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SYRIA CONDUCTED NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS: IAEA DOCUMENT

June 1, 2010 SpaceDaily.com reports: "Syria has told the UN atomic watchdog about past nuclear experiments, but is still refusing to cooperate over allegations that it was building a secret nuclear reactor with North Korea's help, a new report revealed Monday.

In a restricted four-page report obtained by AFP, the International Atomic Energy Agency said that Syria 'provided the Agency with information concerning previously unreported uranium conversion and irradiation activities' at a small research reactor in Damascus.

Syria insists the scale of the experiment was small, 'involving tens of grammes of nuclear material' and took place in 2004.

A senior diplomat familiar with the IAEA investigation said it was too early to determine whether the experiments were purely of a small scientific nature, as Syria claimed, or part of wider, more extensive research.

At the same time, the IAEA complained that Syria had not cooperated with its investigation into allegations that Damascus had been building an undeclared reactor at a remote desert site called Dair Alzour until it was bombed by Israeli planes in September 2007.

The IAEA has been investigating the allegations since 2008 and has already said that the building bore some of the characteristics of a nuclear facility. UN inspectors also detected 'significant' traces of man-made uranium at that site, as yet unexplained by Damascus..."



'ISRAEL WILL DROWN IN BLOOD'

May 31, 2010 The Jerusalem Post reports: "Ten thousand Turks marched in protest from the Israeli consulate to a main square on Monday afternoon, chanting, 'Murderous Israel you will drown in the blood you shed!' The protesters had earlier tried to storm the consulate building but were blocked by police.

Earlier on Monday, Turkish Prime Minister, Tayyip Erdogan condemned the seizure of the Gaza flotilla ship, Mavi Marmara as 'state terrorism,' saying that Israel had violated international law and shown that it does not want peace in the region.

The Mavi Marmara was flying a Turkish flag and most of the activists injured on board were Turkish members of the Islamic NGO IHH which Israeli officials have said is linked to terrorist organizations..."

ISRAEL RECOILS AS US BACKS NUCLEAR MOVE

May 31, 2010 Breitbart.com reports: "Washington's unprecedented backing for a UN resolution for a nuclear-free Middle East that singles out Israel has both angered and deeply worried the Jewish state although officials are cagey about openly criticising their biggest ally.

The resolution adopted by the United Nations on Friday calls on Israel to join the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and urges it to open its facilities to inspection. It also calls for a regional conference in 2012 to advance the goal of a nuclear-free Middle East.

Israel is widely believed to be the only nuclear power in the Middle East, with around 200 warheads, but has maintained a policy of deliberate ambiguity about its capabilities since the mid-1960s. The document, which singles out Israel but makes no mention of Iran's controversial nuclear programme, drew a furious reaction from the Jewish state who decried it as 'deeply flawed and hypocritical.'

But it was US backing for the resolution which has caused the most consternation among Israeli officials and commentators, who interpreted the move as 'a resounding slap around the face' which has dealt a very public blow to Israel's long-accepted policy of nuclear ambiguity.

Publicly, the Israel government has not criticised the US position but privately, officials expressed deep disappointment over the resolution, which Washington backed despite intensive Israeli efforts to block it..."

OBAMA TOLD NETANYAHU: GO HOME, DON'T EXPLAIN FROM HERE

June 2, 2010 Arutz Sheva reported: In the hubbub surrounding the "battle of the flotilla," Netanyahu's quick reversal of his decision to remain in the United States has been largely ignored. It turns out that Obama told him to leave because he didn't want Netanyahu to use the White House as a stage on which to present Israel's side of the story.

The flotilla violence caught Netanyahu in the midst of a diplomatic trip to North America. He was in the Canadian capital of Ottawa at the time, about to leave for Washington for a meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama. The meeting was to have been a way for Obama to make up for the humiliation he dealt Netanyahu on his last visit, when he refused to be seen with the Israeli leader in public.

Netanyahu announced immediately after the flotilla news broke that he would remain in North America and would meet with Obama as scheduled. However, within minutes after media reported Netanyahu would continue with his trip as scheduled, he abruptly announced a change of plan and set off immediately for Israel to "deal with the flotilla crisis."

Behind the scenes, it was Obama officials who caused the turnabout. Globes cites sources in both Jerusalem and Washington who say that Obama officials gave a clear message to Netanyahu's people: "Don't come."

Officials in both Washington and Jerusalem deny that this was the case."..."

WORLD CURRENCY UNIT INTENDED TO RIVAL U.S. DOLLAR FOR SUPREMACY

May 28, 2010 The Financial Post reported: "A new currency is intended to challenge the U.S. dollar as the world's foremost reserve currency. The WOCU, short for world currency unit, was actually launched by London-based WDX Organization in September 2009, but only seems to be gaining recognition now. Its value is determined as a derivative of the exchange rates of the world's top 20 currencies, as measured by GDP, in order to reduce the risk associated with exchange rate fluctuations. The new currency is similar to the International Monetary Fund's special drawing rights (SDR), which the IMF uses as a reserve asset to supplement the currency reserves of its member states. Both Russia and China have been pushing for the world to switch to a new currency."

HUNGARIAN FORINT DROPS MOST IN WORLD AS FIDESZ 'SPOOKS' MARKETS

June 3, 2010 BusinessWeek.com reported: "Hungary's forint weakened the most among world currencies after the ruling party's deputy leader was quoted as saying the country was at risk of a Greece-like crisis and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso said it was in a "very delicate situation."

The currency depreciated 2.4 percent to 282.27 per euro, headed for its biggest daily decline in a year, as of 6:35 p.m. in Budapest, the worst performer among more than 170 currencies tracked by Bloomberg. The forint gained as much as 0.7 percent before the comments by Lajos Kosa of the Fidesz party, which took office May 29.

Hungary has a "slim chance to avoid the Greek situation" and the economy is in a "much worse" situation than Fidesz had forecast, the news website Napi.hu quoted Kosa as saying at a conference today in Budapest. The new government must accelerate fiscal consolidation instead of asking the EU to widen its deficit target, Barroso said in Brussels.



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"The Greek comments have clearly spooked the markets," said Manik Narain, an emerging-market strategist at UBS AG in London."..."

U.S. TO JOIN SOUTH KOREAN MILITARY EXERCISE OFF NORTH KOREA COAST

June 2, 2010 ABC News reported: "The U.S. aircraft carrier USS George Washington will participate in a joint naval exercise with South Korea next week in the Yellow Sea, the same waters west of the Korean peninsula where North Korea is accused of sinking a South Korean warship last March, ABC News has learned.

A U.S. official said the carrier, which operates from its home port in Japan, "will be sent to the waters off South Korea within coming days to participate in joint exercises" with the South Korean navy.

Slated to begin June 8, the official said this exercise will be "separate and distinct" from an upcoming anti-submarine warfare exercise that Pentagon officials had said recently would be occurring "in the near future." The upcoming exercise was first reported by South Korea's Yonhap News Agency.

Another U.S. official says additional U.S. warships will be participating in the exercise, including a Japan-based Aegis destroyer and a Hawaii-based nuclear submarine. South Korea will also deploy a destroyer, a submarine and F-15 fighter jets to participate in the exercise.

Last week, South Korea conducted a one-day anti-submarine exercise close to where the incident with North Korea had occurred."

LOW-LYING PACIFIC ISLANDS 'GROWING NOT SINKING' AS SEA LEVELS RISE

June 4, 2010 DailyMail.co.uk reported: "Low-lying islands in the Pacific are 'growing' to counter rising sea levels, a study has found.

Scientists feared that many small islands would disappear under rising sea levels caused by climate change. But researchers in New Zealand measured 27 islands where ocean levels have risen 4.8 inches in the past 60 years and found that just four had diminished in size.

Coral debris eroded from encircling reefs was pushed up on to the islands' coasts by winds and waves as weather patterns changed.

Professor Paul Kench, of Auckland University's environment school, said this showed that islands are coping with the changes.

He said: 'It has been thought that as the sea level goes up, islands will sit there and drown. But they won't. The sea level will go up and the island will start responding. 'They've always changed, but the consistency [with which] some of them have grown is a little surprising.'

Tuvalu, a coral-island group that climate change campaigners have predicted will be drowned, has its highest point just 14 feet above sea level but has actually grown in the past 60 years, the study in New Scientist found.

The research, which appeared in this week's New Scientist, found that seven of Tuvalu's nine islands had grown by more than 3 percent on average over the past 60 years.

In 1972, Cyclone Bebe dumped 346 acres of sediment on the eastern reef of Tuvalu, increasing the area of Funafuti, the main island, by 10 percent. Another island, Funamanu, gained nearly 30 percent of its previous area."..."

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