

Look Out! Look Out! It's Iran again!

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You can look forward to another week of distractions...
Guaranteed!

It won't be the economy...

Although on Meet The Press, Tom Brokaw will attempt to focus us on the unprecedented steps being taken by the Federal Reserve to stabilize it with his guest, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson...

It won't be the war in Iraq...

Although you may hear a few optimistic sound bites from the handover Ceremony at Camp Victory for LTG Ray Odierno, the new US Commander of US Forces in Iraq, who's now facing 'innumerable challenges and tough fights...'

It will be the problem of Iran once again...

Thankfully, Sarah Palin has once more brought Iran to the top of her list of 'talking points' as she announced a meeting with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan during the United Nations General Assembly next week. The news of this meeting came a day after she and other elected officials were disinvited from an anti-Iran rally to be held outside the UN come Monday. Rally organizers are now saying that they will proceed without American political personalities.

Was it only a week ago that we listened to Ms. Palin and Charles Gibson casually chatting about the possibility of a US [or an Israeli!] assault on Iran? Obviously this is something that she knows will get her press attention and something that she knows nothing about but is not afraid to talk about! It's just more politics.

Actually this is not much different from when Republican resistance to a bipartisan bill, being led by Senator Obama, was recently defeated because it had an Iran divestment provision in it, authored by Obama, that would allow states to divest their pension funds from companies that support Iran's oil and gas industry that would have significantly set back the Islamic Republic's nuclear weapons program.

It was predicted that the Republicans would scuttle the passage of the bill to prevent Obama from achieving a prominent legislative victory while engaged in a tight presidential race. Senator Dick Durbin was quoted as saying that "Senator Obama's commitment to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons is firm" and that he was sorry that 'this important Obama legislation was stopped'.

Don't be distracted by any new Iran sideshow [*a minor or diverting incident or issue, especially one that distracts attention from something more important*]... it's just '**the politics of distraction from the real issues**' once again!