

UK Foreign Minister Miliband: “The thesis of conspiracy by foreign powers against Iran is peddled vociferously by the regime”

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Quote:

“Obviously the long thesis of the conspiracy by foreign powers against Iran is one that is deeply ingrained in the popular imagination and peddled vociferously by the regime. The demonisation of the West, the United States, the UK to some extent, has been a feature of the last 30 years.”

[UK Foreign Minister David Miliband, BBC Radio 4 interview, 16 June 2009] [1]

Quote:

“I believe discussion about the Iraq war has clouded the debate about promoting democracy around the world. I understand the doubts about Iraq and Afghanistan, and the deep concerns at the mistakes made. But my plea is that we do not let divisions over those conflicts obscure our national interest, never mind our moral impulse, in supporting movements for democracy [...]

In the 1990’s [...] the left seemed conflicted between the desirability of the goal and its qualms about the use of military means. In fact, the goal of spreading democracy should be a great progressive project; the means need to combine soft and hard power.”

[UK Foreign Minister David Miliband’s “Democratic Imperative” speech, Oxford University, 12 February 2008] [2]

Quote:

“I think it’s very important that there is a united front between the countries of Europe, America, Russia and China and countries of the Gulf in addressing the range of issues that are posed by the Iranian regime.”

[UK Foreign Minister David Miliband, Riyadh, 8 April 2009] [3]

Quote:

“In the next year, the most pressing threat to global order [...] comes from the actions of

Iran.”

[UK Foreign Minister David Miliband’s “Foundations of Freedom: the Promise of the New Multilateralism” speech, Hull, 21 November 2008] [4]

Quote:

“Iranian nuclear programme [...] poses a threat not just to Israel but to the stability of the entire Middle East.”

[UK Foreign Minister David Miliband, speech at the Annual Lunch of Labour Friends of Israel, Whitehall, London, 4 November 2008] [5]

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