



COMMENTARY

Netanyahu... Where is he going?

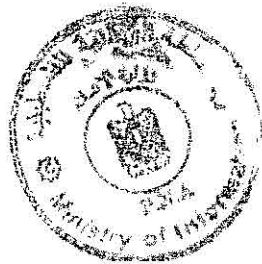
In his press conference Friday afternoon, in West Jerusalem, the Israeli prime minister showed a total lack of understanding of the realities on the ground, he is detached from facts despite the repeated assertions of his chiefs of intelligence that the stumbling of the peace process coupled with the ongoing strangling of the Palestinian economy will eventually erupt into confrontations which will manifest themselves into violent clashes and massive demonstrations. Netanyahu's repeated statements that the tunnel Israel dug under the premises of the Aqsa mosque is a trivial matter, and that it was dug for the benefit of tourism and the Palestinian merchants in the vicinity, shows nothing but a total ignorance on the part of Netanyahu, and is another indication of his shallow and amateur understanding of major issue with enormous implications and consequences. Oppening the tunnel under the mosque touches a very sensitive nerve of the whole Islamic and Arab people. Netanyahu in his amateur behavior brushed aside President Arafat's declarations that Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem are red lines and can not be crossed.

Netanyahu's said press conference was a sham, it clearly showed a lacking of statesmanship, it showed the confusion that surrounds the Israeli current leadership, it highlighted the gap that exist between the evaluation of the Israeli chiefs of intelligence and the positions Netanyahu is adopting.

The Israeli Prime Minister surrounded himself with ideologists who can not see further than the tip of their noses, they are still attached to the pre Intifada doctrine that their military power can frighten the Pa and let it off, therefore, they advised Netanyahu to order his defense minister to ask the army to deploy tanks and armored vehicles on the outskirts of Palestinian cities and towns. The simple answer to that is, Not one single Palestinian is scared of this war-mongering, further more, many Palestinians are aware that this current Israeli leadership is foolish enough to take a decision to enter into area 'A' to reconquer it, putting aside all other consequences, indications and the past three days experiences show that the Israeli army will be fought nail and teeth every inch of the way adding to that, Palestinians are under occupation for the last 29 years, 98% of the Palestinian territories are still under occupation, the economy is besieged and no work is available, there's there will be a shortage of food and medicine, the Palestinians in the occupied territories will not accept their children to go hungry, no food and medicine almost every other incentive will be added to the annihilation of their resistance.

On Friday afternoon and ... caller from Europe asks about the difference between Netanyahu and ... mass murderer of Bosnia both ordered their respective armies to ... if perhaps necessary to suggest that Eric Sharon, Rafael Lital are added to the list. Netanyahu should pose for judgement before he takes his new office.

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Since the early morning hours today, the Israeli military authorities clamped a full siege over all the Palestinian cities and towns, further compounding the inflamed situation. At this very moment, Israeli authorities are prohibiting the free movement of medical personnel and ambulances from reaching hospitals and health centers.

We urge all Consul Generals and Representatives of Diplomatic Missions to immediately intervene and pressure Israel to halt its provocative measures that are being imposed at the many military check points, in order to reduce tension and incitement.

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