

Editorial

Israel must get rid of Netanyahu, now

Ongoing preparations by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to launch a new Mideast war, which would become a nuclear war, show why President Bill Clinton must force the Israeli establishment to oust Netanyahu from power, now.

Israelis and the U.S. Zionist lobby may scream about President Clinton violating Israeli national sovereignty. Let them. Since Israel was created by the British monarchy in 1948, it has never been really sovereign, but a British pawn used to keep the region in constant turmoil, and hence, under continuing British control.

But, while Britain runs Israel, the U.S. foots the bill. This is one lavish expenditure that must stop. Clinton must cut all U.S. aid to Israel, unless the Israeli establishment moves at once to oust that madman from office, while there is still time.

In order to pave the way for his planned war, Netanyahu has already been carrying out a series of political maneuvers intended to consolidate the Israeli intelligence and security establishment under his control, while removing those who would oppose it.

Whether or not Israel goes to nuclear war, is not a decision made solely by the prime minister, but also requires the agreement of the defense minister, chief of staff, and the President. The current holders of those offices, President Ezer Weizman, Chief of Staff Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, would never approve such a move. Hence, Netanyahu is seeking their removal.

President Weizman's term of office ends in December, and he must be reelected by the Knesset (parliament). General Lipkin-Shahak's term of as chief of staff ends next summer, and someone else must replace him. Netanyahu is maneuvering to put yes-men in both of these posts, who would agree to a nuclear war. He is also attempting to force Defense Minister Mordechai to resign.

On top of all this, Netanyahu is trying to fix the blame for the Hamas assassination fiasco on Mossad chief, Gen. Danny Yatom, who was appointed by the previous government of Shimon Peres, in order to oust him, and install another Netanyahu toady.

There are various means Netanyahu can use, to push through such a war.

One, is a series of terrorist incidents targetting Jewish civilians, carried out by "Islamic" and "Arab" terrorists under Netanyahu's control, leading to reprisals and war.

That Netanyahu's crowd often uses Islamic terrorists, to provide pretexts for crack-downs, and other means of sabotaging the Oslo Peace Accords, is well known, including by the Clinton administration. The Oct. 13 arrest of ten members of a Jewish arms ring, selling over 100 pounds of dynamite to Palestinian extremists intent on blowing the main shopping arcade in Tel Aviv "sky high," shows the agent-provocateur method. The leader of the arms ring comes from the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba, the same extremist settlement patronized by Ariel Sharon, which provided the gunman used to kill Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Nov. 4, 1995, after which the British were able to install Netanyahu in power.

According to one war scenario, Netanyahu would unleash a series of such "Islamic" terrorist incidents, followed by Israeli military strikes against Palestinian cities on the West Bank, meant to provoke the mass flight of refugees to Jordan, the subsequent destabilization and overthrow of the Jordanian state, and ultimately a limited war with Syria.

There are other scenarios: These include, striking a major blow against Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, leading to conflict with Syria; knocking out missile and related military sites in Syria directly; and Israeli aerial bombardment of nuclear reactor sites and mid-range missile bases in Iran.

All of these measures have been under discussion by Netanyahu and his circle in the recent period, and are being passed off as merely limited engagements. But all carry the possibility—and intent—to spill over into new general regional war, which this time, would be nuclear, allowing the British to eliminate the possibility for peace in the region, for a long long time to come. Therefore, Clinton must force the Israelis to get rid of Netanyahu, now.