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Sleep well....

I am an anesthesiologist. Sometimes I have the feeling that I was born anesthesiologist, so much of my life I spent in the operating room and in each of the domains of activity of this splendid specialty.

During all my professional life I worked and met hundreds (thousands?) of people dedicated, like me, to this medical field.

I must confess that a lot of them proved to be much better than me because they have been, professionally, better educated, possessed more experience, and (I have to recognize) have been much more gifted than me.

But I never, never, did I envy any of them. I have never been jealous, I looked into the reality and got it as it was. I was content with what I had and nothing more.

But, something changed in this subject.

In the last couple of years, I became jealous for some special achievements in this domain.

And I must confess, as years pass, this feeling becomes stronger and stronger.

Long time ago I became aware of definition of perfect anesthesia: an ideal situation, in which the patient is completely separated from the reality, nothing which happens in the surrounding atmosphere disturbs him, he is calm, relaxed, I should say even serene and happy, sometimes cooperative with

his/her surgeon but, if necessary, deeply asleep.

I am sure that the above description had the effect I was hoping to have: you became curious to know who is the doctor and who is the patient.

I do not intend to keep you anxious and nervous.

Ok, here it is. Iran is the doctor and the civilized world the patient!!!

Neither Hitler, nor Saddam Hussein or Kim Jon Un have been as successful in anesthetizing the whole world as Iran leadership is.

But the danger is much more critical than in any other similar situation.

For the first time in the modern history a country accumulated everything it needs in order to become a real enemy for all the others:

*a large population (almost 90 million people)

*a vast reserve of oil (reproduced from Google: *"fourth largest in the world at approximately as of 2013, although it ranks third if unconventional oil are excluded. This is roughly 10% of the world's total proven petroleum reserves. At 2020 rates of production, Iran's oil reserves would last 145 years if no new oil was found"*)

*a dictatorial system, one of the cruelest and oppressing regime, making impossible any opposition from inside

*a fundamentalist Islam regime, the most extremist nowadays

*only one step behind possessing nuclear capacity.

This combination is monstrous, and the last years proved that I am not exaggerating.

Let's be clear.

As per today, Iran represents a real danger for Israel. It created a network of international terror: Hezbollah, Hamas, the Syrian militias, the Hu'ties in Yemen.

October 7 last year was only the starting point for a general attack against us.

One has to understand: this was not an action in order to help the Palestinians in their desire to have a country of their own. They do not give a damn on Palestinians situation (just have a look how Gaza is looking now....). Everything was (and still is) done with one single aim: Israel disappearance, and nothing less. This is written, this is said, this is not a secret.

And everything comes from Iran, whose leaders proclaim: the aim is disappearance of the Zionist entity from the world map.

Unfortunately, not everybody in Israel paid attention to this fact, and even if this is now clear and not disputable anymore, no step was taken by our government (neither alone, nor with the USA) and thus, the Iranian danger is here to stay.

But one has to be idiot not to understand that Israel disappearance is just the first step.

The next one is to transform Iran into a regional power, with a possibility to control everything which will happen in a large part of the world map, from India to Egypt (if not more).

It is not me who discovered this new reality.

Barry Ruben (director of the Global Research in International Affairs (GLORIA) Center, Interdisciplinary university) wrote:” *One of the most important developments in the early twenty-first century Middle East is the rise of Iran to become a **regional** great power. This has come about not solely because Iran has an Islamist regime or even that it was driving strenuously for nuclear weapons, but also due to other factors including the country's geopolitical assets and a relative power vacuum*”.

Some people would say: OK, this is not our problem. Let's Israel solve it, it is its problem, Israel is in danger and that is all. False!

But there is a third step: Islam above all the world. *Deutschland uber alles*, do you remember?!

And “they” are patient, “they” have time.

Here, once again, Ruben, who concludes: “...it is reasonable to say that Iran's growing power is possibly the most dangerous situation that **the world** will face in the coming years”.

So, let's come back to “anesthesia”.

Do you agree with me that the whole world (and mainly the Western powers like the USA, UK, France, Germany, etc) is in a state of stupor, of deep sleep, of unconsciousness?

It is just a question of time.

Iran will have soon the nuclear weapon, not to use it (hopefully!), but to threaten, to neutralize any opposition or resistance to its plans.

Please, do not confuse Iran with the Nazi Germany.

Germany's population in 1933 was around 45 million. Germany had neither oil, nor nuclear capacity (they have been near to it, but fortunately they did not get it), Germany didn't have like Iran- 1.8 billion Moslems behind her, some of them ready to help the monstrous plans to conquer the world.

But, exactly as it happened almost one century ago, it happens now: the big powers are impotent, in a state of hibernation/sedation/ stupor/ superficial anesthesia/deep coma (select the proper word). What did wake them up 84 years ago was the fact that Germany started the war. The result? Between 75-85 million have died during that war.

Do the Western powers have the right to wait till Iran will attack? How many millions will die in the next world conflagration?

I am not the first one who says that those who do not learn from the history lessons are prone to repeat them. This was George Santayana who wrote:

Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it, and also: Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

Yes, the countries belonging to the Western civilization have a nice life, a high economic level, their people do not have to carry out the most difficult jobs, this is done by the foreigners (you know very well from what countries do they come to Europe!), nothing to worry about, at least for the time being. Yes, from time to time Israel is in danger, but Israel can take care of itself, and the Western help (mainly weapons) is sent to the Jewish

state, together with a lot of nice words of solidarity, with the aim that the Israeli people will win the war.

But this is just a test case.

Who would be the next victim?

I must confess: most probably I will not be here to witness the next tragic events. But most of you will be! You have a good chance to get "live" the next world tragedy.

No, it would not come at once, not as a big, unique hit. It would happen gradually, in steps, in stages.

So, sleep well, you are in the hands of the most successful "anesthesiologist".

Our only problem is a simple one: "he" possesses the art of making people sleep, but "he" has neither interest, no reason to wake up the "patient"...

We have a word in Hebrew, in translation: you have been warned!

I wish you good night and pleasant dreams.

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