When dictators meet

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President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran met with President Bashar Assad today following his recent victory in the presidential elections in Syria. They were both joined by Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah in the Syrian capital, who had apparently entered the country via a secret underground passage. The three dictators, who were all involved in last summer's Second Lebanese War with Israel, used the occasion to continue their war of words against the Jewish state.

Quote: ""We hope that the hot weather of this summer will coincide with similar victories for the region's peoples, and with consequent defeat for the region's enemies," Ahmadinejad added, in an apparent reference to Israel. During his one-day trip to Damascus, Ahmadinejad held talks with counterpart Bashar Assad which focused on the Iraq situation, Palestinian territories and Lebanon, where both Teheran and Damascus wield influence. "The enemies of the region should abandon plans to attack the interests of this region, or they would be burned by the wrath of the region's peoples," the hardline Iranian leader said at a joint press conference with Assad.

The meeting of the three dictators came on the same day Israeli President Shimon Peres seemingly called Assad's bluff, when he stated there is no substitute for <u>direct negotiations</u> between Israel and Syria's leaders, symbolizing their mutual recognition. It is my own opinion, and also of others, that the Golan Heights is more useful to Syria in Israeli hands than in their own. For if Israel cedes the Golan Heights to Syria, there will no longer be a pretext for war with Israel. What's worse is, they might actually have to sign a peace agreement with Israel, and lose the support of their Iranian friends. But I believe Assad does not want to remain isolated by the international community, and thus we have these conflicting announcements of war and peace. And as President Ahmadinejad is in Syria strengthening his grip on the region, thousands of Christians converged on

Capitol Hill

yesterday to express their support for Israel, and to urge the US government to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons...

Quote: " Hagee said Mideast tensions shouldn't be blamed on Israel, but on Islamic radicals and moderate Muslims who won't condemn them. Hagee continued to warn against Iranian President Ahmadinejad, calling him the new Hitler, saying the Iranian president will use a nuclear bomb to destroy Israel the first chance he gets. Ahmadinejad must be stopped, Hagee said, calling on the United State to attack Iran immediately.

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John Hagee is right, I do believe Iran is trying to obtain nuclear weapons, and they probably would use the bomb against Israel the first chance they got. But I'm not sure that he is right in calling for a war against Iran. My reason for thinking that is, I don't read of any country intervening on Israel's behalf in the Ezekiel 38-39 war. The invasion mentioned in these chapters happens at a time when Israel is at rest, not when the nation is expecting a conflict (Ezekiel 38:11). And the reason why no other nation intervenes is so that God will get all the glory when Israel destroys their enemies (Ezekiel 39:6). Remember the story of Gideon and his 300 men...

Judges 7:2

And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

Yes, we should be for Israel and we should be against tyranny, but we need to remember that the battle is the Lord's, and also the victory.

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

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