

Rally

No Deals with the Iranian mullahs!

***Down with Iran's atomic program and
its Austrian and European supporters!
It's about Israel – and the remainder of political reason!***

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Stephansplatz, Vienna

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Ahmadinejad calls for the annihilation of Israel on a regular basis. Iran's former president Rafsanjani, considered in the West a 'moderate,' gushes over a single atomic bomb being sufficient enough to obliterate Israel. The nuclear weapons the Iranian mullahs intend to build threaten the whole world. There is no dialog to conduct with representatives of the Iranian dictatorship, which persecutes religious minorities such as the Baha'i and executes homosexuals. They are prepared to sacrifice the inhabitants of their very own country for their apocalyptic goals, on behalf of which they unleash yet the worst repressions against each and every effort among the population towards emancipation. That is to say: once they possess atomic weapons, politics of deterrence will prove ineffective. Whoever seeks to conduct a dialog and business with them, pursues the same appeasement which once facilitated a war in Europe that turned into the largest war of extermination in history.

A 22 billion euro deal with the Iranian dictatorship aimed for the end of this year would elevate Austria and Europe to long term strategic partners of these political forces who, under new religious and political guises, find themselves on the verge of tying in with the National Socialist state's delusions of extermination. Is the fact that Iran's newest rockets could reach Europe taken into account? That is: how vulnerable to blackmailing does one actually wish to become? The OMV deal would furnish Ahmadinejad's regime and his djihadistic fascism with an economic as well as a political and progandistic triumph which needs to be prevented, should political reason still stand a chance. A comprehensive cessation of economic relations would break down the atomic program likewise.

A cohesive effort by Western constitutional democracies would have to

consistently put economic and political pressure on Iran. We demand of the Austrian government and Austrian parties to exhaust all possibilities of exerting economic and political pressure on the regime in Tehran in order to prevent an enhancement of Iranian destruction capabilities with atomic weapons.

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Hassan Nasrallah, leader of the Iranian-financed and -armed Hezbollah in Lebanon, openly stated: "If they (Jews) all gather in Israel, it will save us the trouble of going after them worldwide." Ahmadinejad calls for the annihilation of Israel on a regular basis. Iran's former president Rafsanjani, considered in the West a 'moderate,' declared the deployment of a single atomic bomb near Tel Aviv to be sufficient enough for the obliteration of Israel. The sublimity of such an objective would render the deaths of millions of Iranians, as a consequence of Israeli retaliation, acceptable.

For nearly 30 years a bloody dictatorship, which persecutes, tortures and murders members of the opposition, has ruled Iran. The mullah regime promulgates a campaign against the West and appealed for the Jewish state's destruction, even prior to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Despite Iran's assurances of its nuclear program's civil purpose, there exists little doubt about an intention to develop nuclear weapons. Atomic weapons in the hands of a regime, whose political program includes Israel's annihilation, represents a qualitatively greater threat. In the meantime, Iran's atomic program is far advanced and Iranian politicians publicly divulged their appreciation of European negotiation efforts as a means for extending the window of opportunity to complete the atomic facilities. Iran's nuclear

armament and antisemitic propaganda constitute an existential menace to Israel.

Second Holocaust

Based on experience with National Socialism one should grasp the futility of attempting to argue similar regimes out of executing their schemes via concessions, offers of compromise or any other efforts towards appeasement. One should also come to realize that murderers of Jews advertise their crimes in earnest, regardless of how ludicrous they might sound. That is to say: the battle against the Iranian regime and the circumvention of its armament with nuclear weapons stand for nothing less than the prevention of a second Shoah.

Iran's aggressive external front exhibits an internal equivalent. Systematic persecutions of minorities – such as the Baha'i – take place. Repressive enforcements of coercive sexual morality increasingly occur. Lately numerous adolescents, accused of homosexual activities, were executed and masses of women, accused of dressing “immodestly”, arrested. The regime not only reacts to exertions of personal freedoms with full force, but also brutally suppresses self-organized struggles of workers as the dictatorship outlaws independent unions. Its goal consists in the establishment of a formed society, whose citizens voluntarily abdicate individual freedom and economic prosperity in order to serve the national ambitions of uniting the Islamic Ummah under Shiite auspices and eradicating the Jewish state. The diatribe of holocaust-denier Ahmadinejad at the “A world without zionism” conference, during which he called for Israel's annihilation, demonstrated but one articulation thereof.

There is no dialog to conduct with representatives of the Iranian dictatorship. Rather than possessing the will to achieve a settlement or compromise of some sort, they pursue a 'peace' built atop the debris of the Shoah survivors' country and the corpses of its Jewish inhabitants. It is absolutely imperative to fight these antisemites and sworn enemies of any emancipatory endeavor whatsoever under all circumstances. However in Austria, where even indigenous Nazis may expect leniency and tolerance, the opposite currently represents common practice. European public reactions to the cartoon controversy and judicial practices concerning “honor killings” respectively coerced marriages show an inability and reluctance to decidedly counter tendencies of barbarization. Meanwhile Austrian foreign policy not only participates in European appeasement towards djihadist fascism, but also sets up a transition to collaboration. While diplomatically comforting critics of Iran, the OMV – Central Europe's leading oil and natural gas corporation – plans deals worth billions of euros with Tehran's Mullahs: Austria's top listed industrial company can feel confident of the Austrian government's backing and the opposition parties' approval.

OMV – godfather of terror?

The OMV is able to look back on a long tradition: the extension of conveyor systems during the National Socialist war of extermination yielded Austria the second largest oil production in Europe. Initially the Soviet Union was able to utilize these vast resources as former “German property” for its own purposes; with the Austrian State Treaty – the treaty of 1955 which established Austria as a sovereign

state – this legacy changed hands to the Republic of Austria in the shape of the OMV in 1956.

A 22 billion euro deal with the Iranian dictatorship aimed for the end of this year would elevate Austria and Europe to long term strategic partners of Tehran's apocalyptic gang of martyrs who, under new religious and political guises, find themselves on the verge of tying in with the National Socialist state's delusions of extermination. This would furnish Ahmadinejad's regime with an economic as well as a political and progandistic triumph, which needs to be prevented, should political reason still stand a chance.

A rally in Vienna will obviously not deter Iran from building atomic weapons. A cohesive effort by Western constitutional democracies would have to consistently put economic and political pressure on Iran. They should not merely threaten to militarily destroy the Iranian nuclear program, but moreover, given this regime's preparedness to use its inhabitants as voluntary and involuntary shields, follow through with it, once threats prove ineffective. Insofar as the US continues to strive for this sole reasonable approach, EU "foreign policy" – with Austria as its avantgarde in the worst possible meaning of the word – amounts to precluding such a course of action in the first place.

The boundaries of enlightenment will soon be reached. Whoever, for the purpose of influencing public opinion against the OMV's deal, trusts in a reasoning which emphasizes the danger new Iranian missiles would pose to Europe as well, underestimates European propensity towards political crimes - a motif exceedingly pronounced in Austria. Under these preconditions Iranian threats prompt a desire to get on its good side as much as possible, even to work together more and more. Deliberately leaving oneself vulnerable to blackmailing appears to embody the modality in which appeasement crosses over into collaboration. The Spanish election results after the 3/11 Madrid bombings in 2004 have shown the way.

Nevertheless we demand especially of the Austrian government and Austrian parties to exhaust all possibilities of exerting economic and political pressure on the regime in Tehran in order to still prevent an enhancement of Iranian destruction capabilities with atomic weapons. Ultimately, at the end of the day, we demand: to categorically leave the military option open regarding the existential threat to Israel.