlings). Here is his take on why Iran first desires nuclear power to provide their energy needs (not that they would not eventually work to use it to build the bomb as well in order to wipe out Israel and other infidel nations):

Iran needs nuclear power to offset ongoing fossil-fuel consumption that produces 87% of their electrical power (the other 13% from hydro), and simultaneously improve both natural gas and oil exports to the world. Iran is so reliant on old technology and inefficient energy, they still import electricity.

A civilian nuclear energy program matured in Iran will result in their current lack of natural gas exports and minimized oil exports to transition into the world's largest exporter of natural gas, and propel Iran to become one of the top (if not **the top**) exporting oil nation in the world.

It is all about the method of energy production, gaining production/export offsets, and the ability to raise capital. This additional capital could be used for other purposes - conventional weapons procurement, a conventional military force buildup, and/or further procurement that does grant them nuclear weapons capability - but not necessarily a direct capability obtained through their current/ongoing nuclear engineering processes.

Now do you understand the essence of strange bedfellows and my posture of, FOLLOW THE MONEY? Many are decrying the attack by Saudi Arabia on the U.S. oil industry by lowering the price of oil to current levels (another article for another time). However, whatever aspects are true with respect to such cries against Saudi Arabia's current oil pricing, there is no doubt they are not siding with Netanyahu (for the moment) for humanitarian reasons but for purely economic reasons. If Iran can reverse its energy economics from being an importer of electricity to becoming one of the top exporters of oil and natural gas, this obviously threatens Saudi Arabia's economy in a very negative way, thus, as stated by the article, Netanyahu's conduct will serve our interests. FOLLOW THE MONEY!