Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Vitaminous on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 01:13:30 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

CNN: Syria1. Envoy insists Syria cooperating with U.S. (02.16.2005) Syria's ambassador to the United States said Wednesday his country has worked diligently to ease tensions with the United States.

2. Hariri buried amid chaotic scenes (02.16.2005)

The body of Rafik Hariri, the assassinated former prime minister of Lebanon, has been buried amid a passionate crush of mourners crowded around the mosque Hariri helped build.

3. U.N. envoy says he warned Hariri (02.15.2005)

A U.N. special envoy says he warned former Lebanese prime minister Rafik Hariri about a "very high risk for violence and assassinations" just days before Hariri was killed in Monday's deadly bomb blast.

4. U.S. pressure mounts on Syria (02.15.2005)

U.S. pressure is mounting on Syria in the wake of the deadly bomb blast in Lebanon that killed former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

5. U.S. recalls envoy from Syria (02.15.2005)

The United States announced Tuesday the recall of its ambassador to Syria in response to the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

6. Sharon vows fight to prevent Israeli rift (02.15.2005)

Facing threats to his plan to withdraw settlements from Gaza and parts of the West Bank, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Tuesday he "will do everything in [his] power to prevent a rift in the nation" over the issue.

7. Accusations fly over Beirut blast (02.15.2005)

Lebanon's opposition says it holds Syria and the pro-Damascus Lebanese government responsible for the death of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

8. Accusations fly over Beirut blast (02.15.2005)

Although not directly blaming them for the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, members of the Lebanese opposition late Monday said they hold Syria and the pro-Damascus Lebanese government responsible for the death of the businessman who helped rebuild his country after it had been wracked by years of civil war.

9. Sadler: Worst scenes since civil war (02.14.2005)

Former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri has been killed in a huge explosion in Beirut, with several others killed as a result of the blast, with several more injured.

10. Eyewitness describes blast horror (02.14.2005)

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CNN: Iran1. Official: Attack on U.S. may be a 'matter of time' (02.16.2005) Groups associated with al Qaeda are at the top of the list of threats to the United States, leading government intelligence officials said Wednesday, saying Iran has emerged as the top threat to American interests in the Middle East.

2. Iran: U.S. flying nuke spy drones (02.16.2005)

The United States has been flying spy drones over Iran's nuclear sites, Iran's intelligence minister has been quoted as saying.

3. Blast reported in southern Iran (02.16.2005)

A large blast has been reported near the southern Iranian port city of Dailam, in the province where the country has a nuclear power plant, according to Iranian state television.

4. Goss warns of terror threat to U.S. (02.16.2005)

U.S. intelligence officials warned Wednesday that the threat of al Qaeda or other terrorist groups attacking the United States was still likely -- probably in the form of a car bomb or other low-tech weapon.

5. Goss: North Korea's nuclear capability grown (02.16.2005)

North Korea's nuclear weapons arsenal has grown since the country was labeled part of an "axis of evil" by President Bush three years ago, CIA Director Porter Goss testified Wednesday before the Senate Select Intelligence Committee.

6. Kashmir bus route to reopen (02.16.2005)

India and Pakistan have announced the reopening of a bus route between the two sides of the disputed region of Kashmir.

7. Envoy insists Syria cooperating with U.S. (02.16.2005)

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8. Iran blast 'not caused by attack' (02.16.2005)

A large blast near the southern port city of Dailam in Iran was the result of "geophysical exploration" in the oil-rich area, a local official in the Bushehr province said.

9. Europe hit by Greenspan comments (02.16.2005)

European shares snapped a four-session rally on Wednesday as investors used a hint by the U.S. Federal Reserve that more monetary tightening may be in the offing as an excuse to lock in recent market gains.

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11. Top news events: Your picks (02.15.2005)

As CNN celebrates its anniversary by highlighting the most memorable news stories of the past

25 years, we've asked readers to participate by sending in their comments about the events that had an impact on their lives.

12. China to push for N. Korean talks (02.14.2005)

China's foreign minister has promised Washington that Beijing would push North Korea to return to six-party talks over its nuclear ambitions, a senior U.S. State Department official said.

13. Huge blast kills Lebanese ex-PM (02.14.2005)

Former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri was among 10 people killed on Monday when a massive bomb blast hit his motorcade in central Beirut.

So... Thoughts?

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by IRON FART on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 02:36:54 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I don't know what the issue is here, but i'm posting anyway because it helps my post count.

So...What the issue?

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Jecht on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 02:42:14 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

ya, i was wondering the same thing.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Vitaminous on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 04:05:53 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Can't you see what's going on?

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by almor999 on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 04:21:52 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

nope...

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Vitaminous on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 04:32:01 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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The Lebanese and most of the international community want the Syrian armed forces out of Leban.

Syria forms an alliance with Iran due to the current situation.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Jecht on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 05:22:55 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

um....cool?

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by IRON FART on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 06:59:22 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Syria forms an alliance with Iran due to the current situation. Why didn't you say that in the first place?

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Kytten9 on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 08:05:41 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

:rolleyes:

Subject: Oh yes.

http://apnews.myway.com/article/20050217/D889VGEO0.html

Indeed this is not good.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Doitle on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 13:39:29 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Why would you ally with a country you know won't exist for much longer?

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by cheesesoda on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 15:54:09 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I don't know, but I don't see the rest of the world having a problem with us going against Syria. Iran, I thank you.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Kytten9 on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 16:36:30 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

There is massive opposition from the EC over that actually Jake....not to mention the English public completely opposes any assault, attack or troop mobiliaztion against Iran, even our foriegn secretary is trying to talk the US down from Iran....simply put, we neither want, nor can afford another war in the gulf....and its coming up to the General Elections here so for now our government will say No.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by cheesesoda on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 16:57:44 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Yeah, but if we go after Syria, (most of) the world will support it, and then Iran will join in, so we'd end up getting our way.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Vitaminous on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 21:12:05 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message We've had this talk in Crunge.

IRON-FART Why didn't you say that in the first place?

Because I thought you'd be smart enough to associate the events.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Renx on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 22:31:40 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Blazer's link they will form a "united front" to confront possible threats against them

Isn't this exactly what the US said they were doing?

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Doitle on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 22:58:12 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

So does the WHO against aids. The Board of Education on illiteracy. That's like,

"HOLD ON HOLD ON, WHEN THE US INVADED IRAQ THE PRESSSSSSSIDENT (NOT MAI PRESIDENT BY THE WAY!!!!11!) WAS BREATHING AIR!!! NOW THE IRANIANS AND SYRIANS BREATHE AIR AND THEY ARE AN AXIS OF EVIL!!??!? HOW DOES THAT WORK! STOP HYPOCRISY IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS! IMPEACH BUSH!!!1!111"

You can't pull a random similarity out of thin air and expect people to applaud you for sleuthing out some secret injustice.

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in all honesty i dont care if there really IS or ISNT terrorist activity or nuclear weapons being built in either syria or iran, the fact remains that if any troops are sent to either country or an assualt made on either country the Arab nations will see it as an attack on one race of people and one religion and will probably band together against the US and those nations supporting them, what will all this acheive? Not a war against Terrorism (as is Bush's "agenda") but a war of Christian vs Muslim (and here i thought the crusades were hundreds of years ago :rolleyes:)

They feel they are being persecuted and really looking at the series of events who can blame them.

Don't forget that old saying: "one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter". They are raised to believe Mr America or Mr UK is the enemy, for said parties to then stroll into their country and tell them they are wrong is bound to piss them off a bit.

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Not necessarily true. A terrorist is anyone who tries to unlawfully impose a culture or ideal on someone else through violent means. So while the state of mind of someone may say "he's a freedom fighter for such and such reasons, lets join him!", the freedom fighter is also likely (but not necessarily) a terrorist too.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by IRON FART on Thu, 17 Feb 2005 23:29:24 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

If the US attacks Syria, then Iran said they would back them up. When (if) Iran gets involved, suddenly invading Syria is not going to be easy at all. Iran is much stronger than Iraq, and they can fend for themselves pretty much.

I know this is still the US that we're talking about, but its going to be a lot harder invading anywhere else in the middle east. Many of the countries involved in supporting the US in Iraq probably won't be there. Spain and France won't support. I doubt the UK will either from the general mood of the citizens there.

I made it clear that they would back up Syria without an actually expecting an invasion of any sort. This was probably just to get the US to think twice about attacking anything.

The nuclear weapons development is rubbish. Iran consumes almost as much electrical power as it produces (est 2001). Therefore the need for nuclear powerplants is perfectly viable.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Jecht on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 00:13:33 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I say, let U.S. weapons inspectors in Uranium-enriching plants to see its processes and if everything checks out, leave them alone, otherwise they will have to disarm.

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Ya, but for the main part it is. I live in Manchester England and i was in the city in 1996 when the IRA bombed it....They to me are terrorists, but to many in Ireland they were lashing out against a ristricting and invading government that was (as far as they were concerned) intruders, dictators and unwelcome "authority figures" invading their country and telling them how to lead their lives and what they could and couldnt do...If i remember correctly, didnt Hitler do the same in WWII and when we defeated him we called it freedom fighting....(Also reminds me of another proverb: To the Victor go the spoils...The worlds History is written by those who win) :lookround:

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Javaxcx on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 02:06:07 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Yes of course. To the side you're on, you probably call yourself a freedom fighter. Whether you want to admit it or not, you are imposing a belief through violent means in order to get your point across, and THAT is terrorism.

I believe, however, (although this is an assumption) that there was an international sanction for the invasion of Germany, so it can't very well be illegal, hence terrorism, now can it?

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Doitle on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 02:22:52 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I could have sworn Iraq had more forces than Iran. That's why we had to help Iran out with Iraq, cause they couldn't themselves. At any rate this is all water under the bridge... What happens will happen and if Syria, Iran and others all band together. They still can't defend themselves.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Vitaminous on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 03:52:54 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I thought you were helping Iraq?

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Nodbugger on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 04:02:40 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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HAHAHAH, I'd love to see them come up with that lame excuse after they get their ass kicked by one of the many Muslims in the US military. Ever hear of a Chaplain? Well there are Muslims, Jewish, and Christian ones in the US military.

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Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Crimson on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 17:39:14 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

And let's not forget the millions of Iraqis who came out and voted. The insurgents are not Iraqis.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Jecht on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 19:59:42 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

how soon we forget all the statues pointing at Iran. They arent pointing at Iran because they are making fun of them.

Subject: Oh yes.

Posted by SuperFlyingEngi on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 21:23:31 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

We really need to stop picking fights with Middle Eastern countries. Because as far as I can tell, that's about as far from peace as one can physically get.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Jecht on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 22:12:49 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

All they had to do was NOT Crash planes into our Monuments. And we would have left them alone.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by SuperFlyingEngi on Fri, 18 Feb 2005 22:59:49 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Do realize that not all Middle Easterners are card-carrying al Qaeda members...

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Renx on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 00:46:06 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

It's called prejudice, which is no better than racism, imo.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Doitle on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 01:05:34 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

SFEWe really need to stop picking fights with Middle Eastern countries.

We aren't randomly choosing one.

Scene in the whitehouse Party Hall

Cheyney: Ok, here's what we do, you drink 5 shots of vodka, spin around in a circle for a minute then run at that wall and stick a arrow on that map over there. Bush: Let's rock and roll! *Go go go go go go!* Bush: Yeahhaw! *Bush runs loopily at wall* *He runs into wall and knocks himself out while hitting the Arrow on Syria*

Cheyney: Ah ah ha! He is so messed up! Quick lets get out of here before he wakes up! *Cheyney and random cabinet members run out to their offices*

Later that day...

Bush receives a call from France

Jaques: Man, wut iz u thinkng? Declare war on C-Reia!? Loser is yuo! Bush: What are you talking about? Damn my head hurts... Where's that Excedrin...

Bush walks out of his office to be told he's having a press conference in 5 minutes. Bush: What for? Did I miss a memo again? What is going on around here!?

He heads to the room where it's happening and a head advisor is out there already.

Advisor: The president will be answering questions regarding his declaration of war in Syria. Please keep the questions succinct as possible as we are keeping intelligence on a need to know basis until more of the plan is determined.

Producer: 5, 4, 3, (counting with fingers only) 2, 1...

Bush: Well uh... I'm here... And I will just open the floor to questions right now.

Reporter 1: What has caused your sudden decision to disregard UN regulations and declare war on Syria?

Bush: What are you talking about?

Advisor 1: That's all the time he has to answer questions right now, we will be sending you Time to Bomb Syria T-Shirts for you and your crews. Condolezza is over there at that table, give her your shirt size on your way out.

Bush: But... huh?

Secret Service move Bush back to his office

A few minutes later Laura comes in...

Laura: Hey hunnie, how's your day been.

Bush: Plumb awful... All I remember of the earlier half was talking to cheyney in the Party Hall, then I woke up a while later alone on the floor. My head hurts and I don't know why and now everyone's been acting so darn strange. I can't make heads or tails of it...

Laura: Ahh well you should prolly just quit early today and get some extra rest...

Bush: Yeah I guess your right, maybe tomororw things will be back to normal...

The sun sets, and though some doubted it, rises again the next morning.

End educationtastically fun narrative

This is obviously not how things go down, but some people think so. People give the president too much credit. If he were to pick a country off a map and went to congress and said "let's go kill these sons of bitches!" Congress would go, "What? I can't hear ya? Somber Histeria? What'd he say?" "I think he said we're gonna jam with Spiced Tea Ya" "Turn up your hearing aids! Read my

lips "HE WANTS... TO... BOOOOOOOOMMBB... SEEEER... EE... UH...." "Oh, really? Does he have a case?"

Does he have a case?

That's RIGHT. Bush would need to actually prove we should invade them just like was done for Iraq. Congress needs to approve stuff like this and you all think he can just waltz in and declare war on the world. Well he can't, your wrong. Game over man. So let's cut all this BUSH wants to attack Syria and Iran. BUSH hates the middle east. BUSH is picking on Arabian nations. If he has a case, and Congress agrees than we blow them up. It's that simple.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by IRON FART on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 01:28:04 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Back on topic --> http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/click/rss/0.91/public/-/1/hi/world/europe/4276829.stm

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=[DT=gbull=[L]=]All they had to do was NOT Crash planes into our Monuments. And we would have left them alone.

They were jealous of your giant twin penises.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Doitle on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 01:46:29 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Why do you need nuclear energy when your entire country floats on millions upon millions upon millions of barrels of liquid energy.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by IRON FART on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 02:36:45 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I don't know. Maybe its cheaper, efficient, cleaner, faster and all round better?

Also those millions of barrels of oil can be sold at higher prices than normal currently to other countries. In fact the leaders of Iran were supporting George Bush for president as opposed to

Kerry because prices per barrel would go or stay high. Basically, its more profitble to use nuclear power instead of using oil.

There are as many reasons why Nuclear power is better than fossil fuels as there are barrels of oil in Iran.

EDIT: Oh and Iran is participating in the Kyoto agreement.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Doitle on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 02:37:33 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

How can liberals support nuclear power in Iran while claiming it's the most dangerous form of power generation and constantly attacking generating stations and protesting...

I seriously hope you guys aren't planning on going and protesting over there once the plants are built cause they don't take that shit over there. They stop protesters, Dead.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by IRON FART on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 02:41:10 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Thats not what I'm saying.

Nuclear power is not perfect, but it still is much better than burning fossil fuels.

One of the main problems is that there is no good way to dispose of depleted Uranium. And so we all end up shoving it into some mountain in the middle of nowhere for 10,000 years. Far from perfect, but is a feasible replacement for fossil fuels until we can be dependent on other energy sources.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Doitle on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 02:51:52 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

I think it's a great solution to the problem. What else do we do with old mine shafts and useless mountains? Talk about an efficient solution to a very important problem.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by IRON FART on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 03:03:16 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message I'm not complaining about shoving it in mountains...

I'm just pointing out how it is not perfect, because all that Uranium becomes totally unusable.

The only other use that the US Gov't. has found for it is to armor tanks or put them in shells for added weight.

We can't use it for much else, and therefore, Nuclear Power is not perfect. But I'm saying its way better that fossil fuels.

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Really? Thought that was Kuwait? :/

I really really thought you encouraged the war between Iraq and Iran until they use their chemical weapons against Iran, so I suppose the SCUD part was after, eh?

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Doitle on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 05:27:44 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

What do you think they use as a warhead in a scud? Chemical weapons, Dur. Didn't you ever play Generals... Eeep... That's prolly more likely to get me banned than hacking Renguard ;P.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Vitaminous on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 06:04:56 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

/me hands Doitle his official Generals multiplayer test CD.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Nodbugger on Sat, 19 Feb 2005 16:42:54 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Aprime/me hands Doitle his official Generals multiplayer test CD.

Doitle already has one.

lol me and Nod still have our cds, the sleeves, and the official certificate for the beta.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by nastym4n on Tue, 22 Feb 2005 03:07:12 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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annex.

Subject: Oh yes. Posted by Renardin6 on Tue, 22 Feb 2005 06:31:23 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

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Just for fun or maybe just because it gives more money to them by selling it than using it...

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