

Israel's intelligence chief predicted Al-Jazeera as the cause of the next war in the Middle East

THE FALSE FRIEND: WIKILEAKS REVELATIONS ABOUT QATAR, AL-JAZEERA, AND TERRORISM

KEY CONCLUSIONS:

- **Al-Jazeera is a foreign policy instrument of the Qatar regime.**
- **Qatar produced some of the 9/11 terrorist plotters who may still be on the loose.**
- **Qatar is a state sponsor of terrorism because it serves as a financial base for al-Qaeda and the Taliban.**
- **Obama officials are publicly lying about Qatar being a friend of the U.S.**
- **Al-Jazeera was judged to be the most probable cause of another Middle East war, as a result of the chaos it was causing in and among Arab states.**

Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Qatar

Fortune: \$2.4 billion (up)

Age: 58

Became ruler after deposing father in a bloodless coup in 1995. Leads one of the best-performing global economies, based on rising oil and gas prices; GDP rose 9.5% last year and is set for double-digit growth this year. Qatar Holding purchased Britain's Harrod's department store [for] more than \$2 billion. Emir is leading Qatar's bid for the 2022 World Cup, the first time it would be staged in the Middle East if the bid is accepted. In spare time, cruises on his 436-foot super-yacht Al Mirqab, one of world's largest.

Source: The World's Richest Royals, Forbes.

http://www.forbes.com/2010/07/07/richest-royals-wealth-monarch-wedding-divorce-billionaire_slide_9.html

"Built for Middle Eastern Royalty, Al Mirqab is one of the largest and most beautiful yachts on the water," says www.superyachts.com .

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[Mossad Director Meir] Dagan characterized Qatar as "a real problem," and accused Sheikh Hamid of "annoying everyone." In his view, Qatar is trying to play all sides -- Syria, Iran, Hamas -- in an effort to achieve security and some degree of independence. "I think you should remove your bases from there...seriously," said Dagan. "They have confidence only because of the U.S. presence." Dagan predicted, with some humor, that al-Jazeera would be the next cause of war in the Middle East as some Arab leaders (specifically Saudi Arabia) are willing to take drastic steps to shut down the channel, and hold Sheikh Hamid personally responsible for its provocations.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/us-embassy-cables-documents/116742/print>

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EXCERPTS:

We expect Qatar therefore to persist in supporting problematic players such as Hamas, Hezbollah and Syria, even as it attempts to strengthen its relationship with the United States and its GCC neighbors. **We expect the trend in favor of using Al Jazeera as an informal tool of GOQ foreign policy to continue undiminished.**

C) The Internal Security Force (ISF), on the other hand, is quickly emerging as Qatar's premier security force.



20. (C) **AL JAZEERA WILL REMAIN A TOOL OF FOREIGN POLICY**

-- (C) Over the coming 36 months - in a trend that has held steady over the past three off-sites - the regional Al Jazeera Arabic news channel will continue to be an instrument of Qatari influence, and continue to be an expression, however uncoordinated, of the nation's foreign policy. **Qatar will continue to use Al Jazeera as a bargaining tool to repair relationships with other countries, particularly those soured by Al Jazeera's broadcasts, including the United States.**

-- (C) **Anecdotal evidence suggests, and former Al Jazeera board members have affirmed, that the United States has been portrayed more positively since the advent of the Obama administration.** We expect that trend to continue and to further develop as U.S.-Qatari relations improve, particularly to the extent that Al Jazeera coverage is made part of our bilateral discussions - as it has been to favorable effect between Qatar and Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria and other countries.

As a result, to the extent the USG remains focused on counter-terrorism, **cooperation between our intelligence services will remain poor**, because Qatar's State Security (QSS) simply does not see a credible terrorist threat here.

Qatar and the 9/11 attacks

Telegraph: WikiLeaks: Qatar's moderate reputation hit by 9/11 link
The revelation that a group of potential 9/11 plotters came from Qatar will come as a blow to the country's wealthy royal rulers, who have been at pains to portray the oil-rich emirate as a beacon of stability and moderation in a volatile region.

Telegraph: The FBI has launched a manhunt for a previously unknown team of men suspected to be part of the 9/11 attacks... Secret documents reveal that the three Qatari men conducted surveillance on the targets, provided “support” to the plotters and had tickets for a flight to Washington on the eve of the atrocities.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/wikileaks-files/september-11-wikileaks/8297069/DEMARCHE-IN-SUPPORT-OF-U.S.CANDIDACY-FOR-IMO.html>

Al Jazeera rejects leaked US claims

Al Jazeera says the leaked US cables about the network are very far from the truth.

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How Al-Jazeera “covered” this embarrassing cable.

<http://213.251.145.96/cable/2009/12/09STATE131801.html>

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The emir's yacht

<http://www.liveyachting.com/al-mirqab>

(S/NF) Qatar has adopted a largely passive approach to cooperating with the U.S. against terrorist financing. Qatar's overall level of CT cooperation with the U.S. is considered the worst in the region. Al-Qaida, the Taliban, UN-1267 listed LeT, and other terrorist groups exploit Qatar as a fundraising locale. Although Qatar's security services have the capability to deal with direct threats and occasionally have put that capability to use, they have been hesitant to act against known terrorists out of concern for appearing to be aligned with the U.S. and provoking reprisals.