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POLISH PM UPS ANTE IN GERMANY WAR TALK



June 27, 2007 Euobserver.com reported: "Polish government has compared modern Germany to the pre-WWII Weimar Republic, continuing the hostile rhetoric which erupted in the run-up to last week's EU summit and which shows no sign of abating ahead of next month's formal negotiations on a new treaty."

Reacting to a German newspaper remark about "the square root of the dead" - a reference to Polish claims that EU votes should take count of war losses - prime minister Jaroslaw Kaczynski issued a warning to Europe.

"Something bad is happening in Germany. As in historic days gone by when most Europeans were too afraid to talk, so it is today," he said on Tuesday's (26 June) "Sygnaly Dnia" national radio show.

"Speaking to the German authorities as the prime minister of Poland - I warn you not tolerate these kinds of things...This will lead to the worst, to misfortunes, which could hurt Europe but which would also hurt Germany."

The WWII talk began at the summit last week, when Warsaw said Germany should cede EU votes because it killed 6 million Poles between 1939 and 1945, in a line of argumentation seen as bizarre in most EU states.

But Polish-German tensions have been growing since the Kaczynski twins came to power in 2005, exploiting popular fears that Germany is using the EU to dominate Europe, seeking war reparations of its own and erasing WWII facts."..."

ISRAEL BRACES FOR JULY WAR WITH UP TO FIVE ENEMIES

June 27, 2007 The World Tribune reported: "Israel is preparing for an imminent war with Iran, Syria and/or their non-state clients. Israeli military intelligence has projected that a major attack could come from any of five adversaries in the Middle East. Officials said such a strike could spark a war as early as July 2007."

On Sunday, Israeli military intelligence chief Maj. Gen. Amos Yadlin told the Cabinet that the Jewish state faces five adversaries in what could result in an imminent confrontation. Yadlin cited Iran, Syria, Hizbullah, Hamas, and Al Qaida. "Each of these adversaries is capable of sparking a war in the summer," Yadlin was quoted as saying.

[On Monday, Al Qaida's No. 2 Ayman Zawahiri endorsed the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip, Middle East Newsline reported. The Al Qaida statement came after Zawahiri repeatedly criticized Hamas for tolerating Palestinian Authority cooperation with the United States.]

Yadlin said Hamas could be planning a major attack to divert attention away from efforts by the Palestinian Authority to isolate the Gaza Strip. He said Syria might be promoting such an attack.

Officials said Iran has direct influence over Syria, Hizbullah and Hamas. He said Al Qaida has increasingly come under Iranian influence and was being used by Iran and Syria in such countries as Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon.

Already, military intelligence has assessed that Hamas acquired more than 50 missiles with a range of 22 kilometers. Officials said this would allow Palestinian missile strikes on any part of Ashkelon, the largest city in southeastern Israel and which contains strategic sites.

Hamas has also deployed at least 20 SA-7 anti-aircraft systems, officials said. They said the missiles threaten Israeli combat helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft that conduct missions over the Gaza Strip.

On Monday, Palestinian gunners continued missile fire into Israel. Hours earlier, the Israel Air Force struck an Islamic Jihad squad said to have been driving toward the northern Gaza Strip to launch missiles toward Israel. One Jihad operative was killed and two others were injured.

Israeli military intelligence has assessed that Hamas was being quietly supported by neighboring Egypt. Officials said that despite Egypt's announced ban, Cairo has continued to allow Hamas leaders to enter the Sinai Peninsula from the Gaza Strip."..."

MID-EAST GROUP DEBATES BLAIR ROLE

June 26, 2007 The BBC News reported: "The Quartet of Middle East mediators from the EU, Russia, the UN and US has discussed the appointment of Tony Blair as special envoy for the region. It is expected that Mr Blair will be offered the job after he steps down as UK prime minister on Wednesday. It was the Quartet's first meeting since Hamas seized control of security from pro-Fatah rivals in Gaza."

Washington has signalled its desire for a role for Mr Blair, but many Arabs see him as too close to the US and Israel. The Quartet met for three hours at the US consulate in Jerusalem and representatives left without speaking to the media.

Afterwards, in Washington, state department spokesman Tom Casey confirmed there had been talks about the position of envoy, but would not say who might be appointed. However, Mr Casey noted that Mr Blair would be someone who "would be received well" and be "very

successful doing whatever he chooses to do".

Diplomatic sources have told the BBC the delay in the announcement is due primarily to objections from Russia. Relations between Tony Blair and Russian President Vladimir Putin have been fraught, particularly following the poisoning in Britain of Putin critic Alexander Litvinenko last year."..."

PM: HAMAS WANTS TO ANNIHILATE US

June 25, 2007 The Jerusalem Post reported: "Hamas does not want to recognize us and certainly doesn't want to make peace with us. Just like [President Mahmoud] Ahmadinejad in Iran, it wants to annihilate us," Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said during a speech he delivered at a Jewish Agency rally in Jerusalem on Monday morning, hours prior to his departure for the four-way summit at Sharm e-Sheikh...

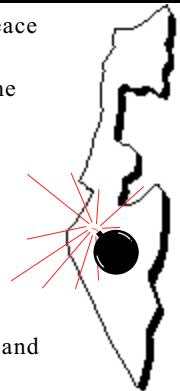
The meeting is meant to give a high-profile boost of support to Abbas. Olmert is expected to offer the PA chairman a series of goodwill gestures, including the release of some of the hundreds of millions of dollars in Palestinian tax funds, held since Hamas's January 2006 election victory.

Olmert repeated his stance that he was ready to discuss a Saudi initiative offering a comprehensive peace agreement with Israel in exchange for a withdrawal from all territories captured in the Six Day War.

"22 Arab states have said they want to make peace with Israel and to recognize it," he said. "This is new music to my ears and I want to listen to it."

But he said such negotiations were no substitute for direct peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians. "It's not going to be simple and not going to be easy," he said. "It's going to be a long and painful road."

"Nothing will be simple, but I think the duty I have as the prime minister of the state of Israel and representative of all the Jewish people who share with us the hope that something will change is to try to make every possible effort to try to establish a credible process," he said. "That is what I will do in the coming weeks."..."



SOLANA REPORTS 'CONSTRUCTIVE' TALKS ON IRANIAN NUCLEAR DISPUTE

June 23, 2007 Voice of America News reported: "European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana says he has had "constructive" talks with a top Iranian negotiator on the dispute over Iran's nuclear program.

Solana says he hopes they can meet again in three weeks. He spoke after four hours of talks with Iran's Ali Larijani in Lisbon, Saturday. Larijani said Iran wants to settle the nuclear dispute through diplomacy.

Members of the U.N. Security Council are discussing additional sanctions against Iran for its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment, a process that can be used to build nuclear weapons. The council has already imposed two rounds of limited sanctions on Iran.

Diplomats say new sanctions under discussion include tighter travel bans on Iranian officials, freezing assets of Iranian banks, and inspecting Iranian shipping."..."

AL-QAEDA SEEKS UNITY WITH HAMAS

June 25, 2007 The BBC News reported: "Osama Bin Laden's number two has called on the Islamist group Hamas to unite with al-Qaeda after its victory in Gaza over Fatah, in a web-posted audiotape. Ayman al-Zawahiri also warned against any attempt by Arab countries to wrest control of the Gaza Strip from Hamas.

Al-Qaeda has in the past criticised Hamas for taking part in the political process in the Palestinian territories. Hamas leaders, who espouse a more moderate brand of Islamist politics, have always shunned al-Qaeda advances.

The authenticity of the tape could not be immediately established, but it was posted on a website used by al-Qaeda-linked groups. The speaker, identified as the Egyptian-born militant, called on Muslims around the world to back Hamas with arms, money and violence against US and Israeli interests.

The message was undated, but appeared to be a response to Hamas's rooting out of pro-Fatah security forces in Gaza 10 days ago. The speaker urged Hamas to implement Islamic law in Gaza. "Taking over power is not a goal but a means to implement God's word on earth," he said.

"Unite with mujahideen in Palestine... and with all mujahideen in the world in the face of the upcoming attack where Egyptians and Saudis are expected to play part of it," he added, suggesting the two Arab countries intend to intervene in Gaza. "Provide them with money, do your best to get it there, break the siege imposed on them by crusaders and Arab leader traitors."..."