

Israel's nuclear arsenal not a secret, says U.K.

FORMER Foreign Secretary Jack Straw has become the first member of the British cabinet to go

on public record and formally admit that Israel has an arsenal of nuclear weapons.

'I don't think it is a secret. I have never pretended that they haven't got nuclear weapons, certainly they

have got a nuclear arsenal and it is a working assumption,' said Straw, in an exclusive interview with Editor of The Muslim News, Ahmed J. Versi.

The House of Commons Leader made the admission after he was challenged about the Government's failure to acknowledge Israel's nuclear weapons in a wide-ranging exclusive interview with Versi.

When he was Foreign Secretary, Straw insisted that he had talked about Israel's illegal capability, which Britain helped to create nearly 50 years ago, 'in the same breath' as India and Pakistan's nuclear weapons, but he suggested that the Government first wanted to deal with concerns over Iran's

civilian programme. 'If you want a nuclear free Middle-East, which I do, you don't get proliferation, you stop proliferation, and then you ultimately deal with the fact that Israel has nuclear weapons, and I'm on record about that a lot,' he said.

In his interview, the House of Commons Leader also told Versi that he accepted that there was a 'continuing glaring injustice' over Israel's 50 year occupation of Palestine. 'I have always thought, the glaring injustice of the Middle East crisis - Israel and Palestine - has caused a great anger in the Muslim ummah,' he said.

'Resolving the Israel-Palestine situation is one of




NOTICE OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 400KV TRANSMISSION POWERLINE BETWEEN THE ETNA SUBSTATION AND GLOCKNER SUBSTATION: GAUTENG PROVINCE
(DEAT Project Ref No: 12/12/20/867)

Notice is given in terms of Regulations 27 to 36 of the Regulations compiled in terms of Chapter 5 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998), that Eskom Holdings Limited: Transmission Services, intend to carry out the following activity:

Undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed construction of a new Double Circuit 400 kV Transmission power line, approximately 30 km in length, between the existing Etna Substation (located approximately 26 km south of Johannesburg City Centre and 5 km northeast of Ennerdale) and Glockner Substation (located approximately 1 km southwest of Rothdene), Gauteng Province.

In terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998) the listed activity is applicable under the following Government notice: **R387 of 21 April 2006, Activity 1 (I)**

The construction of facilities or infrastructure, including associated structures or infrastructure, for the transmission and distribution of above-ground electricity with a capacity of 120 kilovolts or more.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Naledzi Environmental Consultants, as an independent environmental consultant, has been assigned to undertake the required impact assessment and public participation process for the proposed project. In terms of the above-mentioned Legislation, interested and / or affected parties (I&APs) are requested to participate in this EIA process. To obtain further project information, stakeholders and I&APs are requested to submit their name and contact details to the appointed independent consultants listed below on or before **Wednesday 10 January 2007**

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