Don't Rush Mideast Talks, Experts Urge

By Nathan Gutman Washington

Skepticism was the name of the game as leading Middle East analysts and policymakers gathered last weekend and discussed the prospects of an upcoming Middle East peace conference.

Diplomats, administration officials and regional experts all seemed to agree that the task facing the American-led conference is nearly impossible if peace between Israelis and Palestinians is the goal. Among the impediments mentioned were the lack of time for ironing out differences before the summit, significant gaps in expectations and a lack of commitment on behalf of the Bush administration.

The weekend conference, organized by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy — a think tank known for its pro-Israel views and for its predominantly Jewish board — brought together Americans, Israelis and Arabs to a serene Northern Virginia resort. The few State Department officials who attended the discussions were provided with a clear message to take back to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice: No need to rush into a peace conference.

"If not November, let it be December. And if not December, let it be January," said Sari Nusseibeh, president of Al-Quds University. Nusseibeh stressed that the emphasis should be on the summit's outcome, not on its timing. Other speakers also warned that squeezing lengthy discussions into a short timetable would result in a fruitless summit.

The alleged lack of interest on the part of the Bush administration in a peace conference caused a stir among the analysts. The American government’s own statements on the Middle East have been criticized by both Israelis and Palestinians for not being proactive enough towards peace.

Iran Fights West On Warrants for 1994 Bombing In Buenos Aires

Tehran Tries to Overturn Interpol Decision Seeking Arrest of Officials

By Marc Perelman

While the confrontation between Western powers and Iran centers most visibly on Tehran’s nuclear ambitions and its meddling in Iraq, the tension is also playing out in the arcane world of Interpol, the international criminal police organization.

Early next month in the Moroccan city of Marrakech, Interpol’s general assembly will vote to confirm a decision by its executive committee to issue priority arrest warrants for five former Iranian officials and a legendary Hezbollah operative, based on their alleged role in the bombing of a Jewish communal center in Argentina more than a decade ago.

The vote on the international warrants, known as “red notices,” was initially requested by Iran. Tehran was hoping to overturn a unanimous decision by Interpol’s executive committee last March to endorse an Argentine request for warrants. But as the vote approached, it became apparent that the executive committee decision would be upheld, Tehran tried in vain to postpone it.

"Iran lobbied but lost, and they now fear they will be stigmatized," said Dinah Siegel Vann, director of the American Jewish Committee’s Latino and Latin American Institute.

"Iran will for the first time not get away with murder and be able to flout international rules," Vann said.

"Interpol is not a political body like the United Nations..."
They called the painting 'The Bakery' when it was exhibited in New York, but it was painted in Berlin. The painting is a reflection of the artist's life in Berlin during the time of the Weimar Republic. The painting depicts a bakery with a variety of bread and pastry items, all of which are depicted with great attention to detail. The artist's use of color and composition creates a sense of realism and creates a sense of depth. The painting is a powerful representation of the artist's time in Berlin and his love for the city.
visitors to the island's only cafe. The cafe offers a selection of sandwiches, salads, and pastries, as well as hot and cold beverages. The atmosphere is relaxed and inviting, with comfortable seating and friendly service.

The cafe is located in the center of the island, near the main road. It's an ideal spot for a quick bite to eat or a leisurely meal, with a view of the ocean in the distance.

The cafe is open from 8 am to 8 pm daily, and has a menu that includes breakfast items, lunch options, and desserts. They also offer a variety of organic and vegan options for those with dietary restrictions.

In addition to the cafe, the island offers a variety of other attractions, including hiking trails, beaches, and a museum dedicated to the history of the island. It's a great destination for anyone looking for a quiet and peaceful getaway.

Overall, the cafe is a popular spot for locals and tourists alike, and is a must-visit for anyone visiting the island.