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At a time when the Obama administration is hailing the imminent resumption of indirect peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA) as a "notable achievement", very few observers in the region think that the upcoming talks will lead to any breakthrough or tangible progress.

Source: **Al-Ahram Weekly (Cairo), Issue No 997, 6 - 12 May 2010**

[Peace Talks Require Good Faith / Adel Safty](#)

The absence of good faith on the part of Israeli leaders is not a matter of speculation; it is evident from the Israeli strategy of publicly endorsing the peace process while actively creating facts on the ground and erecting obstacles that vitiate the peace process of any meaningful substance.

Source: **Gulf News (Dubai), May 3, 2010**

[Ten Israeli Negotiating Strategies / Mohsen Saleh](#)

Israel has a negotiating strategy that is designed to prolong the negotiations, allowing more time for the construction of facts on the ground and putting it in a position to impose its will on the "final-status" talks. In fact, the strategy can be broken down into 10 distinct sub-strategies, done in the article that follows.

Source: **Al-Ahram Weekly (Cairo), Issue No 997, 6 - 12 May 2010**

[Gaza...The Next Explosion / Tariq Alhomayed](#)

The Arabs might be taken by surprise by the situation in the Gaza Strip blowing up at any moment; all the signs indicate that the situation on the street has reached a boiling point and that divisions between the Hamas leaders, as well as divisions between Hamas and its other allies in the Gaza Strip, have increased.

Source: **Al-Sharq Al-Awsat (London), April 29, 2010**

[A Way Out of the Middle East's Critical Mess / Khaled Diab](#)

Israel's nuclear arsenal stands like the radioactive elephant in the room, hindering efforts to transform the potentially explosive Middle East into a nuclear weapons-free region, and provides its neighbours with a motive to acquire their own capabilities. In fact, it's not exactly rocket science figuring out that Israel's nuclear arsenal makes the Middle East a more dangerous and explosive place – even Israel's friends recognize this.

Source: **Common Ground News Service (Washington), April 29, 2010**

[Peace for Nuclear Power / Osman Mirghani](#)

Courage must be shown in dealing with the issue of nuclear proliferation. The Middle East that has experienced continuous tension and wars because of the Arab-Israeli conflict needs to be a region free of nuclear weapons but on the basis that that includes every party and that that is achieved in a balanced and simultaneous manner as part of comprehensive peace deal in the region.

Source: **Al-Sharq Al-Awsat (London), May 5, 2010**

[The Elephant in the Room and Turkish Foreign Policy / Gürkan Zengin](#)

The "Turkish point of view" and "Turkey's weight" are being felt in every part of the region. Everyone from America to Africa is aware and is writing about or talking about Turkey's stronger presence. Why is it that the only people who can't see the elephant in the room are people in Turkey?

Source: **Today's Zaman (Istanbul), May 1, 2010**