

Barbie Bombs!
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Breaking News. Washington, DC, 7 minutes ago: OBAMA BOMBS IRAN

Taking a page from his drone war book and another from his cyberspace war book, President Obama has declared war on Iran and commenced a bombing campaign over the entire country. It began within the last hour, and while it is just being announced today the administration said it has been many months in the making and includes international support from every corner of the globe. This is unlike any other hostile campaign this administration has ever participated in, and it is unprecedented in the history of warfare. Here is the full text of the President's announcement with notes from our reporter at the White House.

“Last year, when Ayatollah Ali Khamenei of Iran declared war on Barbie dolls, he declared war on all nations that value free will and basic human rights.

“He denounced Barbie as a, ‘Trojan Horse for sneaking in western culture’ and forbid little girls from playing with her. He rounded up all the Barbie dolls and created a stack ten feet tall in the center of Tehran. And then he set it on fire. Like Barbie was some witch at the stake!

“Y’all remember that. On television. The whole world saw it. It was disgusting. Those little girls standing around in tears, hugging their mommy’s burqas. Forced to watch. It traumatized *thousands* of little girls. Why, last year in America alone, more than 11,000 girls of Middle Eastern decent between the ages of four and fourteen were diagnosed with Post Barbie Stress Disorder! Eleven thousand! Barbie was an icon the free world over and she has been brutally demonized! If we can’t defend little girls, who can we defend? “Iran has to a pay.

“That’s why, today, I authorized United States Military to join with Great Britain, France, Japan and 137 other nations and NGOs to commence a carpet-bombing-type offensive in the skies and over the airwaves of Iran. Yes, this is an act of war, and it will continue nonstop until the Iranian regime relents and gives up its weapons-grade nuclear ambitions. “That is our goal. That is our mission.

“But these are not conventional bombs that kill and destroy. These are Barbie Bombs and they seek only to inspire young Iranian girls. And Ken Bombs to inspire the next generation of Iranian men.

“Listen. And these are just the facts. We’ve known for hundreds – no, *thousands* – of years that women call the shots. They always have! And men know that. And we know why. Let’s not kid ourselves. Seduction!”

The President paused to let the second gasp in as many minutes subside. “Yeah, I said the S-word. But, seduction is a powerful force. The Ayatollah knows this. He fears it.

“He fears it because he knows *all* young men are susceptible! It’s a primordial force that can’t be stopped, and it’s a democratic force. We in the West don’t think Barbie dresses seductively, but Ahmedinejad and the Ayatollah do. That’s their Achilles’ heel!

“And best of all, it’s a force that we can employ on the ground without putting *any* soldiers in harms way, American or Iranian.

“That why, when the Secretary of State presented this proposal last year, I snapped at it and secretly commissioned the Army, the CIA and the FBI to team up with Mattel and Hasbro to produce and deploy a new, expanded line of Barbie and Ken dolls, ensembles and collectables.

“As I speak, dolls from as small as three inches to as tall as three feet are now being parachuted from drones over Tehran and all major Iranian towns and villages. A fleet of *hundreds* of remote controlled *BarbieBots* are deploying these dolls dressed in western clothes; Jeans, skirts, sleeveless gowns.

“However, Barbie did have to go through some changes for this mission. Gone is her blond hair. She ditched the peroxide and her natural black hair is back, in keeping with her new-found friends.

“So as not to be confused with combat drones, BarbieBots are painted *pink*. And they’ve been redesigned to fly low and slow so they can to be seen from the ground. BarbieBots will only fly at night, just before bedtime. Their underbellies display a florescent nose-to-tail image of Barbie in her Superwoman costume. An electronic board will display inspirational, non-denominational messages like, *You Go Girl!* and *Girl Power!*, along with internet addresses where they can find out more. We’re also deploying over one million flash drives preloaded with costume kits, coloring books, cutout clothing patters and lesson books on manners, etiquette.

“We are also establishing a secret Friends of Barbie society where young Iranian girls can safely exchange ideas on everything from makeup tips, to hair styles and the latest fashions.

“A Barbie’s Hotline will be in place by the end of this week, where, finally, girls can safely ask sensitive biological questions and get straight answers based on medical facts. All American embassies in the Middle East will have stockpiles of Barbie dolls on hand for free distribution to supporters in their region. All packaging will be tri-lingual in English, Persian and Arabic.

“But we’ve done even more than that in our cyber attack on this enemy of Free Will. We’ve taken over their internet servers, and, with special software developed in partnership with our friends at the Mossad, we’ve taken complete control of their power grid. We now control their internet, their electricity and their overseas telephone networks. Key Iranian websites are being rewritten with Barbie-friendly messages and open letters from Barbie on human rights and woman’s rights and education.

“That’s the price they’ll pay for desecrating Barbie!

“We think the young women of today’s Iran and the next generation of Iranian men will relish these new found freedoms, these new choices. They will not want the genie back in the bottle. They will not let that happen. If we just give them a taste of freedom, they will do the rest by themselves. Barbie is that genie. We’ve been rubbing the wrong bottle all this time! The way to get Iran to give up its nuclear ambitions isn’t with smart bombs, it with smart dolls!

“It’s a bold attack. It’s one that is designed to rise up from within. And that’s never easy. But I believe that this plan will work. I believe Barbie can chase Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

from power *before* he obtains the ability to hold the free world hostage with nuclear weapons.

“Of course, these young men are going to have to learn how to control their urges. Something they’ve never had to do before. Dating will be a new experience for these young people. Young men can no longer justify rape because of the way a woman dresses. They’ll need to learn what is right, what is permissible and what is out-of-bounds. So to help, we’re also establishing a Ken’s Hotline where boys can address these urges and learn gentlemanly behavior. They’ll have to learn romance! And that’s not easy. No matter where you grow up.” Then he laughed and added, “But, even the failures can be fun to look back on.”

“Now, lemme say this, before I take one or two questions.

“We’re not alone in our pursuit. As I said at the beginning, this has been months in the making under the tightest security measures the free world has ever amassed. Here are just some of our coalition friends.

“Hasbro Toys has produced 1,250,000 specially-tagged My Little Pony’s that are being deployed along with Barbie.

“And the United States Olympic Equestrian Team is helping to unite a cadre of more than 5,000 Bronies – boys who like ponies – to a Call to Arms.

“French President Sarkozy has pledged 144 cases of France’s finest colognes and perfumes. Axe Cologne and Ralph Loren are kicking in, too.

“Levis is producing a special Barbie 505 *Freedom* Line, with all profits going to girl’s schools in Iran and the Middle East.

“Coach has pledged to make a special Barbie-line of bags for both the dolls – and real bags for the girls who play with them – for free!

“Now, what woman’s gonna turn down a free Coach Bag! Michelle gets some credit for that one...

“Vera Wang is onboard. She’s pledges free, white, wedding dresses for 30 virgin brides a month. One a day. For an entire year. That’s 266 more virgins than you get heaven! Even the Ayatollah is going to have a hard time finding fault with that one.

“Make-A-Wish is onboard...

“And maybe in the most unprecedented display of solidarity, the Miss Universe Pageant will open a new competition for the Most Beautiful Barbie. The Iranian girl who designs the winning doll’s three outfits receives a full scholarship at the University of her choosing. And there are other prizes too.

“And... one last thing, although the list goes on. I know you’re anxious to ask your questions but this is important for you – and especially the Iranian regime – to understand.

“‘We’ now means the world. And *we* now stand with Barbie – and against Iran and their nuclear ambitions.

“Finally, and this is the whole point. Barbie now has a family. She’s no longer an orphan without a mommy and daddy. And her mom’s a knockout, too; I’ve seen her. And I can tell ya that Mother Nature has been very, very kind to Barbie’s new grandmother, too. What these girls will see with this new, expanded line of Barbie-down-through-the-years is that beauty isn’t fleeting. It’s ageless.

“Barbie has new friends, too. Black friends and Muslim friends and friends from the Far East, and all these dolls are dressed in their native dresses, burqas and kimonos, and no

one's sayin' 'I'm better, let's fight.' They're sayin' 'I'm different but worthy of being your friend, let's play!'

"Frankly, we don't know if this will work. But it's worth a shot. And if it does work, we don't know what to expect for results. But it's worth the risk because – and I can say this with absolute *certainty* – "Because, not-one-drop-of-American-blood-will-be-spilled-in-this-campaign! And...

"*And the Powers-that-be in Iran will be pummeled relentlessly with Barbiemania until they abide by U.N. Resolution 1696!*"

The President pointed to the reporter from World Israeli, "Leon."

"Mr. President, will you confirm that Barbie is Jewish?"

"We don't know..."

"Lemme put it this way. We *all* know... We *all* agree... that Barbie's *Creator* was Jewish. Let's just leave it at that.

"Wolff." He nodded to the reporter.

"Mr. President, do you really think a doll is going to defeat Ahmedinejad?"

"Wolff, she's not just any doll. She's a symbol of democracy, of freedom for women everywhere. Gloria Steinem forgive me, but Barbie sales in America were over two billion dollars a year until production moved to China during the last administration. And that was just the dolls; the accessories were another *seven* billion. And it's been like that for fifty years. ...

"Why, she's reigned longer than any Queen of England!"

The President pointed to the back row. "One last question. Back row. You're new."

"Yes, Mr. President. Robert Banks, Jr. with the Financial News Network..."

“Welcome, Rob.”

“Thank you. Mr. President, does your action today have anything to do with the government’s 40 billion dollar bailout of the toy industry last year? It seems...”

“No,” the President interrupted. “That bailout was to bring good paying jobs back to America, to keep good paying jobs in America. And it’s working.” He walked away from the podium. “It’s working.”

After the President left, Press Secretary Ruseman made a brief announcement.

“The President was kind enough to sign about 100 Barbie Dolls dressed in one of her new outfits; Levi 505 *Freedom* Jeans, real leather cowboy boots and an Alice McCall-designed blue blazer with the Seal of the Office of the President over the left breast. They’re a limited edition and sure to be a collector’s item. You all are welcome to take *one* for a souvenir. ...

“And be sure to pick up a handful of *Support Our Dolls* ribbons and bumper stickers.”

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