

## Obama Declares 1967 Borders for a Palestinian State 19 May 2011

Sura 2: 188: *And kill them (infidels) wherever ye shall find them, and eject them from whatever place they have ejected you, ....*

Sura 3:79: *Whoso desereth any other religion than Islam, that religion shall never be accepted from him, and in the next World he shall be among the lost.*

Sura 5:38: *Only, the recompense of those who war against God and his Apostle, and go about to commit disorders on the earth, shall be that they shall be slain or crucified, or have their alternate hands and feet cutoff or be banished from the land.*

Sura 9:5: *and when the sacred months are passed, kill those who join other gods with God (Christians) where ever ye shall find them; and seize them, besiege them, and lay in wait for them with every kind of ambush; but if they shall convert, and observe prayer, and pay the obligatory alms, let them go on their way for God is Gracious, Merciful.*

Sura 9:28 (The Verse of the Sword): *Make war upon such of those to whom the Scriptures have been given as believe not in God, or in the last day, and forbid not that which God and His Apostle have forbidden, and who profess not the profession of the truth, until they pay tribute out of hand and they be humbled.*

There is a good reason why I have started off this article with selections from the Koran. This translation is by J. M. Rodwell and was first published in 1861. This is the Everyman edition from Penguin ISBN 0-460-87438-1. That is to attempt to get your minds around the fact that Muslims are directed by their holiest book to kill infidels and to humiliate those infidels whom they allow to live.

Today President Obama told Israel that their state must be reduced to the 1967, or pre Six Day War, borders. *So while the core issues of the conflict must be negotiated, the basis of those negotiations is clear: a viable Palestine, a secure Israel. The United States believes that negotiations should result in two states, with permanent Palestinian borders with Israel, Jordan, and Egypt, and permanent Israeli borders with Palestine. We believe the borders of Israel and Palestine should be based on the 1967 lines with mutually agreed swaps, so that secure and recognized borders are established for both states. The Palestinian people must have the right to govern themselves, and reach their full potential, in a sovereign and contiguous state.*

There has been a lot of speculation as to the reason for this massive change in American policy. A lot of it has had to do with the 2002 Saudi peace plan offered by King (then Prince) Abdullah ([http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/1844214.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/1844214.stm)). This plan calls for Israeli withdrawal from all of the territory it captured during the Six Day War. In return, the Arabs will consider the Israeli-Arab conflict ended and establish normal diplomatic relations with Israel.

But why at this particular time? Where is the pressure coming from to declare American policy a shrunken Israel? I believe it is from the same folks that brought us the Saudi peace plan. Their pressure? A threat to price oil in something other than dollars. That would mean the end of the dollar as the World's reserve currency and the end of the United States as a viable nation for a long, long time.

The Saudis are scared mostly of the Iranians but of Shiites in general. Bahrain was the wakeup call for the Sunni governments along the western side of the Persian Gulf. The flotilla incident was the Iranian “press to test” on the eastern front. It will not be the last.

On the western front the Syrian government is barely holding its own against the protesters even with a whole lot of help from the Iranians. I do not doubt for a minute that the Saudis are assisting the Syrian protesters with money and maybe weapons. In response, Syria closed its borders with Jordan and Iraq. That has not stopped the flow of help to the protesters as far as has been reported.

The Iranian “press to test” on the western front was the tri-border invasion or attempted invasion of Israel. Hamas did not succeed in breaching the Erez Crossing. Hezbollah got a lot of people killed trying to breach the Israeli border. On the Syrian-Israeli border Israel was caught totally off guard. It is believed as reported by Debka today that several Syrian and Hezbollah agents managed to get themselves into Israel and probably into the West Bank area. These agents will most likely coordinate additional terrorist activities in the West Bank perhaps leading to the already proclaimed Third Intifada.

While the Saudis may well have been satisfied with the GCC naval response to the Iranian flotilla, their opinion of Israel's reaction to three invasions cannot be good. The other part of the equation is that the Saudis have been almost begging the United States and Israel to please nuke Iran. They are well aware that with a semi-neutered Iraq there is little between the Iranians and themselves. The Saudis may well believe that the end of the Palestinian problem will allow the Sunni countries of the Middle East to concentrate on killing Iranians and Shiites in general. Hence the pressure to get the Saudi peace plan completed.

I believe the Saudis also see the return of the Golan to Syria as a way to uncouple Syria from Iran. Maybe 20 years ago when Hafez al-Assad was running Syria. Not now. Bashar has sold his soul to the devil. Iranian Revolutionary guards Quds Force personnel, some 20,000 of them according to the web site Anti-Mullah (<http://alanpetersvideos.blogspot.com/2011/05/iranian-suppression-forces-in-action-in.html>), are busy helping Bashar's brother Maher and the Syrian Fourth Division kill lots of protesters. I believe that this force, which may well be larger by now, will put down the Syrian revolution.

It will take the Syrian Army a few months to recover from their slaughter of their people. However, the Fourth Division is composed of Alawites who are actually a sect of Shi'i Islam. Killing Sunnis is something that they do. I suspect that it will take three to six months after the end of the uprising for the Syrian Army to be ready to fight Jordan. That would be somewhere between the end of Ramadan and Ashura (Dec. 5).

That time coincides with the final withdrawal of US forces from Iraq. The Iraqi government must realize that without that spread out mechanized corps that it cannot hope to contain an Iranian advance across the Shatt al-Arab. The US heavy brigade and composite wing in Kuwait can provide some support. However, they are most likely tasked to prevent Iran from capturing or damaging the oil facilities in the area of Ras Tanura. That does not leave a lot of people and munitions to stop Iranians on their way to the Imam Hussein and Imam Ali mosques.

The mission of this Iranian force is to bring forth the Mahdi. Shiites believe that the Mahdi will lead them to victory over all the world. It is analogous sort of to the Second Coming of Jesus. Exactly what the Iranians plan to do if the Mahdi does not reappear is up for conjecture. I suspect they will go on a killing spree if nothing else. They get to kill Iraqi Sunnis and martyr themselves.

The second Iranian mission is to unseat the House of Saud as Guardian of the Two Mosques and make Shi'i Islam the dominant sect of Islam. This is something that was denied to them after the death of Mohammad. This is also the source of the Sunni-Shiite schism. This is the mission of the Syrian Army and Hezbollah after Hezbollah disposes of Israel.

A good part of the Saudi apprehension over events is due to the United States support of the Egyptian revolutionaries who overthrew Hosni Mubarak. Perhaps the major deciding force on the side of Sunni Islam is the two Egyptian Field Armies. Last November, one of those field armies conducted large scale exercises west of Cairo with a large (corps?) unit of the Saudi Army. This Egyptian Army was then supposed to follow its Saudi guides around Saudi Arabia conducting exercises and ending up at a military city somewhere in the northeast corner of Saudi Arabia. There has been no public word whether or not this occurred and whether or not there is an Egyptian army camped out in Saudi Arabia. The change in government in Egypt may have altered this arrangement.

I have presumed that the other Egyptian field army would pass through Israel and augment the Jordanian Army to stop the Syrian advance on the Two Mosques. This plan may also be in jeopardy.

Israel now has to make some serious decisions. Israel in the 1967 borders is not defensible. Period. Nor will a "demilitarized" Palestinian state be any kind of deterrent to Arab attacks should they choose to do so. But why now? As I said earlier in this piece, the Saudis are scared to death of Iran and the Shiite populations of the western Persian Gulf. That is where the oil is. Somehow Iran must be dealt with.

The Gulf Cooperation Council states have maintained an intelligence liaison with Jordan, Egypt and Israel for at least two years now. Yet the Saudis have been unable to convince Israel to attack Iran. The Saudis have openly offered the IDF free passage through Saudi airspace and probably AWACS aircraft for mission control and intercept direction against Iranian aircraft attempting to shoot down Israeli aircraft. So far Israel, with some pressure from the United States, has declined to attack Iran. So has the United States.

Our perspective is different from the Saudis. Our mission is to guarantee the free flow of oil through the Straits of Hormuz until the bypass pipelines are constructed. Supposedly those are to be complete by sometime in 2012. At that point there may be sufficient pipeline capacity on the Saudi side of the Persian Gulf that only Iranian oil must pass the Straits. That puts Iran in a very bad position. The Saudis want an end to the mullahocracy and the Shiite threat to Sunni dominance of Islam as well as any Iranian dreams of restoring the empire of Darius.

What is interesting also is that Syria has said that continued instability in Syria means continued instability in Israel. To the best of my knowledge, Israel has nothing to do with the instability in Syria. The Saudis most certainly do. They have been trying to wean Syria away from Iran and bring a non-Hezbollah government to Lebanon. Syria has failed to cooperate and has gone on to further Iranian goals in the western Mediterranean.

President Obama has also created a firestorm here at home. Just about everybody is unhappy with his 1967 borders pronouncement. There are some people who believe that this statement is meant to be some kind of a distraction from something else such as his birth certificate. That idea does not fit with the context of the rest of his speech. His speech is all about the United States being involved in the Middle East in what appears to be a positive manner from the Arab/Islamic point of view. This is a definite US policy shift that bodes ill for everyone.

Islam is a religion of war and conquest. That is its history. That was, I believe, Mohammad's design. I must always presume that there cannot be peace with Islam unless Muslims get the crap beat out of them on a regular basis. They must be continually shown that their dreams of conquest are just not Allah's will at this time. Then there will be peace.

Reza Kahlili's release of the film *The Coming is Upon Us* answers a lot of questions as to what Iran's objective is. They are actively working to create the conditions of chaos that will cause the Mahdi to return. While one school of Shi'i Islam believes that you cannot hurry the Mahdi, you must wait until he chooses the time, another school lead by Ayatollah Mesbah Yazdi believes that it is possible to call forth the Mahdi by creating the chaos believed to be necessary for the return of the Mahdi. There is apparently a struggle in progress in the Iranian government between these two factions because the movie has been released to the World.

Dumping on Israel now will not solve the Palestinian problem. Golda Meir is reputed to have said that there will be peace when Arabs learn to love their children more than their religion. I strongly suspect that if the rejectionists could be culled from the populations of Gaza and the West Bank, there could be peace. A full pay envelope is a great incentive to peace and tranquility. Sadly that is impossible. Not when the Palestinian school systems indoctrinate their students to hate Jews from an early age.

The Netanyahu government will reject this American gambit. Obama can say he tried. Nothing will change except that the Saudis may be mollified for a while. Nor does the addition of 100 new Iranian companies to the sanctions list do much to stop Iran from pursuing nuclear weapons.

I see a Middle East wide war possible sometime between the end of Ramadan and Ahsura. By that time the Assad government with the help of the Iranians will have put down this attempt at a revolution. The Iranian government will have solved its problems between factions. More attempts will have been made to get Qods Force operatives into not only Bahrain but all of the GCC states. Bahrain appears to be the main target. Events there must be watched carefully. Kuwait will probably be the second target. The Iranians want that heavy brigade gone.

On the western front watch Lebanon. It is much easier for Hezbollah to mobilize its members and create incidents between "civilians" and the IDF than it is for the Syrians to do the same thing. But there will be no peace between Jews and Muslims. The Koran forbids it.

*"and the rocks and the trees will cry out, 'Oh Muslim, there is a Jew hiding behind me. Come and kill him.'"*

20 May 2011

From Prime Minister Netanyahu's remarks at the White House today.

*This is something that we want to have accomplished. Israel wants peace. I want peace. What we all want is a peace that will be genuine, that will hold, that will endure. And I think that the -- we both agree that a peace based on illusions will crash eventually on the rocks of Middle Eastern reality, and that the only peace that will endure is one that is based on reality, on unshakable facts.*

*I think for there to be peace, the Palestinians will have to accept some basic realities. The first is that while Israel is prepared to make generous compromises for peace, it cannot go back to the 1967 lines*

*-- because these lines are indefensible; because they don't take into account certain changes that have taken place on the ground, demographic changes that have taken place over the last 44 years.*

*Remember that, before 1967, Israel was all of nine miles wide. It was half the width of the Washington Beltway. And these were not the boundaries of peace; they were the boundaries of repeated wars, because the attack on Israel was so attractive.*

*So we can't go back to those indefensible lines, and we're going to have to have a long-term military presence along the Jordan. I discussed this with the President and I think that we understand that Israel has certain security requirements that will have to come into place in any deal that we make.*

*The second is -- echoes something the President just said, and that is that Israel cannot negotiate with a Palestinian government that is backed by Hamas. Hamas, as the President said, is a terrorist organization committed to Israel's destruction. It's fired thousands of rockets on our cities, on our children. It's recently fired an anti-tank rocket at a yellow school bus, killing a 16-year-old boy. And Hamas has just attacked you, Mr. President, and the United States for ridding the world of bin Laden.*

*So Israel obviously cannot be asked to negotiate with a government that is backed by the Palestinian version of al Qaeda.*

*I think President Abbas has a simple choice. He has to decide if he negotiates or keeps his pact with Hamas, or makes peace with Israel. And I can only express what I said to you just now, that I hope he makes the choice, the right choice, in choosing peace with Israel.*

*The third reality is that the Palestinian refugee problem will have to be resolved in the context of a Palestinian state, but certainly not in the borders of Israel.*

*The Arab attack in 1948 on Israel resulted in two refugee problems -- Palestinian refugee problem and Jewish refugees, roughly the same number, who were expelled from Arab lands. Now, tiny Israel absorbed the Jewish refugees, but the vast Arab world refused to absorb the Palestinian refugees. Now, 63 years later, the Palestinians come to us and they say to Israel, accept the grandchildren, really, and the great-grandchildren of these refugees, thereby wiping out Israel's future as a Jewish state.*

*So it's not going to happen. Everybody knows it's not going to happen. And I think it's time to tell the Palestinians forthrightly it's not going to happen. The Palestinian refugee problem has to be resolved. It can be resolved, and it will be resolved if the Palestinians choose to do so in a Palestinian state. So that's a real possibility. But it's not going to be resolved within the Jewish state.*

*This pretty much says it all. Let the games begin.*