

## G2 ANALYST NEWSLETTER

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#### **News from Malaysia - Joining the nuclear club?**

Information coming from Kuala Lumpur suggests that the country of 24 million, predominantly Muslim inhabitants, also wants to join the world's growing nuclear club. It is not clear yet whether its plan is just for nuclear energy or whether the country wishes to go all the way to a full nuclear military capability program. Malaysia is on record for supporting Iran's total nuclear program as well as expressing her support for Pakistan's nuclear accomplishments. Officials with the Vienna based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) are concerned over signs even more Muslim countries are planning to pursue the Iranian and North Korean nuclear programs.

A variety of reasons are behind the proliferation of nuclear aspirations by a growing number of less developed countries, one major motive undoubtedly arising from the dismal failure of U.S. foreign and security policies with regards to Iran and North Korea. The Iraq quagmire is seen as the main problem limiting the world's superpower capabilities to act promptly and decisively when confronted with real and acute dangers

such as the North Korean nuclear test and the Iranian uranium enrichment program.

Against this backdrop more third world or developing countries are seeking the “ultimate assurance” they believe nuclear weapons can provide. Analysts in Asia say several countries have expressed a need to secure themselves from further U.S. forceful interference in their affairs and governing systems under the slogan of spreading western style democracies.

In addition to Malaysia Egypt is now planning to revive her nuclear program and Saudi Arabia openly admits it is seriously interested in obtaining doomsday weapons as well. The latest voices calling for a more stringent nuclear supervision have come from South Korea and a number of states located on the shores of the Persian Gulf.

### **New King elected**

As soon as December 2006 Malaysia will have a new king. The new monarch was elected by the Council of State Rulers who appointed the Sultan of northern Terengganu to the throne. The Malaysian kingdom is based on an elected monarch. The rulers of nine, mostly Malai Peninsular states, out of the country's total 13 states, choose a new king for a five year term.. The king-elect is 44 years old Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin. His duties are for the most part ceremonial and to serve as an advisor to the cabinet. The Malaysian king's most important duty is as ruler and leader of the country's Muslim community and as head of the military. Outgoing king Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin will return to his position as the Sultan of northern Perlis State. The new king was educated in the U.K. and Australia and was commissioned at the British military academy Sandhurst,

later serving in Her Majesty's cavalry. He is married and has four children. Local newspapers described the new monarch as well behaved, well groomed and as a humble ruler of his people.

### **Public hangings in Iran**

Six members of an Iranian Arab-Sunni community were hanged in public in the southeastern city of Zahedan. The condemned were members of an Arab-Sunni underground movement struggling for the independence of Arabistan the area of Iran also known as the Sistan-Baluchistan province. The executed men were described as bandits and of being members of the group Jundt Allah (Soldiers of God) led by Abdulmalik Ragi. The death sentences were handed down for what the Iranian prosecutor described as the kidnapping of foreign tourists, on a bicycle ride through Iran. The tourists, a Dutch, an Irish and a German, were later freed unharmed. The government accused the six of additional crimes including killing four police officers and setting their car on fire and of murdering 34 other Iranians. Last December the group was responsible for attacking Iranian border posts along the Iran-Pakistan border in Baluchistan. Before the six were hanged from cranes in the city centre an Islamic court official read a long list of their crimes such as drug trafficking from Afghanistan and Pakistan, sodomy, rape and blasphemy. The executions bring to 113 the number of Iranians hanged so far this year. According to Amnesty International 194 others were hanged in Iran during 2005.

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## **North Caucasus mujahedeen speak for all jihad groups**

In a recent development observed by jihad watchers it appears obvious that the mujahedeen of the north Caucasus, predominantly active in Chechnya, Daghasan, Ossetia and Avkazia, began to serve other jihad groups from around the globe. Their service is mainly for propaganda purposes by using their Kavkaz website as a mouthpiece for jihadi information from all over the world. The Scandinavia based website distributes information supplied by such groups as the neo-Taliban in Afghanistan and the mujahedeen group Ashura in Iraq. A survey of news items published by Kavkaz demonstrates they promote some 40 different groups. The center also addresses countries such as Canada when a “jihad issue” arises like arrests of terror suspects or Canada’s participation in the international expeditionary force in Afghanistan. In most cases their propaganda inflates the numbers of losses of both sides.. They largely exaggerate the numbers of NATO or coalition troops “killed” in Iraq or Afghanistan and on the other hand “swell up” the numbers of civilian casualties, victims of the growing instability and guerrilla/terror activities in both countries.

The banner at the top of this item highlights the 12 “Amirs”, commanders of the mujahedeen in the northern Caucasus.

## **Lebanon on the brink**

Last week's political activity in Lebanon was focused on the continuous deterioration within the ranks of parliament and in the government. The main problem derives from Hezbollah's (Party of God) and Amal's (Hope) refusal to support a government of national unity unless they are granted more portfolios. Currently Amal, led by Parliament Speaker Nabiyah Berri,, holds three portfolios and the Hezbollah hold two. Both parties represent the unofficial ethnic Shiia majority in Lebanon. Hezbollah needs at least three cabinet members to obtain the right to veto government decisions. Their main interest is to divert attempts by the Lebanese pro-western government to enforce the law to its full extent in south Lebanon, the predominantly Shiia district of the country. Hezbollah is also trying to prevent any further initiative of the Lebanese government or the U.N. to block weapons' smuggling from Syria.

Meanwhile it is obvious the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon, UNIFIL, is unable to prevent Hezbollah from re-organizing in the many border towns and villages of the south. An American Church publication, basically sympathetic to the Lebanese, wrote an article dealing with the situation titled: "Hezbollah rearms while U.N. sleeps." This article and similar reports claim the U.N. does not intend to confront the Hezbollah and probably will avoid as far as possible any open reproach. In many cases U.N. troops have quietly tolerated large posters and signs promoting Hezbollah and its leader Sheikh Hassan Nasarallah. At this stage UNIFIL, nearly 20,000 strong, is quickly sliding into a passive role where the only vocal expressions are complaints over Israeli air force reconnaissance flights. It should be noted that UNIFIL is one of the oldest U.N. forces, established in 1978 following a

large scale Israeli operation to clear out the PLO from the border area. Despite its rather wide ranged authorization UNIFIL was never able to prevent either side from undertaking violent actions.

The photo hereunder depicts a U.N. soldier, a French U.N., tank and a large poster of Hezbollah chief Sheikh Nasarallah.





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