

Re: Yet Another Roswell Thread

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Ian Parker wrote:

On 21 Jul, 22:09, Einar <eina...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

The interesting question is where this leaves Israel. Could Iran ever forge an anti Sunni alliance with Isreal? It would certainly make good realpolitical sense. I think there is one historical precedent in that Richlieu was a Catholic cardinal who supported the Protestants during the Thirty Years War. A Catholic victory would have consolidated the power of the Hapsburgs that would not have been in the interests of France.

The countries bordering Israel are all predomentantly Sunni. A Shiite Iraq would in fact be the equivalent of a Hapsburg defeat as far as Isreal is concerned. Iran in its turn would want to keep the Sunnis occupied in the West. The point is that countries often act in ways contrary to their stated ideology.

You remember the saying "the enemy of my enemy is my friend." So, the real politic question then is who is the greater threat, not in the past, but right now and in the near future? France decided to aid the protestants because the leadership of France saw the attempts of the German emperor to forge a unified state out of the German empire as the greater threat to the interests of France. The leaders of France

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saw that a unified German empire would be stronger than France, something which ultimately came true once Germany was finally unified during the 1870s. So it was with certain foresight and string does of irony, but France massacred its own protestants, that France aided the Protestants in theyr struggle against the armies of the German emperor.

Now, when thinking about Israel the question then is, which is the Greater threat the rise of Iran or the squabbling sunni states. I think the reply to that is clear, Iran clearly has the potential to be more dangerous. I suspect that in the near future, remember how likely it probably is that the sunnis will essentially come to be fighting Iran inside Iraq, the Sunnis also will see Iran as the more immediate threat.

Now, if that is so, then the old saying "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" may come to apply, namelly a real chance may arise for a durable peacetreaty betwenn the sunni powers and Israel.

I see your logic. I am not absolutely certain. It depends whether you perceive terrorism or conventional war to be the major threat. The problem Israel faces is that it does not have anyone to negotiate with. The Palestinians complain constantly about Israeli security measures.

If you had one power Iran terrorism would be met by a conventional response (air raids). Terrorism would ultimately lead to a conventional war. You can have conventional war where you have an address.

Iran would be a power that was interested in stability. Squabbling Sunni states cannot hope for a conventional victory yet they are extremely effective at spreading chaos and instability + economic decline and popular discontent.

The West by the way is not threatened by conventionall war. The US will win any conventional war relatively easily. What it is in fact threatened with is an unstable region and popular discontent. If there is discontent in Iran or any strong country it will either be taken on board or suppressed repressively.

I think terrorism is a minor threat. They cain maintain a certain nuisance level, but that´s basigly all what they have been capable of being. Iran is interested in power. They are not at likely to go to a direct war with the sunni states. But, it looks likely that in the coming years they´ll become a nuclear power. They do have got ballistic missile technology. So it looks likely that eventually they´ll aquire the capability to nuke Israel and for that any other country within the region. The sunnis will feal very threatened,

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lurking behind the background is an old hatred between sunnis and shites which could rise to the foreground. They are likely to be fighting Iran soon in a proxy war inside Iraq. Iran could perhaps make use of varyous shite minorities about the Middle East. The sunnis are likely to use repression against those. These gowernments after all are not particularly noted for being nice, and sunni minorities tend to have a second class citizen status of one sort or another. A situation ripe for trouble.

The question then is which side will appear more threathening to Israel? My guess is that Iran with its nukes, and government of mullas, will look like the greater threat.

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BTW – Any attempt to enforce US sanctions on Iran in Europe will simply consolidate the position of Russia as the prime energy supplier to Europe. Russia is going to continue business with Iran regaredless of what Uncle Sam does. The US will find that it is not in a position to pich and choose its energy suppliers. Putin (and his successor Ivanov) are aware of this even if Bush is not. Russia might even build a pipeline which would enable Iran to export oil overland via the Russian oil/gas network. Thus the Straight of Hormuz could be blocked off with impunity. Does Bush and the CIA know this. Have they twigged it.

There is litle doubt that an embargo on Iran will be full of holes, thus not effective.

It will still be effective in transferring power to Russia and China.

Depends on how Russia and China will play that situation, but yes both may gain.

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What may develop is some sort of a regional Cold War struggle. Most certainly USA has developed the situation into Iranian hands. The sunni Arabs must be seeing the actions of the Bush regime as an absolute catastrophe.

That is why I call it the Central Stupidity Agency. Bush has bolstered Iran though he never intended to. Is it an absolute catastrophe for Israel and the West? Remains to be seen. Certainly if you want to smash Al Qaeda, Iran is certainly going to do that. I can see Al Qaeda being smashed, but on the other hand Iran and Russia will get a stranglehold on energy supplies. We need a lot more scientific research. I believe the US should pull out of Iraq devoting part of the money to nuclear power, solar energy and the extraction of methane hydrates.

Yes, Iran is no friend of al-Qaeda, which is orchestrating attacks against shites inside Iraq.

Bush junior may come to be seen as the worst president in the entire history of the USA.

Historically power passing to Asia may be inevitable, but it will be speeded up enormously by the actions of GWB. One other point. I am giving my AI examples to you in french. Fred McCall states, almost proudly, that he does not know Spanish. My reply to him was a matter of pure population statistics. US + Latin America can form a block which will rival Asian countries. The US has been very good at NOT winning friends in Latin America. This is another part of the geopolitical equation and one that is often glossed over.

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– Ian Parker

China is going to become a more powerful state than the USA. So is India in time, though bit longer into the future. USA can maintain a strong position in alliance with other states. This is the great idiocy of the neoconservatives, the idea that the USA is a hyperpower and that thus it can act alone without anybody else's consent. All the past governments of USA from the WW2 have known USA needs its allies, that simply hasn't changed. USA will continue to need its allies. That means, USA will have to accept that sometimes, if the allies don't agree, it is not getting its way. Even in the future with two superpowers, India and China, USA with Europe and number of other allies, can maintain a position as the third power.

Einar

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