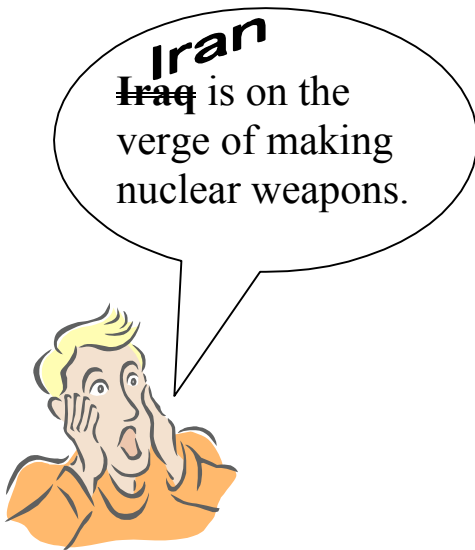


IRAN NEXT?

NO WAR, NO WAY!

Myths and Truths about ~~Iraq~~ Iran



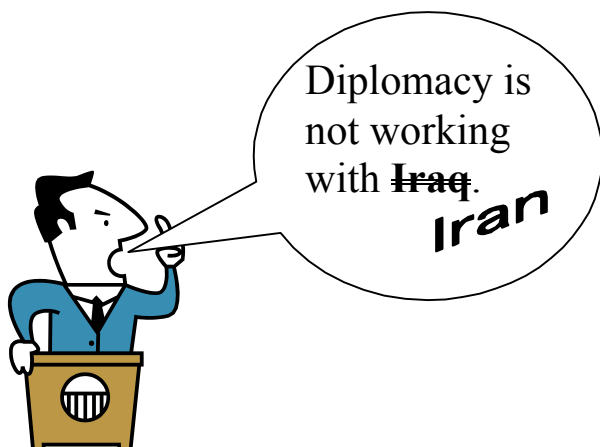
TRUTHS

- ★ Over 2,700 person-hours of inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have failed to produce any concrete evidence of a nuclear weapons program in Iran.
- ★ Iran is seeking to develop nuclear power capabilities for electric power generation. Since the 1970s, The US and other nuclear countries have sold nuclear power generating equipment to the Iranian government and encouraged development of nuclear power.
- ★ In December of 2007 The National Intelligence Estimate said "We assess with high confidence that in fall 2003, Tehran halted its nuclear weapons program [and] that the halt lasted at least several years."

TRUTHS

- ★ Iran has fully cooperated with the IAEA, and has voluntarily accepted and enforced safeguards well above the Additional Protocol requested by IAEA.
- ★ Iran remains a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and therefore has the right to enrich uranium for a civilian nuclear program as does the U.S.
- ★ In May of 2008, Iran invited international participation (including the U.S.) in a consortium to produce nuclear fuel within Iran, with Iranian participation.
- ★ Iran pledged to accept the Additional Protocol for intrusive IAEA inspections. The U.S. and its allies refused Iran's offer.

Iran
~~Iraq~~ has not complied with inspections.



TRUTHS

- ★ The U.S. has refused to talk directly with Iran. We have outsourced diplomacy to the European Union and will not rule out a "pre-emptive" attack on Iran.
- ★ In 2003, The Bush administration ignored an offer by Iran to negotiate with the United States concerning its nuclear program, support for terrorists, relations with Israel, diplomatic relations, and non-proliferation.
- ★ The U.S. has increased its naval presence in the Persian Gulf via aircraft carriers and minesweepers. It has also sent unmanned drones into Iranian air space. Nations in the region view these actions as hostile.



Iran

Is sending arms, EFP's, missiles, and foreign fighters into Iraq to kill U.S. soldiers.

TRUTHS

- ★ U.S. troops in Iraq have found little evidence of Iranian munitions being used against them.
- ★ No Iranian fighters have been captured in Iraq.
- ★ Explosively formed penetrators (EFP's) can be made anywhere, including Iraq. They are not uniquely Iranian.

TRUTHS

- ★ An attack on Iran would unite all Iranians against the U.S. and its allies. The external threat would impede the internal Iranian democratic reform movement.
- ★ An attack on Iran would further inflame anti-American feelings throughout the region and help increase the recruitment activities of terrorist organizations.

Iran

A military invasion of ~~Iraq~~ would be a defeat for terrorist elements.



TAKE ACTION

Contact your representative and strongly urge that she/he sponsor a "Boland Amendment" for Iran, which would preempt *any* funding for overt or covert attacks on Iran. Also ask that he/she sponsor and support legislation which calls for regional diplomacy and oppose blockades and sanctions. Congressional switchboard: 1-800- 828-0498, 1-866-340-9281, 1-202-224-3121



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