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AHMADINEJAD PLANS TO ADDRESS WORLD LEADERS AT ANNUAL UN MEETING

September 1, 2009 Haaretz.com reported: "Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad plans to address the United Nations General Assembly meeting later this month, an aide said on Tuesday. This would be Ahmadinejad's first trip to the West since his disputed re-election in June.

Ahmadinejad's attendance of the annual gathering of world leaders at the United Nations headquarters in New York would take place in the same month that Western powers have set as a deadline for Tehran to agree to talks on its nuclear programme.

U.S. President Barack Obama, who has given Iran until September to take up an offer of talks on trade benefits if it shelves nuclear enrichment or face harsher sanctions, will speak at the same UN meeting on Sept. 23.

'The president's trip to New York is still on his agenda and relevant officials here in Tehran are working on the necessary preparations,' Ali-Akbar Javanfekr, Ahmadinejad's media adviser, told Reuters.

'The date of his arrival there and the length of his visit depend on coordination between Tehran and the United Nations. This is the same for the day of his speech,' he said.

In a speech at the same event last year, Ahmadinejad railed against 'Zionist murderers' and vowed to resist American bullying and defend Iran's right to nuclear power..."

COPS JUMP ON SWINE-FLU POWER

September 1, 2009 WorldNetDaily reported: "A "pandemic response bill" currently making its way through the Massachusetts state legislature would allow authorities to forcefully quarantine citizens in the event of a health emergency, compel health providers to vaccinate citizens, authorize forceful entry into private dwellings and destruction of citizen property and impose fines on citizens for noncompliance.

If citizens refuse to comply with isolation or quarantine orders in the event of a health emergency, they may be imprisoned for up to 30 days and fined \$1,000 per day that the violation continues..."



REPORT: RUSSIA TO SUPPLY SYRIA WITH POWERFUL MIG FIGHTER JETS

September 3, 2009 Haaretz.com reported: "A Russian newspaper is reporting that Russia has a contract to provide Syria with powerful MiG fighter jets but has not begun delivering the planes.

Kommersant cited the head of Russia's state-run United Aircraft Corporation, Alexei Fyodorov, as saying a 2007 contract to sell MiG-31E interceptor fighters to Syria has not entered into force.

The paper said Russian arms sales officials have denied such a contract exists.

The speedy MiG-31E can fire simultaneously at several targets up to 180kilometers (over 110 miles) away. Deliveries to Syria would anger Israel.

Kommersant cited Fyodorov as saying a contract to provide Syria with Mig-29M fighters is being implemented.

State arms sales company Rosoboronexport declined to comment on the report.

In May, *Reuters* cited a *Kommersant* report that claimed Russia halted plans to sell MIG-31 fighter jets to Syria because of pressure from Israel.

In 2007, Russia agreed to supply Syria with eight MiG-31 fighters, known in the West by NATO codename Foxhound, for about \$400-\$500 million, the paper said.

Kommersant, a commerce-oriented newspaper published in Russia, quoted an unidentified person close to Russia's state arms exporter as saying that Moscow had halted the contract due to pressure from Israel."

VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN SYRIA FOR TALKS

September 3, 2009 The Associated Press reported: "Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has arrived in Syria as part of a tour aimed at countering U.S. influence around the globe.

Syrian President Bashar Assad received Chavez at the airport on Thursday for his second visit to the Arab nation in three years.

Chavez is on an 11-day trip to Libya, Algeria, Syria, Iran, Belarus and Russia. On Tuesday he attended Libya's celebration of the 40th anniversary of the coup that brought Moammar Gadhafi to power. He then visited Algeria.

Before beginning his tour, Chavez said the main objective of the trip is building support for what he calls a "multi-polar" world no longer dominated by the United States.

The socialist leader said he plans to sign trade agreements with leaders in Syria, Iran, Belarus and Russia."

IRAN BEGINS MARKETING NUKE SERVICES

September 3, 2009 The Middle East Newline: "Iran has begun marketing its nuclear expertise. Officials said Iran has been offering its allies services in the development of nuclear energy and other applications. They said the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran has been briefing countries in Africa and Asia on Teheran's capabilities to design and develop a civilian nuclear program."..."

IRAN'S DEFENSE MINISTER WARNS ISRAEL

September 4, 2009 The Jerusalem Post reported: "Iran's parliament approved most of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's choices for key cabinet posts on Thursday, including endorsing the defense minister nominee who is wanted by Argentina for a deadly 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish cultural center.

The broad mandate from lawmakers was a boost for the embattled president and considered a vote of confidence for his crackdowns on political opponents and tough stance against Western pressure for talks on the nation's nuclear program.

Ahmadinejad has faced questions about the experience and expertise of some choices for his 21-seat cabinet, but managed to win approval for many key posts that included the foreign, interior, intelligence ministries and Ahmad Vahidi as defense minister.

Vahidi is one of five prominent Iranians sought by Argentina, via Interpol, in the AMIA bombing, which killed 85 people. He was the commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Revolutionary Guard at the time of the attack, and allegedly took part in a high-level meeting at which the blast was authorized.

Immediately after his appointment was approved, Vahidi warned Israel not to attack Iran's nuclear facilities. "Every move from the Zionist entity against Iran will be met with a harsh and powerful response from Iran," he said.

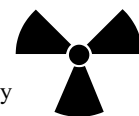
He added that the overwhelming support he garnered in the parliamentary vote on his appointment "attests to the anti-Zionist spirit of the Iranian parliament and people."..."

NORTH KOREA SAYS IN LAST STAGE OF ENRICHING URANIUM

September 3, 2009 Reuters reported: "North Korea said on Friday that it was in the final stage of enriching uranium, a process that would give it a second path to making a nuclear weapon.

After a series of conciliatory gestures by the North over the past month, the announcement raises the stakes in efforts by the international community to convince the reclusive state to give up its nuclear weapons programme.

"Experimental uranium enrichment has successfully been conducted to enter into completion phase," the KCNA news agency quoted North Korea's United Nations delegation as saying in a letter to the head of the U.N. Security Council (UNSC).



The North has already tested two plutonium-based nuclear devices, the one in May triggering tightened international sanctions.

The United States has long suspected that the North has a secret programme to enrich uranium for weapons. Experts have said it has not developed anything near a full scale enrichment programme.

The North said its latest moves were in response to tighter sanctions.

"We are prepared for both dialogue and sanctions. If some permanent members of the UNSC wish to put sanctions first before dialogue, we would respond with bolstering our nuclear deterrence first before we meet them in a dialogue."

It added that reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel rods was at its final phase and extracted plutonium was being weaponised."..."

4500 NEW CASES OF SWINE FLU IN ENGLAND OVER LAST SEVEN DAYS

September 3, 2009 The DailyRecord.co.uk reported: "There were around 4500 people newly diagnosed with swine flu in England in the last week, figures have shown. This is a slight drop on the 5000 cases reported in the previous week and down from a high of around 100,000 cases more than a month ago.



The number of deaths in England linked to the virus stands at 61, up from 57 last week. There has been one death in Wales, one in Northern Ireland and seven in Scotland.

Chief Medical Officer Sir Liam Donaldson said he had been looking carefully at data from Scotland, where schools returned from their summer break earlier than in England. Experts have predicted a surge in the number of swine flu cases once schools and universities go back across the UK.

Sir Liam said: "There is no suggestion of any significant upturn in Scotland."

The figures come after experts at the University of Leicester released results from a pilot study of the swine flu vaccine, which revealed a "strong immune response after just one dose".

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