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Nuclear proliferation

European companies will not provide technology for Iran



Radio Farda, Nov. 9 – Some diplomats in Europe have said French and German companies and factories which are supposed to provide the European Union's technology incentives to Iran will not do so.

German officials have contacted German companies and asked them whether they are willing to sell technology for manufacturing heavy water to Iran. All these companies have given negative responses and said doing business with the US is more profitable for them than such a deal. Diplomats say the response of French companies is the same. Accordingly, observers and diplomats in Vienna believe deals like the Vienna and Paris agreements, even if they are finalized, would only be on paper and temporary unless the US directly engages in solving the crisis on Iran's relations with the West over its nuclear activities.

US skeptical about Iran-EU nuclear deal



AFP, Nov. 9, Vienna - The United States is skeptical about the EU's efforts to cut a deal with Iran to get it to give up uranium enrichment that could be used to make nuclear weapons, a senior US official said here Tuesday. Assistant Secretary of State for arms control Stephen Rademaker said the United States is "very skeptical of Iran's good faith in these negotiations..." "We have made clear that our view is that Iran is seriously embarked on an effort to develop nuclear weapons in violation of Iran's obligations as a non-nuclear weapons state under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)," Rademaker said...The accord is centered on demands that Iran maintains and widen a suspension of its sensitive uranium enrichment activities or else risk being referred by the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), to the UN Security Council for possible sanctions. According to European diplomats, the tentative deal still contains several sticking points -- including the length and extent of any halt on fuel cycle work.

US says any Iran accord must end nuclear weapons



AFP, Nov. 8, Washington - The United States insisted that any nuclear accord with Iran must prevent the country from developing nuclear weapons and that it was in contact with European allies over a preliminary agreement with Tehran. "The international community is resolved not to allow Iran to develop nuclear weapons. And we are committed to pursuing this through peaceful diplomatic means and this is what we are continuing to do," White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters Monday....

Consensus on penalizing Iran if talks fail

Radio Farda, Nov. 8 – The head of the parliamentary group of Germany's ruling Social Democratic Party said if the Europeans' nuclear negotiations with Iranians fail, the same consensus made in the United Nations on the war with Iraq might emerge for imposing penalties against Iran.

Rafsanjani cautions Europeans over nuclear deal

AFP, Nov. 9, Tehran - "If the Europeans are rational, we can make some assurances... but if they put their foot down, then our attitude will change," powerful former president Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani was quoted as saying by the Hamshahri newspaper...

"This technology has been achieved by our people by our own means, and others cannot put an end to it," said Rafsanjani, who now heads Iran's top political arbitration body the Expediency Council.

Iran boasts it can mass-produce Shahab-3 missile

AFP, Nov. 9, Tehran - Iran is capable of mass-producing the Shahab-3, a ballistic missile capable of hitting Israel, defense minister Ali Shamkhani said.



"We are presently able to mass-produce the Shahab-3, just like we do with the Paykan," the minister was quoted as saying by the student news agency ISNA. The Paykan is Iran's ubiquitous national car which has been mass-produced in the country for decades. "We have mastered the technology and we have no limits on the volume of the production," Shamkhani was also quoted as saying by state television. "My task

consists of developing defense capabilities, and we have passed our objectives," the rear admiral added. Many diplomats see the ballistic missile programme as proof of a nuclear weapons drive.

Gathering in Tehran entitled "world without America"

The News Network, Nov. 8 - Ali Larijani, Khamenei's representative in the Supreme National Security Council and member of the mullahs' State Expediency Council, Zolqadr, deputy of the Guards Corps commander general, as well as a number of Iranian political and military officials attended a gathering in Tehran, called, "A World Without America". Ali Larijani said: "When the US quits being the master, you can have a peaceful life. We will not abandon nuclear activities. The Iranian government cannot abandon this technology with a few gestures and threats. If the goal of the Europeans in these talks is to finally dissuade Iran from nuclear technology, they are mistaken." In remarks about "a world without America", Zolqadr said, "If Israel or any other country attacks Iran's atomic sites; we will not know any limits in endangering their interests. We will act anywhere in the world, outside of their borders."

European deal blocked by Tehran's refusal to fully suspend nuclear activities

Washington Post, Nov. 8, New York - A European deal to freeze Iran's nuclear program, provide the Islamic republic with lucrative trade incentives and avoid sanctions by the U.N. Security Council could be signed by midweek if two critical issues can be quickly resolved, U.S., European and Iranian officials said in interviews Sunday. Iran has refused to accept a full suspension on all its nuclear-related work and wants a commitment from France, Britain and Germany that a second stage of negotiations will be wrapped up within six months. The European trio wants the later negotiations to be open-ended and expects Iran to maintain a total suspension during that process, diplomats from Britain and France said on the condition of anonymity. If the deal goes through, European powers have promised Iran a diplomatic and economic package along with a guarantee that it will not be referred to the Security Council, where it could face sanctions. "If this is approved by all four parties, we will witness an important change in Iran's relations with Europe and much of the international community in [the] not-too-distant future," Iranian negotiator Hossein Mousavian told Iranian television Sunday.. U.S. officials said they will continue to lobby European allies over the next several days to push for the full suspension and an open-ended negotiating period. The officials discussed the negotiations on the condition of anonymity.



Japanese envoy urges uranium suspension



AFP, Nov. 8, Tokyo - Japan, whose business ties with Iran have caused US concern, will send a senior diplomat to Tehran to urge the country to follow IAEA demands it suspend uranium enrichment, officials said Monday... "It is important for Iran to sincerely fulfill resolutions made by the IAEA committee, including suspension of reprocessing activities related to uranium enrichment," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said. "We will deliver this message at the upcoming vice ministerial level talks," Hosoda, the top government spokesman, told a news conference... Asked about bringing the issue to the Security Council, of which Japan is a member, Hosoda said: "The issue will be handled depending upon the response from Iran and discussions of each nation. So it is difficult for us to say at this stage."

Nuclear materials exported to Iran from North Korea

Dong-A Ilbo, Nov. 7 – Japan's Sankei Shimbun, citing Japan's military sources, reported on Sunday that North Korea exported fluorine gas, one of the ingredients for building a nuclear weapon, to Iran in May of this year. According to the Shimbun, North Korea air transported several kilograms of fluorine gas, a requisite material for producing the 'fluorinated uranium (UF₆), a material needed for making enriched uranium, to Iran on May 20. The sources asserted that "Iran entered into a treaty with North Korea due to the fluorine import difficulties arising from international trading restrictions, indicating that North Korea is participating in Iran's nuclear development program."

Regime change could occur in Iran without US attack

Mehr News Agency, Nov. 7 – David From, American historian and Bush's speechwriter: (translated from Farsi) What happened for Iraq could soon occur in Iran, but not in the form of a military attack on the country. European countries have repeatedly asked the US president to get along with some of Iran's nuclear activities. This is while Iran's nuclear dossier is nearing its conclusion and it is quite possible that the country's case be referred to the UN Security Council. He enumerated the ways to oppose Iran as the following: Aid and cooperating with opposition groups and severe economic sanctions.

Tehran passes law to cover up nuclear intention



Reuters, Nov. 6, Tehran - Iranian lawmakers have drafted a bill outlawing the state from developing nuclear weapons in a bid to show the world that Tehran's atomic ambitions are entirely peaceful, the official IRNA news agency reported on Saturday.

"In fact parliament intends to make it a law ... that Iran does not need atomic arms to prove to the world that the U.S. and Israel are lying," IRNA quoted lawmaker Hamid Reza Hajbabaie as saying.

Preventing Tehran's nuke threat through regime change



Voice of America, Nov. 6 - Thomas Graham, the former Clinton representative on the negotiations of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty said, "The mullahs' regime will not remain for ever and will soon be finished." He added, "The majority of the Iranian people want their country to have good and friendly relations with the international community."

Thomas Graham stressed, "The world community's negotiations with the Iranian regime to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons will only yield results when a popular government is established in Iran."

Dutch MP discuss Tehran nuclear issue in the presence of FM

Iran National Television, Nov. 6 – In an official session in the Dutch Parliament, a number of foreign policy spokesmen of various parties discussed the human rights situation in Iran and particularly Tehran's nuclear programs in the presence of the foreign minister of the Netherlands. In the session, held Monday November 1, the MPs expressed their profound concern over the Iranian regime's nuclear programs and stressed that if Tehran is not

committed to and does not respond to the obligations set forth in the IAEA's September 31st resolution, they must refer the regime's case to the UN Security Council for sanctions. The foreign policy spokesman for the Christian Democratic Party said, "We must not be naïve regarding Iran... The European trio is negotiating with Iran and wants to build up economic relations in exchange for a promise to not enrich uranium. I see the shadow of Chamberlain here. The Iranian regime will not accept such terms. The ayatollahs are not trustworthy and it is very saddening that the Iranian people live under this fundamentalist regime. Indeed, who holds the sticks and carrots, we or the mullahs? Frankly, I fear that the sticks and carrots are in the hands of Iran. I was not convinced by the government's answers that we are still continuing talks with this destructive regime. We give them some things and get some things from them. I'll say that means the sticks and carrots are in the hands of the Iranian regime."

Regime change in Iran – top priority for Bush

[National Review](#), *Nov. 5* - According to the exit polls, George W. Bush owes his victory to the priority attached by millions of voters to "moral values."... The important thing now, of course, is not simply to acknowledge past achievements, but to build upon them. This will require, among other things: ... Regime change - one way or another - in Iran and North Korea, the only hope for preventing these remaining "Axis of Evil" states from fully realizing their terrorist and nuclear ambitions.

EU trying to buy off Tehran - Iranian exile spokesman



[Reuters](#), *Nov. 5, Paris* - Shahin Gobadi, spokesman for Iranian exiles protesting against the meeting outside the French parliament, accused the EU of trying to buy off Tehran by offering to keep the France-based People's Mujahideen and National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) on its terror list. "The listing was a dirty deal with the terrorist mullahs and has no legal or technical justification," said Gobadi, whose NCRI has been a key whistleblower for Iran's atomic sites.

Iranians protest European offer

[Radio France Internationale](#), *Nov. 5* – About 300 supporters of the People's Mojahedin Organization of Iran rallied outside the French National Assembly and protested the commitment by France, Britain and Germany to keep the PMOI in Europe's list of terrorist organizations in exchange for Iran halting uranium enrichment.

Exporting terrorism and Meddling in Iran

Blair warns Iran, Syria



[AFP](#), *Nov. 9, London* - "Let there be elections in Iraq in January," Blair said. "Let the terrorists and insurgents lay down their weapons so that those elections can take place.

"We are doing everything we can to limit civilian casualties," Blair said. In a warning shot to Tehran and Damascus, Blair also said it was "immensely important" that Syria and Iran make sure that their borders are not being used as a route for insurgents to cross over into Iraq.

Iran boosts uprising in Iraq

[Boston Globe](#), *Nov. 7, Tuwella, Iraq* -- Iraqi and U.S. officials have grumbled for more than a year about what they perceive as Iranian interference in Iraq. Here in the mountains of Kurdistan, the Kurdish officials point to what they say are tangible footprints of Iran's collaboration with terror and insurgent groups responsible for attacks inside Iraq.



According to a half-dozen officials in the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, known as the PUK, which controls the southern half of the Kurdistan

region of Iraq, and commanders in the peshmerga, the force that provides security in the region, Iran has extended its network of agents inside Iraq. Iran, the officials say, continues to aid groups like Ansar al-Islam and Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group, now named Al Qaeda in Mesopotamia. Even though Iran is a Shi'ite theocracy, these officials said, it helps Sunni insurgent groups because it wants to prevent a strong unified government from taking shape in Iraq....

The Kurdish regional security chief Othman said, "Iran continues its relationship with Ansar... They are training them how to use explosive ordnance for terrorist attacks in the south of Iraq."...

Mohammed Mohammed Saeed, a peshmerga commander and the top PUK official in the region around Halabja, said that Iran regularly sends intelligence agents into Kurdistan to monitor the Kurdish peshmerga and the movements of Americans.

Iraqi PM spokesman: 2 Iranian terrorists in custody

[Al-Iraqiya Television, Nov. 8](#) – Tha'er Fallah Naqib, official spokesman for Iraq's prime minister's office announced in a statement that 19 terrorists have been arrested. Among the terrorists are two Iranian agents. The two Iranians are named Mohammad Bolandian and Mohammad Abdollah ebn- e Ali, from Qom and Ahwaz respectively. The two said they had entered Iraq through the Mehran border.

Extremists moving across Iran-Iraq border



[Associated Press, Nov. 7, Ankara](#) - Islamic extremists have been moving supplies and new recruits from Iran into Iraq, say Iraqi Kurdish and Western officials, though it's unclear whether Tehran is covertly backing them or whether militants are simply taking advantage of the porous border. Iranian involvement with extremist groups in the Iraqi insurgency would be potentially explosive, especially given the history of U.S.-Iranian animosity. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said recently Iran was engaged in "a lot of meddling" in Iraq but gave no details.

Terrorists use Iran routes to go to Fallujah

[Al-Hurra Television, Nov. 7](#) – The editor-in chief of the Kuwaiti *Al-Qabas* daily told Al-Hurra television that security sources in the Persian Gulf have reported that the route used by terrorist groups that entered Iraq via Jordan and Syria has been completely revealed. Therefore these groups have changed their routes and enter Iraq from Iran. The sources said these terrorists enter Iraq via water routes and Iran, and then go to Fallujah.

Iran's interference in Iraq in name of religion

[Al-Arabiya Television, Nov. 6](#) – Ayad Jamaledin, Shiite cleric and political analyst, told Al-Arabiya: "What Khamenei said in the Friday prayer sermon is interference in Iraq's internal affairs. This is not a mere political interference; it is political interference in the name of religion... It is surprising that Khamenei provokes the Iraqi people to kill. He says loudly, 'kill, raze through everything'... What right does he have to interfere in Iraq's internal issues in such a way and provoke Iraqis in Falluja?"

Mullahs' supreme leader slams at U.S., calls on Iraqis to rise up against occupiers

[Iranian state television, Nov. 5](#) - Excerpts of Khamenei's sermon at Tehran's Friday prayer leader: Now the situation with America is different. America is an accomplice in the crime, itself. The hands of the U.S. and U.S.-backed governments are drenched in the blood of the Palestinians. If there were to be a trial on the question of Palestine, the first convict in that court would not only be Sharon and the Zionists, but also Bush. The accused are Bush and his gang and the U.S.-backed governments. They are the first-row convicts. The people of Iraq are today living in suffering and hardship at the hands of the occupiers. The people of Iraq are engulfed in oppression, insecurity, poverty and catastrophes. They (Americans) entered Iraq in the name of Iraq and in the name of defending its people, but today they are

the ones to afflict the people of Iraq with calamity and sorrow. They have offended the dignity of Iraq and stolen its wealth and destroyed its cities and slaughtered its innocent citizens, men, women and children, at every corner. The Islamic nation is living in grief and pain because of what has been afflicted on Iraq. Killing fields like Fallujah have turned into their daily drilling grounds. The occupiers, however, will not reap any thing but thorns and straws from what they are doing. Iraq is not an easy bite for the occupiers to gulp. Today, the great nation of Iraq wages a full-fledged hostility against America. And all the people in the World of Islam are becoming increasingly outraged at the U.S. The Americans will soon be defeated in their war on Islam. I advise my sisters and brothers in Iraq to keep their unity and national will and do not allow the enemy to succeed in creating racial and religious discord....

Human right violations and protest in Iran

Non-commissioned SSF member killed in popular protests

Iran National Television, Nov. 8 – A non-commissioned member of the State Security Forces named Abdolreza Ahmadipour was killed in the course of an armed protest by the residents of Rafsanjan. The unrest began when residents of Ismail Abad village outside Rafsanjan protested against the digging of a well under the supervision of the SSF at a location that belonged to the villagers, and demanded them to stop. In the armed clashes, three villagers were injured by SSF gunfire and arrested.

1,660 youths commit suicide every year

Iran Focus, Nov. 7 - A recent report released by the Iranian regime's department of statistics states that on average the number of youths that successfully commit suicide every year is 1,660. The same report also stated that youth and children between the ages of 15 and 24 commit the most number of suicides compared to other age groups. On Wednesday, a 26-year-old female diplomacy student committed suicide by jumping off a bridge in the suburbs of the Iranian capital of Tehran. Iran has the highest suicide rate in the world.



13 death sentences

Etemad daily, Nov. 7 - The death sentence was issued for a 16-year-old named Vahid in Tehran.

Khorassan daily, Nov. 7 – Tayebbeh, a 28-year-old woman, was sentenced to death. The Supreme Court upheld the death sentences for two men named Alireza, 29, in Karaj, and Behrouz in Qazvin.

Hamshahri daily – The judiciary issued death sentences for eight teenagers. In Tehran, a 34-year-old man named Mohammad was sentenced to death.



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