

Bomb Iran, Part Deux

Senator John McCain said it well a few years ago. "Let's bomb Iran just like Japan." I suspect he was joking at that point. This is not a joke.

American sources told Fox television early Sunday, Nov. 6 that all the senior Israeli ministers who were formerly against attacking Iran's nuclear sites are now for it, having been updated on Iran's clandestine progress toward building a nuclear weapon. This information is due to be borne out when the IAEA publishes its next Iran report Tuesday, Nov. 8. The ministers are said to have changed their minds in the belief that the next round of sanctions will not be tough enough and point to the precedent of Israel's 1981 attack on Iraq's nuclear reactor which was never rebuilt.

According to debkafile's Washington sources, the Obama administration attributes the change of heart by those ministers to a conviction that Iran already has a nuclear weapon. (
<http://www.debka.com/article/21453/>)

Former US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said on Sunday that it's time for the United States to confront Iran, and that it should never take the military option off the table, in an ABC interview with Christiane Amanpour.

"I think it's time to confront the Iranian regime because It's the poster child for state sponsorship of terrorism, it's trying to get a nuclear weapon, it's repressed its own people. The regime has absolutely no legitimacy left. We should be doing everything we can to bring it down and never take military force off the table," she said. (<http://www.jpost.com/DiplomacyAndPolitics/Article.aspx?id=244586>)

Analysis. I do believe that Senator McCain has perhaps made the most accurate statement of what war with Iran would be like. There is little difference between the concept of *Hakko Ichui* (The eight corners of the World under one roof) that motivated World War Two Japan and the Shiite concept of an Islamic World created by conquest lead by the Mahdi. The god heads are different. The philosophy is not.

If you are one of those who wants to bomb Iran, you should first go back and read the accounts of the Marines on Guadalcanal and the battle of the Tenaru River. Then go on to Bloody Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima and finally Okinawa. Oh, and don't forget the bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut that killed 243 Marines and broke a whole lot more. That will give you some idea of what fighting Shiites will be like. Replace *banzai* charges with human bomb charges. If you want to go "step in some Shiite", remember you must kill everyone of them at least twice just like the Japanese in World War Two.

The Sunni-Shia religious war is coming soon enough. Better we should feed the fight so that the two sides will kill as many of each other as possible. Worked well during the Iran-Iraq war.