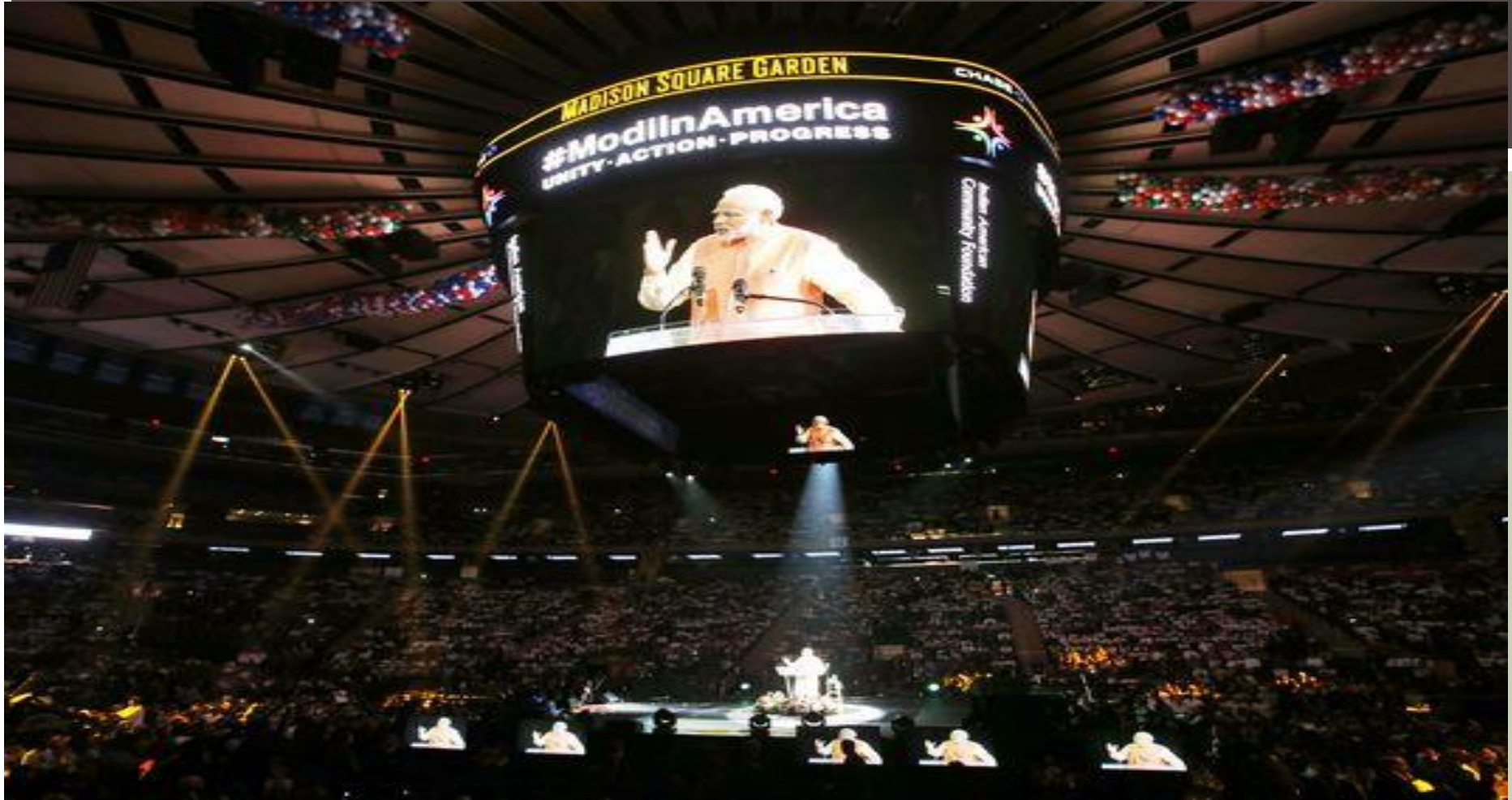


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# STORY 1



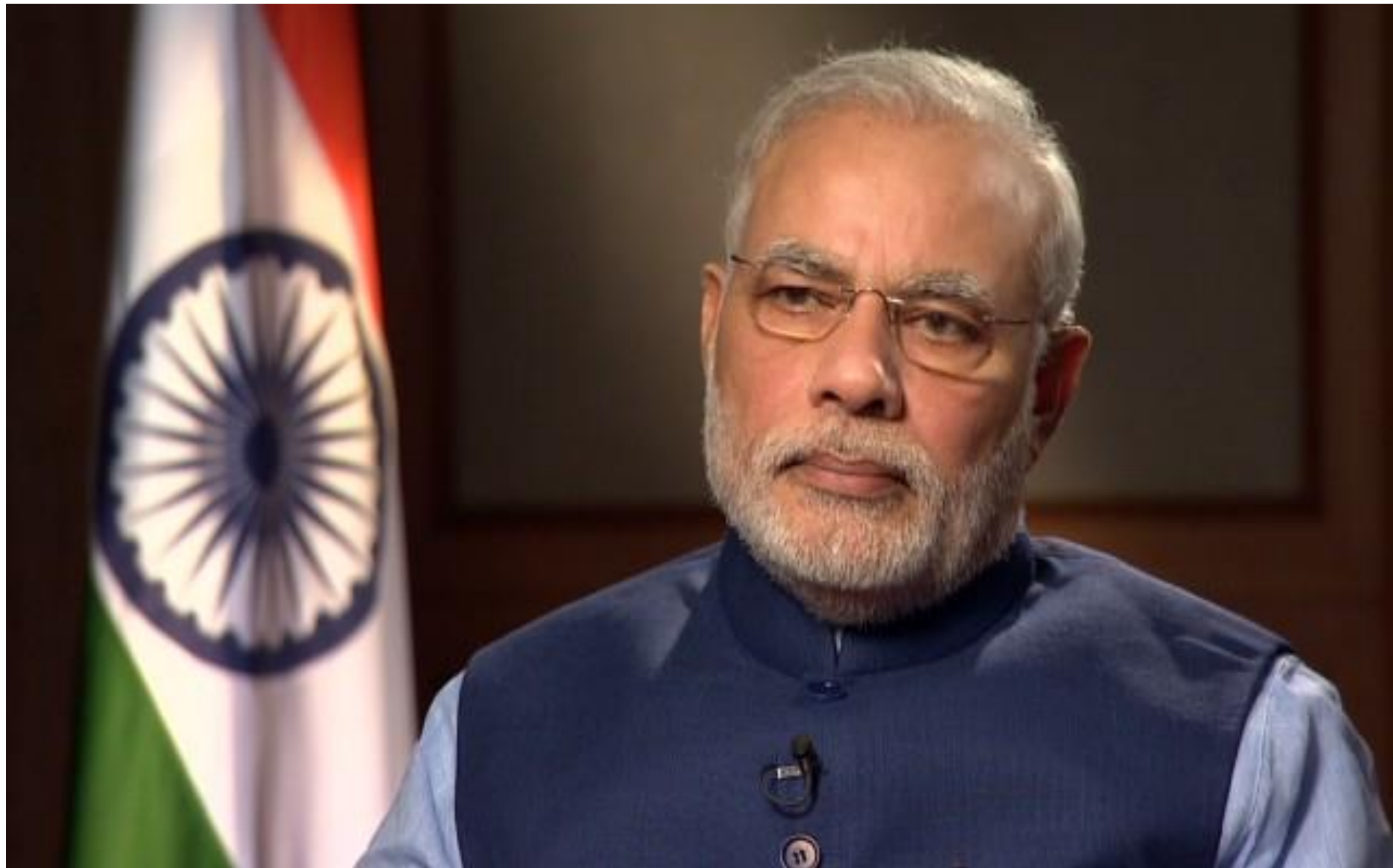
**Caption:** NEW YORK — India's new prime minister took on rock star status Sunday at a reception in Madison Square Garden, as thousands of Indian-Americans cheered the leader during his first U.S. visit.

[Dorell, Oren. "India's Prime Minister Modi thrills, angers in New York." USA Today. Gannett, 28 Sept. 2014. Web. 29 Sept. 2014. <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2014/09/28/india-modi-appearance-divides-new-yorkers/16385889/>.](http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2014/09/28/india-modi-appearance-divides-new-yorkers/16385889/)



**Caption:** On Sept. 26, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in the US for his first official visit after a nine-year visa ban over allegations that he failed to stop anti-Muslim rioting when he was Chief Minister of Gujarat.

["Modi's India center of multipolar world - this threatens US hegemony'." - RT Op-Edge. N.p., n.d. Web. 29 Sept. 2014. <http://rt.com/op-edge/191472-modi-visits-usa-india-relations/>.](http://rt.com/op-edge/191472-modi-visits-usa-india-relations/)



**Caption: Modi: india and u.s are 'BOUND TOGETHER'**  
Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is visiting the United States

Fontaine, Richard. "Why Modi's visit matters." *CNN*. Cable News Network, 1 Jan. 1970. Web. 29 Sept. 2014.  
<<http://www.cnn.com/2014/09/28/opinion/fontaine-modi-visit/>>.

# SUMMARY

The *US Today* reported on Prime Ministers Modi's speech mostly to the Indian community in USA. However, despite covering his future plans for India, *USToday* reported the news most on Mr. Modi's ban from the USA eight years. Moreover, RT also reported the news based on Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrival in the US for his first official visit after a nine-year visa ban over allegations that he failed to stop anti-Muslim rioting when he was Chief Minister of Gujarat. In 2005, he was denied entry to the US under a 1998 law barring entry to foreigners who have committed "*particularly severe violations of religious freedom.*" Despite the title of this article "Modi's India center of multipolar world - this threatens US hegemony", much of the article is focused on Modi's past than India's place in the international society. Furthermore, the article by CNN did discuss India and USA's bilateral investments. This article has somewhat seem to manage to focus on USA and India relations and plans for future allies as opposed to how Modi seems to be in USA after initially being banned as in the former articles.

# STORY 2



**Caption:** Kim Jong-un was last photographed by state media at a concert on 3 September. Photograph: Wong Maye-E/AP

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/sep/26/north-korea-kim-jong-un-ill-health>

"North Korea admits to Kim Jong-un's ill-health for first time." *The Guardian*. N.p., n.d. Web. 26 Sept. 2014.

<<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/sep/26/north-korea-kim-jong-un-ill-health>>.



**Caption:** North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during a visit to the Songdownon International Children's Camp. (KCNA via Reuters)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/worldviews/wp/2014/09/26/why-no-one-knows-whats-going-on-in-kim-jong-uns-north-korea/>



**Caption:** He appears to have gained weight in the months following the late 2013 execution of his uncle, Jang Song Thaek, as the most recently published photographs shows.

"N. Korea's Kim triggers health speculation." *Shanghai Daily*. N.p., 18 Apr. 2013. Web. 3 Oct. 2014. <<http://www.shanghaidaily.com/world/N-Koreas-Kim-triggers-health-speculation/shdaily.shtml>>.

# SUMMARY

*The Guardian* reported on Kim Jong Un's health as reported by North Korean media of him suffering from 'discomfort'. State media issued the brief comment on Kim's physical condition after he failed to appear at a session of the supreme people's assembly – North Korea's national legislature, where leaders would normally be expected to make an appearance. Some analysts were skeptical about rumors' surrounding Kim's health. "Kim Jong-Un's failure to attend yesterday's [supreme people's assembly] meeting does not necessarily indicate he has a health problem," said Michael Madden, an expert on the North Korean leadership and contributor to the 38 North website. Moreover, Reuters reported a similar names giving rise to more hearsay as to why Kim Jong Un has not being attending legislative meetings. The quote hinges on one word – "discomfort." That's a word that could refer to quite a lot of different things. It could mean a chronic ailment or a life-threatening disease, but it could also mean a bad pair of shoes. The New York Times offered a slightly different, though equally vague, translation: that Kim was not "feeling well." furthermore, shanghai daily reported that they have actually seen footage of from an event with key officials in July showed him walking with a limp , hence suggesting that he is physically sick right now. Shanghai daily further went to comment that French doctors had been called to North Korea which North Korean Media has yet to confirm.

# STORY 3



***Caption:*** Secretary of State John Kerry shakes hands with Vietnamese Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh as they speak to media at the State Department in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014, before having a working lunch. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Press, Matthew. "US Eases Ban on Lethal Arms Sales to Vietnam." ABC News. ABC News Network, n.d. Web. 2 Oct. 2014. <<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/us-eases-ban-lethal-arms-sales-vietnam-25925358>>.



**Caption:** WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (Xinhua) – The Obama administration said on Thursday that it is moving to partially lift a 30-year-old arms embargo against Vietnam.

["U.S. lifting ban on lethal arms sales to Vietnam." - Xinhua. N.p., n.d. Web. 2 Oct. 2014.](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-10/03/c_133689631.htm)  
<[http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-10/03/c\\_133689631.htm](http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/world/2014-10/03/c_133689631.htm)>.



**Caption:** The focus will be on helping Vietnam patrol and defend itself in the South China Sea, US officials say [AFP]

"US partly lifts arms embargo on Vietnam." - Asia-Pacific. N.p., n.d. Web. 2 Oct. 2014.

<<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia-pacific/2014/10/us-partly-lifts-arms-embargo-vietnam-2014103233416624.html>>.

# SUMMARY

According to *USA News* article “US Eases Ban on Lethal Arms Sales to Vietnam” The United States announced Thursday it was partially lifting its ban on sales of weaponry to Vietnam to help its maritime security in a sign of deepening ties between the former enemies. The news went on to say that U.S. officials said it could include both boats and air assets, subject to discussion with Vietnam and evaluation of its needs, particularly its coast guard. The decision was not directed at China, which is likely to be irritated by the move. Beijing eyes increased U.S. military engagement in Asia as an attempt to contain its rise. Furthermore, according to *Xinhua China News*, the U.S is lifting ban on lethal arms sales to Vietnam rather than “easing” which China sees as a threat. This article talked about China’s perspective and their thoughts on this issue. The article quoted “In remarks delivered at the Asia Society in New York on Sept. 24, Minh said the ban was “abnormal,” saying Washington and Hanoi have normalized relations for nearly 20 years and set up a “comprehensive partnership” in 2013.” Moreover, *Aljaeera News* also reported on the same news but wrote along the lines of USA partially lifting weapon ban. The news was in favor of Vietnam and improving its maritime security. It also stated and supported USA’s stand that the policy change was not an “anti-China” move. The focus is on helping Vietnam patrol and defend itself in the South China Sea, amid growing naval challenges from China, the officials said, but future weapons sales could include airborne systems as well as ships. All the three articles phrased the titles to show the papers view on the issue as opposed to reporting the issue correctly.

# STORY 4



**Caption:** The American and the Chinese heads of foreign offices exchanged their views on the massive protests in Hong Kong before their talks at the US State Department on Wednesday.

["Internal affair': Beijing warns foreign countries not to meddle in Hong Kong." - RT News. N.p., n.d. Web. 3 Oct. 2014. <http://rt.com/news/192404-china-us-internal-affairs/>.](http://rt.com/news/192404-china-us-internal-affairs/)



***Caption:*** US secretary of state John Kerry with Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi in Washington on Wednesday. Photograph: Mladen Antonov/AFP/Getty Images

*"Hong Kong protests: China warns US not to meddle in 'internal affairs'." theguardian. N.p., n.d. Web. 2 Oct. 2014. <<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/oct/02/hong-kong-protests-china-warns-us-not-to-meddle>>.*



**Caption: Muted celebration as China marks 65th National Day**

[China tells US not to meddle in Hong Kong.](http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia-pacific/2014/10/china-tells-us-not-meddle-hong-kong-201410122107122567.html) - *Asia-Pacific*. N.p., n.d. Web. 1 Oct. 2014.  
<<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/asia-pacific/2014/10/china-tells-us-not-meddle-hong-kong-201410122107122567.html>>.

# SUMMARY

RT on Thursday reported on China's warning to other countries in regards to the Hong Kong protests. China's foreign minister made it clear Beijing would not allow other countries to meddle into its 'internal affairs'. Hong Kong affairs are China's internal affairs," Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said. "All countries should respect China's sovereignty. And this is also a basic principle governing international relations. I believe for any country, for any society, no one will allow those illegal acts that violate public order."

Wang added he believed the current Hong Kong leadership was able to handle the large-scale sit-ins by itself. RT shed light on China's stand on the issue and its expectation from the international community however in the articles reporting the same news, they only seem to focus on China threatening the USA instead of China's message to all overseas countries. *The Guardian* focused on USA's stand on the issue much to the dismay of the Chinese. "The United States and China have clashed over the pro-democracy protests sweeping Hong Kong, with Beijing warning Washington to back off and saying it would not tolerate "illegal acts". "The Chinese government has very firmly and clearly stated its position. Hong Kong affairs are China's internal affairs," Moreover, Aljazeera News shed light on Hong Kong protestors and their situation.

# STORY 5



**Caption:** Washington harshly criticized Israel's decision to move forward with new settlements in east Jerusalem on Wednesday, adding that the plan could alienate Tel Aviv from "even its closest allies."

["US warns Israel against building new settlements in E. Jerusalem." - RT USA. N.p., n.d. Web. 2 Oct. 2014. <http://rt.com/usa/192348-usa-israel-settlements-jerusalem/>.](http://rt.com/usa/192348-usa-israel-settlements-jerusalem/)



*Caption:* Henry Schwartz, a prominent entrepreneur and **EMPact America** founder, spoke with Arutz Sheva following his organization's **National Security Action Summit** last week.

*"Israel, Prepare For Armageddon And Forget US Help'." Arutz Sheva. N.p., n.d. Web. 3 Oct. 2014. <<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News>*



**Caption: Palestinians in Gaza celebrate a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas on Tuesday, August 26**

[Labott, Elise. "Has Gaza conflict brought new low in U.S.-Israel relationship?." CNN. Cable News Network, 1 Jan. 1970. Web. 3 Oct. 2014. <http://www.cnn.com/2014/08/05/politics/israel-us-relationship/>.](http://www.cnn.com/2014/08/05/politics/israel-us-relationship/)

# SUMMARY

Reuters reported Washington's deteriorating relations with its best allies. Washington harshly criticized Israel's decision to move forward with new settlements in east Jerusalem on Wednesday, adding that the plan could alienate Tel Aviv from "even its closest allies." US State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the development – which calls for more than 2,600 new homes in a highly contested area of east Jerusalem – would make world nations "*question Israel's ultimate commitment to a peaceful negotiated settlement*" with Palestinians.

*"This development will only draw condemnation from the international community, distance Israel from even its closest allies, poison the atmosphere not only with the Palestinians but also with the very Arab governments with which Prime Minister [Benjamin] Netanyahu said he wanted to build relations,"*

Moreover *Israeli Times* reported that USA has now abandoned them. US President Barack Obama has given Iran permission to build a nuclear weapon through a "bogus deal," charged Schwartz, warning the Iranians "will come back to Israel, G-d forbid, they will come back to America." "Giving Israel bunker busters and (fuel) tankers, and a lot more so that they can go ahead and do America's job is the very minimum that America should do," appraised the conservative leader. Schwartz warned that the Obama administration is "effectively an enemy" of Israel, opining that if Israeli acted to take out Iran's nuclear program, "Obama would probably be a detriment to Israel," and "feed intelligence" to Iran about Israeli activities. Israel must find new alliances and not rely on the US, warned Schwartz, saying "America is not going to be here to take care of Israel; it can't take care of itself." Turning to the Israeli public and leaders, Schwartz warned the Jewish state must "prepare for armageddon," given the clearly expressed Iranian intentions to destroy Israel coupled with the Islamic regime's nuclear program.

**THE END**