Iran's Nuclear History
From Then To Now

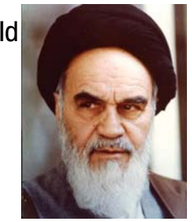
1956
Shah establishes first nuclear program

Reza Pahlavi
Shah of Iran

1957
Iran joins Atoms for Peace which restricts distribution nuclear materials

1968
Iran sign Non Proliferation Treaty

1974
Shah establishes Iran Atomic Energy Organization which outlined plan to build nuclear power reactors


Ayatollah Khomeini
Revolutionary Leader

1979
Iranian revolution occurs led by Ayatollah Khomeini which overthrows Shah, Iran left to be run by Shia Islamist Regime

Iran's nuclear policies are put on hold and Western Nations cut ties with Iran

1980
Iran-Iraq war begins

1988
War ends but Iran now realize they have no strong deterrent consequentially must restart Iran Atomic Energy Organization in hopes of obtaining nuclear weapons

1994
Reports surface Iran received shipments of uranium from China through secret nuclear cooperation agreement

1995
Iran once again begin to build nuclear reactors insisting they are abiding by Non Proliferation Treaty

2002
Iran's nuclear program is exposed and Iranian government agree to slow uranium production

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
Current Iranian President

2005
Iranian elect strict conservative President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad who resumes all work on gaining nuclear energy

The new president eventually recants about not abiding by Non Proliferation Treaty but insists that uranium is being used for nuclear energy

2006
U.S join European negotiations in attempt to persuade Iran to slow uranium production

UN impose sanctions on Iran for failing to suspend uranium production but President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vows defiance to international community

2007
The International Atomic Energy Agency states Iran has 1,300 centrifuges but U.S National Intelligence Estimate says Iran has put nuclear program on hold, later the National Intelligence report shown inaccurate but it greatly harmed struggle to deter a nuclear Iran

2008
Bush Admin. and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice discuss the idea of negotiations but no direct action was taken

Current U.S President
Barack Obama

2009
Barack Obama elected president, he extends an "open fist" to Iran hoping for agreement to be reached through bi-lateral negotiations

Coalition formed of Britain, France, Germany, Russia, China, and U.S to conduct negotiations with Iran hoping to allow more inspectors into nuclear facilities

Iran's nuclear program is appraised showing Iran is harboring three times as much uranium than first projected and has 7,200 centrifuges

Iran test first solid fuel missile in striking distance of Israel and American bases in Persian Gulf