

I originally wrote a post for World Threats titled *Get Shorty(?)*, Shorty being my nickname for Ahmadinejad . It was based upon this excerpt from a Debka article <http://www.debka.com/article/9065/> titled: Revolutionary Guards, Iranian flags Capture S. Lebanon for Ahmadinejad Visit

Report: Ahmadinejad, Nasrallah to Throw Stones Over Lebanese Border

Debka is [providing](#) additional information on Ahmadinejad's visit to Lebanon.

The event's high point, our sources report, will be the joint appearance of Ahmadinejad and Hizballah leader Hassan Nasrallah, in his first public appearance in the flesh in the four years since he fled to a Beirut bunker after the 2006 war with Israel. It will also be his first visit to South Lebanon, where he will see every village, public building, road junction, highway and even one of the UN peacekeepers' posts already plastered with Iranian flags.

At Maron al-Ras, the scene of one of the bloodiest battles of the 2006 war, a gigantic replica of the Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem has been erected to symbolically mark Ahmadinejad's visit to Lebanon as a step closer toward the "liberation" of Temple Mount from Israel.

And at Fatma Gate facing Israel's northernmost town of Metulla, a platform has been placed in position for the Iranian president and Hizballah leader to throw rocks across the border at the Israeli population and the IDF units guarding it. They plan to enlist thousands of Lebanese villagers to stand at the border fence and join in the stone-throwing spectacle.

Please read the entire article for more important information.

What is missing from the post on World Threats is the analysis. I will provide an enhanced analysis here.

**Analysis.** Sometime on the thirteenth of October or the fourteenth of October, two of Israel's most hated and dangerous foes will present themselves at the Israeli border. There, surrounded by their bodyguards and as many Lebanese as they can find, they will symbolically "Stone the Devil" in the same manner as this ceremony is performed in a valley outside Mecca during the Hajj. This is appropriate because Iran continually refers to Israel as the "Lesser Satan" the United States being the "Greater Satan".

I suspect that there are serious discussions within the Israeli government, and with Israel's allies in the area such as Egypt, Jordan, and the Gulf Cooperation Council states through Saudi Arabia, about the negative consequences of assassinating Nasrallah and Ahmadinejad. They must balance the disruption caused to Hezbollah and the Iranian government against the reprisals to follow from both groups. War now or war later?

However, there are also positive consequences to the demise of these two people. It is the charismatic leader principle. Both Nasrallah of Hezbollah and Ahmadinejad of Iran are the public faces of their organizations. Nasrallah has been the leader of Hezbollah longer than Ahmadinejad has been President of Iran. His death would probably cause greater damage than Ahmadinejad's. I don't know who Nasrallah's second-in-command is. It is possible that the number two is not capable of being the charismatic leader and that Hezbollah may be led by a Shura council until a new charismatic leader can be found.

It was so important that Ahmadinejad be elected President of Iran so he could fill his cabinet with senior members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps, that the 2009 presidential election in Iran was a total and obvious fraud. It is more likely that a replacement for Shorty could be found among the

senior Revolutionary Guards officers who are members of his cabinet. This would also be a direct and maybe unwelcome admission that the IRGC runs the country. Ahmadinejad is also a spiritual follower of Ayatollah Mesbah-Yazdi. Mesbah-Yazdi is the leader of the faction in the Iranian system that desires to “help” hasten the return of the Hidden Imam by creating the chaos necessary for his return. What greater chaos than Middle East wide war? A new president may not be so inclined.

Nasrallah and Ahmadinejad also want to prove that the Israeli Defense Force has become a paper tiger. They will probably hold a “news conference” after their return to Beirut in which they will trumpet Israel's failure to assassinate them as proof that the IDF is afraid to take casualties. They will use the failure to destroy Hezbollah during the 2006 incursion and the failure to destroy Hamas during Operation Cast Lead as Israeli fear of casualties. They will not say that the IDF's desire to prevent non-combatant casualties was the reason for the failure of both operations.

Syria will do its best to stay out of this mess. I doubt they will even provide air cover. The last time the Syrian Air Force engaged the Israeli Air Force the score was Israelis-82, Syria – 0. However, Syrian and Hezbollah SAM sites may well track IDF aircraft and simulate missile firings as a defensive measure to keep IAF aircraft out of weapons range. They will probably do the same to the Israeli navy by tracking their ships and simulating missile firings.

There is no doubt that Iran is increasing the pressure for war as their economy continues to self destruct under the sanctions and just plain mismanagement by the Revolutionary Guards. Besides the Mesbah-Yazdi faction's desire for chaos, this may well be a ploy by the Iranians to get the sanctions lifted or at least the unilateral sanctions loosened by making war the only alternative.

The Iranian regime has been fighting a low level revolution since the 2009 election. So far they have been able to keep the people under control by the mass use of force and terror. The regime must be questioning in its own mind how long they can continue to terrorize their own people before the people take them out. It may not be much longer. Recent reports out of Iran point to an increase in the speed with which the economy is failing.

The Iranians may well look at this as a win-win situation for them. If Israel fails to assassinate the pair of leaders or even try, Israel will be a paper tiger to all of the “rejectionist” groups in the Middle East. The nations on Israel's borders may well take a serious look at their relations with Israel. They will also rethink their relations with Iran. If Israel does assassinate the pair, *casus belli*. Iran closes the Straits of Hormuz and we are off. Hezbollah is freed to turn its operatives throughout the World loose on Western interests and nations.