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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Israeli Apartheid and The Nakba: There can be absolutely no doubt that Israel has created an inhuman, illegal and utterly disgraceful Apartheid state, and the international community will never be able to excuse itself if it takes no action against this blatant, ongoing and in-plain-sight crime against humanity.

– Gilad Atzmon <http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article25004.htm>

Israel and the lobby against the U.S.: A Perfect Storm in Washington: A perfect storm is brewing in Washington today. Gen. Petraeus has given many mainstream commentators cover with his comments about Israel's actions endangering U.S. lives around the world. It is no longer only our good friends at Mondoweiss.net: everyone from Joe Klein (Time), Roger Cohen (*New York Times*), Glen Greenwald (Salon), Andrew Bacevich (Salon), Col. Pat Lang, John Mearsheimer (LRB), Jim Lobe (IPS), Stephen Walt (CNN), to Robert Dreyfuss (The Nation) is talking about it. Juan Cole has also abandoned his overly cautious approach to take on the Israel lobby's chief media doberman: Cpl. Jeffrey Goldberg. Meanwhile, the left is once again proving its irrelevance. Instead of covering the issue seriously Democracy Now! for example focused on the obligatory diplomatic niceties to dismiss the whole issue. (You can picture DN covering Caesar's assassination and dismissing all of Mark Antony's concerns because he called Brutus and the conspirators 'honourable men').

But here is the true indicator of the changing winds in Washington: even the CNN is talking about it! (To be fair to Rick Sanchez, he did some courageous reporting even during the Gaza conflict, giving platform to our friend Diana Buttu to debunk Zionist hasbara).

– <http://pulsemedia.org/2010/03/18/israel-and-the-lobby-against-the-us-a-perfect-storm-in-washington/>

THE "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" IS DEAD – Gordon Duff: We reprint Gordon Duff's summary of events for our readers' interest with the question: If what he says is factual – where does Australia stand in relation to Israel in all of this? Will Israeli actions also endanger Australian troops? And what of the announcement in the *Australian Jewish News*, 16 March 2010:

"Fears of a diplomatic fallout over the forged passport affair don't seem to have hampered trade between Israel and Australia. Israeli company Elbit Systems, which supplies the Israel Defence Forces, was this week granted the \$349 million contract to supply command, control and communications

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systems to the Australian Army. Australian Minister for Defence Personnel Greg Combet said the deal is a big step forward for the Australian Defence Forces (ADF).

Not only is the relationship a trade one, but some of the contract will be completed in Australia. "Systems integration testing will be performed in Melbourne, while vehicle integration into over 1000 army vehicles will occur in Brisbane," Combet said. It will also be rolled out in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Elbit CEO Joseph Ackerman said the order would be completed over the next three years. "Australia is a very important market for Elbit Systems, and we are extremely proud to be selected by the Department of Defence for this major program," Ackerman said."

Now read Gordon Duff's assessment from the "Military Veterans and Foreign Affairs" journal. <http://www.veteranstoday.com/2010/03/16/gordon-duff-u-s-tells-israel-you-are-undermining-america-endangering-troops/>.

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U.S. Tells Israel: "You are undermining America, endangering troops": "Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Clinton and Joint Chief's Chairman Mike Mullen have all recently visited Israel on two issues, reliable information that Israel was planning an attack on Iran, a plan designed to push America into a war our leaders believe is both wrong and likely to risk a global nuclear confrontation with Russia and the building of a massive housing project on the Arab side of Jerusalem in violation of numerous agreements, a project that is likely to cause a spike in world terrorism and send thousands of new fighters to Afghanistan to face American forces there.

This is the worst point in the history of the relationship between the U.S. and Israel since the founding of that nation in 1948 but these are not the only reasons, not these and the arrogant and intractable attitude of Israel's leaders nor being caught in lie after lie, lies told to their financial backer and closest ally, the United States.

Here is some background on CENTOM Commander, General Petraeus' shocking briefing: On Jan. 16, two days after a killer earthquake hit Haiti, a team of senior military officers from the U.S. Central Command (responsible for overseeing American security interests in the Middle East), arrived at the Pentagon to brief Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Adm. Michael Mullen on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The team had been dispatched by CENTCOM commander Gen. David Petraeus to underline his growing worries at the lack of progress in resolving the issue. The 33-slide, 45-minute PowerPoint briefing stunned Mullen. The briefers reported that there was a growing perception among Arab leaders that the U.S. was incapable of standing up to Israel, that CENTCOM's mostly Arab constituency was losing faith in American promises, that Israeli intransigence on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was jeopardizing U.S. standing in the region...

"Everywhere they went, the message was pretty humbling," a Pentagon officer familiar with the briefing says. "America was not only viewed as weak, but its military posture in the region was eroding."

But Petraeus wasn't finished: two days after the Mullen briefing, Petraeus sent a paper to the White House requesting that the West Bank and Gaza (which, with Israel, is a part of the European Command – or EUCOM), be made a part of his area of operations. The Mullen briefing and Petraeus's request hit the White House like a bombshell... pressing Israel once again on the settlements issue, sending Mitchell on a visit to a number of Arab capitals and dispatching Mullen for a carefully arranged

meeting with the chief of the Israeli General Staff, Lt. General Gabi Ashkenazi. ... Certainly, it was thought, Israel would get the message. Israel didn't. When Vice President Joe Biden was embarrassed by an Israeli announcement that the Netanyahu government was building 1,600 new homes in East Jerusalem, the administration reacted.

But no one was more outraged than Biden who, according to the Israeli daily *Yedioth Ahronoth*, engaged in a private, and angry, exchange with the Israeli Prime Minister:

"This is starting to get dangerous for us," Biden reportedly told Netanyahu. "What you're doing here undermines the security of our troops who are fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. That endangers us and it endangers regional peace."

Yedioth Ahronoth went on to report: "The vice president told his Israeli hosts that since many people in the Muslim world perceived a connection between Israel's actions and U.S. policy, any decision about construction that undermines Palestinian rights in East Jerusalem could have an impact on the personal safety of American troops fighting against Islamic terrorism." The message couldn't be plainer: Israel's intransigence could cost American lives.

The deterioration started long before this and can be tracked by changing perceptions in the Obama administration whose leaders are heavily "pro-Israel" but lack the extremist convictions of the Zionist/extremist group that surrounded President Bush. When Obama took office, even Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, one of the most prominent Israeli proponents in the country, had become aware of the extent of Israeli involvement in areas that had taken the "special relationship" into an area of disaster for the United States.

This is what was discovered: The military and intelligence organizations in the United States had been penetrated by Israel, not only through our normal broad partnership but the planting of "moles", many from the Christian Zionist community who were taking direction from Israel and not the United States. The result wasn't just limited to falsification of intelligence, both leading to endless phony terror alerts and non-existent enemies but to skewing operations in a manner to guarantee their failure with significant American cost in both lives and money. The massive spy network uncovered by Sibel Edmonds had been tracked, almost entirely to Israel.

Edmonds had been silenced by National Security Letters issued by John Ashcroft, leading Christian Zionist in the Bush Administration and constant "private" visitor to Israel. After 6 years of spying at the highest levels of the White House, Department of State, Congress and the Pentagon, the network grew even more, accessing nearly all top U.S. intelligence and selling it on the open market.

Most disastrous of the stolen intelligence was the data on the new JSF, the F35 Joint Strike Fighter. All data on this new \$300 billion dollar project fell into Israeli hands in 2008, information that may have turned the air superiority fighter meant to rule the skies for the next 30 years into a "target sled." This is the biggest intelligence attack on the U.S. since the Pollard/Israeli scandal.

Pollard, an American Jew reputedly associated with Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, stole America's battle plans for the defense of NATO, our entire spy/surveillance network plans and full ultra-top secret detailed plans that could have negated America's nuclear deterrent during the most dangerous times of the Cold War. Pollard's information was sold to the Soviets by Israel, information that could have let Russia win World War III.

The Israeli attack on Gaza was timed to an American change of administration and done without consultation. Broad intelligence sources indicate that the attacks were not in retaliation to any terrorist activity but are spoken of "behind closed doors" by top US officials as ethnic cleansing not unlike the issues that brought NATO into conflict with Serbia. The systematic nature of the attack, destroying water-treatment, schools, hospitals, food storage, power generation and the massive loss of life, especially among children, has soured many in the Obama camp on Israel.

Israel's use of the Jewish lobby in the U.S. to hold up President Obama's domestic agenda and their use of Jewish controlled media to embarrass the President has caused more bitterness. With Jewish controlled/owned Fox, CNN (Wolf Blitzer, formerly of the *Jerusalem Post*), ABC, CBS, NBC networks and other major news sources all working in concert against, particularly President Obama's health care initiative, Israel is seen as "flexing its muscle" even more. The believed rationale is the removal of all non-Jews from Israel, dead or alive, with a powerless U.S. government paying the bills and fighting the massive terrorist backlash for generations.

The Israeli agenda of working with India to destabilize Pakistan, organize terror attacks there and, less publicly known, in Afghanistan and Iraq, some against American targets, can no longer be ignored by the current administration, Secretary Gates, General's Mullen and Petraeus. Israeli's "dynamic duo," Senators McCain and Lieberman, though still holding important committee assignments on the hill, are being held increasingly in disrepute in the United States. When Israel sends these two on errands, it no longer carries the weight and power of the United States as it had during the Bush administration. Re-examination of a number of terrorist attacks during the Bush administration, particularly in Europe, show a clear "Mossad footprint," something adding credence to the hypothesis that the "war on terror" and intelligence failures in Iraq had been heavily influenced by Israeli sources, many of the same individuals tied to the Edmonds spy affair, many close to, not only Israel but President Bush and Vice President Cheney. Recently a secret El Al/Israel flight from JFK in New York has been discovered, a flight authorized by top Bush officials, one previously kept secret and now being tied covering up 9/11 intelligence failures. The El Al Boeing 747 left only hours after the 9/11 attack, at a time all air traffic in the United States was grounded.

With nearly all Arab/Muslim governments aligned behind the U.S., including a softening of tensions with Iran, Israel feels it must act quickly. However, the U.S. no longer has any strategic requirement for a relationship with Israel. What had been seen as a potential ally, perhaps now wrongly so, in the region is now generally perceived as a "runaway train" that the United States can no longer go to the United Nations time after time to protect from sanctions, 32 times thus far. Israel clearly feels it has the United States "over a barrel" with control of media, a massive AIPAC lobby working against American policy and huge new financial influence over the upcoming Congressional elections handed over to them by the highly controversial 5/4 Supreme Court "free speech" election funding decision clearly meant to aid Israel further in her ability to intimidate Congress.

Unofficially, Israel has moved to the top of America's "terrorist watch list" and is now drifting toward "evildoer" status, not only by the White House but, more broadly, through top defense officials who now perceive Israel as a threat to the United States."

JOIN THE 'TEA PARTY' by James Reed: You know that something is good by the type of criticism that attaches to it. According to E.J. Dionne Jr. (*The Australian*, 12/2/2010, p.10) it is 'racism' which is fuelling the 'Tea Party'. The 'Tea Party' is a grass roots conservative and largely Christian response to B. Hussein Obama's presidency. They see Obama as a dangerous socialist. They are opposed to the multiracial, multicultural, political coalition that Obama represents. But so what? What's wrong with opposing it – it is a free country isn't it?

Of course, supporters of the US Freedom movement see that 'freedom' is only that which the politically correct coalition is willing to grant them and that is why they fight on. They are unlikely to be frightened of big bad words such as 'racism'. We need the equivalent of the Tea Party movement in Australia. Anyone for a cup of tea?