



Is China Iran's white knight?

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Introduction

Unlike North Korea, Iran has not made one nuclear bomb yet. It receives different treatment from United States. The American has raised an advertising campaign to denuclearization of Iran through embargo and threatens to perform strategic surgical military action. But it sounds like a paper tiger or is it?

Iraq and Iran

Both countries are Islamic and both were and are non-American friendly countries (NAFC). Iraq has an elected government that does not cooperate with the American policy but continues to enjoy its American subsidies. Iran has been shipping oil to the American but found the American's hand of control getting tighter than it prefers. Like Saddam Hussein, it is developing the weapon of mass destruction (WMD). The only difference is that it does not conceal its intention, plan and plants. Two neighbour Islamic countries follow the same route but they are receiving different treatment from Uncle Sam up to now. American has proposed to embargo the Iran. This has never been effective to any country. Consider the massive navy action against Cuba in the '60s, the result is poor and ineffective. American has 3 war zones in that area already: Iraq, Afghanistan, and unofficially the Palestine. Could the American afford it? Would it be the last straw for the camel back of the US economy? I think it is very close. For those who would like to take advantage of the situation, they should invest some money on the weapon makers.

Game of Chicken

American is playing another game of chicken with the Iranians. At the end, it may be forced to act on it. President Bush may be difficult to act this time because Tony is not in power to form an international to up-hold the justice in Iran. Bush could against the will of many but act along the will of some to rage the war but the consequent could be dangerous.

To play a game of chicken, you must have two parties. Mr. Bush's threat is to destroy the nuclear facilities. The Iranian is to do something that hurts the American if American bomb-out the nuclear facility which going to create a nuclear bomb. This is not a game of chicken. The American is being forced into this situation by itself. The nuclear bomb is not the centre of the issue. Any one has access to Internet, they can see pounds and pounds of nuclear bomb grade uranium are unaccounted for. If you have the will you have the way.

China Card

China has struck a lot of energy deals in the Middle East including Iran. Iran is also a healthy importer of Chinese goods. Any redirection of wealth to war means less spending in trade. May be. China also sells ammunition to Iran and so does Russia. War may not reduce the current account. Why Russia does not stand up for Iraq? I see the Russian are more pragmatic and don't care too much on politics unless it hurts the wallet and it has energy. China wants more energy supply. Any unstable situation could create unnecessary interruption of energy supply that translates to higher energy price. China does not want it.

Like North Korea situation, China steps in. This time it is much earlier than the time line to war to arbitrate. I would see this time the holding position will be a very long time because you could not shout rudely to your banker who knows that you may not even able to pay the interest.

Chinese will be acting like any businessman to protect its business interest.

Fundamentalist

There is a wild card in this situation: The Fundamentalist. They could act in surprise and could not be predicted either by the Iran government or Chinese. If the Fundamentalist decided to do something on American soil, it is not a difficult task. What we need to think is what will the American do after that? The empathy will not be on the Iran side. The military retaliation by the American alone would be agreeable. But what is the return? If there is nothing why would American do that?

So the chicken and egg question has to be answered. Why the American government sticks its head out? Would it be related to the rumor that the American government is all driven by Jews? I would not have knowledge about the true but the conjecture.

There is also another chicken and egg question. Why did the Iranian want to destroy the Jews? Well I think the logic would be the same why the Jews beat up the Islamic during the Seven Day War.

It is a vicious cycle of revenge over four thousand years. Can we bring back King Solomon to solve this case?

Resources

[1] CIA Factbook for Iran <http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/ir.html>