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Nuclear proliferation

Iran Plans to Continue Nuke Program Work

Associated Press, July 14 - Iran remains committed to its suspension of uranium enrichment, but nothing stands in the way of building centrifuges for its nuclear program President Mohammad Khatami said Wednesday.

"Technical work such as building and assembling centrifuges is for executive organizations to do. There is no impediment to doing this work," Khatami told reporters after a Cabinet meeting. His comments were the closest to an acknowledgment that Iran has resumed building centrifuges after saying in June it would do so within days..... Khatami also lashed out at the United States, accusing it of blindly supporting Israel."In the international arena, America's capital is Tel Aviv, not Washington. It's the Zionists who dominate the United States. It's contrary to the dignity of the great American people. The American people should rise up," Khatami told reporters.

Iran should cut relations with IAEA

Jomhuri Islami daily, July 10 – We are aware of the IAEA's behind-the-scene deals and its cooperation with the Zionist regime. We know that the International Atomic Energy Agency is a pawn in the hands of the U.S. We know that the more we sign, the more restricted we will become. So, why do we still hesitate?

The right way is to continue our nuclear activities with strength disregarding the illegal claims of the Agency and its masters. The realistic threat made by the supreme leader in Hamadan that if the enemy invades Iran, we will endanger its interests all over the world, is a real and practical threat. The US and European officials and the Zionist regime are well aware of this fact.

Iran won't give up nuclear energy – Friday prayers leader

Channel 1 TV, July 9 – Imami Kashani, Tehran's Friday Prayer leader: The enemy must know, the enemies of Islam and those of humanity and of Iran must know that the Iranian nation, pious, courageous, independent, powerful and vigilant, will not yield on her least right in scientific issues, whether it be nuclear energy or not. The Iranian nation will also not allow you to attack any place in the country or its interests...

Dear youth,

The West, that culture, that civilization, that mind-set, by God, it is to your disgrace if you utter its name, if you follow it.

Nuclear threat

Kayhan daily, July 8 - Without question, the control of the Middle East has fallen out of the hands of the powers. The main uranium enrichment that the powers are so terrified of is none other than the Islamic uprising which took place years ago in the Middle East with the aid of the Islamic Republic of Iran's wise and patient steps. The events of the past three years have only helped to promote this course. Now, all over the Islamic Middle East, an explosive trap has been created that can blow up with the slightest stupidity and take many casualties from the wrongdoing adventurers. Yes, in 80 seconds, one can make a hell out of 70-80 years of White House domination and turn all its assets into ash. Iran's retaliation can bring sudden death. On that day, the scoundrels will be hit from places they least expect. The pulse of the crisis is undoubtedly in the hands of the Islamic Republic!!



Majlis endorses uranium enrichment

Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting, July 7 - Majlis national security and foreign policy commission on Tuesday gave go-ahead to resumption of uranium enrichment activities, said the rapporteur of the commission. The project will be discussed thoroughly in the commission next week, Kazem Jalali said. Iran enriches uranium to produce fuel for Bushehr power plant which is to come on stream by 2005.

Meddling in Iraq

Zebari accuses neighboring countries of supporting violence in Iraq

Al-Menar Al-Yawm daily, July 12 - The Iraqi Interior Ministry had announced that it had arrested Iranians who intended to blow up a car bomb in the Talabieh region of East Iraq. This ministry had announced that it had arrested Iranians and Iraqis in Moussol while setting up a car bomb in the center of Moussol. The subject does not end here. By announcing the arrest of Iranians who intend to bring drugs into Basra via the Shalamcheh border, the interim Iraqi government wants to alert Iraqis that the danger of Iran's role has not only harmed the government through its support for armed activities and creating insecurity, but has caused great damages to the Iraqi community by distributing dangerous poisons in Iraq...

Iran wants unrest and instability to remain in Iraq because it knows that it is the second country in America's hit list and it knows that disorder in Iraq will keep the US engaged.

We don't want our neighbors to meddle in our affairs

Al-Sharqieh TV, July 10 - On the 60,000 Iranians who intended to illegally enter Iraq, Qazi Al-Yawar said: "Sixty thousand is a very high number and the statesmen of the Islamic Republic of Iran must consider this... Neighboring countries are our priority and we want to approach them with a new outlook. We want to tell them that we want to focus on our own internal affairs and our own people. We want to be independent. We basically do not want to interfere in the internal affairs of neighboring countries and we do not want them to interfere in our affairs. We refuse to be the staging ground for any of our neighbors. We want to make sure that all of our relations are based on national interest and mutual respect.

Iraqi police countered car bomb operations led by Iranians

Al-Menar Al-Yawm daily, July 12 - Captain Yasser Abdullah told the Qods Press: "Iraqi police units who have a widespread presence in Baghdad's streets, were able

to prevent the explosion of a car bomb yesterday. This car was moving towards the Talabieh region, east of the Iraqi capital, when the Iraqi police surrounded it and arrested the driver and the passenger. It was determined that they were Iranians who intended to blow up the car in this region."

Iran's extensive presence in Iraq

Al-Raqib daily, July 10 – Since a long time ago, there have been a number of reports on the role of the Iran's intelligence ministry in this incident (murder of Ayatollah Mohammad Baqer Hakim) ... The person formally in charge of Iraq's affairs in Iran's Ministry of Intelligence has revealed Iran's extensive presence in Iraq. He said that this presence includes different activities. These activities are certainly a means of hiring mercenaries and deceiving the people of Iraq, making plans to kill the innocent under the pretext that they are supporters of Saddam Hossein's regime!! The martyr (Hakim) tried to restrict these activities which aimed to destroy Iraq... Among others, he opposed the mission of Hamzeh Military Division (one of the organs of the Badr Corps) to attack the People's Mojahedin's base in the city of Khales. This was because this martyr opposed becoming an instrument for implementing Iran's plans and he feared that this would inflict casualties on his corps.

Iranian among list of detainees

Jomhuri Islami daily, July 11 – Iraq's Minister of Human Rights said there is an Iranian among the detainees. He announced his name as Ahmad Hossein Barazandeh. In addition to this person 190 other foreigners are in detention who have been arrested on charges of armed assault. In recent days, members of the puppet Iraqi government have attempted to attribute to Iranians a number of charges regarding meddling in Iraqi affairs. One can smell a calculated conspiracy. (*Jomhuri Islami is a daily newspaper affiliated with the mullahs' supreme leader, Khamenei and his faction.*)

Neighbors pull strings of terrorists in Iraq– Deputy Minister of Interior

Radio Farda, July 6 – In an interview with (the Italian daily) La Repubblica's reporter in Baghdad, the Iraqi deputy Minister of Interior, Adnan Hadi Assadi, confirmed the news of arrest of two Iranians in the Shiite Sadr Township, in the suburb of the Iraqi capital. He added, "The two were inside an old Volks Wagen laden with explosives. Nevertheless, it is not yet clear in which district and outside which building they intended to carry out their suicide operation."

Export of terrorism

Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld Interview with David Frost



Tuesday, July 13,

Excerpted Q: What about Iran, Mr. Secretary? I would have asked you about this anyway, but we had that announcement on Friday that they are resuming their nuclear program, at least for the centrifuges and so on. That's a bad sign isn't it?

SEC. RUMSFELD: Well it is. You have a country that's ruled by a handful of clerics that is repressing the Iranian people, that he is causing harm in Afghanistan, causing harm in Iraq -- is actively working with Hezbollah and Syria to spread terrorism down through Lebanon into Israel. It's a government that has been not telling the truth about its role in its nuclear development. It's a country that has been harboring senior Al Qaeda leadership for some time. And, most recently we've seen them resisting the U.N. process that they previously seemed to have agreed to, but are obviously not adhering to.

Iran involved in explosion of Jewish Center in Argentina – US Congressmen

Fars news agency, July 11 – Two US House representatives accused Iran and Syria of being involved in the explosion of the Jewish Center in Argentina in 1994. According to Al-Hayat daily, Ileana (Ros-Lehtinen) and Tom Lantos, members of US House of Representatives, finished ratifying a resolution putting pressure on Iran, Syria and Hezbollah to hand over the suspects linked to the explosion in the capital of Argentina. In this resolution, the International Community is urged to put direct pressure on Iran and Syria to hand over those officially involved in this explosion and to disrupt these countries' relations with international terrorist organizations. This resolution will be ratified by the US Congress.

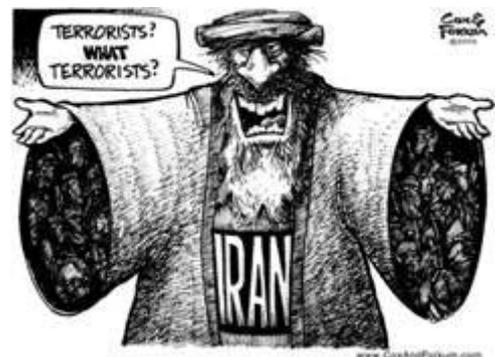
Would Iran provide videotape and other valuable targeting information to al Qaeda or Hezbollah — both of which have terrorist cells in the United States and Canada? If history is any indicator — undoubtedly...

Peter Brookes is a Heritage Foundation senior fellow.

Yemen accuses Iran of supporting rebel leader

United Press International, July 6 - Yemen's ruling General People's Congress Party accused Iran of supporting an anti-U.S. Shiite rebel whose followers have been fighting police.

The party said on its Internet site Tuesday Hussein Badreddine al-Houthy, who has been hiding in a rugged mountain region on the border between Yemen and Saudi Arabia, has been inspired and supported by Iran.



Imminent threat of Iranian terror in US

The New York Post, July 6, Peter Brookes - Should we be concerned about Iranian security guards running around the Big Apple taking happy snaps? Heck, yeah! These aren't security guards at all. They're members of the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS) or perhaps even of the paramilitary Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC)....

Both the MOIS and the IRGC have strong working relationships with terrorist organizations such as Hezbollah, Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, providing these groups with funding, safehaven, training and weapons. These Iranian security services also have a relationship with al Qaeda. Iran is harboring a number of senior al Qaeda operatives, including Osama bin Laden's son, Saad bin Laden, and Saif al Adel, mastermind of the 1998 bombings of the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Iran has provided safe haven to members of the Iraqi al Qaeda-associated group Ansar al Islam as well....

International unity against Islamic Fundamentalism

Belgium's Parliament majority declares support for Iranian Resistance led by Maryam Rajavi, urges removal of PMOI from EU terror list

Parliament of Belgium, Press Release, July 7 - Majority of the Belgian Parliament (The Chamber) called for a new EU policy towards Iran and expressed their support for the Iranian Resistance under Maryam Rajavi's leadership to establish democracy based on free elections and the separation of religion and State. In a press conference in the Parliament today, it was announced that 82 Belgian MPs (out of 150 MPs) called on the Belgian Government and the European Union to remove the name of Iran's main opposition, People's Mojahedin, from the terror list. The Belgian MPs from all political parties, while emphasizing that the struggle against religious fascism must not be labeled as terrorism, stated that the inclusion of the Iranian Mojahedin in the EU's list of terrorist organizations has been used by Tehran to conspire against the Iranian Resistance in Europe and Iraq. This designation lacked a legal basis and was part of the policy of conciliation vis-a-vis the clerical regime. The MPs will address letters to the Belgian Foreign Minister and to the Presidency of the European Union.

Commemorating anniversary of student uprising

Prisoners' hunger strike in Evin entered its eighth day

Statement of the Democratic Front of Iran, July 11 - Despite all the pressure brought on the prisoners, those on hunger strike in Ward 1 of Evin Prison have reportedly continued their hunger strike for the eighth day. Prisoners have sent messages outside, stressing that they will continue the strike until they achieve their goals. They have also urged dissidents inside the country and abroad to convey their righteous demands to the world. The prisoners have reportedly been pressured to end their strike. They have been taken separately to Evin's intelligence section and intimidated. The prisoners, however, have resisted and insisted on their demands.

Meeting of the Committee for the Support of Referendum in Iran, in the US Senate

Rdiofarda: July 8 Parichehr Farzam: Five years ago, in July 9th of 1999, the student movement of Iran shattered the foundations of the fundamentalist regime of Iran. After that point, the will of (Iranian) people for a fundamental change was heard with a voice louder and more widespread thereafter. These sentences are the opening remarks of the invitation from the Committee in Support of Referendum in Iran for a meeting for this purpose in the US Senate. This foundation says: "Tehran's reaction to silence the voice of democracy in Iran was very violent." In a meeting in one of the Senate Buildings on Wednesday, this foundation names 24 students who have been arrested only in May last year. Between March-October last year, 4500 in Qazvin, 1000 in Gonabad, 892 in Ardebil, 4000 in Lorestan, 4600 in Western Azerbaijan, 1058 in Qom, 600 in Golestan and 8500 in Mazandaran have been arrested. From 8500 arrested in Mazandaran 3290 are women. Although not all those arrested are students, many among them are. Shortly after the wave of rapes, arrests and oppression of students in Tehran and many other Iranian cities 5 years

ago, a song was made and became famous. It passed the borders of Iran and was also broadcasted in the meeting held by the Committee in Support of Referendum in Iran in the US Senate. In Wednesday's meeting, Hedayat Mostowfi, committee's executive director, thanked the US Senate, in particular several Senators who helped him to organize the ceremony. The organizers had invited three prominent experts in Iran and Middle East issues, Women's rights and U.S. politics, to express their views on the political oppression in Iran and the Iranian student movement in a panel. One of the experts, Dr. Kenneth Katzman, was a specialist on Middle East Affairs in the Research section of Congress. In his talk on Iran and the region, Kenneth Katzman stated: "Iran is not under any international sanctions. Iran is able to, through participation in non-proliferation treaty, to acquire certain civilian nuclear technology and there are no international sanctions on Iran. So, Iran is able to build up its nuclear capability without any real constrains. This is a major concern, because I believe Iran does want a nuclear weapon and is attempting to achieve a nuclear weapon capability."

The meeting held by the Committee in Support of Referendum in Iran in one of the Senate Buildings, had a special combination. In addition to the experts' panel, a movie of the attack to the students 5 years ago was shown. Shattered and messed up rooms, broken windows and big and small spots of blood on the doors, walls and ceilings of the rooms, and students fleeing. Flames in the middle of the street and sidewalks. A boy that had raised two fingers in a sign for victory. A boy who was carrying a girl, perhaps his classmate" on his hands, Someone who had his bloody shirt over his head and reminded me of Ahmad Batebi's photo, that was published on the famous "The Economist" magazine, with the title: Another revolution" and a question mark after that. And again in the US Senate, two Iranian students (a boy and a girl), who now study in U.S., but have seen the oppression of students in Tehran 5 years ago, and then a student who stands behind the microphone in the Senate building and with eyes looking at him with curiosity, awe, compassion and worry, plays the " Kiss me" song. This student says:" I play and dedicate this song to the mothers and fathers who were never able to kiss their student children on those sad but critical days." And from the corner of one eye, I notice a participant who is wiping tears from the corner of his eyes. I ask" I noticed that you are wiping your tears. Is there a particular reason?" he says, "Yeah, because he dedicated his song to the students whom we did not have a chance to even say goodbye to them and I knew many of them. That's why." And the Iranian student still plays the "Kiss me" song for the Iranian and American audience.

Iranian political prisoners marking 1999 crackdown with hunger strike



AFP, Paris, July 8, - Political prisoners and some university students in Iran have started a hunger strike to commemorate 1999 campus protests that led to a violent crackdown by police. Evin prison in Tehran were staging the hunger strike "in protest against a new wave of suppression and widespread arrest of university students and youths in Iran," the statement said.

"Students at several universities throughout Iran have also joined the hunger strike in protest against the clerical regime's suppressive policies," it said. It added that demonstrations showing solidarity with the Iranian students were planned for cities in Europe, North America

and Australia.

Iranians demonstrate their love of freedom, again

National Review Online, July 7 - As July 8 approaches, Iranians all over the world are preparing to display — as they do each year during this week — their hatred for the mullahs dominating Iran... What started out as a reaction to the utter brutality of the fossilized establishment by young Iranian students has turned into a freedom movement the world should acknowledge and encourage. And yet, no Western politico has embraced the annual protest, a sign of a people's love for freedom, human rights, and democracy, within the



confines of a tyrannical, dangerous regime

Reports from sources inside the regime's revolutionary guards and ministry of information say orders have been given to use lethal force against anyone opposing the Islamic state's directives. Checkpoints have reportedly been created in Iranian cities and militiamen have been ordered to search cars and arrest "suspicious-looking" residents under various charges in order to create a climate of fear. Residential satellite dishes and receivers have been confiscated.

With or without the West, the Iranian people are determined to fight this tyranny, as they have demonstrated before, and will demonstrate again this week. There is, of course, no sensible reason for freedom-loving countries such as the U.S. not to support their struggle .

Renewed unity among Iranian students

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty July 7 - The fifth anniversary of 18 Tir (8 July) -- the day in 1999 when uniformed police and plainclothes vigilantes attacked a Tehran University dormitory with fatal results -- is looming Two-thirds of the Iranian population is under 35 and this cohort is chafing under clerical misrule. Ever since the events of 1999, therefore, there has been a degree of anticipation about the students' potential to overthrow the regime... There has been no change in the government's ability to use force when it wants to, and the relatively low level of participation in the most recent parliamentary election indicates the level of apathy. It does appear, however, that student disunity has been reduced .

Iranian regime outlaws commemorations of 1999 student unrest

AFP, July 6 - Iranian authorities have slapped a ban on any commemorations marking the fifth anniversary this week of anti-regime student unrest, officials announced Tuesday. In a statement carried in the Iranian press, security affairs chief for Tehran Ali Taala said the decision to bar gatherings had been taken by the interior ministry, and a request for a student event outside Tehran University had been rejected. A similar decision has also been applied in the central Iranian city of Isfahan, press reports said. In addition the Tehran University campus will also be shut down for the anniversary. A pro-reform student group said it had been informed the measure was taken to "disinfect the campus because of cockroach infestation", the student news agency ISNA reported... On each anniversary of the unrest, the regime has also sought to prevent any gatherings from taking place. In the run-up to the anniversary last year, Iran was hit by a fresh wave of protests and some 4,000 people were arrested.

Deteriorating conditions of human rights

Congress support Iranian democratic movement

Radio Farda, July 9 - The United States Congress Committee on International Terrorism and Human Rights analyzed the violation of human rights in Iran. The conference, held July 8th, named Iran's government as a regime that does not observe democracy and human rights standards. Representatives in the conference stressed on the need to support the Iranian people's democratic movement. Representative Brad Sherman said the US must help those who work to establish democracy in Iran.

Iran defiant ahead of trial over photographer's killing

AFP, July 14 - Iran's clerical regime was battling fresh problems on the international and domestic front ahead of the trial of an intelligence agent accused of killing a Canadian-Iranian photographer. After Canadian Foreign Minister Bill Graham complained that his diplomats were being refused access to Saturday's hearing over the killing in custody of Zahra Kazemi, Iran hit back by telling Ottawa to mind its own business. "Iran does not feel at all obliged to accept the presence of Canadian observers in this trial," foreign ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said of the high-profile case. He branded Graham's complaints as "unacceptable" and "against all international principles and laws", but did not rule out that Canadian diplomats may be allowed to attend. "The case is a domestic issue which is being taken care of by the Islamic Republic of Iran's judiciary, and the government is seriously following the case to see a fair trial and justice done," he asserted. Iranian intelligence agent Mohammad Reza Aghdam Ahmadi faces the charge of "semi-intentional murder", a year after Kazemi died from injuries sustained while in the custody of authorities in Tehran. According to an official report, the 54-year-old photographer was hit on the head by a blunt object -- reportedly a shoe -- while being interrogated. She died in hospital on July 10, 2003 from a brain haemorrhage. She had been arrested for taking pictures outside Tehran's notorious Evin prison which at the time was packed with thousands of protestors who took part in last summer's anti-regime protests. In an interview with the Toronto Star newspaper, Graham warned that "progress in the Kazemi case has an impact on relations between our two countries", and hinted that a poor handling of the case could spark sanctions. "We will regard the handling of the trial as a signal of the depth of the government of Iran's commitment to human rights," he also outlined in a letter to Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi. But while the case threatened to inflict yet more damage on Iran's international image, it has also fueled a domestic spat between the courts, which are controlled by hardliners, and the intelligence service which is closer to the reformist government. When the accused allegedly began questioning Kazemi, the photographer was in good health, but following an interrogation she was admitted to hospital, the prosecution has alleged. The intelligence service argues that Kazemi was fatally hurt while in the hands of the judiciary. President Mohammad Khatami (news - web sites), a reformist, stepped into the fray again on Wednesday, amid an escalating slanging match between an increasingly isolated pro-reform government and hardliners in the courts. "According to the information that I received, I still believe that the accused is not guilty. I hope that the tribunal, with determination and courage, will name the real guilty person," he told reporters. The case, which caused an international uproar, has served to focus more attention on Iran's human rights record and has caused relations between Iran and Canada to nosedive. Kazemi's son has already blasted a

looming court proceeding on the case as a "farce". Kazemi's family will be represented by Nobel peace prize winner Shirin Ebadi, although it also remains unclear if she will be allowed into the court. In comments to the press Wednesday, Ebadi's spokesman Mohamad Ali Dadkhah asserted the criminal court due to hear the case was "not competent". International press watchdog group Reporters Without Borders also marked last week's anniversary of Kazemi's death by warning that impunity would triumph, saying the accused -- who has pleaded not guilty -- was merely a "scapegoat". Iran has been further criticised after it hastily buried Kazami's body and rejected family demands for her corpse to be returned to Canada. The Islamic republic does not recognise dual nationality.

Student unrest

L'Humanite daily, July 10 - Despite the fact that government officials had prohibited the commemoration of the anniversary of July 9th, thousands of students and young people staged a gathering outside Tehran University, between the Revolution Square and Vali-Asr intersection to mark the anniversary of the July 1999 uprising. Suppressive forces, including the State Security Forces, intelligence forces, the Revolutionary Guards and plain-clothes agents, equipped with machine guns and side arms launched successive attacks on the crowd to prevent them from holding a rally and marching. All public phones in the area were cut off. In order to terrorize and intimidate the crowd, SSF and Guards helicopters began patrolling over Revolution Street. Thursday afternoon, large groups of people in Tehran held a demonstration in west Tehran's Giesha district. A group of young people and students were detained. Also on Thursday, North Kargar Street was the scene of demonstrations and clashes between students, young people and the Revolutionary Guards. Security forces used water cannons in an effort to disperse the crowd. Other protests were staged in Ahwaz, Arak, Mashad and Tabriz.



Suppression through the veil

Roydad website, July 9 - The "Ya Lesarat Al Hossein" newsletter, official publication of the Ansar-e Hezbollah, issued a set of directives addressed to Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, commander of the State Security Forces for "dealing with manifestations of corruption and improper veiling."

The articles of this directive are as follows:

- Cars carrying people with improper veiling and half naked brides should be confiscated for a few months.
- The driving licenses of women drivers with make up and improper veiling should be annulled.
- Women and girls with a bad reputation in mal-veiling who have been detained by the State Security Forces should not be issued licenses, passports...
- Women's clothes vendors selling short sleeved or tight dresses, tight pants and other corrupt accessories, should be dealt with decisively and seriously.



Unrest in Iran

Italy's national radio, July 9 - As you remember, last year a large demonstration was staged in Tehran and other Iranian cities. Thousands of students were arrested in this demonstration and hundreds of them are still in prison. This move was to

commemorate a bigger demonstration that took place in July 9, 1999... According to the National Council of Resistance, as of now hundreds of people are on hunger strikes in Tehran's prison. This Council says that waves of arbitrary arrests are taking place all over Iran and more than 1,000 people have been arrested in the past month. Due to the pressures from cruel suppression, a number of students have committed suicide. A state run daily newspaper reported that 250 students have committed suicide over the past year.

Canada to turn up pressure in Kazemi case

Mind your own business, Iran tells Canada ahead of Kazemi trial

Agence France Press, July 14, Tehran - Iran said Wednesday it was not obliged to allow Canadian diplomats to observe the trial of an intelligence agent accused of the killing in custody of Canadian-Iranian photographer Zahra Kazemi.

Hitting back at complaints from Canadian Foreign Minister Bill Graham, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi insisted the case was a "domestic issue" but nevertheless promised a "fair trial".

"Iran does not feel at all obliged to accept the presence of Canadian observers in this trial," Asefi told the student news agency ISNA, branding Graham's complaints as "unacceptable" and "against all international principles and laws".

Iran has Graham in a fury

Globe and Mail, July 15, Ottawa - The federal government has recalled its ambassador to Iran and will consider tougher action after Tehran reneged on a pledge to allow Canadian observers at the trial of a man charged in the death of Montreal photojournalist Zahra Kazemi.

An infuriated Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham made the announcement yesterday, saying the Iranian government broke its promise to allow Canada three observers. He also summoned Iran's ambassador to Canada to meet with him yesterday afternoon, saying he planned to make known his "extreme outrage." "This is completely unacceptable behaviour on their part," Mr. Graham said after meeting with Ms. Kazemi's son, Stephan Hachemi. "I'm calling in the ambassador to make that point and I will be recalling from Tehran our ambassador."...

He called the Iranian decision a rejection of the rule of law.

"Under all human-rights codes, under all international law standards, this should be a public trial with the rights of the family to be present to see and ensure that justice is done. Justice will not be done behind closed doors in Iran."

Mr. Graham also did not rule out further action, such as taking Iran to the International Court of Justice, or economic sanctions.

"It's time to consider everything," he said. "We have to look at what is effective."....

Mr. Hachemi said he wants the federal government to continue to press for the return of his mother's body and for access to autopsy records and photographs.

"They are criminals from A to Z," Mr. Hachemi said.