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Iranians need West's support

Arnold Beichman's "Iran ran away with the bomb" (Commentary, Tuesday) correctly points out that Iran can and will get away with an A-bomb as a result of appeasement. European countries and some officials in the United States have offered generous incentives to Iran during the past 25 years. Despite all that, Iran pursued a secret nuclear program for more than a decade, continued financial and material support to fundamentalist terror groups and continued to fuel the insurgency in Iraq.

More negotiations only give the mullahs the precious time they need to obtain nuclear weapons. Engagement also angers the Iranian people, who are struggling to get rid of the fundamentalist theocracy and oppose the West supporting and offering more incentives to the murderous and corrupt mullahs.

In the course of protests and uprisings across the nation, Iranians have made it clear that they despise the regime in Tehran. In contrast with Iraq and Afghanistan, Iran has a well-organized resistance. The West should deal firmly with the mullahs and support the movement of Iranians for democracy and freedom in their country.

The power of the Iranian opposition should be set free by taking its name off the terrorist list. If the West stops supporting the mullahs, the Iranian people will topple the tyrants in no time.

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