

# Declassified Documents: Zionist Regime, S Africa Conducted Nuclear Test in 1979

WEST BANK (Dispatches) – A new trove of declassified documents indicates that the Zionist regime and the Apartheid regime of South Africa conducted a joint nuclear test in the South Atlantic Ocean nearly four decades ago.

At the dawn of September 22, 1979, the American VELA spy satellite registered a double flash of light over the ocean, hundreds of kilometers off the coast of South Africa, that caused panic in the administration of then U.S. President Jimmy Carter, leading to speculations that the mysterious phenomenon could be created by two prime suspects, namely South Africa and the Zionist regime.

Two months later, a special panel, assigned by the White House and composed of eight experts, launched an investigation into the incident but could not determine whether the detected signal had been the result of a “nuclear explosion” or just the “reflection of sunlight from a small meteoroid or a piece of space debris passing near the satellite.”

Later, it was alleged that U.S. officials interfered in the panel’s deliberations and tipped the final report against the idea of a joint test by the two regimes.

An array of inconclusive and contradictory claims regarding the mysterious flash has been offered ever since, with Washington adopting the satellite’s technical malfunction scenario and not the nuclear one.

On Thursday, however, Georgetown University’s National Security Archive published declassified documents, through an article, on its website, shedding new light on the flash of light, and strongly suggesting that based on the aftereffects and intelligence gathered at the time, the incident was in fact a nuclear explosion conducted by the two regimes.

The documents were released from the estate of Gerard Smith, a former ambassador and special envoy on nuclear nonproliferation issues in Carter’s administration. Smith, who died in 1994, was quoted in the article as saying, “I was never able



File photo shows an atomic bomb test.

to break free from the thought that [the event of September 22, 1979] was a joint operation between Israel and South Africa.”

The new documents cite a June 1980 State Department report, in which Jack Varona, then a Defense Intelligence Agency vice director, claimed that the investigation launched at the time of the incident was a “white wash, due to political considerations,” using “flimsy evidence” to arrive at a “non-nuclear” explanation.

He argued that the “weight of the evidence pointed towards a nuclear event,” particularly the hydroacoustic data analyzed by the Naval Research Laboratory.

The data involved “signals... unique to nuclear shots in a maritime environment,” and emanating from the area of “shallow waters between Prince Edward and Marion Islands, south-east of South Africa.”

Both the Zionist regime and South Africa have strongly denied the nuclear test claim since then.

## ‘Promised Victory Coming for Syria, Allies in Aleppo’



Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah delivers a televised speech on December 9, 2016.

BEIRUT (Dispatches) – Hezbollah Secretary General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah says the “promised” victory is imminent for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in the city of Aleppo.

During an address to the nation on regional developments, the secretary general of the Lebanese resistance movement said Washington and

some of its Western allies have supported terrorist groups wreaking havoc in the region over the past few years.

He added that cooperation and unity among nations are needed in the face of Takfiri threats in the region.

Earlier in the day, Russia said

Syrian army ground forces and allies had liberated 52 blocks in the eastern parts of the northwestern city from the grip of foreign-backed terrorists and were in control of 93 percent of the whole city.

“Safeguarding the region as well as the Islamic civilization against Takfiri threats is the only way we have,” Nasrallah said.

Hezbollah resistance fighters have been assisting government forces in Syria in the battle against terrorists.

The Hezbollah secretary general also commented on the presidency of Michel Aoun in Lebanon.

Relations between Hezbollah and the administration of the newly-elected president, Nasrallah said, will be based on mutual respect. He rejected rumors that the two sides would not get along well due to differences.

The leader of the Lebanese resistance movement also stated that Hezbollah had been falsely accused

of hindering the formation of a new government.

“Everyone is responsible for looking for ways out, for solutions, and to cooperate for us to reach the necessary conclusion on the government,” the Hezbollah leader said, referring to Lebanon’s political factions.

He went on to say that “government... must be formed as soon as possible.”

In early November, Lebanon’s parliament elected Aoun, a Christian leader and strong ally of Hezbollah, as president, ending a vacuum in the post that had been dragging on since April 2014.

He has tasked Prime Minister-designate Saad Hariri, a Western-backed Sunni politician, with setting up a government.

Lebanon is expected to hold parliamentary elections in May 2017, the first legislative vote in the country in eight years.

### Turkey Court:

## No Legal Cases Against Zionists Over Flotilla Raid

ANKARA (Press TV) – A court in Turkey has ruled that litigation must be dropped against four Zionist military officials over a commando raid that killed 10 Turkish humanitarian aid workers in 2010.

The Turkish court trusted with the case dropped it after a closed-door hearing as per an agreement between Ankara and Tel Aviv on the restoration of bilateral diplomatic ties, which had been severed after the attack.

Under the agreement, which was struck in June, Ankara settled for just an apology and compensations to the families of the Turkish victims, pledged not to hold Zionist individuals liable for the assault, and also backed down from its earlier demand that Tel Aviv lift its siege of the Gaza Strip.

Turkey’s private Dogan news agency reported that the court had also waived arrest warrants against the Zionists, among whom was the regime’s former military

chief of staff Gabi Ashkenazi.

The Turkish activists were attacked on board Mavi Marmara — the lead ship in a six-vessel aid convoy heading for the Israeli-blockaded Gaza Strip — in international waters in the Mediterranean Sea. Nine died on the spot, and a tenth succumbed to injuries later. The others were detained by Zionist troops.

The court case had been brought on behalf of 740 individuals from 37 countries, who say their loved ones had been wounded, assaulted, or imprisoned during the raid.

The normalization of ties between Turkey and the occupying regime also entailed the posting of ambassadors. The occupying regime’s first ambassador to Turkey since the rupture in the relations, which saw Ankara expelling the previous envoy, commenced his work on Monday.

Reports said that tumult erupted at the courthouse before the



People shout slogans against the Zionist regime as the lawyers of the Turkish victims of a 2010 Israeli raid speak to the media outside Istanbul’s main courthouse.

verdict was read.

The lawyers and families of the victims walked out of courtroom shouting “Damn Israel” and “Mavi Marmara our honor.”

Selcuk Kar, a lawyer from Humanitarian Relief Foundation (IHH), which had sponsored the aid convoy, said the judge dismissed the case in haste. “The

judicial process will continue. It is not over yet. We will continue to try all legal ways but... Israel is already convicted,” he said.

With the bilateral deal between Turkey and the Zionist regime, it will be very unlikely, if not impossible, for the plaintiffs to be able to press their case again in a Turkish court.

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He emphasized that Iran’s security and stability are rooted in the country’s history and said Iranians would continue to play their historic role in the future.

“Terrorist groups and Daesh have been created with the purpose of harming Iran’s security but they are undermining the security of their own supporters,” Jahangiri said.

He emphasized that Iran enjoys good conditions at a time that the Middle East is faced with tensions and chaos.

The Iranian vice president further pointed to “worrying” developments across the world and stressed the importance of making wise decisions in line with national interests.

Chairman of the Iranian Parliament’s Committee on National Security and Foreign Policy Alaeddin Boroujerdi said on Thursday that the recent anti-Iran comments by the British prime minister prove that London is pursuing a divisive agenda.

He added that May’s remarks among “subservient regional countries are not compatible with the reality” of the Islamic Republic and “indicate Britain’s divisive policy.”

## U.S. Rushes ...

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The warning came a day after the White House said U.S. President Barack Obama had relaxed the so-called Arms Export Control Act for the militants in Syria.

“Certainly, the worst result of this decision would be those weapons, including MANPADs (man-portable anti-air missiles), ending up in the hands of terrorists,” Peskov said.

Last year, Washington earmarked almost \$500 million to arming and training of the “moderates.” It had also slackened its arms embargo against certain militants back in 2013.

## U.S. Accuses ...

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The hacked emails passed to WikiLeaks were a regular source of embarrassment to the Clinton campaign during the race for the presidency.

U.S. intelligence analysts have assessed “with high confidence” that at some point in the extended presidential campaign Russian President Vladimir Putin’s government had decided to try to bolster Trump’s chances of winning.

The Russians appear to have concluded that Trump had a shot at winning and that he would be much friendlier to Russia than Clinton would be, especially on issues such as maintaining economic sanctions and imposing additional ones, the official said.

Moscow is launching a similar effort to influence the next German election, following an escalating campaign to promote far-right and nationalist political parties and individuals in Europe that began more than a decade ago, the official said.

In both cases, said the official, Putin’s campaigns in both Europe and the United States are intended to disrupt and discredit the Western concept of democracy by promoting extremist candidates, parties, and political figures.

In October, the U.S. government formally accused Russia of a campaign of cyber attacks against Democratic Party organizations ahead of the Nov. 8 presidential election. Obama has said he warned Putin about consequences for the attacks.

Trump has said he is not convinced Russia was behind the cyber attacks. His transition team issued a statement on “claims of foreign interference in U.S. elections” on Friday but did not directly address the issue.

“I don’t believe they interfered,” Trump told Time magazine about Russia in an interview published this week. “That became a laughing point, not a talking point, a laughing point. Any time I do something, they say, ‘Oh, Russia interfered.’”