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U. S. Steps Up Plan to "Pacify" Iraq

On October 7, the New York Times reported that the Pentagon has plans to "retake" some 20 to 30 towns and cities throughout Iraq in the next few months.

The plan was approved at the highest level of the White House and is contained in a classified document titled "U.S. National Strategy for Supporting Iraq."

Recent U.S. military offensives in Samarra and the northern Babil Province, as well as airstrikes against Fallujah, are typical examples of just how the U.S. plans to "retake" Iraqi cities and towns currently in the hands of Iraqi resistance forces.

Massive Onslaught in Samarra

In the beginning of October at least 150 people were killed and scores wounded in the two-day U.S. offensive against Samarra.

According to reports, the stench of decomposing bodies filled the corridors of Samarra's hospital as staff wearing surgical masks lifted corpses out of the building one after the other.

Ambulances were going around Samarra to collect the bodies of the dead, while many buildings in the city's commercial district were either riddled with bullets or partially destroyed. The streets were filled with burnt-out vehicles.

A spokesman for the Association of Muslim Scholars stated "Who is going to respect [the January] elections paved by the blood of Iraqis and built on their skulls?" "The United States is the world's most terrorist country in the modern age."

An eyewitness resident of the city, who went under the alias of Abi Al-Qiqaa, told reporters he saw U.S. troops shooting at a child crossing a street. "They kept firing at him though he was dead," he said.

Meanwhile, U.S. National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice stated "The reporting from the ground is that things have gone well," and cautioned it was "premature" to say that

the operation was "wrapped up" since "insurgencies have a tendency to wax and wane."

Fallujah

In Fallujah, there has been no letup to bombing from U.S. warplanes.

In what the Pentagon calls "precision strikes," hundreds of civilians, including children and elderly, have been killed and injured in recent weeks.

For example, on October 4th, U.S. warplanes unleashed strikes on two houses, killing at least 11 people, including women and children, hospital officials said.

On October 8, another 11 people were killed and another 17 wounded when U.S. planes bombed a wedding party in Fallujah.

U. S. Backs Deadly Israeli Attack on Gaza

On October 5, the United States vetoed a UN resolution demanding an immediate end to Israeli military operations in the northern Gaza Strip and the withdrawal of Israeli forces.

Israel launched its massive offensive, named "Operation Days of Penitence," into the northern Gaza strip on September 28, sending thousands of troops and hundreds of tanks and armored vehicles into the Jabaliya refugee camp and other surrounding areas.

Israeli troops sealed off the entire region, trapping over 50,000 Palestinians, destroying homes and fields, killing over 80 and wounding hundreds more. According to a UN report released on October 5, over 85 Palestinians, including 26 children, have been killed since the invasion began.

Eyewitness reports from Palestinians in the area describe widespread destruction and desperate living conditions. "Armored bulldozers have demolished scores, possibly hundreds, of homes," they said.

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DPRK Denounces U.S. Threat of Preemptive Attack

The following is excerpted from a commentary appearing in Rodong Sinmun, the organ of the Central Committee of the Korean Workers Party, and published on October 4th by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). Minor grammatical changes have been made by the staff of the AINS.

U. S. President Bush, speaking recently at the 59th session of the UN General Assembly, vociferated about the validity of the U.S. aggression on Iraq, contending that it helped liberate the Iraqi people from a dictator. He stated in length, without hesitation, that the U.S. would have attacked Iraq even if it had known that the latter had no weapons of mass destruction...

As the world public recognizes, the Iraqi war unleashed by the U.S. was a war of injustice marred by the criminal massacre of Iraqis, and the worst human rights abuses.

Extreme social confusion and disorder, a never-ending vicious cycle of terrorism and retaliation, tragedies of bloodshed everywhere, growing unemployment and economic stagnancy -- this is the reality of Iraq "liberated from the dictator," as claimed by Bush.

His rigmarole about "liberation" and "help" is an insult to the Iraqi people, a challenge to international law, and the logic of a murderous robber. His outpouring that the U.S. would have attacked Iraq even though it had known that the latter had no weapons of mass destruction glaringly reveals the aggressive and predatory nature of the United States.

The U.S., which has become more arrogant through its aggression on Iraq, is intensifying its military moves around

the Korean peninsula, directing the sharp edge of its preemptive strike to the DPRK. The situation is becoming more complicated, and the danger of war is growing at the moment when the next round of the six-party talks ended abruptly, owing to the U.S.

The U.S. threat of preemptive attack on the DPRK is being carried into reality.

This reality leaves the DPRK no alternative but to increase its war deterrent in every possible way with high revolutionary vigilance. No one can tell when the U.S. imperialists will make a preemptive attack on the DPRK, as they regard it as a key to the implementation of their strategy of aggression on Asia.

More Threats and Aggression Against Syria

U. S. officials have been stepping up pressure against Syria, warning that the Syrian government is "supporting terrorism" and that unless it changes its policy within the next few weeks, the Bush administration will consider economic and military measures. They warned that the U.S. has drafted a range of military options meant to "put Damascus on the defensive and encourage insurrection within Syria."

On September 26, the U.S. State Department reiterated its criticism of Syria, blaming it for attacks against the U.S. military in Iraq.

An official stated "If Americans are dying in Iraq because of Syrian policies, then this is something we are not going to tolerate." The official said "It's not just a question of border control...Institutions within Syria are actively colluding with our enemies in Iraq."

In addition, the U.S. government is demanding that Syria end its political support for various Palestinian resistance organizations.

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"Thousands of people have spent days without electricity and water," according to residents, and "the destruction of sewage systems has contaminated the water supplies."

The UN resolution would have condemned "the broad military incursion and attacks by the Israeli occupying forces in the area of northern Gaza Strip, including in and around the Jabaliya refugee camp, resulting in extensive human casualties and destruction and exacerbating the dire humanitarian situation." It demanded "the immediate cessation of all military operations in the area of northern Gaza and the withdrawal of the Israeli occupying forces from that area."

Official States Israeli Goal is to Prevent Palestinian Homeland

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's chief of staff, Dov Weisglass, stated on October 6, that Israel's goal of "withdrawing" from some parts of the Gaza Strip was designed specifically to prevent the creation of a Palestinian state.

"The significance of our (unilateral) disengagement plan is the freezing of the peace process. It supplies the formaldehyde necessary so there is no political process with Palestinians," Weisglass said in an interview published in the Haaretz daily. "When you freeze the process, you prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state ... Effectively, this whole package called a Palestinian state, with all it entails, has been removed indefinitely from our agenda."

He also boasted that the Israeli plan was endorsed by the U.S. government, stating "And all this with authority and permission. All with a [US] presidential blessing and the ratification of both houses of Congress....What I effectively agreed to with the Americans was that part of the settlements would not be dealt with at all, and the rest will not be dealt with until the Palestinians turn into Finns."

He also said later on Israeli radio "there was definitely an intention not to hold a political process with the PNA [Palestinian National Authority] in its present state."