

# UN, Israeli Institutions Tell Sharon: Make Peace

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In an unprecedented move, on Nov. 13, four former heads of the Shin Bet, the Israeli national security service, blasted the hardline policies of Israel Prime Minister Ariel Sharon towards the Palestinians. They declared, in a joint interview to Israel's largest-circulation daily, *Yedioth Aharanot*, that Israel faces "catastrophe" unless it makes peace with the Palestinians. The move by these senior officials follows the intervention, no less stunning, by the *current* Chief of Staff of the Israeli Defense Forces, Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, who briefed reporters that Sharon's policies were responsible for the collapse of the government of former Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen).

Reporting on General Ya'alon's remarks, *Ha'aretz* reporter Uzi Benziman wrote on Oct. 29, "The high command of the Israel Defense Forces believes that Israel contributed to the collapse of former Palestinian premier Mahmoud Abbas' (Abu Mazen's) government by making only stingy demonstrations of support." Benziman added that unnamed senior military sources said, "It is the dominant feeling in the IDF General Staff . . . that Israel should have treated Abbas differently, by giving him control of every Palestinian city he asked for." Abu Mazen was also undercut, these sources told *Ha'aretz*, by Sharon's threats about the "fate of Yasser Arafat."

These anti-Sharon statements by military and intelligence chiefs are not individual, but *institutional*, say intelligence sources in Israel and Washington, and they have rocked Israel—and perhaps, to an even greater extent, the United States.

## UN Vote Makes Sharon Unhappy

Reflecting this reality, on Nov. 19, was the UN Security Council's *unanimous* vote to pass a Russian-sponsored resolution that made the Road Map peace plan an official UN Security Council policy; the United States voted in favor of the resolution, despite the hysterical opposition of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government.

Nasser al-Kidwa, Palestinian envoy to the UN, said the resolution "could be a watershed in the history of the Middle East peace process," as it is "the first that focusses entirely on the two-state solution." On behalf of the Russian government, Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov said, "The purpose of this resolution is to give an additional impetus to international

efforts, including efforts made by the four international co-sponsors [the United States, European Union, United Nations, and Russia] to promote the fulfillment of the parties' obligations under the Road Map." It was exactly this international pressure—especially the possibility of international monitors—that Sharon wanted to avoid.

There is still more to the story. Commenting on the resolution, Lyndon LaRouche, the Presidential candidate who is second in popular support among the Democrats running for the 2004 nomination, said that the passing of the UNSC resolution will make Cheney and Sharon very unhappy. Indeed, Cheney's forces have been behind every U.S. veto of a Security Council resolution that attempted to curtail Sharon's violence.

LaRouche had in fact set the stage for the passing of the UNSC resolution, when he supported the "Geneva Accord" peace initiative of Palestinians and Israelis, at his Oct. 22 international webcast, called "The Post-Cheney Era." LaRouche is the *only* Presidential candidate to support the Geneva Accord, which has taken the world by fire, and is due to be signed by the Palestinian and Israeli leaders who initiated it in a special ceremony on Dec. 1 in Switzerland.

LaRouche has also led the movement in the United States to oust Cheney from government, exposing how the Vice President runs a parallel government from a war room in his offices, staffed by the neo-conservative followers of Nietzschean Leo Strauss. In a campaign pamphlet, LaRouche dubbed this Cheney network, the "Children of Satan: The Ignoble Liars Behind Bush's No Exit War"; and the label has stuck. Cheney's operatives, including his aide, David Wurmser, Pentagon advisor Richard Perle, and Undersecretary of Defense for Policy Douglas Feith were all co-authors of the 1996 document, "A Clean Break," which calls for abolishing the Palestinian Authority and for the Nazi-style mass exile of Palestinians, as well as regime change in Iraq, Syria, and Iran. Cheney's neo-cons want to wipe out the Palestinian leadership under the rubric of the "war against terrorism." But with the revolt of the Israeli institutions, the Sharon/Cheney plans are threatened.

Washington sources report that secret polls available to the White House show Bush does not even command the support of Jewish Americans—despite his 1,000% support for Sharon's every deadly move. Jewish citizens in America and Israel realize that there is no military solution, and are turning away from Cheney's buddy Sharon, who promised "peace and security" and brought neither to Israel.

## Expanding Peace Process

"These statements by the Shin Bet Chiefs have to be seen as part of a growing movement" for peace, one Israeli intelligence source told *EIR*. He pointed to developments over the past several weeks including the letter of refusal to serve in the occupied territories by reserve Air Force pilots—considered the elite of the elite—including a brigadier general. This