

THE IRAN-U.S. NUCLEAR STANDOFF

World's Nuclear Arsenal and Power Plants

China 400

France 350

India 60+?

Israel 200+?

Pakistan 24–48

Russian ~10,000

United Kingdom ~185

United States ~10,656

35–40 have capability to develop nuclear weapons

Nuclear power plants: 441 in 30 countries

Iran's Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant

Expected completion sometime in 2007

U.S.-Israel opposed this power plant

Israel bombed Iraq's Osirak in 1981

U.S. does not want Iran enriching uranium (Natanz)

Reactor grade requires 3–4% U-235 (legal)

Weapons grade requires 90% U-235 (U.S. concern)

Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

187 states are parties to the NPT

Cuba, Israel, India, Pakistan not parties to NPT

NPT Article IV, 1: Nothing in this Treaty shall be interpreted as affecting the inalienable right of all the Parties to the

Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes ...

NPT Article IV, 2: All the Parties to the Treaty undertake to facilitate, and have the right to participate in, the fullest possible exchange of equipment, materials and scientific and technological information for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Parties to the Treaty in a position to do so shall also cooperate in contributing alone or together with other States or international organizations to the further development of the applications of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, ...

Iran's Rationale and Concerns

World oil peak in 5 to 25 years, revenue decreasing

Iran wants independent capability, technology spin-offs

U.S. wanted British to give nuclear tech to Shah

Iran's Response to U.S. Concerns

Signed Additional Protocol to Safeguards Agreement

Safeguards Agreement not in force in 40 states

Allowed inspections before ratification by Parliament

Offered to forego nuclear fuel cycle if sanctions lifted

Offered package of objective guarantees developed by an international panel of experts

What Nuclear Expert's Say

IAEA: Iran in compliance with NPT (Prather, 08/29/06)

CIA: "no Iranian nuclear weapons drive" (AFP, 11/19/06)

Negroponte: capability 10-15 years (CSM, 01/13/07)

Traces of weapons grade uranium found at Natanz blamed on contaminated imported equipment

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists: Best way to know what Iran is doing is to offer it help

U.S. Violations of the NPT

Not helping Iran w. peaceful uses of nuclear

Not moving to eliminate its nuclear weapons

Developing new generation of nuclear weapons

U.S.-India nuclear pact (03/02/06)

***NPT Article X allows states to withdraw from NPT—
3 months notice, jeopardy to “supreme interests”***

Current Iran-U.S. (Israel) Standoff

Israel threatens attack on Iran’s nuclear facilities

***Ahmadinejad cannot order attack on Israel—power in
Supreme Leader, Guardian Council, Expediency Council***

Fatwa against nuclear weapons, Iran wants peace

UN passed Resolution 1737 under Article 41, Chapter 7

U.S. says no option excluded—“one percent doctrine”

Diplomacy “a smokescreen”—objective regime change

Non-military enforcement mandatory (late February?)

U.S. is engaged in an undeclared war with Iran

More Info at The Wisdom Fund—www.twf.org

[Iran has an inalienable right to nuclear energy](#)

[U.S., Britain’s “total hypocrisy” on nuclear energy](#)

[Iran: The next war, Israeli connection](#)

[Iran rejects UN sanctions, Israel plans nuclear strike](#)