

To win the war on terror, America must tackle Israel first

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IN the aftermath of September 11, there was a hope that before the inevitable American retaliation, there would be a few moments of American reflection on the possible causes behind the atrocious attack on America.

Reading the columns of The Washington Post and Time magazine's neoconservative Charles "I cover for Bush" Krauthammer, Newweek's Mumbai-bred Fareed "I am more American than the Americans" Zakaria and The New York Times' Tom "I have all the answers" Friedman, one gets the impression that the history between America and Iraq goes back only to last March.

LETTER FROM AMERICA

Over the last 55 years, Muslim anger has been building up at the US's automatic veto to spare Israel of the consequences of its criminally outrageous abuses of the lives, property and dignity of the Palestinians.

light to attack Kuwait in 1990. After your victory in Gulf War I in 1991, you encouraged the Shias and the Kurds to rise up against Saddam and then abandoned them to Saddam's brutal retaliation.

The Jewish neoconservatives had bet, correctly, that even if the US invaded Iraq unilaterally bypassing the UN, once they were there the nation and politicians of every stripe would have to rally around the troops and by extension the cause.

usually 136-4, with only US, Israel, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands voting against the resolution.

1992, life-long Republicans such as The New York Times' William Safire and A. M. Rosenthal campaigned vigorously against the sitting Republican President!

9-11: The biggest intelligence failure in US history

INSIDE AMERICA

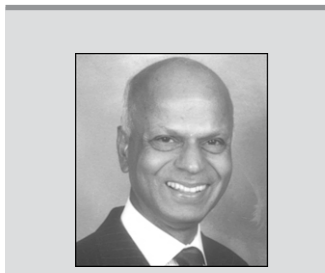
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QUESTION -- Is this weird tale A true or B) a figment spun by my wild imagination? In December 1993, radical Arab organisations, including representatives of Hamas, the Muslim Brotherhood and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, held a meeting in Detroit, Michigan.

The answer -- the meeting and exchange actually happened ten months after the first World Trade Center bombing and in the middle of first trial of those implicated in the terrorist attack.

Environmental hazards: Are we dealing with them properly?



CHAKLADER MAHBOOB-UL ALAM writes from Madrid

I am not going to write about natural disasters over which we, the human beings, do not have much control.

It has been well established that although the early human beings lived in some harmony with the environment, they, with the help of their natural intelligence, learnt how to control and harness the forces of nature and to mine the reserves of organic carbon deposited in sediments over millions of years.

compounds of fluorine) was developed first in the 1930s and used by the US troops after the Second World War in the Pacific as a component of insecticide spray cans.

Now, as on many other international issues (like for example, the Kyoto Protocol), the Bush administration has shown its unwillingness to comply with the requirements.

sphere, to form highly toxic sulphuric and nitric acids, which fall to the surface with rain contaminating the earth's surface and subsurface waters.

for the relatively low compliance costs in Russia, and thus obtain paper credit for the amount of emission reductions, which could then be set against the target for the US.

Agency in Paris, "The increase in greenhouse gas emissions from 2000 to 2030 in China alone will nearly equal the increase from the entire industrialised world."

LETTER FROM EUROPE

Now that it seems that the Kyoto Protocol will not be implemented (unless Mr. Putin changes his mind), Mr. Bush's environmental policies are becoming more and more regressive and some of the developing countries are belching out an ever-increasing amount of toxic gases into the atmosphere.

release of CFCs to the atmosphere was gradually reducing stratospheric ozone, which carried with it the risk of cancers and acceleration of the greenhouse effect.

American farmers, methyl bromide's soil-sterilising properties are absolutely vital as they try to compete against farmers from poor countries, where low-paid workers tend the fields.

global reductions, actual emissions in 2000 went up by 8% in comparison with emissions in 1990.

While in Europe there is a greater awareness of the dangers of global warming (the EU is the only region of the industrialised world where greenhouse gas emissions actually went down by 3.5% in comparison with emissions in 1990).

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Curiously, Prince Ahmed bin Salman, and Mir, along with three others associates, are now dead. Conspiracy? Posner doesn't draw any conclusions, but one can be sure, though, that many more books will be written to probe these strange developments.

Here are just a few of the investigative journalist's findings: - Bin Laden could have been history as early as the mid-1990s, but the US government failed on numerous occasions to kill or capture him.

The global ozone layer (a gaseous region), which is located in the atmosphere, 40 kilometres above the sea level, is a shield that protects the Earth from the sun's lethal ultraviolet rays.

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