



Atomic Anxiety

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Julian Phillips: *Pakistan top nuclear scientist admitting to trading nuclear secret information and crippling the global black market. And now it looks like Iran and Libya were their main business partners.*

Juliet Huddy: Joining us to talk about it is Fox News foreign affairs analyst, Alireza Jafarzadeh.

Alireza Jafarzadeh: Thank you.

Juliet Huddy: Alright, Pakistan, Libya, Iran, did the international community underestimate how advanced these countries were in terms of their nuclear advancement?

Alireza Jafarzadeh: I think the international community did underestimate the advancement of these countries. I don't think they knew about this whole black market, but I think, particularly in the case of Iran there was a big underestimate. They're much more advanced and they have a sophisticated uranium enrichment facility, they're now saying they want to provide it to the international market. They have a very sophisticated delivery system and missiles, the Shahab 3 with a range of 880 miles and they have already found a number of discrepancies in the supposedly transparent report that Iran had submitted that raises new concerns that not only were they advanced, but they found the new designs for a super efficient machine known as the P2.

Juliet Huddy: So how close are they?

Alireza Jafarzadeh: Well, it's very difficult to determine how close they are but according to reports coming from within the Iranian regime their own estimates have been, that if things go their way, they would be able to get the bomb by 2005.

Julian Philips: Well, that's pretty scary. We know that back in October, the Europeans opposed declaring Iran in noncompliance in the UN Security Council. Are we, with the latest information out there, now that perhaps that they might actually harden their stands and change how they view Iran as to what they have and what their potential is.

Alireza Jafarzadeh: Well, Julian, I think now the United States is in a very good position to go back to the Europeans, telling them, look you suggested that we should offer Tehran a pie in exchange for their cooperation and abandoning their nuclear weapons program, look what happened, the Ayatollahs ate the pie and they continued making the bomb. So I think with these two new revelations, the US is in a very strong

position to argue against the Europeans and they should definitely pursue a policy of zero tolerance, they have already violated, they are in noncompliance, they should be referred to the UN Security Council. No time should be wasted.

Juliet Huddy: So Iran the wild card, Libya seems to be under control though, I least ...

Alireza Jafarzadeh: Exactly, Libya is pretty much out of the picture.

Juliet Huddy: Yeah. We got...

Alireza Jafarzadeh: They weren't even this close to begin with. So you really need to focus on Iran and try to get the nuclear Genie back in the bottle.

Julian Phillips: One question quickly. How does Russia play in this? They have a large nuclear arsenal; some say they also were the big factor in the black market. What do you say?

Alireza Jafarzadeh: Well, I know the biggest help they had provided so far was in terms of the Bushehr nuclear energy that gave a proper cover, a facade to the nuclear weapons program of the Iranian regime.

Juliet Huddy: Oh, yeah. How many of those scientists are just MIA!

Alireza Jafarzadeh: Yeah.

Juliet Huddy: Alireza Jafarzadeh, was that right?

Alireza Jafarzadeh: Perfect, Juliet.

Juliet Huddy: Thank you very much, sir.

Alireza Jafarzadeh: Thank you very much.

Juliet Huddy: We'll definitely have you back to talk about this.