

# PREVENTING WAR: IRAN

## Real Security through International Cooperation

### LEGISLATIVE SABER RATTLING:

**Iran Sanctions Enhancement Act of 2007** (Introduced in House) [[H.R.2880.IH](#)]

**Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2007**  
(Referred to Senate Committee after being Received from House)[[H.R.2347.RFS](#)]

**Iran Nuclear Nonproliferation Act**  
(Introduced in House)[[H.R.770.IH](#)]

**To require divestiture of current investments in Iran, to prohibit future investments in Iran, and to require disclosure to investors of information relating to such investments.** (Introduced in House)[[H.R.1357.IH](#)]

**Department of State has said that Iran is the `most active state sponsor of terrorism'.** (Engrossed as Agreed to or Passed by House)[[H.RES.435.EH](#)]

**Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq (Public Law 107-243) authorized the President `to use the Armed Forces of the United States as he determines to...** (Introduced in Senate)[[S.J.RES.23.IS](#)]

**Calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide...** (Referred to Senate Committee after being Received from House)[[H.CON.RES.21.RFS](#)]

**To urge the Secretary of State to designate the Quds Force, a unit of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, as a foreign terrorist organization.** (Introduced in House)[[H.R.1324.IH](#)]



The Bush administration is significantly ratcheting up its threats against Iran, in the context of arguing about a battle between "moderates" and "extremists" in the region. This is unproductive in the pursuit of peace in Western Asia.

### ESCALATING THREATS

U.S. efforts to control or undermine Iran are long-standing, and are rooted in Iran's historic role as one of only two indigenous regional powers in the Middle East (with water, wealth and size) who can contend with U.S. domination there.

A U.S. (or U.S.-Israeli) strike on Iran, especially with the nuclear "bunker-buster" bombs being talked about, would be deadly for tens or hundreds of thousands of Iranians, and would be a preventive attack - in violation of the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), the UN Charter, and other parts of international law, as well as the U.S. Constitution.

U.S. provocations include sending a second aircraft carrier group to the Persian Gulf, sending minesweepers to the Strait of Hormuz, arresting Iranian officials legally working in Iraq, openly backing the anti-Iranian Mujahideen el-Khalq (MEQ) guerrillas, appointing a naval flier as head of Central Command and continuing pressure in the United Nations to expand sanctions against Iran.

### Iran, Nukes, & the National Intelligence Estimate

The February 2007 U.S. National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) asserts:

**Iran's involvement in Iraq "is not likely to be a major driver of violence" there.**

**Iran has not had a nuclear weapons program since 2003.**

**Iran hasn't shown any intention to develop nuclear weapons.**

**There is no evidence of a nuclear weapons program in Iran.**

**Numerous snap visits by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors, totaling more than 2,700 person-hours of inspection, have failed to produce any evidence of a weapons program in Iran.**

**A 2005 CIA report determined that it could take Iran 10 years to achieve this level of enrichment.**

**Iran has met its obligations under the Nuclear non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)**

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There is no nuclear 'crisis' with Iran. Even if it were to militarize its nuclear program, for which there is no evidence at all, Iran would be many years away from mastering the technology, giving proliferation concerns ample time to be resolved by negotiation.

### DIPLOMACY WITH IRAN?

In 2003 Iran proposed a comprehensive "grand bargain" with the U.S., which the Bush administration has ignored.

Washington has refused to participate in talks with Iran and instead outsourced the task to the European Union. But negotiators for France, Britain, and Germany were hamstrung by the Bush Administration, which disapproved any substantive incentives, including a US guarantee not to attack Iran.

### TAKE ACTION

Sign the Peace Action online petition against war with Iran. We will use the growing list of 100,000 names to lobby for peace Capitol Hill.

Go to: [www.peace-action.org/Iran/index](http://www.peace-action.org/Iran/index)

Support Congressional action to prohibit funding approved by any Congressional act from being used to take military action against Iran without first obtaining explicit authorization from Congress, and clarifying that no previously enacted law authorizes military action against Iran.

Support S. Res 39, H. Con. Res. 33 and H.J. Res. 14, requiring Congressional approval for any military action against Iran. Advocate diplomatic and not military engagement with Iran. Demand that the Bush administration commence unconditional diplomatic dialogue with Iran.

Urge the immediate reduction of the provocative U.S. Naval presence in the Persian Gulf and of U.S. support for confrontational military and other destabilizing operations in Iranian territory. Deny Congressional support and funding for these activities.

Support U.S. efforts to build people-to-people ties between Americans and Iranians, including working with the Iranian community in the United States.

### SPEAK OUT!

**Against Any Military Action Against Iran**  
**Contact Your Congressional Representative**

Call the congressional switchboard  
(202-224-3121)

### NUCLEAR HYPOCRISY

**The U.S. itself is the only country to have ever used nuclear bombs in war and is failing to uphold its obligation to pursue nuclear disarmament as required by Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.**

**The U.S. is also in breach of the NPT, at least in the spirit of the treaty because it is developing new generations of nuclear warheads (RRW) for use against non-nuclear adversaries.**

**The US has deployed hundreds of such tactical nuclear weapons all around the world in violation of Articles I and II of the NPT.**

The Campaign Against Sanctions and Military Intervention in Iran (CASMI)

**The UN resolutions against Iran in contrast to the treatment of South Korea, India, Pakistan, and Israel smack of double standards.**

For example, in the year 2000, South Korea enriched 200 milligrams of uranium to near-weapons grade (up to 77%), but was not referred to the UN Security Council.

**India has refused to sign the NPT or allow inspections and has developed an atomic arsenal, but receives nuclear assistance from the US which is a violation of the NPT.**

**Israel has hundreds of clandestine nuclear weapons, has dismissed numerous UN resolutions and has refused to sign the NPT or open any of its nuclear plants to inspections.**

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