



# THE BUSH REGIME IS PLANNING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAN

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**T**HERE IS a shared assumption by the Democratic and Republican parties that the U.S. must control the Middle East, both for its energy resources and for its strategic location, in order to maintain hegemony over the world.

Regime change in Iran is official U.S. policy, just as Iraqi regime change was official policy.

Bush has said repeatedly **the military option is on the table.**

## LIES TO JUSTIFY WAR

Toward the end of removing the Iranian regime, the Bush propaganda machine is churning out lies to justify war, just as it did prior to the Iraq invasion.

**Lie #1: Iran is using its civilian nuclear program to acquire nuclear weapons.**

**Truth:** The Bush regime's own National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) reported that the Iranians do not have such a program.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has published numerous reports that indicate there is no evidence Iran has or is pursuing a nuclear weapons program. IAEA Chief Mohammed El Baradei recently stated, "I don't believe that what I see in Iran today is a current, grave and urgent danger... A military strike, in my opinion, would be worse than anything possible.

**It would turn the region into a fireball."**

**Lie #2: Iran has been "linked" to Al Qaeda.**

**Truth:** Al Qaeda is a Sunni group opposed to the Shi'a Iranian regime. The Iranian regime has actually arrested Al Qaeda members but refused to turn them over to the U.S. to be tortured.

**Lie #3: Iran arms and trains the Iraqi "special groups" which attack Americans in Iraq.**

**Truth:** Iraqis are resisting the U.S. illegal occupation of

their country. Despite repeated charges, the U.S. has been unable to prove that the Iranian regime is arming or training Iraqis who are fighting the U.S. occupation. It is the U.S. that has nearly 200,000 troops and "contractors" in Iraq and it is responsible for the deaths of over one million Iraqis.

**Lie #4: Israel's survival is threatened by Iran.**

**Truth:** Israel has one of the most powerful militaries in the world and has over 100 nuclear weapons. It has made war on all its neighbors and illegally occupies Palestinian land. The alleged threat by the Iranian President to "wipe Israel off the map" was a deliberate mistranslation.

Recently Israel engaged in a massive military exercise which the media described as a "dress rehearsal" for attacking Iran.

**Lie #5: Iran is destabilizing the Middle East and arming Hezbollah and Hamas.**

**Truth:** The U.S. has armed reactionary regimes including Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia with U.S. weapons. It occupies Iraq and Afghanistan and threatens war with Iran. It has brought war and misery to the people of the region for decades.

## We must act now to prevent this war

These lies are the cover for any attack on Iran. No matter what the excuse used to justify an attack, this war must be opposed.

Millions could die in Iran and the surrounding region.

The war could even lead to a nuclear holocaust.

Can you live with yourself if you do not do everything possible to prevent this?

**YOU KNOW THE TRUTH. ACT ON IT NOW!**

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