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## BENJAMIN NETANYAHU IN EXCLUSIVE SHALOM TV INTERVIEW

*Says that unlike defenseless Jews of 1930s, Jews today must mobilize international action against Iran.*

*Ready to lead Israel again if called upon.*

In an **exclusive Shalom TV interview** conducted in the British Parliament building in London, Israeli Likud party leader Benjamin Netanyahu commented on the current Iranian threat and the State of Israel's dual role in protecting its citizens and serving as a modern-day defender of the Jewish People worldwide.

Following a televised presentation before members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords toward bringing



LIKUD LEADER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

Iran President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad before an international tribunal for his genocidal promise to eradicate Israel, the former Prime Minister sat down with Shalom TV European Correspondent Erez Frisch.

"We use our position in the world to alert international opinion, something the Jewish People did not do in the 1930s," said Mr. Netanyahu. "In fact, they were silent; they did not mobilize parliaments or governments or business organizations to put pressure on the Nazis. They were actually totally defenseless. We're not defenseless."

"Iran is openly saying they intend to wipe Israel off the map. The head of the Mossad says that within three years Iran will have nuclear weapons which Iran says they will use against Israel."

"In Israel, we have to prepare the means to defend ourselves with our own power. But, at the same time, we should launch international efforts like the one we're doing here today, or efforts in America to divest from companies that trade with [an] Iran with a genocidal regime. So we have to act internationally and we have to act nationally, inside Israel, to erect defenses against this radical ideology that seeks to extinguish our lives."



"I am optimistic because I know the power that is vested in our people. I know that we rise to the challenge. This is how the Jewish People defied the laws of history and came back from the ashes. And this is why if we act in time we can roll back this danger as well."

Mr. Netanyahu observed that Israelis' understanding of the Iranian threat has grown since last year's elections when his party failed to win a position of leadership in the Knesset, the Israeli parliament.



"There is broad consensus [in Israel] that Iran is a great danger. This was not the case even as late as a year ago. But that has changed and many, many Israelis--I would say most Israelis now--see this danger."

The Likud chairman intimated that the realization may reverse his party's loss of Knesset seats in the last election.

"My job as opposition leader is to change roles with the government, something many people in Israel would like to happen. But, of course, it is their decision, the decision of Israel as a democracy. And if the people of Israel decide that my colleagues and I should lead, I assure you we shall do so."

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