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## **East of Nakba (24)**

### **Part I. Israel bombs a nuclear plant in Iran**

#### **Chapter 24. U.S. military embarks on (2)**



The turmoil in the Persian Gulf region was further escalated by the US containment policy of Iran, which was triggered by the alleged nuclear development in Iran. It was the US logic that once Iran took lead in nuclear development in the region, the entire Middle East would become unstable and Iranian nuclear weapons might be smuggled to Islamic terrorist organizations in the future.

But the U.S. vital interest was Israeli security. For the United States, Israel itself was located far from U.S. where was geographically on the opposite side of the world beyond the Atlantic Ocean. And Israel was not so much economic significance for U.S. Nevertheless, the United States supported Israel because politicians were manipulated by the pressure of the Israeli lobby. And the Christian right-wing had special feelings for the sanctuary Jerusalem in Israel. Furthermore, the 9/11 attacks by Arab terrorist ignited the Islamophobia within U.S. citizen. Israel and its U.S. lobbyists made use of such phenomena utmost.

Israeli right-wing government and military always claimed that "Kill enemy before being killed by them!" or "Offense is the best defense". They became more and more tough when Iran constructed additional nuclear facilities. They have previously bombed Osirak nuclear power plant in Iraq and alleged nuclear facility in Syria. Israel did not hesitate attack the enemy whenever its security was threatened. It was not a matter of the level whether the threat was obvious or not. It was like the sixth sense that whether they felt the threat or not.

Such sixth sense of the Israeli right-wing government was quite different from those living in a peaceful world like the Japanese. Israelis have coexisted with threats for over 60 years since their founding. They never accepted the ordinary threat or peace theory. The correct response to someone who might attack in the near future was to kill them before been killed by them. In such circumstance, their own violence was the right one and enemy's violence was the wrong one to be defeated.

Now Iran was the enemy. Reckless hardliners in Israel. Many of the US parliamentarians. And right-

wing religious leaders. They unanimously supported the violence. Washington was no longer able to hold them back.

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