

Danish Foreign Minister: No to War Against Iran

Denmark's new Foreign Minister, Villy Søvndal (Socialist People's Party), is "strongly against any military plans that the United States, Israel, and Britain might think about carrying out, in an effort to stop the Iranian nuclear program," reported the major Danish daily *Berlingske Tidende* on Nov. 10.

The paper quoted Søvndal: "I want to, as strongly as I can, warn against bombing Iran. It will be an extremely dangerous adventure, and Denmark will not participate under any circumstances." He also

warned that a military attack on Iran "will unleash a lot of dangerous forces in the Middle East and other parts of the world."

A week later, Søvndal repeated his statement, saying calls for military action are "dangerous ravings."

Søvndal's position reflects a significant policy change, in that Denmark has been a loyal partner of the United States and Britain in the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya up to now. He assumed his post on Oct. 3, after the parties of the left won the national parliamentary elections in September.

Asked about the previous government's Iraq War participation, he replied: "It is unthinkable that Denmark will participate in a war when the justification is manipulated, made up, and isn't true."