

Israel's Netanyahu prepares for war

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Deranged Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu lost no time in creating a new crisis in Israel, in the aftermath of his sabotage of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's trip to the Middle East. The trip had been undertaken to revive the Oslo Peace Accords, signed four years ago. On Sept. 14, only two days after she left Israel, Netanyahu's government gave the go-ahead for the occupation of two adjacent homes in occupied Arab East Jerusalem. One of the primary aims of Albright's trip was to stop such provocations.

The homes had been covertly purchased, via an intermediary, by Irving Moskowitz, the U.S. Republican Party millionaire and mobster, now based in Miami, Florida, who bankrolled Netanyahu's election campaign. The four families who occupied the homes were led by the mother of Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak. Moskowitz said the objective of the takeover was to show that Jews had the right to live anywhere in "Eretz Israel" (Greater Israel), and to change the demographic facts on the ground by driving out Arabs.

Netanyahu said he was not in favor of the occupation, but he could not do anything to stop them, because "we are limited by property rights." But his bloody sidekick, Gen. Ariel Sharon, now minister of infrastructure, was more honest, openly praising the illegal occupation, and saying that any government effort to remove the settlers would be a capitulation to Palestinian terrorism. Agriculture Minister Gen. Rafil Eytan, who publicly calls the Palestinians in the territories "cockroaches in a bottle," also praised the action.

The incident, predictably, sparked 60 minutes of stone-throwing. Hundreds of heavily armed troops and border police have been sent in to "protect" the illegal settlers. The Palestinian Authority issued an emergency appeal for the Clinton administration to intervene, and PA President Yasser Arafat expressed the fear that it could prompt "a very negative reaction," and said that the PA's ability to impose restraint is limited.

Israeli intelligence officials were also alarmed by Netanyahu's action. They told the *Jerusalem Post* that the settlers' seizure will spark renewed Palestinian violence throughout the occupied territories, and possibly provoke a new terrorist attack. National Chief of Police Assaf Hefetz said he fears the actions will trigger riots. Yael Dayan, daughter of former Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, added, "The next act of terror will stem from here. These settlers will then be guilty, and Mr. Netanyahu will be guilty."

Meanwhile, the Israeli Defense Force has begun training for full-scale guerrilla war in the occupied territories. According to an IDF special briefing to the Israeli press, reported in the *Jerusalem Post* and *Haaretz*, "the IDF is preparing for wide-ranging combat against guerrillas forces," because of the breakdown in the peace process—that Netanyahu has caused.

This nut must go

Netanyahu's latest stunt demonstrates afresh why this dangerous psychopath must be removed from office, now. Ever since Netanyahu came to power in the aftermath of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's murder by one of Netanyahu's followers, Netanyahu has been intent on destroying the Oslo Accords that Rabin negotiated. During Albright's trip, Netanyahu refused to agree to her demands to block his construction of Jewish settlements, such as the one he has just undertaken, which he has deliberately undertaken to provoke new terrorist bloodbaths.

"What we have been able to accomplish here are small steps, when large steps are needed," Albright caustically told the NBC "Today" program on Sept. 12, when asked about the fact that Israel has already publicly rejected her call for it to stop taking steps that destroy confidence. "I will come here when big decisions are made," she added. "I'm not going to come here to tread water."

Speaking in the aftermath of Albright's trip, U.S. statesman Lyndon LaRouche reported that it demonstrates that Netanyahu must be removed from office in the near term. If not, he could lead the region into war which could become nuclear.

In an interview with "EIR Talks" on Sept. 17, LaRouche said, "If Netanyahu does not go, then Israel is on a course toward war, a war, if it unfolds, Israel can not survive without use of nuclear weapons." The Israelis, he said, "must dump Netanyahu *now*, because as long as this bum remains in office, there's no chance for peace in the Middle East—a new round of Hell is going to break out there, affecting we know not what!"

There are others in Israel who see the necessity for action. Leah Rabin, the widow of Prime Minister Rabin, expressing alarm at Netanyahu's continuing sabotage, told the Paris weekly *Journal du Dimanche* on Sept. 13: "We must do something. We cannot stand with our arms crossed while Netanyahu's government goes about systematically destroying peace and killing hope."

Rabin ridiculed Netanyahu's claims that Palestinian terrorism caused the breakdown, in comments to Israeli state radio that day. "Have we kept our obligations to peace?" she asked. "Indeed, we stopped the peace train long before the Mahane Yehuda attack" (the July 30 attack on a Jerusalem market that Netanyahu used to claim the Oslo Accords invalid). "I certainly place the responsibility on the Israeli side," she added. "What do we want to have? A war? Will that be better?"