



Then, take action.

Thank you for taking part in the challenge!

Many of us are concerned by the continuing reports of Iran coming closer and closer to creating nuclear weapons. President Ahmadinejad will speak at the UN on September 23.

Take action!

Inform others why a nuclear Iran deeply concerns you.

Thank you for your pledge to take part in the Take Action challenge by calling at least 2 people, one from the Jewish and one from the general community, and tell them :

Ahmadinejad's Iran having nuclear weapons concerns me because:

Human Rights:

Ahmadinejad's Iran denies basic freedoms to its own citizens and any opposition to the ruling powers is suppressed, sometimes brutally. If the current regime treats its citizens this way, what would they do with nuclear weapons?

- Since 1978, a total of 221 Iranian Baha'is have been executed, "disappeared" or otherwise killed for their beliefs. Thousands more have been wrongfully imprisoned, fired from government posts, barred from

pursuing higher education, or had personal property confiscated or destroyed.

- Women's rights advocates have been beaten, harassed and persecuted for exercising their right to assembly, association and expression: for peaceful demonstrations; for collecting signatures for a petition to remove legal discrimination against women in Iran's legal codes and system; for writing and publishing articles; for convening meetings; and for traveling for the purpose of having contact with their peers abroad.
- The government routinely arrests and prosecutes workers demanding their most basic rights, such as demands for wages unpaid, sometimes for periods as long as 36 months. Security forces often attack peaceful gatherings by workers, harass their families, and even kill them, as happened during a gathering by copper miners in Shahr Babak, near the city of Kerman, in 2004.
- The ruthless suppression of the "green revolution" in 2009, provided a living example of Iran's rejection of the exercise of free speech by its citizens.

State Sponsor of Terrorism:

Iran has repeatedly acted to destabilize countries in the Middle East and elsewhere through direct sponsorship of terrorism and support of such groups as Hamas and Hezbollah. There is a real danger that a nuclear armed Iran will supply these weapons to its proxies and will certainly use the threat of these weapons to destabilize other nations.

- Iran has been designated as a state sponsor of terrorism by the U.S. state department since January 19, 1984.
- A former head of the IRGC – Ahmad Vahidi, now Iran's Defense Minister overseeing Iran's nuclear program – was named by Argentina's Judiciary as being responsible for the planning and perpetration of the greatest terrorist atrocity in Argentina since the Second World War, the bombing of the Jewish Community Center (the AMIA) in 1994 which killed 85 people.
- According to the 2009 State Department Report on Terrorism, Iran's financial, material, and logistic support for terrorist and militant groups throughout the Middle East and Central Asia had a direct impact on international efforts to promote peace, threatened economic stability in the Gulf and undermined the growth of democracy.

Destabilizing the Region:

Iran has continually provided resources to those that seek to destabilize the Middle East. Iran's Gulf neighbors and the West agree that a nuclear Iran would destabilize the region and substantially hinder efforts to bring peace to the region.

- "We have a shared interest in preventing Iran from becoming a nuclear power," said Mustafa Alani, research director at the Gulf Research Centre in Dubai. Sami Alfaraj, President of the Kuwaiti Center for Strategic Studies said: "With only one atomic bomb in its arsenal, Iran would become an insurmountable regional power, a fact that would not contribute to the stability and security of our region."
- Iran's Qods Force provided training to the Taliban in Afghanistan on small unit tactics, small arms, explosives, and indirect fire weapons. Since at least 2006, Iran has arranged arms shipments to select Taliban members, including small arms and associated ammunition, rocket propelled grenades, mortar rounds, 107mm rockets, and plastic explosives.
- Despite its pledge to support the stabilization of Iraq, Iranian authorities continued to provide lethal support, including weapons, training, funding, and guidance, to Iraqi Shia militant groups that targeted U.S. and Iraqi forces. The Qods Force **supplied** Iraqi militants with Iranian-produced advanced rockets, sniper rifles, automatic weapons, and mortars that have killed Iraqi and Coalition Forces, as well as civilians.

Israel:

Ahmadinejad has repeatedly called for the destruction of Israel and promoted anti-Semitism. If Iran has a nuclear weapon, Ahmadinejad will be able to carry out his threats.

- Iranians refer to Israel as the little Satan (the big Satan is the U.S.)
- Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has consistently denied the Holocaust, called for the destruction of Israel and led Iranians in 'death to America' and 'death to Israel' chants.
- The current regime in Iran acts to continue the Israeli Palestinian conflict by sending weapons to Hamas **and to Hezbollah** .