

## The Axis of Evil

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Istilah "baik" dan "jahat" dipakai dalam wacana politik luar negeri Amerika. Latar belakang budaya pemikiran Judaisme dan Kristen Protestan mendasari konsep-konsep kenegaraan. Sebutan *the axis of evil* ini ditujukan kepada tiga negara yaitu: Irak, Iran, dan Korea Utara, yang telah dipakai istilahnya pada masa pemerintahan periode pertama Presiden George Walker Bush. Pada saat ini tindakan lanjutan pasca penyerbuan terhadap Irak belum ada.

Artikel ini ditulis pada saat mengantisipasi opini publik di Amerika mengenai keputusan Presiden George W. Bush menyerbu Irak dan pengaruhnya terhadap kemungkinan partai Republik mencalonkan kembali Presiden George W. Bush untuk yang kedua kalinya. Pada saat ini Presiden George W. Bush telah dilantik untuk masa kepresidenan 2005-2009.

At the end of January 2002 President George Walker Bush mentioned in his State of the Union Address in the Congress that Iran, besides Iraq and North Korea, were part of *the axis of evil*. Deputy Minister of Defence Paul Wolfowitz on February 2, 2002 in Muenchen's arms conference said that the American policy would severe actions to the countries condoning terrorism, and not willing to counter, and even supporting it. He did not say specifically about the actions taken with regards to the countries that harbored terrorists.

There are two important things about *the axis of evil*. Firstly, the existence of the axis was a hypothesis, and secondly, nine-eleven was a possible threat in the future and the use of weapons of mass destruction was also an imminence. To anticipate the latter, Wolfowitz said preventing terrorist attack from happening was going to be the option over punitive action. The last would bring American at war against many countries and this was the least in the list. In the midst of post nine-eleven, Wolfowitz, as one of the policy makers took the political momentum that was developing in America after the September 11 tragedy to implement a strict action against Saddam Hussein. The decision to attack Afghanistan, then Irak, was a chain of policies that confirmed the hypothesis about the existence of the axis. To relate the connection of some countries to others of similar background or culture in a concept of "them" placed American as the "us." The idea of *the axis of evil* rose from the establishment of U.S. - Israel bonding. The countries that were bound to the axis, either it is in the imagination or real, were considered as enemy. The World Trade Center tragedy was a proof that there was an eminent enemy that was targeting the U.S. and that was sufficient to establish a belligerent policy. The U.S. involvement in Israel to help Israel in establishing its defence in Israel-Palestina conflict, was an obvious stand that the U.S. has taken. Israel was an ally and there were countries that would prevent the American influence in the world and felt threatened by the alliance.

The U.S. and the Israelis linked the existence of the axis of evil with terrorist activities. Israel said that Iran was the source of the Islamic terrorists and in the realm of geo politics and strategic Israel had become potentially a soul target in the Middle East for its excellent statehood and national defence. The axis of evil eventually was

not only about Iran and Irak for the fact that Iran has developed weapons of mass destruction and so was Irak besides chemicals and germs. Iran has put America in a very difficult position. According to Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld on February 3, 2002, Teheran has secured the leaders Taliban and Al Qaeda to hide in

Teheran. President Bush thought so too, although the Israelis leaders such as the late Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres, Benjamin Netanyahu, Ehud Barak, Ariel Sharon had

always believed in the role of the alliance of Iran and Irak and the other countries to develop the weapons of mass destruction and the existence of biochemical weapons.

On the other hand, Iran has never acknowledged the existence of Israel and even cursed it. The hatred was due to the Israelis actions of what they called as *state terrorism* to the Arabic countries, the Palestines in particular. The consequence of

naming Iran, Iraq and North Koreas as the axis of evil, was *counter labeling*. The North Korean government has named America as *the kingdom of satan*. The Korean radio broadcast (KCNA) mentioned that although the U.S. had a great amount of weapons of mass destruction, she had raised her military budget. This proved that America was the kingdom of satan and that she was the one that would threat the efforts for achieving a world peace for stability. The label for America as the kingdom of satan was first said by the *mullahs* in Iran in 1979 at the time when Iran was ruled by the *mullahs*.

In the last twenty years there has been a developed counter power in the Middle East "that was prompted to attack its enemy." The enemy was: America. But America would not be in silence. In March 2002, Vice President Dick Cheney visited different countries like Israel, Britain, Turkey, and eight other Middle Eastern countries to discuss war against terrorism. Time has gone by and attacking Irak was a decision after an intensive lobby for a year in the U.S., U.K., and some European countries.

#### **Religious thoughts and history**

The "axis of evil" is a religious concept. It is necessary to familirize ourselves with the root of this concept in the American social and political history. The Puritans from England has settled in the American continent, to make idealism put into practice. A pure statehood was established. The basic foundation of the commonwealth in the colony was to exercise the teachings of Calvyn (in France) or Puritanism (in England). They had separated themselves from the Anglican church. Besides this group, there were other European refugees who had the same desire, to guard their teachings from secularism and to flee from persecution

and move in the New World. Although the colonies in the New World were part of England, other religious groups like Quakers, Mennonites, Amish, Moravians, Baptists that had arrived, had to accept themselves as British colonies. The development of the nation, from once a British colony to an independent republic has referred to two economic systems, one that was based on industrial in the northern part of the United States, and the other, an agrarian south. The industrial system found a fresh start in America. It had Britain as a model and the American continent was a wilderness open for scaping and for the machines to scape the lands. But the industry thesis was not without opposition. The southern leaders had laid the agrarian foundation as they perceived nobility along with the notion that the white people as superior and carrier of a civilization, therefore a confederated state was formed and black slaves were exploited.

The institution of slavery was constructed from a biblical point of view. Genesis 9: 25-7 stated that the black people of Ham's descendants were to be a race of slaves. The white people found this a legitimate reason to exploit blacks and to sustain the supremacy of the white people over other races. Henry Ward Beecher, a Protestant preacher from the Plymouth Congregational Church in Brooklyn, an abolitionist, thought that God had created human thus there was no difference between white and black and other, and he said that *We are to recognize this people as a part of that human family for which Christ died ... whatever is true of men, is true of black men.*

The abolitionists influenced the policy of Presiden Lincoln who believed that the Southerners had diverted their sense of unity to a separation from the Northerners.

The civil war was inevitable because the confederated state was opposing the union state and could not compromise to a one state model, e.g. the industrial. After the war was over, during the reconstruction period, American economy was uniformly consolidated toward an industrial infrastructure and was constitutionally legitimate.

In post civil war *manifest destiny* legitimized the incorporation of the continent. *Manifest destiny* was a notion that American particularly that of the white race was granted a divine authority by God and so they were rightful to subduing, forming and utilizing the land from the Atlantic board to the Pacific coastal areas to *manifest* God's plan over the American. The belief on "authorized" power granted to the American was used to annex the Indian lands on the extended land west of the Mississippi. The Indians, eventually suffered maltreatment and were dominated. It was a tragic history when annihilation was thought of to sustain a belief. It was during President James Madison when the Creeks in Alabama were suppressed ruthlessly and 2/3 of their land had to be seceded to the federal government. The Seminoles in Florida experienced the same tragic history. John Calhoun, the Secretary of Defense at the time of President James Monroe had issued a decree to replace the Indian land of the Southwest with a new place in the Mississippi. In 1830, Congress passed *the Indian Removal Act* to move the Indians along the eastern part of the Mississippi to the reservations in Oklahoma. Million hectares of the Indian land were to be submitted to the federal government. During

the President Andrew Jackson administration there had been 94 treaties signed with various Indian tribes. The Cherokees in the western part of North Carolina and in the Georgia area had to be moved to the reservation in Oklahoma in 1835 because gold mines were discovered in 1829 in both areas. *The trail of tears* was a legendary record that depicted hopelessness and crushed spirits of the Indians. During the relocation, many of the Indians suffered some diseases caused by poor accommodation and plenty died during the journey. Thus was the concept of *manifest destiny* implemented in the consciousness of American of the white race. It was to them like a *covenant* that was given by God to Abraham as a father of a nation of which future chosen people were called. The New Israel, that is the American felt the same way as to adopt the sense of covenantal bonded by God to the American. The conscious recognition of the understanding that God had given to Abraham has made American ordained to do works on earth. The sense of messianic inherited by the Jews, the people of Israel, was believed by the American, the gentiles, who received the Abraham's covenant to direct their faith to Jesus Christ. Thus the American believed that they were entitled to build a nation and subdue the wilderness. It became a powerful psyche for American to adopt the *covenant* concept in public rhetoric.

### **The present**

Warfare needs an enemy. The first and second world wars had placed some winning countries joined with the Allied power, the American. The fascist and the communist were the enemies of the Allied forces. At the time of the Cold War the world was divided in two divisions: the eastern communist bloc on the one hand, and the democratic western bloc of the American and her allies. The Cold War was totally different from the previous world wars. The Third World of the underdeveloped areas had become the arena of which the two powers, the East and West, the eastern bloc countries headed by the Soviet Union and the American and her allies in the west, were in competition. The post cold war that has been realized by the fall of the Soviet's communism and the reunion of Germany, east and west, China, the only bastion of communism, became lenient and was more open to the West. Trades, now has become the soul of the Chinese policy in the world.

### **The Asian situation**

The Asian countries when the cold war was still waging were influenced by both leaderships, the Chinese and the American. These countries had been following either one of the two ideologies in the world, either they hold a communist ideology or adopt a capitalistic democracy. There was even a local adaptation of this ideology and from country to another could be in different version. For example, the Indonesian government under President Sukarno used communist rhetoric to establish an anti-western democracy government. The past Indonesian history under the Dutch colonialism had created a strong feeling

of anti western. The American and the British were understood as representation of this pole and so was the SEATO alliance. The post Sukarno administration was given birth to an anti communist stand that was in parallel with the containment policy of the U.S. It was the Suharto presidency who got American support for the country's economic development. Another example of countries that were caught between East and West, was the Iranese government under Mossadeq who was a Soviet ally. Shah Iran Pahlevi was replacing the former government and had built a pro western government. The counter government movement that has religious base was later developed in Iran after the Shah and it spread to Indonesia. Islamic base opposition of any current government became a distinct characteristic of the Third world besides a strong sense of nationalism that became a landmark of opposition against the western hegemony. The models of this school were represented by Vietnam under Ho Chi Minh and Chiang Kai Shek of the Republic of China.

There was a growing local response that is basically anti-western that was on the rise in the Middle East. This post cold war current phenomenon was expressed by a religious ideology was directed against Israel, supporting Palestine. The uniting bond of this response came out of the Islamic line although there were differences among the Moslems like the Wahabis and the Shi'ites. The unified stream of ideology which moves together finally draws the Moslems all over the world. There was a specific terminology used to address people of different religion which is tendencious especially the Jews and American as infidels. The Jews and American became enemies. Terrorist movement in essence was in opposition against democratic principles. The American were in primary position that was classified as enemy number one. Fareed Zakaria, Newsweek columnist mentions that terrorists on one hand were anti America and on the other, represented the Arab world (Newsweek, Oct. 15, 2001) that was in animosity, suspicious, and hated America representing a super power and an infidel. Zakaria argues that there has been billions of poor people and associated this condition as causes of riot and violence. Although for one thing, they were not the same as terrorists who flew aircrafts and made them as bombs, killing the doers and many people. Saudi Arabia as a nation, was not supporting terrorism but the general attitude was to hate the American in the heart. The Arab press admired Osama bin Laden and so were countries like Iran, Egypt, Syria, Iraq, and Jordan. Islamic fundamentalism and anti-American feeling were growing strongly hand in hand.

The World Trade Center tragedy was a culmination of a terrorist act against the United States. Huntington has recorded some events in the eighties that had become a landmark of the current assault. There has been 16 international terrorist movement that occurred between 1983 and 2000, 11 to 12 of which were held by some Islamic radicals. The State Department had observed that there were 5 to 7 countries, of which the majority of the population were Moslems and so were some international organizations, that had become supporters of terrorism. Between 1980 and 1995 the U.S. Army has held 17 military operations to combat these activities. Thirty-two armed conflicts have occurred since the year 2000 considering the fact that the Moslems were one fifth of the world population.

Some sporadic attacks have occurred in several places in the world. There were 299 people died in 1983 when bombs were exploded in U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut. 270 people died when *Pan Am 103* blew up in 1988 (Huntington). Pipes and Duran have worked since 1990 monitoring on several activities among the Moslem immigrants in America. It was noted that the activists used violence so that they have become the attention of the law enforcement agencies. A Jewish prominent figure in New York, Rabbi Meir Kahane, was found dead, killed by an Egyptian Moslem immigrant. It was reported that there were killing in the Moslem community that resulted the death of a Moslem leader, Mustafa Shalabi. In January 1993, a CIA agent was killed and a month after, in February 1993, the basement part of the World Trade Center was bombed by Omar Abdel Rahman who has consequently being imprisoned for life. In March 1994 there was a shooting on an orthodox Jewish school bus in New York city. In February 2004 a Danish tourist was assassinated on top of the Empire State building. An EgyptAir aircraft was exploded near New York that caused 217 deaths. Moreover, the American Embassy in Kenya was bombed in 1998.

In the post World Trade Center tragedy, the American government did not giving away any possibility that would open opportunities for terrorists to destroy America. "We cannot let our enemies strike first" ("The Bush Doctrine," *Newsweek*, December 2002-February 2003, 34). Every security action was conceived such as limiting and selecting immigrants from outside the American continent that came through the airports, ground from borders across the continent, in the north from Canada, from the southern border from Mexico and Cuba. The Bush doctrine defined terrorist as an organized activities that penetrated in the society using modern technology ("The Bush Doctrine," 32). Raghida Dirgham, a diplomatic journalist who lived in New York and worked for an Arab newspaper, *Al Hayat* (*Newsweek*, Oct. 15, 2001, 48) said that commentators from both sides, U.S. and Arab, have similar term to name the other side as "them" and they as "us." The Arab called the American policy post for a policy defending Israel and allowing Israel to commit terror to the Palestine. The Middle Eastern countries believed that the American suggested to stand for the wrong side. Therefore, according to the Middle Eastern perspective, the destruction of the World Trade Center had become a natural result of the misleading American policy that confirmed the Islamic countries' sense of judgment to be against the U.S.

The issue of "the axis of evil" would not exist if there was not a discourse of "the war on terror." If the world suggests that it might be a link between the American policy and an incoming series of war against Iran, Syria, and North Korea, the media had to find proof of the plan. So far, the North Korean case was in a pending situation. The BBC, CNN and Fox News television network have not confirmed about any military action. There was an indication that weapons of mass destruction were moved from Irak to Syria as some source mentioned. Johnson and Thomas mentioned that Iran has shown a display of its nuclear weapons in order that the media took coverage over it.

### Domestic situation

The interwoven of terrorism and the phenomenon of Moslem Arabs was a deliberate aftermath of the World Trade Center tragedy. The abuse of laws that had been committed by these people as immigrants in the American society had caused a rising awareness among the policy makers to make some changes in the policies. In the last twenty years, any visitor in the U.S. could obtain a social security number (S.S.#) that would enable the holder of Social Security number to get an identification card or an I.D. card. With a Social Security number and an I.D. card one could open a bank account that will enable one to deposit and save money as well, and which would also lead one to register for obtaining a driver's license. It came to be that in America it has been a common procedure for foreign visitors of different types of visa, such as student visa, working, and visitor visas to apply for green cards or residential claims.

But things changed. The accomodative facilities that eased foreigners live in America and that they had been functioned positively resulted in misuse. There are three examples that were found, such as firstly, there was some Arab Americans who joined the flight school such as the one in Phoenix, Arizona. Secondly, in Dearborn, Michigan, where the largest community of Arab-Americans lived, investigations that had been launched around this place proved that there were plans to attack some areas in the U.S. and there had been some terrorist training camps, equipped with weapons and businesses that issued fake I.D. cards (McGowan). Thirdly, it had been found in Buffalo, New York, that there was a group of American Moslems who named themselves *Lackawana* undergoing training programs in military camps in Afghanistan with Al Queda and had been with Osama bin Laden. The group consists of 6 African-American Moslems, five of whom were born in the United States. The conclusion of the finding is that there was a support group that financed and planned these activities in American soil and this would develop more in the future. Therefore, the American response resulted in common perception among the policy makers that terrorist activities was a cell that trained and built up and finally reached a maximum function to demolish any cause or reason that was in opposition against the terrorists' ideology and agenda. The decision to attack Irak was launched within the context that "out there" – a movement would attack the U.S. in the future for one thing and that the U.S. was linked to Israel for another.

The religious concepts of *covenant* and *manifest destiny* were popular during the nineteenth century American political thoughts. In the twentieth century, after the First World War President Woodrow Wilson had named himself as *the apostle of peace* during the Peace Treaty conference in Paris (Paterson). During the Second World War, Mussolini had called president Roosevelt *messiah*. Nazism and Fascism were enemies of the American democracy. President Truman had equated these *isms* with communism.

During the Cold War, John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State of the Eisenhower administration, used the rhetoric of the Protestant Christian to fight against the anti-God communism. Dulles was a *card-carrying Christian who pictured the Cold War as a Biblical contest between good and evil, between atheistic*

*communism and Western Christianity.* A series of American involvement in different countries in the world were launched on the basis of this concept of warfare. The countries in the world were categorized as either on the side of the American democratic system or on the other side, that is those countries that relied on communism, socialism, and nationalism. The People's Republic of China, North Korea, Iran, India, and Indonesia in Southeast Asia, Guatemala, Chili in South America and culminated in Vietnam, to the American policymakers they all represented the axis of communism. Dirk Johnson mentions that *the axis of evil* was *the axis of hatred* in the earlier stage of the Bush presidency and then the President himself recommended the change of word from *hatred* to *evil* because it suited to the ideological frame. But the response among the European leaders against the Bush concept was that *the axis of evil* was the inner circle of Bush such as Donald Rumsfeld, Dick Cheney and Condi Rice (*Newsweek*, 25 February, 2002, 6). Thus the concept of *the axis of evil* was used partially by the American to refer to other group whereas to the European, *the axis of evil* stood for something other than what the U.S. thought. To the American hegemony, *the axis of evil* was the enemy.

Why does the American feel threaten? In fact, it is not only "threaten" but "crushed." Take as an analogy, the World Trade Center attackers were also crushed, but they left "a big crack" in the American society. This "crack" has to be lifted and given a meaning. It could be a regret later or other thing that can fill this. The administration chose for an option of "no neglect" where they minimized or omitted any possibilities of other destructions in the future. Barbara Gunnell made a record that since September the eleventh, the word *evil* has become a political word. Usually the word *evil* was connected to Osama Bin Laden or the Al Qaeda as part of the World Trade Center tragedy. This association is applied to Saddam where Bush named Saddam *evil* (Fineman). Bush promised in his state address that he would relieve the world from evil people and Colin Powell had said the same thing. The President declared that he would seize terrorists anywhere, whether they were caught in action or in the middle of an evil plan. Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister, was in agreement with the U.S. President in combating any effort to jeopardize the security of the world and so was Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary General, Annan pleaded to the world to encounter any evil plan that became the enemy of every religion. American has lost 3000 people in the tragedy. Although there were some people in the world in some countries that were delighted in this tragedy, many others sympathized with the tragedy.

The Bush administration was aware to incorporate assessments of the situation by paying a serious attention to keep security steps in the global world. As a result, the foreign policies were taken after a serious condition and evaluation. The *pre-emptive* principal that was taken by the administration was basically a legitimation to attack a country or a network that endangered the American. The decision was a

inviting a strong reaction in the public with regards to the fact that there has not been direct and tangible proofs of the attack. After September the eleventh, *the Big Fear* emerged in the minds of the policy makers. Guterl and Conant



mentions that the fact of the air attack combined with another possibility of chemical warfare, have impacted the policymakers so dramatically. The next thought would be that *a terrorist group like Al Qaeda will eventually get its hands on weapons of mass destruction*. According to the documents of the intelligence, Bin Laden has planned to use the deadly material. The following logic of this thought – that is the way the policymakers pursued a hypothesis of evil plan - had drawn a strong criticism against the Bush administration. Despite of opposition against the American foreign policy, an Iran-American leader such as Zainab Salbi, the founder of the *Women for Women* in Washington, D.C., stated that the attack to Iraq was a war against tyranny and a rightful action to liberate oppressed people (Dirk Johnson). The next paragraphs are about the other *evil* countries other than Iraq, that is Iran and North Korea.

#### Iran

After the Iranese revolution in 1979, Washington has cut its relationship with Iran in 1980, when the American Embassy was occupied by terrorists and 54 staffs were taken as hostage for 444 days (Reuters, *Kompas*, 12 Februari 2002). After changes of regime, at the time of the World Trade Center tragedy, Iran had condemned the terrorist action and pledged to support US\$ 500,000,000.00 for Afghanistan. But why did President Bush categorize Iran in *the axis of evil* ?

According to the Israel-U.S. intelligence report, since the fall of Shah Iran in 1979, Israel had been holding a thorough observation of Iran as the source of terrorist activities (Rahman). In February 3, 2002 Teheran had put Taliban and Al Qaeda leaders under their protection. Besides, an Iranese ship had loaded 50 tons of weapon for the Palestinian Hezbollah movement. Iran has become a country potential to support terrorist activities.

#### North Korea

George Wehrfritz and B.J. Lee said that South Korea was threatened by the aggression North Korea had committed. South Korea had hoped that American military would protect the region so that there was a peaceful in the two Koreas. It started with the conflict between the two Koreas that brought America to face North Korea. Michael Hirsh, Tamara Lipper and Michael Isikoff said that the North Korean President, Kim Jong Il had become the new enemy to the American. It was confirmed that the situation in North Korea was not that enlightening, but the focus of *war on terror* was directed to Iraq and Al Qaeda, therefore North Korean case was not brought in the spotlight. In the midst of the American attention to Iraq, North Korea had made a statement on October 3, 2002 that plutonium bomb was developed in the country. The White House responded to the situation after the media brought that in the public. Why was the White House not focal in responding to the challenging situation? Some critics said that the White House did not consider the challenge seriously although it was ridiculous.

North Korean possession of nuclear weapon was similar to the Iraqi situation. It was also said that the nuclear had greater power than the Scud. But the problem

was

that there was no major voice to bring the situation in North Korea to the surface.

Preparing to war against Iraq that took a year period had overwhelmed the White House and also that it had become a commitment of the administration. Moreover, the North Korean troops of 95,000 were far exceeding the American who had only 37,000 stationed in Seoul. President Bush knew the limit therefore he refused to go further with North Korea. It has been suggested in the administration to support attempt to replace the government in power and to oust Kim Jong Il.

There had been two nuclear threats that were launched against the world security that came from Iraq and North Korea. Since 1994 President Clinton had attempted to hinder the development of nuclear plutonium but it failed. For President Bush *containment* and *deterrence* could be worked out together. Even the President thought of involving China, Japan, and South Korea to pressure Pyongyang. General Anthony Zinni, the President's envoy to the Middle East, on the other hand, was not in agreement with the President about the policy to North Korea.

According to Wehrfritz, George and Hideko Takayama, North Korea had broken the nonproliferation treaty that was made in the 1990s. The treaty was made with Japan, although Japan recognized the nature of insincerity of the other party. As a consequence, America had pressured Japan to terminate U.S. aid to the country, as much as US\$ 10 billion, if Japan failed to establish peace in the region.

Fareed Zakaria has agreed that President Kim Jong Il *evil* (*Newsweek* January 13, 2003) but the problem was not only categorizing a leader of a country as being *evil* or *good*, but more than that, a strategic approach should be well considered. Zakaria acknowledged the U.S. for being weak or incoherence. And he also mentioned that replacing Kim Jong Il with a new president, was only a dream. It was absolutely necessary that the U.S. gave North Korea a pressure to disarmament.

Perhaps for the U.S. the nuclear was the only reason for putting North Korea on the black list, but for China and South Korea, the regional security was very disturbed.

And when North Korea launched war, there would be plenty of refugees seeking protection in the neighboring countries and moreover, there would be side budgets that would drain the economy of Japan and China. China had delivered food aid to the North Koreans because they were in deprived condition, such as left for eating grass. For President Bush, therefore, it was not sufficient to name North Korea *evil*, but there should be a real action.

Tamara Lipper and George Wehrfritz said that Saddam Hussein and Kim Jong Il were both *evil*, but again from the side of the American, there should be more meaningful actions, and not enlivening a rhetoric. This could mean that the public which is represented by the media should involve in pushing President Bush to implement some meaningful actions to North Korea like the action that was taken to Iraq, and not only condemned. The next question will be *Why did Kim Jong Il called evil*.

President Kim Jong Il loved a great deal of entertainment that acrobat, dances, and operas were especially choreographed and composed. There were two million people in his country who were in hunger and many were put in prison and tortured.

Now North Korea had developed chemical and biological weapons and nuclear. He intended to sell the weapons to terrorists, either to destroy the environment or to bomb Times Square or the White House. Although there has been a possibility that he only frightened the world, but nobody was quite certain of his plan.

He created legends about himself, many of which were not true. The South Korean school children were taught that he was born on a holy mountain and when he was born, rainbows colored the skies and birds were singing. He became a sort of cult leader because he taught a doctrine that was handed down from his father, Kim Il Sung, who was named *juche* that means someone who only depends on himself. He taught Confucianism so that the people obeyed him fully and he also encouraged his people to develop a feeling of hatred towards foreigners. Thousands of North Koreans have fled the country to China or South Korea, but there were thousands of North Koreans who praised their leader and relied on the promises that were directed to the future of prosperous North Korea to be realized. He gained trust from his people who were mostly poor and uneducated and were indoctrinated with a pseudo Marxist Leninism. Up to now, North Korea calls herself a communist country. But the President lived in the opposite to the general condition of his people. He lived lavishly

although his people were starving. He was backed by his administration, and a secret service organization such as *Secretariat of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Fatherland* that was located in Pyongyang had denounced a Hollywood movie *James Bond "Die Another Day."* The movie was said to be in contempt of the President and discrediting the North Korean people. The President was pictured as a villain who sold weapons at the end times to annihilate the world. The American was alleged by this organization as committing a systematic contempt to the North Korean people on one hand, and on the other, America did not stand for a rightful cause. It was a center of the world which diffused abnormalities, degeneration, violence, and sex.

Evan Thomas said that *Kim has little to hold on to besides his weapons of mass destruction.* In six months he would accomplish finishing six nuclear weapons and *potentially, they can be used to blackmail the world into providing food and fuel.*

His motive to threaten the world came out of his intention to attack not only South Korea and China, but also America, and to sell those weapons to Syria and Pakistan.

Kim had also launched terror. He was the one who delegated bombing the South Korean delegates in Burma in 1983, and in 1987 he exploded a South Korean aircraft that caused 115 people died in the crash. He also allowed his bodyguards to kidnap more than 100 Japanese and South Korean, including a movie director. He transferred US\$ 4 billion to a Swiss bank and for many years he had forced his

people to work in labor camps to dig a gold mine and had sent golds to the Swiss bank. He also owned a house in Geneva and five other houses in different parts of Europe, one in Russia, and another in China. Michael Hirsch mentioned that North Korea now owned 1,2 million ready-to-combat troops although 6 to 8 million of his people, one-third of the whole population received food aids from America, whereas right now, American troops in Asia were only 100,000.

In the rhetoric of *the axis of evil*, America had attacked Iraq and even up to now, other problems rose. To Iran and North Korea, American diplomats specializing on the region were sent, as the means of military power was not the option. Although according to the source, there was a hard line in the administration that would like to handle crisis with power and even to those two countries. Iran and North Korea, a certain military actions were advised to take. In conclusion, religious concepts would stand up as the inner soul of the Americans regardless of other options that would be the opposite.

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