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STRAVON BREAKS HIS SILENCE

STRAVON was on a fortnight recreation leave around the Delphi Oracle, in the ravines between the mountains of Parnassus and Helicon. Thus, for a while he kept silent in view of ongoing global disarray, departure from established rules of conduct among nations, the theatrics in Munich, the latest meeting in Ankara of PM Mitsotakis and President Erdogan, the inconclusive trilateral negotiating rounds on Ukraine, economic coercion of Cuba, gathering storm on the skies of Iran, and last but not least, the journey of the German Bundeskanzler to Beijing and deferential reception of PM of India Narendra Modi by his Israeli counterpart Binyamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem.

The long anticipated, coordinated -advised against- strike of Israel and the US on Iran is well under way and will continue unabated till the bitter end.

STRAVON through representatives in the media, had voiced his concern that the amassing of a huge American armada in the Indian Ocean and the eastern Mediterranean led by two aircraft carrier battle groups puts Washington before a huge dilemma: either to go back empty handed in the face of Iranian stubbornness or to open hostilities and experience a failure comparable with the debacle in Iraq and Afghanistan. STRAVON, notwithstanding the idea we have as Europeans about the primacy of International Law, considers that the ongoing military operation has all the ingredients to make stability not only in the Middle East but even on the global chessboard more precarious. STRAVON is worried that as Washington does not obtain the sought for results, as President Trump has outlined them yesterday morning, escalation will follow.

The demise of Grand Ayatollah Khamenei opens a window for President Trump to declare victory and cease operations. Yet, this will not come to be.

STRAVON had taken note of the caution manifested beforehand by regional actors like Pakistan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia (: the Kingdom's territory is indispensable if the ambitious IMEEEC transport corridor is to become reality) and reluctance by staunch American allies, UK being one of them. Targeting by Iran of places in the Arab Gulf states will be changing this.

Paradoxically, STRAVON thinks on this grave issue in terms of WWI; Austria-Hungary attacks Serbia and escalates as the Serbs defend their homeland successfully. It is imperative now for the sake of world order that the US get out of this with no loss of face.

The only solution seems to us to be the return to the negotiating table. Iran should halt its nuclear program and limit its ballistic missiles arsenal in exchange for security guarantees by the UNSC P5. Regime change though more probable than two months ago, is not a viable solution in the short term, even more far-fetched and undesirable is any hidden design to divide this huge country, fomenting civil strife.

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